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.aaf.character *Generic constructor for classes extending character*

Description

Retrieve annotation from a character data source.

Usage

```
.aaf.character(probeids, chip, type, class)
```

Arguments

probeids	character vector containing probe ids
chip	name of chip
type	type of annotation
class	class of object to be created

Value

A list of objects of class `class` containing the annotation data of from the `type` dataset for the given `probeids`. NA values are returned as empty objects.

Note

Written at the NASA Center for Computational Astrobiology
<http://cca.arc.nasa.gov/>

Author(s)

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.aaf.goterm *Fetch Gene Ontology term information*

Description

Given a Gene Ontology number, return its type and name.

Usage

```
.aaf.goterm(num)
```

Arguments

num	Gene Ontology number - should be formatted GO:XXXXXX
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Value

A list with components

type	Type of GO record, either Biological Process, Cellular Component, or Molecular Function.
name	A character vector containing the GO name.

Note

Written at the NASA Center for Computational Astrobiology
<http://cca.arc.nasa.gov/>

Author(s)

Colin A. Smith, <annafy@colinsmith.org>

<i>.aaf.integer</i>	<i>Generic constructor for classes extending integer</i>
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Description

Retrieve annotation from an integer data source.

Usage

```
.aaf.integer(probeids, chip, type, class)
```

Arguments

probeids	character vector containing probe ids
chip	name of chip
type	type of annotation
class	class of object to be created

Value

A list of objects of class `class` containing the annotation data of from the `type` dataset for the given `probeids`. NA values are returned as empty objects.

Note

Written at the NASA Center for Computational Astrobiology
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Author(s)

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.aaf.raw *Fetch raw annotation data*

Description

Retrieve annotation data from a data package, loading the library if necessary.

Usage

```
.aaf.raw(probeids, chip, type)
```

Arguments

probeids	character vector containing probe ids
chip	name of chip, see details
type	type of annotation, see details

Details

The core workings of this function depend on an (informal) protocol used in creating the BioConductor Affymetrix annotation data packages. Based on currently published (and unpublished) data packages, the current protocol includes the following features:

The package is named after the chip, <chip name>

The package contains datasets named <chip name><data type>

Value

A list of annotation data for the given probeids. Each list contains a sub-list containing the actual data.

Note

Written at the NASA Center for Computational Astrobiology
<http://cca.arc.nasa.gov/>

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aaf.handler	<i>Handle fetching annotation data columns</i>
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Description

Dispatches requests for annotation data to the correct function. Alternatively returns a list of all the columns it supports.

Usage

```
aaf.handler(probeids, chip, name)
```

Arguments

probeids	character vector containing probe ids
chip	name of chip
name	name of the column of data to return

Value

An aafList containing objects of the proper class.

If no arguments are passed, it will return a character vector of the columns currently supported.

Note

Written at the NASA Center for Computational Astrobiology
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Author(s)

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aafChromLoc	<i>Constructor for aafChromLoc objects</i>
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Description

For the given probeids, constructs an aafList of aafChromLoc objects containing annotation data from the chip data package.

Usage

```
aafChromLoc(probeids, chip)
```

Arguments

probeids character vector containing probe ids
chip name of the chip data package

Value

An aafList of aafChromLoc objects. NA values are returned as empty objects.

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafChromLoc-class](#)

Examples

```
if (require(hgu95av2.db)) {  
  data(aafExpr)  
  probes <- featureNames(aafExpr)  
  locations <- aafChromLoc(probes, "hgu95av2.db")  
  show(locations[6:10])  
}
```

aafChromLoc-class *Class aafChromLoc, a class for gene chromosome locations*

Description

An abstraction for gene chromosome locations from Bioconductor data packages.

Objects from the Class

Objects are generally created by the [aafChromLoc](#) constructor. Objects can also be created manually by calls of the form `new("aafChromLoc", description)`.

Slots

.Data: Object of class integer

Extends

Class integer, from data part.

Methods

No methods defined with class "aafChromLoc" in the signature. See generic implementations of [getText](#), [getURL](#), [getHTML](#), [getTD](#), and [getCSS](#).

