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ctxsearch	<i>ssrch demo with metadata documents from 68 cancer transcriptomics studies</i>
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Description

ssrch demo with metadata documents from 68 cancer transcriptomics studies

Usage

ctxsearch()

Value

Simply starts an app.

Note

The metadata were derived by extracting sample.attributes fields from a search with github.com/seandavi/SRAdbV2. The sample.attributes content varies between studies and sometimes between experiments within studies. The field sets were unified with the sampleAtts function of github.com/vjcitn/HumanTranscriptomeCompendium. After unification records were stacked and CSVs were written.

Examples

```
if (interactive()) {
  oask = options()$example.ask
  options(example.ask=FALSE)
  try(ctxsearch2())
  options(example.ask=oask)
}
```

DocSet	<i>constructor for DocSet</i>
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Description

constructor for DocSet

Usage

```
DocSet(kw2docs = new.env(hash = TRUE), docs2recs = new.env(hash =  
  TRUE), docs2kw = new.env(hash = TRUE), titles = character(),  
  urls = character(), doc_retriever = function(...) NULL)
```

Arguments

kw2docs	an environment mapping keywords to documents
docs2recs	an environment mapping document identifiers to records
docs2kw	an environment mapping documents to keywords
titles	a named character vector with titles; names are document identifiers
urls	a named character vector with document-associated URLs; names are document identifiers
doc_retriever	a function that, given a document identifier, will produce the document

Value

instance of DocSet

Note

Titles must be bound in post-hoc. `parseDoc` produces data including parsed titles but does not bind the title into the resulting object.

Examples

```
getClass("DocSet")
```

DocSet-class	<i>Container for simple documents with arbitrary numbers/shapes of records</i>
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Description

Container for simple documents with arbitrary numbers/shapes of records
utilities for srch

Usage

```
kw2docs(sdata)

docs2kw(sdata)

docs2recs(sdata)

searchDocs(string, obj, ...)

retrieve_doc(x, obj, ...)
```

Arguments

sdata	instance of srchData class
string	character(1) query string
obj	instance of DocSet class
...	passed to base::grep
x	character(1) document identifier

Value

an environment
an environment
an environment
a data.frame with tokens queried (hits) and associated document ids (docs)
result of calling obj@doc_retriever on arguments x, ...

Examples

```
getClass("DocSet")
```

docset_cancer68	<i>DocSet instance with metadata from 68 cancer studies</i>
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Description

DocSet instance with metadata from 68 cancer studies

Usage

```
docset_cancer68
```

Format

S4 class DocSet defined in ssrch

docset_searchapp	<i>interactive app for ssrch DocSet instances</i>
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Description

interactive app for ssrch DocSet instances

Usage

```
docset_searchapp(docset, se = NULL, sefilter = function(se, ...) se)
```

Arguments

docset	an instance of DocSet
se	(defaults to NULL) an instance of SummarizedExperiment; samples will be filtered by selection method prescribed in sefilter
sefilter	a function accepting (se, ...) and returning a SummarizedExperiment

Value

Returns list of data.frames of metadata on studies requested. Can provide a SummarizedExperiment download when 'se' is non-null, but this is not yet returned to the session.

Note

The handling of SummarizedExperiments by this app is specialized. The 'sefilter' for the cancer example would be 'function(se, y) se[,which(se\$study_accession will be called with 'y' bound to the study accession numbers selected in the app.

Examples

```
if (interactive()) {  
  oask = options()$example.ask  
  options(example.ask=FALSE)  
  n1 = try(docset_searchapp(ssrch::docset_cancer68))  
  str(n1)  
  options(example.ask=oask)  
}
```

ds_can1009b

DocSet instance with metadata from 1009 cancer studies

Description

DocSet instance with metadata from 1009 cancer studies

Usage

```
ds_can1009b()
```

Format

S4 class DocSet defined in ssrch

Value

DocSet instance

Note

This is part of a sequence of datasets assessing how far we can go with environments of keywords. Annotation for 43000 samples is indexed here.

Examples

```
ds_can1009b()
```

parseDoc

parse a document and place content in a DocSet

Description

parse a document and place content in a DocSet

Usage

```
parseDoc(csv, DocSetInstance = new("DocSet"), doctitle = NA_character_,
  docabst = NA_character_, rec_id_field = "experiment.accession",
  exclude_fields = c("study.accession"),
  substrings_to_omit = c("http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/"),
  patterns_to_kill = "...-..-..|.*...,...",
  token_fixups = list(c("t'", "t'"), c(":$", "")), max_tok_nchar = 25,
  min_tok_nchar = 4, cleanFields = list("..*id$", ".name$", "_name$",
  "checksum", "isolate", "filename", "^ID$", "barcode", "Sample.Name"))
```

Arguments

csv	a character(1) CSV file path
DocSetInstance	if missing, DocSet is initialized in this function, otherwise the instance is updated with new content
doctitle	character(1) document title
docabst	character(1) a string: the document abstract
rec_id_field	character(1) field in CSV identifying records
exclude_fields	character vector of fields to ignore while parsing
substrings_to_omit	character vector of strings to remove from candidate keywords via gsub
patterns_to_kill	character(1) regexp that identifies tokens to be omitted from keyword set
token_fixups	a list of character(2) vectors that will be
max_tok_nchar	numeric(1) defaults to 25, tokens with more characters will be truncated to this length and suffixed with ellipsis
min_tok_nchar	numeric(1) defaults to 4, tokens shorter than this are not in index used with gsub() to repair irregularities. For example 'c("t'", "t'")' will transform 'Burkitt's' to 'Burkitt's'
cleanFields	list of regular expressions identifying fields to ignore

Value

instance of DocSet

Note

The expected use case has ‘DocSetInstance’ being updated in a loop. Sharing of environments across multiple DocSetInstances can occur and unexpected behaviors may ensue. Note also that many of the parameter defaults to parseDoc are for the use case of processing SRA metadata.

Examples

```
myob = ssrch::docset_cancer68
td = tempdir()
alld = ls(docs2kw(myob))
r1 = retrieve_doc(alld[1], myob)
expo = write.csv(r1, paste0(td, "/expo.csv"))
pd = parseDoc(paste0(td, "/expo.csv"), doctitle=ssrch::titles68[alld[1]],
  docabst="qwerty")
pd
searchDocs("quer", pd) # query will fail
searchDocs("qwer", pd) # should succeed
```

study_publ_dates	<i>publication dates for 6000 SRA transcriptome studies</i>
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Description

publication dates for 6000 SRA transcriptome studies

Usage

```
study_publ_dates
```

Format

```
data.frame
```

titles68	<i>titles for 68 cancer studies</i>
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Description

titles for 68 cancer studies

Usage

```
titles68
```

Format

```
character vector
```

urls68	<i>pubmed URLs for subset of 68 cancer studies</i>
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Description

pubmed URLs for subset of 68 cancer studies

Usage

urls68

Format

character vector

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