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### **Description**

Base classes, functions, and methods for representation of high-throughput sequencing data stored in SFF files (such as Roche 454 Data and Life Sciences Ion Torrent). Implementation defined according to http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Traces/trace.cgi?cmd=show&f=formats&m=doc&s=formats#sff

#### **Details**

See packageDescription('rSFFreader')

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#### References

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availableClipModes availableClipModes

#### **Description**

Clip modes are used to store "views" on the sequence object. They are often used to identify adapter sequences and low-quality "ends" which will be trimmed before further analysis. Storing clipping information instead of clipped sequences is useful for avoiding loss of data while maintaining information about the appropriate nucleotides for down-stream analysis. Each clip mode defines a set of left and right clip points, one set for each read. Clip points are typically included in the SFF file, are generated by the sequence provider and are loaded into the appropriate IRanges object when the SFF file is loaded via readSff. The vendor-generated clip points are not always desireable however, so accomidations for custom clip points are also provided.

## Usage

availableClipModes(object)

#### **Arguments**

object An object of class SffReads or SffReadsQ.

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#### **Details**

availableClipModes produces a list of clip modes supported by the rSFFreader package and the object being passed to it. These can include:

adapter: defined in the SFF file, and meant to indicate positions of adapter sequence

**quality:** defined in the SFF file, and meant to indicate positions of low-quality regions of the sequence

**full:** uses the "interior" of quality and adapter and is the most conservative, equivalant to Roche clip points

raw: no clipping is applied and full length reads are returned

custom: clip points set by the user as an IRanges object. (see examples below)

Functions are provided for setting clip mode as well as extracting and setting clip points of each type from a SffReads or SffReadsQ object. The functions for getting/setting clip points all work in the same way and an example is provided in the examples section below. The functions include:

clipMode gets/sets the adapter clip mode

adapterClip get/set the adapter clip points as an IRanges object

customClip get/set the custom clip points as an IRanges object

fullClip get/set the full clip points as an IRanges object

qualityClip get/set the quality clip points as an IRanges object

rawClip get/set the raw clip points as an IRanges object

Currently available clipModes returned by availableClipModes is dependant on the which clipping slots (qualityIR,adapterIR, and customIR) are set (length != 0).

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```
## Load in an example dataset:
sff <- loadIonSampleData()</pre>
## Get a list of available clip modes:
availableClipModes(sff)
## Check the current clipMode. It should default to "full":
clipMode(sff)
## full clipping is the most conservative, resulting in shorter reads
hist(width(sff))
summary(width(sff))
## These reads should also be free of adapters although the first base looks suspect:
alphabet By Cycle (DNAStringSet (substr(sread(sff), 1,15)), \ alphabet = c("A","C","T","G")) \\
cols <- c("green","blue","black","red","darkgrey")</pre>
leg <- c("A","C","T","G","N")</pre>
matplot(t(alphabetByCycle(DNAStringSet(substr(sread(sff), 1,15)),
    alphabet=c("A","C","T","G"))), type="l", lty=1, col=cols)
legend("topright", col=cols, legend=leg, pch=18, cex=.8)
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```
## Compare this to unclipped reads using "raw" mode:
clipMode(sff) <- "raw"</pre>
hist(width(sff),breaks=500,col="grey",xlab="Read Length",main="Raw Read Length")
alphabetByCycle(DNAStringSet(substr(sread(sff), 1,15)), alphabet=c("A","C","T","G"))
cols <- c("green", "blue", "black", "red", "darkgrey")</pre>
leg <- c("A","C","T","G","N")</pre>
matplot(t(alphabetByCycle(DNAStringSet(substr(sread(sff), 1,15)),
    alphabet=c("A","C","T","G"))), type="l", lty=1, col=cols)
legend("topright", col=cols, legend=leg, pch=18, cex=.8)
## Extract clip points for further analysis:
full.clippoints <- fullClip(sff)</pre>
raw.clippoints <- rawClip(sff)</pre>
table(start(full.clippoints))
table(start(raw.clippoints))
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
hist(end(full.clippoints))
hist(end(raw.clippoints))
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
## determine how much was trimmed from each read by clipping
barplot(table(end(raw.clippoints) - end(full.clippoints)))
## Custom clip points can also be set using an IRanges object:
customClip(sff) <- IRanges(start = 1, end = 4)</pre>
clipMode(sff) <- "custom"</pre>
table(counts=as.character(sread(sff)))
```

load454SampleData

Load the example 454 dataset

## **Description**

Load a small, 1000 record example sff file.

# Usage

load454SampleData()

# Arguments

None

#### Value

Loads a small example Roche 454 dataset (sff file) into a SffReadsQ object containing 1000 reads.

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## **Examples**

