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`as.matrix.GctMatrix`    *Coerce a GctMatrix object into a matrix*

### Description

Coerce a GctMatrix object into a matrix

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'GctMatrix'
as.matrix(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| <code>x</code>   | A GctMatrix object |
| <code>...</code> | Not used           |

### Value

A matrix with a desc attribute

### Examples

```
m1 <- matrix(1:6, nrow=3, dimnames=list(sprintf("G%d", 1:3), sprintf("S%d", 1:2)))
gm1 <- GctMatrix(m1, desc=sprintf("Gene%d", 1:3))
print(gm1)
print(as.matrix(gm1))
```

`as_numeric_matrix`    *Transform a data.frame to a numeric matrix without characters coerced as factors*

### Description

Transform a data.frame to a numeric matrix without characters coerced as factors

### Usage

```
as_numeric_matrix(df, warning = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| df      | A data.frame  |
| warning | Logical, whether the function should warn when non-numeric characters are transformed |

**Value**

A numeric matrix

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|----------|--|
| cbindGct | <i>Column bind (cbind) two GctMatrix objects</i> |
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**Description**

Column bind (cbind) two GctMatrix objects

**Usage**

```
cbindGct(
  gctMatrix1,
  gctMatrix2,
  feature = c("union", "intersection"),
  missingValue = 0
)
```

**Arguments**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| gctMatrix1   | The first object  |
| gctMatrix2   | The second object   |
| feature      | What happens if the set of the features in both objects differ? Either union or intersection is possible. |
| missingValue | Missing values, NA or numeric values (such as 0) are accepted   |

**Value**

A larger matrix, with gctMatrix1 on the left and gctMatrix2 on the right, with merged features and descriptions.

**Examples**

```
m1 <- matrix(1:6, nrow=3, dimnames=list(sprintf("G%d", 1:3), sprintf("S%d", 1:2)))
m2 <- matrix(c(9:7, 12:10), nrow=3, dimnames=list(sprintf("G%d", 3:1), sprintf("S%d", 3:4)))
gm1 <- GctMatrix(m1, desc=sprintf("Gene%d", 1:3))
gm2 <- GctMatrix(m2, desc=sprintf("Gene%d", 3:1))
gm1
gm2
gm12 <- cbindGct(gm1, gm2)
```

```
gm12
m3 <- matrix(13:18, nrow=3, dimnames=list(sprintf("G%d", 2:4), sprintf("S%d", 5:6)))
gm3 <- GctMatrix(m3, desc=sprintf("Gene%d", 2:4))
gm3
gm123Intersect <- cbindGct(gm12, gm3, feature="intersect")
print(gm123Intersect, showAll=TRUE)
gm123Union <- cbindGct(gm12, gm3, feature="union")
print(gm123Union, showAll=TRUE)
gm123UnionNA <- cbindGct(gm12, gm3, feature="union", missingValue = NA)
print(gm123UnionNA)
```

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find\_ampliseq

*Find and read-in AmpliSeq files*

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## Description

Find and read-in AmpliSeq files into an expression matrix

## Usage

```
find_ampliseq(dir)
```

```
read_ampliseq(files)
```

```
find_and_read_ampliseq(dir)
```

## Arguments

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| dir   | The top-level directory where a AmpliSeq run is saved. An example: <code>'/data64/sequencing/iontorrent_data/139-AmpliSeqRNA_pathway_FD14_277_360/'</code> |
| files | AmpliSeq files, potentially found by <code>find_ampliseq</code>  |

## Details

Directory is recursively checked for files that match the name pattern `*.cov.xls` (cov means coverage). Invalid links (judged by file size) are excluded.

Only data of total read counts are read-in.

## Value

`find_ampliseq` returns a character vector of full names of valid files.

`read_ampliseq` returns a numeric matrix of gene expression in counts. Row names are unique gene names.

`find_and_read_ampliseq` combines the two functions and returns the expression matrix as `read_ampliseq` does.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
ampdir <- system.file("extdata/ampliseq-data", package="ribiosIO")
ampfiles <- find_ampliseq(ampdir)
ampmat <- read_ampliseq(ampfiles)

ampmat.onestep <- find_and_read_ampliseq(ampdir)
```

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gctDesc

*Retrieve feature (row) descriptions from a GctMatrix S3-object*

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**Description**

Retrieve feature (row) descriptions from a GctMatrix S3-object

**Usage**

```
gctDesc(gctMatrix, index)
```

**Arguments**

|           |                          |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| gctMatrix | A GctMatrix object       |
| index     | Logical or integer index |

**Value**

Character vector, feature descriptions

**Examples**

```
m1 <- matrix(1:6, nrow=3, dimnames=list(sprintf("G%d", 1:3), sprintf("S%d", 1:2)))
gm1 <- GctMatrix(m1, desc=sprintf("Gene%d", 1:3))
gctDesc(gm1)
gctDesc(gm1, 1:2)
```

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GctMatrix                      *Create a GctMatrix object*

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**Description**

Create a GctMatrix object

**Usage**

```
GctMatrix(matrix, desc)
```

**Arguments**

matrix                      A numeric matrix  
desc                         Character vector of feature description, length must equal nrow of the matrix

**Value**

A GctMatrix object

**Examples**

```
m1 <- matrix(1:6, nrow=3, dimnames=list(sprintf("G%d", 1:3), sprintf("S%d", 1:2)))  
m2 <- matrix(c(9:7, 12:10), nrow=3, dimnames=list(sprintf("G%d", 3:1), sprintf("S%d", 3:4)))  
gm1 <- GctMatrix(m1, desc=sprintf("Gene%d", 1:3))  
gm2 <- GctMatrix(m2, desc=sprintf("Gene%d", 3:1))  
print(gm1)  
print(gm2)
```

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gctMatrix2longdf              *Convert a GctMatrix into a long data frame*

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**Description**

Convert a GctMatrix into a long data frame

**Usage**

```
gctMatrix2longdf(gctMatrix)
```

**Arguments**

gctMatrix                    A GctMatrix object

**Value**

A data.frame with four columns: feature, desc, sample, and value

**Examples**

```
idir <- system.file("extdata", package="ribiosIO")
sample.gct.file <- file.path(idir, "test.gct")
test.mat <- read_gct_matrix(sample.gct.file, keep.desc=TRUE)
test.long <- gctMatrix2longdf(test.mat)
```

