

# Package ‘affxparser’

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**Description** Package for parsing Affymetrix files (CDF, CEL, CHP, BMAP, BAR). It provides methods for fast and memory efficient parsing of Affymetrix files using the Affymetrix' Fusion SDK. Both ASCII- and binary-based files are supported. Currently, there are methods for reading chip definition file (CDF) and a cell intensity file (CEL). These files can be read either in full or in part. For example, probe signals from a few probesets can be extracted very quickly from a set of CEL files into a convenient list structure.

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## Description

The **affxparser** package provides methods for fast and memory efficient parsing of Affymetrix files [1] using the Affymetrix' Fusion SDK [2,3]. Both traditional ASCII- and binary (XDA)-based files are supported, as well as Affymetrix future binary format "Calvin". The efficiency of the parsing is dependent on whether a specific file is binary or ASCII.

Currently, there are methods for reading chip definition file (CDF) and a cell intensity file (CEL). These files can be read either in full or in part. For example, probe signals from a few probesets can be extracted very quickly from a set of CEL files into a convenient list structure.

## To get started

To get started, see:

1. `readCelUnits()` - reads one or several Affymetrix CEL file probeset by probeset.
2. `readCel()` - reads an Affymetrix CEL file. by probe.
3. `readCdf()` - reads an Affymetrix CDF file. by probe.
4. `readCdfUnits()` - reads an Affymetrix CDF file unit by unit.
5. `readCdfCellIndices()` - Like `readCdfUnits()`, but returns cell indices only, which is often enough to read CEL files unit by unit.
6. `applyCdfGroups()` - Re-arranges a CDF structure.
7. `findCdf()` - Locates an Affymetrix CDF file by chip type. This page also describes how to setup default search path for CDF files.

## Setting up the CDF search path

Some of the functions in this package search for CDF files automatically by scanning certain directories. To add directories to the default search path, see instructions in `findCdf()`.

## Future Work

Other Affymetrix files can be parsed using the Fusion SDK. Given sufficient interest we will implement this, e.g. DAT files (image files).

## Running examples

In order to run the examples, data files must exist in the current directory. Otherwise, the example scripts will do nothing. Most of the examples requires a CDF file or a CEL file, or both. Make sure the CDF file is of the same chip type as the CEL file.

Affymetrix provides data sets of different types at <http://www.affymetrix.com/support/datasets.affx> that can be used. There are both small and very large data sets available.

## Technical details

This package implements an interface to the Fusion SDK from Affymetrix.com. This SDK (software development kit) is an open source library used for parsing the various file formats used by the Affymetrix platform.

The intention is to provide interfaces to most if not all file formats which may be parsed using Fusion.

The SDK supports parsing of all the different versions of a specific file format. This means that ASCII, binary as well as the new binary format (codename Calvin) used by Affymetrix is supported through a single API. We also expect any future changes to the file formats to be reflected in the SDK, and subsequently in this package.

However, as the current Fusion SDK does not support compressed files, neither does **affxparser**. This is in contrast to some of the existing code in **affy** and relatives (see below for links).

In general we aim to provide functions returning all information in the respective files. Currently it seems that future Affymetrix chip designs may consist of so many features that returning all information will lead to an unnecessary overhead in the case a user only wants access to a subset. We have tried to make this possible.

For older file, certain entries in the files have been removed from newer specifications, and the SDK does not provide utilities for reading these entries. This includes for instance the FEAT column of CDF files.

Currently the package as well as the Fusion SDK is in beta stage. Bugs may be related to either codebase. We are very interested in users being unable to compile/parse files using this library - this includes users with custom chip designs.

In addition, since we aim to return all information stored in the file (and accessible using the Fusion SDK) we would like reports from users being unable to do that.

The efficiency of the underlying code may vary with the version of the file being parsed. For example, we currently report the number of outliers present in a CEL file when reading the header of the file using `readCelHeader`. In order to obtain this information from text based CEL files (version 2), the entire file needs to be read into memory. With version 3 of the file format, this information is stored in the header.

With the introduction of the Fusion SDK (and the next version of their file formats) Affymetrix has made it possible to use multibyte character sets. This implies that character information may be inaccessible if the compiler used to compile the C++ code does not support multibyte character sets (specifically we require that the R installation has defined the macro `SUPPORT_MCBS` in the `Rconfig.h` header file). For example GCC needs to be version 3.4 or greater on Solaris.

In the `info` subdirectory of the package installation, information regarding changes to the Fusion SDK is stored, e.g.

```
pathname <- system.file("info", "changes2fusion.txt", package="affxparser")
file.show(pathname)
```

## Acknowledgments

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## License

The releases of this package is licensed under LGPL version 2.1 or newer. This applies also to the Fusion SDK.

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**References**

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- [3] Henrik Bengtsson, unofficial archive of Affymetrix Fusion Software Developers Kit (SDK), <https://github.com/HenrikBengtsson/Affx-Fusion-SDK>

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1. Dictionary

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**Description**

This part describes non-obvious terms used in this package.

**affxparser** The name of this package.

**API** Application program interface, which describes the functional interface of underlying methods.

**block** (aka group).

**BPMAP** A file format containing information related to the design of the tiling arrays.

**Calvin** A special binary file format.

**CDF** A file format: chip definition file.

**CEL** A file format: cell intensity file.

**cell** (aka feature) A probe.

**cell index** An integer that identifies a probe uniquely.

**chip** An array.

**chip type** An identifier specifying a chip design uniquely, e.g. "Mapping50K\_Xba240".

**DAT** A file format: contains pixel intensity values collected from an Affymetrix GeneArray scanner.

**feature** A probe.

**Fusion SDK** Open-source software development kit (SDK) provided by Affymetrix to access their data files.

**group** (aka block) Defines a unique subset of the cells in a unit. Expression arrays typically only have one group per unit, whereas SNP arrays have either two or four groups per unit, one for each of the two allele times possibly repeated for both strands.

**MM** Mismatch-match, e.g. MM probe.

**PGF** A file format: probe group file.

**TPMAP** A file format storing the relationship between (PM,MM) pairs (or PM probes) and positions on a set of sequences.

**QC** Quality control, e.g. QC probes and QC probe sets.

**unit** A probeset.

**XDA** A file format, aka as the binary file format.

## 2. Cell coordinates and cell indices

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#### Description

This part describes how Affymetrix *cells*, also known as *probes* or *features*, are addressed.

#### Cell coordinates

In Affymetrix data files, cells are uniquely identified by their *cell coordinates*, i.e.  $(x, y)$ . For an array with  $N * K$  cells in  $N$  rows and  $K$  columns, the  $x$  coordinate is an integer in  $[0, K - 1]$ , and the  $y$  coordinate is an integer in  $[0, N - 1]$ . The cell in the upper-left corner has coordinate  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$  and the one in the lower-right corner  $(x, y) = (K - 1, N - 1)$ .

#### Cell indices and cell-index offsets

To simplify addressing of cells, a coordinate-to-index function is used so that each cell can be addressed using a single integer instead (of two). Affymetrix defines the *cell index*,  $i$ , of cell  $(x, y)$  as

$$i = K * y + x + 1,$$

where one is added to give indices in  $[1, N * K]$ . Continuing, the above definition means that cells are ordered row by row, that is from left to right and from top to bottom, starting at the upper-left corner. For example, with a chip layout  $(N, K) = (1600, 1600)$  the cell at  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$  has index  $i=1$ , and the cell at  $(x, y) = (1599, 1599)$  has index  $i = 2560000$ . A cell at  $(x, y) = (1498, 3)$  has index  $i = 6299$ .

Given the cell index  $i$ , the coordinate  $(x, y)$  can be calculated as

$$y = \text{floor}((i - 1)/K)$$

$$x = (i - 1) - K * y.$$

Continuing the above example, the coordinate for cell  $i = 1$  is found to be  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ , for cell  $i = 2560000$  it is  $(x, y) = (1599, 1599)$ , for cell  $i = 6299$  it is  $(x, y) = (1498, 3)$ .

#### Converting between cell indices and (x,y) coordinates in R

Although not needed to use the methods in this package, to get the cell indices for the cell coordinates or vice versa, see `xy2indices()` and `indices2xy()` in the **affy** package.

**Note on the zero-based "index" field of Affymetrix CDF files**

An Affymetrix CDF file provides information on which cells should be grouped together. To identify these groups of cells, the cells are specified by their (x,y) coordinates, which are stored as zero-based coordinates in the CDF file.

All methods of the **affxparser** package make use of these (x,y) coordinates, and some methods make it possible to read them as well. However, it is much more common that the methods return cell indices *calculated* from the (x,y) coordinates as explained above.

In order to conveniently work with cell indices in R, the convention in *affxparser* is to use *one-based* indices. Hence the addition (and subtraction) of 1:s in the above equations. This is all taken care of by **affxparser**.

