Package 'terraTCGAdata'

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TCGA example workspaces provided by Terra.

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getAssayData *Obtain assay datasets from Terra*

Description

Obtain assay datasets from Terra

Usage

```
getAssayData(
  assayName,
  sampleCode = "01",
  tablename = .DEFAULT_TABLENAME,
  workspace = terraTCGAworkspace(),
  namespace = .DEFAULT_NAMESPACE,
  metacols = .PARTICIPANT_METADATA_COLS,
  sampleIdx = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

assayName	character() The name of the assay dataset column from `getAssayTable` to import into the current workspace.
sampleCode	character(1) The sample code used to filtering samples e.g., "01" for Primary Solid Tumors, see `data("sampleTypes", package = "TCGAutils")` for reference
tablename	The Terra data model table from which to extract the clinical data (default: "sample")
workspace	character(1) The Terra Data Resources workspace from which to pull TCGA data (default: see `terraTCGAworkspace()`). This is set to a package-wide option.
namespace	character(1) The Terra Workspace Namespace that defaults to "broad-firecloud-tcga" and rarely needs to be changed.

metacols	The set of columns that comprise of the metadata columns. See the `.PARTICIPANT_METADATA_COLS` global variable
sampleIdx	numeric() index or TRUE. Specify an index for subsetting the assay data. This argument is mainly used for example and vignette purposes. To use all the data, use the default value (default: `TRUE`)

Value

Either a matrix or RaggedExperiment depending on the assay selected

See Also

[getAssayTable()](#)

Examples

```
if (AnVIL::gcloud_exists())
  getAssayData(
    assayName = "protein_exp__mda_rppa_core__mdanderson_org__Level_3__protein_normalization__data",
      sampleCode = c("01", "10"),
      workspace = "TCGA_ACC_OpenAccess_V1-0_DATA"
  )
```

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getAssayTable	*Obtain a reference table for assay data in the Terra data model*

Description

The column names in the output can be used in the `getAssayData` function.

Usage

```
getAssayTable(
  tablename = .DEFAULT_TABLENAME,
  metacols = .PARTICIPANT_METADATA_COLS,
  workspace = terraTCGAworkspace(),
  namespace = .DEFAULT_NAMESPACE
)
```

Arguments

tablename	The Terra data model table from which to extract the clinical data (default: "sample")
metacols	The set of columns that comprise of the metadata columns. See the `.PARTICIPANT_METADATA_COLS` global variable

workspace	character(1) The Terra Data Resources workspace from which to pull TCGA data (default: see `terraTCGAworkspace()`). This is set to a package-wide option.
namespace	character(1) The Terra Workspace Namespace that defaults to "broad-firecloud-tcga" and rarely needs to be changed.

Value

A tibble of pointers to resources within the Terra data model

Examples

```
if (AnVIL::gcloud_exists())
  getAssayTable(workspace = "TCGA_COAD_OpenAccess_V1-0_DATA")
```

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getClinical	*Obtain clinical data*

Description

The participant table may contain curated demographic information e.g., sex, age, etc.

Usage

```
getClinical(
  columnName,
  participants = TRUE,
  tablename = .DEFAULT_TABLENAME,
  workspace = terraTCGAworkspace(),
  namespace = .DEFAULT_NAMESPACE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  metacols = .PARTICIPANT_METADATA_COLS,
  participantIds = NULL
)
```

Arguments

columnName	The name of the column to extract files, see `getClinicalTable` table. If not provided, the first column in the table will be used to obtain the clinical information.
participants	logical(1) Whether to merge the participant table from `avtable("participant")` to the clinical data
tablename	The Terra data model table from which to extract the clinical data (default: "sample")

workspace	character(1) The Terra Data Resources workspace from which to pull TCGA data (default: see `terraTCGAworkspace()`). This is set to a package-wide option.
namespace	character(1) The Terra Workspace Namespace that defaults to "broad-firecloud-tcga" and rarely needs to be changed.
verbose	logical(1) Whether to output additional information regarding the workspace and namespace (default: `TRUE`).
metacols	The set of columns that comprise of the metadata columns. See the `.PARTICIPANT_METADATA_COLS` global variable
participantIds	character() TCGA participant identifiers usually in the form of "TCGA-AB-1234". By default, all available participant identifiers will be used. (default: `NULL`)

Value

A `DataFrame` with clinical information from TCGA. The metadata i.e., `metadata(object)` includes the `columnName` used to obtain the data.

Examples

