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## See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/wejlab/metascope><https://wejlab.github.io/metascope-docs/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/wejlab/MetaScope/issues>

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|---------------|---|
| align_details | <i>A universal parameter settings object for Rsubread alignment</i> |
|---------------|---|

## Description

This object is a named vector of multiple options that can be chosen for functions that involve alignment with Rsubread, namely `align_target()` and `filter_host()`. Both functions take an object for the parameter settings, which are provided by `align_details` by default, or may be given by a user-created object containing the same information.

## Usage

```
data(align_details)
```

**Format**

list

**Details**

The default options included in `align_details` are `type = "dna"`, `maxMismatches = 3`, `nsubreads = 10`, `phredOffset = 33`, `unique = FALSE`, and `nBestLocations = 16`. Full descriptions of these parameters can be read by accessing `?Rsubread::align`.

**Examples**

```
data("align_details")
```

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align\_target

*Align microbiome reads to a set of reference libraries*


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**Description**

This is the main MetaScope target library mapping function, using Rsubread and multiple libraries. Aligns to each library separately, filters unmapped reads from each file, and then merges and sorts the .bam files from each library into one output file. If desired, output can be passed to `'filter_host()'` to remove reads that also map to filter library genomes.

**Usage**

```
align_target(
  read1,
  read2 = NULL,
  lib_dir = NULL,
  libs,
  threads = 1,
  align_file = tools::file_path_sans_ext(read1),
  subread_options = align_details,
  quiet = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| read1   | Path to the .fastq file to align.   |
| read2   | Optional: Location of the mate pair .fastq file to align.   |
| lib_dir | Path to the index files for all libraries.  |
| libs    | A vector of character strings giving the basenames of the Subread index files for alignment. If ALL indices to be used are located in the current working directory, set <code>lib_dir = NULL</code> . Default is <code>lib_dir = NULL</code> . |
| threads | The number of threads that can be utilized by the function. Default is 1 thread.  |

`align_file`      The basename of the output alignment file (without trailing .bam extension).

`subread_options`      A named list specifying alignment parameters for the `Rsubread::align()` function, which is called inside `align_target()`. Elements should include `type`, `nthreads`, `maxMismatches`, `nsubreads`, `phredOffset`, `unique`, and `nBestLocations`. Descriptions of these parameters are available under `?Rsubread::align`. Defaults to the global `align_details` object.

`quiet`      Turns off most messages. Default is TRUE.

### Value

This function writes a merged and sorted .bam file after aligning to all reference libraries given, along with a summary report file, to the user's working directory. The function also outputs the new .bam filename.

### Examples

```
#### Align example reads to an example reference library using Rsubread

## Create temporary directory
target_ref_temp <- tempfile()
dir.create(target_ref_temp)

## Download genome
tax <- "Ovine atadenovirus D"
all_ref <- MetaScope::download_refseq(tax,
                                     reference = FALSE,
                                     representative = FALSE,
                                     compress = TRUE,
                                     out_dir = target_ref_temp,
                                     caching = TRUE)

## Create subread index
ind_out <- mk_subread_index(all_ref)

## Get path to example reads
readPath <- system.file("extdata", "reads.fastq",
                        package = "MetaScope")
## Copy the example reads to the temp directory
refPath <- file.path(target_ref_temp, "reads.fastq")
file.copy(from = readPath, to = refPath)

## Modify alignment parameters object
data("align_details")
align_details[["type"]] <- "rna"
align_details[["phredOffset"]] <- 50
# Just to get it to align - toy example!
align_details[["maxMismatches"]] <- 100

## Run alignment
target_map <- align_target(refPath,
```

```

        libs = stringr::str_replace_all(tax, " ", "_"),
        lib_dir = target_ref_temp,
        subread_options = align_details)

## Remove temporary folder
unlink(target_ref_temp, recursive = TRUE)

```

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align\_target\_bowtie     *Align microbiome reads to set of indexed Bowtie2 libraries*

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### Description

This is the main MetaScope target library mapping function, using Rbowtie2 and multiple libraries. Aligns to each library separately, filters unmapped reads from each file, and then merges and sorts the .bam files from each library into one output file. If desired, output can be passed to ‘filter\_host\_bowtie()’ to remove reads that also map to filter library genomes.

### Usage

```

align_target_bowtie(
  read1,
  read2 = NULL,
  lib_dir,
  libs,
  align_dir,
  align_file,
  bowtie2_options = NULL,
  threads = 1,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  quiet = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| read1      | Path to the .fastq file to align.   |
| read2      | Optional: Location of the mate pair .fastq file to align.   |
| lib_dir    | Path to the directory that contains the Bowtie2 indexes.  |
| libs       | The basename of the Bowtie2 indexes to align against (without trailing .bt2 or .bt2l extensions). |
| align_dir  | Path to the directory where the output alignment file should be created.                          |
| align_file | The basename of the output alignment file (without trailing .bam extension).                      |

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| bowtie2_options | Optional: Additional parameters that can be passed to the align_target_bowtie() function. To see all the available parameters use Rbowtie2::bowtie2_usage(). See Details for default parameters. NOTE: Users should pass all their parameters as one string and if optional parameters are given then the user is responsible for entering all the parameters to be used by Bowtie2. The only parameter that should NOT be specified here is the number of threads. |
| threads         | The number of threads that can be utilized by the function. Default is 1 thread.  |
| overwrite       | Whether existing files should be overwritten. Default is FALSE.   |
| quiet           | Turns off most messages. Default is TRUE.   |

### Details

The default parameters are the same that PathoScope 2.0 uses. "--very-sensitive-local -k 100 --score-min L,20,1.0"

If you experience any issues with reading the input files, make sure that the file(s) are not located in a read-only folder. This can be circumvented by copying files to a new location before running the function.

### Value

Returns the path to where the output alignment file is stored.

### Examples

```
#### Align example reads to an example reference library using Rbowtie2

## Create temporary directory to store file
target_ref_temp <- tempfile()
dir.create(target_ref_temp)

## Download reference genome
MetaScope::download_refseq("Morbillivirus hominis",
                           reference = FALSE,
                           representative = FALSE,
                           compress = TRUE,
                           out_dir = target_ref_temp,
                           caching = TRUE
)

## Create temporary directory to store the indices
index_temp <- tempfile()
dir.create(index_temp)

## Create bowtie2 index
MetaScope::mk_bowtie_index(
  ref_dir = target_ref_temp,
  lib_dir = index_temp,
  lib_name = "target",
  overwrite = TRUE
)
```

```

)

## Create temporary directory for final file
output_temp <- tempfile()
dir.create(output_temp)

## Get path to example reads
readPath <- system.file("extdata", "virus_example.fastq",
                        package = "MetaScope")

## Align to target genomes
target_map <-
  MetaScope::align_target_bowtie(
    read1 = readPath,
    lib_dir = index_temp,
    libs = "target",
    align_dir = output_temp,
    align_file = "bowtie_target",
    overwrite = TRUE,
    bowtie2_options = "--very-sensitive-local"
  )

## Remove extra folders
unlink(target_ref_temp, recursive = TRUE)
unlink(index_temp, recursive = TRUE)
unlink(output_temp, recursive = TRUE)

```

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bam\_reheader\_R

*Replace the header from a .bam file*


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## Description

This function replaces the header from one .bam file with a header from a different .sam file. This function mimics the function of the 'reheader' function in samtools. It is not intended for use by users.