Note that, in addition to (x,y) coordinates, a CDF file also contains a one-based "index" for each cell. This "index" is redundant to the (x,y) coordinate and can be calculated analogously to the above *cell index* while leaving out the addition (subtraction) of 1:s. Importantly, since this "index" is redundant (and exists only in CDF files), we have decided to treat this field as an internal field. Methods of **affxparser** do neither provide access to nor make use of this internal field.

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applyCdfGroupFields    *Applies a function to a list of fields of each group in a CDF structure*

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**Description**

Applies a function to a list of fields of each group in a CDF structure.

**Usage**

```
applyCdfGroupFields(cdf, fcn, ...)
```

**Arguments**

cdf	A CDF <a href="#">list</a> structure.
fcn	A <a href="#">function</a> that takes a <a href="#">list</a> structure of fields and returns an updated <a href="#">list</a> of fields.
...	Arguments passed to the fcn function.

**Value**

Returns an updated CDF [list](#) structure.

**Author(s)**

Henrik Bengtsson

**See Also**

[applyCdfGroups\(\)](#).

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<code>applyCdfGroups</code>	<i>Applies a function over the groups in a CDF structure</i>
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**Description**

Applies a function over the groups in a CDF structure.

**Usage**

```
applyCdfGroups(cdf, fcn, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>cdf</code>	A CDF <a href="#">list</a> structure.
<code>fcn</code>	A <a href="#">function</a> that takes a <a href="#">list</a> structure of group elements and returns an updated <a href="#">list</a> of groups.
<code>...</code>	Arguments passed to the <code>fcn</code> function.

**Value**

Returns an updated CDF [list](#) structure.

**Pre-defined restructuring functions**

- Generic:
  - [cdfGetFields\(\)](#) - Gets a subset of groups fields in a CDF structure.
  - [cdfGetGroups\(\)](#) - Gets a subset of groups in a CDF structure.
  - [cdfOrderBy\(\)](#) - Orders the fields according to the value of another field in the same CDF group.
  - [cdfOrderColumnsBy\(\)](#) - Orders the columns of fields according to the values in a certain row of another field in the same CDF group.
- Designed for SNP arrays:
  - [cdfAddBaseMmCounts\(\)](#) - Adds the number of allele A and allele B mismatching nucleotides of the probes in a CDF structure.
  - [cdfAddProbeOffsets\(\)](#) - Adds probe offsets to the groups in a CDF structure.
  - [cdfGtypeCelToPQ\(\)](#) - Function to imitate Affymetrix' `gtype_cel_to_pq` software.
  - [cdfMergeAlleles\(\)](#) - Function to join CDF allele A and allele B groups strand by strand.
  - [cdfMergeStrands\(\)](#) - Function to join CDF groups with the same names.

We appreciate contributions.



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**Examples**

```
#####
if (require("AffymetrixDataTestFiles")) {          # START #
#####

cdfFile <- findCdf("Mapping10K_Xba131")

# Identify the unit index from the unit name
unitName <- "SNP_A-1509436"
unit <- which(readCdfUnitNames(cdfFile) == unitName)

# Read the CDF file
cdf0 <- readCdfUnits(cdfFile, units=unit, stratifyBy="pmmm", readType=FALSE, readDirection=FALSE)
cat("Default CDF structure:\n")
print(cdf0)

# -----
# Tabulate the information in each group
# -----
cdf <- readCdfUnits(cdfFile, units=unit)
cdf <- applyCdfGroups(cdf, lapply, as.data.frame)
print(cdf)

# -----
# Infer the (true or the relative) offset for probe quartets.
# -----
cdf <- applyCdfGroups(cdf0, cdfAddProbeOffsets)
cat("Probe offsets:\n")
print(cdf)

# -----
# Identify the number of nucleotides that mismatch the
# allele A and the allele B sequences, respectively.
# -----
cdf <- applyCdfGroups(cdf, cdfAddBaseMmCounts)
cat("Allele A & B target sequence mismatch counts:\n")
print(cdf)

# -----
# Combine the signals from the sense and the anti-sense
# strands in a SNP CEL files.
# -----
# First, join the strands in the CDF structure.
cdf <- applyCdfGroups(cdf, cdfMergeStrands)
cat("Joined CDF structure:\n")
print(cdf)
```

```

# -----
# Rearrange values of group fields into quartets. This
# requires that the values are already arranged as PMs and MMs.
# -----
cdf <- applyCdfGroups(cdf0, cdfMergeAlleles)
cat("Probe quartets:\n")
print(cdf)

# -----
# Get the x and y cell locations (note, zero-based)
# -----
x <- unlist(applyCdfGroups(cdf, cdfGetFields, "x"), use.names=FALSE)
y <- unlist(applyCdfGroups(cdf, cdfGetFields, "y"), use.names=FALSE)

# Validate
ncol <- readCdfHeader(cdfFile)$cols
cells <- as.integer(y*ncol+x+1)
cells <- sort(cells)

cells0 <- readCdfCellIndices(cdfFile, units=unit)
cells0 <- unlist(cells0, use.names=FALSE)
cells0 <- sort(cells0)

stopifnot(identical(cells0, cells))

#####
} # STOP #
#####

```

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compareCdfs

*Compares the contents of two CDF files*

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## Description

Compares the contents of two CDF files.

## Usage

```
compareCdfs(pathname, other, quick=FALSE, verbose=0, ...)
```

## Arguments

pathname	The pathname of the first CDF file.
other	The pathname of the seconds CDF file.
quick	If <b>TRUE</b> , only a subset of the units are compared, otherwise all units are compared.

verbose	An <a href="#">integer</a> . The larger the more details are printed.
...	Not used.

**Details**

The comparison is done with an upper-limit memory usage, regardless of the size of the CDFs.

**Value**

Returns [TRUE](#) if the two CDF are equal, otherwise [FALSE](#). If [FALSE](#), the attribute reason contains a string explaining what difference was detected, and the attributes value1 and value2 contain the two objects/values that differs.

**Author(s)**

Henrik Bengtsson

**See Also**

[convertCdf\(\)](#).

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compareCels	<i>Compares the contents of two CEL files</i>
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**Description**

Compares the contents of two CEL files.

**Usage**

```
compareCels(pathname, other, readMap=NULL, otherReadMap=NULL, verbose=0, ...)
```

**Arguments**

pathname	The pathname of the first CEL file.
other	The pathname of the seconds CEL file.
readMap	An optional read map for the first CEL file.
otherReadMap	An optional read map for the second CEL file.
verbose	An <a href="#">integer</a> . The larger the more details are printed.
...	Not used.

**Value**

Returns [TRUE](#) if the two CELs are equal, otherwise [FALSE](#). If [FALSE](#), the attribute reason contains a string explaining what difference was detected, and the attributes value1 and value2 contain the two objects/values that differs.

**Author(s)**

Henrik Bengtsson

**See Also**[convertCel\(\)](#).

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`convertCdf`*Converts a CDF into the same CDF but with another format*

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**Description**

Converts a CDF into the same CDF but with another format. Currently only CDF files in version 4 (binary/XDA) can be written. However, any input format is recognized.

**Usage**

```
convertCdf(filename, outFilename, version="4", force=FALSE, ..., .validate=TRUE,
           verbose=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>filename</code>	The pathname of the original CDF file.
<code>outFilename</code>	The pathname of the destination CDF file. If the same as the source file, an exception is thrown.
<code>version</code>	The version of the output file format.
<code>force</code>	If <code>FALSE</code> , and the version of the original CDF is the same as the output version, the new CDF will not be generated, otherwise it will.
<code>...</code>	Not used.
<code>.validate</code>	If <code>TRUE</code> , a consistency test between the generated and the original CDF is performed. Note that the memory overhead for this can be quite large, because two complete CDF structures are kept in memory at the same time.
<code>verbose</code>	If <code>TRUE</code> , extra details are written while processing.

**Value**

Returns (invisibly) `TRUE` if a new CDF was generated, otherwise `FALSE`.

**Benchmarking of ASCII and binary CDFs**

Binary CDFs are much faster to read than ASCII CDFs. Here are some example for reading complete CDFs (the difference is even larger when reading CDFs in subsets):

- HG-U133A (22283 units): ASCII 11.7s (9.3x), binary 1.20s (1x).
- Hu6800 (7129 units): ASCII 3.5s (6.1x), binary 0.57s (1x).

### Confirmed conversions to binary (XDA) CDFs

The following chip types have been converted using `convertCdf()` and then verified for correctness using `compareCdfs()`: ASCII-to-binary: HG-U133A, Hu6800. Binary-to-binary: Test3.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

See `compareCdfs()` to compare two CDF files. `writeCdf()`.

### Examples

```
#####
if (require("AffymetrixDataTestFiles")) {          # START #
#####

chipType <- "Test3"
cdfFiles <- findCdf(chipType, firstOnly=FALSE)
cdfFiles <- list(
  ASCII=grep("ASCII", cdfFiles, value=TRUE),
  XDA=grep("XDA", cdfFiles, value=TRUE)
)

outFile <- file.path(tempdir(), sprintf("%s.cdf", chipType))
convertCdf(cdfFiles$ASCII, outFile, verbose=TRUE)

#####
}                                                    # STOP #
#####
```

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convertCel

*Converts a CEL into the same CEL but with another format*

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### Description

Converts a CEL into the same CEL but with another format. Currently only CEL files in version 4 (binary/XDA) can be written. However, any input format is recognized.