```
##Read in the included sample 454 data set.
sff <- load454SampleData()</pre>
##Generate summary statistics for read lengths.
summary(width(sff))
##Generate some QA plots:
##Read length histograms:
par(mfrow=c(2,2))
clipMode(sff) <- "raw"</pre>
hist(width(sff),breaks=500,col="grey",xlab="Read Length",main="Raw Read Length")
clipMode(sff) <- "full"</pre>
hist(width(sff),breaks=500,col="grey",xlab="Read Length",main="Clipped Read Length")
## Base by position plots:
clipMode(sff) <- "raw"</pre>
ac <- alphabetByCycle(sread(sff),alphabet=c("A","C","T","G","N"))</pre>
ac.reads <- apply(ac,2,sum)</pre>
acf <- sweep(ac,MARGIN=2,FUN="/",STATS=apply(ac,2,sum))</pre>
matplot(cbind(t(acf),ac.reads/ac.reads[1]),col=c("green","blue","black","red","darkgrey","purple"),
          type="l",lty=1,xlab="Base Position",ylab="Base Frequency",
          main="Base by position")
cols <- c("green","blue","black","red","darkgrey","purple")</pre>
leg <- c("A","C","T","G","N","%reads")</pre>
legend("topright", col=cols, legend=leg, pch=18, cex=.8)
clipMode(sff) <- "full"</pre>
ac <- alphabetByCycle(sread(sff),alphabet=c("A","C","T","G","N"))</pre>
ac.reads <- apply(ac,2,sum)</pre>
acf <- sweep(ac,MARGIN=2,FUN="/",STATS=apply(ac,2,sum))</pre>
matplot(cbind(t(acf),ac.reads/ac.reads[1]),col=c("green","blue","black","red","darkgrey","purple"),
          type="l",lty=1,xlab="Base Position",ylab="Base Frequency",
          main="Base by position")
legend("topright", col=cols, legend=leg, pch=18, cex=.8)
```

 ${\tt loadIonSampleData}$ 

Load the example Ion Torrent dataset

## Description

Load a small, 1000 record example sff file.

#### Usage