## Usage

```

bam_reheader_R(
  head,
  old_bam,
  new_bam = paste(tools::file_path_sans_ext(old_bam), "h.bam", sep = "")
)

```

## Arguments

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| head    | A file name and location for the .sam file with the new header. |
| old_bam | A file name and location for the .bam file which you would      |



`new_bam` A file name for the new .bam file with a replaced header. Defaults to the same base filename plus 'h.bam'. For example, 'example.bam' will be written as 'exampleh.bam'.

### Value

This function will return a new .bam file with a replaced header. The function also outputs the new .bam filename.

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| <code>blastn_results</code> | <code>rBlast_results</code> |
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### Description

`rBlast_results`

### Usage

```
blastn_results(
  results_table,
  bam_file,
  num_results = 10,
  num_reads_per_result = 100,
  hit_list = 10,
  num_threads = 1,
  db_path,
  out_path,
  sample_name = NULL,
  quiet = quiet,
  accessions_path,
  fasta_dir = NULL,
  NCBI_key = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

`results_table` A data.frame of the Metascope results

`bam_file` A sorted bam file and index file, loaded with `Rsamtools::bamFile`

`num_results` A number indicating number of Metascope results to blast

`num_reads_per_result` A number indicating number of reads to blast per result

`hit_list` A number of how many blast results to fetch for each read

`num_threads` Number of threads if multithreading

`db_path` Blast database path

`out_path` Output directory to save csv files, including base name of files

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| sample_name     | Character string, sample name for output files.   |
| quiet           | Logical, whether to print out more informative messages. Default is FALSE.  |
| accessions_path | Needed for accessions (inc.)  |
| fasta_dir       | inc.  |
| NCBI_key        | (character) NCBI Entrez API key. optional. See <code>taxize::use_entrez()</code> . Due to the high number of requests made to NCBI, this function will be less prone to errors if you obtain an NCBI key. |

**Value**

Creates and exports `num_results` number of csv files with blast results from local blast

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`blastn_single_result` *blastn\_single\_result*

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**Description**

`blastn_single_result`

**Usage**

```
blastn_single_result(
  results_table,
  bam_file,
  which_result,
  num_reads = 100,
  hit_list = 10,
  num_threads = 1,
  db_path,
  quiet,
  accessions_path,
  bam_seqs,
  out_path,
  sample_name,
  fasta_dir = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <code>results_table</code> | A dataframe of the Metascope results  |
| <code>bam_file</code>      | A sorted bam file and index file, loaded with <code>Rsamtools::bamFile</code> |
| <code>which_result</code>  | Index in <code>results_table</code> for which result to Blast search          |
| <code>num_reads</code>     | Number of reads to blast per result   |
| <code>hit_list</code>      | Number of how many blast results to fetch per read                            |

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| num_threads     | Number of threads if multithreading  |
| db_path         | Blast database path  |
| quiet           | Logical, whether to print out more informative messages. Default is FALSE. |
| accessions_path | Needed for accessions (inc.)   |
| bam_seqs        | A list of the sequence IDs from the bam file                               |
| out_path        | Path to output results.  |
| sample_name     | Character string, sample name for output files.                            |
| fasta_dir       | Path to where fasta files are stored.                                      |

**Value**

Returns a dataframe of blast results for a metascope result

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blast\_result\_metrics *Calculates result metrics from a blast results table*

---

**Description**

This function calculates the best hit (genome with most blast read hits), uniqueness score (total number of genomes hit), species percentage hit (percentage of reads where MetaScope species also matched the blast hit species), genus percentage hit (percentage of reads where blast genus matched MetaScope aligned genus) and species contaminant score (percentage of reads that blasted to other species genomes) and genus contaminant score (percentage of reads that blasted to other genus genomes)

**Usage**

```
blast_result_metrics(
  blast_results_table_path,
  accessions_path,
  db = NULL,
  NCBI_key = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| blast_results_table_path | path for blast results csv file   |
| accessions_path          | Needed for accessions (inc.)  |
| db                       | Needed for blast_result_metrics_df (inc.)   |
| NCBI_key                 | (character) NCBI Entrez API key. optional. See taxize::use_entrez(). Due to the high number of requests made to NCBI, this function will be less prone to errors if you obtain an NCBI key. |

**Value**

a dataframe with best\_hit, uniqueness\_score, species\_percentage\_hit, genus\_percentage\_hit, species\_contaminant\_score, and genus\_contaminant\_score

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bt2\_16S\_params

*A universal parameter object for Bowtie 2 16S alignment*

---

**Description**

This character string provides several Bowtie 2 options to provide an optimized alignment specifically optimized for 16S amplicon sequencing data. This object can be used with functions that use the Bowtie 2 aligner through the Rbowtie2 package, namely align\_target\_bowtie() and filter\_host\_bowtie. These settings can be substituted for default settings by passing to the bowtie2\_options argument.

**Usage**

```
data(bt2_16S_params)
```

**Format**

list

**Details**

The default parameters listed in this object are "-local -R 2 -N 0 -L 25 -i S,1,0.75 -k 5 -score-min L,0,1.88"

Note that k is actually 10 and is doubled internally from 5. The score-min function was chosen such that the minimum alignment score allowed requires 98

Further delineation of Bowtie 2 parameters is provided in the [Bowtie 2 manual](#).

**Examples**

```
data("bt2_16S_params")
```

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|--------------------|--|
| bt2_missing_params | <i>A universal parameter object for Bowtie 2 metagenomic alignment where the host genome is thought to be absent from the reference database</i> |
|--------------------|--|

---

### Description

This character string provides several Bowtie 2 options to conduct an alignment useful for metagenomes, especially in the case where a genome may not be present in the reference database. This object can be used with functions that use the Bowtie 2 aligner through the Rbowtie2 package, namely `align_target_bowtie()` and `filter_host_bowtie`. These settings can be substituted for default settings by passing to the `bowtie2_options` argument.

### Usage

```
data(bt2_missing_params)
```

### Format

list

### Details

The default parameters listed in this object are "`--local -R 2 -N 0 -L 25 -i S,1,0.75 -k 5 --score-min L,0,1.4`".

Further delineation of Bowtie 2 parameters is provided in the [Bowtie 2 manual](#).

### Examples

```
data("bt2_missing_params")
```

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|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| bt2_regular_params | <i>A universal parameter object for Bowtie 2 metagenomic or non-16S alignment</i> |
|--------------------|---|

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### Description

This character string provides several Bowtie 2 options to provide a 95 alignment useful for metagenomes. This object can be used with functions that use the Bowtie 2 aligner through the Rbowtie2 package, namely `align_target_bowtie()` and `filter_host_bowtie`. These settings can be substituted for default settings by passing to the `bowtie2_options` argument.

### Usage

```
data(bt2_regular_params)
```

**Format**

list

**Details**

The default parameters listed in this object are "-local -R 2 -N 0 -L 25 -i S,1,0.75 -k 5 -score-min L,0,1.7".

Further delineation of Bowtie 2 parameters is provided in the [Bowtie 2 manual](#).

**Examples**

```
data("bt2_regular_params")
```

---

check\_blastn\_exists    *Check if blastn exists on the system*

---

**Description**

This is an internal function that is not meant to be used outside of the package. It checks whether blastn exists on the system.

**Usage**

```
check_blastn_exists()
```

**Details**

Checks if blastn is installed

**Value**

Returns TRUE if blastn exists on the system, else FALSE.

---

check\_samtools\_exists *Check if samtools exists on the system*

---

### Description

This is an internal function that is not meant to be used outside of the package. It checks whether samtools exists on the system.

### Usage

```
check_samtools_exists()
```

### Value

Returns TRUE if samtools exists on the system, else FALSE.

---

combined\_header *Create a combined .bam header*

---

### Description

This function generates a combined header from multiple .bam files from different reference libraries (e.g. a split bacterial library). It is not intended for use by users.

### Usage