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafChromLoc](#)

aafChromosome

Constructor for aafChromosome objects

Description

For the given probeids, constructs an aafList of aafChromosome objects containing annotation data from the chip data package.

Usage

```
aafChromosome(probeids, chip)
```

Arguments

probeids	character vector containing probe ids
chip	name of the chip data package

Value

An aafList of aafChromosome objects. NA values are returned as empty objects.

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafChromosome-class](#)

Examples

```
if (require(hgu95av2.db)) {  
  data(aafExpr)  
  probes <- featureNames(aafExpr)  
  chromosomes <- aafChromosome(probes, "hgu95av2.db")  
  show(chromosomes[6:10])  
}
```

aafChromosome-class *Class aafChromosome, a class for gene chromosome assignments*

Description

An abstraction for gene chromosome assignments from Bioconductor data packages.

Objects from the Class

Objects are generally created by the [aafChromosome](#) constructor. Objects can also be created manually by calls of the form `new("aafChromosome", description)`.

Slots

.Data: Object of class character

Extends

Class character, from data part.

Methods

No methods defined with class "aafChromosome" in the signature. See generic implementations of [getText](#), [getURL](#), [getHTML](#), [getTD](#), and [getCSS](#).

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafChromosome](#)

aafCytoband *Constructor for aafCytoband objects*

Description

For the given probeids, constructs an `aafList` of `aafCytoband` objects containing annotation data from the chip data package.

Usage

```
aafCytoband(probeids, chip)
```

Arguments

probeids character vector containing probe ids
 chip name of the chip data package

Value

An aafList of aafCytoband objects. NA values are returned as empty objects.

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafCytoband-class](#)

Examples

```
if (require(hgu95av2.db)) {
  data(aafExpr)
  probes <- featureNames(aafExpr)
  bands <- aafCytoband(probes, "hgu95av2.db")
  show(bands[6:10])
}
```

aafCytoband-class *Class aafCytoband, a class for cytoband data*

Description

An abstraction for cytoband data from Bioconductor data packages.

Objects from the Class

Objects are generally created by the [aafCytoband](#) constructor. Objects can also be created manually by calls of the form `new("aafCytoband", band, genbank)`.

Slots

band: Object of class character containing genomic cytoband
 gene: Object of class character containing containing Gene ID

Methods

getText (aafCytoband): Returns text of band.
getURL (aafCytoband): Returns a URL corresponding entry in NCBI's cytoband map viewer.
 See generic implementations of [getHTML](#), [getTD](#), and [getCSS](#).

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafCytoband](#)

aafDescription	<i>Constructor for aafDescription objects</i>
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Description

For the given probeids, constructs an aafList of aafDescription objects containing annotation data from the chip data package.

Usage

```
aafDescription(probeids, chip)
```

Arguments

probeids	character vector containing probe ids
chip	name of the chip data package

Value

An aafList of aafDescription objects. NA values are returned as empty objects.

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafDescription-class](#)

Examples

```
if (require(hgu95av2.db)) {  
  data(aafExpr)  
  probes <- featureNames(aafExpr)  
  descriptions <- aafDescription(probes, "hgu95av2.db")  
  show(descriptions[6:10])  
}
```

aafDescription-class *Class aafDescription, a class for gene descriptions*

Description

An abstraction for gene description from Bioconductor data packages.

Objects from the Class

Objects are generally created by the [aafDescription](#) constructor. Objects can also be created manually by calls of the form `new("aafDescription", description)`.

Slots

.Data: Object of class character

Extends

Class character, from data part.

Methods

No methods defined with class "aafDescription" in the signature. See generic implementations of [getText](#), [getURL](#), [getHTML](#), and [getTD](#).

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See Also

[aafDescription](#)

aafExpr

Sample ExpressionSet used for demonstration purposes

Description

Contains expression values for 250 probe ids with 8 samples. Two covariates are provided. Expression comes from the hgu95av2 chip.

