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cache	<i>Package cache</i>
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Description

Function to access and manage the cache. `rpxCache()` returns the central rpx cache. `pxCachedprojects()` prints the names of the cached projects and invisibly returns the cache table.

Usage

```
rpxCache()
```

```
pxCachedProjects(cache = rpxCache(), rpxprefix = "^\\.rpx(2?)")
```

Arguments

cache Object of class `BiocFileCache`.

rpxprefix character(1) defining the resource name prefix in cache. Default is `"^\\.rpx(2?)"` to match objects of class `PXDataset` and `PXDataset2`.

Details

The cache is an object of class `BiocFileCache`, and created with `BiocFileCache::BiocFileCache()`. It can be either the package-wide cache as defined by `rpxCache()` or an instance provided by the user.

When projects are cached, they are given a resource name (`rname`) composed of the `.rpx` prefix followed by the ProteomeXchange identifier. For example, project `PXD000001` is named `.rpxPXD000001` (`.rpx2PXD000001` for the `PXDataset2` class) to avoid any conflicts with other resources that user-created resources.

Value

The `rpxCache()` function returns an instance of class `BiocFileCache`. `pxCachedProjects()` invisibly returns a tibble of cached ProteomeXchange projects.

Author(s)

Laurent Gatto

Examples

```
## Default rpx cache
rpxCache()

## Not run:

## Set up your own cache by providing a file or a directory to
## BiocFileCache::BiocFileCache()
my_cache <- BiocFileCache::BiocFileCache(tempfile())
my_cache
px <- PXDataset("PXD000001", cache = my_cache)
```

```

pxget(px, "erwinia_carotovora.fasta", cache = my_cache)

## List of cached projects
pxCachedProjects() ## default rpx cache
pxCachedProjects(my_cache)

## To delete project a project from the default cache, first find
## its resource id (rid) in the cache
pxl_cache_info <- pxCacheInfo(px)
(rid <- pxl_cache_info["rid"])

## Then remove it with BiocFileCache:: bfcremove()
BiocFileCache::bfcremove(my_cache, rid)
pxCachedProjects(my_cache)

## End(Not run)

```

fileTypes

*Infer file type***Description**

The `pxFileTypes()` function infers mass spectrometry and proteomics file types based on a curated table of file types and associated patterns. This table can be accessed with `fileTypes()`. See the examples below for the content and format of the table.

The types of the files in a `PXDataset` object can be accessed with the `pxfiles(as.vector = FALSE)` function. See examples in the [pxfiles\(\)](#) manual page.

`updatePxFileTypes()` updates the file types of a `PXDataset` instance using `pxFileTypes()`. This function also updates the cached object unless `cache` is set to `NULL`. This function is useful to harmonise file types when the data in `fileTypes()` is updated.

The file types table is generated by `scripts/make_fileTypes.R`.

Usage

```

fileTypes()

pxFileTypes(fls, types = fileTypes())

updatePxFileTypes(object, cache = rpxCache())

```

Arguments

<code>fls</code>	<code>character()</code> of file names whose types need to be inferred based on their file extension.
<code>types</code>	<code>data.frame</code> of file types. Default is <code>fileTypes()</code> .
<code>object</code>	Object of class <code>PXDataset</code> .
<code>cache</code>	Object of class <code>BiocFileCache</code> .

Value

A `data.frame` with the filenames and their inferred types.

Author(s)

Laurent Gatto with contributions via mastodon from Dr. Samuel Wein, Michael MacCoss, Marc Vaudel, Phil Wilmarth and Dave Tabb to identify several file types (see `inst/make_file_types.R` for details).

References

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Examples

```
fileTypes()

pxFileTypes("foo")
pxFileTypes("foo.mzML")
pxFileTypes("foo.raw")
pxFileTypes("foo.txt")
pxFileTypes("foo.R")
pxFileTypes("foo.fasta")

pxFileTypes(c("foo", "foo.mzML", "foo.R", "foo.fasta"))
```

pxannounced

Return recent PX announcements

Description

Queries the PX rss feed file for the latest PX dataset announcements.

Usage

```
pxannounced()
```

Value

A `data.frame` with announcements data set identifiers, publication dates and announcement messages.

Author(s)

Laurent Gatto

Examples

```
pxannounced()
```

Description

The rpx package provides the infrastructure to access, store and retrieve information for ProteomeXchange (PX) data sets. This can be achieved with PXDataset objects can be created with the PXDataset() constructor that takes the unique ProteomeXchange project identifier as input.

