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Biobase Package Overview

Description

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Details

Important data classes: ExpressionSet, AnnotatedDataFrame MIAME. Full help on methods and associated functions is available from within class help pages.

Additional data classes: eSet, MIAxE, MultiSet. Additional manipulation and data structuring classes: Versioned, VersionedBiobase, aggregator, container.

Vignette routines: openVignette, getPkgVigs, openPDF.

Package manipulation functions: createPackage and package.version

Data sets: aaMap, sample.ExpressionSet, geneData.

Introductory information is available from vignettes, type openVignette().

Full listing of documented articles is available in HTML view by typing help.start() and selecting Biobase package from the Packages menu or via library(help="Biobase").

Author(s)

O. Sklyar
abstract Retrieve Meta-data from eSets and ExpressionSets.

Description
These generic functions access generic data, abstracts, PubMed IDs and experiment data from instances of the eSet-class or ExpressionSet-class.

Usage
abstract(object)
pubMedIds(object)
pubMedIds(object) <- value
experimentData(object)
experimentData(object) <- value

Arguments
object Object, possibly derived from eSet-class or MIAME-class
value Value to be assigned; see class of object (e.g., eSet-class) for specifics.

Value
abstract returns a character vector containing the abstract (as in a published paper) associated with object.
pubMedIds returns a character vector of PUBMED IDs associated with the experiment.
experimentData returns an object representing the description of an experiment, e.g., an object of MIAME-class

Author(s)
Biocore

See Also
ExpressionSet-class, eSet-class, MIAME-class

addVigs2WinMenu Add Menu Items to an Existing/New Menu of Window

Description
This function adds a menu item for a package’s vignettes.

Usage
addVigs2WinMenu(pkgName)
Aggregate

Arguments

pkgName  pkgName - a character string for the name of an R package

Details

The original functions addVig2Menu, addVig4Win, addVig4Unix, addNonExisting, addPDF2Vig have been replaced by addVigs2WinMenu, please use those instead.

Value

The functions do not return any value.

Author(s)

Jianhua Zhang and Jeff Gentry

Examples

# Only works for windows now
if(interactive() && .Platform$OS.type == "windows" &&
   .Platform$GUI == "Rgui") {
   addVigs2WinMenu("Biobase")
}

Aggregate  A Simple Aggregation Mechanism.

Description

Given an environment and an aggregator (an object of class aggregate simple aggregations are made.

Usage

Aggregate(x, agg)

Arguments

x  The data to be aggregated.

agg  The aggregator to be used.

Details

Given some data, x the user can accumulate (or aggregate) information in env using the two supplied functions. See the accompanying documentation for a more complete example of this function and its use.

Value

No value is returned. This function is evaluated purely for side effects. The symbols and values in env are altered.
Author(s)

R. Gentleman

See Also

new.env, \texttt{class:aggregator}

Examples

agg1 <- new("aggregator")
Aggregate(letters[1:10], agg1)
# the first 10 letters should be symbols in env1 with values of 1
Aggregate(letters[5:11], agg1)
# now letters[5:10] should have value 2
bb <- mget(letters[1:11], env=aggenv(agg1), ifnotfound=NA)
t1 <- as.numeric(bb); names(t1) <- names(bb)
t1
# a b c d e f g h i j k
# 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1

Description

A class of objects designed to help aggregate calculations over an iterative computation. The aggregator consists of three objects. An environment to hold the values. A function that sets up an initial value the first time an object is seen. An aggregate function that increments the value of an object seen previously.

Details

This class is used to help aggregate different values over function calls. A very simple example is to use leave one out cross-validation for prediction. At each stage we first perform feature selection and then cross-validate. To keep track of how often each feature is selected we can use an aggregator. At the end of the cross-validation we can extract the names of the features chosen from \texttt{aggenv}.

Creating Objects

\texttt{new('aggregator', aggenv = [environment], initfun = [function], aggfun = [function])}

Slots

\texttt{aggenv}: Object of class 'environment', holds the values between iterations

\texttt{initfun}: Object of class 'function' specifies how to initialize the value for a name the first time it is encountered

\texttt{aggfun}: Object of class 'function' used to increment (or perform any other function) on a name

Methods

\texttt{aggenv(agrgregator)}: Used to access the environment of the aggregator

\texttt{aggfun(agrgregator)}: Used to access the function that aggregates

\texttt{initfun(agrgregator)}: Used to access the initializer function
AnnotatedDataFrame

See Also
Aggregate

Description
An AnnotatedDataFrame consists of two parts. There is a collection of samples and the values of variables measured on those samples. There is also a description of each variable measured. The components of an AnnotatedDataFrame can be accessed with pData and varMetadata.

Extends
Versioned

Creating Objects
AnnotatedDataFrame(data, varMetadata, dimLabels=c("rowNames", "columnNames"), ...) AnnotatedDataFrame instances are created using AnnotatedDataFrame. The function can take three arguments, data is a data.frame of the samples (rows) and measured variables (columns). varMetadata is a data.frame with the number of rows equal to the number of columns of the data argument. varMetadata describes aspects of each measured variable. dimLabels provides aesthetic control for labeling rows and columns in the show method. varMetadata and dimLabels can be missing.

as(data.frame, "AnnotatedDataFrame") coerces a data.frame to an AnnotatedDataFrame. annotatedDataFrameFrom may be a convenient way to create an AnnotatedDataFrame from AssayData-class.

Slots
Class-specific slots:

data: A data.frame containing samples (rows) and measured variables (columns).
dimLabels: A character vector of length 2 that provides labels for the rows and columns in the show method.
varMetadata: A data.frame with number of rows equal number of columns in data, and at least one column, named labelDescription, containing a textual description of each variable.
.__classVersion__: A Versions object describing the R and Biobase version numbers used to created the instance. Intended for developer use.

Methods
Class-specific methods.

as(annotatedDataFrame, "data.frame") Coerce objects of AnnotatedDataFrame to data.frame.
combine(<AnnotatedDataFrame>, <AnnotatedDataFrame>): Bind data from one AnnotatedDataFrame to a second AnnotatedDataFrame, returning the result as an AnnotatedDataFrame. Row (sample) names in each argument must be unique. Variable names present in both arguments occupy a single column in the resulting AnnotatedDataFrame. Variable names unique to either argument create columns with values assigned for those samples where the variable is present. varMetadata in the returned AnnotatedDataFrame is updated to reflect the combination.

pData(<AnnotatedDataFrame>), pData(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)<-<data.frame>: Set and retrieve the data (samples and variables) in the AnnotatedDataFrame

varMetadata(<AnnotatedDataFrame>, varMetadata(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)<-<data.frame>: Set and retrieve the meta-data (variables and their descriptions) in the AnnotatedDataFrame

featureNames(<AnnotatedDataFrame>, featureNames(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)<-<ANY>: Set and retrieve the feature names in AnnotatedDataFrame; a synonym for sampleNames.

c_sampleNames(<AnnotatedDataFrame>, sampleNames(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)<-<ANY>: Set and retrieve the sample names in AnnotatedDataFrame

varLabels(<AnnotatedDataFrame>, varLabels(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)<-<data.frame>: Set and retrieve the variable labels in the AnnotatedDataFrame

dimLabels(<AnnotatedDataFrame>, dimLabels(<AnnotatedDataFrame>) <- <character>

Retrieve labels used for display of AnnotatedDataFrame, e.g., 'rowNames', 'columnNameNames'.

Standard generic methods:

initialize(<AnnotatedDataFrame>): Object instantiation, used by new; not to be called directly by the user.

as(<data.frame>, "AnnotatedDataFrame") Convert a data.frame to an AnnotatedDataFrame.

as(<phenoData>, <AnnotatedDataFrame>): Convert old-style phenoData-class objects to AnnotatedDataFrame, issuing warnings as appropriate.

validObject(<AnnotatedDataFrame>): Validity-checking method, ensuring coordination between data and varMetadata elements

updateObject(object, ..., verbose=FALSE) Update instance to current version, if necessary. See updateObject

isCurrent(object) Determine whether version of object is current. See isCurrent

isVersioned(object) Determine whether object contains a 'version' string describing its structure. See isVersioned

show(<AnnotatedDataFrame>) Abbreviated display of object

[[<sample>, <variable>]: Subset operation, taking two arguments and indexing the sample and variable. Returns an AnnotatedDataFrame, i.e., including relevant metadata. Unlike a data.frame, setting drop=TRUE generates an error.

[[<variable>, $<variable>]: Selector returning a variable (column of pData).

[[<variable>, ...]]<-<new_value>, $<variable> <- <new_value>: Replace or add a variable to pData. ... can include named arguments (especially labelDescription) to be added to varMetadata.

head(<AnnotatedDataFrame>, n = 6L, ...)

Select the first (last for tail) n rows; negative n returns the first (last) nrow() - n rows.

dim(<AnnotatedDataFrame>, ncol(<AnnotatedDataFrame>): Number of samples and variables (dim) and variables (ncol) in the argument.

dimnames(<AnnotatedDataFrame>), rownames(<AnnotatedDataFrame>), colnames(<AnnotatedDataFrame>): row and column names.
Author(s)

V.J. Carey, after initial design by R. Gentleman

See Also

eSet, ExpressionSet, read.AnnotatedDataFrame

Examples

df <- data.frame(x=1:6,
                 y=rep(c("Low", "High"),3),
                 z=LETTERS[1:6]),
                 row.names=paste("Sample", 1:6, sep="_"))
metaData <-
data.frame(labelDescription=c(
                         "Numbers",
                         "Factor levels",
                         "Characters"))

AnnotatedDataFrame()
AnnotatedDataFrame(data=df)
AnnotatedDataFrame(data=df, varMetadata=metaData)
as(df, "AnnotatedDataFrame")

obj <- AnnotatedDataFrame()
pData(obj) <- df
varMetadata(obj) <- metaData
validObject(obj)
anyMissing  Checks if there are any missing values in an object or not

Description
Checks if there are any missing values in an object or not.

Usage
anyMissing(x=NULL)

Arguments
x A vector.

Details
The implementation of this method is optimized for both speed and memory.

Value
Returns TRUE if a missing value was detected, otherwise FALSE.

Author(s)
Henrik Bengtsson (http://www.braju.com/R/)

Examples
x <- rnorm(n=1000)
x[seq(300,length(x),by=100)] <- NA
stopifnot(anyMissing(x) == any(is.na(x)))

assayData  Retrieve assay data from eSets and ExpressionSets.

Description
This generic function accesses assay data stored in an object derived from the eSet or ExpressionSet class.

Usage
assayData(object)
assayData(object) <- value

Arguments
object Object derived from class eSet
value Named list or environment containing one or more matrices with identical dimensions
**AssayData-class**

**Value**

`assayData` applied to `eSet`-derived classes returns a list or environment; applied to `ExpressionSet`, the method returns an environment. See the class documentation for specific details.

**Author(s)**

Biocore

**See Also**

eSet-class, ExpressionSet-class, SnpSet-class

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**AssayData-class**

**Class "AssayData"**

**Description**

Container class defined as a class union of `list` and `environment`. Designed to contain one or more matrices of the same dimension.

**Methods**

- **combine** signature(`x = "AssayData", y = "AssayData"`): This method uses `cbind` to create new `AssayData` elements that contain the samples of both arguments `x` and `y`. Both `AssayData` arguments to combine must have the same collection of elements. The elements must have identical numbers of rows (features). The numerical contents of any columns (samples) present in the same element of different `AssayData` must be identical. The storage-Mode of the `AssayData` arguments must be identical, and the function returns an `AssayData` with storageMode matching the incoming mode. See also `combine,eSet,eSet-method`
- **featureNames** signature(`object = "AssayData"`)
  
  **featureNames<-** signature(`object = "AssayData", value = "ANY"`): Return or set the feature names as a character vector. These are the row names of the `AssayData` elements. value can be a character or numeric vector; all entries must be unique.
- **sampleNames** signature(`object = "AssayData"`)
  
  **sampleNames<-** signature(`object = "AssayData", value = "ANY"`): Return or set the sample names. These are the column names of the `AssayData` elements and the row names of `phenoData`. value can be a character or numeric vector.
- **storageMode** signature(`object = "AssayData"`)
  
  **storageMode<-** signature(`object = "AssayData", value = "character"`): Return or set the storage mode for the instance. value can be one of three choices: "lockedEnvironment", "environment", and "list". Environments offer a mechanism for storing data that avoids some of the copying that occurs when using lists. Locked environment help to ensure data integrity. Note that environments are one of the few R objects that are pass-by-reference. This means that if you modify a copy of an environment, you also modify the original. For this reason, we recommend using lockedEnvironment whenever possible.