### Usage

```
convertCel(filename, outFilename, readMap=NULL, writeMap=NULL, version="4",
  newChipType=NULL, ..., .validate=FALSE, verbose=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

filename	The pathname of the original CEL file.
outFilename	The pathname of the destination CEL file. If the same as the source file, an exception is thrown.
readMap	An optional read map for the input CEL file.
writeMap	An optional write map for the output CEL file.
version	The version of the output file format.
newChipType	(Only for advanced users who fully understands the Affymetrix CEL file format!) An optional string for overriding the chip type (label) in the CEL file header.
...	Not used.
.validate	If <code>TRUE</code> , a consistency test between the generated and the original CEL is performed.
verbose	If <code>TRUE</code> , extra details are written while processing.

**Value**

Returns (invisibly) `TRUE` if a new CEL was generated, otherwise `FALSE`.

**Benchmarking of ASCII and binary CELs**

Binary CELs are much faster to read than ASCII CELs. Here are some example for reading complete CELs (the difference is even larger when reading CELs in subsets):

- To do

**WARNING: Changing the chip type label**

The `newChipType` argument changes the label in the part of DAT header that specifies the chip type of the CEL file. Note that it does not change anything else in the CEL file. This type of relabeling is valid for updating the chip type *label* of CEL files that were generated during, say, an "Early Access" period leading to a different chip type label than what more recent CEL files of the same physical chip type have.

**Author(s)**

Henrik Bengtsson

**See Also**

[createCel\(\)](#).

## Examples

```
#####
if (require("AffymetrixDataTestFiles")) {          # START #
#####

# Search for some available Calvin CEL files
path <- system.file("rawData", package="AffymetrixDataTestFiles")
files <- findFiles(pattern=".[cel|CEL]$", path=path, recursive=TRUE, firstOnly=FALSE)
files <- grep("FusionSDK_Test3", files, value=TRUE)
files <- grep("Calvin", files, value=TRUE)
file <- files[1]

outFile <- file.path(tempdir(), gsub("[.]CEL$", "", XBA.CEL", basename(file)))
if (file.exists(outFile))
  file.remove(outFile)
convertCel(file, outFile, .validate=TRUE)

#####
}          # STOP #
#####
```

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createCel	<i>Creates an empty CEL file</i>
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## Description

Creates an empty CEL file.

## Usage

```
createCel(filename, header, nsubgrids=0, overwrite=FALSE, ..., cdf=NULL, verbose=FALSE)
```

## Arguments

filename	The filename of the CEL file to be created.
header	A <a href="#">list</a> structure describing the CEL header, similar to the structure returned by <a href="#">readCelHeader()</a> . This header can be of any CEL header version.
overwrite	If <a href="#">FALSE</a> and the file already exists, an exception is thrown, otherwise the file is created.
nsubgrids	The number of subgrids.
...	Not used.
cdf	(optional) The pathname of a CDF file for the CEL file to be created. If given, the CEL header (argument header) is validated against the CDF header, otherwise not. If <a href="#">TRUE</a> , a CDF file is located automatically based using <a href="#">findCdf(header\$chiptype)</a> .
verbose	An <a href="#">integer</a> specifying how much verbose details are outputted.

**Details**

Currently only binary (v4) CEL files are supported. The current version of the method does not make use of the Fusion SDK, but its own code to create the CEL file.

**Value**

Returns (invisibly) the pathname of the file created.

**Redundant fields in the CEL header**

There are a few redundant fields in the CEL header. To make sure the CEL header is consistent, redundant fields are cleared and regenerated. For instance, the field for the total number of cells is calculated from the number of cell rows and columns.

**Author(s)**

Henrik Bengtsson

**Examples**

```
#####
if (require("AffymetrixDataTestFiles")) {          # START #
#####

# Search for first available ASCII CEL file
path <- system.file("rawData", package="AffymetrixDataTestFiles")
files <- findFiles(pattern="[(.])(cel|CEL)$", path=path, recursive=TRUE, firstOnly=FALSE)
files <- grep("ASCII", files, value=TRUE)
file <- files[1]

# -----
# Read the CEL header
# -----
hdr <- readCelHeader(file)

# Assert that we found an ASCII CEL file, but any will do
stopifnot(hdr$version == 3)

# -----
# Create a CEL v4 file of the same chip type
# -----
outFile <- file.path(tempdir(), "zzz.CEL")
if (file.exists(outFile))
  file.remove(outFile)
createCel(outFile, hdr, overwrite=TRUE)
str(readCelHeader(outFile))

# Verify correctness by update and re-read a few cells
intensities <- as.double(1:100)
```



```

indices <- seq(along=intensities)
updateCel(outFile, indices=indices, intensities=intensities)
value <- readCel(outFile, indices=indices)$intensities
stopifnot(identical(intensities, value))

#####
}                                     # STOP #
#####

```

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findCdf                                      *Search for CDF files in multiple directories*

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## Description

Search for CDF files in multiple directories.

## Usage

```
findCdf(chipType=NULL, paths=NULL, recursive=TRUE, pattern="[.](c|C)(d|D)(f|F)$", ...)
```

## Arguments

chipType	A <a href="#">character</a> string of the chip type to search for.
paths	A <a href="#">character vector</a> of paths to be searched. The current directory is always searched at the beginning. If <code>NULL</code> , default paths are searched. For more details, see below.
recursive	If <code>TRUE</code> , directories are searched recursively.
pattern	A regular expression file name pattern to match.
...	Additional arguments passed to <code>findFiles()</code> .

## Details

Note, the current directory is always searched first, but never recursively (unless it is added to the search path explicitly). This provides an easy way to override other files in the search path.

If paths is `NULL`, then a set of default paths are searched. The default search path constitutes:

1. `getOption("AFFX_CDF_PATH")`
2. `Sys.getenv("AFFX_CDF_PATH")`

One of the easiest ways to set system variables for R is to set them in an `.Renviron` file, e.g.

```

# affxparser: Set default CDF path
AFFX_CDF_PATH=${AFFX_CDF_PATH};M:/Affymetrix_2004-100k_trios/cdf
AFFX_CDF_PATH=${AFFX_CDF_PATH};M:/Affymetrix_2005-500k_data/cdf

```

See [Startup](#) for more details.

**Value**

Returns a [vector](#) of the full pathnames of the files found.

**Author(s)**

Henrik Bengtsson

**See Also**

This method is used internally by [readCelUnits\(\)](#) if the CDF file is not specified.

**Examples**

```
#####
if (require("AffymetrixDataTestFiles")) {           # START #
#####

# Find a specific CDF file
cdfFile <- findCdf("Mapping10K_Xba131")
print(cdfFile)

# Find the first CDF file (no matter what it is)
cdfFile <- findCdf()
print(cdfFile)

# Find all CDF files in search path and display their headers
cdfFiles <- findCdf(firstOnly=FALSE)
for (cdfFile in cdfFiles) {
  cat("=====\n")
  hdr <- readCdfHeader(cdfFile)
  str(hdr)
}

#####
}                                                     # STOP #
#####
```

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readBpmap

*Parses a Bpmap file*

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**Description**

Parses (parts of) a Bpmap (binary probe mapping) file from Affymetrix.

**Usage**

```
readBpmap(filename, seqIndices = NULL, readProbeSeq = TRUE, readSeqInfo
= TRUE, readPMXY = TRUE, readMMXY = TRUE, readStartPos = TRUE,
readCenterPos = FALSE, readStrand = TRUE, readMatchScore = FALSE,
readProbeLength = FALSE, verbose = 0)
```

```
readBpmapHeader(filename)
```

```
readBpmapSeqinfo(filename, seqIndices = NULL, verbose = 0)
```

**Arguments**

filename	The filename as a character.
seqIndices	A vector of integers, detailing the indices of the sequences being read. If NULL, the entire file is being read.
readProbeSeq	Do we read the probe sequences.
readSeqInfo	Do we read the sequence information (a list containing information such as sequence name, number of hits etc.)
readPMXY	Do we read the (x,y) coordinates of the PM-probes.
readMMXY	Do we read the (x,y) coordinates of the MM-probes (only relevant if the file has MM information)
readStartPos	Do we read the start position of the probes.
readCenterPos	Do we return the start position of the probes.
readStrand	Do we return the strand of the hits.
readMatchScore	Do we return the matchscore.
readProbeLength	Do we return the probelength.
verbose	How verbose do we want to be.

**Details**

readBpmap reads a BMAP file, which is a binary file containing information about a given probe's location in a sequence. Here sequence means some kind of reference sequence, typically a chromosome or a scaffold. readBpmapHeader reads the header of the BMAP file, and readBpmapSeqinfo reads the sequence info of the sequences (so this function is merely a convenience function).

**Value**

For readBpmap: A list of lists, one list for every sequence read. The components of the sequence lists, depends on the argument of the function call. For readBpmapheader a list with two components version and numSequences. For readBpmapSeqinfo a list of lists containing the sequence info.

**Author(s)**

Kasper Daniel Hansen

**See Also**

[tpmap2bmap](#) for information on how to write Bmap files.

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readCcg	<i>Reads an Affymetrix Command Console Generic (CCG) Data file</i>
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**Description**

Reads an Affymetrix Command Console Generic (CCG) Data file. The CCG data file format is also known as the Calvin file format.

**Usage**

```
readCcg(pathname, verbose=0, .filter=NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

pathname	The pathname of the CCG file.
verbose	An <a href="#">integer</a> specifying the verbose level. If 0, the file is parsed quietly. The higher numbers, the more details.
.filter	A <a href="#">list</a> .
...	Not used.