The PXDataset class is replaced by PXDataset2 and is now deprecated. It will be defunct in the next release.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'PXDataset'
pxid(object)

## S4 method for signature 'PXDataset'
pxurl(object)

## S4 method for signature 'PXDataset'
pxtax(object)

## S4 method for signature 'PXDataset'
pxref(object)

## S4 method for signature 'PXDataset'
pxfiles(object)

## S4 method for signature 'PXDataset'
pxget(object, list, cache = rpxCache())

## S4 method for signature 'PXDataset'
pxCacheInfo(object, cache = rpxCache())

PXDataset1(id, cache = rpxCache())
```

Arguments

object	An instance of class PXDataset, as created by PXDataset().
list	character(), numeric() or logical() defining the project files to be downloaded. This list of files can retrieved with pxfiles().
cache	Object of class BiocFileCache. Default is to use the central rpx cache returned by rpxCache(), but users can use their own cache. See rpxCache() for details.
id	character(1) containing a valid ProteomeXchange identifier.

Details

Since version 1.99.1, rpx uses the Bioconductor BiocFileCache package to automatically cache all downloaded ProteomeXchange files. When a file is downloaded for the first time, it is added to the cache. When already available, the file path to the cached file is directly returned. The central

rpx package cache, object of class BiocFileCache, is returned by `rpxCache()`. Users can also provide their own cache object instead of using the default central cache to `pxget()`.

Since 2.1.1, PXDataset instances are also cached using the same mechanism as project files. Each PXDataset instance also stored the project file names, the reference, taxonomy of the sample and the project URL (see slot cache) instead of accessing these every time they are needed to reduce remote access and reliance on a stable internet connection. As for files, the default cache is as returned by `rpxCache()`, but users can pass their own BiocFileCache objects.

For more details on how to manage the cache (for example if some files need to be deleted), please refer to the BiocFileCache package vignette and documentation. See also `rpxCache()` for additional details.

Value

The `PXDataset()` constructor returns a cached PXDataset object. It thus also modifies the cache used to project caching, as defined by the cache argument.

Slots

`id` character(1) containing the dataset's unique ProteomeXchange identifier, as used to create the object.

`formatVersion` character(1) storing the version of the ProteomeXchange schema. Schema versions 1.0, 1.1 and 1.2 are supported (see <https://code.google.com/p/teomexchange/source/browse/schema/>).

`cache` list() storing the available files (element `pxfiles`), the reference associated with the data set (`pxref`), the taxonomy of the sample (`pxtax`) and the datasets' ProteomeXchange URL (`pxurl`). These are returned by the respective accessors. It also stores the path to the cache it is stored in (element `cachepath`).

`Data` XMLNode storing the ProteomeXchange description as XML node tree.

Accessors

- `pxfiles(object)` returns the project file names.
- `pxget(object, list, cache)`: if the file(s) in `list` have never been requested, `pxget()` downloads the files from the ProteomeXchange repository, caches them in `cache` and returns their path. If the files have previously been downloaded and are available in `cache`, their path is directly returned.

If `list` is missing, the file to be downloaded can be selected from a menu. If `list = "all"`, all files are downloaded. The file names, as returned by `pxfiles()` can also be used. Alternatively, a logical or numeric index can be used.

The argument `cache` can be passed to define the path to the cache. The default cache is the packages' default as returned by `rpxCache()`.

- `pxtax(object)`: returns the taxonomic name of object.
- `pxurl(object)`: returns the base url on the ProteomeXchange server where the project files reside.
- `pxCacheInfo(object, cache)`: prints and invisibly returns object's caching information from `cache`. The return value is a named vector of length two containing the resource identifier and the cache location.

Author(s)

Laurent Gatto

References

Vizcaino J.A. et al. 'ProteomeXchange: globally co-ordinated proteomics data submission and dissemination', Nature Biotechnology 2014, 32, 223 – 226, doi:10.1038/nbt.2839.

Source repository for the ProteomeXchange project: <https://code.google.com/p/proteomexchange/>

PXDataset2

New PXDataset (v2) to find and download proteomics data

Description

The rpx package provides the infrastructure to access, store and retrieve information for ProteomeXchange (PX) data sets. This can be achieved with PXDataset2 objects can be created with the PXDataset2() constructor that takes the unique ProteomeXchange project identifier as input.

The new PXDataset2 class superseeds the previous and now deprecated PXDataset version.

Usage

```
PXDataset2(id, cache = rpxCache())

PXDataset(id, cache = rpxCache())

## S4 method for signature 'PXDataset2'
pxid(object)

## S4 method for signature 'PXDataset2'
pxurl(object)

## S4 method for signature 'PXDataset2'
pxtax(object)

## S4 method for signature 'PXDataset2'
pxref(object)

pxtitle(object)

pxinstruments(object)

pxSubmissionDate(object)

pxPublicationDate(object)

pxptms(object)

pxprotocols(object, which = c("project", "samples", "data"))

