

Package ‘chromDraw’

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Imports Rcpp (>= 0.11.1), GenomicRanges (>= 1.17.46)

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chromDraw-package	<i>chromDraw - simple karyotype visualization tool.</i>
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Description

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Details

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This package has only one function with two parameters, such as main function in C. First parameter ARGC is a count of input parameters and second parameter ARGV is vector contain calling parameters. Example: chromDraw(argc=5, argv=c("chromDraw", "-c", "/home/user/Documents/colors.txt", "-d", "/home/user/Documents/input_data.txt"))

First string in vector with arguments must be package name. The others strings in vector are parameter string and string with parameter value. As shown in the example.

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References

LibBoard: A vector graphics C++ library (Version 0.9.0). GREYC laboratory. [Software]. <http://libboard.sourceforge.net/>. [accessed Sept. 2014].

See Also

[chromDraw](#) [main_chromDraw](#)

Examples

```
OUTPUTPATH = file.path(getwd());
INPUTPATH = system.file('extdata', 'Ack_and_Stenopetalum_nutans.txt', package = 'chromDraw')
COLORPATH = system.file('extdata', 'default_colors.txt', package = 'chromDraw')
chromDraw(argc=7, argv=c("chromDraw", "-c", COLORPATH, "-d", INPUTPATH, "-o", OUTPUTPATH));
```

chromDraw	<i>Main chromDraw function. This R function calls the main C++ function.</i>
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Description

Main chromDraw function. This R function calls the main C++ function.

Usage

```
chromDraw(argc, argv)
```

Arguments

argc	count of the input parameters.
argv	vector with the input parameters strings.

Value

return exit state.

Examples

```
OUTPUTPATH = file.path(getwd());
INPUTPATH = system.file('extdata', 'Ack_and_Stenopetalum_nutans.txt', package = 'chromDraw')
COLORPATH = system.file('extdata', 'default_colors.txt', package = 'chromDraw')
chromDraw(argc=7, argv=c("chromDraw", "-c", COLORPATH, "-d", INPUTPATH, "-o",
OUTPUTPATH));
```

chromDrawGR	<i>Function chromDrawGR uses Genomic Ranges as input data format. This R function call the main C++ function.</i>
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Description

Function chromDrawGR uses Genomic Ranges as input data format. This R function call the main C++ function. If the output directory is not set, then it is use working directory for the outputs.

Usage

```
chromDrawGR(karyotypes, colors)
```

Arguments

karyotypes	vector of the Genomic Ranges structures per karyotype.
colors	data frame definition of coloros, containing color name and RGB of the color values.

Value

return exit state.

Examples

```
#load package
library(GenomicRanges)

#data generating
karyotype1 <- GRanges(seqnames =Rle(c("Ack1", "Ack2"), c(5, 5)),ranges =
IRanges(start = c(0, 400000,0,3300000,6000000,0,2500000,0,3800000,6400000),
end = c(400000,3300000,0,6000000,10400000,2500000,3800000,0,6400000,14800000),
names = c("A","B","CENTROMERE","C","D","E","F","CENTROMERE","G","H")),
color = c("orange","yellow","", "orange","red","green","green","", "red","orange"));

karyotype2 <- GRanges(seqnames =Rle(c("Ack3", "Ack4"), c(4, 4)),ranges =
IRanges(start = c(0,0, 2400000,3500000,0,0,2400000,6700000),
end = c(2400000,0,3500000,12200000,2400000,0,6700000,9200000),
names = c("I","CENTROMERE","J","K","L","CENTROMERE","M","N")),
color = c("light_blue","", "orange","red","pink","", "red","light_blue"));

inputData <- list(karyotype1,karyotype2);

#colors generating
name <- c("yellow", "red", "blue", "violet", "orange", "green", "light_blue", "pink");
r <- c(255, 255, 0, 255, 247, 0, 0, 230);
g <- c(255, 0, 0, 0, 148, 255, 255, 170);
b <- c(0, 0, 255, 255, 29, 0, 255, 160);
inputColors <- data.frame(name,r,g,b);
```

```
#run the function with generated data and colors
chromDrawGR(inputData,inputColors);
```

convertInputColors	<i>The R function for converting the data frame with colors to chrom-DRAW color data format.</i>
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Description

The R function for converting the data frame with colors to chromDraw color data format. Output of this function is file "colors.txt" in the working directory.

Usage

```
convertInputColors(colors);
```

Arguments

colors data frame definition of coloros, containing color name and RGB of color values.

Value

return file with colors in working directory.

Examples

```
#colors generating
name <- c("yellow", "red", "blue", "violet", "orange", "green", "light_blue", "pink");
r <- c(255, 255, 0, 255, 247, 0, 0, 230);
g <- c(255, 0, 0, 0, 148, 255, 255, 170);
b <- c(0, 0, 255, 255, 29, 0, 255, 160);
inputColors <- data.frame(name,r,g,b);

#run the function for generate chromDraw color file.
convertInputColors(inputColors);
```

convertInputData	<i>The R function for converting Genomic Ranges data structure to the chromDraw dat format.</i>
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Description

The R function for converting Genomic Ranges data structure to the chromDraw dat format. Output of this function is file "data.txt" in the working directory.

Usage

```
convertInputData(karyotypes)
```

Arguments

karyotypes vector of the Genomic Ranges structures per karyotype.

Value

return exit state.

Examples

```
#load package
library(GenomicRanges)

#data generating
karyotype1 <- GRanges(seqnames =Rle(c("Ack1", "Ack2"), c(5, 5)),ranges =
IRanges(start = c(0, 400000,0,3300000,6000000,0,2500000,0,3800000,6400000),
end = c(400000,3300000,0,6000000,10400000,2500000,3800000,0,6400000,14800000),
names = c("A","B","CENTROMERE","C","D","E","F","CENTROMERE","G","H")),
color = c("orange","yellow","", "orange","red","green","green","", "red","orange"));

karyotype2 <- GRanges(seqnames =Rle(c("Ack3", "Ack4"), c(4, 4)),ranges =
IRanges(start = c(0,0, 2400000,3500000,0,0,2400000,6700000),
end = c(2400000,0,3500000,12200000,2400000,0,6700000,9200000),
names = c("I","CENTROMERE","J","K","L","CENTROMERE","M","N")),
color = c("light_blue","", "orange","red","pink","", "red","light_blue"));

inputData <- list(karyotype1,karyotype2);

#run the function for generate chromDraw data file.
convertInputData(inputData);
```

main_chromDraw

The main chromDraw function, that controls all other C++ functions.

Description

The main chromDraw function, that controls all other C++ functions.

Usage

```
main_chromDraw(argc, argv)
```

Arguments

argc Count of the input parameters.
 argv Vector with the input parameters strings.

Value

Return exit state.

Examples

```
OUTPUTPATH = file.path(getwd());  
INPUTPATH = system.file('extdata', 'Ack_and_Stenopetalum_nutans.txt', package = 'chromDraw')  
COLORPATH = system.file('extdata', 'default_colors.txt', package = 'chromDraw')  
chromDraw(argc=7, argv=c("chromDraw", "-c", COLORPATH, "-d", INPUTPATH, "-o",  
OUTPUTPATH));
```

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