# Package 'RTCGAToolbox'

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**Description** Managing data from large scale projects such as The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) for further analysis is an important and time consuming step for research projects. Several efforts, such as Firehose project, make TCGA pre-processed data publicly available via web services and data portals but it requires managing, downloading and preparing the data for following steps. We developed an open source and extensible R based data client for Firehose pre-processed data and demonstrated its use with sample case studies. Results showed that RTCGAToolbox could improve data management for researchers who are interested with TCGA data. In addition, it can be integrated with other analysis pipelines for following data analysis.

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`biocExtract` *Extract and convert data from a* `FirehoseData` *object to a* `Bioconductor` *object*

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## Description

This function processes data from a `FirehoseData` object. Raw data is converted to a conventional Bioconductor object. The function returns either a SummarizedExperiment or a RaggedExperiment class object. In cases where there are multiple platforms in a data type, an attempt to consolidate datasets will be made based on matching dimension names. For ranged data, this functionality is provided with more control as part of the `RaggedExperiment` features. See `RaggedExperiment` for more details.

## Usage

```
biocExtract(object, type = c("clinical", "RNASeqGene", "miRNASeqGene",
  "RNASeq2GeneNorm", "CNASNP", "CNVSNP", "CNASeq", "CNACGH", "Methylation",
  "Mutation", "mRNAArray", "miRNAArray", "RPPAArray", "GISTIC", "GISTICA",
  "GISTICT"))
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| object | A FirehoseData object from which to extract data. |
| type | The type of data to extract from the "FirehoseData" object, see type section. |

## Value

Either an SummarizedExperiment object or a RaggedExperiment object.

## type

Choices include:

- clinical - Get the clinical data slot
- RNASeqGene - RNASeqGene
- RNASeq2GeneNorm - Normalized
- miRNASeqGene - micro RNA SeqGene
- CNASNP - Copy Number Alteration
- CNVSNP - Copy Number Variation
- CNASeq - Copy Number Alteration
- CNACGH - Copy Number Alteration
- Methylation - Methylation
- mRNAArray - Messenger RNA
- miRNAArray - micro RNA
- RPPAArray - Reverse Phase Protein Array
- Mutation - Mutations
- GISTICA - GISTIC v2 ('AllByGene' only)
- GISTICT - GISTIC v2 ('ThresholdedByGene' only)
- GISTIC - GISTIC v2 scores and probabilities (both)

## Author(s)

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## Examples

```
## Not run:
coadmut <- getFirehoseData("COAD", runDate = "20151101", Mutation = TRUE)
biocExtract(coadmut, "Mutation")