Details

The data is real but anonymized. 250 genes expression values were chosen at random from an existing ExpressionSet. Another 250 probe ids were selected at random and were assigned to the expression values. That way, expression values do not correspond to the true probe ids.

Post-processing was done with `rma()` in `affy` 1.2.23.

aafGenBank	<i>Constructor for aafGenBank objects</i>
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Description

For the given probeids, constructs an aafList of aafGenBank objects containing annotation data from the chip data package.

Usage

```
aafGenBank(probeids, chip)
```

Arguments

probeids	character vector containing probe ids
chip	name of the chip data package

Value

An aafList of aafGenBank objects. NA values are returned as empty objects.

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafGenBank-class](#)

Examples

```
if (require(hgu95av2.db)) {  
  data(aafExpr)  
  probes <- featureNames(aafExpr)  
  gbs <- aafGenBank(probes, "hgu95av2.db")  
  show(gbs[6:10])  
}
```

aafGenBank-class	<i>Class aafGenBank, a class for GenBank accession numbers</i>
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Description

An abstraction for GenBank accession numbers from Bioconductor data packages.

Objects from the Class

Objects are generally created by the [aafGenBank](#) constructor. Objects can also be created manually by calls of the form `new("aafGenBank", accnum)`.

Slots

.Data: Object of class character

Extends

Class character, from data part.

Methods

getURL (aafGenBank): Returns a URL to the corresponding entry in NCBI's GenBank database. See generic implementations of [getText](#), [getHTML](#), and [getTD](#).

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafGenBank](#)

aafGO	<i>Constructor for aafGO objects</i>
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Description

For the given probeids, constructs an `aafList` of `aafGO` objects containing annotation data from the chip data package.

Usage

```
aafGO(probeids, chip)
```

Arguments

probeids character vector containing probe ids
chip name of the chip data package

Value

An aafList of aafGO objects. NA values are returned as empty objects.

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafGO-class](#)

Examples

```
if (require(hgu95av2.db)) {  
  data(aafExpr)  
  probes <- featureNames(aafExpr)  
  gos <- aafGO(probes, "hgu95av2.db")  
  show(gos[6:10])  
}
```

aafGO-class

Class aafGO, a class for gene ontology ids

Description

An abstraction for gene ontology ids from Bioconductor data packages. This class is actually extends aafList and holds aafGOItem objects which have the actual annotation data.

Objects from the Class

Objects are generally created by the [aafGO](#) constructor. Objects can also be created manually by calls of the form `new("aafGO", list(goitems))`.

Slots

.Data: Object of class list

Extends

Class aafList, from data part.

Methods

- getText** (aafGO): Returns a comma delimited list of the individual aafGOItem objects.
- getURL** (aafGO): Returns a single URL to an AmiGO page which displays all the gene ontology identifiers in an hierarchical listing.
- getHTML** (aafGO): Returns an HTML representation of each of the individual aafGOItem objects, concatenated together.
- getTD** (aafGO): Returns an HTML table cell representation with the class set to "aafGO".
- getCSS** (aafGOItem): Returns a line of CSS that indents GOItem paragraphs.

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafGO](#), [aafGOItem](#), [aafList](#)

aafGOItem-class

Class aafGOItem, a class for gene ontology id elements

Description

An abstraction for gene ontology id elements from Bioconductor data packages. Multiple instances of this class are held by the wrapper class aafGO.

Objects from the Class

Objects are generally created by the [aafGO](#) constructor. Objects can also be created manually by calls of the form `new("aafGOItem", id, name, type)`.

Slots

- id**: Object of class character containing GO id
- name**: Object of class character containing textual name
- type**: Object of class character containing GO subtype
- evid**: Object of class character containing GO evidence code

Methods

- getText** (aafGOItem): Returns textual representation formatted "id: name".
- getURL** (aafGOItem): Returns a URL to the corresponding gene ontology entry on AmiGO.
- getHTML** (aafGOItem): Returns an HTML representation including the URL link, gene ontology name, and rollover subtype.

