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n15qc
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N15 labelling QC report

Description

A simple wrapper for the QC of 15N labelling. The respective QC items are the distribution of PSM incorporation rates, distribution of log2 fold-changes and number of identified features. See the vignette for details.

Usage

```
n15qc(object,
fcol = c("Protein_Accession", "Peptide_Sequence", "Number_Of_Unique_Peptides", "Variable_Modifiinctr = 97.5, lfctr = c(-0.5, 0.5), type, reportname)
```

Arguments

object	An MSnSet to be quality controlled.
fcol	The name of the feature variables for the protein identifiers (accession num- bers for example), the peptide sequences, the number of unique peptides for each identified protein, the variable modifications identified on the peptides and the N15 incorporation rate. These must be provided in that order. Defaults are Protein_Accession, Peptide_Sequence, Number_Of_Unique_Peptides, Variable_Modifications, and inc.
inctr	The minimum level of median incorporation rate to set the QC item status to TRUE. Default is 97.5.
lfctr	The range of accepted median PSM log2 fold-change for the QC item status to be set to TRUE. Default is $c(-0.5, 0.5)$.
type	The type of report to be saved. If missing (default), no report is generated. See qcReport for details.
reportname	The name of the report, in case a type is defined. If missing (default), the report will be names n15qcreport followed by the generation data and time.

Value

Invisibly returns the resulting QcMetrics instance.

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psm

Description

An example data for 15N metabolic labelling, distributed as an MSnSet to illustrate 15N QC.

Usage

data(n15psm)

References

See MSnSet and the MSnbase-demo vignette in the MSnbase package.

Examples

library("MSnbase")
data(n15psm)
psm

Qc2Tex

'QcMetric' sectioning functions

Description

These functions convert the ith QcMetric instance of the QcMetrics object into a section of the adequate format, i.e. TeX of R markdown.

Usage

```
Qc2Tex(object, i)
Qc2Tex2(object, i)
Qc2Tex3(object, i)
Qc2Rmd(object, i)
```

Arguments

object	An instance of class QcMetrics with at least one QC item.
i	A numeric of length 1 indicating the index of the item to be converted into text section.

Value

A character representing the QC item section.

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See Also

qcReport and the vignette.

QcMetadata-class The "QcMetadata" class

Description

The QcMetadata class is a simple interface to metadata. The objects can be displayed with show for a summary and print for the content.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form QcMetadata(...).

Slots

metadata: Object of class "list" that stores the metadata variables. The list must be named. NA and empty characters are not allowed.

Methods

[signature(x = "QcMetadata"): subsets x as a new QcMetadata instance.

[[signature(x = "QcMetadata"): extracts a single element of x.

- metadata signature(x = "QcMetadata"): return the object's metadata list. Also available as
 mdata.

length signature(x = "QcMetadata"): returns the number of metadata variables.

names signature(x = "QcMetadata"): returns the names of the metadata variables.

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QcMetric-class The "QcMetric" class for QC items

Description

Data structure for individual QC metrics items.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created using the constructor QcMetric(...), where slots are assigned individually. See example below.

Slots

name: Object of class "character" of length 1 naming the object.

- description: Object of class "character" of arbitrary length describing the qc metric in more details.
- qcdata: Object of class "environment" that stores the actual data.
- plot: Object of class "function" to graphically represent the data and infer quality status.
- show: Object of class "function" to print a short textual representation of the object. A reasonable default value is provided.
- status: Object of class "logical" that indicates weather the data passes (TRUE) or fails (FALSE) the metric or has not yet been evaluated.

Methods

name signature(object = "QcMetric"): retrieves the name of the object.

