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.populateHgncIdsInDataFrame

*Populate HGNC IDs in Data Frame*

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### Description

This function populates the HGNC IDs in the data frame based on the Uniprot IDs.

### Usage

```
.populateHgncIdsInDataFrame(df, proteinIdType)
```

### Arguments

df	A data frame containing protein information.
proteinIdType	A character string specifying the type of protein ID. It can be either "Uniprot", "Uniprot_Mnemonic", or "Hgnc_Name".

### Value

A data frame with populated HGNC IDs.

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`.populateHgncNamesInDataFrame`

*Populate HGNC Names in Data Frame*

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### **Description**

This function populates the HGNC names in the data frame based on the HGNC IDs.

### **Usage**

```
.populateHgncNamesInDataFrame(df)
```

### **Arguments**

`df`                    A data frame containing protein information.

### **Value**

A data frame with populated HGNC names.

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`.populateKinaseInfoInDataFrame`

*Populate Kinase Info in Data Frame*

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### **Description**

This function populates the kinase information in the data frame based on the HGNC names.

### **Usage**

```
.populateKinaseInfoInDataFrame(df)
```

### **Arguments**

`df`                    A data frame containing protein information.

### **Value**

A data frame with populated kinase information.

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```
.populatePhosphataseInfoInDataFrame
```

*Populate Phosphatase Info in Data Frame*

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**Description**

This function populates the phosphatase information in the data frame based on the HGNC names.

**Usage**

```
.populatePhosphataseInfoInDataFrame(df)
```

**Arguments**

`df` A data frame containing protein information.

**Value**

A data frame with populated phosphatase information.

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```
.populateTranscriptionFactorInfoInDataFrame
```

*Populate Transcription Factor Info in Data Frame*

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**Description**

This function populates the transcription factor information in the data frame based on the HGNC names.

**Usage**

```
.populateTranscriptionFactorInfoInDataFrame(df)
```

**Arguments**

`df` A data frame containing protein information.

**Value**

A data frame with populated transcription factor information.

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`.populateUniprotIdsInDataFrame`  
*Populate Uniprot IDs in Data Frame*

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### **Description**

This function populates the Uniprot IDs in the data frame based on the protein ID type.

### **Usage**

```
.populateUniprotIdsInDataFrame(df, proteinIdType)
```

### **Arguments**

`df` A data frame containing protein information.  
`proteinIdType` A character string specifying the type of protein ID. It can be either "Uniprot" or "Uniprot\_Mnemonic".

### **Value**

A data frame with populated Uniprot IDs.

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`.validateAnnotateProteinInfoFromIndraInput`  
*Validate Annotate Protein Info Input*

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### **Description**

This function validates the input data frame for the `annotateProteinInfoFromIndra` function.

### **Usage**

```
.validateAnnotateProteinInfoFromIndraInput(df)
```

### **Arguments**

`df` A data frame containing protein information.

### **Value**

None. Throws an error if validation fails.

---

`annotateProteinInfoFromIndra`*Annotate Protein Information from Indra*

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## Description

This function annotates a data frame with protein information from Indra.

## Usage

```
annotateProteinInfoFromIndra(df, proteinIdType)
```

## Arguments

`df` output of `groupComparison` function's `comparisonResult` table, which contains a list of proteins and their corresponding p-values, logFCs, along with additional HGNC ID and HGNC name columns

`proteinIdType` A character string specifying the type of protein ID. It can be either "Uniprot", "Uniprot\_Mnemonic", or "Hgnc\_Name".