## S4 method for signature 'PXDataset2'
pxfiles(object, n = 10, as.vector = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'PXDataset2'
pxCacheInfo(object)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'PXDataset2'
pxget(object, list, cache = rpxCache())
```

Arguments

<code>id</code>	character(1) containing a valid ProteomeXchange identifier.
<code>cache</code>	Object of class BiocFileCache. Default is to use the central rpx cache returned by <code>rpxCache()</code> , but users can use their own cache. See rpxCache() for details.
<code>object</code>	An instance of class PXDataset2.
<code>which</code>	character() with one or multiple protocols defined as "project", "samples" and "data".
<code>n</code>	integer(1) indicating the number of files to be printed.
<code>as.vector</code>	logical(1) defining if the output should be a vector of character with filenames (default) or a data.frame with additional details about each file.
<code>list</code>	character(), numeric() or logical() defining the project files to be downloaded. This list of files can be retrieved with <code>pxfiles()</code> .

Details

The rpx packages use caching to store ProteomeXchange projects and project files. When creating an object with `PXDataset2()`, the cache is first queried for the project's identifier. If a unique hit is found, the project is retrieved and returned. If no matching project identifier is found, then the remote resource is accessed to first create the new `PXDataset2()` project, then cache it before returning it to the user. The same mechanism is applied when project files are requested.

Caching is supported by the BiocFileCache package. The `PXDataset2()` constructor and the `px_get()` function can be passed an instance of class BiocFileCache that defines the cache. The default is to use the package-wide cache defined in `rpxCache()`. For more details on how to manage the cache (for example if some files need to be deleted), please refer to the BiocFileCache package vignette and documentation. See also [rpxCache\(\)](#) for additional details.

Value

The `PXDataset2()` returns a cached PXDataset2 object. It thus also modifies the cache used for project caching, as defined by the cache argument.

Slots

<code>px_id</code>	character(1) containing the dataset's unique ProteomeXchange identifier, as used to create the object.
<code>px_rid</code>	character(1) storing the cached resource name in the BiocFileCache instance stored in <code>cachepath</code> .
<code>px_title</code>	character(1) with the project's title.
<code>px_url</code>	character(1) with the project's URL.
<code>px_doi</code>	character(1) with the project's DOI.
<code>px_ref</code>	character containing the project's reference(s).
<code>px_ref_doi</code>	character containing the project's reference DOIs.
<code>px_pubmed</code>	character containing the project's reference PubMed identifier.

`px_files` `data.frame` containing information about the project files, including file names, URIs and types. The files are retrieved from the project's README.txt file.

`px_tax` `character` (typically of length 1) containing the taxonomy of the sample.

`px_metadata` `list` containing the project's metadata, as downloaded from the ProteomeXchange site. All slots but `px_files` are populated from this one.

`cachepath` `character(1)` storing the path to the cache the project object is stored in.

Accessors

- `pxfiles(object, n = 10, as.vector = TRUE)` by default, invisibly returns all the project file names. The function prints the first `n` files specifying whether they are local or remote (based on the cache the object is stored in). The printing can be ignored by wrapping the call in `suppressMessages()`. If `as.vector` is set to `FALSE`, it returns a `data.frame` with variables `ID`, `NAME`, `URI`, `TYPE`, `MAPPINGS` and `PXID`. Note that the variables and their content will depend on the `rpx` version that was installed when these objects were created and cached.

- `pxget(object, list, cache)`: `list` is a vector defining the files to be downloaded. If `list = "all"`, all files are downloaded. The file names, as returned by `pxfiles()` can also be used. Alternatively, a logical or numeric index can be used. If missing, the file to be downloaded can be selected from a menu.

The argument `cache` can be passed to define the path to the cache. The default cache is the packages' default as returned by `rpxCache()`.

- `pntax(object)`: returns the taxonomic name of `object`.
- `pxurl(object)`: returns the base url on the ProteomeXchange server where the project files reside.
- `pxCacheInfo(object, cache)`: prints and invisibly returns `object`'s caching information from cache. The return value is a named vector of length two containing the resource identifier and the cache location.
- `pxtitle(object)`: returns the project's title.
- `pxref(object)`: returns the project's bibliographic reference(s).
- `pxinstruments(object)`: returns the instrument(s) used to acquire the data.
- `pxptms(object)`: returns the PTMs searched for in the experiment.
- `pxprotocols(object, which)`: returns a list with the project description, sample processing and/or data processing protocols.

Author(s)

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References

Vizcaino J.A. et al. 'ProteomeXchange: globally co-ordinated proteomics data submission and dissemination', *Nature Biotechnology* 2014, 32, 223 – 226, doi:10.1038/nbt.2839.

Source repository for the ProteomeXchange project: <https://code.google.com/p/proteomexchange/>

Examples

```
px <- PXDataset("PXD000001")
px
ntax(px)
pxurl(px)
```

```
pxref(px)
pxfiles(px)
pxfiles(px, as.vector = FALSE)

pxCacheInfo(px)

fas <- pxget(px, "erwinia_carotovora.fasta")
fas
library("Biostrings")
readAAStringSet(fas)
```

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