```
combined_header(bam_files, header_file = "header_tmp.sam")
```

### Arguments

**bam\_files** A character vector of the locations/file names of .bam files from which to combine the headers.

**header\_file** A file name and location for the output file for the combined header. This will be a .sam format file without any reads. Defaults to 'header\_tmp.sam'.

### Value

This function will return a combined header from all the supplied .bam files.

---

convert\_animalcules    *Create a multi-assay experiment from MetaScope output for usage with animalcules*

---

### Description

Upon completion of the MetaScope pipeline, users can analyze and visualize abundances in their samples using the animalcules package. This function allows interoperability of metascope\_id output with both animalcules and QIIME. After running this function, the user should save the returned MAE to an RDS file using a function like saverDS to upload the output into the animalcules package.

### Usage

```
convert_animalcules(
  meta_counts,
  annot_path,
  which_annot_col,
  end_string = ".metascope_id.csv",
  qiime_biom_out = FALSE,
  path_to_write = ".",
  NCBI_key = NULL,
  num_tries = 3
)
```

### Arguments

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| meta_counts     | A vector of filepaths to the counts ID CSVs output by metascope_id().   |
| annot_path      | The filepath to the CSV annotation file for the samples.  |
| which_annot_col | The name of the column of the annotation file containing the sample IDs. These should be the same as the meta_counts root filenames.  |
| end_string      | The end string used at the end of the metascope_id files. Default is ".metascope_id.csv".   |
| qiime_biom_out  | Would you also like a qiime-compatible biom file output? If yes, two files will be saved: one is a biom file of the counts table, and the other is a specifically formatted mapping file of metadata information. Default is FALSE. |
| path_to_write   | If qiime_biom_out = TRUE, where should output QIIME files be written? Should be a character string of the folder path. Default is '.', i.e. the current working directory.  |
| NCBI_key        | (character) NCBI Entrez API key. optional. See taxize::use_entrez(). Due to the high number of requests made to NCBI, this function will be less prone to errors if you obtain an NCBI key.   |
| num_tries       | (numeric) Number of attempts to get UID.  |



**Value**

Returns a MultiAssay Experiment file of combined sample counts data and/or biom file and mapping file for analysis with QIIME. The MultiAssay Experiment will have a counts assay ("MGX").

**Examples**

```
tempfolder <- tempfile()
dir.create(tempfolder)

# Create three different samples
samp_names <- c("X123", "X456", "X789")
all_files <- file.path(tempfolder,
                       paste0(samp_names, ".csv"))

create_IDcsv <- function (out_file) {
  final_taxids <- c("273036", "418127", "11234")
  final_genomes <- c(
    "Staphylococcus aureus RF122, complete sequence",
    "Staphylococcus aureus subsp. aureus Mu3, complete sequence",
    "Measles virus, complete genome")
  best_hit <- sample(seq(100, 1050), 3)
  proportion <- best_hit/sum(best_hit) |> round(2)
  EMreads <- best_hit + round(runif(3), 1)
  EMprop <- proportion + 0.003
  dplyr::tibble(TaxonomyID = final_taxids,
                Genome = final_genomes,
                read_count = best_hit, Proportion = proportion,
                EMreads = EMreads, EMProportion = EMprop) |>
    dplyr::arrange(dplyr::desc(.data$read_count)) |>
    utils::write.csv(file = out_file, row.names = FALSE)
  message("Done!")
  return(out_file)
}
out_files <- vapply(all_files, create_IDcsv, FUN.VALUE = character(1))

# Create annotation data for samples
annot_dat <- file.path(tempfolder, "annot.csv")
dplyr::tibble(Sample = samp_names, RSV = c("pos", "neg", "pos"),
              month = c("March", "July", "Aug"),
              yrsold = c(0.5, 0.6, 0.2)) |>
  utils::write.csv(file = annot_dat,
                  row.names = FALSE)

# Convert samples to MAE
outMAE <- convert_animalcules(meta_counts = out_files,
                              annot_path = annot_dat,
                              which_annot_col = "Sample",
                              end_string = ".metascope_id.csv",
                              qiime_biom_out = FALSE,
                              NCBI_key = NULL)

unlink(tempfolder, recursive = TRUE)
```

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```
convert_animalcules_patho
```

*Create a multi-assay experiment from PathoScope 2.0 output for usage with animalcules*

---

### Description

This function serves as a legacy integration method for usage with PathoScope 2.0 outputs. Upon completion of the PathoScope 2.0 pipeline, users can analyze and visualize abundances in their samples using the animalcules package. After running this function, the user should save the returned MAE to an RDS file using a function like saveRDS to upload the output into the animalcules package.

### Usage

```
convert_animalcules_patho(
  patho_counts,
  annot_path,
  which_annot_col,
  end_string = "-sam-report.tsv"
)
```

### Arguments

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| patho_counts    | Character string, a directory filepath to the counts ID CSVs output by metascope_id().   |
| annot_path      | The filepath to the CSV annotation file for the samples.   |
| which_annot_col | The name of the column of the annotation file containing the sample IDs. These should be the same as the meta_counts root filenames. |
| end_string      | The end string used at the end of the metascope_id files. Default is ".metascope_id.csv".  |

### Value

Returns a MultiAssay Experiment file of combined sample counts data. The MultiAssay Experiment will have a counts assay ("MGX").

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 convert\_animalcules\_silva

*Create a multi-assay experiment from MetaScope output for usage with animalcules with the SILVA 13\_8 database*

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## Description

Upon completion of the MetaScope pipeline, users can analyze and visualize abundances in their samples using the animalcules package. This function allows interoperability of metascope\_id output with both animalcules and QIIME. After running this function, the user should save the returned MAE to an RDS file using a function like saverDS to upload the output into the animalcules package. NOTE: This function is for outputs that were generated with the SILVA 13\_8 database.

## Usage

```
convert_animalcules_silva(
  meta_counts,
  annot_path,
  which_annot_col,
  end_string = ".metascope_id.csv",
  qiime_biom_out = FALSE,
  path_to_write = ".",
  caching = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| meta_counts     | A vector of filepaths to the counts ID CSVs output by metascope_id() created with the SILVA database.   |
| annot_path      | The filepath to the CSV annotation file for the samples.  |
| which_annot_col | The name of the column of the annotation file containing the sample IDs. These should be the same as the meta_counts root filenames.  |
| end_string      | The end string used at the end of the metascope_id files. Default is ".metascope_id.csv".   |
| qiime_biom_out  | Would you also like a qiime-compatible biom file output? If yes, two files will be saved: one is a biom file of the counts table, and the other is a specifically formatted mapping file of metadata information. Default is FALSE. |
| path_to_write   | If qiime_biom_out = TRUE, where should output QIIME files be written? Should be a character string of the folder path. Default is '.', i.e. the current working directory.  |
| caching         | Whether to use BiocFileCache when downloading genomes. Default is FALSE.  |

**Value**

Returns a MultiAssay Experiment file of combined sample counts data and/or saved biom file and mapping file for analysis with QIIME. The MultiAssayExperiment will have a counts assay ("MGX").

**Examples**

```
tempfolder <- tempfile()
dir.create(tempfolder)