**Details**

Note, the current implementation of this methods does not utilize the Affymetrix Fusion SDK library. Instead, it is implemented in R from the file format definition [1].

**Value**

A named [list](#) structure consisting of ...

**About the CCG file format**

A CCG file, consists of a "file header", a "generic data header", and "data" section, as outlined here:

- File Header
- Generic Data Header (for the file)
  1. Generic Data Header (for the files 1st parent)
    - (a) Generic Data Header (for the files 1st parents 1st parent)
    - (b) Generic Data Header (for the files 1st parents 2nd parent)
    - (c) ...
    - (d) Generic Data Header (for the files 1st parents Mth parent)
  2. Generic Data Header (for the files 2nd parent)
  3. ...

4. Generic Data Header (for the files Nth parent)
  - Data
    1. Data Group \#1
      - (a) Data Set \#1
        - Parameters
        - Column definitions
        - Matrix of data
      - (b) Data Set \#2
      - (c) ...
      - (d) Data Set \#L
    2. Data Group \#2
    3. ...
    4. Data Group \#K

**Author(s)**

Henrik Bengtsson

**References**

[1] Affymetrix Inc, Affymetrix GCOS 1.x compatible file formats, April, 2006. <http://www.affymetrix.com/support/developer/>

**See Also**

[readCcgHeader\(\)](#). [readCdfUnits\(\)](#).

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readCcgHeader	<i>Reads an the header of an Affymetrix Command Console Generic (CCG) file</i>
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**Description**

Reads an the header of an Affymetrix Command Console Generic (CCG) file.

**Usage**

```
readCcgHeader(pathname, verbose=0, .filter=list(fileHeader = TRUE, dataHeader = TRUE),  
...)
```

**Arguments**

pathname	The pathname of the CCG file.
verbose	An <code>integer</code> specifying the verbose level. If 0, the file is parsed quietly. The higher numbers, the more details.
.filter	A <code>list</code> .
...	Not used.

**Details**

Note, the current implementation of this methods does not utilize the Affymetrix Fusion SDK library. Instead, it is implemented in R from the file format definition [1].

**Value**

A named `list` structure consisting of ...

**Author(s)**

Henrik Bengtsson

**References**

[1] Affymetrix Inc, Affymetrix GCOS 1.x compatible file formats, April, 2006. <http://www.affymetrix.com/support/developer/>

**See Also**

`readCcg()`.

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readCdfCellIndices	<i>Reads (one-based) cell indices of units (probesets) in an Affymetrix CDF file</i>
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**Description**

Reads (one-based) cell indices of units (probesets) in an Affymetrix CDF file.

**Usage**

```
readCdfCellIndices(filename, units=NULL, stratifyBy=c("nothing", "pmmm", "pm", "mm"),  
  verbose=0)
```

**Arguments**

filename	The filename of the CDF file.
units	An <a href="#">integer vector</a> of unit indices specifying which units to be read. If <code>NULL</code> , all units are read.
stratifyBy	A <a href="#">character</a> string specifying which and how elements in group fields are returned. If "nothing", elements are returned as is, i.e. as <a href="#">vectors</a> . If "pm"/"mm", only elements corresponding to perfect-match (PM) / mismatch (MM) probes are returned (as <a href="#">vectors</a> ). If "pmmm", elements are returned as a matrix where the first row holds elements corresponding to PM probes and the second corresponding to MM probes. Note that in this case, it is assumed that there are equal number of PMs and MMs; if not, an error is generated. Moreover, the PMs and MMs may not even be paired, i.e. there is no guarantee that the two elements in a column corresponds to a PM-MM pair.
verbose	An <a href="#">integer</a> specifying the verbose level. If 0, the file is parsed quietly. The higher numbers, the more details.

**Value**

A named [list](#) where the names corresponds to the names of the units read. Each unit element of the list is in turn a [list](#) structure with one element groups which in turn is a [list](#). Each group element in groups is a [list](#) with a single field named indices. Thus, the structure is

```

cdf
+- unit #1
| +- "groups"
|   +- group #1
|     | +- "indices"
|     | group #2
|     | +- "indices"
|     .
|     +- group #K
|     +- "indices"
+- unit #2
.
+- unit #J

```

This structure is compatible with what `readCdfUnits()` returns.

Note that these indices are *one-based*.

**Cell indices are one-based**

Note that in **affparser** all *cell indices* are by convention *one-based*, which is more convenient to work with in R. For more details on one-based indices, see [2. Cell coordinates and cell indices](#).

**Author(s)**

Henrik Bengtsson

**See Also**

[readCdfUnits\(\)](#).

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readCdfGroupNames	<i>Reads group names for a set of units (probesets) in an Affymetrix CDF file</i>
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**Description**

Reads group names for a set of units (probesets) in an Affymetrix CDF file.

This is for instance useful for SNP arrays where the nucleotides used for the A and B alleles are the same as the group names.

**Usage**

```
readCdfGroupNames(filename, units=NULL, truncateGroupNames=TRUE, verbose=0)
```

**Arguments**

filename	The filename of the CDF file.
units	An <a href="#">integer vector</a> of unit indices specifying which units to be read. If <a href="#">NULL</a> , all units are read.
truncateGroupNames	A <a href="#">logical</a> variable indicating whether unit names should be stripped from the beginning of group names.
verbose	An <a href="#">integer</a> specifying the verbose level. If 0, the file is parsed quietly. The higher numbers, the more details.

**Value**

A named [list](#) structure where the names of the elements are the names of the units read. Each element is a [character vector](#) with group names for the corresponding unit.

**Author(s)**

Henrik Bengtsson

**See Also**

[readCdfUnits\(\)](#).



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readCdfHeader	<i>Reads the header associated with an Affymetrix CDF file</i>
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**Description**

Reads the header of an Affymetrix CDF file using the Fusion SDK.

**Usage**

```
readCdfHeader(filename)
```

**Arguments**

filename	name of the CDF file.
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**Value**

A named list with the following components:

rows	the number of rows on the chip.
cols	the number of columns on the chip.
probesets	the number of probesets on the chip.
qcprobesets	the number of QC probesets on the chip.
reference	the reference sequence (this component only exists for resequencing chips).
chiptype	the type of the chip.
filename	the name of the cdf file.

**Author(s)**

James Bullard and Kasper Daniel Hansen

**See Also**

[readCdfUnits\(\)](#).

**Examples**

```
for (zzz in 0) {  
  
  # Find any CDF file  
  cdfFile <- findCdf()  
  if (is.null(cdfFile))  
    break  
  
  header <- readCdfHeader(cdfFile)  
  print(header)  
  
} # for (zzz in 0)
```

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readCdfUnitNames	<i>Reads unit (probeset) names from an Affymetrix CDF file</i>
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### Description

Gets the names of all or a subset of units (probesets) in an Affymetrix CDF file. This can be used to get a map between unit names and the internal unit indices used by the CDF file.

### Usage

```
readCdfUnitNames(filename, units=NULL, verbose=0)
```

### Arguments

filename	The filename of the CDF file.
units	An <i>integer vector</i> of unit indices specifying which units to be read. If <i>NULL</i> , all units are read.
verbose	An <i>integer</i> specifying the verbose level. If 0, the file is parsed quietly. The higher numbers, the more details.

### Value

A *character vector* of unit names.

### Author(s)

Henrik Bengtsson (<http://www.braju.com/R/>)

### See Also

[readCdfUnits\(\)](#).

### Examples

```
## Not run: See help(readCdfUnits) for an example
```

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readCdfUnits	<i>Reads units (probesets) from an Affymetrix CDF file</i>
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### Description

Reads units (probesets) from an Affymetrix CDF file. Gets all or a subset of units (probesets).