## End(Not run)
```

`CorResult-class` *An S4 class to store correlations between gene expression level and copy number data*

## Description

An S4 class to store correlations between gene expression level and copy number data

## Slots

`Dataset` A cohort name

`Correlations` Results data frame

`DGEResult-class` *An S4 class to store differential gene expression results*

## Description

An S4 class to store differential gene expression results

## Slots

`Dataset` Dataset name

`Toptable` Results data frame

`FirehoseCGHArray-class` *An S4 class to store data from CGA platforms*

## Description

An S4 class to store data from CGA platforms

## Slots

`Filename` Platform name

`DataMatrix` A data frame that stores the CGH data.

FirehoseData-class *An S4 class to store main data object from clinent function.*

## Description

An S4 class to store main data object from clinent function.

## Usage

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

## S4 method for signature 'FirehoseData'
getData(object, type, platform)

## S4 method for signature 'FirehoseData'
updateObject(object, ..., verbose = FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'FirehoseData'
selectType(object, dataType)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| object | A FirehoseData object |
| type | A data type to be extracted |
| platform | An index for data types that may come from multiple platforms (such as mRNAArray), for GISTIC data, one of the options: 'AllByGene' or 'ThresholdedByGene' |
| ... | additional arguments for updateObject |
| verbose | logical (default FALSE) whether to print extra messages |
| dataType | An available data type, see object show method |

## Methods (by generic)

- show: show method
- getData: Get a matrix or data.frame from FirehoseData
- updateObject: Update an old RTCGAToolbox FirehoseData object to the most recent API
- selectType: Extract data type

## Slots

Dataset A cohort name

runDate Standard data run date from getFirehoseRunningDates

gistic2Date Analyze running date from getFirehoseAnalyzeDates

clinical clinical data frame

RNASeqGene Gene level expression data matrix from RNAseq

RNASeq2GeneNorm Gene level expression data matrix from RNAseq (RSEM)

`miRNASeqGene` miRNA expression data from matrix smallRNAseq

`CNASNP` A data frame to store somatic copy number alterations from SNP array platform

`CNVSNP` A data frame to store germline copy number variants from SNP array platform

`CNASeq` A data frame to store somatic copy number alterations from sequencing platform

`CNACGH` A list that stores `FirehoseCGHArray` object for somatic copy number alterations from CGH platform

`Methylation` A list that stores `FirehoseMethylationArray` object for methylation data

`mRNAArray` A list that stores `FirehosemRNAArray` object for gene expression data from microarray

`miRNAArray` A list that stores `FirehosemRNAArray` object for miRNA expression data from microarray

`RPPAArray` A list that stores `FirehosemRNAArray` object for RPPA data

`Mutation` A data frame for mutation infromation from sequencing data

`GISTIC` A `FirehoseGISTIC` object to store processed copy number data

`BarcodeUUID` A data frame that stores the Barcodes, UUIDs and Short sample identifiers

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`FirehoseGISTIC-class` *An S4 class to store processed copy number data. (Data processed by using GISTIC2 algorithm)*

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## Description

An S4 class to store processed copy number data. (Data processed by using GISTIC2 algorithm)

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'FirehoseGISTIC'
updateObject(object, ..., verbose = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `object` | A `FirehoseGISTIC` object |
| `...` | additional arguments for updateObject |
| `verbose` | logical (default FALSE) whether to print extra messages |

## Methods (by generic)

- `updateObject`: Update an old FirehoseGISTIC object to the most recent API

## Slots

`Dataset` Cohort name

`AllByGene` A data frame that stores continuous copy number

`ThresholdedByGene` A data frame for discrete copy number data

`FirehoseMethylationArray-class` *An S4 class to store data from methylation platforms*

## Description

An S4 class to store data from methylation platforms

## Slots

`Filename` Platform name

`DataMatrix` A data frame that stores the methylation data.

`FirehosemRNAArray-class` *An S4 class to store data from array (mRNA, miRNA etc.) platforms*

## Description

An S4 class to store data from array (mRNA, miRNA etc.) platforms

## Slots

`Filename` Platform name

`DataMatrix` A data matrix that stores the expression data.

`getCNGECorrelation` *Perform correlation analysis betwwen gene expression and copy number data*

## Description

`getCNGECorrelation` returns a list that stores the results correlation between gene expression and copy number data.

## Usage

```
getCNGECorrelation(dataObject, adj.method = "BH", adj.pval = 0.05,
  raw.pval = 0.05)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `dataObject` | This must be `FirehoseData` object. |
| `adj.method` | Raw p value adjustment methods (Default "BH") |
| `adj.pval` | Adjusted p value cut off for results table (Default 0.05) |
| `raw.pval` | raw p value cut off for results table (Default 0.05) |

## Value

Returns a list that stores results for each dataset

## Examples

```
data(RTCGASample)
corRes <- getCNGECorrelation(RTCGASample)
corRes
showResults(corRes[[1]])
```

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`getData` *Extract data from FirehoseData object*

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## Description

A go-to function for getting top level information from a `FirehoseData` object. Available datatypes for a particular object can be seen by entering the object name in the console ('show' method).