Additional functions operating on `AssayData` include:

- **assayData[[name]]** Select element name from `assayData`. 

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cache

assayDataNew(storage.mode = c("lockedEnvironment", "environment", "list"), ...) Use storage.mode to create a new list or environment containing the named elements in ...

assayDataValidMembers(assayData, required) Validate assayData, ensuring that the named elements required are present, matrices are of the same dimension, and featureNames (row-names) are consistent (identical or NULL) across entries.

assayDataElement(object, element) See eSet-class

assayDataElementReplace(object, element, value, validate=TRUE) See eSet-class

assayDataElementNames(object) See eSet-class

Author(s)
Biocore

See Also

eSet-class ExpressionSet-class

cache Evaluate an expression if its value is not already cached.

Description
Cache the evaluation of an expression in the file system.

Usage

cache(expr, dir=".", prefix="tmp_R_cache_")

Arguments

expr An expression of the form LHS <- RHS, Where LHS is a variable name, RHS is any valid expression, and <- must be used (= will not work).
dir A string specifying the directory into which cache files should be written (also where to go searching for an appropriate cache file).
prefix A string giving the prefix to use when naming and searching for cache files. The default is "tmp_R_cache_"

Details

This function can be useful during the development of computationally intensive workflows, for example in vignettes or scripts. The function uses a cache file in dir which defaults to the current working directory whose name is obtained by paste(prefix, name, ".RData", sep="").

When cache is called and the cache file exists, it is loaded and the object whose name is given on the left of <- in expr is returned. In this case, expr is not evaluated.

When cache is called and the cache file does not exist, expr is evaluated, its value is saved into a cache file, and then its value is returned.

The expr argument must be of the form of someVar <- {expressions}. That is, the left hand side must be a single symbol name and the next syntactic token must be <-.

To flush the cache and force recomputation, simply remove the cache files. You can use file.remove to do this.
channel

Value

The (cached) value of `expr`.

Note

The first version of this function had a slightly different interface which is no longer functional. The old version has arguments `name` and `expr` and the intended usage is: `foo <- cache("foo", expr).

Author(s)

Wolfgang Huber, <huber@ebi.ac.uk> Seth Falcon, <sfalcon@fhcrc.org>

Examples

```r
bigCalc <- function() runif(10)
cache(myComplicatedObject <- bigCalc())
aCopy <- myComplicatedObject
remove(myComplicatedObject)
cache(myComplicatedObject <- bigCalc())
stopifnot(all.equal(myComplicatedObject, aCopy))
allCacheFiles <-
  list.files(".", pattern="^tmp_R_cache_.*\.RData$", full.name=TRUE)
file.remove(allCacheFiles)
```

Description

This generic function extracts a specific element from an object, returning a instance of the ExpressionSet class.

Usage

```r
channel(object, name, ...)
```

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Value

An instance of class `ExpressionSet`.

Author(s)

Biocore
Examples

```
obj <- NChannelSet(
  R=matrix(runif(100), 20, 5),
  G=matrix(runif(100), 20, 5))
## G channel as ExpressionSet
channel(obj, "G")
```

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**channelNames**

Retrieve and set channel names from object

Description

This generic function reports or updates the channels in an object.

Usage

```
channelNames(object, ...)
channelNames(object, ...) <- value
```

Arguments

- `object` An S4 object, typically derived from class `eSet`
- `value` Replacement value, either a character vector (to re-order existing channel names or a named character vector or list (to change channel names from the vector elements to the corresponding names).
- `...` Additional argument, not currently used.

Details

`channelNames` returns the names of the channels in a defined order. Change the order using the replacement method with a permutation of the channel names as `value`. Rename channels using the replacement method with a named list, where the vector elements are a permutation of the current channels, with corresponding names the new identifier for the channel.

Value

character.

Author(s)

Biocore

Examples

```
## channelNames default to alphabetical order of channels
obj <- NChannelSet(
  R=matrix(runif(100), 20, 5),
  G=matrix(-runif(100), 20, 5))
channelNames(obj)
channelNames(obj) <- c(Gn="G", Rd="R") ## rename
channelNames(obj) <- c("Rd", "Gn")   ## reorder
```
class:characterORMIAME

channelNames(obj)
all(assayData(obj)[["Gn"] ] <= 0)
all(assayData(obj)[["Rd"] ] >= 0)

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**Description**

This class can be either character or MIAME.

**Methods**

No methods defined with class "characterORMIAME" in the signature.

**See Also**

See also MIAME

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classVersion

*Retrieve information about versioned classes*

**Description**

These generic functions return version information for classes derived from Versioned-class, or VersionsNull-class for unversioned objects. The version information is an object of Versions-class.

By default, classVersion has the following behaviors:

- **classVersion(Versioned-instance)** Returns a Versions-class object obtained from the object.
- **classVersion("class")** Consults the definition of class and return the current version information, if available.
- **classVersion(ANY)** Return a VersionsNull-class object to indicate no version information available.

By default, the classVersion<- method has the following behavior:

- **classVersion(Versioned-instance)["id"] <- value** Assign (update or add) value to Versions-instance. value is coerced to a valid version description. see Versions-class for additional access methods.

**Usage**

```
classVersion(object)
classVersion(object) <- value
```

**Arguments**

- **object** Object whose version is to be determined, as described above.
- **value** Version-class object to assign to object of Versioned-class object.
Value

classVersion returns an instance of Versions-class

Author(s)

Biocore team

See Also

Versions-class

Examples

obj <- new("VersionedBiobase")

classVersion(obj)
classVersion(obj)["Biobase"]
classVersion(1:10) # no version
classVersion("ExpressionSet") # consult ExpressionSet prototype

classVersion(obj)["MyVersion"] <- "1.0.0"
classVersion(obj)

container A Lockable List Structure with Constraints on Content

Description

Container class that specializes the list construct of R to provide content and access control

Creating Objects

new('container', x = [list], content = [character], locked = [logical])

Slots

x list of entities that are guaranteed to share a certain property
content tag describing container contents
locked boolean indicator of locked status. Value of TRUE implies assignments into the container are not permitted

Methods

Class-specific methods:

ccontent(container) returns content slot of argument
locked(container) returns locked slot of argument

Standard methods defined for 'container':

show(container) prints container
length(container) returns number of elements in the container
[[index) and [[index, value) access and replace elements in the container
[(index) make a subset of a container (which will itself be a container)
Examples

```r
x1 <- new("container", x=vector("list", length=3), content="lm")
lm1 <- lm(rnorm(10)~runif(10))
x1[[1]] <- lm1
```

Description

The contents method is used to retrieve the values stored in an environment.

Usage

```r
contents(object, all.names)
```

Arguments

- `object` The environment (data table) that you want to get all contents from
- `all.names` a logical indicating whether to copy all values in `as.list.environment`

Value

A named list is returned, where the elements are the objects stored in the environment. The names of the elements are the names of the objects.

The `all.names` argument is identical to the one used in `as.list.environment`.

Author(s)

R. Gentleman

See Also

`as.list.environment`

Examples

```r
z <- new.env()
multiassign(letters, 1:26, envir=z)
contents(z)
```
**copyEnv**  

*List-Environment interactions*

**Description**

These functions can be used to make copies of environments, or to get/assign all of the objects inside of an environment.

**Usage**

```r
copyEnv(oldEnv, newEnv, all.names=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- `oldEnv`: An environment to copy from
- `newEnv`: An environment to copy to. If missing, a new environment with the same parent environment as `oldEnv`.
- `all.names`: Whether to retrieve objects with names that start with a dot.

**Details**

`copyEnv`: This function will make a copy of the contents from `oldEnv` and place them into `newEnv`.

**Author(s)**

Jeff Gentry and R. Gentleman

**See Also**

- `environment`, `as.list`

**Examples**

```r
z <- new.env(hash=TRUE, parent=emptyenv(), size=29L)
multiassign(c("a","b","c"), c(1,2,3), z)

a <- copyEnv(z)
ls(a)
```

**copySubstitute**  

*Copy Between Connections or Files with Configure-Like Name-Value Substitution*

**Description**

Copy files, directory trees or between connections and replace all occurrences of a symbol by the corresponding value.
copySubstitute

Usage

copySubstitute(src, dest, symbolValues, symbolDelimiter="@", allowUnresolvedSymbols=FALSE, recursive = FALSE, removeExtension = "\in")

Arguments

derc | Source, either a character vector with filenames and/or directory names, or a connection object.
derst | Destination, either a character vector of length 1 with the name of an existing, writable directory, or a connection object. The class of the dest argument must match that of the src argument.
symbolValues | A named list of character strings.
symbolDelimiter | A character string of length one with a single character in it.
allowUnresolvedSymbols | Logical. If FALSE, then the function will execute stop if it comes across symbols that are not defined in symbolValues.
recursive | Logical. If TRUE, the function works recursively down a directory tree (see details).
removeExtension | Character. Matches to this regular expression are removed from filenames and directory names.

Details

Symbol substitution: this is best explained with an example. If the list symbolValues contains an element with name FOO and value bar, and symbolDelimiter is @, then any occurrence of @FOO@ is replaced by bar. This applies both the text contents of the files in src as well as to the filenames. See examples.

If recursive is FALSE, both src and dest must be connection or a filenames. The text in src is read through the function readLines, symbols are replaced by their values, and the result is written to dest through the function writeLines.

If recursive is TRUE, copySubstitute works recursively down a directory tree (see details and example). src must be a character vector with multiple filenames or directory names, dest a directory name.

One use of this function is in createPackage for the automatic generation of packages from a template package directory.

Value

None. The function is called for its side effect.

Author(s)

Wolfgang Huber http://www.dkfz.de/mga/whuber
Examples

```r
## create an example file
infile = tempfile()
outfile = tempfile()

writeLines(text=c("We will perform in @WHAT@:",
    "So, thanks to @WHOM@ at once and to each one,
    "Whom we invite to see us crown'd at @WHERE@.")
    con = infile)

## create the symbol table
z = list(WHAT="measure, time and place", WHOM="all", WHERE="Scone")

## run copySubstitute
copySubstitute(infile, outfile, z)

## display the results
readLines(outfile)
```

```r
#--------------------------------------------------------------
# This is a slightly more complicated example that demonstrates
# how copySubstitute works on nested directories
#--------------------------------------------------------------

d = tempdir()
my.dir.create = function(x) {dir.create(x); return(x)}
unlink(file.path(d, "src"), recursive=TRUE)
unlink(file.path(d, "dest"), recursive=TRUE)

## create some directories and files:
src = my.dir.create(file.path(d, "src"))
dest = file.path(d, "dest")
d1 = my.dir.create(file.path(src, "dir1.in"))
d2 = my.dir.create(file.path(src, "dir2@FOO@.in"))
d3 = my.dir.create(file.path(d2, "dir3"))
d4 = my.dir.create(file.path(d3, "dir4"))
d5 = my.dir.create(file.path(d4, "dir5@BAR@"))
writeLines(c("File1:", "FOO: @FOO@"), file.path(d1, "file1.txt.in"))
writeLines(c("File2:", "BAR: @BAR@"), file.path(d2, "file2.txt.in"))
writeLines(c("File3:", "SUN: @SUN@"), file.path(d3, "file3.txt.in"))
writeLines(c("File4:", "MOON: @MOON@"), file.path(d4, @SUN@.txt"))

## call copySubstitute
copySubstitute(src, dest, recursive=TRUE,
    symbolValues = list(FOO="thefoo", BAR="thebar",
        SUN="thesun", MOON="themoon"))

## view the result
listsrc = dir(src, full.names=TRUE, recursive=TRUE)
listdest = dir(dest, full.names=TRUE, recursive=TRUE)

listsrc
listdest

cat(unlist(lapply(listsrc, readLines)), sep="\n")
```

createPackage

```r
cat(unlist(lapply(listdest, readLines)), sep="\n")
```

createPackage  

*Create a Package Directory from a Template*

**Description**

Create a package directory from a template, with symbol-value substitution

**Usage**

```r
createPackage(pkgname, destinationDir, originDir, symbolValues, unlink=FALSE, quiet=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- **pkgname** 
  Character. The name of the package to be written.

- **destinationDir** 
  Character. The path to a directory where the package is to be written.