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafGO-class](#), [aafGO](#)

aafIntensity-class *Class aafIntensity, a class for gene expression values*

Description

A class for displaying gene expression values with a green background of differing intensities.

Objects from the Class

Objects are generally created by the [aafTableInt](#) constructor. Objects can also be created manually by calls of the form `new("aafIntensity", intensity)`.

Slots

.Data: Object of class numeric

Extends

Class numeric, from data part.

Methods

getTD (aafIntensity): Returns an HTML table cell with background varying from white to green depending on intensity. Scaling is controlled by two options, `minIntensity` (fully white) and `maxIntensity` (fully green), usually set by `writeHTML`.

See generic implementations of [getText](#), [getURL](#), [getHTML](#), and [getCSS](#).

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafTableInt](#)

aafList-class *Class aafList, a specialized subclass of list*

Description

A class for lists of annotation data objects.

Objects from the Class

Objects are generally created by any of the annotation data constructors that are also part of this package. Objects can also be created manually by calls of the form `new("aafList", list)`.

Slots

.Data: Object of class list

Extends

Class list, from data part.

Methods

getText (aafList): Returns a character vector containing textual representations of every item.

getURL (aafList): Returns a character vector containing single URLs (if possible) of every item.

getHTML (aafList): Returns a character vector containing HTML representations of every item.

getTD (aafList): Returns a character vector containing HTML table cell representations of every item.

getCSS (aafList): Returns `getCSS()` of the first item in the list.

[(aafList): Returns a subset of aafList as another aafList object.

Author(s)

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aafLocusLink *Constructor for aafLocusLink objects*

Description

For the given probeids, constructs an aafList of aafLocusLink objects containing annotation data from the chip data package.

Usage

`aafLocusLink(probeids, chip)`

Arguments

probeids character vector containing probe ids
chip name of the chip data package

Value

An aafList of aafLocusLink objects. NA values are returned as empty objects.

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafLocusLink-class](#)

Examples

```
if (require(hgu95av2.db)) {  
  data(aafExpr)  
  probes <- featureNames(aafExpr)  
  lls <- aafLocusLink(probes, "hgu95av2.db")  
  show(lls[6:10])  
}
```

aafLocusLink-class *Class aafLocusLink, a class for LocusLink ids*

Description

An abstraction for LocusLink ids from Bioconductor data packages.

Objects from the Class

Objects are generally created by the [aafLocusLink](#) constructor. Objects can also be created manually by calls of the form `new("aafLocusLink", id)`.

Slots

.Data: Object of class integer

Extends

Class integer, from data part.

Methods

getURL (aafLocusLink): Returns a URL to the corresponding entry in NCBI's LocusLink database. On the rare chance that more than one id is defined, more than one URL will be returned.

See generic implementations of [getText](#), [getHTML](#), and [getTD](#).

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafLocusLink](#)

aafPathway

Constructor for aafPathway objects

Description

For the given probeids, constructs an aafList of aafPathway objects containing annotation data from the chip data package.

Usage

```
aafPathway(probeids, chip)
```

Arguments

probeids	character vector containing probe ids
chip	name of the chip data package

Value

An aafList of aafPathway objects. NA values are returned as empty objects.

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafPathway-class](#)

Examples

```
if (require(hgu95av2.db)) {  
  data(aafExpr)  
  probes <- featureNames(aafExpr)  
  pathways <- aafPathway(probes, "hgu95av2.db")  
  show(pathways[6:10])  
}
```

aafPathway-class

Class aafPathway, a class for KEGG pathway ids

Description

An abstraction for KEGG pathway ids from Bioconductor data packages. This class is actually extends `aafList` and holds `aafPathwayItem` objects which have the actual annotation data.

Objects from the Class

Objects are generally created by the `aafPathway` constructor. Objects can also be created manually by calls of the form `new("aafPathway", list(pathwayItems))`.

Slots

.Data: Object of class list

Extends

Class `aafList`, from data part.