```
load454SampleData()
```

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#### **Arguments**

None

#### Value

Loads a small example Life Sciences Ion Torrent dataset (sff file) into a SffReadsQ object containing 1000 reads.

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```
##Read in the included Ion Torrent sample data set.
sff <- loadIonSampleData()</pre>
##Generate summary statistics for read lengths.
summary(width(sff))
##Generate some QA plots:
##Read length histograms:
par(mfrow=c(2,2))
clipMode(sff) <- "raw"</pre>
hist(width(sff),breaks=500,col="grey",xlab="Read Length",main="Raw Read Length")
clipMode(sff) <- "full"</pre>
hist(width(sff),breaks=500,col="grey",xlab="Read Length",main="Clipped Read Length")
## Base by position plots:
clipMode(sff) <- "raw"</pre>
ac <- alphabetByCycle(sread(sff),alphabet=c("A","C","T","G","N"))</pre>
ac.reads <- apply(ac,2,sum)</pre>
acf <- sweep(ac,MARGIN=2,FUN="/",STATS=apply(ac,2,sum))</pre>
matplot(cbind(t(acf),ac.reads/ac.reads[1]),col=c("green","blue","black","red","darkgrey","purple"),
          type="l",lty=1,xlab="Base Position",ylab="Base Frequency",
          main="Base by position")
cols <- c("green","blue","black","red","darkgrey","purple")</pre>
leg <- c("A","C","T","G","N","%reads")</pre>
legend("topright", col=cols, legend=leg, pch=18, cex=.8)
clipMode(sff) <- "full"</pre>
ac <- alphabetByCycle(sread(sff),alphabet=c("A","C","T","G","N"))</pre>
ac.reads <- apply(ac,2,sum)</pre>
acf <- sweep(ac,MARGIN=2,FUN="/",STATS=apply(ac,2,sum))</pre>
matplot(cbind(t(acf),ac.reads/ac.reads[1]),col=c("green","blue","black","red","darkgrey","purple"),
          type="l",lty=1,xlab="Base Position",ylab="Base Frequency",
          main="Base by position")
legend("topright", col=cols, legend=leg, pch=18, cex=.8)
```

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readSff	Read SFF-formatted files into SffReads or SffReadsQ objects
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## **Description**

readSff reads all sff files specified in filenames, returning an R object of type SffReads or SffReadsQ which acts and behaves similarly to the ShortRead and ShortReadQ classes from package ShortRead

## Usage

```
readSff(filenames, use.qualities=TRUE, use.names=TRUE,
    clipMode = c("full", "adapter", "quality", "raw"), verbose=TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

filenames File or files to be read in.

use.qualities logical(1) indicating whether to include quality values in the returned object.

use.names logical(1) indicating whether to return read names, not yet implemented

clipMode character(1) indicating the clipMode of the returned object.

verbose logical(1) indicating whether to return verbose output.

#### Value

A SffReads or SffReadsQ object.

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## **Examples**

```
sff <- readSff(system.file("extdata","Small454Test.sff",package="rSFFreader"))</pre>
```

readSffGeometry Read in basic statistics about an sff file

#### **Description**

readSffGeometry processes a sff file or set of sff files, counting the number of reads and the length of each read.

#### Usage

```
readSffGeometry(filenames)
```

#### **Arguments**

filenames File or files to be read in.

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#### Value

A list with two elements, nReads and Read\_Widths

#### Author(s)

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# **Examples**

```
sffgeom <- readSffGeometry (system.file ("extdata", "Small454Test.sff", package = "rSFFreader")) \\ sffgeom nReads \\ sffgeom Read_Widths
```

readSffHeader

Read in sff header

## **Description**

readSffHeader Processes an sff file or set of sff files, and store the header information in a SffHeader object.

# Usage

```
readSffHeader(filenames, verbose=TRUE)
```

# Arguments

filenames File or files to be read in.

verbose logical(1) indicating whether to return verbose output.

## Value

A SffHeader object.

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```
sffhead <- readSffHeader(system.file("extdata","Small454Test.sff",package="rSFFreader"))
sffhead@header</pre>
```

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## **Description**

Class SffHeader contains meta-data stored in the header of the SFF files read in.

Objects from this class are the result of readSffHeader, or from the result of readSff. The resulting object will contain a header slot which is a list. If multiple sff files were processed by either of the above functions, this list will contain meta-data about each of these files in corresponding positions in the list.

Meta-data included is defined in the SFF file specifications and include:

**filename:** The name of the file that was read in.

magic\_number: 779314790, which encodes the string ".sff"

version: Version number

**index\_offset:** An optional field which indicates the position of a read index within the file. **index\_length:** An optional field which indicates the length of a read index within the file.

**number\_of\_reads:** Stores the number of reads in the file.

header\_length: The number of bytes required by header fields.

key\_length: The length of the key sequence used for these reads.

number\_of\_flows\_per\_read: The number of flows carried out during sequencing of the reads.