# Create three different samples
samp_names <- c("X123", "X456", "X789")
all_files <- file.path(tempfolder,
                       paste0(samp_names, ".csv"))

create_IDcsv <- function (out_file) {
  final_taxids <- c("AY846380.1.2583", "AY909584.1.2313", "HG531388.1.1375")
  final_genomes <- rep("Genome name", 3)
  best_hit <- sample(seq(100, 1050), 3)
  proportion <- best_hit/sum(best_hit) |> round(2)
  EMreads <- best_hit + round(runif(3), 1)
  EMprop <- proportion + 0.003
  dplyr::tibble("TaxonomyID" = final_taxids,
               "Genome" = final_genomes,
               "read_count" = best_hit, "Proportion" = proportion,
               "EMreads" = EMreads, "EMProportion" = EMprop) |>
    dplyr::arrange(dplyr::desc(.data$read_count)) |>
    utils::write.csv(file = out_file, row.names = FALSE)
  message("Done!")
  return(out_file)
}
out_files <- vapply(all_files, create_IDcsv, FUN.VALUE = character(1))

# Create annotation data for samples
annot_dat <- file.path(tempfolder, "annot.csv")
dplyr::tibble(Sample = samp_names, RSV = c("pos", "neg", "pos"),
             month = c("March", "July", "Aug"),
             yrsold = c(0.5, 0.6, 0.2)) |>
  utils::write.csv(file = annot_dat,
                  row.names = FALSE)

# Convert samples to MAE
outMAE <- convert_animalcules_silva(meta_counts = out_files,
                                   annot_path = annot_dat,
                                   which_annot_col = "Sample",
                                   end_string = ".metascope_id.csv",
                                   qiime_biom_out = FALSE,
                                   caching = TRUE)

unlink(tempfolder, recursive = TRUE)
```

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|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| count_matches | <i>Count the number of base lengths in a CIGAR string for a given operation</i> |
|---------------|---|

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## Description

The 'CIGAR' (Compact Idiosyncratic Gapped Alignment Report) string is how the SAM/BAM format represents spliced alignments. This function will accept a CIGAR string for a single read and a single character indicating the operation to be parsed in the string. An operation is a type of column that appears in the alignment, e.g. a match or gap. The integer following the operator specifies a number of consecutive operations. The `count_matches()` function will identify all occurrences of the operator in the string input, add them, and return an integer number representing the total number of operations for the read that was summarized by the input CIGAR string.

## Usage

```
count_matches(x, char = "M")
```

## Arguments

|      |   |
|------|---|
| x    | Character. A CIGAR string for a read to be parsed. Examples of possible operators include "M", "D", "I", "S", "H", "=", "P", and "X". |
| char | A single letter representing the operation to total for the given string.   |

## Details

This function is best used on a vector of CIGAR strings using an `apply` function (see examples).

## Value

an integer number representing the total number of alignment operations for the read that was summarized by the input CIGAR string.

## Examples

```
# A single cigar string: 3M + 3M + 5M
cigar1 <- "3M1I3M1D5M"
count_matches(cigar1, char = "M")

# Parse with operator "P": 2P
cigar2 <- "4M1I2P9M"
count_matches(cigar2, char = "P")

# Apply to multiple strings: 1I + 1I + 5I
cigar3 <- c("3M1I3M1D5M", "4M1I1P9M", "76M13M5I")
vapply(cigar3, count_matches, char = "I",
       FUN.VALUE = numeric(1))
```

demultiplex

*Demultiplexing sequencing reads***Description**

Function for demultiplexing sequencing reads arranged in a common format provided by sequencers (such as Illumina) generally for 16S data. This function takes a matrix of sample names/barcodes, a .fastq file of barcodes by sequence header, and a .fastq file of reads corresponding to the barcodes. Based on the barcodes given, the function extracts all reads for the indexed barcode and writes all the reads from that barcode to separate .fastq files.

**Usage**

```
demultiplex(
  barcodeFile,
  indexFile,
  readFile,
  rcBarcodes = TRUE,
  location = NULL,
  threads = 1,
  hammingDist = 0,
  quiet = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| barcodeFile | File name for a file containing a .tsv matrix with a header row, and then sample names (column 1) and barcodes (column 2).  |
| indexFile   | Location to a .fastq file that contains the barcodes for each read. The headers should be the same (and in the same order) as readFile, and the sequence in the indexFile should be the corresponding barcode for each read. Quality scores are not considered.   |
| readFile    | Location to the sequencing read .fastq file that corresponds to the indexFile.  |
| rcBarcodes  | Should the barcode indexes in the barcodeFile be reverse complemented to match the sequences in the indexFile? Defaults to TRUE.  |
| location    | A directory location to store the demultiplexed read files. Defaults to generate a new temporary directory.   |
| threads     | The number of threads to use for parallelization (BiocParallel). This function will parallelize over the barcodes and extract reads for each barcode separately and write them to separate demultiplexed files.   |
| hammingDist | Uses a Hamming Distance or number of base differences to allow for inexact matches for the barcodes/indexes. Defaults to 0. Warning: if the Hamming Distance is $\geq 1$ and this leads to inexact index matches to more than one barcode, that read will be written to more than one demultiplexed read files. |
| quiet       | Turns off most messages. Default is TRUE.   |

**Value**

Returns multiple .fastq files that contain all reads whose index matches the barcodes given. These files will be written to the location directory, and will be named based on the given sampleNames and barcodes, e.g. `'./demultiplex_fastq/SampleName1_GGAATTATCGGT.fastq.gz'`

**Examples**

```
## Get barcode, index, and read data locations
barcodePath <- system.file("extdata", "barcodes.txt", package = "MetaScope")
indexPath <- system.file("extdata", "virus_example_index.fastq",
                        package = "MetaScope")
readPath <- system.file("extdata", "virus_example.fastq",
                      package = "MetaScope")

## Demultiplex
demult <- demultiplex(barcodePath, indexPath, readPath, rcBarcodes = FALSE,
                    hammingDist = 2)

demult
```

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 download\_refseq

*Download RefSeq genome libraries*


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**Description**

This function will automatically download RefSeq genome libraries in a fasta format from the specified taxon. The function will first download the summary report at: `ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genomes/refseq/**ki` and then use this file to download the genome(s) and combine them in a single compressed or uncompressed .fasta file.

**Usage**

```
download_refseq(
  taxon,
  reference = TRUE,
  representative = FALSE,
  compress = TRUE,
  patho_out = FALSE,
  out_dir = NULL,
  caching = FALSE,
  quiet = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| taxon | Name of single taxon to download. The taxon name should be a recognized NCBI scientific or common name, with no grammatical or capitalization inconsistencies. All available taxonomies are visible by accessing the <code>MetaScope::taxonomy_table</code> object included in the package. |
|-------|---|

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| reference      | Download only RefSeq reference genomes? Defaults to TRUE. Automatically set to TRUE if representative = TRUE.                             |
| representative | Download RefSeq representative and reference genomes? Defaults to FALSE. If TRUE, reference is automatically set at TRUE.                 |
| compress       | Compress the output .fasta file? Defaults to TRUE.  |
| patho_out      | Create duplicate output files compatible with PathoScope? Defaults to FALSE.  |
| out_dir        | Character string giving the name of the directory to which libraries should be output. Defaults to creation of a new temporary directory. |
| caching        | Whether to use BiocFileCache when downloading genomes. Default is FALSE.  |
| quiet          | Turns off most messages. Default is TRUE.   |

### Details

When selecting the taxon to be downloaded, if you receive an error saying Your input is not a valid taxon, please take a look at the taxonomy\_table object, which can be accessed with the command `MetaScope::taxonomy_table`). Only taxa with exact spelling as they appear at any level of the table will be acknowledged.

### Value

Returns a .fasta or .fasta.gz file of the desired RefSeq genomes. This file is named after the kingdom selected and saved to the current directory (e.g. 'bacteria.fasta.gz'). This function also has the option to return a .fasta file formatted for PathoScope as well (e.g. bacteria.pathoscope.fasta.gz') if `patho_out = TRUE`.

### Examples