```
if (AnVIL::gcloud_exists())
  getClinical(
      workspace = "TCGA_ACC_OpenAccess_V1-0_DATA",
      participantIds = c("TCGA-3L-AA1B", "TCGA-4N-A93T",
          "TCGA-4T-AA8H", "TCGA-5M-AAT5")
  )
```

`getClinicalTable`	*Obtain the reference table for clinical data*

Description

The column names in the output table can be used in the `getClinical` function.

Usage

```
getClinicalTable(
  tablename = .DEFAULT_TABLENAME,
  metacols = .PARTICIPANT_METADATA_COLS,
  workspace = terraTCGAworkspace(),
  namespace = .DEFAULT_NAMESPACE,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

`tablename`	The Terra data model table from which to extract the clinical data (default: "sample")
`metacols`	The set of columns that comprise of the metadata columns. See the `.PARTICIPANT_METADATA_COLS` global variable
`workspace`	character(1) The Terra Data Resources workspace from which to pull TCGA data (default: see `terraTCGAworkspace()`). This is set to a package-wide option.
`namespace`	character(1) The Terra Workspace Namespace that defaults to "broad-firecloud-tcga" and rarely needs to be changed.
`verbose`	logical(1) Whether to output additional information regarding the workspace and namespace (default: `TRUE`).

Value

A tibble of Google Storage resource locations e.g., `gs://firecloud...`

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getTCGAdatalist	*Import Terra TCGA data as a list*

Description

Import Terra TCGA data as a list

Usage

```
getTCGAdatalist(
  assayNames,
  sampleCode,
  workspace = terraTCGAworkspace(),
  namespace = .DEFAULT_NAMESPACE,
  tablename = .DEFAULT_TABLENAME,
  sampleIdx = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

`assayNames`	character() A vector of assays selected from the colnames of `getAssayTable`.
`sampleCode`	character(1) The sample code used to filtering samples e.g., "01" for Primary Solid Tumors, see `data("sampleTypes", package = "TCGAutils")` for reference
`workspace`	character(1) The Terra Data Resources workspace from which to pull TCGA data (default: see `terraTCGAworkspace()`). This is set to a package-wide option.

namespace	character(1) The Terra Workspace Namespace that defaults to "broad-firecloud-tcga" and rarely needs to be changed.
tablename	The Terra data model table from which to extract the clinical data (default: "sample")
sampleIdx	numeric() index or TRUE. Specify an index for subsetting the assay data. This argument is mainly used for example and vignette purposes. To use all the data, use the default value (default: TRUE)
verbose	logical(1L) Whether to output additional details of the data facilitation.

Value

A `list` of assay datasets

Examples

```
if (AnVIL::gcloud_exists())
  getTCGAdatalist(
    assayNames = c("protein_exp__mda_rppa_core__mdanderson_org__Level_3__protein_normalization__data",
    "snp__genome_wide_snp_6__broad_mit_edu__Level_3__segmented_scna_minus_germline_cnv_hg18__seg"),
      sampleCode = c("01", "10"),
      workspace = "TCGA_COAD_OpenAccess_V1-0_DATA"
  )
```

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sampleTypesTable   *Get an overview of the samples available in the workspace*

Description

The function provides an overview of samples from the `avtables("sample")` table for the current workspace. Along with the sample codes and frequencies, the output provides a description for each code and the short letter codes.

Usage

```
sampleTypesTable(
  workspace = terraTCGAworkspace(),
  namespace = .DEFAULT_NAMESPACE,
  tablename = .DEFAULT_TABLENAME,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

workspace	character(1) The Terra Data Resources workspace from which to pull TCGA data (default: see `terraTCGAworkspace()`). This is set to a package-wide option.
namespace	character(1) The Terra Workspace Namespace that defaults to "broad-firecloud-tcga" and rarely needs to be changed.
tablename	The Terra data model table from which to extract the clinical data (default: "sample")
verbose	logical(1) Whether to output additional information regarding the workspace and namespace (default: `TRUE`).