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| getDataDir | <i>Get the data directory</i> |
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**Description**

Get the data directory

**Usage**

```
getDataDir()
```

**Value**

A directory The value stored in options is returned

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| iofile | <i>Get file names for data import/export</i> |
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**Description**

Get file names for data import/export

**Usage**

```
iofile(x = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| x | File or directory name |
|---|------------------------|

Quite often we need to import and export data (especially bulky files) into a directory other than the local file. This function is a shortcut to get full names of import/export files.

The function first determines whether the option dataDir in the options of ribiosIO exists. If yes, its value will be used as the directory from/to which input/export files should be read/written.

If the value does not exist yet, the function tries to use a folder named data in the current working directory as dataDir. If this local folder exists, its name will be assigned to the dataDir option. If the folder does not exist, the function will report an error and quit.

The steps above guarantees that there is an option named `dataDir`, pointing to a directory where files are read from or written to.

The parameter `x` can be file or directory names in the `dataDir` directory. In this case, `iofile(x)` returns their full names. When `x` is missing or `NULL`, `iofile()` returns the value of `dataDir`. A common usage for the later case is `dir(iofile())`.

### Value

Character string, the full path to the data directory (when `x` is `NULL`) or the full file path(s) within the data directory.

### Examples

```
setDataDir(system.file("extdata", package="ribiosIO"))
dir(iofile())
readLines(iofile("test.gct"), n=2)
```

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|-----------|---|
| isGctFile | <i>Test a file is a GCT file or not</i> |
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### Description

Test a file is a GCT file or not

### Usage

```
isGctFile(file, strict.column.names = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <code>file</code>                | Character string, a file name  |
| <code>strict.column.names</code> | Logical, whether the names of the first two columns must be 'NAME(tab)Description' |

### Details

A file is a valid GCT file if it meets following three rules:

1. The first line of the file is `#1.2`
2. The second line contains number of rows and number of columns, separated by a tab.
3. The rest of file contain a rectangular matrix, with the first two columns named `NAME` and `Description` respectively.

### Value

A logical value: `TRUE` means `file` is of the GCT format.

## References

<https://software.broadinstitute.org/cancer/software/genepattern/file-formats-guide>

## See Also

[read\\_gct\\_matrix](#) to read in GCT files

## Examples

```
myInFile <- system.file("extdata/test.gct", package="ribiosIO")
isGctFile(myInFile)
myInfileLS <- system.file("extdata/test_lessStrict.gct", package="ribiosIO")
isGctFile(myInfileLS)
```

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| is_factor_file | <i>Check if a file encodes a factor</i> |
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## Description

Check if a file encodes a factor

## Usage

```
is_factor_file(con = stdin())
is_cls_file(con = stdin())
```

## Arguments

con                    Connection from which to read the file

## Value

Logical, TRUE if the file is a valid CLS factor file, FALSE otherwise.

## Examples

```
set.seed(1887)
tempfac <- factor(sample(LETTERS, 30, replace=TRUE), levels=sample(LETTERS))
tempfile <- tempfile()
write_factor(tempfac, tempfile)
is_factor_file(tempfile)
write_factor(tempfac, tempfile, sep=" ")
is_factor_file(tempfile)
```

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| loadFile | <i>Attempt to load a binary RData file</i> |
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**Description**

The function attempts to load a binary file, returning TRUE if succeeded. Otherwise it returns FALSE.

**Usage**

```
loadFile(rDataFile, env = parent.frame())
```

**Arguments**

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| rDataFile | Character, RData file name   |
| env       | Environment, where should be the RData loaded into. By default it is loaded into the caller's environment. |

**Value**

Logical, TRUE if the file was loaded successfully, FALSE otherwise.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[iofile](#) can be used to find file from input data directory.

**Examples**

```
rf <- tempfile()
myData <- c(3,4,5)
save(myData, file=rf)
env <- new.env()
stopifnot(loadFile(rf, env=env))
```

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| loadObject | <i>Load an object by its name from a RData file</i> |
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**Description**

Load an object by its name from a RData file

**Usage**

```
loadObject(file, obj = NULL, verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| file    | A RData file  |
| obj     | Object name. If set as NULL, all objects are returned                   |
| verbose | Whether the loading process should be verbose, see <a href="#">load</a> |

**Value**

The object loaded from the RData file. If obj is NULL, returns the first object found.

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|-----------------|---|
| loadObjectInEnv | <i>Load objects from a RData file and return them in an environment</i> |
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**Description**

Load objects from a RData file and return them in an environment

**Usage**

```
loadObjectInEnv(file, obj = NULL, verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| file    | A RData file   |
| obj     | Character string(s), optional object names. If set as NULL, all objects are returned |
| verbose | Whether the loading process should be verbose, see <a href="#">load</a>              |

**Value**

An environment containing the loaded objects.

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|---------|--|
| loadRDS | <i>Load an object from a RDS file and returns a logical flag</i> |
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**Description**

Load an object from a RDS file and returns a logical flag

**Usage**

```
loadRDS(rdsFile, variableName, refhook = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| rdsFile      | Character string, name of the rds file to be loaded                                       |
| variableName | Character string or variable name, variable name to which the loaded value is assigned to |
| refhook      | Logical, passed to <a href="#">readRDS</a>  |

**Value**

Logical, TRUE if the file loading was successful, otherwise FALSE

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| longdf2gctMatrix | <i>Convert a long data.frame into a GctMatrix</i> |
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**Description**

Convert a long data.frame into a GctMatrix

**Usage**

```
longdf2gctMatrix(  
  longdf,  
  row.col = 1L,  
  desc.col = 2,  
  column.col = 3,  
  value.col = 4,  
  missingValue = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| longdf       | A data.frame object  |
| row.col      | Integer or character string, index or name of the column in which row names are stored   |
| desc.col     | Integer or character string,, index or name of the column in which feature descriptions are stored   |
| column.col   | Integer or character string, index or name of the column in which sample names are stored  |
| value.col    | Integer or character string, index or name of the column in which values are stored  |
| missingValue | Value used for missing values. If NULL, missing values are reported as NA and a warning will be raised if any value is missing. If NA, missing values are reported as NA and no warning is raised. |