```
#### Download RefSeq genomes

## Download all RefSeq reference Shotokuvirae kingdom genomes
download_refseq('Shotokuvirae', reference = TRUE, representative = FALSE,
               out_dir = NULL, compress = TRUE, patho_out = FALSE,
               caching = TRUE)
```

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extract\_reads

*Helper function for demultiplexing*

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### Description

Helper function for demultiplexing sequencing reads, designed in a way to allow for parallelization across barcodes (parallel extraction of reads by barcode). This function takes a specific barcode (numeric index) from lists of sample names/barcodes, a `Biostrings::DNAStringSet` of barcodes by sequence header, and a `Biostrings::QualityScaledXStringSet` of reads corresponding to the barcodes. Based on the barcode index given, it extracts all reads for the indexed barcode and writes all the reads from that barcode to a separate .fastq file.



**Usage**

```
extract_reads(
  barcodeIndex,
  barcodes,
  sampleNames,
  index,
  reads,
  location = "./demultiplex_fastq",
  rcBarcodes = TRUE,
  hDist = 0,
  quiet = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| barcodeIndex | Which barcode (integer number or index) in the barcodes or sample name to use for read extraction.  |
| barcodes     | A list of all barcodes in the sequencing dataset. Correlates and in same order as sampleNames.  |
| sampleNames  | A list of sample names or identifiers associated with each barcode in the barcodes list.  |
| index        | A <code>Biostrings::DNASTringSet</code> that contains the read headers and barcode sequence for each header in the sequence slot.   |
| reads        | A <code>Biostrings::QualityScaledXStringSet</code> that has the same headers and order as the index file, but contains the read sequences and their quality scores.   |
| location     | A directory location to store the demultiplexed read files. Defaults to generate a new subdirectory at <code>'./demultiplex_fastq'</code>   |
| rcBarcodes   | Should the barcode indices in the barcodes list be reverse complemented to match the sequences in the index <code>DNASTringSet</code> ? Defaults to <code>TRUE</code> .   |
| hDist        | Uses a Hamming Distance or number of base differences to allow for inexact matches for the barcodes/indexes. Defaults to 0. Warning: if the Hamming Distance is $\geq 1$ and this leads to inexact index matches to more than one barcode, that read will be written to more than one demultiplexed read files. |
| quiet        | Turns off most messages. Default is <code>TRUE</code> .   |

**Value**

Writes a single `.fastq` file that contains all reads whose index matches the barcode specified. This file will be written to the location directory, and will be named based on the specified `sampleName` and barcode, e.g. `'./demultiplex_fastq/SampleName1_GGAATTATCGGT.fastq.gz'`

**Examples**

```
## Create temporary directory
ref_temp <- tempfile()
dir.create(ref_temp)
```

```

## Load example barcode, index, and read data into R session
barcodePath <- system.file("extdata", "barcodes.txt", package = "MetaScope")
bcFile <- read.table(barcodePath, sep = "\t", header = TRUE)

indexPath <- system.file("extdata", "virus_example_index.fastq",
package = "MetaScope")
inds <- Biostrings::readDNASTringSet(indexPath, format = "fastq")

readPath <- system.file("extdata", "virus_example.fastq",
package = "MetaScope")
reads <- Biostrings::readQualityScaledDNASTringSet(readPath)

## Extract reads from the first barcode
results <- extract_reads(1, bcFile[, 2], bcFile[, 1], inds, reads,
rcBarcodes = FALSE, location = ref_temp)

## Extract reads from multiple barcodes
more_results <- lapply(1:6, extract_reads, bcFile[, 2], bcFile[, 1], inds,
reads, rcBarcodes = FALSE, location = ref_temp)

## Remove temporary directory
unlink(ref_temp, recursive = TRUE)

```

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filter\_host

*Use Rsubread to align reads against one or more filter libraries and subsequently remove mapped reads*

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## Description

After aligning your sample to a target library with `align_target()`, use `filter_host()` to remove unwelcome host contamination using filter reference libraries. This function takes as input the name of the `.bam` file produced via `align_target()`, and produces a sorted `.bam` file with any reads that match the filter libraries removed. This resulting `.bam` file may be used upstream for further analysis. This function uses `Rsubread`. For the `Rbowtie2` equivalent of this function, see `filter_host_bowtie`.

## Usage

```

filter_host(
  reads_bam,
  lib_dir = NULL,
  libs,
  make_bam = FALSE,
  output = paste(tools::file_path_sans_ext(reads_bam), "filtered", sep = "."),
  subread_options = align_details,
  YS = 1e+05,
  threads = 1,

```

```

    quiet = TRUE
  )

```

### Arguments

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| reads_bam       | The name of a merged, sorted .bam file that has previously been aligned to a reference library. Likely, the output from running an instance of <code>align_target()</code> .   |
| lib_dir         | Path to the directory that contains the filter Subread index files.  |
| libs            | The basename of the filter libraries (without index extension).  |
| make_bam        | Logical, whether to also output a bam file with host reads filtered out. A .csv.gz file will be created instead if FALSE. Creating a bam file is costly on resources over creating a compressed csv file with only relevant information, so default is FALSE.  |
| output          | The desired name of the output .bam or .csv.gz file. Extension is automatically defined by whether <code>make_bam = TRUE</code> . Default is the basename of <code>unfiltered_bam + .filtered + extension</code> .   |
| subread_options | A named list specifying alignment parameters for the <code>Rsubread::align()</code> function, which is called inside <code>align_target()</code> . Elements should include <code>type</code> , <code>nthreads</code> , <code>maxMismatches</code> , <code>nsubreads</code> , <code>phredOffset</code> , <code>unique</code> , and <code>nBestLocations</code> . Descriptions of these parameters are available under <code>?Rsubread::align</code> . Defaults to the global <code>align_details</code> object. |
| YS              | <code>yieldSize</code> , an integer. The number of alignments to be read in from the bam file at once for chunked functions. Default is 100000.  |
| threads         | The amount of threads available for the function. Default is 1 thread.   |
| quiet           | Turns off most messages. Default is TRUE.  |

### Details

A compressed .csv can be created to produce a smaller output file that is created more efficiently and is still compatible with `metascope_id()`.

### Value

The name of a filtered, sorted .bam file written to the user's current working directory. Or, if `make_bam = FALSE`, a .csv.gz file containing a data frame of only requisite information to run `metascope_id()`.

### Examples

```

#### Filter reads from bam file that align to any of the filter libraries

## Assuming a bam file has been created previously with align_target()

## Create temporary directory
filter_ref_temp <- tempfile()
dir.create(filter_ref_temp)

## Download filter genome

```

```

all_species <- c("Staphylococcus aureus subsp. aureus str. Newman")
all_ref <- vapply(all_species, MetaScope::download_refseq,
                 reference = FALSE, representative = FALSE, compress = TRUE,
                 out_dir = filter_ref_temp, caching = FALSE,
                 FUN.VALUE = character(1))
ind_out <- vapply(all_ref, mk_subread_index, FUN.VALUE = character(1))

## Get path to example reads
readPath <- system.file("extdata", "subread_target.bam",
                       package = "MetaScope")

## Copy the example reads to the temp directory
refPath <- file.path(filter_ref_temp, "subread_target.bam")
file.copy(from = readPath, to = refPath)
utils::data("align_details")
align_details[["type"]] <- "rna"
align_details[["phredOffset"]] <- 10
# Just to get it to align - toy example!
align_details[["maxMismatches"]] <- 10

## Align and filter reads
filtered_map <- filter_host(
  refPath, lib_dir = filter_ref_temp,
  libs = stringr::str_replace_all(all_species, " ", "_"),
  threads = 1, subread_options = align_details)

## Remove temporary directory
unlink(filter_ref_temp, recursive = TRUE)

```

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|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| filter_host_bowtie | <i>Use Rbowtie2 to align reads against one or more filter libraries and subsequently remove mapped reads</i> |
|--------------------|--|

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## Description

After a sample is aligned to a target library with `align_target_bowtie()`, we may use `filter_host_bowtie()` to remove unwelcome host contamination using filter reference libraries. This function takes as input the name of the `.bam` file produced via `align_target_bowtie()`, and produces a sorted `.bam` or `.csv.gz` file with any reads that match the filter libraries removed. This resulting `.bam` file may be used downstream for further analysis. This function uses Rbowtie2 For the Rsubread equivalent of this function, see `filter_host`.