## Value

A data frame with the following columns:

**Protein** Character. The original protein identifier.

**UniprotID** Character. The Uniprot ID of the protein.

**HgncID** Character. The HGNC ID of the protein.

**HgncName** Character. The HGNC name of the protein.

**IsTranscriptionFactor** Logical. Indicates if the protein is a transcription factor.

**IsKinase** Logical. Indicates if the protein is a kinase.

**IsPhosphatase** Logical. Indicates if the protein is a phosphatase.

## Examples

```
df <- data.frame(Protein = c("CLH1_HUMAN"))
annotated_df <- annotateProteinInfoFromIndra(df, "Uniprot_Mnemonic")
head(annotated_df)
```

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cytoscapeNetwork	<i>Render a Cytoscape network visualisation</i>
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## Description

Creates an interactive network diagram powered by Cytoscape.js and the dagre layout algorithm. Nodes can carry log fold-change (logFC) values which are mapped to a blue-grey-red colour gradient. PTM (post-translational modification) site information is shown as small satellite nodes and edge overlaps are surfaced as hover tooltips.

## Usage

```
cytoscapeNetwork(  
  nodes,  
  edges = data.frame(),  
  displayLabelType = "id",  
  nodeFontSize = 12,  
  layoutOptions = NULL,  
  width = NULL,  
  height = NULL,  
  elementId = NULL  
)
```

## Arguments

nodes	Data frame with at minimum an id column. Optional columns: logFC (numeric), hgncName (character), Site (character, underscore-separated PTM site list).
edges	Data frame with columns source, target, interaction. Optional: site, evidenceLink.
displayLabelType	"id" (default) or "hgncName" – controls which column is used as the visible node label.
nodeFontSize	Font size (px) for node labels. Default 12.
layoutOptions	Named list of dagre layout options to override the defaults (e.g. list(rankDir = "LR")).
width, height	Widget dimensions passed to <a href="#">createWidget</a> .
elementId	Optional explicit HTML element id.

## Value

An htmlwidget object that renders in R Markdown, Shiny, or the RStudio Viewer pane.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
nodes <- data.frame(
  id = c("TP53", "MDM2", "CDKN1A"),
  logFC = c(1.5, -0.8, 2.1),
  stringsAsFactors = FALSE
)
edges <- data.frame(
  source = c("TP53", "MDM2"),
  target = c("MDM2", "TP53"),
  interaction = c("Activation", "Inhibition"),
  stringsAsFactors = FALSE
)
cytoscapeNetwork(nodes, edges)

## End(Not run)
```

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cytoscapeNetworkOutput

*Shiny output binding for cytoscapeNetwork*

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## Description

Creates a Shiny output binding for a Cytoscape network visualization, allowing the network to be rendered within Shiny applications.

## Usage

```
cytoscapeNetworkOutput(outputId, width = "100%", height = "500px")
```

## Arguments

outputId	output variable to read from
width, height	Must be a valid CSS unit (like "100%", "400px", "auto") or a number, which will be coerced to a string and have "px" appended.

## Value

A Shiny output binding for a Cytoscape network visualization.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
library(shiny)

ui <- fluidPage(
  cytoscapeNetworkOutput("cytoNetwork")
)
```

```

)

server <- function(input, output, session) {
  output$cytoNetwork <- renderCytoscapeNetwork({
    nodes <- data.frame(
      id = c("TP53", "MDM2", "CDKN1A"),
      logFC = c(1.5, -0.8, 2.1),
      stringsAsFactors = FALSE
    )
    edges <- data.frame(
      source = c("TP53", "MDM2"),
      target = c("MDM2", "TP53"),
      interaction = c("Activation", "Inhibition"),
      stringsAsFactors = FALSE
    )
    cytoscapeNetwork(nodes, edges)
  })
}

shinyApp(ui, server)

## End(Not run)

```

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exportNetworkToHTML    *Export network data with Cytoscape visualization*

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## Description

Convenience function that takes nodes and edges data directly and creates both the configuration and HTML export in one step.