**Value**

A GctMatrix object

**Examples**

```
idir <- system.file("extdata", package="ribiosIO")
sample.gct.file <- file.path(idir, "test.gct")
test.mat <- read_gct_matrix(sample.gct.file, keep.desc=TRUE)
test.long <- gctMatrix2longdf(test.mat)
test.rmat <- longdf2gctMatrix(test.long)
```

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optional\_suppress\_warning

*Supress warning optionally*

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**Description**

Supress warning optionally

**Usage**

```
optional_suppress_warning(expr, suppress = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| expr     | R expression                                 |
| suppress | Logical, whether or not to suppress warnings |

**Value**

side effect is used

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|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| print.GctMatrix | <i>Print method for GctMatrix object</i> |
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**Description**

Print method for GctMatrix object

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'GctMatrix'
print(x, showAll = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| x       | A GctMatrix object                               |
| showAll | Logical, whether all values should be printed    |
| ...     | Parameters passed to the default method of print |

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects (prints to console).

**Examples**

```
m1 <- matrix(1:6, nrow=3, dimnames=list(sprintf("G%d", 1:3), sprintf("S%d", 1:2)))
gm1 <- GctMatrix(m1, desc=sprintf("Gene%d", 1:3))
gm1
mBig <- matrix(round(rnorm(1000),3),
  nrow=100, dimnames=list(sprintf("G%d", 1:100), sprintf("S%d", 1:10)))
gmBig <- GctMatrix(mBig, desc=sprintf("Gene%d", 1:100))
gmBig
print(gmBig, showAll=TRUE)
```

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| readMatrix | <i>Read in numeric matrix from tab-delimited format written by writeMatrix</i> |
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**Description**

readMatrix reads a matrix written by writeMatrix into a R session

**Usage**

```
readMatrix(file, row.names = TRUE, as.matrix = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| file      | file to be read in  |
| row.names | Logical, whether the first column contains row names (should be consistent with the setting in writeMatrix)   |
| as.matrix | Logical, whether the data.frame object should be cast into a matrix   |
| ...       | Other parameters passed to read.table, for instance stringsAsFactors. Following parameters are <i>not</i> allowed to change: header, sep, quote, dec, check.names, strip.white, comment.char. |

**Details**

Default behaviour of read.table is adapted to the convention used in writeMatrix

**Value**

Matrix when as.matrix is set to TRUE and otherwise data.frame

**Examples**

```
test.mat <- matrix(rnorm(1000), nrow=10, dimnames=list(LETTERS[1:10], 1:100))
tmpfile <- tempfile()
writeMatrix(test.mat, tmpfile)
readin.mat <- readMatrix(tmpfile)
if(require(ribiosUtils)) identicalMatrix(test.mat, readin.mat)
```

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|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| readTable | <i>Read in data.frame from tab-delimited format written by writeMatrix</i> |
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**Description**

readTable reads a data.frame written by writeMatrix into a R session

**Usage**

```
readTable(file, row.names = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| file      | file to be read in  |
| row.names | Logical, whether the first column contains row names (should be consistent with the settign in writeMatrix)   |
| ...       | Other parameters passed to read.table, for instance stringsAsFactors. Following parameters are <i>not</i> allowed to change: header, sep, quote, dec, check.names, strip.white, comment.char. |

**Details**

Default behaviour of `read.table` is adapted to the convention used in `writeMatrix`

**Value**

A `data.frame` object

**Examples**

```
test.df <- data.frame(Team=c("HSV", "BVB", "VFB"), Score=c(21, 19, 17))
tmpfile <- tempfile()
writeMatrix(test.df, tmpfile)
readin.df <- readTable(tmpfile)
stopifnot(identical(as.character(readin.df$Team), c("HSV", "BVB", "VFB")))
stopifnot(identical(readin.df$Score, c(21L, 19L, 17L)))
```

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read\_ampliseq\_bedcovgct

*Read bedcov output of AmpliSeq amplicons and convert them to read counts*

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**Description**

Read bedcov output of AmpliSeq amplicons and convert them to read counts

**Usage**

```
read_ampliseq_bedcovgct(file, bedFile)
```

**Arguments**

`file` Character string, a GCT file containing bedcov output of amplicons  
`bedFile` Character string, an annotated BED file encoding amplicons

**Value**

A `GctMatrix` object containing read counts

The function is used to convert read base counts returned by `samtools bedcov` to read counts using Amplicon information encoded in the bed file

**See Also**

[read\\_annotated\\_ampliseq\\_amplicons](#)

**Examples**

```

bedlines <- paste0("#track type=bedDetail ionVersion=4.0 name=\"IAD50039-4_IAD87652-4_Design\"",
" solution_type=4 description=\"TargetRegions_AmpliSeqID_IAD50039 AmpliSeq_Version=3.0.1\",
" Workflow=RNA merged with TargetRegions_AmpliSeqID_IAD87652 AmpliSeq_Version=4.48 Workflow=RNA\"",
" color=77,175,74 priority=2", "\n",
"NM_000014\t3316\t3421\tAMPL1384\t.\tGENE_ID=A2M;EntrezGeneID=2", "\n",
"NM_005502\t2488\t2589\tAMPL28385508\t.\tGENE_ID=ABCA1;EntrezGeneID=19", "\n",
"NM_000927\t2520\t2624\tAMPL5599607\t.\tGENE_ID=ABCB1;EntrezGeneID=5243", "\n",
"NM_000443\t1367\t1470\tAMPL5513474\t.\tGENE_ID=ABCB4;EntrezGeneID=5244")
gctLines <- paste0("#1.2", "\n",
"3\t3", "\n",
"NAME\tDescription\tS1\tS2\tS3", "\n",
"A2M\tNM_000014\t105\t210\t315", "\n",
"ABCA1\tNM_005502\t202\t303\t404", "\n",
"ABCB1\tNM_000927\t312\t416\t520")
bedcovGct <- read_amplicon_bedcovgct(textConnection(gctLines),
textConnection(bedlines))
bedcovGct

```

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```
read_annotated_amplicon
```

*Read AmpliSeq amplicon information from an annotated BED file*

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**Description**

Read AmpliSeq amplicon information from an annotated BED file

**Usage**

```
read_annotated_amplicon(bedFile)
```

**Arguments**

bedFile            Character string, an annotated BED file with Gene\_ID (gene symbols) and EntrezGeneID (Entrez Gene IDs) in the eighth column.