## Usage

```

filter_host_bowtie(
  reads_bam,
  lib_dir,

```

```

    libs,
    make_bam = FALSE,
    output = paste(tools::file_path_sans_ext(reads_bam), "filtered", sep = "."),
    bowtie2_options = NULL,
    YS = 1e+05,
    threads = 1,
    overwrite = FALSE,
    quiet = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| reads_bam       | The name of a merged, sorted .bam file that has previously been aligned to a reference library. Likely, the output from running an instance of <code>align_target_bowtie()</code> .  |
| lib_dir         | Path to the directory that contains the filter Bowtie2 index files.  |
| libs            | The basename of the filter libraries (without .bt2 or .bt2l extension).  |
| make_bam        | Logical, whether to also output a bam file with host reads filtered out. A .csv.gz file will be created instead if FALSE. Creating a bam file is costly on resources over creating a compressed csv file with only relevant information, so default is FALSE.  |
| output          | The desired name of the output .bam or .csv.gz file. Extension is automatically defined by whether <code>make_bam = TRUE</code> . Default is the basename of <code>unfiltered_bam</code> + <code>.filtered</code> + extension.   |
| bowtie2_options | Optional: Additional parameters that can be passed to the <code>filter_host_bowtie()</code> function. To see all the available parameters use <code>Rbowtie2::bowtie2_usage()</code> . See Details for default parameters. NOTE: Users should pass all their parameters as one string and if optional parameters are given then the user is responsible for entering all the parameters to be used by Bowtie2. The only parameters that should NOT be specified here is the <code>threads</code> . |
| YS              | <code>yieldSize</code> , an integer. The number of alignments to be read in from the bam file at once for chunked functions. Default is 100000.  |
| threads         | The amount of threads available for the function. Default is 1 thread.   |
| overwrite       | Whether existing files should be overwritten. Default is FALSE.  |
| quiet           | Turns off most messages. Default is TRUE.  |

### Details

A compressed .csv can be created to produce a smaller output file that is created more efficiently and is still compatible with `metascope_id()`.

The default parameters are the same that PathoScope 2.0 uses. `"-very-sensitive-local -k 100 -score-min L,20,1.0"`

### Value

The name of a filtered, sorted .bam file written to the user's current working directory. Or, if `make_bam = FALSE`, a .csv.gz file containing a data frame of only requisite information to run `metascope_id()`.

**Examples**

```
##### Filter reads from bam file that align to any of the filter libraries

## Assuming a bam file has already been created with align_target_bowtie()
# Create temporary filter library
filter_ref_temp <- tempfile()
dir.create(filter_ref_temp)

## Download reference genome
MetaScope::download_refseq("Orthoebolavirus zairense",
                           reference = FALSE,
                           representative = FALSE,
                           compress = TRUE,
                           out_dir = filter_ref_temp,
                           caching = TRUE)

## Create temp directory to store the indices
index_temp <- tempfile()
dir.create(index_temp)

## Create filter index
MetaScope::mk_bowtie_index(
  ref_dir = filter_ref_temp,
  lib_dir = index_temp,
  lib_name = "filter",
  overwrite = TRUE
)

## Create temporary folder to hold final output file
output_temp <- tempfile()
dir.create(output_temp)

## Get path to example bam
bamPath <- system.file("extdata", "bowtie_target.bam",
                      package = "MetaScope")
target_copied <- file.path(output_temp, "bowtie_target.bam")
file.copy(bamPath, target_copied)

## Align and filter reads
filter_out <-
  filter_host_bowtie(
    reads_bam = target_copied,
    lib_dir = index_temp,
    libs = "filter",
    threads = 1
  )

## Remove temporary directories
unlink(filter_ref_temp, recursive = TRUE)
unlink(index_temp, recursive = TRUE)
unlink(output_temp, recursive = TRUE)
```

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filter\_unmapped\_reads *Filter unmapped reads*

---

### Description

This function will remove all unmapped reads or lines in a .bam file (warning: overwrites the original file!). This function is needed because combining multiple .bam files from different microbial libraries may lead to some reads that mapped to one library and have unmapped entries from another library. This will remove any unmapped entries and leave all reference mapped lines in the .bam file.

### Usage

```
filter_unmapped_reads(bamfile)
```

### Arguments

bamfile            Location for the .bam file to filter & remove all unmapped reads

### Details

It is not intended for direct use.

### Value

This function will overwrite the existing .bam file with a new .bam file in the same location that has only mapped lines. The function itself returns the output .bam file name.

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get\_children            *Get child nodes from NCBI taxonomy*

---

### Description

This function will utilize an organism classification table to obtain all children species and/or strains with available NCBI reference sequences given a parent taxon and its rank.

### Usage

```
get_children(input_taxon, input_rank, tax_dat = NULL)
```

### Arguments

input\_taxon        The parent taxon.  
input\_rank        The taxonomic rank of the input taxon.  
tax\_dat            A dataframe of organism classification information. At minimum, should have a column indicating "strain", and all others should be taxonomic ranks. Each row should be a taxonomic relationship. This defaults to NULL, which calls the 'taxonomy\_table' object.

**Value**

Returns a vector of all the child species and/or strains of the input taxon.

**Examples**

```
## Get all child species and strains in bacteria superkingdom
get_children('Bacteria', 'superkingdom')

## Get all child species and strains in fungi kingdom
get_children('Fungi', 'kingdom')

## Get all child species in primate order
get_children('Primates', 'order')
```

---

get\_seqs

*Gets sequences from bam file*

---

**Description**

Returns fasta sequences from a bam file with a given taxonomy ID

**Usage**

```
get_seqs(id, bam_file, n = 10, bam_seqs)
```

**Arguments**

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| id       | Taxonomy ID of genome to get sequences from                      |
| bam_file | A sorted bam file and index file, loaded with Rsamtools::bamFile |
| n        | Number of sequences to retrieve                                  |
| bam_seqs | A list of the sequence IDs from the bam file                     |

**Value**

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|-----------|---|
| locations | <i>Helper Function for MetaScope ID</i> |
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**Description**

Used to create plots of genome coverage for any number of accession numbers

**Usage**

```
locations(
  which_taxid,
  which_genome,
  accessions,
  taxids,
  reads,
  out_base,
  out_dir
)
```

**Arguments**

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| which_taxid  | Which taxid to plot                    |
| which_genome | Which genome to plot                   |
| accessions   | List of accessions from metascope_id() |
| taxids       | List of accessions from metascope_id() |
| reads        | List of reads from input file          |
| out_base     | The basename of the input file         |
| out_dir      | The path to the input file             |

**Value**

A plot of the read coverage for a given genome

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|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| merge_bam_files | <i>Merge multiple .bam files</i> |
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**Description**

This function merges .bam files. It first used the combined\_header function to generate a combined header for all the files, reheaders the files, and then merges and sorts the .bam files. It is similar to the 'samtools merge' function, but it allows the .bam files to have different headers. It is not intended for direct use.

**Usage**

```
merge_bam_files(
  bam_files,
  destination,
  head_file = paste(destination, "_header.sam", sep = ""),
  quiet = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| bam_files   | A list of file names for the .bam files to be merged.  |
| destination | A file name and location for the merged .bam file.   |
| head_file   | A file name and location for the combined header file. Defaults to the destination. For example, 'example.bam' will be written as 'example.bam'. |
| quiet       | Turns off most messages. Default is TRUE.  |

**Value**

This function merges .bam files and combines them into a single file. The function also outputs the new .bam filename.