- **originDir** 
  Character. The path to a directory that contains the template package. Usually, this will contain a file named `DESCRIPTION`, and subdirectories `R`, `man`, `data`. In all files and filenames, symbols will be replaced by their respective values, see the parameter `symbolValues`.

- **symbolValues** 
  Named list of character strings. The symbol-to-value mapping. See `copySubstitute` for details.

- **unlink** 
  Logical. If `TRUE`, and `destinationDir` already contains a file or directory with the name `pkgname`, try to unlink (remove) it.

- **quiet** 
  Logical. If `TRUE`, do not print information messages.

**Details**

The intended use of this function is for the automated mass production of data packages, such as the microarray annotation, CDF, and probe sequence packages.

No syntactic or other checking of the package is performed. For this, use R CMD check.

The symbols `@PKGNAME@` and `@DATE@` are automatically defined with the values of `pkgname` and `date()`, respectively.

**Value**

The function returns a list with one element `pkgdir`: the path to the package.

**Author(s)**

Wolfgang Huber [http://www.dkfz.de/mga/whuber](http://www.dkfz.de/mga/whuber)

**See Also**

- `copySubstitute`, the reference manual *Writing R extensions*.
Examples

```r
sym = list(AUTHOR = "Hesiod", VERSION = "1.0",
 TITLE = "the nine muses",
 FORMAT = "Character vector containing the names of the 9 muses.")

res = createPackage("muses",
 destinationDir = tempdir(),
 originDir = system.file("Code", package="Biobase"),
 symbolValues = sym,
 unlink = TRUE, quiet = FALSE)

muses = c("Calliope", "Clio", "Erato", "Euterpe", "Melpomene",
 "Polyhymnia", "Terpsichore", "Thalia", "Urania")

dir.create(file.path(res$pkgdir, "data"))

save(muses, file = file.path(res$pkgdir, "data", "muses.rda"))

res$pkgdir
```

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**data:aaMap**

**Dataset: Names and Characteristics of Amino Acids**

**Description**

The aaMap data frame has 20 rows and 6 columns. Includes elementary information about amino acids.

**Usage**

```r
data(aaMap)
```

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

- **name** amino acid name
- **let.1** one-letter code
- **let.3** three-letter code
- **scProp** side chain property at pH 7 (polar/nonpolar)
- **hyPhlic** logical: side chain is hydrophilic at pH 7
- **acidic** logical: side chain is acidic at pH 7

**Source**

Nei M and Kumar S: Molecular evolution and phylogenetics (Oxford 2000), Table 1.2

**Examples**

```r
data(aaMap)
```
data:geneData

Sample expression matrix and phenotype data.frames.

Description

The geneData data.frame has 500 rows and 26 columns. It consists of a subset of real expression data from an Affymetrix U95v2 chip. The data are anonymous. The covariate data geneCov and geneCovariate are made up. The standard error data seD is also made up.

Usage

data(geneData)

Format

A 500 by 26 data frame.

Source

The J. Ritz Laboratory (S. Chiaretti).

Examples

data(geneData)
data(geneCovariate)
data(seD)

data:sample.ExpressionSet

Dataset of class 'ExpressionSet'

Description

The expression data are real but anonymized. The data are from an experiment that used Affymetrix U95v2 chips. The data were processed by dChip and then exported to R for analysis.

The data illustrate ExpressionSet-class, with assayData containing the required matrix element exprs and an additional matrix se.exprs. se.exprs has the same dimensions as exprs.

The phenoData and standard error estimates (se.exprs) are made up. The information in the "description" slot is fake.

Usage

data(sample.ExpressionSet)

Format

The data for 26 cases, labeled A to Z and 500 genes. Each case has three covariates: sex (male/female); type (case/control); and score (testing score).

Examples

data(sample.ExpressionSet)
Description
The expression data are real but anonymized. The data are from an experiment that used Affymetrix U95v2 chips. The data were processed by dChip and then exported to R for analysis. The phenoData, standard error estimates, and description data are fake.

Usage
```r
data(sample.MultiSet)
```

Format
The data for 4 cases, labeled a to d and 500 genes. Each case has five covariates: SlideNumber: number; FileName: name; Cy3: genotype labeled Cy3; Cy5: genotype labeled Cy5; Date: date.

Examples
```r
data(sample.MultiSet)
```

description
Retrieve and set overall experimental information eSet-like classes.

Description
These generic functions access experimental information associated with eSet-class.

Usage
```r
description(object, ...)
description(object) <- value
```

Arguments
- **object**: Object, possibly derived from class eSet-class.
- **value**: Structured information describing the experiment, e.g., of MIAME-class.
- **...**: Further arguments to be used by other methods.

Value
description returns an object of MIAME-class.

Author(s)
Biocore

See Also
eSet-class, MIAME-class
**dims**

*Retrieve dimensions of all elements in a list or environment*

**Description**

This function returns the dimensions of element members in lists or environments such as AssayData-class.

**Usage**

`dims(object)`

**Arguments**

- `object` List or environment object containing one or several matrices

**Value**

matrix of row and column dimensions, (in rows) for each element in `object` (columns).

**Author(s)**

Biocore

**See Also**

- `eSet-class`

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**dumpPackTxt**

*Dump Textual Description of a Package*

**Description**

Dump textual description of a package

**Usage**

`dumpPackTxt(package)`

**Arguments**

- `package` Character string naming an R package

**Details**

dumps DESCRIPTION and INDEX files from package sources

**Value**

stdout output
esApply

Note

Other approaches using formatDL are feasible

Author(s)

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Examples

dumpPackTxt("stats")

esApply

An apply-like function for ExpressionSet and related structures.

Description

esApply is a wrapper to apply for use with ExpressionSets. The application of a function to rows of an expression array usually involves variables in pData. esApply uses a special evaluation paradigm to make this easy. The function FUN may reference any data in pData by name.

Usage

esApply(X, MARGIN, FUN, ...)

Arguments

X An instance of class ExpressionSet.
MARGIN The margin to apply to, either 1 for rows (samples) or 2 for columns (features).
FUN Any function
... Additional parameters for FUN.

Details

The pData from X is installed in an environment. This environment is installed as the environment of FUN. This will then provide bindings for any symbols in FUN that are the same as the names of the pData of X. If FUN has an environment already it is retained but placed after the newly created environment. Some variable shadowing could occur under these circumstances.

Value

The result of with(pData(x), apply(exprs(X), MARGIN, FUN, ...)).

Author(s)

V.J. Carey <stvjc@channing.harvard.edu>, R. Gentleman

See Also

apply, ExpressionSet
Examples

data(sample.ExpressionSet)
## sum columns of exprs
res <- esApply(sample.ExpressionSet, 1, sum)

## t-test, splitting samples by 'sex'
f <- function(x) {
  xx <- split(x, sex)
  t.test(xx[[1]], xx[[2]])$p.value
}
res <- esApply(sample.ExpressionSet, 1, f)

## same, but using a variable passed in the function call
f <- function(x, s) {
  xx <- split(x, s)
  mean(xx[[1]]) - mean(xx[[2]])
}
sex <- sample.ExpressionSet["sex"]
res <- esApply(sample.ExpressionSet, 1, f, s = sex)

# obtain the p-value of the t-test for sex difference
mytt.demo <- function(y) {
  ys <- split(y, sex)
  t.test(ys[[1]], ys[[2]])$p.value
}
sexPValue <- esApply(sample.ExpressionSet, 1, mytt.demo)

# obtain the p-value of the slope associated with score, adjusting for sex
# (if we were concerned with sign we could save the z statistic instead at coef[3,3]
myreg.demo <- function(y) {
  summary(lm(y ~ sex + score))$coef[3,4]
}
scorePValue <- esApply(sample.ExpressionSet, 1, myreg.demo)

# a resampling method
resamp <- function(ESET) {
  ntiss <- ncol(exprs(ESET))
  newind <- sample(1:ntiss, size = ntiss, replace = TRUE)
  ESET[newind,]
}

# a filter
q3g100filt <- function(eset) {
  apply(exprs(eset), 1, function(x) quantile(x,.75) > 100)
}

# filter after resampling and then apply
set.seed(123)
rest <- esApply({bool <- q3g100filt(resamp(sample.ExpressionSet)); sample.ExpressionSet[bool,]},
  1, mytt.demo)
Description

Container for high-throughput assays and experimental metadata. Classes derived from `eSet` contain one or more identical-sized matrices as `assayData` elements. Derived classes (e.g., `ExpressionSet-class`, `SnpSet-class`) specify which elements must be present in the `assayData` slot.

`eSet` object cannot be instantiated directly; see the examples for usage.

Creating Objects

`eSet` is a virtual class, so instances cannot be created.

Objects created under previous definitions of `eSet-class` can be coerced to the current classes derived from `eSet` using `updateOldESet`.

Slots

Introduced in `eSet`:

- `assayData`: Contains matrices with equal dimensions, and with column number equal to `nrow(phenoData)`.
  Class: `AssayData-class`

- `phenoData`: Contains experimenter-supplied variables describing sample (i.e., columns in `assayData`) phenotypes. Class: `AnnotatedDataFrame-class`

- `featureData`: Contains variables describing features (i.e., rows in `assayData`) unique to this experiment. Use the `annotation` slot to efficiently reference feature data common to the annotation package used in the experiment. Class: `AnnotatedDataFrame-class`

- `experimentData`: Contains details of experimental methods. Class: `MIAME-class`

- `annotation`: Label associated with the annotation package used in the experiment. Class: `character`

- `protocolData`: Contains microarray equipment-generated variables describing sample (i.e., columns in `assayData`) phenotypes. Class: `AnnotatedDataFrame-class`

- `.classVersion`: A `Versions` object describing the R and Biobase version numbers used to created the instance. Intended for developer use.

Methods

Methods defined in derived classes (e.g., `ExpressionSet-class`, `SnpSet-class`) may override the methods described here.

Class-specific methods:

- `sampleNames(object)` and `sampleNames(object)<-value`: Coordinate accessing and setting sample names in `assayData` and `phenoData`

- `featureNames(object), featureNames(object) <- value`: Coordinate accessing and setting of feature names (e.g., genes, probes) in `assayData`.

- `dimnames(object), dimnames(object) <- value`: Also `rownames` and `colnames`; access and set feature and sample names.

- `dims(object)`: Access the common dimensions (`dim`) or column numbers (`ncol`), or dimensions of all members (`dims`) of `assayData`.

- `phenoData(object), phenoData(object) <- value`: Access and set `phenoData`. Adding new columns to `phenoData` is often more easily done with `eSetObject[['columnName']] <- value`.

- `pData(object), pData(object) <- value`: Access and set sample data information. Adding new columns to `pData` is often more easily done with `eSetObject[['columnName']] <- value`. 
varMetadata(object), varMetadata(eSet, value) Access and set metadata describing variables reported in pData
varLabels(object), varLabels(eSet, value)<- Access and set variable labels in phenoData.
featureData(object), featureData(object) <- value: Access and set featureData.
fData(object), fData(object) <- value: Access and set feature data information.
fvarMetadata(object), fvarMetadata(eSet, value) Access and set metadata describing features reported in fData
fvarLabels(object), fvarLabels(eSet, value)<- Access and set variable labels in featureData.
assayData(object), assayData(object) <- value: signature(object = "eSet", value = "AssayData"): Access and replace the AssayData slot of an eSet instance. assayData returns a list or environment; elements in assayData not accessible in other ways (e.g., via exprs applied directly to the eSet) can most reliably be accessed with, e.g., assayData(obj)["se.exprs"]
experimentData(object), experimentData(object) <- value: Access and set details of experimental methods
description(object), description(object) <- value: Synonymous with experimentData.
notes(object), notes(object) <- value: signature(object="eSet", value="list") Retrieve and set unstructured notes associated with eSet. signature(object="eSet", value="character")
As with value="list", but append value to current list of notes.
pubMedIds(object), pubMedIds(eSet, value) Access and set PMIDs in experimentData.
abstract(object): Access abstract in experimentData.
annotation(object), annotation(object) <- value Access and set annotation label indicating package used in the experiment.
protocolData(object), protocolData(object) <- value Access and set the protocol data.
preproc(object), preproc(object) <- value: signature(object="eSet", value="list") Access and set preprocessing information in the MIAME-class object associated with this eSet.
combine(eSet, eSet): Combine two eSet objects. To be combined, eSets must have identical numbers of featureNames, distinct sampleNames, and identical annotation.
stORAGEMode(object), storageMode(eSet, character)<- Change storage mode of assayData. Can be used to 'unlock' environments, or to change between list and environment modes of storing assayData.