**Value**

A data frame, besides reporting the columns in the BED file, contains following additional annotation information:

1. Amplicon
2. GeneID
3. GeneSymbol
4. RefSeq
5. Length

**Note**

There are several versions of BED file used. This function works only with the latest version.

**See Also**

[read\\_bed](#)

**Examples**

```
lines <- paste0("#track type=bedDetail ionVersion=4.0 name=\"IAD50039-4_IAD87652-4_Design\"",
  "solution_type=4 description=\"TargetRegions_AmpliSeqID_IAD50039 AmpliSeq_Version=3.0.1",
  " Workflow=RNA merged with TargetRegions_AmpliSeqID_IAD87652 AmpliSeq_Version=4.48 Workflow=RNA\"",
  " color=77,175,74 priority=2", "\n",
  "NM_000014\t3316\t3421\tAMPL1384\t.\tGENE_ID=A2M;EntrezGeneID=2", "\n",
  "NM_005502\t2488\t2589\tAMPL28385508\t.\tGENE_ID=ABCA1;EntrezGeneID=19", "\n",
  "NM_000927\t2520\t2624\tAMPL5599607\t.\tGENE_ID=ABCB1;EntrezGeneID=5243", "\n",
  "NM_000443\t1367\t1470\tAMPL5513474\t.\tGENE_ID=ABCB4;EntrezGeneID=5244")
read_annotated_ampliseq_amplicons(textConnection(lines))
```

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read\_bed

*Read a BED file*

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**Description**

Read a BED file

**Usage**

```
read_bed(file, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|      |  |
|------|--|
| file | Character string, name of a BED file.  |
| ...  | Other parameters passed to <a href="#">read.table</a> . If not specified, default settings are used. |

**Value**

A data.frame containing all information in the BED file.

**References**

Definition of BED files can be found at <https://www.ensembl.org/info/website/upload/bed.html>.

**See Also**

[read.table](#)

**Examples**

```
lines <- paste0("#track type=bedDetail ionVersion=4.0 name=\"IAD50039-4_IAD87652-4_Design\"",
  "solution_type=4 description=\"TargetRegions_AmpliSeqID_IAD50039 AmpliSeq_Version=3.0.1",
  " Workflow=RNA merged with TargetRegions_AmpliSeqID_IAD87652 AmpliSeq_Version=4.48 Workflow=RNA\"",
  " color=77,175,74 priority=2", "\n",
  "NM_000014\t3316\t3421\tAMPL1384\t0\t+\t.\tGENE_ID=A2M;EntrezGeneID=2", "\n",
  "NM_005502\t2488\t2589\tAMPL28385508\t0\t+\t.\tGENE_ID=ABCA1;EntrezGeneID=19", "\n",
  "NM_000927\t2520\t2624\tAMPL5599607\t0\t+\t.\tGENE_ID=ABCB1;EntrezGeneID=5243", "\n",
  "NM_000443\t1367\t1470\tAMPL5513474\t0\t+\t.\tGENE_ID=ABCB4;EntrezGeneID=5244")
read_bed(textConnection(lines))
```

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read\_biokit\_exprs      *qRead BioKit expression file into a data.frame*

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**Description**

qRead BioKit expression file into a data.frame

**Usage**

```
read_biokit_exprs(filename)
```

**Arguments**

filename      A BioKit expression file

The function uses an efficient C routine to read BioKit expression files. An Roche NGS expression file is essentially a tab-delimited file. The first six columns are mandatory (feature/tag name, multiple mapping RPKM, multiple mapping read count, unique mapping RPKM, unique mapping read count, and multiple mapping proportion). Right to these columns there can be arbitrary numbers of columns appended to annotate the features. In the current output, rows may have different numbers of columns: particularly for features without corresponding items in the annotation file used in the pipeline, their rows will contain the mandatory columns plus one extra column with the value “unknown”. This is handled automatically by the function.

**Value**

A data.frame contains both mandatory and additional columns. The first column of the expression file will be used as the row names of the data.frame object.

**See Also**

[read\\_gct](#) for reading gct files, a commonly used file format for expression data.

**Examples**

```
biokitExampleFile <- system.file("extdata/biokit_expression_files/biokit-output-1.expression",
package="ribiosIO")
biokitExprs <- read_biokit_exprs(biokitExampleFile)
```

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read\_chip

*Read CHIP file*

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**Description**

The CHIP file format is commonly used to annotate probesets or other identifiers to gene symbols and gene names. This function imports CHIP files, using a C procedure to accelerate the speed.

**Usage**

```
read_chip(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    File name

**Details**

The current implementation only parses the first three columns and ignores the rest of columns. This behavior may change in future versions to provide larger flexibility of parsing CHIP-like files.

**Value**

A data.frame is returned with three columns: ProbeSetID, GeneSymbol and GeneTitle. The column names are concordant with the GSEA convention, except that the empty spaces are omitted.

**Author(s)**

Jitao David Zhang <jitao\_david.zhang@roche.com>

**References**

BROAD institute GSEA manual, available at [https://software.broadinstitute.org/cancer/software/gsea/wiki/index.php/Data\\_formats](https://software.broadinstitute.org/cancer/software/gsea/wiki/index.php/Data_formats).

**Examples**

```
testFile <- system.file("extdata/test.chip", package="ribiosIO")
testChip <- read_chip(testFile)
head(testChip)
stopifnot(identical(colnames(testChip), c("ProbeSetID", "GeneSymbol", "GeneTitle")))
```

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|------------|--|
| read_david | <i>Read tab-delimited result files from DAVID Bioinformatics Resources</i> |
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**Description**

Read tab-delimited result files from DAVID Bioinformatics Resources

**Usage**

```
read_david(file)
```

**Arguments**

file                    A file from DAVID Bioinformatics Resources

**Value**

A data.frame containing all information encoded in the file

**Examples**

```
davidFile <- system.file("extdata/example-DAVID-output-subset.txt", package="ribiosIO")
davidResult <- read_david(davidFile)
```

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|-------------------|--|
| read_exprs_matrix | <i>Read an expression matrix from file</i> |
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**Description**

Read an expression matrix from file. The file is either a GCT format file, a tab-delimited file or a space-delimited file.