- name<- signature(object = "QcMetric", value = "character"): set the name of the object.</pre>
- **description** signature(object = "QcMetric"): retrieves the description of the object.
- description<- signature(object = "QcMetric", value = "character"): set the description of the object.
- status signature(object = "QcMetric"): retrieves the status of the object.
- status<- signature(object = "QcMetric", value = "logical"): sets the status of the objects.</pre>
- qcdata signature(object = "QcMetric", x = "missing"): lists all the data objects that are associated with the objects.
- **qcdata** signature(object = "QcMetric", x = "character"): retrieves the variable x for the object.
- **qcdata**<- signature(object = "QcMetric", var): creates or overwrites (with a message) the data variable var by assigning the RHS value. If var is missing and the RHS expression is an environment, then qcdata is reset with all the variables in value.

qcenv signature(object = "QcMetric"): return the environment that stores the QC data.

- **qcenv<-** signature(object = "QcMetric"): Set all variable in the RHS environment as qcdata variables. Equivalent to qcdata(object) <- x where x is an environment.
- show signature(object = "QcMetric"): shows a textual summary of object. The default show implementation is available as the qcshow{object, qcdata} function. The second argument is a logical (default is TRUE) that specifies whether qcdata(object) should be displayed.

- show<- signature(object = "QcMetric", value = "function"): sets a custom show method
 for object.</pre>
- plot signature(x = "QcMetric", y = "missing"): plots the object using the provide show method.
- plot<- signature(object = "QcMetric", value = "function"): sets a custom plot method for object.
- qcReport signature(x = "QcMetric", ...): to generate quality reports. See qcReport for details.

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See Also

The QcMetrics class to bundle a set of QcMetric instances.

Examples

```
(qc <- QcMetric())</pre>
qcdata(qc)
try(qcdata(qc, "x"))
x <- rnorm(10)</pre>
qcdata(qc, "qc1") <- x
qcdata(qc, "qc2") <- 1:10
qcdata(qc)
all.equal(qcdata(qc, "qc1"), x)
all.equal(qcdata(qc, "qc2"), 1:10)
name(qc) <- "My test QcMetric"</pre>
description(qc) <- "This qc metric describes bla bla bla, indicating possible issues in the third step of protoc
status(qc) <- FALSE</pre>
qc
## or
e <- new.env()</pre>
e$qc1 <- rnorm(100)
e$qc2 <- 1:100
qcenv(qc) <- e</pre>
length(qcdata(qc, "qc1"))
head(qcdata(qc, "qc2"))
show(qc)
show(qc) <- function(object) cat("Updated show method\n")</pre>
show(qc)
show(qc) <- qcshow</pre>
qc
plot(qc)
plot(qc) <-</pre>
    function(object, ...)
         plot(qcdata(object, "qc2"),
               qcdata(object, "qc1"),
               xlab = "qc1",
              ylab = "qc2",
```

QcMetrics-class

...) plot(qc) plot(qc, col = "red", pch = 19)

QcMetrics-class The "QcMetrics" class for collections of QC items

Description

Data structure for storing lists of QcMetric items.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created using the constructor QcMetrics(...), where slots are assigned individually. See example below.

In a standardised quality control pipeline, the QcMetrics and QcMetric object are not generated manually. Their creation is delegated to a wrapper function that reads a specific type of files, parses the data, produces the individual QcMetric instances and, eventually, the QcMetric object. See the package vignette for details and examples.

Slots

metadata: Object of class QcMetadata storing the metadata of the object. This list would typically contain the input file the data was read from, the date the object was generated, ... or fully fledged *minimum information* descriptions (see MIAXE), when available.

qcdata: Object of class "list" storing all the individual QcMetric instances.

Methods

[signature(x = "QcMetrics"): subsets x as a new QcMetrics instance.

[[signature(x = "QcMetrics"): extracts a single QcMetric instance.