Value

A `tibble` of sample codes and frequency along with their definition and short letter code

Examples

```
if (AnVIL::gcloud_exists())
  sampleTypesTable(workspace = "TCGA_COAD_OpenAccess_V1-0_DATA")
```

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terraTCGAdata   *Obtain a MultiAssayExperiment from the Terra workspace*

Description

Workspaces on Terra come pre-loaded with TCGA Data. The examples in the documentation correspond to the TCGA_COAD_OpenAccess_V1 workspace that can be found on app.terra.bio.

Usage

```
terraTCGAdata(
  clinicalName,
  assays,
  participants = TRUE,
  sampleCode = NULL,
  split = FALSE,
  workspace = terraTCGAworkspace(),
  namespace = .DEFAULT_NAMESPACE,
  tablename = .DEFAULT_TABLENAME,
  verbose = TRUE,
  sampleIdx = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

clinicalName	character(1) The column name taken from getClinicalTable() and downloaded to be included as the colData.
assays	character() A character vector of assay names taken from getAssayTable()
participants	logical(1) Whether to merge the participant table from avtable("participant") to the clinical data
sampleCode	character() A character vector of sample codes from sampleTypesTable(). By default, (NULL) all samples are downloaded and kept in the data.
split	logical(1L) Whether or not to split the MultiAssayExperiment by sample types using splitAssays helper function (default FALSE).
workspace	character(1) The Terra Data Resources workspace from which to pull TCGA data (default: see terraTCGAworkspace()). This is set to a package-wide option.
namespace	character(1) The Terra Workspace Namespace that defaults to "broad-firecloud-tcga" and rarely needs to be changed.
tablename	The Terra data model table from which to extract the clinical data (default: "sample")
verbose	logical(1) Whether to output additional information regarding the workspace and namespace (default: TRUE).
sampleIdx	numeric() index or TRUE. Specify an index for subsetting the assay data. This argument is mainly used for example and vignette purposes. To use all the data, use the default value (default: TRUE)

Value

A MultiAssayExperiment object with n number of assays corresponding to the assays argument.

Examples

```
if (AnVIL::gcloud_exists())
  terraTCGAdata(
      clinicalName = "clin__bio__nationwidechildrens_org__Level_1__biospecimen__clin",
    assays = c("protein_exp__mda_rppa_core__mdanderson_org__Level_3__protein_normalization__data",
     "rnaseqv2__illuminahiseq_rnaseqv2__unc_edu__Level_3__RSEM_genes_normalized__data"),
      workspace = "TCGA_COAD_OpenAccess_V1-0_DATA",
      sampleCode = NULL,
      sampleIdx = 1:4,
      split = FALSE
  )
```

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terraTCGAworkspace   *Obtain or set the Terra Workspace Project Dataset*

Description

Terra allows access to about 71 open access TCGA datasets. A dataset workspace can be set using the `terraTCGAworkspace` function with a `projectName` input. Use the `findTCGAworkspaces` function to list all of the available open access TCGA data workspaces.

Usage

```
terraTCGAworkspace(projectName = NULL)

findTCGAworkspaces(project = "^TCGA", cancerCode = ".*")
```

Arguments

projectName	character(1) A project code usually in the form of `TCGA_CODE_OpenAccess_V1-0_DATA`. See `findTCGAworkspaces` for a list of project codes.
project	character(1) A prefix for the regex search across all public projects on the terra platform (default: `"^TCGA"`). Usually, this does not change.
cancerCode	character(1) Corresponds to the TCGA cancer code (e.g, "ACC" for Adreno-Cortical Carcinoma) of interest. The default value of (`.*`) provides all available cancer datasets.

Details

```
Note that GDC workspaces are not supported and are excluded
from the search results. GDC workspaces use a Terra workflow to download
TCGA data rather than providing Google Bucket storage locations for easy
data retrieval. To reset the option, use
`options('terraTCGAdata.workspace' = NULL)` and you will be prompted to
select from a list of TCGA workspaces.
```

Value

A Terra TCGA Workspace name

Functions

- `findTCGAworkspaces`: Function to enumerate the available TCGA data workspaces in Terra

Examples

```
if (AnVIL::gcloud_exists())
  findTCGAworkspaces()
```

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