### Usage

```
readCdfUnits(filename, units=NULL, readXY=TRUE, readBases=TRUE, readExpos=TRUE,
  readType=TRUE, readDirection=TRUE, stratifyBy=c("nothing", "pmmm", "pm", "mm"),
  readIndices=FALSE, verbose=0)
```

### Arguments

filename	The filename of the CDF file.
units	An <b>integer vector</b> of unit indices specifying which units to be read. If <b>NULL</b> , all units are read.
readXY	If <b>TRUE</b> , cell row and column (x,y) coordinates are retrieved, otherwise not.
readBases	If <b>TRUE</b> , cell P and T bases are retrieved, otherwise not.
readExpos	If <b>TRUE</b> , cell "expos" values are retrieved, otherwise not.
readType	If <b>TRUE</b> , unit types are retrieved, otherwise not.
readDirection	If <b>TRUE</b> , unit <i>and</i> group directions are retrieved, otherwise not.
stratifyBy	A <b>character</b> string specifying which and how elements in group fields are returned. If "nothing", elements are returned as is, i.e. as <b>vectors</b> . If "pm"/"mm", only elements corresponding to perfect-match (PM) / mismatch (MM) probes are returned (as <b>vectors</b> ). If "pmmm", elements are returned as a matrix where the first row holds elements corresponding to PM probes and the second corresponding to MM probes. Note that in this case, it is assumed that there are equal number of PMs and MMs; if not, an error is generated. Moreover, the PMs and MMs may not even be paired, i.e. there is no guarantee that the two elements in a column corresponds to a PM-MM pair.
readIndices	If <b>TRUE</b> , cell indices <i>calculated</i> from the row and column (x,y) coordinates are retrieved, otherwise not. Note that these indices are <i>one-based</i> .
verbose	An <b>integer</b> specifying the verbose level. If 0, the file is parsed quietly. The higher numbers, the more details.

### Value

A named **list** where the names corresponds to the names of the units read. Each element of the list is in turn a **list** structure with three components:

groups	A <b>list</b> with one component for each group (also called block). The information on each group is a <b>list</b> of up to seven components: x, y, pbase, tbase, expos, indices, and direction. All fields but the latter have the same number of values as there are cells in the group. The latter field has only one value indicating the direction for the whole group.
type	An <b>integer</b> specifying the type of the unit, where 1 is "expression", 2 is "genotyping", 3 is "CustomSeq", and 4 "tag".
direction	An <b>integer</b> specifying the direction of the unit, which defines if the probes are interrogating the sense or the anti-sense target, where 0 is "no direction", 1 is "sense", and 2 is "anti-sense".

### Cell indices are one-based

Note that in **affxparser** all *cell indices* are by convention *one-based*, which is more convenient to work with in R. For more details on one-based indices, see [2. Cell coordinates and cell indices](#).

### Author(s)

James Bullard and Kasper Daniel Hansen. Modified by Henrik Bengtsson to read any subset of units and/or subset of parameters, to stratify by PM/MM, and to return cell indices.

### References

[1] Affymetrix Inc, Affymetrix GCOS 1.x compatible file formats, June 14, 2005. <http://www.affymetrix.com/support/developer/>

### See Also

[readCdfCellIndices\(\)](#).

### Examples

```
#####
if (require("AffymetrixDataTestFiles")) { # START #
#####

# Find any CDF file
cdfFile <- findCdf()

# Read all units in a CDF file [~20s => 0.34ms/unit]
cdf0 <- readCdfUnits(cdfFile, readXY=FALSE, readExpos=FALSE)

# Read a subset of units in a CDF file [~6ms => 0.06ms/unit]
units1 <- c(5, 100:109, 34)
cdf1 <- readCdfUnits(cdfFile, units=units1, readXY=FALSE, readExpos=FALSE)
stopifnot(identical(cdf1, cdf0[units1]))
rm(cdf0)

# Create a unit name to index map
```

```

names <- readCdfUnitNames(cdfFile)
units2 <- match(names(cdf1), names)
stopifnot(all.equal(units1, units2))
cdf2 <- readCdfUnits(cdfFile, units=units2, readXY=FALSE, readExpos=FALSE)

stopifnot(identical(cdf1, cdf2))

#####
} # STOP #
#####

```

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readCel	<i>Reads an Affymetrix CEL file</i>
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## Description

This function reads all or a subset of the data in an Affymetrix CEL file.

## Usage

```

readCel(filename,
        indices = NULL,
        readHeader = TRUE,
        readXY = FALSE, readIntensities = TRUE,
        readStdvs = FALSE, readPixels = FALSE,
        readOutliers = TRUE, readMasked = TRUE,
        readMap = NULL,
        verbose = 0,
        .checkArgs = TRUE)

```

## Arguments

filename	the name of the CEL file.
indices	a vector of indices indicating which features to read. If the argument is NULL all features will be returned.
readXY	a logical: will the (x,y) coordinates be returned.
readIntensities	a logical: will the intensities be returned.
readStdvs	a logical: will the standard deviations be returned.
readPixels	a logical: will the number of pixels be returned.
readOutliers	a logical: will the outliers be return.
readMasked	a logical: will the masked features be returned.
readHeader	a logical: will the header of the file be returned.
readMap	A <a href="#">vector</a> remapping cell indices to file indices. If <a href="#">NULL</a> , no mapping is used.

verbose	how verbose do we want to be. 0 is no verbosity, higher numbers mean more verbose output. At the moment the values 0, 1 and 2 are supported.
.checkArgs	If TRUE, the arguments will be validated, otherwise not. <i>Warning: This should only be used if the arguments have been validated elsewhere!</i>

### Value

A CEL files consists of a *header*, a set of *cell values*, and information about *outliers* and masked cells.

The cell values, which are values extract for each cell (aka feature or probe), are the (x,y) coordinate, intensity and standard deviation estimates, and the number of pixels in the cell. If readIndices=NULL, cell values for all cells are returned, Only cell values specified by argument readIndices are returned.

This value returns a named list with components described below:

header	The header of the CEL file. Equivalent to the output from readCelHeader, see the documentation for that function.
x,y	(cell values) Two integer vectors containing the x and y coordinates associated with each feature.
intensities	(cell value) A numeric vector containing the intensity associated with each feature.
stdvs	(cell value) A numeric vector containing the standard deviation associated with each feature.
pixels	(cell value) An integer vector containing the number of pixels associated with each feature.
outliers	An integer vector of indices specifying which of the queried cells that are flagged as outliers. Note that there is a difference between outliers=NULL and outliers=integer(0); the last case happens when readOutliers=TRUE but there are no outliers.
masked	An integer vector of indices specifying which of the queried cells that are flagged as masked. Note that there is a difference between masked=NULL and masked=integer(0); the last case happens when readMasked=TRUE but there are no masked features.

The elements of the cell values are ordered according to argument indices. The lengths of the cell-value elements equals the number of cells read.

Which of the above elements that are returned are controlled by the readNnn arguments. If FALSE, the corresponding element above is NULL, e.g. if readStdvs=FALSE then stdvs is NULL.

### Outliers and masked cells

The Affymetrix image analysis software flags cells as outliers and masked. This method does not return these flags, but instead vectors of cell indices listing which cells *of the queried cells* are outliers and masked, respectively. The current community view seems to be that this should be done based on statistical modeling of the actual probe intensities and should be based on the choice of preprocessing algorithm. Most algorithms are only using the intensities from the CEL file.

### Memory usage

The Fusion SDK allocates memory for the entire CEL file, when the file is accessed (but does not actually read the file into memory). Using the `indices` argument will therefore only affect the memory use of the final object (as well as speed), not the memory allocated in the C function used to parse the file. This should be a minor problem however.

### Troubleshooting

It is considered a bug if the file contains information not accessible by this function, please report it.

### Author(s)

James Bullard and Kasper Daniel Hansen

### See Also

[readCelHeader\(\)](#) for a description of the header output. Often a user only wants to read the intensities, look at [readCelIntensities\(\)](#) for a function specialized for that use.

### Examples

```
for (zzz in 0) { # Only so that 'break' can be used

# Scan current directory for CEL files
celFiles <- list.files(pattern=".|(c|C)(e|E)(l|L)$")
if (length(celFiles) == 0)
  break;

celFile <- celFiles[1]

# Read a subset of cells
idxs <- c(1:5, 1250:1500, 450:440)
cel <- readCel(celFile, indices=idxs, readOutliers=TRUE)
str(cel)

# Clean up
rm(celFiles, celFile, cel)

} # for (zzz in 0)
```

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readCelHeader

*Parsing the header of an Affymetrix CEL file*

---

### Description

Reads in the header of an Affymetrix CEL file using the Fusion SDK.

**Usage**

```
readCelHeader(filename)
```

**Arguments**

filename            the name of the CEL file.

**Details**

This function returns the header of a CEL file. Affymetrix operates with different versions of this file format. Depending on what version is being read, different information is accessible.

**Value**

A named list with components described below. The entries are obtained from the Fusion SDK interface functions. We try to obtain all relevant information from the file.

filename	the name of the cel file.
version	the version of the cel file.
cols	the number of columns on the chip.
rows	the number of rows on the chip.
total	the total number of features on the chip. Usually equal to rows times cols, but since it is a separate attribute in the SDK we decided to include it anyway.
algorithm	the algorithm used to create the CEL file.
parameters	the parameters used in the algorithm. Seems to be semi-colon separated.
chiptype	the type of the chip.
header	the entire header of the CEL file. Only available for non-calvin format files.
datheader	the entire dat header of the CEL file. This contains for example a date.
librarypackage	the library package name of the file. Empty for older versions.
cellmargin	a parameter used to generate the CEL file. According to Affymetrix, it designates the number of pixels to ignore around the feature border when calculating the intensity value (the number of pixels ignored are cellmargin divided by 2).
noutliers	the number of features reported as outliers.
nmasked	the number of features reported as masked.