Standard generic methods:
initialize(object): Object instantiation, can be called by derived classes but not usually by the user.
validObject(object): Validity-checking method, ensuring (1) all assayData components have the same number of features and samples; (2) the number and names of phenoData rows match the number and names of assayData columns
as(eSet, "ExpressionSet") Convert instance of class "eSet" to instance of ExpressionSet-class, if possible.
as(eSet, "MultiSet") Convert instance of class "eSet" to instance of MultiSet-class, if possible.
updateObject(object, ..., verbose=FALSE) Update instance to current version, if necessary. Usually called through class inheritance rather than directly by the user. See updateObject
updateObjectTo(object, template, ..., verbose=FALSE) Update instance to current version by updating slots in template, if necessary. Usually call by class inheritance, rather than directly by the user. See updateObjectTo
**isCurrent(object)** Determine whether version of object is current. See `isCurrent`

**isVersioned(object)** Determine whether object contains a 'version' string describing its structure. See `isVersioned`

**show(object)** Informatively display object contents.

**dim(object), ncol** Access the common dimensions (dim) or column numbers (ncol), of all members (dims) of assayData.

**object[(index)]**: Conducts subsetting of matrices and phenoData components

**object$name, object$name<-value** Access and set name column in phenoData

**object[[i, ...]], object[[i, ...]]<-value** Access and set column i (character or numeric index) in phenoData. The ... argument can include named variables (especially `labelDescription`) to be added to varMetadata.

**Additional functions:**

**assayDataElement(object, element)** Return matrix element from assayData slot of object.

**assayDataElement(object, element, validate=TRUE) <- value** Set element element in assayData slot of object to matrix value. If validate=TRUE, check that value row and column names of conform to object.

**assayDataElementReplace(object, element, value, validate=TRUE)** Set element element in assayData slot of object to matrix value. If validate=TRUE, check that row and column names of value conform to object.

**assayDataElementNames(object)** Return element names in assayData slot of object

**updateOldESet** Update versions of eSet constructed using listOrEnv as assayData slot (before May, 2006).

### Author(s)

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### See Also

Method use in `ExpressionSet-class`. Related classes `AssayData-class`, `AnnotatedDataFrame-class`, `MIAME-class`. Derived classes `ExpressionSet-class`, `SnpSet-class`. To update objects from previous class versions, see `updateOldESet`.

### Examples

```r
# update previous eSet-like class oldESet to existing derived class
## Not run: updateOldESet(oldESet, "ExpressionSet")

# create a new, ad hoc, class, for personal use
# all methods outlined above are available automatically
.MySet <- setClass("MySet", contains="eSet")
.MySet()

# Create a more robust class, with constructor and validation methods
# to ensure assayData contains specific matrices
.TwoColorSet <- setClass("TwoColorSet", contains="eSet")
.TwoColorSet <-
    function(phenoData=AnnotatedDataFrame(), experimentData=MIAME(),
```
expressionSet

Class to Contain and Describe High-Throughput Expression Level Assays.

Description

Container for high-throughput assays and experimental metadata. ExpressionSet class is derived from eSet, and requires a matrix named exprs as assayData member.

Usage

## Instance creation
ExpressionSet(assayData,
  phenoData=annotatedDataFrameFrom(assayData, byrow=FALSE),
  featureData=annotatedDataFrameFrom(assayData, byrow=TRUE),
  experimentData=MIAME(), annotation=character(),
  protocolData=annotatedDataFrameFrom(assayData, byrow=FALSE), ...
)

## Additional methods documented below

Arguments

assayData         A matrix of expression values, or an environment.

When assayData is a matrix, the rows represent probe sets (‘features’ in ExpressionSet parlance). Columns represent samples. When present, row names identify features and column names identify samples. Row and column names must be unique, and consistent with row names of featureData and phenoData, respectively. The assay data can be retrieved with exprs().

When assayData is an environment, it contains identically dimensioned matrices like that described in the previous paragraph. One of the elements of the environment must be named ‘exprs’; this element is returned with exprs().
ExpressionSet

PhenoData An optional AnnotatedDataFrame containing information about each sample. The number of rows in PhenoData must match the number of columns in AssayData. Row names of PhenoData must match column names of the matrix / matrices in AssayData.

FeatureData An optional AnnotatedDataFrame containing information about each feature. The number of rows in FeatureData must match the number of rows in AssayData. Row names of FeatureData must match row names of the matrix / matrices in AssayData.

ExperimentData An optional MIAME instance with meta-data (e.g., the lab and resulting publications from the analysis) about the experiment.

Annotation A character describing the platform on which the samples were assayed. This is often the name of a Bioconductor chip annotation package, which facilitated down-stream analysis.

ProtocolData An optional AnnotatedDataFrame containing equipment-generated information about protocols. The number of rows and row names of ProtocolData must agree with the dimension and column names of AssayData.

... Additional arguments, passed to new("ExpressionSet", ...) and available for classes that extend ExpressionSet.

Extends Directly extends class eSet.

Creating Objects

ExpressionSet instances are usually created through ExpressionSet().

Slots

Inherited from eSet:

- AssayData: Contains matrices with equal dimensions, and with column number equal to nrow(PhenoData). AssayData must contain a matrix exprs with rows representing features (e.g., probe sets) and columns representing samples. Additional matrices of identical size (e.g., representing measurement errors) may also be included in AssayData. Class: AssayData-class

PhenoData: See eSet
FeatureData: See eSet
ExperimentData: See eSet
Annotation: See eSet
ProtocolData: See eSet

Methods

Class-specific methods.

as(exprSet,"ExpressionSet") Coerce objects of exprSet-class to ExpressionSet

as(object,"data.frame") Coerce objects of ExpressionSet-class to data.frame by transposing the expression matrix and concatenating PhenoData

exprs(ExpressionSet), exprs(ExpressionSet,matrix)<- Access and set elements named exprs in the AssayData-class slot.
esApply(ExpressionSet, MARGIN, FUN, ...) 'apply'-like function to conveniently operate on ExpressionSet objects. See esApply.

write.exprs(ExpressionSet) Write expression values to a text file. It takes the same arguments as write.table

Derived from eSet:

updateObject(object, ..., verbose=FALSE) Update instance to current version, if necessary. See updateObject and eSet

isCurrent(object) Determine whether version of object is current. See isCurrent

isVersioned(object) Determine whether object contains a 'version' string describing its structure. See isVersioned

assayData(ExpressionSet): See eSet

sampleNames(ExpressionSet) and sampleNames(ExpressionSet)<-: See eSet

featureNames(ExpressionSet), featureNames(ExpressionSet, value)<-: See eSet

dims(ExpressionSet): See eSet

phenoData(ExpressionSet), phenoData(ExpressionSet, value)<-: See eSet

varLabels(ExpressionSet), varLabels(ExpressionSet, value)<-: See eSet

varMetadata(ExpressionSet), varMetadata(ExpressionSet, value)<-: See eSet

pData(ExpressionSet), pData(ExpressionSet, value)<-: See eSet

varMetadata(ExpressionSet), varMetadata(ExpressionSet, value) See eSet

experimentData(ExpressionSet), experimentData(ExpressionSet, value)<-: See eSet

pubMedIds(ExpressionSet), pubMedIds(ExpressionSet, value) See eSet

abstract(ExpressionSet): See eSet

annotation(ExpressionSet), annotation(ExpressionSet, value)<- See eSet

protocolData(ExpressionSet), protocolData(ExpressionSet, value)<- See eSet

combine(ExpressionSet, ExpressionSet): See eSet

storageMode(ExpressionSet), storageMode(ExpressionSet, character)<-: See eSet

Standard generic methods:

initialize(ExpressionSet): Object instantiation, used by new; not to be called directly by the user.

updateObject(ExpressionSet): Update outdated versions of ExpressionSet to their current definition. See updateObject, Versions-class.

validObject(ExpressionSet): Validity-checking method, ensuring that exprs is a member of assayData. checkValidity(ExpressionSet) imposes this validity check, and the validity checks of eSet.

makeDataPackage(object, author, email, packageName, packageVersion, license, biocViews, filePath, description=paste(abstract(object), collapse="\n\n"), ...) Create a data package based on an ExpressionSet object. See makeDataPackage.

as(exprSet,ExpressionSet): Coerce exprSet to ExpressionSet.

as(eSet,ExpressionSet): Coerce the eSet portion of an object to ExpressionSet.

show(ExpressionSet) See eSet

dim(ExpressionSet), ncol See eSet

ExpressionSet[(index)] See eSet

ExpressionSet$, ExpressionSet$<- See eSet

ExpressionSet[[i]], ExpressionSet[[i]]<- See eSet
exprs

Retrieve expression data from eSets.

Description

These generic functions access the expression and error measurements of assay data stored in an object derived from the eSet-class.

Usage

exprs(object)
exprs(object) <- value
se.exprs(object)
se.exprs(object) <- value
**featureData**  

**Arguments**  

object Object derived from class eSet.  

value Matrix with rows representing features and columns samples.  

**Value**  

exprs returns a (usually large!) matrix of expression values; se.exprs returns the corresponding matrix of standard errors, when available.  

**Author(s)**  

Biocore  

**See Also**  

eSet-class, ExpressionSet-class, SnpSet-class

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**featureData**  

Retrieve information on features recorded in eSet-derived classes.

**Description**  

These generic functions access feature data (experiment specific information about features) and feature meta-data (e.g., descriptions of feature covariates).

**Usage**  

```
featureData(object)
featureData(object) <- value
fData(object)
fData(object) <- value
fvarLabels(object)
fvarLabels(object) <- value
fvarMetadata(object)
fvarMetadata(object) <- value
```

**Arguments**  

object Object, possibly derived from eSet-class or AnnotatedDataFrame-class.  

value Value to be assigned to corresponding object.  

**Value**  

featureData returns an object containing information on both variable values and variable meta-data. fvarLabels returns a character vector of measured variable names. fData returns a data frame with features as rows, variables as columns. fvarMetadata returns a data frame with variable names as rows, description tags (e.g., unit of measurement) as columns.

**Author(s)**  

Biocore
See Also

eSet, ExpressionSet

featureNames

Retrieve feature and sample names from eSets.

Description

These generic functions access the feature names (typically, gene or SNP identifiers) and sample names stored in an object derived from the eSet-class.

Usage

featureNames(object)
featureNames(object) <- value
sampleNames(object)
sampleNames(object) <- value

Arguments

object Object, possibly derived from class eSet.
value Character vector containing feature or sample names.

Value

featureNames returns a (usually long!) character vector uniquely identifying each feature. sampleNames returns a (usually shorter) character vector identifying samples.

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

ExpressionSet-class, SnpSet-class

getPkgVigs

List Vignette Files for a Package

Description

This function will return a listing of all vignettes stored in a package’s doc directory.

Usage

getPkgVigs(package = NULL)

Arguments

package A character vector of packages to search or NULL. The latter is for all attached packages (in search()).
isCurrent

Value
A data.frame with columns package, filename, title.

Author(s)
Jeff Gentry, modifications by Wolfgang Huber.

See Also
openVignette

Examples
z <- getPkgVigs()
z # and look at them

isNew

isCurrent

Use version information to test whether class is current

Description
This generic function uses Versioned-class information to ask whether an instance of a class (e.g., read from disk) has current version information.

By default, isCurrent has the following behaviors:
isCurrent(Versioned-instance) Returns a vector of logicals, indicating whether each version matches the current version from the class prototype.
isCurrent(ANY) Return NA, indicating that the version cannot be determined
isCurrent(Versioned-instance, "class") Returns a logical vector indicating whether version identifiers shared between Versioned-instance and "class" are current.

Starting with R-2.6 / Bioconductor 2.1 / Biobase 1.15.1, isCurrent(Versioned-instance, ...) returns an element S4 indicating whether the class has the ‘S4’ bit set; a value of FALSE indicates that the object needs to be recreated.

Usage
isCurrent(object, value)

Arguments
object Object whose version is to be determined, as described above.
value (Optional) character string identifying a class with which to compare versions.

Value
isCurrent returns a logical vector.

Author(s)
Biocore team
isUnique

Determine Unique Elements

Description

Determines which elements of a vector occur exactly once.

Usage

isUnique(x)

Arguments

x  
a vector

Value

A logical vector of the same length as x, in which TRUE indicates uniqueness.