**Usage**

```
read_exprs_matrix(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      File name

**Details**

An expression matrix of size  $m \times n$  contains expression levels of  $m$  features in  $n$  samples. This function supports three commonly used file formats for expression levels: GCT format, tab-delimited file and space-delimited file.

**Value**

A matrix

**Note**

The function uses a very simple logic to guess whether the file is tab-delimited or space-delimited: it reads in the first  $n$  lines (currently  $n=3$ ), and checks whether there is any tab character (`\t`): if yes, the file is parsed as tab-delimited, otherwise as space-delimited. Therefore, a space-delimited file should not contain tabs in case it needs to be parsed.

From ribiosIO version 1.0.2, this function supports duplicated row names.

From ribiosIO version 1.0-21, this function supports matrix file in which the second column is not numeric. This can happen, for instance, if the user decides to include descriptions. If such descriptions are detected, they are stored in the attribute “desc” so as to be later written into gct files.

From ribiosIO version 1.0-39, the function tolerates non-numeric values (such as ‘5’) in tab-delimited files better. However note that such values in the second column will cause problem because they will make the program interpret the second column as description but not numeric values.

**Author(s)**

Jitao David Zhang <jitao\_david.zhang at roche.com>

**See Also**

The function calls internally the `read_gct_matrix` function to parse GCT files.

**Examples**

```
testfile.path <- system.file("extdata", package="ribiosIO")

## import gct
read_exprs_matrix(file.path(testfile.path, "test_read_exprs_matrix.gct"))

## import tab-separated file
read_exprs_matrix(file.path(testfile.path, "test_read_exprs_matrix.tsv"))

## import space-separated file
read_exprs_matrix(file.path(testfile.path, "test_read_exprs_matrix.txt"))

## import tab-separated file with descriptions
read_exprs_matrix(file.path(testfile.path, "test_read_exprs_matrix_desc.tsv"))

## import tab-separated file with non-numeric values
read_exprs_matrix(file.path(testfile.path, "test_nonnumbers.txt"))
```

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| read_factor | <i>Read in a factor writtin in the CLS format</i> |
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### Description

Read in a factor writtin in the CLS format

### Usage

```
read_factor(con = stdin(), offset = 0)
```

```
read_cls(con = stdin(), offset = 0)
```

### Arguments

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| con    | File or connection to read file from  |
| offset | The integer representing the first level, default is set to 0, for some software it can be set to 1 |

### Value

A factor with levels as defined in the CLS file.

### Note

The original CLS format specifies that both tab or space can be used as separators. This makes it unable to represent factors with sapces in levels. In order to accomodate CLS format for these factors, we propose using tab as separators in CLS files when encoding factors in R. The default setting of `read_factor` and `write_factor` uses tab. Though `read_factor` can handle both separators, as long as in the file a separator is consistently used.

### See Also

[write\\_factor](#)

### Examples

```
set.seed(1887)
tempfac <- factor(sample(LETTERS, 30, replace=TRUE), levels=sample(LETTERS))
tempfile <- tempfile()
write_factor(tempfac, tempfile)
stopifnot(identical(tempfac, read_factor(tempfile)))

write_factor(tempfac, tempfile, sep=" ")
stopifnot(identical(tempfac, read_factor(tempfile)))

idir <- system.file("extdata", package="ribiosIO")
sample.cls <- read_factor(file.path(idir, "test.cls"))
```

```
expFac <- factor(c("Case", "Control")[c(1,0,1,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,1,0,0,1,1,1,1,0,0)+1],
  levels=c("Case", "Control"))
stopifnot(identical(sample.cls, expFac))
```

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|------------|---|
| read_fasta | <i>Read (write) FASTA sequences into (from) named character vectors</i> |
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### Description

read\_fasta reads sequences in FASTA format in named character vectors. write\_fasta writes sequences stored as named character vectors into FASTA file.

### Usage

```
read_fasta(file)

write_fasta(x, file)
```

### Arguments

|      |                   |
|------|-------------------|
| file | FASTA format file |
| x    | Named characters  |

### Details

Names of sequences to be written do not have to begin with the greater-than sign, as they are appended by the function when writing. Similarly, the read\_fasta removes the leading greater-than sign of sequence names.

### Value

For read\_fasta, a named character vector of FASTA sequences.  
For write\_fasta, the side effect is used and no value is returned.

### Author(s)

Jitao David Zhang <jitao\_david.zhang@roche.com>

### Examples

```
tmpfile <- tempfile()
test.seq <- c("mySeq1"="ATGCG", "mySeq2 correct"="TTGTTCGACGT")
write_fasta(test.seq, tmpfile)
read_fasta(tmpfile)
```

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|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| read_gct_matrix | <i>Calling C routine to read GCT file into a matrix</i> |
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### Description

The function `read_gct_matrix` calls the C routine `read_gct` to read GCT file into a matrix.

### Usage

```
read_gct_matrix(gct.file, keep.desc = TRUE)
```

```
read_gctstr_matrix(string, keep.desc = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <code>gct.file</code>  | Character, name of a gct-format file  |
| <code>keep.desc</code> | Logical, whether the description of features should be returned as an attribute of the matrix |
| <code>string</code>    | Character string, a character string in the GCT-file format                                   |

### Details

The function `read_gctstr_matrix` calls the C routine as well, to parse a character string in the GCT file format into a matrix.

This function reads GCT files into a matrix, which is a basic data structure of R. For integration with Bioconductor's ExpressionSet objects, consider using the `ribiosExpression` package (available on GitHub).

### Value

An matrix, optionally with feature descriptions as an attribute (`desc`) when `keep.desc` is set to `TRUE`.

### Author(s)

Jitao David Zhang <jitao\_david.zhang@roche.com>

### See Also

[isGctFile](#) to test if a file is in GCT format.

