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Description A visual and interactive web application using RStudio's shiny package. Bad quality samples are detected using sample-dependent and sample-independent controls present on the array and user adjustable thresholds. In depth exploration of bad quality samples can be performed using several interactive diagnostic plots of the quality control probes present on the array. Furthermore, the impact of any batch effect provided by the user can be explored.

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as.background	<i>generate background data</i>
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Description

Generate background data from a summarizedData-object

Usage

```
as.background(object)

## S4 method for signature 'summarizedData'
as.background(object)
```

Arguments

object summarizedData-object

Details

Generates a background dataset can be used in the filter plots

Value

list with background data for the filter plots

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combine,summarizedData,ANY-method

concatenates two summarizedData objects into one object

Description

Concatenates two summarizedData objects into one object

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'summarizedData,ANY'  
combine(x, y, by = c("identical", "overlap"))
```

Arguments

x	summarizedData-object
y	summarizedData-object
by	argument indicating how the targets information should be combined

Value

one summarizedData object

Examples

```
data(exampleData)  
combine(exampleData, exampleData)
```

exampleData

summarizedData object on 500 450k Human Methylation samples

Description

Pre-summarizedData object on 500 450k Human Methylation samples. Can be used as input for visualize

Usage

```
exampleData
```

Format

summarizedData-object

Value

Pre-summarizedData object on 500 450k Human Methylation samples.

Examples

```
data(exampleData)  
## Not run: visualize(exampleData)
```

show, summarizedData-method

show method for Illumina Human DNA Methylation array data

Description

show method for summarized Illumina Human DNA Methylation array data

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'summarizedData'
show(object)
```

Arguments

object summarizedData object

Value

print short summary summarizedData object

Examples

```
data(exampleData)
exampleData
```

summarize

summarization of Illumina Human DNA Methylation array data

Description

summarize is the main function when called all samples in the targets file will be summarized

Usage

```
summarize(targets, batchSize = -1, BPPARAM = NULL, rp.zero = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE, file = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

targets	valid minfi targets file
batchSize	the size of each the batch
BPPARAM	see bpparam()
rp.zero	Default TRUE replaces zero intensity values with NA's
verbose	default is TRUE
file	if given summarized data is stored as RData object
...	optional arguments to read.metharray.exp, i.e. force=TRUE

Details

By default the summarization is performed on all data at once. Optionally the data can be summarized in batches using the `batchSize` option. Summarization of data can be performed in parallel as well see the MethylAid vignette for examples.

Value

summarized data is saved optionally returned

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Examples

```
library(minfiData)
baseDir <- system.file("extdata", package="minfiData")
targets <- read.metharray.sheet(baseDir)
data <- summarize(targets)
```

summarizedData-class *container for summarized Illumina Human DNA Methylation array data*

Description

container for summarized Illumina Human DNA Methylation array data

Slots

targets: Object of class "data.frame" containing targets information.

controls: Object of class "data.frame" containing quality control probe information.

Rcontrols: Object of class "matrix" containing quality control probe intensities for the Red channel.

Gcontrols: Object of class "matrix" containing quality control probe intensities for the Grn channel.

DPfreq: Object of class "vector" containing frequencies of probes above background.

MU: Object of class "matrix" containing Methylated and Unmethylated intensities.

plotdata: Object of class "list" containing data to make plotting efficient.

visualize	<i>visualize the summarized Illumina Human DNA Methylation array data</i>
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Description

launch a shiny app for visualization of the summarized Illumina Human DNA Methylation array data

Usage

```
visualize(object, thresholds = list(hm450k = list(MU = 10.5, OP = 11.75, BS =
  12.75, HC = 13.25, DP = 0.95), epic = list(MU = 10, OP = 12, BS = 11.75, HC =
  12.75, DP = 0.95)), background = NULL, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'summarizedData'
visualize(object, thresholds = list(hm450k =
  list(MU = 10.5, OP = 11.75, BS = 12.75, HC = 13.25, DP = 0.95), epic = list(MU
  = 10, OP = 12, BS = 11.75, HC = 12.75, DP = 0.95)), background = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

object	summarizedData object
thresholds	default thresholds
background	optional summarizedData-object used as background in filter control plots
...	for future use

Details

Outliers are detected based on a set of default thresholds. To use a use-defined set of thresholds use the thresholds argument.

Value

lauches a web browser with the shiny application and returns a data.frame with detected outliers

Examples

```
library(minfiData)
baseDir <- system.file("extdata", package="minfiData")
targets <- read.metharray.sheet(baseDir)
data <- summarize(targets)
## Not run:
visualize(data)

## End(Not run)
```

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