Methods

getText (aafGO): Returns a comma delimited list of the individual `aafPathwayItem` objects.

getURL (aafGO): Returns zero length character vector because this method is not valid for this class.

getHTML (aafGO): Returns an HTML representation of each of the individual `aafPathwayItem` objects, concatenated together.

getTD (aafGO): Returns an HTML table cell representation with the class set to "aafPathway".

getCSS (aafGO): Returns a line of CSS which intends `PathwayItem` paragraphs.

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafPathway](#), [aafPathwayItem](#), [aafList](#)

aafPathwayItem-class *Class aafPathwayItem, a class for KEGG pathway id elements*

Description

An abstraction for KEGG pathway id elements from Bioconductor data packages. Multiple instances of this class are held by the wrapper class aafPathway.

Objects from the Class

Objects are generally created by the [aafPathway](#) constructor. Objects can also be created manually by calls of the form `new("aafPathwayItem", id, name, enzyme)`.

Slots

id: Object of class character containing KEGG pathway id

name: Object of class character containing textual name (no longer supported)

enzyme: Object of class character containing the Enzyme Commission number if applicable

Methods

getText (aafPathwayItem): Returns textual representation formatted "id: name".

getURL (aafPathwayItem): Returns a URL to the corresponding entry in the Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes database. If there is a corresponding EC number, it will be highlighted in red.

getHTML (aafPathwayItem): Returns an HTML representation including the URL link and pathway name.

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See Also

[aafPathway-class](#), [aafPathway](#)

aafProbe	<i>Constructor for aafProbe objects</i>
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Description

For the given probeids, constructs an aafList of aafProbe objects.

Usage

```
aafProbe(probeids)
```

Arguments

probeids character vector containing probe ids

Value

An aafList of aafProbe objects.

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafProbe-class](#)

Examples

```
if (require(hgu95av2.db)) {  
  data(aafExpr)  
  probes <- featureNames(aafExpr)  
  probesets <- aafProbe(probes)  
  getURL(probesets[6:10])  
}
```

aafProbe-class	<i>Class aafProbe, a class for Probe ids</i>
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Description

An abstraction for Affymetrix ProbeSet ids.

Objects from the Class

Objects are generally created by the [aafProbe](#) constructor. Objects can also be created manually by calls of the form `new("aafProbe", id)`.

Slots

.Data: Object of class character

Extends

Class character, from data part.

Methods

getURL (aafProbe): Returns a URL to the annotation found in the Affymetrix NetAffx Analysis Center.

See generic implementations of [getText](#), [getHTML](#), and [getTD](#).

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafProbe](#)

aafPubMed

Constructor for aafPubMed objects

Description

For the given probeids, constructs a list of aafPubMed objects containing annotation data from the chip data package.

Usage

```
aafPubMed(probeids, chip)
```

Arguments

probeids	character vector containing probe ids
chip	name of the chip data package

Value

An aafList of aafPubMed objects. NA values are returned as empty objects.

Author(s)

Colin A. Smith, <annafy@colinsmith.org>

See Also[aafPubMed-class](#)**Examples**

```
if (require(hgu95av2.db)) {  
  data(aafExpr)  
  probes <- featureNames(aafExpr)  
  pmids <- aafPubMed(probes, "hgu95av2.db")  
  show(pmids[6:10])  
}
```

`aafPubMed-class`*Class aafPubMed, a class for PubMed ids*

Description

An abstraction for LocusLink ids from Bioconductor data packages.

Objects from the Class

Objects are generally created by the [aafPubMed](#) constructor. Objects can also be created manually by calls of the form `new("aafPubMed", id)`.

Slots

`.Data`: Object of class integer

Extends

Class integer, from data part.

Methods

getURL (aafPubMed): Returns a single URL to the corresponding abstracts in NCBI's PubMed database.

getHTML (aafPubMed): Returns an HTML link along with the number of abstracts.

getTD (aafPubMed): Returns an HTML table cell representation with the class set to "aafPubMed".

getCSS (aafPubMed): Returns a line of CSS which centers the PubMed link.

Author(s)

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See Also[aafPubMed](#)

aafSearchGO

Find probe ids corresponding to GO ids

Description

Searches Gene Ontology ids for corresponding probe ids in a given chip, optionally including descendants.