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|-----------------|---|
| metascope_blast | <i>Blast reads from MetaScope aligned files</i> |
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**Description**

This function allows the user to check a subset of identified reads against NCBI BLAST and the nucleotide database to confirm or contradict results provided by MetaScope. It aligns the top 'metascope\_id()' results to NCBI BLAST database. It **REQUIRES** that command-line BLAST and a separate nucleotide database have already been installed on the host machine. It returns a csv file updated with BLAST result metrics.

**Usage**

```
metascope_blast(
  metascope_id_path,
  bam_file_path = list.files(tmp_dir, ".updated.bam$", full.names = TRUE)[1],
  tmp_dir,
  out_dir,
  sample_name,
  fasta_dir = NULL,
  num_results = 10,
  num_reads = 100,
  hit_list = 10,
  num_threads = 1,
  db_path,
```

```

    quiet = FALSE,
    NCBI_key = NULL,
    db = NULL,
    accessions_path = NULL
)

```

## Arguments

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| metascope_id_path | Character string; path to a csv file output by ‘metascope_id()’.   |
| bam_file_path     | Character string; full path to bam file for the same sample processed by ‘metascope_id’. Note that the ‘filter_bam’ function must have output a bam file, and not a .csv.gz file. See ‘?filter_bam_bowtie’ for more details. Defaults to <code>list.files(file_temp, ".updated.bam\$")[1]</code> .                                 |
| tmp_dir           | Character string, a temporary directory in which to host files.  |
| out_dir           | Character string, path to output directory.  |
| sample_name       | Character string, sample name for output files.  |
| fasta_dir         | Directory where fastas will be stored (inc.)   |
| num_results       | Integer, the maximum number of taxa from the metascope_id output to check reads. Takes the top n taxa, i.e. those with largest abundance. Default is 10.   |
| num_reads         | Integer, the maximum number of reads to blast per microbe. If the true number of reads assigned to a given taxon is smaller, then the smaller number will be chosen. Default is 100. Too many reads will involve more processing time.   |
| hit_list          | Integer, number of blast hit results to keep. Default is 10.   |
| num_threads       | Integer, number of threads if running in parallel (recommended). Default is 1.   |
| db_path           | Character string. The database file to be searched (including basename, but without file extension). For example, if the nt database is in the nt folder, this would be /filepath/nt/nt assuming that the database files have the nt basename. Check this path if you get an error message stating "No alias or index file found". |
| quiet             | Logical, whether to print out more informative messages. Default is FALSE.   |
| NCBI_key          | (character) NCBI Entrez API key. optional. See <code>taxize::use_entrez()</code> . Due to the high number of requests made to NCBI, this function will be less prone to errors if you obtain an NCBI key.  |
| db                | Needed for <code>blast_result_metrics_df</code> (inc.)   |
| accessions_path   | Needed for accessions (inc.)   |

## Details

This function assumes that you used the NCBI nucleotide database to process samples, with a download date of 2021 or later. This is necessary for compatibility with the bam file headers.

This is highly computationally intensive and should be ran with multiple cores, submitted as a multi-threaded computing job if possible.

Note, if `best_hit_strain` is FALSE, then no strain was observed more often among the BLAST results.

**Value**

This function writes an updated csv file with metrics evaluating...

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
### Create temporary directory
file_temp <- tempfile()
dir.create(file_temp)

bamPath <- system.file("extdata", "bowtie_target.bam",
                      package = "MetaScope")
file.copy(bamPath, file_temp)

metascope_id(file.path(file_temp, "bowtie_target.bam"), aligner = "bowtie2",
             input_type = "bam", out_dir = file_temp, num_species_plot = 0,
             update_bam = TRUE)

## Run metascope blast
### Get export name and metascope id results
out_base <- bamPath %>% base::basename() %>% strsplit(split = "\\.") %>%
  magrittr::extract2(1) %>% magrittr::extract(1)
metascope_id_path <- file.path(file_temp, paste0(out_base, ".metascope_id.csv"))

# NOTE: change db_path to the location where your BLAST database is stored!
db <- "/restricted/projectnb/pathoscope/data/blastdb/nt/nt"

Sys.setenv(ENTREZ_KEY = "<your id here>")

metascope_blast(metascope_id_path,
               bam_file_path = file.path(file_temp, "bowtie_target.updated.bam"),
               tmp_dir = file_temp,
               out_dir = file_temp,
               sample_name = out_base,
               db_path = db,
               num_results = 10,
               num_reads = 5,
               hit_list = 10,
               num_threads = 3,
               quiet = FALSE,
               NCBI_key = NULL)

## Remove temporary directory
unlink(file_temp, recursive = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

## Description

This function will read in a .bam or .csv.gz file, annotate the taxonomy and genome names, reduce the mapping ambiguity using a mixture model, and output a .csv file with the results. Currently, it assumes that the genome library/.bam files use NCBI accession names for reference names (rnames in .bam file).

## Usage

```
metascope_id(
  input_file,
  input_type = "csv.gz",
  aligner = "bowtie2",
  db = "ncbi",
  db_feature_table = NULL,
  NCBI_key = NULL,
  out_dir = dirname(input_file),
  tmp_dir = NULL,
  convEM = 1/10000,
  maxitsEM = 25,
  q50 = FALSE,
  update_bam = FALSE,
  num_species_plot = NULL,
  blast_fastas = FALSE,
  num_genomes = 100,
  num_reads = 50,
  quiet = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| input_file       | The .bam or .csv.gz file of sample reads to be identified.   |
| input_type       | Extension of file input. Should be either "bam" or "csv.gz". Default is "csv.gz".  |
| aligner          | The aligner which was used to create the bam file. Default is "bowtie2" but can also be set to "subread" or "other".   |
| db               | Currently accepts one of c("ncbi", "silva", "other") Default is "ncbi", appropriate for samples aligned against indices compiled from NCBI whole genome databases. Alternatively, usage of an alternate database (like Green-genes2) should be specified with "other". |
| db_feature_table | If db = "other", a data.frame must be supplied with two columns, "Feature ID" matching the names of the alignment indices, and a second character column supplying the taxon identifying information.  |
| NCBI_key         | (character) NCBI Entrez API key. optional. See taxize::use_entrez(). Due to the high number of requests made to NCBI, this function will be less prone to errors if you obtain an NCBI key. You may enter the string as an input or set it as ENTREZ_KEY in .Renviron. |
| out_dir          | The directory to which the .csv output file will be output. Defaults to dirname(input_file).   |

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| tmp_dir          | Path to a directory to which files can be saved (inc.)   |
| convEM           | The convergence parameter of the EM algorithm. Default set at 1/10000.   |
| maxitsEM         | The maximum number of EM iterations, regardless of whether the convEM is below the threshold. Default set at 50. If set at 0, the algorithm skips the EM step and summarizes the .bam file 'as is' |
| q50              | (inc.)   |
| update_bam       | Whether to update BAM file with new read assignments. Default is FALSE. If TRUE, requires input_type = TRUE such that a BAM file is the input to the function.                                     |
| num_species_plot | The number of genome coverage plots to be saved. Default is NULL, which saves coverage plots for the ten most highly abundant species.   |
| blast_fastas     | Logical, whether or not to output fasta files for MetaBlast. Default is FALSE.   |
| num_genomes      | Number of genomes to output fasta files for MetaBlast. Default is 100.   |
| num_reads        | Number of reads per genome per fasta file for MetaBlast. Default is 50.  |
| quiet            | Turns off most messages. Default is TRUE.  |

### Value

This function returns a .csv file with annotated read counts to genomes with mapped reads. The function itself returns the output .csv file name. Depending on the parameters specified, can also output an updated BAM file, and fasta files for usage downstream with MetaBLAST.

### Examples