**flowgram\_format\_code:** Indicates the format of the flowgram encoding. Currently "1" is the only valid value.

flow\_chars: Indicates the nucleotide bases used for each sequencing flow.

**key\_sequence:** Nucleotide sequence use for these reads.

## **Slots**

header: Object of class "list", containing data frames or lists of data frames summarizing a description of the SFF files.

#### Methods

**header** signature(object = "SffHeader"): access the header slot of object, returning a list object.

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## See Also

SffReads,SffReadsQ.

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#### **Examples**

SffReads-class

Class "SffReads". A class for next generation reads stored in SFF files (Roche 454 and Life Sciences Ion Torrent)

# Description

This class provides a way to store and manipulate, in a coordinated fashion, next generation reads stored in SFF files and their identifiers.

Objects from this class are created by readSff, or by calls to the constructor SffReads, as outlined below.

# Usage

```
## Constructor:
SffReads(sread, qualityIR, adapterIR, customIR, clipMode="raw", header)
```

## **Arguments**

tion.

sread	an object of type "DNAStringSet" object representing the sequence data.
qualityIR	an object of type "IRanges" object, specifying the quality clip points.
adapterIR	an object of type "IRanges" object, specifying the adapter clip points.
customIR	an object of type "IRanges" object, specifying the user custom clip points. ## qualityIR, adapterIR, and customIR are allowed to by empty
clipMode	a character string specifying the clipping mode to use for the object, see <a href="availableClipModes">availableClipModes</a> for more information.
header	a list object with sff header information, see readSffHeader for more informa-

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#### **Slots**

Slots header are inherited from SffHeader. Additional slots defined in this class are:

sread: Object of class "DNAStringSet" containing IUPAC-standard, variable-length DNA strings representing sequence reads.

- qualityIR: Object of class "IRanges" contains the clip points associated with quality clip locations specified in the sff file read header. Clip locations are auto filled to those specified in the sff file
- adapterIR: Object of class "IRanges" contains the clip points associated with adapter clip locations specified in the sff file read header. Clip locations are auto filled to those specified in the sff file
- customIR: Object of class "IRanges" contains the clip points associated with custom clip locations as specified by the user. Initial object is set to empty.
- clipMode: Object of class "character" contains the current active clipMode, one of "raw", "adapter", "quality", "custom", "full". See explaination below for an expanded desription of clip modes.

#### **Extends**

Class "SffHeader", directly.

#### Methods

- [ signature(x = "SffReads", i = "ANY", j = "missing"): This method creates a new SffReads object containing only those reads indexed by i. Additional methods on '[,SffReads' do not provide additional functionality, but are present to limit appropriate use.
- adapterClip<- signature(object = "SffReads"): Provide new adapter clip points with an IRanges
   object.</pre>
- clipMode signature(object = "SffReads"): returns the current active clipMode being used.
- customClip signature(object = "SffReads"): Returns an IRanges object of clip points when clipMode is set to "custom"
- customClip<- signature(object = "SffReads"):Provide new custom clip points with an IRanges
   object.</pre>
- fullClip signature(object = "SffReads"): Returns an IRanges object of clip points when clip-Mode is set to "full"
- length signature(x = "SffReads"): returns a integer(1) vector describing the number of reads
  in this object.
- width signature(x = "SffReads"): returns an integer() vector of the widths of each read in this object.
- **names** signature(x = "SffReads"): access the id slot of the object returning a character vector of read names.
- names<- signature(x = "SffReads", value = "ANY"): Provide new read ids with a character()
  vector of same length as the object.</pre>
- qualityClip signature(object = "SffReads"): Returns an IRanges object of clip points when clipMode is set to "quality".

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qualityClip<- signature(object = "SffReads"): Provide new quality clip points with an IRanges
 object.</pre>

rawClip signature(object = "SffReads"): Returns an IRanges object of clip points when clip-Mode is set to "full".