## Usage

```

exportNetworkToHTML(
  nodes,
  edges,
  filename = "network_visualization.html",
  displayLabelType = "id",
  nodeFontSize = 12,
  ...
)

```

## Arguments

nodes	Data frame with at minimum an id column. Optional columns: logFC (numeric), hgncName (character), Site (character, underscore-separated PTM site list).
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edges	Data frame with columns source, target, interaction. Optional: site, evidenceLink.
filename	Output HTML filename
displayLabelType	"id" (default) or "hgncName" – controls which column is used as the visible node label.
nodeFontSize	Font size (px) for node labels. Default 12.
...	Additional arguments passed to exportCytoscapeToHTML()

**Value**

Invisibly returns the file path of the created HTML file

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filterSubnetworkByContext

*Filter a subnetwork by contextual relevance*

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**Description**

Fetches PubMed abstracts for evidence PMIDs, scores each abstract against a user-supplied query, and returns only the nodes, edges, and evidence rows whose abstracts meet the scoring cutoff.

**Usage**

```
filterSubnetworkByContext(
  nodes,
  edges,
  query,
  cutoff = NULL,
  method = c("tag_count", "cosine")
)
```

**Arguments**

nodes	A dataframe of network nodes.
edges	A dataframe of network edges with columns: source, target, interaction, site, evidenceLink, stmt_hash.
query	For method = "tag_count": a character vector of tags, e.g. c("CHEK1", "DNA damage", "DNA damage repair"). For method = "cosine": a single character string.
cutoff	Numeric threshold applied to the chosen scoring method. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"tag_count": integer &gt;= 0; abstracts must contain at least this many tags. Max possible value is length(query). Default 1.</li> <li>"cosine": numeric in [-1, 1]; abstracts must score &gt;= this value. Default 0.10.</li> </ul>
method	One of "tag_count" (default) or "cosine".

**Details**

Two scoring methods are available, controlled by the method argument:

"tag\_count" (**default**) Counts how many tags from query appear as substrings in the abstract (case-insensitive). The score for each abstract is an integer in  $[0, \text{length}(\text{query})]$ . Set cutoff to the minimum number of tags that must appear - e.g. `cutoff = 2` keeps abstracts that mention at least 2 of your tags. query must be a character *vector* of tags when using this method.

"cosine" Scores abstracts using TF-IDF cosine similarity against query. Scores are in  $[-1, 1]$  (in practice  $[0, 1]$  for text). Set cutoff to a decimal threshold - e.g. `cutoff = 0.10`. query should be a single character string; expand it with synonyms and related terms for better recall under exact token matching.

**Value**

A named list with three elements:

nodes	Filtered nodes dataframe (only nodes present in kept edges)
edges	Filtered edges dataframe
evidence	Dataframe with columns: source, target, interaction, site, evidenceLink, stmt_hash, text, pmid, score. The score column contains tag counts (integer) or cosine similarities (numeric) depending on the method used.

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getSubnetworkFromIndra

*Get subnetwork from INDRA database*

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**Description**

Using differential abundance results from MSstats, this function retrieves a subnetwork of protein interactions from INDRA database.

**Usage**

```
getSubnetworkFromIndra(
  input,
  protein_level_data = NULL,
  pvalueCutoff = NULL,
  statement_types = NULL,
  paper_count_cutoff = 1,
  evidence_count_cutoff = 1,
  correlation_cutoff = 0.3,
  sources_filter = NULL,
  logfc_cutoff = NULL,
  force_include_other = NULL,
  filter_by_curation = FALSE,
```

```

filter_by_ptm_site = FALSE,
include_infinite_fc = FALSE,
direction = c("both", "up", "down")
)