**Note**

Memory usage:the Fusion SDK allocates memory for the entire CEL file, when the file is accessed. The memory footprint of this function will therefore seem to be (rather) large.

Speed: CEL files of version 2 (standard text files) needs to be completely read in order to report the number of outliers and masked features.

**Author(s)**

James Bullard and Kasper Daniel Hansen



**See Also**

`readCel()` for reading in the entire CEL file. That function also returns the header. See `affxparserInfo` for general comments on the package and the Fusion SDK.

**Examples**

```
# Scan current directory for CEL files
files <- list.files(pattern=".](c|C)(e|E)(1|L)$")
if (length(files) > 0) {
  header <- readCelHeader(files[1])
  print(header)
  rm(header)
}

# Clean up
rm(files)
```

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readCelIntensities      *Reads the intensities contained in several Affymetrix CEL files*

---

**Description**

Reads the intensities of several Affymetrix CEL files (as opposed to `readCel()` which only reads a single file).

**Usage**

```
readCelIntensities(filenamees, indices = NULL, ..., verbose = 0)
```

**Arguments**

<code>filenamees</code>	the names of the CEL files as a character vector.
<code>indices</code>	a vector of which indices should be read. If the argument is <code>NULL</code> all features will be returned.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to <code>readCel()</code> .
<code>verbose</code>	an integer: how verbose do we want to be, higher means more verbose.

**Details**

The function will initially allocate a matrix with the same memory footprint as the final object.

**Value**

A matrix with a number of rows equal to the length of the `indices` argument (or the number of features on the entire chip), and a number of columns equal to the number of files. The columns are ordered according to the `filenamees` argument.

**Note**

Currently this function builds on `readCel()`, and simply calls this function multiple times. If testing yields sufficient reasons for doing so, it may be re-implemented in C++.

**Author(s)**

James Bullard and Kasper Daniel Hansen

**See Also**

[readCel\(\)](#) for a discussion of a more versatile function, particular with details of the indices argument.

**Examples**

```
# Scan current directory for CEL files
files <- list.files(pattern=".](c|C)(e|E)(1|L)$")
if (length(files) >= 2) {
  cel <- readCelIntensities(files[1:2])
  str(cel)
  rm(cel)
}

# Clean up
rm(files)
```

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readCelRectangle

*Reads a spatial subset of probe-level data from Affymetrix CEL files*

---

**Description**

Reads a spatial subset of probe-level data from Affymetrix CEL files.

**Usage**

```
readCelRectangle(filename, xrange=c(0, Inf), yrange=c(0, Inf), ..., asMatrix=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

filename	The pathname of the CEL file.
xrange	A <a href="#">numeric vector</a> of length two giving the left and right coordinates of the cells to be returned.
yrange	A <a href="#">numeric vector</a> of length two giving the top and bottom coordinates of the cells to be returned.
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">readCel()</a> .
asMatrix	If <code>TRUE</code> , the CEL data fields are returned as matrices with element (1,1) corresponding to cell (xrange[1],yrange[1]).

**Value**

A named `list` CEL structure similar to what `readCel()`. In addition, if `asMatrix` is `TRUE`, the CEL data fields are returned as matrices, otherwise not.

**Author(s)**

Henrik Bengtsson

**See Also**

The `readCel()` method is used internally.

**Examples**

```
#####
if (require("AffymetrixDataTestFiles")) { # START #
#####

rotate270 <- function(x, ...) {
  x <- t(x)
  nc <- ncol(x)
  if (nc < 2) return(x)
  x[,nc:1,drop=FALSE]
}

# Search for some available CEL files
path <- system.file("rawData", package="AffymetrixDataTestFiles")
file <- findFiles(pattern=".](cel|CEL)$", path=path, recursive=TRUE)

# Read CEL intensities in the upper left corner
cel <- readCelRectangle(file, xrange=c(0,250), yrange=c(0,250))
z <- rotate270(cel$intensities)
sub <- paste("Chip type:", cel$header$chiptype)
image(z, col=gray.colors(256), axes=FALSE, main=basename(file), sub=sub)
text(x=0, y=1, labels="(0,0)", adj=c(0,-0.7), cex=0.8, xpd=TRUE)
text(x=1, y=0, labels="(250,250)", adj=c(1,1.2), cex=0.8, xpd=TRUE)

# Clean up
rm(rotate270, files, file, cel, z, sub)

#####
} # STOP #
#####
```

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readCelUnits	<i>Reads probe-level data ordered as units (probesets) from one or several Affymetrix CEL files</i>
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## Description

Reads probe-level data ordered as units (probesets) from one or several Affymetrix CEL files by using the unit and group definitions in the corresponding Affymetrix CDF file.

## Usage

```
readCelUnits(filenamees, units=NULL, stratifyBy=c("nothing", "pmmm", "pm", "mm"),
  cdf=NULL, ..., addDimnames=FALSE, dropArrayDim=TRUE, transforms=NULL, readMap=NULL,
  verbose=FALSE)
```

## Arguments

filenamees	The filenamees of the CEL files.
units	An <a href="#">integer vector</a> of unit indices specifying which units to be read. If <code>NULL</code> , all units are read.
stratifyBy	Argument passed to low-level method <a href="#">readCdfCellIndices</a> .
cdf	A <a href="#">character</a> filename of a CDF file, or a CDF <a href="#">list</a> structure. If <code>NULL</code> , the CDF file is searched for by <a href="#">findCdf()</a> first starting from the current directory and then from the directory where the first CEL file is.
...	Arguments passed to low-level method <a href="#">readCel</a> , e.g. <code>readXY</code> and <code>readStdvs</code> .
addDimnames	If <code>TRUE</code> , dimension names are added to arrays, otherwise not. The size of the returned CEL structure in bytes increases by 30-40% with dimension names.
dropArrayDim	If <code>TRUE</code> and only one array is read, the elements of the group field do <i>not</i> have an array dimension.
transforms	A <a href="#">list</a> of exactly <code>length(filenamees)</code> <a href="#">functions</a> . If <code>NULL</code> , no transformation is performed. Intensities read are passed through the corresponding transform function before being returned.
readMap	A <a href="#">vector</a> remapping cell indices to file indices. If <code>NULL</code> , no mapping is used.
verbose	Either a <a href="#">logical</a> , a <a href="#">numeric</a> , or a <a href="#">Verbose</a> object specifying how much verbose/debug information is written to standard output. If a <code>Verbose</code> object, how detailed the information is is specified by the threshold level of the object. If a <code>numeric</code> , the value is used to set the threshold of a new <code>Verbose</code> object. If <code>TRUE</code> , the threshold is set to -1 (minimal). If <code>FALSE</code> , no output is written (and neither is the <b>R.utils</b> package required).

**Value**

A named `list` with one element for each unit read. The names corresponds to the names of the units read. Each unit element is in turn a `list` structure with groups (aka blocks). Each group contains requested fields, e.g. intensities, stdvs, and pixels. If more than one CEL file is read, an extra dimension is added to each of the fields corresponding, which can be used to subset by CEL file.

Note that neither CEL headers nor information about outliers and masked cells are returned. To access these, use `readCelHeader()` and `readCel()`.

**Author(s)**

Henrik Bengtsson

**References**

[1] Affymetrix Inc, Affymetrix GCOS 1.x compatible file formats, June 14, 2005. <http://www.affymetrix.com/support/developer/>

**See Also**

Internally, `readCelHeader()`, `readCdfUnits()` and `readCel()` are used.

**Examples**

```
#####
if (require("AffymetrixDataTestFiles")) {           # START #
#####

# Search for some available CEL files
path <- system.file("rawData", package="AffymetrixDataTestFiles")
files <- findFiles(pattern=".[cel|CEL]$", path=path, recursive=TRUE, firstOnly=FALSE)
files <- grep("FusionSDK_Test3", files, value=TRUE)
files <- grep("Calvin", files, value=TRUE)

# Fake more CEL files if not enough
files <- rep(files, length.out=5)
print(files);
rm(files);

#####
}           # STOP #
#####
```

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readChp	<i>A function to read Affymetrix CHP files</i>
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### Description

This function will parse any type of CHP file and return the results in a list. The contents of the list will depend on the type of CHP file that is parsed and readers are referred to Affymetrix documentation of what should be there, and how to interpret it.

### Usage

```
readChp(filename, withQuant = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

filename	The name of the CHP file to read.
withQuant	A boolean value, currently largely unused.

### Details

This is an interface to the Affymetrix Fusion SDK. The Affymetrix documentation should be consulted for explicit details.

### Value

A list is returned. The contents of the list depend on the type of CHP file that was read. Users may want to translate the different outputs into specific containers.

### Troubleshooting

It is considered a bug if the file contains information not accessible by this function, please report it.