**sread** signature(object = "ANY"): access the sread slot of object, returning a DNAStringSet object of reads.

id signature(object = "SffReads"): this function is included to maintain compatibilty with the ShortRead class, returning a BStringSet object of read names for the object.

append signature(x = "SffReads", values = "SffReads"): append the sread and id slots of
 values after the corresponding fields of x.

writeFasta signature(object="SffReads", file,...): write object to file in fasta format. See writeFasta for ... argument values.

#### Author(s)

Matt Settles with lots of code 'borrowed' from Martin Morgan's ShortRead Package

#### See Also

SffReadsQ and availableClipModes

### **Examples**

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Class "SffReadsQ" for next generation reads stored in SFF files (Roche 454 and Life Sciences Ion Torrent) and their quality scores

## **Description**

SffReadsQ class is a container for storing, next-generation sequencing read data, read id, and sequencing quality information imported directly from SFF files generated by technologies such as Roche 454 and Life Sciences Ion Torrent. This class provides a way to store and manipulate, in a coordinated fashion, next generation reads stored in SFF files, their identifiers and quality scores.

Objects from this class are the result of readSff, or can be constructed from DNAStringSet, QualityScore, and BStringSet objects, using a call to the constructor SffReadsQ, as described below.

## Usage

```
## Constructor:
```

```
SffReadsQ(sread, quality, qualityIR, adapterIR, customIR, clipMode="raw", header)
```

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#### **Arguments**

sread	an object of class "DNAStringSet" representing the sequence data.
quality	an object of class "BStringSet", or "FastqQuality" representing the quality values associated with the sequence in sread.
qualityIR	an object of type "IRanges" object, specifying the quality clip points.
adapterIR	an object of type "IRanges" object, specifying the adapter clip points.
customIR	an object of type "IRanges" object, specifying the user custom clip points. ## qualityIR, adapterIR, and customIR are allowed to by empty
clipMode	a character string specifying the clipping mode to use for the object, see availableClipModes for more information.
header	a list object with sff header information, see readSffHeader for more information.

#### **Slots**

Slot header is inherited from SffHeader. Slots sread, qualityIR, adapterIR, customIR and clipMode are inherited from SffReads. An additional slot defined in this class is:

quality: Object of class "BStringSet" representing a quality score (see readFastq for some discussion of quality score).

#### Extends

```
Class "SffReads", directly. Class "SffHeader", by class "SffReads", distance 2.
```

#### Methods

```
quality inherited from signature(object = "ANY"): access the quality slot of object.
```

[ signature(x = "SffReads", i = "ANY", j = "missing"): This method creates a new SffReads object containing only those reads indexed by i. Additional methods on '[,SffReads' do not provide additional functionality, but are present to limit appropriate use.

```
writeFastaQual signature(object = "SffReadsQ"): ...
```

writeFastq signature(object = "SffReadsQ", file = "character", mode="character",...):
 Write object to file in fastq format. mode defaults to 'w'. This creates a new file, or fails
 if file already exists. Use mode="a" to append to an existing file. file is expanded using
 path.expand.

```
writePhredQual signature(object = "FastqQuality", filepath, mode="w")
```

writePhredQual signature(object = "SffReadsQ", filepath, mode="w"): Write object's quality values to filepath in phred qual format (numeric). append defaults to 'w'. This creates a new file, or fails if filepath already exists. Use mode="a" to append to an existing file. filepath is expanded using path.expand.

writeFastaQual signature(object = "SffReadsQ", basefilename = "character", append="logical",...):
 Write object to basefilename in fasta and phred qual format. append defaults to 'FALSE'.
 This creates a new file, or fails if basefilename already exists. Use append=TRUE to append
 to an existing file. basefilename is expanded using path.expand and the suffixes [basefile name].fasta (sequence) and [basefilename].fasta.qual (qualities) are added.

append signature(x = "SffReadsQ", values = "SffReads"): append the sread, quality and
id slots of values after the corresponding fields of x.

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#### See Also

readSff for creation of objects of this class from SFF files.

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