Author(s)

Wolfgang Huber

See Also

unique, duplicated.
isVersioned

Examples

```r
x <- c(9:20, 1:5, 3:7, 0:8)
isUnique(x)
```

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isVersioned

*Determine whether object or class contains versioning information*

Description

This generic function checks to see whether `Versioned-class` information is present. When the argument to `isVersioned` is a character string, the prototype of the class corresponding to the string is consulted.

By default, `isVersioned` has the following behaviors:

- `isVersioned(Versioned-instance)` Returns `TRUE` when the instance have version information.
- `isCurrent("class-name")` Returns `TRUE` when the named class extends `Versioned-class`.
- `isVersioned(ANY)` Returns `FALSE`.

Usage

```r
isVersioned(object)
```

Arguments

- `object` Object or class name to check for version information, as described above.

Value

`isVersioned` returns a logical indicating whether version information is present.

Author(s)

Biocore team

See Also

- `Versions-class`

Examples

```r
obj <- new("VersionedBiobase")
isVersioned(obj)
isVersioned(1:10) # FALSE

A <- setClass("A", contains="VersionedBiobase",
            prototype=prototype(new("VersionedBiobase", versions=c(A="1.0.0"))))
a <- A()
isVersioned(a)
removeClass("A")
```
lcSuffix  
Compute the longest common prefix or suffix of a string

Description
These functions find the longest common prefix or suffix among the strings in a character vector.

Usage
lcPrefix(x, ignore.case=FALSE)
lcPrefixC(x, ignore.case=FALSE)
lcSuffix(x, ignore.case=FALSE)

Arguments
x  a character vector.
ignore.case  A logical value indicating whether or not to ignore the case in making comparisons.

Details
Computing the longest common suffix is helpful for truncating names of objects, like microarrays, that often have a common suffix, such as .CEL.
There are some potential problems with the approach used if multibyte character encodings are being used.
lcPrefixC is a faster implementation in C. It only handles ascii characters.

Value
The common prefix or suffix.

Author(s)
R. Gentleman

See Also
nchar, nchar

Examples
s1 <- c("ABC.CEL", "DEF.CEL")
lcSuffix(s1)

s2 <- c("ABC.123", "ABC.456")
lcPrefix(s2)

CHK <- stopifnot
CHK(".CEL" == lcSuffix(s1))
CHK("bc" == lcSuffix(c("abc", "333abc", "bc")))
listLen

Lengths of list elements

Description
This function returns an integer vector with the length of the elements of its argument, which is expected to be a list.

Usage
listLen(x)

Arguments
x A list

Details
This function returns a vector of the same length as the list x containing the lengths of each element. The current implementation is intended for lists containing vectors and the C-level length function is used to determine length. This means no dispatch is done for the elements of the list. If your list contains S4 objects, you should use sapply(x, length) instead.

Author(s)
Jeff Gentry and R. Gentleman

See Also
sapply

Examples
foo = lapply(1:8, rnorm)
listLen(foo)
Description

This generic creates a valid R package from an R data object.

Usage

```r
makeDataPackage(object, author, email,
    packageName=deparse(substitute(object)),
    packageVersion=package_version("1.0.0"),
    license="Artistic-2.0",
    biocViews="ExperimentData",
    filePath=tempdir(),
    ...)```

Arguments

- **object**: An instance of an R data object.
- **author**: The author, as a character string.
- **email**: A valid email address for the maintainer, as a character string.
- **packageName**: The name of the package, defaults to the name of the object instance.
- **packageVersion**: The version number, as a character string.
- **license**: The license, as a character string.
- **biocViews**: A character vector of valid biocViews views.
- **filePath**: The location to create the package.
- **...**: Additional arguments to specific methods.

Details

The function makes use of various tools in R and Bioconductor to automatically generate the source files for a valid R package.

Value

The return value is that from a call to link{createPackage} which is invoked once the default arguments are set up. The data instance is stored in the data directory with a name the same as that of the resulting package.

Note

Developers implementing derived methods might force correct package name evaluation by including `packageName` in any callNextMethod().

Author(s)

R. Gentleman
Description

Find the nearest neighbors of a set of query points in the same or another set of points in an n-dimensional real vector space, using the Euclidean distance.

Usage

matchpt(x, y)

Arguments

x  A matrix (or vector) of coordinates. Each row represents a point in an ncol(x)-dimensional real vector space.

y  Optional, matrix (or vector) with the same number of columns as x.

Details

If y is provided, the function searches for each point in x its nearest neighbor in y. If y is missing, it searches for each point in x its nearest neighbor in x, excluding that point itself. In the case of ties, only the neighbor with the smaller index is given.

The implementation is simple and of complexity nrow(x) times nrow(y). For larger problems, please consider one of the many more efficient nearest neighbor search algorithms.

Value

A data.frame with two columns and nrow(x) rows. The first column is the index of the nearest neighbor, the second column the distance to the nearest neighbor. If y was given, the index is a row number in y, otherwise, in x. The row names of the result are those of x.

Author(s)

Oleg Sklyar <osklyar@ebi.ac.uk>
Examples

```r
a <- matrix(c(2, 2, 3, 5, 1, 8, -1, 4, 5, 6), ncol=2L, nrow=5L)
rownames(a) = LETTERS[seq_len(nrow(a))]
machpt(a)

b <- c(1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
d <- c(5.3, 3.2, 8.9, 1.3, 5.6, -6, 4.45, 3.32)
machpt(b, d)
machpt(d, b)
```

MIAME

Class for Storing Microarray Experiment Information

Description

Class MIAME covers MIAME entries that are not covered by other classes in Bioconductor. Namely, experimental design, samples, hybridizations, normalization controls, and pre-processing information. The MIAME class is derived from MIAxE.

Slots

- **name**: Object of class character containing the experimenter name
- **lab**: Object of class character containing the laboratory where the experiment was conducted
- **contact**: Object of class character containing contact information for lab and/or experimenter
- **title**: Object of class character containing a single-sentence experiment title
- **abstract**: Object of class character containing an abstract describing the experiment
- **url**: Object of class character containing a URL for the experiment
- **samples**: Object of class list containing information about the samples
- **hybridizations**: Object of class list containing information about the hybridizations
- **normControls**: Object of class list containing information about the controls such as house keeping genes
- **preprocessing**: Object of class list containing information about the pre-processing steps used on the raw data from this experiment
- **pubMedIds**: Object of class character listing strings of PubMed identifiers of papers relevant to the dataset
- **other**: Object of class list containing other information for which none of the above slots does not applies

Methods

Constructor methods:

```r
MIAME(): MIAME(name = "", lab = "", contact = "", title = "", abstract = "", url = ""),
```

Creates a new MIAME object with slots as defined above.

Class-specific methods:

- **abstract(MIAME)**: An accessor function for abstract.
- **combine(MIAME, MIAME)**: Combine two objects of MIAME-class, issuing warnings when ambiguities encountered.
expinfo(MIAME): An accessor function for name, lab, contact, title, and url.

hybridizations(MIAME): An accessor function for hybridizations.

normControls(MIAME): An accessor function for normControls.

notes(MIAME), notes(MIAME) <- value: Accessor functions for other. notes(MIAME) <- character
    appends character to notes; use notes(MIAME) <- list to replace the notes entirely.

otherInfo(MIAME): An accessor function for other.

preproc(MIAME): An accessor function for preprocessing.

pubMedIds(MIAME), pubMedIds(MIAME) <- value: Accessor function for pubMedIds.

samples(MIAME): An accessor function for samples.

Standard generic methods:

updateObject(object, ..., verbose=FALSE) Update instance to current version, if necessary. See updateObject

isCurrent(object) Determine whether version of object is current. See isCurrent

isVersioned(object) Determine whether object contains a 'version' string describing its structure. See isVersioned

show(MIAME): Renders information about the MIAME information

Author(s)

Rafael A. Irizarry

References

http://www.mged.org/Workgroups/MIAME/miame_1.1.html

See Also

class:characterORMIAME, read.MIAME
Methods

Standard generic methods:

show(object)  Informatively display object contents.

Author(s)

Biocore team

See Also

Related classes MIAME-class, ExpressionSet-class. Derived classes MIAME-class.

Examples

# Create a new class
MyData <- setClass("MyData", contains="MIAxE")
MyData()

# MIAxE objects cannot be instantiated directly
try(new("MIAxE"))

multiassign Assign Values to a Names

Description

Assign values to names in an environment.

Usage

multiassign(x, value, envir = parent.frame(), inherits=FALSE)

Arguments

x  A vector or list of names, represented by strings.
value  a vector or list of values to be assigned.
envir  the environment to use. See the details section.
inherits  should the enclosing frames of the environment be inspected?

Details

The pos argument can specify the environment in which to assign the object in any of several ways:
as an integer (the position in the search list); as the character string name of an element in the search list; or as an environment (including using sys.frame to access the currently active function calls). The envir argument is an alternative way to specify an environment, but is primarily there for back compatibility.

If value is missing and x has names then the values in each element of x are assigned to the names of x.
Value

This function is invoked for its side effect, which is assigning the values to the variables in \( x \). If no \( \text{envir} \) is specified, then the assignment takes place in the currently active environment.

If \( \text{inherits} \) is \( \text{TRUE} \), enclosing environments of the supplied environment are searched until the variable \( x \) is encountered. The value is then assigned in the environment in which the variable is encountered. If the symbol is not encountered then assignment takes place in the user’s workspace (the global environment).

If \( \text{inherits} \) is \( \text{FALSE} \), assignment takes place in the initial frame of \( \text{envir} \).

Examples

```r
#-- Create objects 'r1', 'r2', ... 'r6' --
nam <- paste("r",1:6, sep=".")
multiassign(nam, 11:16)
ls(pat="r..$")

#assign the values in y to variables with the names from y
y<-list(a=4,d=mean,c="aaa")
multiassign(y)
```

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### MultiSet

*Class to Contain and Describe High-Throughput Expression Level Assays.*

Description

Container for high-throughput assays and experimental metadata. MultiSet is derived from \texttt{eSet-class}. MultiSet differs from \texttt{ExpressionSet-class} because MultiSet can contain any element(s) in \texttt{assayData} (ExpressionSet must have an element named \texttt{exprs}).

Extends

Directly extends class \texttt{eSet}.

Creating Objects

```r
new(\"MultiSet\", phenoData = [AnnotatedDataFrame], experimentData = [MIAME], annotation = [character], protocolData = [AnnotatedDataFrame])
```

updateOldESet(oldESet,"MultiSet")

MultiSet instances are usually created through \texttt{new("MultiSet", ...)}. The \ldots{} arguments to \texttt{new} are matrices of expression data (with features corresponding to rows and samples to columns), \texttt{phenoData}, \texttt{experimentData}, \texttt{annotation}, and \texttt{protocolData}. \texttt{phenoData}, \texttt{experimentData}, \texttt{annotation}, and \texttt{protocolData} can be missing, in which case they are assigned default values. \texttt{updateOldESet} will take a serialized instance (e.g., saved to a disk file with \texttt{save} object created with earlier definitions of the \texttt{eSet-class}, and update the object to \texttt{MultiSet}. Warnings are issued when direct translation is not possible; incorrectly created \texttt{oldESet} instances may not be updated.
Slots

Inherited from eSet:

assayData: Contains zero or more matrices with equal dimensions, and with column number equal to nrow(phenodata). Each matrix in assayData has rows representing features (e.g., reporters) and columns representing samples. Class: AssayData-class

phenodata: See eSet-class

experimentData: See eSet-class

annotation: See eSet-class

protocolData: See eSet-class

Methods

Class-specific methods: none

Derived from eSet-class:

updateObject(object, ..., verbose=FALSE) Update instance to current version, if necessary. See updateObject and eSet

isCurrent(object) Determine whether version of object is current. See isCurrent

isVersioned(object) Determine whether object contains a 'version' string describing its structure. See isVersioned

sampleNames(MultiSet) and sampleNames(MultiSet)<-: See eSet-class

featureNames(MultiSet), featureNames(MultiSet, value)<-: See eSet-class

dims(MultiSet): See eSet-class

phenodata(MultiSet), phenodata(MultiSet,value)<-: See eSet-class

varLabels(MultiSet), varLabels(MultiSet, value)<-: See eSet-class

varMetadata(MultiSet), varMetadata(MultiSet, value)<-: See eSet-class

pData(MultiSet), pData(MultiSet, value)<-: See eSet-class

varMetadata(MultiSet), varMetadata(MultiSet, value) See eSet-class

experimentData(MultiSet), experimentData(MultiSet, value)<-: See eSet-class

pubMedIds(MultiSet), pubMedIds(MultiSet, value) See eSet-class

abstract(MultiSet): See eSet-class

annotation(MultiSet), annotation(MultiSet, value)<- See eSet-class

protocolData(MultiSet), protocolData(MultiSet, value)<- See eSet-class

combine(MultiSet,MultiSet): See eSet-class

storageMode(eSet), storageMode(eSet, character)<-: See eSet-class

Standard generic methods:

initialize(MultiSet): Object instantiation, used by new; not to be called directly by the user.

validObject(MultiSet): Validity-checking method, ensuring that all elements of assayData are matrices with equal dimensions.

as(eSet,MultiSet): Coerce the eSet portion of an object to MultiSet.

show(MultiSet) See eSet-class

dim(MultiSet), ncol See eSet-class

MultiSet[(index)]: See eSet-class

MultiSet$, MultiSet$<- See eSet-class
**NChannelSet-class**

**Author(s)**
Biocore team

**See Also**
eSet-class, ExpressionSet-class

**Examples**