```

## Arguments

input	output of <code>groupComparison</code> function's comparisonResult table, which contains a list of proteins and their corresponding p-values, logFCs, along with additional HGNC ID and HGNC name columns
protein_level_data	output of the <code>dataProcess</code> function's ProteinLevelData table, which contains a list of proteins and their corresponding abundances. Used for annotating correlation information and applying correlation cutoffs.
pvalueCutoff	p-value cutoff for filtering. Default is NULL, i.e. no filtering
statement_types	list of interaction types to filter on. Equivalent to statement type in INDRA. Default is NULL.
paper_count_cutoff	number of papers to filter on. Default is 1.
evidence_count_cutoff	number of evidence to filter on for each paper. E.g. A paper may have 5 sentences describing the same interaction vs 1 sentence. Default is 1.
correlation_cutoff	if protein_level_abundance is not NULL, apply a cutoff for edges with correlation less than a specified cutoff. Default is 0.3
sources_filter	filtering only on specific sources. Default is no filter, i.e. NULL. Otherwise, should be a list, e.g. <code>c('reach', 'medscan')</code> .
logfc_cutoff	absolute log fold change cutoff for filtering proteins. Only proteins with <code>llogFCI</code> greater than this value will be retained. Default is NULL, i.e. no logFC filtering.
force_include_other	character vector of identifiers to include in the network, regardless if those ids are in the input data. Should be formatted as "namespace:identifier", e.g. "HGNC:1234" or "CHEBI:4911".
filter_by_curation	logical, whether to filter out statements that have been curated as incorrect in INDRA. Default is FALSE.
filter_by_ptm_site	logical, whether to filter edges based on whether the site information from INDRA matches with the PTM site in the input. Default is FALSE. Only applicable for differential PTM abundance results.
include_infinite_fc	logical, whether to include proteins with infinite log fold change (i.e. proteins that are only detected in one condition). Default is FALSE.
direction	Character string specifying the direction of regulation to include. One of "both" (default), "up" (upregulated only), or "down" (downregulated only).

**Value**

list of 2 data.frames, nodes and edges

**Examples**

```
input <- data.table::fread(system.file(
  "extdata/groupComparisonModel.csv",
  package = "MSstatsBioNet"
))
subnetwork <- getSubnetworkFromIndra(input)
head(subnetwork$nodes)
head(subnetwork$edges)
```

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previewNetworkInBrowser

*Preview network in browser*

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**Description**

Generates a temporary HTML file for the network visualization and opens it in the default web browser for quick preview.

**Usage**

```
previewNetworkInBrowser(
  nodes,
  edges,
  displayLabelType = "id",
  nodeFontSize = 12
)
```

**Arguments**

nodes	Data frame with at minimum an id column. Optional columns: logFC (numeric), hgncName (character), Site (character, underscore-separated PTM site list).
edges	Data frame with columns source, target, interaction. Optional: site, evidenceLink.
displayLabelType	"id" (default) or "hgncName" – controls which column is used as the visible node label.
nodeFontSize	Font size (px) for node labels. Default 12.

**Value**

Invisibly returns the file path of the temporary HTML file.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
nodes <- data.frame(id = c("A", "B", "C"))
edges <- data.frame(source = c("A", "B"), target = c("B", "C"))
previewNetworkInBrowser(nodes, edges)

## End(Not run)
```

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## renderCytoscapeNetwork

*Render a Cytoscape network in a Shiny application. This function is used to render a Cytoscape network visualization within a Shiny application.*

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## Description

Render a Cytoscape network in a Shiny application. This function is used to render a Cytoscape network visualization within a Shiny application.

## Usage

```
renderCytoscapeNetwork(expr, env = parent.frame())
```

## Arguments

expr	An expression that generates an HTML widget (or a <b>promise</b> of an HTML widget).
env	The environment in which to evaluate expr.

## Value

A rendered Cytoscape network widget for use in Shiny applications.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
library(shiny)
library(MSstatsBioNet)

ui <- fluidPage(
  cytoscapeNetworkOutput("cytoNetwork")
)

server <- function(input, output, session) {
  output$cytoNetwork <- renderCytoscapeNetwork({
    nodes <- data.frame(
      id = c("TP53", "MDM2", "CDKN1A"),
```

```
      logFC = c(1.5, -0.8, 2.1),
      stringsAsFactors = FALSE
    )
    edges <- data.frame(
      source      = c("TP53", "MDM2"),
      target      = c("MDM2", "TP53"),
      interaction = c("Activation", "Inhibition"),
      stringsAsFactors = FALSE
    )
    cytoscapeNetwork(nodes, edges)
  })
}

shinyApp(ui, server)

## End(Not run)
```

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