**Examples**

```
idir <- system.file("extdata", package="ribiosIO")
sample.gct.file <- file.path(idir, "test.gct")

test.mat <- read_gct_matrix(sample.gct.file, keep.desc=TRUE)
test.simmat <- read_gct_matrix(sample.gct.file, keep.desc=FALSE)

sample.gct.string <- paste(readLines(sample.gct.file), collapse="\n")
teststr.mat <- read_gctstr_matrix(sample.gct.string, keep.desc=TRUE)
```

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|--------------------|---|
| read_gmt_dataframe | <i>Read gene-sets in a GMT file into a data.frame</i> |
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**Description**

Read gene-sets in a GMT file into a data.frame

**Usage**

```
read_gmt_dataframe(gmt.file, description = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| gmt.file    | Character, name of one gmt-format file  |
| description | Logical, whether the result should contain descriptions of gene-sets as a column. |

**Value**

A data.frame. If description is set to FALSE, the data.frame contains two columns: geneset and gene; otherwise, it contains three columns: geneset, description, and gene.

**Examples**

```
idir <- system.file("extdata", package="ribiosIO")
sample.gmt.file <- file.path(idir, "test.gmt")

testGmtDataframe <- read_gmt_dataframe(sample.gmt.file)
```

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|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| read_gmt_list | <i>Calling C routine to read GMT file into a list</i> |
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**Description**

The function `read_gmt_list` calls the C routine `read_gmt` to read GMT file into a list.

**Usage**

```
read_gmt_list(gmt.file)
```

**Arguments**

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <code>gmt.file</code> | Character, name of one gmt-format file |
|-----------------------|--|

**Details**

Empty lines or lines without genes are omitted. Empty fields in “genes” are omitted as well.

**Value**

A list, the length of which equals the number of genesets. Each list contains three items:

|                          |                                    |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <code>name</code>        | Character, gene set name           |
| <code>description</code> | Character, gene set description    |
| <code>genes</code>       | Character vector, genes in the set |

**Author(s)**

Jitao David Zhang <jitao\_david.zhang@roche.com>

**Examples**

```
idir <- system.file("extdata", package="ribiosIO")
sample.gmt.file <- file.path(idir, "test.gmt")

test.gmt <- read_gmt_list(sample.gmt.file)
```

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`read_illumina_sampleSheet`*Read the Data block of Illumina sample sheet as data.frame*

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**Description**

Read the Data block of Illumina sample sheet as data.frame

**Usage**

```
read_illumina_sampleSheet(file, sep = ",")
```

**Arguments**

|      |  |
|------|--|
| file | An Illumina SampleSheet, with one Data block           |
| sep  | Character, separator between columns, comma by default |

**Value**

A data.frame of the data block

**Examples**

```
myText <- paste("[Header]",  
  "IEMFileVersion,5",  
  "",  
  "[Reads]",  
  "51",  
  "1",  
  "[Data]",  
  "Lane,Sample_ID,Description",  
  "1,1,Sample1",  
  "1,2,Sample2",  
  "2,3,Sample3",  
  "2,4,Sample4", sep="\n")  
read_illumina_sampleSheet(textConnection(myText))
```

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`read_pheno`*Read pheno data from CLS or tab-delimited file*

---

**Description**

Read pheno (sample annotation) data from CLS file or tab-delimited file (sample information file).

**Usage**

```
read_pheno(file)
```

```
read_pheno_factor(file)
```

**Arguments**

file                    A CLS file or tab-delimited file

**Details**

read\_pheno returns a data.frame.

read\_pheno\_factor returns a factor, indicating sample groups. If the input file is a tab-delimited file, it filters out columns which are identical for all samples and columns which are unique for each sample. Consequently the remaining covariates are concatenated by the underscore character to form a factor. See examples below

**Value**

read\_pheno returns a data.frame containing sample annotations. In case of CLS input file, the data.frame contains two columns: Array (indices of arrays) and Class (classes indexed in the GCT file). In case of tab-delimited file, the file will be parsed into the data.frame, assuming the file having column names but no row names.

**Author(s)**

Jitao David Zhang <jitao\_david.zhang@roche.com>

**References**

For CLS and sample information file formats, see the GenePattern file formats documentation at <https://software.broadinstitute.org/cancer/software/genepattern/file-formats-guide>.

**See Also**

[read\\_cls](#) and [read\\_csv](#).

**Examples**

```
testClsFile <- system.file("extdata/test.cls", package="ribiosIO")
testPhenoFile <- system.file("extdata/testSampleInfo.txt",
package="ribiosIO")

(clsPheno <- read_pheno(testClsFile))
(txtPheno <- read_pheno(testPhenoFile))

## read_pheno_factor
(clsPhenoClass <- read_pheno_factor(testClsFile))
(txtPhenoClass <- read_pheno_factor(testPhenoFile))
```

```
testPhenoFileCov <- system.file("extdata/testSampleInfo-cov.txt", package="ribiosIO")
read_pheno_factor(testPhenoFileCov)
```

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```
read_raw_ampliseq_amplicons
```

*Read AmpliSeq amplicon information from a raw BED file*

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## Description

Read AmpliSeq amplicon information from a raw BED file

## Usage

```
read_raw_ampliseq_amplicons.bedFile)
```

## Arguments

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| bedFile | Character string, a raw BED file coming from the AmpliSeq design pipeline (version 7.41+) |
|---------|---|

## Value

A data frame, besides reporting the columns in the BED file, contains following additional annotation information:

1. Amplicon
2. GeneSymbol (which may not be up-to-date)
3. RefSeq
4. Length

## Examples

```
lines <- paste0("#track type=bedDetail ionVersion=4.0 name=\"IAD50039-4_IAD87652-4_Design\"",
" solution_type=4 description=\"TargetRegions_AmpliSeqID_IAD50039 AmpliSeq_Version=3.0.1\",
\" Workflow=RNA merged with TargetRegions_AmpliSeqID_IAD87652 AmpliSeq_Version=4.48 Workflow=RNA\"",
" color=77,175,74 priority=2", "\n",
"NM_000014\t3316\t3421\tAMPL1384\t.\tA2M", "\n",
"NM_005502\t2488\t2589\tAMPL28385508\t.\tABCA1", "\n",
"NM_000927\t2520\t2624\tAMPL5599607\t.\tABCB1", "\n",
"NM_000443\t1367\t1470\tAMPL5513474\t.\tABCB4")
read_raw_ampliseq_amplicons(textConnection(lines))
```

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| read_trimmed_lines | <i>Read lines, thereby trimming empty spaces around the strings and removing empty lines</i> |
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**Description**

Read lines, thereby trimming empty spaces around the strings and removing empty lines

**Usage**

```
read_trimmed_lines(file, skipNul = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| file    | A text file                                       |
| skipNul | Skip NULL line (passed to readLines)              |
| ...     | Other parameters than skipNul passed to readLines |

**Value**

Character vector of trimmed, non-empty lines.

**Examples**