- **length** signature(x = "QcMetrics"): returns the number of QcMetric instances populate x.
- metadata signature(x = "QcMetrics"): return the object's metadata list. Also available as
 mdata.
- metadata<- signature(x = "QcMetrics", value = "list"): sets the objects metadata. Also available as mdata.
- metadata<- signature(x = "QcMetric", value = "QcMetadata"): sets the objects metadata. Also available as mdata.
- name signature(object = "QcMetrics"): returns a character vector of length length(object)
 with the names of the QcMetric instances.
- qcdata signature(object = "QcMetrics", x = "missing"): returns a list of all QcMetric instances.

qcdata<- signature(object = "QcMetrics", value = "list"): sets the qcdata of object.</pre>

show signature(object = "QcMetrics"): prints a short textual description of object.

- status signature(object = "QcMetrics"): returns a vector of quality statuses (logicals).
- status<- signature(object = "QcMetrics", value = "logical"): sets the quality statuses. Length
 of value and object must be identical.</pre>

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See Also

The QcMetric class for individual QC items.

Examples

```
example(QcMetric)
show(qc)
qc2 <- QcMetric(name = "My other metric", status = TRUE)</pre>
qcdata(qc2, "x") <- rnorm(100)
qcdata(qc2, "k") <- rep(LETTERS[1:2], 50)</pre>
plot(qc2) <- function(object, ...) {</pre>
    require("lattice")
    d <- data.frame(x = qcdata(object, "x"),</pre>
                     k = qcdata(object, "k"))
    bwplot(x \sim k, data = d)
}
qcm <- QcMetrics(qcdata = list(qc, qc2))</pre>
qcm
qcm[1] ## a QcMetrics instance
qcm[[1]] ## a single QcMetric
metadata(qcm)
metadata(qcm) <- QcMetadata(list(name = "Prof. Who",</pre>
                                   lab = "Cabin University"))
## or, shorter but equivalent
metadata(qcm) <- list(name = "Prof. Who",</pre>
                       lab = "Cabin University")
metadata(qcm) ## or mdata(qcm)
## update metadata
metadata(qcm) <- list(lab = "Big lab", ## updated</pre>
                       uni = "Cabin University") ## added
mdata(qcm)
```

qcReport-methods Automatic report generation

Description

The qcReport method generates report in various formats taking a QcMetrics instance as input. Each individual quality control item produces a section with description of the item and a assessment figure.

qcReport-methods

Details

The reporting functions take a QcMetrics instance as input, generate the source of the report and compile it into the final format that are currently available are reporting_pdf, reporting_tex, reporting_rmd and reporting_html. See qcto for details about the sectioning functions, that convert individual QcMetric objects into adequate report sections.

The package vignette documents the report generation in more details and describes possibilities for customisation.

Methods

signature(object = "QcMetrics", reportname = "character", type = "character", author = "character", t
generates a report for the QcMetrics object. The report will be named according the reportname
(default is qcreprt)and type, the latter defining the output format and the extension. Possible types are pdf (default), "tex", "Rmd", "html" (all generated using the package knitr). A
custom title can be provided; default is "Quality control report generated with qcmetrics".
If no author is provided, the default value (Sys.getenv("USER")) is used. The addition of
a table of contents (default is FALSE), a metadata section, a summary section and the session
information can be controlled with the toc, metadata, summary and sessioninformation
arguments. The metadata section is added to the report when present and the other have TRUE
as default.

Intermediate files are deleted, unless clean is set to FALSE and verbose output can be turned on by setting quiet to FALSE.

The reporter and qcto arguments are used to convert QcMetric and QcMetrics objects into report source. See Details and the package vignette for details.

Addition parameters can be passed to inner functions. For the pdf report, passed to texi2pdf; for html, passed to markdown::markdownToHTML.

The method invisibly returns the name of the report that was generated.

Examples

```
example(QcMetrics)
show(qcm)

destdir <- tempdir()
(report <- file.path(destdir, "testQCReport"))

## Not run:
    ## pdf report
    qcReport(qcm, reportname = report)
    ## use pdflatex to generate the pdf file
    qcReport(qcm, reportname = report, texi2dvi = "pdflatex")

## End(Not run)

## default html report
html <- qcReport(qcm, reportname = report, type = "html")
html
if (interactive())
    browseURL(html)</pre>
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