### Author(s)

R. Gentleman

### See Also

[readCel](#)

**Examples**

```

if (require("AffymetrixDataTestFiles")) {
  path <- system.file("rawData", package="AffymetrixDataTestFiles")
  files <- findFiles(pattern="[(.])(chp|CHP)$", path=path,
                    recursive=TRUE, firstOnly=FALSE)

  s1 = readChp(files[1])
  length(s1)
  names(s1)
  names(s1[[7]])
}

```

readClf

*Parsing a CLF file using Affymetrix Fusion SDK***Description**

This function parses a CLF file using the Affymetrix Fusion SDK. CLF (chip layout) files contain information associating probe ids with chip x- and y- coordinates.

**Usage**

```
readClf(file)
```

**Arguments**

`file` character(1) providing a path to the CLF file to be input.

**Value**

An list. The header element is always present.

<code>header</code>	A list with information about the CLF file. The list contains elements described in the CLF file format document referenced below.
<code>dims</code>	A length-two integer vector of chip x- and y-coordinates.
<code>id</code>	An integer vector of length <code>prod(dims)</code> containing probe identifiers.
<code>x</code>	An integer vector of length <code>prod(dims)</code> containing x-coordinates corresponding to the entries in <code>id</code> .
<code>y</code>	An integer vector of length <code>prod(dims)</code> containing y-coordinates corresponding to the entries in <code>id</code> .

**Author(s)**

Martin Morgan

**See Also**

[https://www.affymetrix.com/support/developer/fusion/File\\_Format\\_CLF\\_aptv161.pdf](https://www.affymetrix.com/support/developer/fusion/File_Format_CLF_aptv161.pdf) describes CLF file content.

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readClfEnv                      *Parsing a CLF file using Affymetrix Fusion SDK*

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### Description

This function parses a CLF file using the Affymetrix Fusion SDK. CLF (chip layout) files contain information associating probe ids with chip x- and y- coordinates.

### Usage

```
readClfEnv(file, readBody = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

file	character(1) providing a path to the CLF file to be input.
readBody	logical(1) indicating whether the entire file should be parsed (TRUE) or only the file header information describing the chips to which the file is relevant.

### Value

An environment. The header element is always present; the remainder are present when readBody=TRUE.

header	A list with information about the CLF file. The list contains elements described in the CLF file format document referenced below.
dims	A length-two integer vector of chip x- and y-coordinates.
id	An integer vector of length <code>prod(dims)</code> containing probe identifiers.
x	An integer vector of length <code>prod(dims)</code> containing x-coordinates corresponding to the entries in <code>id</code> .
y	An integer vector of length <code>prod(dims)</code> containing y-coordinates corresponding to the entries in <code>id</code> .

### Author(s)

Martin Morgan

### See Also

[https://www.affymetrix.com/support/developer/fusion/File\\_Format\\_CLF\\_aptv161.pdf](https://www.affymetrix.com/support/developer/fusion/File_Format_CLF_aptv161.pdf) describes CLF file content.



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readClfHeader	<i>Read the header of a CLF file.</i>
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**Description**

Reads the header of a CLF file. The exact information stored in this file can be viewed in the [readClfEnv\(\)](#) documentation which reads the header in addition to the body.

**Usage**

```
readClfHeader(file)
```

**Arguments**

file	file a CLF file
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**Value**

A list of header elements.

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readPgf	<i>Parsing a PGF file using Affymetrix Fusion SDK</i>
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**Description**

This function parses a PGF file using the Affymetrix Fusion SDK. PGF (probe group) files describe probes present within probe sets, including the type (e.g., pm, mm) of the probe and probeset.

**Usage**

```
readPgf(file, indices = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

file	character(1) providing a path to the PGF file to be input.
indices	integer(n) a vector of indices of the probesets to be read.

**Value**

An list. The header element is always present; the remainder are present when readBody=TRUE.

The elements present when readBody=TRUE describe probe sets, atoms, and probes. Elements within probe sets, for instance, are coordinated such that the *i*th index of one vector (e.g., probesetId) corresponds to the *i*th index of a second vector (e.g., probesetType). The atoms contained within probeset *i* are in positions probesetStartAtom[*i*]:(probesetStartAtom[*i*+1]-1) of the atom vectors. A similar map applies to probes within atoms, using atomStartProbe as the index.

The PGF file format includes optional elements; these elements are always present in the list, but with appropriate default values.

header	A list with information about the PGF file. The list contains elements described in the PGF file format document referenced below.
probesetId	integer vector of probeset identifiers.
probesetType	character vector of probeset types. Types are described in the PGF file format document.
probesetName	character vector of probeset names.
probesetStartAtom	integer vector of the start index (e.g., in the element atomId of atoms belonging to this probeset).
atomId	integer vector of atom identifiers.
atomExonPosition	integer vector of probe interrogation position relative to the target sequence.
atomStartProbe	integer vector of the start index (e.g., in the element probeId of probes belonging to this atom).
probeId	integer vector of probe identifiers.
probeType	character vector of probe types. Types are described in the PGF file format document.
probeGcCount	integer vector of probe GC content.
probeLength	integer vector of probe lengths.
probeInterrogationPosition	integer vector of the position, within the probe, at which interrogation occurs.
probeSequence	character vector of the probe sequence.

**Author(s)**

Martin Morgan

**See Also**

[https://www.affymetrix.com/support/developer/fusion/File\\_Format\\_PGF\\_aptv161.pdf](https://www.affymetrix.com/support/developer/fusion/File_Format_PGF_aptv161.pdf) describes PGF file content.

The internal function `.pgfProbeIndexFromProbesetIndex` provides a map between the indices of probe set entries and the indices of the probes contained in the probe set.

---

readPgfEnv

*Parsing a PGF file using Affymetrix Fusion SDK*

---

**Description**

This function parses a PGF file using the Affymetrix Fusion SDK. PGF (probe group) files describe probes present within probe sets, including the type (e.g., pm, mm) of the probe and probeset.

**Usage**

```
readPgfEnv(file, readBody = TRUE, indices = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

file	character(1) providing a path to the PGF file to be input.
readBody	logical(1) indicating whether the entire file should be parsed (TRUE) or only the file header information describing the chips to which the file is relevant.
indices	integer(n) vector of positive integers indicating which probesets to read. These integers must be sorted (increasing) and unique.

**Value**

An environment. The header element is always present; the remainder are present when readBody=TRUE.

The elements present when readBody=TRUE describe probe sets, atoms, and probes. Elements within probe sets, for instance, are coordinated such that the *i*th index of one vector (e.g., probesetId) corresponds to the *i*th index of a second vector (e.g., probesetType). The atoms contained within probeset *i* are in positions probesetStartAtom[*i*]:(probesetStartAtom[*i*+1]-1) of the atom vectors. A similar map applies to probes within atoms, using atomStartProbe as the index.

The PGF file format includes optional elements; these elements are always present in the environment, but with appropriate default values.

header	A list with information about the PGF file. The list contains elements described in the PGF file format document referenced below.
probesetId	integer vector of probeset identifiers.
probesetType	character vector of probeset types. Types are described in the PGF file format document.
probesetName	character vector of probeset names.
probesetStartAtom	integer vector of the start index (e.g., in the element atomId of atoms belonging to this probeset).
atomId	integer vector of atom identifiers.
atomExonPosition	integer vector of probe interrogation position relative to the target sequence.
atomStartProbe	integer vector of the start index (e.g., in the element probeId of probes belonging to this atom).
probeId	integer vector of probe identifiers.
probeType	character vector of probe types. Types are described in the PGF file format document.
probeGcCount	integer vector of probe GC content.
probeLength	integer vector of probe lengths.
probeInterrogationPosition	integer vector of the position, within the probe, at which interrogation occurs.
probeSequence	character vector of the probe sequence.

**Author(s)**

Martin Morgan

**See Also**

[https://www.affymetrix.com/support/developer/fusion/File\\_Format\\_PGF\\_aptv161.pdf](https://www.affymetrix.com/support/developer/fusion/File_Format_PGF_aptv161.pdf) describes PGF file content.

The internal function `.pgfProbeIndexFromProbesetIndex` provides a map between the indices of probe set entries and the indices of the probes contained in the probe set.

---

readPgfHeader

*Read the header of a PGF file into a list.*

---

**Description**

This function reads the header of a PGF file into a list more details on what the exact fields are can be found in the details section.

**Usage**

```
readPgfHeader(file)
```

**Arguments**

file            file:A file in PGF format

**Details**

[https://www.affymetrix.com/support/developer/fusion/File\\_Format\\_PGF\\_aptv161.pdf](https://www.affymetrix.com/support/developer/fusion/File_Format_PGF_aptv161.pdf)

**Value**

A list corresponding to the elements in the header.

---

updateCel	<i>Updates a CEL file</i>
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**Description**

Updates a CEL file.

**Usage**