Usage

```
aafSearchGO(chip, ids, descendants = TRUE, logic = "OR")
```

Arguments

chip	name of the chip data package
ids	numeric or character vector of GO ids
descendants	logical, include GO descendants?
logic	type of logic to use, "AND" or "OR"

Value

A character vector of probe ids matching the search criteria.

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafSearchText](#)

aafSearchText

Search metadata annotation text

Description

Searches Bioconductor metadata annotation package text for specific strings or Perl compatible regular expressions.

Usage

```
aafSearchText(chip, colnames, text, logic = "OR")
```

Arguments

chip	name of the chip data package
colnames	character vector of metadata column names to search
text	character vector of strings/regular expressions to match
logic	type of logic to use, "AND" or "OR"

Value

A character vector of probe ids matching the search criteria.

Author(s)

Colin A. Smith, <annaffy@colinsmith.org>

See Also

[aafSearchGO](#)

Examples

```
if (require(hgu95av2.db)) {
  aafSearchText("hgu95av2.db", "Description", c("kinase", "interferon"))
#  aafSearchText("hgu95av2.db", c("Gene Ontology", "Pathway"), "ribosome")
}
```

aafSigned-class

Class aafSigned, a class for signed numerical data

Description

A class for displaying signed numerical data with different styles depending on the sign.

Objects from the Class

Objects are generally created by the [aafTable](#) constructor. Objects can also be created manually by calls of the form `new("aafSigned", signedval)`.

Slots

.Data: Object of class `numeric`

Extends

Class `numeric`, from data part.

Methods

getTD (aafSigned): Returns an HTML table cell with class differentially set based on sign. aafSignedPos is used for positive values. aafSignedNeg is used for negative values. aafSignedZero is used for zero values.

getCSS (aafSigned): Returns two lines of CSS that set the cell background of positive values light blue and negative values light red.

See generic implementations of [getText](#), [getURL](#), and [getHTML](#).

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See Also

[aafTable](#)

aafSymbol

Constructor for aafSymbol objects

Description

For the given probeids, constructs a list of aafSymbol objects containing annotation data from the chip data package.

Usage

```
aafSymbol(probeids, chip)
```

Arguments

probeids	character vector containing probe ids
chip	name of the chip data package

Value

An aafList of aafSymbol objects. NA values are returned as empty objects.

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafSymbol-class](#)

Examples

```
if (require(hgu95av2.db)) {  
  data(aafExpr)  
  probes <- featureNames(aafExpr)  
  symbols <- aafSymbol(probes, "hgu95av2.db")  
  show(symbols[6:10])  
}
```

aafSymbol-class *Class aafSymbol, a class for gene symbols*

Description

An abstraction for gene symbol from Bioconductor data packages.

Objects from the Class

Objects are generally created by the [aafSymbol](#) constructor. Objects can also be created manually by calls of the form `new("aafSymbol", description)`.

Slots

.Data: Object of class character with gene symbol

Extends

Class character, from data part.

Methods

No methods defined with class "aafSymbol" in the signature. See generic implementations of [getText](#), [getURL](#), [getHTML](#), and [getTD](#).

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafSymbol](#)

aafTable	<i>Constructor for aafTable objects</i>
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Description

Constructs an aafTable object given vectors, lists, or aafList objects.

Usage

```
aafTable(..., items = list(...), colnames = names(items),
         probeids = character(0), signed = FALSE)
```

Arguments

...	named arguments, one for each column
items	alternatively a named list of the items to be put in the table
colnames	character vector of column names
probeids	character vector of probe ids associated with each row
signed	boolean, should each column be colored based on the sign?

Value

An aafTable object.

Author(s)

Colin A. Smith, <annafy@colinsmith.org>

See Also

[aafTable-class](#)

aafTable-class	<i>Class aafTable, a tabular microarray data class</i>
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Description

A class for storing and flexible output of microarray data to HTML and text formats.