```
#### Align reads to reference library and then apply metascope_id()
## Assuming filtered bam files already exist

## Create temporary directory
file_temp <- tempfile()
dir.create(file_temp)

#### Subread aligned bam file

## Create object with path to filtered subread csv.gz file
filt_file <- "subread_target.filtered.csv.gz"
bamPath <- system.file("extdata", filt_file, package = "MetaScope")
file.copy(bamPath, file_temp)

## Run metascope id with the aligner option set to subread
metascope_id(input_file = file.path(file_temp, filt_file),
             aligner = "subread", num_species_plot = 0,
             input_type = "csv.gz")

#### Bowtie 2 aligned .csv.gz file

## Create object with path to filtered bowtie2 bam file
bowtie_file <- "bowtie_target.filtered.csv.gz"
```

```

bamPath <- system.file("extdata", bowtie_file, package = "MetaScope")
file.copy(bamPath, file_temp)

## Run metaspope id with the aligner option set to bowtie2
metaspope_id(file.path(file_temp, bowtie_file), aligner = "bowtie2",
             num_species_plot = 0, input_type = "csv.gz")

## Remove temporary directory
unlink(file_temp, recursive = TRUE)

```

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mk\_bowtie\_index      *Make a Bowtie2 index*

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## Description

This function is a wrapper for the `Rbowtie2::bowtie2_build` function. It will create either small (.bt2) or large Bowtie2 indexes (.bt2l) depending on the combined size of the reference fasta files.

## Usage

```

mk_bowtie_index(
  ref_dir,
  lib_dir,
  lib_name,
  bowtie2_build_options,
  threads = 1,
  overwrite = FALSE
)

```

## Arguments

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <code>ref_dir</code>               | The path to the directory that contains the reference files either uncompressed or compressed (.gz). NOTE: This directory should contain only the reference fasta files to be indexed.   |
| <code>lib_dir</code>               | The path to the directory where Bowtie2 index files should be created.   |
| <code>lib_name</code>              | The basename of the index file to be created (without the .bt2 or .bt2l extension)   |
| <code>bowtie2_build_options</code> | Optional: Options that can be passed to the <code>mk_bowtie_index()</code> function. All options should be passed as one string. To see all the available options that can be passed to the function use <code>Rbowtie2::bowtie2_build_usage()</code> . NOTE: Do not specify threads here. |
| <code>threads</code>               | The number of threads available to the function. Default is 1 thread.  |
| <code>overwrite</code>             | Whether existing files should be overwritten. Default is FALSE.  |

**Value**

Creates the Bowtie2 indexes of the supplied reference .fasta files. Returns the path to the directory containing these files.

**Examples**

```
#### Create a bowtie index from the example reference library

## Create a temporary directory to store the reference library
ref_temp <- tempfile()
dir.create(ref_temp)

## Download reference genome
download_refseq('Shotokuvirae', reference = TRUE, representative = FALSE,
               out_dir = ref_temp, compress = TRUE, patho_out = FALSE,
               caching = TRUE)

## Create the reference library index files in the current directory
mk_bowtie_index(ref_dir = ref_temp, lib_dir = ref_temp,
               lib_name = "target", threads = 1, overwrite = FALSE)

## Remove temporary directory
unlink(ref_temp, recursive = TRUE)
```

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mk\_subread\_index

*Make a Subread index*


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**Description**

This function is a wrapper for the Rsubread::buildindex function. It will generate one or more Subread indexes from a .fasta file. If the library is too large (default >4GB) it will automatically be split into multiple indexes, with \_1, \_2, etc at the end of the ref\_lib basename.

**Usage**

```
mk_subread_index(ref_lib, split = 4, mem = 8000, quiet = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| ref_lib | The name/location of the reference library file, in (uncompressed) .fasta format.  |
| split   | The maximum allowed size of the genome file (in GB). If the ref_lib file is larger than this, the function will split the library into multiple parts. |
| mem     | The maximum amount of memory (in MB) that can be used by the index generation process (used by the Rsubread::buildindex function).                     |
| quiet   | Turns off most messages. Default is TRUE.  |



**Value**

Creates one or more Subread indexes for the supplied reference .fasta file. If multiple indexes are created, the libraries will be named the ref\_lib basename + "\_1", "\_2", etc. The function returns the names of the folders holding these files.

**Examples**

```
#### Create a subread index from the example reference library

## Create a temporary directory to store the reference library
ref_temp <- tempfile()
dir.create(ref_temp)

## Download reference genome
out_fasta <- download_refseq('Orthoebolavirus zairensis', reference = FALSE,
                             representative = FALSE, out_dir = ref_temp,
                             compress = TRUE, patho_out = FALSE,
                             caching = TRUE)

## Make subread index of reference library
mk_subread_index(out_fasta)
unlink(ref_temp)
```

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remove\_matches

*Helper function to remove reads matched to filter libraries*

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**Description**

Using the filter\_host() function, we align our sequencing sample to all filter libraries of interest. The remove\_matches() function allows for removal of any target reads that are also aligned to filter libraries.

**Usage**

```
remove_matches(
  reads_bam,
  read_names,
  output,
  YS,
  threads,
  aligner,
  make_bam,
  quiet
)
```

**Arguments**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| reads_bam  | The name of a merged, sorted .bam file that has previously been aligned to a reference library. Likely, the output from running an instance of <code>align_target()</code> .  |
| read_names | A list of target query names from <code>reads_bam</code> that have also aligned to a filter reference library. Each list element should be a vector of read names.  |
| output     | The name of the .bam or .csv.gz file that to which the filtered alignments will be written.   |
| YS         | yieldSize, an integer. The number of alignments to be read in from the bam file at once for chunked functions. Default is 100000.   |
| threads    | The number of threads to be used in filtering the bam file. Default is 1.   |
| aligner    | The aligner which was used to create the bam file.  |
| make_bam   | Logical, whether to also output a bam file with host reads filtered out. A .csv.gz file will be created instead if FALSE. Creating a bam file is costly on resources over creating a compressed csv file with only relevant information, so default is FALSE. |
| quiet      | Turns off most messages. Default is TRUE.   |

**Details**

This function is not intended for direct use.

**Value**

Depending on input `make_bam`, either the name of a filtered, sorted .bam file written to the user's current working directory, or an RDS file containing a data frame of only requisite information to run `metascope_id()`.

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| taxid_to_name | <i>Converts NCBI taxonomy ID to scientific name</i> |
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**Description**

Converts NCBI taxonomy ID to scientific name

**Usage**

```
taxid_to_name(taxids, accessions_path)
```

**Arguments**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| taxids          | List of NCBI taxids to convert to scientific name |
| accessions_path | Path to accessionsTaxa.sql                        |

**Value**

Returns a dataframe of blast results for a metascope result

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