```r
# create an instance of ExpressionSet
new("MultiSet")
```

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**NChannelSet-class**

*Class to contain data from multiple channel array technologies*

**Description**

Container for high-throughput assays and experimental meta-data. Data are from experiments where a single ‘chip’ contains several (more than 1) different ‘channels’. All channels on a chip have the same set of ‘features’. An experiment consists of a collection of several N-channel chips; each chip is a ‘sample’.

An NChannelSet provides a way to coordinate assay data (expression values) with phenotype information and references to chip annotation data; it extends the eSet class.

An NChannelSet allows channels to be extracted (using the channels method, mentioned below), and subsets of features or samples to be selected (using `[<features>, <samples>]`). Selection and subsetting occur so that relevant phenotypic data is maintained by the selection or subset.

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form NChannelSet( assayData, phenoData, ...). See the examples below.

**Slots**

- **assayData**: Object of class AssayData, usually an environment containing matrices of identical size. Each matrix represents a single channel. Columns in each matrix correspond to samples, rows to features. Once created, NChannelSet manages coordination of samples and channels.

- **phenoData**: Object of class AnnotatedDataFrame.

  The data component of the AnnotatedDataFrame is data.frame with number of rows equal to the number of samples. Columns of the data component correspond to measured covariates.

  The varMetadata component consists of mandatory columns labelDescription (providing a textual description of each column label in the data component) and channel. The channel of varMetadata is a factor, with levels equal to the names of the assayData channels, plus the special symbol _ALL_. The channel column is used to indicate which channel(s) the corresponding column in the data component of AnnotatedDataFrame correspond; the _ALL_ symbol indicates that the data column is applicable to all channels. varMetadata may contain additional columns with arbitrary information.

  Once created, NChannelSet coordinates selection and subsetting of channels in phenoData.
featureData: Object of class `AnnotatedDataFrame`, used to contain feature data that is unique to this experiment; feature-level descriptions common to a particular chip are usually referenced through the annotation slot.

experimentData: Object of class `MIAME` containing descriptions of the experiment.

annotation: Object of class "character". Usually a length-1 character string identifying the chip technology used during the experiment. The annotation string is used to retrieve information about features, e.g., using the annotation package.

protocolData: Object of class "character". A character vector identifying the dates the samples were scanned during the experiment.

`.classVersion..`: Object of class `Versions`, containing automatically created information about the class definition Biobase package version, and other information about the user system at the time the instance was created. See `classVersion` and `updateObject` for examples of use.

**Extends**

Class "eSet", directly. Class "VersionedBiobase", by class "eSet", distance 2. Class "Versioned", by class "eSet", distance 3.

**Methods**

Methods with class-specific functionality:

channel(object, name, ...) signature(object="NChannelSet", name="character"). Return an ExpressionSet created from the channel and corresponding phenotype of argument name. name must have length 1. Arguments ... are rarely used, but are passed to the ExpressionSet constructor, for instance to influence storage.mode.

channelNames(object), channelNames(object) <- value signature(object = "NChannelSet"). Obtain, reorder, or rename channels contained in object. See channelNames.

selectChannels(object, names, ...) signature(object = "NChannelSet", names = "character"). Create a new NChannelSet from object, containing only channels in names. The ... is not used by this method.

object[features, samples] signature(object = "NChannelSet", features = "ANY", samples = "ANY"). Create a new NChannelSet from object, containing only elements matching features and samples; either index may be missing, or a character, numeric, or logical vector.

sampleNames(object) <- value signature(object = "NChannelSet", value = "list") assign each (named) element of value to the sampleNames of the correspondingly named elements of assayData in object.

Methods with functionality derived from eSet: annotation, annotation<-, assayData, assayData<-, classVersion, classVersion<-, dim, dims, experimentData, experimentData<-, featureData, featureData<-, phenoData, phenoData<-, protocolData, protocolData<-, pubMedIds, pubMedIds<-, sampleNames, sampleNames<-, storageMode, storageMode<-, varMetadata, varMetadata<-, isCurrent, isVersioned, updateObject.

Additional methods: coerce ("as", to convert between objects, if possible), initialize (used internally for creating objects), show (invoked automatically when the object is displayed to the screen)

**Author(s)**

Martin Morgan <mtmorgan@fhcrc.org>
See Also

eSet, ExpressionSet.

Examples

```r
## An empty NChannelSet
obj <- NChannelSet()

## An NChannelSet with two channels (R, G) and no phenotypic data
obj <- NChannelSet(R=matrix(0, 10, 5), G=matrix(0, 10, 5))

## An NChannelSet with two channels and channel-specific phenoData
R <- matrix(0, 10, 3, dimnames=list(NULL, LETTERS[1:3]))
G <- matrix(1, 10, 3, dimnames=list(NULL, LETTERS[1:3]))
assayData <- assayDataNew(R=R, G=G)
data <- data.frame(ChannelRData=numeric(ncol(R)),
                   ChannelGData=numeric(ncol(R)),
                   ChannelRAndG=numeric(ncol(R)))
varMetadata <- data.frame(labelDescription=c(
    "R-specific phenoData",
    "G-specific phenoData",
    "Both channel phenoData"),
    channel=factor(c("R", "G", "_ALL_")))
phenoData <- AnnotatedDataFrame(data=data, varMetadata=varMetadata)
obj <- NChannelSet(assayData=assayData, phenoData=phenoData)

## G channel as NChannelSet
selectChannels(obj, "G")

## G channel as ExpressionSet
channel(obj, "G")

## Samples "A" and "C"
obj[,c("A", "C")]
```

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**Note**  
**Informational Messages**

**Description**

Generates an informational message that corresponds to its argument(s). Similar to warning() except prefaced by "Note:" instead of "Warning message:"

**Usage**

`note(...)`

**Arguments**

`...` character vectors (which are pasted together) or NULL
Details

This function essentially cat()'s the created string to the screen. It is intended for messages to the user that are deemed to be ‘informational’, as opposed to warnings, etc.

Author(s)

Jeff Gentry

See Also

warning, stop

Examples

note("This is an example of a note")

notes

Retrieve and set eSet notes.

Description

These generic functions access notes (unstructured descriptive data) associated with eSet-class.

notes(<ExpressionSet>) <- <character> is unusual, in that the character vector is appended to the list of notes; use notes(<ExpressionSet>) <- <list> to entirely replace the list.

Usage

notes(object)
notes(object) <- value

Arguments

object Object, possibly derived from class eSet-class.
value Character vector containing unstructured information describing the experiment.

Value

notes returns a list.

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

ExpressionSet-class, SnpSet-class
openPDF  

Open PDF Files in a Standard Viewer

Description

Displays the specified PDF file.

Usage

openPDF(file, bg=TRUE)

Arguments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Argument</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>file</td>
<td>A character string, indicating the file to view</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bg</td>
<td>Should the pdf viewer be opened in the background.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Details

Currently this function works on Windows and Unix platforms. Under Windows, whatever program is associated with the file extension will be used. Under Unix, the function will use the program named in the option "pdfviewer" (see help(options) for information on how this is set.) The bg argument is only interpreted on Unix.

Value

This function is executed for its side effects. The specified PDF file is opened in the PDF viewer and TRUE is returned.

Author(s)

Jeff Gentry

Examples

## Not run: openPDF("annotate.pdf")

openVignette  

Open a Vignette or Show Vignette Selection Menu

Description

Using the data returned by vignette this function provides a simple easy to use interface for opening vignettes.

Usage

openVignette(package=NULL)
package.version

Description

Will report the version number of a requested installed package

Usage

package.version(pkg, lib.loc = NULL)

Arguments

pkg The name of the package
lib.loc a character vector describing the location of R library trees to search through, or ‘NULL’. The default value of ‘NULL’ corresponds to all libraries currently known.

Details

This function is a convenience wrapper around package.description, and will report simply the version number of the requested package. If the package does not exist or if the DESCRIPTION file can not be read, then an error will be thrown.
Value

A character string reporting the version number.

Author(s)

Jeff Gentry

See Also

package.description

Examples

package.version("Biobase")

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**phenoData**

*Retrieve information on experimental phenotypes recorded in eSet and ExpressionSet-derived classes.*

Description

These generic functions access the phenotypic data (e.g., covariates) and meta-data (e.g., descriptions of covariates) associated with an experiment.

Usage

- `phenoData(object)`
- `phenoData(object) <- value`
- `varLabels(object)`
- `varLabels(object) <- value`
- `varMetadata(object)`
- `varMetadata(object) <- value`
- `pData(object)`
- `pData(object) <- value`

Arguments

- `object` Object, possibly derived from `eSet-class` or `AnnotatedDataFrame`.
- `value` Value to be assigned to corresponding object.

Value

phenoData returns an object containing information on both variable values and variable metadata. varLabels returns a character vector of measured variables. pData returns a data frame with samples as rows, variables as columns. varMetadata returns a data frame with variable names as rows, description tags (e.g., unit of measurement) as columns.

Author(s)

Biocore
protocolData  

Protocol Metadata

Description
This generic function handles methods for adding and retrieving protocol metadata for the samples in eSets.

Usage

protocolData(object)
protocolData(object) <- value

Arguments

object Object derived from class eSet
value Object of class AnnotatedDataFrame

Value

protocolData(object) returns an AnnotatedDataFrame containing the protocol metadata for the samples.

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

phenoData, AnnotatedDataFrame-class, eSet-class, ExpressionSet-class, SnpSet-class

read.AnnotatedDataFrame

Read and write 'AnnotatedDataFrame'

Description
Create an instance of class AnnotatedDataFrame by reading a file, or save an AnnotatedDataFrame to a file.
Usage

read.AnnotatedDataFrame(filename, path,
   sep = "\t", header = TRUE, quote = "", stringsAsFactors = FALSE,
   row.names = 1L,
   varMetadata.char="#",
   widget = getOption("BioC")$Base$use.widgets,
   sampleNames = character(0), ...)
write.AnnotatedDataFrame(x, file="", varMetadata.char="#", ...,
   append=FALSE, fileEncoding="")

Arguments

filename, file  file or connection from which to read / write.
x     An instance of class AnnotatedDataFrame.
path (optional) directory in which to find filename.
row.names this argument gets passed on to read.table and will be used for the row names
          of the phenoData slot.
varMetadata.char lines beginning with this character are used for the varMetadata slot. See ex-
          examples.
sep, header, quote, stringsAsFactors, ...
          further arguments that get passed on to read.table or write.table.
widget logical. Currently this is not implemented, and setting this option to TRUE will
          result in an error. In a precursor of this function, read.phenoData, this option
          could be used to open an interactive GUI widget for entering the data.
sampleNames optional argument that could be used in conjunction with widget; do not use.
append, fileEncoding
          Arguments as described in write.table.

Details

The function read.table is used to read pData. The argument varMetadata.char is passed on
to that function as its argument comment.char. Lines beginning with varMetadata.char are ex-
pected to contain further information on the column headers of pData. The format is of the form:
# variable: textual explanation of the variable, units, measurement method, etc.
(assuming that # is the value of varMetadata.char). See also examples.
write.AnnotatedDataFrame outputs varLabels and varMetadata(x)$labelDescription as com-
mented header lines, and pData(x) as a with write.table.

Value

read.AnnotatedDataFrame: An instance of class AnnotatedDataFrame
write.AnnotatedDataFrame: NULL, invisibly.

Author(s)

Martin Morgan <mtmorgan@fhcrc.org> and Wolfgang Huber, based on read.phenoData by Rafael
A. Irizarry.
See Also

AnnotatedDataFrame for additional methods, read.table for details of reading in phenotypic data

Examples