Objects from the Class

Objects are generally created by any of the annotation table constructors that are also part of this package. Objects can also be created manually by calls of the form `new("aafList", probeids, table)`.

Slots

probeids: Object of class character containing the probe ids for each row of the table.

table: Object of class list containing aafList objects all of the same length, representing the columns of the table. Each item in the list must have a unique name.

Methods

probeids (aafTable): Returns a character vector containing the probe ids for each row of the table.

probeids<- (aafTable): Sets the probe ids for the table rows. Can be set to character(0) if unknown or not applicable.

colnames (aafTable): Returns a character vector containing the names of the columns stored in the table.

colnames<- (aafTable): Set the column names for the table. Each must be unique.

dim (aafTable): Returns the dimensions of the table.

merge (aafTable, aafTable, all = FALSE, all.x = all, all.y = all, suffixes = c(".x", ".y")): Merges two tables together, aligning common probe ids if possible. Duplicate column names are given suffixes to make them unique. Returns the merged table.

rbind (aafTable, aafTable, ...): Vertically combines tables by row. Requires that column names be identical and that all tables either have probe ids defined or not.

[Returns a subset of the table based on [row, column]. Indices may be passed as integers or probe ids/column names.

[[] Returns the given table column. This also supports recursive subsetting to address columns, then cells, then sub-cells (if applicable). See [Extract](#) for more information.

\\$ Returns the given table column.

saveHTML (aafTable, filename, title = "Bioconductor Affymetrix Probe Listing", colnames = colnames(aafTable), range = 1:dim(aafTable)[1], open = FALSE, widget = FALSE): Saves the table to HTML with the specified filename and title. Both the columns and the range of table rows can be specified. Range can either be specified as a character vector of probe ids or an integer vector of row positions. One can also specify whether to open the resulting file in the browser and whether to use a widget for column selection.

saveText (aafTable, filename, header = TRUE, colnames = colnames(aafTable), range = 1:dim(aafTable)[1], widget = FALSE): Saves the table to tab delimited text with specified filename and optional header. Both the columns and the range of table rows can be specified. Range can either be specified as a character vector of probe ids or an integer vector of row positions. One can also specify whether to use a widget for column selection.

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafTable](#), [aafTableFrame](#), [aafTableAnn](#), [aafTableInt](#)

aafTableAnn	<i>Constructor for aafTable objects from annotation data</i>
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Description

Constructs an aafTable object given a set of probe ids and desired annotation types.

Usage

```
aafTableAnn(probeids, chip, colnames = aaf.handler(chip = chip), widget = FALSE)
```

Arguments

probeids	character vector of probe ids
chip	name of the data package in which the annotation data is stored
colnames	character vector of annotation types
widget	boolean, use widget to select columns?

Value

An aafTable object.

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafTable-class](#)

aafTableFrame	<i>Constructor for aafTable objects from data frames</i>
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Description

Constructs an aafTable object given a data frame.

Usage

```
aafTableFrame(frame, colnames = names(frame), probeids = row.names(frame),  
              signed = FALSE)
```

Arguments

frame	data frame to be converted to the table
colnames	character vector of column names
probeids	character vector of probe ids associated with each row
signed	boolean, should each column be colored based on the sign?

Value

An aafTable object.

Author(s)

Colin A. Smith, <annaffy@colinsmith.org>

See Also

[aafTable-class](#)

aafTableInt

Constructor for aafTable objects from ExpressionSets

Description

Constructs an aafTable object containing expression values given an ExpressionSet.

In the resulting HTML table, the expression values will have backgrounds with varying intensities of green depending on the expression measure.

Usage

```
aafTableInt(exprSet, colnames = sampleNames(exprSet),
            probeids = featureNames(exprSet))
```

Arguments

exprSet	object of class ExpressionSet
colnames	character vector of column names
probeids	character vector of probe ids associated with each row

Value

An aafTable object.

Author(s)

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See Also

[aafTable-class](#), [aafIntensity](#)

chkPkgs

A Function to Check for and Install Missing Annotation Packages

Description

This is a wrapper function that calls all the necessary functions to detect missing annotation packages, ensure all versions are compatible with the current version of annaffy, and download required packages. This is an internal function and should not be called by the end user.