```
lines <- " ABC \n\tHBV\n\nFCB \n\n"
trimmedLines <- read_trimmed_lines(textConnection(lines))
stopifnot(identical(trimmedLines, c("ABC", "HBV", "FCB")))
```

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|------------|-------------------------------|
| setDataDir | <i>Set the data directory</i> |
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**Description**

Set the data directory

**Usage**

```
setDataDir(path)
```

**Arguments**

|      |                            |
|------|----------------------------|
| path | Path to the data directory |
|------|----------------------------|

**Value**

NULL The value is set in the options

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strList2DataFrame      *Format a string list into a data.frame*

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**Description**

Format a string list into a data.frame

**Usage**

```
strList2DataFrame(strList, colnames = names(strList), index = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| strList  | A list of character strings. Other data types (e.g. factors) are converted to strings.     |
| colnames | Column names of the resulting data.frame, by default the names of the list                 |
| index    | Logical value, whether the row.names attribute of the data.frame should be integer indexes |

**Value**

A character matrix with list elements as columns, padded with empty strings to equal length.

**Examples**

```
myList <- list("A"=LETTERS[3:5], "B"=LETTERS[4])
strList2DataFrame(myList)
strList2DataFrame(myList, colnames=c("FirstColumn", "SecondColumn"))
strList2DataFrame(myList, colnames=c("FirstColumn", "SecondColumn"), index=TRUE)

myFacList <- list("A"=gl(2,3, labels=LETTERS[1:2]),
                 "B"=gl(3,4, labels=LETTERS[1:3]))
strList2DataFrame(myFacList)
```

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write.tableList      *Write a list of data.frames (tables) into files*

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**Description**

Write a list of data.frames (tables) into files

**Usage**

```
write.tableList(list, file.names, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <code>list</code>       | A list of data frames  |
| <code>file.names</code> | File names. If missing, the names of the list will be used. Must be of the same length as the list |
| <code>...</code>        | Other parameters that are passed to <a href="#">write.table</a>                                    |

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects (writes files).

**Author(s)**

Jitao David Zhang <jitao\_david.zhang@roche.com>

**See Also**

[write.table](#)

**Examples**

```
df1 <- data.frame(name=c("A", "B", "C"), value=1:3)
df2 <- data.frame(name=c("C", "D", "E"), value=seq(9,3,-3))
dflist <- list(file1=df1, file2=df2)

tmpdir <- tempdir()
write.tableList(dflist,
  file.names=file.path(tmpdir, c("file1.txt", "file2.txt")))
```

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|--------------------------|--|
| <code>writeMatrix</code> | <i>Export matrix into a commonly used tab-delimited format inside Roche Bioinformatics</i> |
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**Description**

`writeMatrix` writes a matrix into a non-quoted, tab-delimited file.

**Usage**

```
writeMatrix(x, file, row.names = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <code>x</code>         | a matrix  |
| <code>file</code>      | file to be written to                                 |
| <code>row.names</code> | logical, whether row.names is appended. Default: TRUE |

**Details**

Different from the default behaviour of `write.table`, an empty cell is inserted as the header of row names (equivalent to setting `col.names` to `NA`)

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects (writes to file).

**See Also**

[readMatrix](#) to read in matrix

**Examples**

```
test.mat <- matrix(rnorm(1000), nrow=10)
writeMatrix(test.mat, tempfile())
```

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`writeMatrix.tableList` *Write a list of data.frames (tables) into file with writeMatrix*

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**Description**

Write a list of data.frames (tables) into file with `writeMatrix`

**Usage**

```
writeMatrix.tableList(list, file.names, row.names = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <code>list</code>       | A list of data frames  |
| <code>file.names</code> | File names. If missing, the names of the list will be used. Must be of the same length as the list |
| <code>row.names</code>  | Logical, whether row.names should be in the first, unnamed column of the output files              |
| <code>...</code>        | Other parameters that are passed to <a href="#">writeMatrix</a>                                    |

**Value**

Side-effects are used

**Author(s)**

Jitao David Zhang <jitao\_david.zhang@roche.com>

**See Also**

[writeMatrix](#)

## Examples

```
td <- tempdir()
cwd <- getwd()
setwd(td)
df1 <- data.frame(name=c("A", "B", "C"), value=1:3)
df2 <- data.frame(name=c("C", "D", "E"), value=seq(9,3,-3))
dflist <- list(file1=df1, file2=df2)
writeMatrix.tableList(dflist) ## two files, file1 and file2, are written
dir()
writeMatrix.tableList(dflist, file.names=c("file1.txt", "file2.txt"))
dir()
setwd(cwd)
```

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writeStrList

*Write a list of strings in a tab-delimited file*

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## Description

Write a list of strings in a tab-delimited file

## Usage

```
writeStrList(
  list,
  file,
  names = NULL,
  type = c("column", "row"),
  index = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| list  | A list of character strings                                  |
| file  | A filename   |
| names | Names of the list; by default the names of the list          |
| type  | Should list items written in columns or rows?                |
| index | Logical, should integer index be printed along the elements? |

## Value

No return value, called for side effects (writes to file).

**Examples**

```
myList <- list("A"=LETTERS[3:5], "B"=LETTERS[4])
writeStrList(myList, file=stdout())
writeStrList(myList, file=stdout(), names=c("ListA", "ListB"))
writeStrList(myList, file=stdout(), names=c("ListA", "ListB"), type="row")
writeStrList(myList, file=stdout(), names=c("ListA", "ListB"), type="row", index=TRUE)
writeStrList(myList, file=stdout(), names=c("ListA", "ListB"), type="column", index=TRUE)
```

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```
write_annotated_ampliseq_amplicons
```

*Write AmpliSeq amplicon information into an annotated BED file*

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**Description**

Write AmpliSeq amplicon information into an annotated BED file

**Usage**

```
write_annotated_ampliseq_amplicons(
  df,
  bedFile,
  version = format(Sys.time(), "%Y%m%d")
)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| df      | A data.frame containing following columns (names do not matter):          |
|         | 1. chrom (RefSeq IDs)   |
|         | 2. chromStart (integer)   |
|         | 3. chromEnd (integer)   |
|         | 4. name (Amplicon IDs)  |
|         | 5. score (A single value, .)  |
|         | 6. ID (in the format of GENE_ID=\$GENESYMBOL;EntrezGeneID=\$EG_ID)        |
| bedFile | Character string, the output file   |
| version | Character string, a version number. By default, the current date is used. |

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects (writes an annotated BED file).