```
updateCel(filename, indices=NULL, intensities=NULL, stdvs=NULL, pixels=NULL,  
writeMap=NULL, ..., verbose=0)
```

**Arguments**

filename	The filename of the CEL file.
indices	A <a href="#">numeric vector</a> of cell (probe) indices specifying which cells to updated. If <a href="#">NULL</a> , all indices are considered.
intensities	A <a href="#">numeric vector</a> of intensity values to be stored. Alternatively, it can also be a named <a href="#">data.frame</a> or <a href="#">matrix</a> (or <a href="#">list</a> ) where the named columns (elements) are the fields to be updated.
stdvs	A optional <a href="#">numeric vector</a> .
pixels	A optional <a href="#">numeric vector</a> .
writeMap	An optional write map.
...	Not used.
verbose	An <a href="#">integer</a> specifying how much verbose details are outputted.

**Details**

Currently only binary (v4) CEL files are supported. The current version of the method does not make use of the Fusion SDK, but its own code to navigate and update the CEL file.

**Value**

Returns (invisibly) the pathname of the file updated.

**Author(s)**

Henrik Bengtsson

**Examples**

```
#####
if (require("AffymetrixDataTestFiles")) {           # START #
#####

# Search for some available Calvin CEL files
path <- system.file("rawData", package="AffymetrixDataTestFiles")
files <- findFiles(pattern="[(.]|cel|CEL)$", path=path, recursive=TRUE, firstOnly=FALSE)
files <- grep("FusionSDK_HG-U133A", files, value=TRUE)
files <- grep("Calvin", files, value=TRUE)
file <- files[1]

# Convert to an XDA CEL file
filename <- file.path(tempdir(), basename(file))
if (file.exists(filename))
  file.remove(filename)
convertCel(file, filename)

fields <- c("intensities", "stdvs", "pixels")

# Cells to be updated
idxs <- 1:2

# Get CEL header
hdr <- readCelHeader(filename)

# Get the original data
cel <- readCel(filename, indices=idxs, readStdvs=TRUE, readPixels=TRUE)
print(cel[fields])
cel0 <- cel

# - - - - -
# Square-root the intensities
# - - - - -
updateCel(filename, indices=idxs, intensities=sqrt(cel$intensities))
cel <- readCel(filename, indices=idxs, readStdvs=TRUE, readPixels=TRUE)
print(cel[fields])

# - - - - -
# Update a few cell values by a data frame
# - - - - -
data <- data.frame(
  intensities=cel0$intensities,
  stdvs=c(201.1, 3086.1)+0.5,
  pixels=c(9,9+1)
)
updateCel(filename, indices=idxs, data)

# Assert correctness of update
cel <- readCel(filename, indices=idxs, readStdvs=TRUE, readPixels=TRUE)
```

```

print(CEL[[fields]])
for (ff in fields) {
  stopifnot(all.equal(CEL[[ff]], data[[ff]], .Machine$double.eps^0.25))
}

# -----
# Update a region of the CEL file
# -----
# Load pre-defined data
side <- 306
pathname <- system.file("extras/easternEgg.gz", package="affxparser")
con <- gzfile(pathname, open="rb")
z <- readBin(con=con, what="integer", size=1, signed=FALSE, n=side^2)
close(con)
z <- matrix(z, nrow=side)
side <- min(hdr$cols - 2*22, side)
z <- as.double(z[1:side,1:side])
x <- matrix(22+0:(side-1), nrow=side, ncol=side, byrow=TRUE)
idxs <- as.vector((1 + x) + hdr$cols*t(x))
# Load current data in the same region
z0 <- readCel(filename, indices=idxs)$intensities
# Mix the two data sets
z <- (0.3*z^2 + 0.7*z0)
# Update the CEL file
updateCel(filename, indices=idxs, intensities=z)

# Make some spatial changes
rotate270 <- function(x, ...) {
  x <- t(x)
  nc <- ncol(x)
  if (nc < 2) return(x)
  x[,nc:1,drop=FALSE]
}

# Display a spatial image of the updated CEL file
cel <- readCelRectangle(filename, xrange=c(0,350), yrange=c(0,350))
z <- rotate270(cel$intensities)
sub <- paste("Chip type:", cel$header$chiptype)
image(z, col=gray.colors(256), axes=FALSE, main=basename(filename), sub=sub)
text(x=0, y=1, labels="(0,0)", adj=c(0,-0.7), cex=0.8, xpd=TRUE)
text(x=1, y=0, labels="(350,350)", adj=c(1,1.2), cex=0.8, xpd=TRUE)

# Clean up
file.remove(filename)
rm(files, cel, cel0, idxs, data, ff, fields, rotate270)

#####
} # STOP #
#####

```

---

updateCelUnits	<i>Updates a CEL file unit by unit</i>
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### Description

Updates a CEL file unit by unit.

*Please note that, contrary to [readCelUnits\(\)](#), this method can only update a single CEL file at the time.*

### Usage

```
updateCelUnits(filename, cdf=NULL, data, ..., verbose=0)
```

### Arguments

filename	The filename of the CEL file.
cdf	A (optional) CDF <a href="#">list</a> structure either with field indices or fields x and y. If <a href="#">NULL</a> , the unit names (and from there the cell indices) are inferred from the names of the elements in data.
data	A <a href="#">list</a> structure in a format similar to what is returned by <a href="#">readCelUnits()</a> for a single CEL file only.
...	Optional arguments passed to <a href="#">readCdfCellIndices()</a> , which is called if cdf is not given.
verbose	An <a href="#">integer</a> specifying how much verbose details are outputted.

### Value

Returns what [updateCel\(\)](#) returns.

### Working with re-arranged CDF structures

Note that if the cdf structure is specified the CDF file is *not* queried, but all information about cell x and y locations, that is, cell indices is expected to be in this structure. This can be very useful when one work with a cdf structure that originates from the underlying CDF file, but has been restructured for instance through the [applyCdfGroups\(\)](#) method, and data correspondingly. This update method knows how to update such structures too.

### Author(s)

Henrik Bengtsson

### See Also

Internally, [updateCel\(\)](#) is used.



**Examples**

```
#####
if (require("AffymetrixDataTestFiles")) {          # START #
#####

# Search for some available Calvin CEL files
path <- system.file("rawData", package="AffymetrixDataTestFiles")
files <- findFiles(pattern="[(.]|cel|CEL)$", path=path, recursive=TRUE, firstOnly=FALSE)
files <- grep("FusionSDK_Test3", files, value=TRUE)
files <- grep("Calvin", files, value=TRUE)
file <- files[1]

# Convert to an XDA CEL file
pathname <- file.path(tempdir(), basename(file))
if (file.exists(pathname))
  file.remove(pathname)
convertCel(file, pathname)

# Check for the CDF file
hdr <- readCelHeader(pathname)
cdfFile <- findCdf(hdr$chiptype)

hdr <- readCdfHeader(cdfFile)
nbrOfUnits <- hdr$nunits
print(nbrOfUnits);

# -----
# Example: Read and re-write the same data
# -----
units <- c(101, 51)
data1 <- readCelUnits(pathname, units=units, readStdvs=TRUE)
cat("Original data:\n")
str(data1)
updateCelUnits(pathname, data=data1)
data2 <- readCelUnits(pathname, units=units, readStdvs=TRUE)
cat("Updated data:\n")
str(data2)
stopifnot(identical(data1, data2))

# -----
# Example: Random read and re-write "stress test"
# -----
for (kk in 1:10) {
  nunits <- sample(min(1000,nbrOfUnits), size=1)
  units <- sample(nbrOfUnits, size=nunits)
  cat(sprintf("%02d. Selected %d random units: reading", kk, nunits));
  t <- system.time({
    data1 <- readCelUnits(pathname, units=units, readStdvs=TRUE)

```

```

    }, gcFirst=TRUE)[3]
    cat(sprintf(" [%.2fs=%.2fs/unit], updating", t, t/nunits))
    t <- system.time({
      updateCelUnits(pathname, data=data1)
    }, gcFirst=TRUE)[3]
    cat(sprintf(" [%.2fs=%.2fs/unit], validating", t, t/nunits))
    data2 <- readCelUnits(pathname, units=units, readStdvs=TRUE)
    stopifnot(identical(data1, data2))
    cat(". done\n")
  }

#####
}                                     # STOP #
#####

```

---

writeTpmap

*Writes BMAP and TMAP files.*

---

## Description

Writes BMAP and TMAP files.

## Usage

```
writeTpmap(filename, bmaplist, verbose = 0)
```

```
tpmap2bmap(tpmapname, bmapname, verbose = 0)
```

## Arguments

filename	The filename.
bmaplist	A list structure similar to the result of readBmap.
tpmapname	Filename of the TMAP file.
bmapname	Filename of the BMAP file.
verbose	How verbose do we want to be.

## Details

writeTpmap writes a text probe map file, while tpmap2bmap converts such a file to a binary probe mapping file. Somehow Affymetrix has different names for the same structure, depending on whether the file is binary or text. I have seen many TMAP files referred to as BMAP files.

## Value

These functions are called for their side effects (creating files).

*writeTpmmap*

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**Author(s)**

Kasper Daniel Hansen

**See Also**

[readBpmmap](#)

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