```r
exampleFile = system.file("extdata", "pData.txt", package="Biobase")

adf <- read.AnnotatedDataFrame(exampleFile)

head(pData(adf))
head(noquote(readLines(exampleFile)), 11)

write.AnnotatedDataFrame(adf)  # write to console by default
```

read.MIAME

Read MIAME Information into an Instance of Class `MIAME`

Description

Reads MIAME information from a file or using a widget.

Usage

```r
read.MIAME(filename = NULL, widget = getOption("BioC")$Base$use.widgets, ...)
```

Arguments

- `filename`: Filename from which to read MIAME information.
- `widget`: Logical. If TRUE and a filename is not given, a widget is used to enter information.
- `...`: Further arguments to scan.

Details

Notice that the MIAME class tries to cover the MIAME entries that are not covered by other classes in Bioconductor. Namely, experimental design, samples, hybridizations, normalization controls, and pre-processing information.

The function `scan` is used to read. The file must be a flat file with the different entries for the instance of MIAME class separated by carriage returns. The order should be: name, lab, contact, title, abstract, and url.

Alternatively a widget can be used.

Value

An object of class MIAME.

Author(s)

Rafael Irizarry <rafa@jhu.edu>
**readExpressionSet**

**See Also**

MIAME, tkMIAME

**Examples**

```r
miame <- read.MIAME(widget=FALSE) ##creates an empty instance
show(miame)
```

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### Description

Create an instance of class ExpressionSet by reading data from files. ‘widget’ functionality is not implemented for readExpressionSet.

**Usage**

```r
readExpressionSet(exprsFile, phenoDataFile, experimentDataFile, notesFile, path, annotation, 
## arguments to read.* methods
exprsArgs=list(sep=sep, header=header, row.names=row.names, 
    quote=quote, ...),
phenoDataArgs=list(sep=sep, header=header, row.names=row.names, 
    quote=quote, stringsAsFactors=stringsAsFactors, ...),
experimentDataArgs=list(sep=sep, header=header, 
    row.names=row.names, quote=quote, 
    stringsAsFactors=stringsAsFactors, ...),
sep = "\t", header = TRUE, quote = "\", stringsAsFactors = FALSE, 
row.names = 1L,
## widget
widget = getOption("BioC")$Base$use.widgets, ...
```

**Arguments**

- **exprsFile** (character) File or connection from which to read expression values. The file should contain a matrix with rows as features and columns as samples. `read.table` is called with this as its file argument and further arguments given by exprsArgs.

- **phenoDataFile** (character) File or connection from which to read phenotypic data. `read.AnnotatedDataFrame` is called with this as its file argument and further arguments given by phenoDataArgs.

- **experimentDataFile** (character) File or connection from which to read experiment data. `read.MIAME` is called with this as its file argument and further arguments given by experimentDataArgs.

- **notesFile** (character) File or connection from which to read notes; `readLines` is used to input the file.
readExpressionSet

path (optional) directory in which to find all the above files.

annotation (character) A single character string indicating the annotation associated with this ExpressionSet.

exprsArgs A list of arguments to be used with read.table when reading in the expression matrix.

phenoDataArgs A list of arguments to be used (with read.AnnotatedDataFrame) when reading the phenotypic data.

experimentDataArgs A list of arguments to be used (with read.MIAME) when reading the experiment data.

sep, header, quote, stringsAsFactors, row.names arguments used by the read.table-like functions.

widget A boolean value indicating whether widgets can be used. Widgets are NOT yet implemented for read.AnnotatedDataFrame.

... Further arguments that can be passed on to the read.table-like functions.

Details

Expression values are read using the read.table function. Phenotypic data are read using the read.AnnotatedDataFrame function. Experiment data are read using the read.MIAME function. Notes are read using the readLines function. The return value must be a valid ExpressionSet. Only the exprsFile argument is required.

Value

An instance of the ExpressionSet class.

Author(s)

Martin Morgan <mtmorgan@fhcrc.org>

See Also

ExpressionSet for additional methods.

Examples

eexprsFile = system.file("extdata", "exprsData.txt", package="Biobase")
ephenoFile = system.file("extdata", "pData.txt", package="Biobase")

## Read ExpressionSet with appropriate parameters
obj = readExpressionSet(exprsFile, phenoFile, sep = "\t", header=TRUE)
obj
Description

The `reporter` object is a 500 by 1 data frame. The rows represent the 500 probe IDs in the `geneData` data. The values in `reporter` are the predefined probe types for the probes. `reporter` is used in conjunction with the `geneData` object and its associates.

Usage

data(reporter)

Format

A 500 by 1 data frame

Details

There are 10 predefined probe types:

- `AFFX-` Quality Control (QC)
- `_f_` SequenceFamily
- `_g_` CommonGroups
- `_s_` SimilarityConstraint
- `_r_` RulesDropped
- `_i_` Incomplete
- `_b_` AmbiguousProbeSet
- `_l_` LongProbeSet
- `_at` AntiSenseTarget
- `_st` SenseTarget

Source


Examples

data(reporter)
## maybe str(reporter) ; plot(reporter) ...
reverseSplit  

A function to reverse the role of names and values in a list.

Description

Given a list with names \( x \) and values in a set \( y \) this function returns a list with names in \( y \) and values in \( x \).

Usage

reverseSplit(inList)

Arguments

inList  

A named list with values that are vectors.

Details

First the list is unrolled to provide a two long vectors, names are repeated, once for each of their values. Then the names are split by the values.

This turns out to be useful for inverting mappings between one set of identifiers and another.

Value

A list with length equal to the number of distinct values in the input list and values from the names of the input list.

Author(s)

R. Gentleman

See Also

split

Examples

\[
\begin{align*}
  l1 & = \text{list}(a=1:4, b=c(2,3), d=c(4,5)) \\
  \text{reverseSplit}(l1)
\end{align*}
\]
rowMedians

Calculates the median for each row in a matrix

Description
Calculates the median for each row in a matrix.

Usage
rowMedians(x, na.rm=FALSE, ...)

Arguments
- **x**: A numeric NxK matrix.
- **na.rm**: If TRUE, NAs are excluded first, otherwise not.
- **...**: Not use.

Details
The implementation of rowMedians() is optimized for both speed and memory. To avoid coercing to doubles (and hence memory allocation), there is a special implementation for integer matrices. That is, if x is an integer matrix, then rowMedians(as.double(x)) would require three times the memory of rowMedians(x), but all this is avoided.

Value
Returns a numeric vector of length N.

Missing values
Missing values are excluded before calculating the medians.

Author(s)
Henrik Bengtsson

See Also
See rowMeans() in colSums().

Examples
```r
set.seed(1)
x <- rnorm(n=234*543)
x[sample(1:length(x), size=0.1*length(x))] <- NA
dim(x) <- c(234,543)
y1 <- rowMedians(x, na.rm=TRUE)
y2 <- apply(x, MARGIN=1, FUN=median, na.rm=TRUE)
stopifnot(all.equal(y1, y2))
x <- cbind(x1=3, x2=c(4:1, 2:5))
stopifnot(all.equal(rowMeans(x), rowMedians(x)))
```
A function to compute empirical row quantiles.

Description

This function computes the requested quantile for each row of a matrix, or of an ExpressionSet.

Usage

rowQ(imat, which)
rowMax(imat)
rowMin(imat)

Arguments

imat Either a matrix or an ExpressionSet.
which An integer indicating which order statistic should be returned.

Details

rowMax and rowMin simply call rowQ with the appropriate argument set.

The argument which takes values between 1, for the minimum per row, and ncol(imat), for the maximum per row.

Value

A vector of length equal to the number of rows of the input matrix containing the requested quantiles.

Author(s)

R. Gentleman

See Also

rowMedians. rowMeans() in colSums().

Examples

data(sample.ExpressionSet)
rowMin(sample.ExpressionSet)
rowQ(sample.ExpressionSet, 4)
ScalarObject-class

Utility classes for length one (scalar) objects

Description

These classes represent scalar quantities, such as a string or a number and are useful because they provide their own validity checking. The classes ScalarCharacter, ScalarLogical, ScalarInteger, and ScalarNumeric all extend their respective base vector types and can be used interchangeably (except they should always have length one).

The mkScalar factory function provides a convenient way of creating Scalar<type> objects (see the examples section below).

Usage

mkScalar(obj)

Arguments

obj An object of type character, logical, integer, or double

Author(s)

Seth Falcon

Examples

v <- list(mkScalar("a single string"),
          mkScalar(1),
          mkScalar(1L),
          mkScalar(TRUE))
sapply(v, class)
sapply(v, length)

selectChannels

Create a new NChannelSet instance by selecting specific channels

Description

This generic function extracts specific elements from an object, returning a instance of that object.

Usage

selectChannels(object, names, ...)

Arguments

object An S4 object, typically derived from class eSet
names Character vector of named channels.
... Additional arguments.
selectSome

Description
Extract elements of a vector for concise rendering; insert ellipses to indicate elided elements. This function is primarily meant for developer rather than end-user use.

Usage
selectSome(obj, maxToShow=5)

Arguments

obj A vector.
maxToShow The number of elements (including "...") to render.

Details
This function can be used in 'show' methods to give users exemplars of the tokens used in a vector. For example, an ExpressionSet built from a yeast experiment might have features enumerated using systematic gene names (e.g., YPR181C) or standard gene names (e.g., SEC23). The show method for ExpressionSet uses selectSome to alert the user to the tokens used, and thereby to indicate what vocabulary must be understood to work with the feature names.

Value
A string vector with at most maxToShow plus 1 elements, where an ellipsis ("...") is included to indicate incompleteness of the excerpt.

Author(s)
Martin Morgan <mtmorgan@fhcrc.org>

Examples
selectSome(1:20)
**snpCall**

**Get and retrieve SNP call and call probability data.**

**Description**

These generic functions access the calls and call probabilities stored in objects.

**Usage**