**See Also**

[read\\_annotated\\_ampliseq\\_amplicons](#)

**Examples**

```
mydf <- data.frame(chrom=c("NM_000014", "NM_000015", "NM_000021"),
  chromStart=c(3316, 50, 1212),
  chromEnd=c(3421, 146, 1320),
  name=c("AMPL1384", "AMPL7195", "AMPL14470"),
  score=".",
  ID=c("GENE_ID=A2M;EntrezGeneID=2",
    "GENE_ID=NAT2;EntrezGeneID=10",
    "GENE_ID=PSEN1;EntrezGeneID=5663"))
myBed <- tempfile()
write_annotated_ampliseq_amplicons(mydf, myBed)
mydfOut <- read_annotated_ampliseq_amplicons(myBed)
```

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|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| write_factor | <i>Write a factor in the CLS format</i> |
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**Description**

Write a factor in the CLS format

**Usage**

```
write_factor(fac, con = stdout(), offset = 0, sep = c("\t", " "))
write_cls(fac, con = stdout(), offset = 0, sep = c("\t", " "))
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| fac    | A factor  |
| con    | Connection to write to  |
| offset | he integer representing the first level, default is set to 0, for some software it can be set to 1              |
| sep    | Separator used in the CLS format, can be '\t' (recommended) or ' ' (not to be used when space exists in levels) |

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects (writes to connection).

**Note**

The original CLS format specifies that both tab or space can be used as separators. This makes it unable to represent factors with sapces in levels. In order to accomodate CLS format for these factors, we propose using tab as separators in CLS files when encoding factors in R. The default setting of read\_factor and write\_factor uses tab.

**See Also**[read\\_factor](#)**Examples**

```

set.seed(1887)
tempfac <- factor(sample(LETTERS, 30, replace=TRUE), levels=sample(LETTERS))
tempfile <- tempfile()
write_factor(tempfac, tempfile)
readlines(tempfile)
stopifnot(identical(tempfac, read_factor(tempfile)))

```

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|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| write_gct | <i>Write matrix in GCT file format</i> |
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**Description**

Write matrix in GCT file format

**Usage**

```
write_gct(matrix, file = stdout(), feat.name, feat.desc, na = "")
```

**Arguments**

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| matrix    | A numeric matrix   |
| file      | Output file name. By default the file is written to standard output  |
| feat.name | Character vector, optional. Feature names; if missing the row names are used as feature names. If given, feat.name must be of the same length as the row number of the input matrix. |
| feat.desc | Character vector, optional. Feature descriptions; if missing, empty strings will be used as descriptions.  |
| na        | Character string, how 'NA' values will be printed?   |

**Details**

Input matrix will be transformed into the GCT format. The transformed texts are printed on the standard output or in specified files.

If the input matrix has NULL as row names, and the feat.name option is left missing, a warning message will be print and the NAME column of the gct file will use integer indices starting from 1.

feat.desc specifies feature descriptions. Leaving is missing, or assigning it to NA or NULL will output a description column filled with empty strings.

**Value**

Texts printed in stdout() or in output file.

**Note**

From version 1.0-22, write\_gct is able to handle zero-row matrix (see examples below)

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**See Also**

[read\\_gct\\_matrix](#) to read matrix from GCT files.

**Examples**

```
tmpMatrix <- matrix(rnorm(15), nrow=3L, ncol=5L,
  dimnames=list(LETTERS[1:3L], letters[1:5L]))

write_gct(tmpMatrix)
write_gct(tmpMatrix, file=tempfile())

## specify feature names
write_gct(tmpMatrix, feat.name=c("F1", "F2", "F3"))
write_gct(tmpMatrix, feat.name=c("F1", "F2", "F3"), feat.desc=NULL)
write_gct(tmpMatrix, feat.name=c("F1", "F2", "F3"), feat.desc=NA)

## specify feature names and descriptions
write_gct(tmpMatrix, feat.name=c("F1", "F2", "F3"), feat.desc=
  c("Feature 1", "Feature 2", "Feature 3"))

## special case: 0-row matrix
write_gct(tmpMatrix[c(FALSE, FALSE, FALSE),, drop=FALSE])
```

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write\_gmt

*Write a list of gene sets into a GMT file*

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**Description**

Write gene-sets in a GMT-list form into GMT files.

**Usage**

```
write_gmt(gmt, file, description = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

gmt                    A list of gene sets. It can be either (1) a list with each item is a list of three components, named 'name', 'description' and 'genes', or (2) a list of gene identifiers.

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| file        | The GMT file to create  |
| description | Description, used in case gmt is a list of gene identifiers (e.g. without description). |

### Details

This function can be used, for instance, to combine multiple GMT files into a new one.

### Value

Invisible NULL when the file is successfully created. Otherwise an error message will be printed.

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
idir <- system.file("extdata", package="ribiosIO")
sample.gmt.file <- file.path(idir, "test.gmt")

test.gmt <- read_gmt_list(sample.gmt.file)

outgmt.file <- paste(tempfile(), ".gmt", sep="")

write_gmt(test.gmt[1:2], file=outgmt.file)

## a list of identifiers
testList <- list(A=LETTERS[3:5], B=LETTERS[4:7], C=12:9)
write_gmt(testList, file=outgmt.file)
```

### Description

Subsetting for GctMatrix

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'GctMatrix'
x[i, j, ...]
```

**Arguments**

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| x   | A GctMatrix object   |
| i   | Index to subset rows, either integers, logical values, or characters. Other types will be converted to characters. |
| j   | Index to subset columns.   |
| ... | Other parameters passed to matrix subsetting   |

**Value**

A GctMatrix object, subsetted according to the given indices.

**Examples**

```
m1 <- matrix(1:6, nrow=3, dimnames=list(sprintf("G%d", 1:3), sprintf("S%d", 1:2)))
gm1 <- GctMatrix(m1, desc=sprintf("Gene%d", 1:3))
gm1[1:2,]
gm1[c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE),]
gm1[c("G3", "G1"),]
gm1[1:3,2:1]
gm1[1,]
gm1[, -1]
```

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