Usage

```
chkPkgs(pkg)
```

Arguments

pkg The chip-level annotation package

Details

This function checks for the correct chip-level package, and if it is not installed will download and install. In the case that there are two versions of the same package installed, the function will return the library location of the package with the correct version.

Value

This function doesn't return anything; it is only called for its side effect of loading or installing a chip-level annotation package.

Author(s)

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getCSS-methods	<i>Methods for function getCSS</i>
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Description

Methods to get relevant stylesheet lines for an object.

Methods

object = ANY Returns an empty character vector.

Note

For information about other implementations of this method, see documentation of the respective class.

See Also

[aafList-class](#), [aafPubMed-class](#), [aafGO-class](#), [aafPathway-class](#), [aafSigned-class](#)

getHTML-methods	<i>Methods for function getHTML</i>
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Description

Methods to get an HTML representation of an object.

Methods

object = ANY Returns text of object along with URL link if applicable. If object is floating point, it displays a fixed number of significant digits as specified by the `sigfigs` option (default 6).

Note

For information about other implementations of this method, see documentation of the respective class.

See Also

[aafList-class](#), [aafPubMed-class](#), [aafGO-class](#), [aafGOItem-class](#), [aafPathway-class](#), [aafPathwayItem-class](#)

getTD-methods

Methods for function getTD

Description

Methods to get an HTML table cell representation of an object.

Methods

object = ANY Returns <td> tag containing HTML representation of object. Sets class attribute to class(object).

Note

For information about other implementations of this method, see documentation of the respective class.

See Also

[aafList-class](#), [aafGO-class](#), [aafPathway-class](#), [aafIntensity-class](#)

getText-methods

Methods for function getText

Description

Methods to get a textual representation of an object.

Methods

object = ANY Returns a comma delimited list of the elements in list.

Note

For information about other implementations of this method, see documentation of the respective class.

See Also

[aafList-class](#), [aafCytoband-class](#), [aafGO-class](#), [aafGOItem-class](#), [aafPathway-class](#), [aafPathwayItem-class](#)

getURL-methods	<i>Methods for function getURL</i>
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Description

Methods to get a URL link to a web resource for an object.

Methods

object = ANY Returns an empty character vector.

Note

For information about other implementations of this method, see documentation of the respective class.

See Also

[aafList-class](#), [aafGenBank-class](#), [aafLocusLink-class](#), [aafCytoband-class](#), [aafUniGene-class](#), [aafPubMed-class](#), [aafGO-class](#), [aafGOItem-class](#), [aafPathwayItem-class](#)

is.annpkg	<i>Determine if packages contain annotation</i>
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Description

Checks to see that the given packages contain all the necessary annotation environments to be usable by annaffy.

Usage

```
is.annpkg(packages, lib.loc = NULL)
```

Arguments

packages	character vector containing package names to check
lib.loc	a character vector with path names of R libraries, or NULL. The default value of NULL corresponds to all libraries currently known. If the default is used, the loaded packages are searched before the libraries.

Value

A logical vector indicating whether the packages contain annotation data.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
pkgnames <- installed.packages()[,"Package"]
pkgnames <- pkgnames[1:5]
pkgnames[is.annpkg(pkgnames)]
```

selectorWidget	<i>Dialog to select items from a list</i>
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Description

Presents the user with a dialog box to select items from a list.

Usage

```
selectorWidget(options, selected = character(0), title = "Selector",
               ordersel = FALSE, ordernsel = FALSE,
               height = max(10,min(20,length(options))))
```

Arguments

options	vector, options to be selected from
selected	vector, subset of options selected by default
title	character scalar, window title
ordersel	boolean, keep the selected items in order?
ordernsel	boolean, keep the not selected items in order?
height	scalar, height of the two listboxes

Value

A character vector containing the selected items. If a vector of a different class was initially provided, it must be manually coerced back to the correct type.

Author(s)

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