```r
snpCall(object, ...)  
snpCall(object, ...) <- value  
snpCallProbability(object, ...)  
snpCallProbability(object, ...) <- value
```

**Arguments**

- `object`: Object, possibly derived from class `SnpSet`.
- `value`: Matrix with rows representing SNP calls or call probabilities and columns samples.
- `...`: Additional arguments available to methods.

**Value**

- `snpCall` returns a matrix of SNP calls; `snpCallProbability` returns the corresponding matrix of standard errors, when available.

**Author(s)**

Biocore

**See Also**

- `SnpSet-class`

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**SnpSet**

**Class to Contain Objects Describing High-Throughput SNP Assays.**

**Description**

Container for high-throughput assays and experimental metadata. `SnpSet` class is derived from `eSet`, and requires matrices `call`, `callProbability` as assay data members.

**Extends**

Directly extends class `eSet`. 
Creating Objects

new('SnpSet', phenoData = [AnnotatedDataFrame], experimentData = [MIAME], annotation = [character], protocolData = [AnnotatedDataFrame], call = [matrix], callProbability = [matrix], ...)

SnpSet instances are usually created through new("SnpSet", ...). Usually the arguments to new include call (a matrix of genotypic calls, with features (SNPs) corresponding to rows and samples to columns), phenoData, experimentData, annotation, and protocolData. phenoData, experimentData, annotation and protocolData can be missing, in which case they are assigned default values.

Slots

Inherited from eSet:

assayData: Contains matrices with equal dimensions, and with column number equal to nrow(phenoData). assayData must contain a matrix call with rows representing features (e.g., SNPs) and columns representing samples, and a matrix callProbability describing the certainty of the call. The content of call and callProbability are not enforced by the class. Additional matrices of identical size may also be included in assayData. Class: AssayData-class

phenoData: See eSet

experimentData: See eSet

annotation: See eSet

protocolData: See eSet

Methods

Class-specific methods:

snpCall(SnpSet), snpCall(SnpSet,matrix)<- Access and set elements named call in the AssayData slot.

exprs(SnpSet), exprs(SnpSet,matrix)<- Synonym for snpCall.

snpCallProbability(SnpSet), snpCallProbability<-(SnpSet,matrix)<- Access and set elements named callProbability in the AssayData slot.

Derived from eSet:

updateObject(object, ..., verbose=FALSE) Update instance to current version, if necessary. See updateObject and eSet

isCurrent(object) Determine whether version of object is current. See isCurrent

isVersioned(object) Determine whether object contains a ‘version’ string describing its structure. See isVersioned

sampleNames(SnpSet) and sampleNames(SnpSet)<-: See eSet

featureNames(SnpSet), FeatureNames(SnpSet, value)<-: See eSet

dims(SnpSet): See eSet

phenoData(SnpSet), phenoData(SnpSet,value)<-: See eSet

varLabels(SnpSet), varLabels(SnpSet, value)<-: See eSet

varMetadata(SnpSet), varMetadata(SnpSet,value)<-: See eSet

pData(SnpSet), pData(SnpSet,value)<-: See eSet

varMetadata(SnpSet), varMetadata(SnpSet,value) See eSet
storageMode

experimentData(SnpSet), experimentData(SnpSet, value) <- See eSet
pubMedIds(SnpSet), pubMedIds(SnpSet, value) See eSet
abstract(SnpSet): See eSet
annotation(SnpSet), annotation(SnpSet, value) <- See eSet
protocolData(SnpSet), protocolData(SnpSet, value) <- See eSet
combine(SnpSet, SnpSet): See eSet
storageMode(eSet), storageMode(eSet, character) <- See eSet

Standard generic methods:
initialize(SnpSet): Object instantiation, used by new; not to be called directly by the user.
validObject(SnpSet): Validity-checking method, ensuring that call and callProbability is a member of assayData. checkValidity(SnpSet) imposes this validity check, and the validity checks of eSet.
show(SnpSet) See eSet
dim(SnpSet), ncol See eSet
SnpSet[(index): See eSet
SnpSet$, SnpSet$ <- See eSet

Author(s)
Martin Morgan, V.J. Carey, after initial design by R. Gentleman

See Also
eSet, ExpressionSet

storageMode

Retrieve or set storage mode for eSets.

Description
These generic functions report or change the storage mode used for assayData.

Usage
storageMode(object)
storageMode(object) <- value

Arguments
object Object, derived from class eSet
value Character vector containing "lockedEnvironment", "environment", or "list". See AssayData-class for details.

Value
storageMode returns a length-1 character vector
Break Character Strings to Fit Width

Description

Inserts line breaks (collapse) into input character strings. The main intention of this function is to prepare long strings for printing, so the output is not wider than width.

Usage

```r
strbreak(x, width=getOption("width"), exdent=2, collapse="\n")
```

Arguments

- **x**: a character vector
- **width**: a positive integer giving the width of the output.
- **exdent**: a positive integer specifying the indentation of subsequent lines after the first line.
- **collapse**: a character. This is inserted to break lines.

Author(s)

Wolfgang Huber [http://www.ebi.ac.uk/huber](http://www.ebi.ac.uk/huber)

See Also

- `strwrap`, `substring`

Examples

```r
longString = paste(rep(LETTERS, 10), collapse="", sep="")
cat(strbreak(longString))
```
subListExtract

Extract the same element from the sublists of a list

Description
Given a list of lists, this function can be used to extract a named element from each sublist.

Usage
subListExtract(L, name, simplify = FALSE, keep.names = TRUE)

Arguments
- **L**: A list of named lists
- **name**: The name of the element in the sublists that should be extracted. This should be a length one character vector.
- **simplify**: When TRUE, the return value will be an atomic vector. If any extracted sublist value has length not equal to one and simplify=TRUE, an error will be raised. When FALSE, a list is returned containing the extracted elements.
- **keep.names**: If TRUE (default), the names of L will be attached to the returned vector.

Details
This function is implemented in C and is intended to be faster than calling lapply or sapply.

Value
If simplify=FALSE, a list will be returned having the same length as L, but with each element containing the element named name from the corresponding inner list of L.

When simplify=TRUE, an atomic vector will be returned containing the extracted elements. If any of the inner list elements do not have length one or cannot be put inside an atomic vector, an error will be raised.

Author(s)
Seth Falcon

Examples
```r
list_size = 500000
innerL = list(foo="foo", bar="bar")
L = rep(list(innerL), list_size)

system.time({j0 = sapply(L, function(x) x$foo)})
system.time({j1 = subListExtract(L, "foo", simplify=TRUE)})
stopifnot(all.equal(j0, j1))

LS = L[1:3]
names(LS) = LETTERS[1:3]
subListExtract(LS, "bar", simplify=TRUE)
subListExtract(LS, "bar", simplify=FALSE)
subListExtract(LS, "bar", simplify=TRUE, keep.names=FALSE)
```
**testBioCConnection**  
*A function to check internet connectivity to Bioconductor*

**Description**

This function will attempt to determine if the user has internet connectivity to the Bioconductor website. This is useful in many situations dealing with code that uses automated downloads and other such things.

**Usage**

```r
testBioCConnection()
```

**Value**

TRUE if a connection is possible, FALSE if not.

**Author(s)**

Jeff Gentry

**Examples**

```r
z <- testBioCConnection()
```

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**updateObjectTo**  
*Update an object to the class definition of a template*

**Description**

The `updateObjectTo` generic function returns an instance of `object` updated to the class definition of `template`. It requires that the class of the returned object be the same as the class of the `template` argument, and that the object is valid. Usually, updating proceeds by modifying slots in `template` with information from `object`, and returning `template`. Use `as` to coerce an object from one type to another; `updateObjectTo` might be useful to update a virtual superclass. By default, `updateObjectTo` has the following behavior:

```r
updateObjectTo(ANY-object,ANY-template) Attempt as(ANY-object,class(ANY-template)).
```

**Usage**

```r
updateObjectTo(object, template, ..., verbose=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- `object`  
  Object to be updated.

- `template`  
  Instance representing a template for updating object.

- `...`  
  Additional arguments, for use in specific update methods.

- `verbose`  
  A logical, indicating whether information about the update should be reported. Use `message` to report this.
updateOldESet

Value
updateObjectTo returns a valid instance of template.

Author(s)
Biocore team

See Also
updateObject, Versions-class

updateOldESet

Update previously created eSet object to current eSet structure

Description
This function updates eSet objects created in previous versions of Biobase to the current class structure. Warnings indicate when coercions change how data in the from object are altered. If the from object was not a valid object of the original eSet class, then updateOldESet may fail.

Usage
updateOldESet(from, toClass, ...)

Arguments
from Object created using a previous version of the eSet class.
toClass Character string identifying new class, e.g., "ExpressionSet"
... Additional arguments passed to the initialization method for class toClass

Value
Valid object of class toClass.

Author(s)
Biocore

See Also
eSet-class, ExpressionSet-class, SnpSet-class

Examples
## Not run:
updateOldESet(oldESet, "ExpressionSet")

## End(Not run)
userQuery

A function to query the user for input

**Description**

This function will output a given message and seek a response from the user, repeating the message until the input is from a valid set provided by the code.

**Usage**

```r
userQuery(msg, allowed = c("y", "n"), default = "n", case_sensitive = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- `msg`: The output message
- `allowed`: Allowed input from the user
- `default`: Default response if called in batch mode
- `case_sensitive`: Is the response case sensitive? Defaults to FALSE

**Value**

The input from the user

**Author(s)**

Jeff Gentry

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validMsg

Conditionally append result to validity message

**Description**

This function facilitates constructing messages during S4 class validation, and is meant for developer rather than end-user use.

**Usage**

```r
validMsg(msg, result)
```

**Arguments**

- `msg`: A character vector or NULL.
- `result`: Any vector.

**Details**

This function appends `result` to `msg`, but only if `result` is a character vector.
Versioned

Author(s)

Martin Morgan <mtmorgan@fhcrc.org>

Examples

```r
msg <- NULL
validMsg(msg, FALSE) # still NULL
msg <- validMsg(msg, "one")
validMsg(msg, "two")
```

Description

Use this class as a ‘superclass’ for classes requiring information about versions.

Methods

The following are defined; package developers may write additional methods.

```r
new("Versioned", ..., versions=list()) Create a new Versioned-class instance, perhaps with additional named version elements (the contents of versions) added. Named elements of versions are character strings that can be coerced using package_version, or package_version instances.
classVersion(object) Obtain version information about instance object. See classVersion.
classVersion(object) <- value Set version information on instance object to value; useful when object is an instance of a class that contains VersionClass. See classVersion.
classVersion(object)["id"] <- value Create or update version information "id" on instance object to value; useful when object is an instance of a class that contains VersionClass. See classVersion.
show(object) Default method returns invisible, to avoid printing confusing information when your own class does not have a show method defined. Use classVersion(object) to get or set version information.
```

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

Versions-class

Examples

```r
obj <- new("Versioned", versions=list(A="1.0.0"))
obj
classVersion(obj)
A <- setClass("A", contains="Versioned")
```
classVersion("A")
a <- A()
a # 'show' nothing by default
classVersion(a)

B <- setClass("B", contains="Versioned",
           prototype=prototype(new("Versioned", versions=list(B="1.0.0")))))
classVersion("B")
b <- B()
classVersion(b)

classVersion(b)["B"] <- "1.0.1"
classVersion(b)
classVersion("B")

classVersion("B") < classVersion(b)
classVersion(b) == "1.0.1"

C <- setClass("C",
             representation(x="numeric"),
             contains=("VersionedBiobase"),
             prototype=prototype(new("VersionedBiobase", versions=c(C="1.0.1"))))

setMethod("show", signature(object="C"),
          function(object) print(object@x))
c <- C(x=1:10)
c
classVersion(c)

VersionedBiobase  Class "VersionedBiobase"

Description

Use this class as a ' superclass' for classes requiring information about versions. By default, the
class contains versions for R and Biobase. See Versioned-class for additional details.

Methods

set Versioned-class for methods.

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

Versioned-class
Examples

```r
obj <- new("VersionedBiobase")
classVersion(obj)

obj <- new("VersionedBiobase", versions=list(A="1.0.0"))
classVersion(obj)

A <- setClass("A", contains="VersionedBiobase")
classVersion("A")
a <- A()
classVersion(a)

obj <- new("VersionedBiobase", versions=c(MyVersion="1.0.0"))
classVersion(obj)

B <- setClass("B", contains="VersionedBiobase",
            prototype=prototype(new("VersionedBiobase", versions=list(B="1.0.0"))))
classVersion("B")
b <- B()
classVersion(b)
removeClass("A")
removeClass("B")
```

### Versions

**Class "Versions"**

A class to record version number information. This class is used to report versions; to add version information to your own class, use `Versioned-class`.

#### Methods

The following are defined; package developers may write additional methods.

- `new("Versions", ...)`: Create a new `Versions-class` instance, perhaps with named version elements (the contents of ...) added. Named elements of versions are character strings that can be coerced using `package_version`, or `package_version` instances, `Versions-class` objects.
- `object["id"]`: Obtain version information "id" from object.
- `object["id"] <- value`: Create or update version information "id" on instance object.
- `object[["id"]]]`: Obtain version information "id" from object. The result is a list of integers, corresponding to entries in the version string.
- `object[["id"]]] <- value`: Create or update version information "id" on instance object.
- `object$id`: Obtain version information "id" from object. The result is a list of integers, corresponding to entries in the version string.
versionsNull

object$id <- value  Create or update version information "id" on instance object.
show(object)  Display version information.
updateObject(object)  Update object to the current Versions-class representation. Note that this does not update another class that uses Versions-class to track the class version.
as(object, "character")  Convert object to character representation, e.g., 1.0.0
object1 < object2  Compare object1 and object2 using version class information. Symbols in addition to < are admissible; see Ops

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See Also
classVersion isCurrent isVersioned

Examples

```
obj <- new("Versions", A="1.0.0")
obj
obj['A'] <- "1.0.1"
obj
obj['B'] <- "2.0"
obj

obj1 <- obj
obj1['B'] <- "2.0.1"

obj1 == obj
obj1['B'] > "2.0.0"
obj1['B'] == "2.0" # TRUE!
```

Description

A class used to represent the ‘version’ of unversioned objects. Useful primarily for method dispatch.

Methods

The following are defined; package developers may write additional methods.

```
new("VersionsNull", ...)  Create a new VersionsNull-class instance, ignoring any additional arguments.
show(object)  Display “No version”.
```

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VersionsNull

See Also

classVersion

Examples

```r
obj <- new("VersionsNull")
obj

obj <- new("VersionsNull", A="1.0.0") # warning
obj
```
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