## Usage

```
getData(object, type, platform)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `object` | A `FirehoseData` object |
| `type` | A data type to be extracted |
| `platform` | An index for data types that may come from multiple platforms (such as mRNAArray), for GISTIC data, one of the options: 'AllByGene' or 'ThresholdedByGene' |

## Value

Returns matrix or data.frame depending on data type

## Examples

```
data(RTCGASample)
getData(RTCGASample, "clinical")
getData(RTCGASample, "RNASeqGene")
```

getDiffExpressedGenes *Perform differential gene expression analysis for mRNA expression data.*

## Description

getDiffExpressedGenes returns a list that stores the results for each dataset.

## Usage

```
getDiffExpressedGenes(dataObject, DrawPlots = TRUE, adj.method = "BH",
  adj.pval = 0.05, raw.pval = 0.05, logFC = 2, hmTopUpN = 100,
  hmTopDownN = 100, meanFilter = 10)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| dataObject | This must be FirehoseData object. |
| DrawPlots | A logical parameter to draw heatmaps and volcano plots. |
| adj.method | Raw p value adjustment methods (Default "BH") |
| adj.pval | Adjusted p value cut off for results table (Default 0.05) |
| raw.pval | raw p value cut off for results table (Default 0.05) |
| logFC | log fold change cut off for results table (Default 2) |
| hmTopUpN | Max number of up regulated genes in heatmap (Default 100) |
| hmTopDownN | Max number of down regulated genes in heatmap (Default 100) |
| meanFilter | Mean read counts for each gene to filter not expressed genes (Default 10) |

## Value

Returns a list that stores results for each dataset

## Examples

```
data(RTCGASample)
dgegenes <- getDiffExpressedGenes(RTCGASample)
dgegenes
showResults(dgegenes[[1]])
dgegenes <- showResults(dgegenes[[1]])
head(dgegenes)
```

## getFirehoseAnalyzeDates *Get data analyze dates.*

### Description

getFirehoseAnalyzeDates returns the character vector for analyze release dates.

### Usage

```
getFirehoseAnalyzeDates(last = NULL)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| last | To list last n dates. (Default NULL) |

### Value

A character vector for dates.

### Examples

```
getFirehoseAnalyzeDates(last=2)
```

## getFirehoseData *Get data from Firehose portal.*

### Description

getFirehoseData returns FirehoseData object that stores TCGA data.

### Usage

```
getFirehoseData(dataset, runDate = "20160128", gistic2Date = "20160128",
  RNASeqGene = FALSE, clinical = TRUE, miRNASeqGene = FALSE,
  RNASeq2GeneNorm = FALSE, CNASNP = FALSE, CNVSNP = FALSE,
  CNASeq = FALSE, CNACGH = FALSE, Methylation = FALSE, Mutation = FALSE,
  mRNAArray = FALSE, miRNAArray = FALSE, RPPAArray = FALSE,
  RNAseqNorm = "raw_counts", RNAseq2Norm = "normalized_count",
  forceDownload = FALSE, destdir = ".", fileSizeLimit = 500,
  getUUIDs = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| dataset | A cohort name. All dataset names can be accessible via getFirehoseDatasets |
| runDate | Standard data run dates. Date list can be accessible via getFirehoseRunningDates |
| gistic2Date | Analyze running dates for GISTIC processed copy number data. Date list can be accessible via getFirehoseAnalyzeDates |
| RNASeqGene | Logical (default FALSE) parameter for RNAseq data. |

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|---|---|
| clinical | Logical (default TRUE) parameter for clinical data. |
| miRNASeqGene | Logical (default FALSE) parameter for smallRNAseq data. |
| RNASeq2GeneNorm | Logical (default FALSE) parameter for RNAseq v2 (RSEM processed) data. |
| CNASNP | Logical (default FALSE) parameter for somatic copy number alterations data from SNP array. |
| CNVSNP | Logical (default FALSE) parameter for germline copy number variants data from SNP array. |
| CNASeq | Logical (default FALSE) parameter for somatic copy number alterations data from sequencing. |
| CNACGH | Logical (default FALSE) parameter for somatic copy number alterations data from CGH. |
| Methylation | Logical (default FALSE) parameter for methylation data. |
| Mutation | Logical (default FALSE) parameter for mutation data from sequencing. |
| mRNAArray | Logical (default FALSE) parameter for mRNA expression data from microarray. |
| miRNAArray | Logical (default FALSE) parameter for miRNA expression data from microarray. |
| RPPAArray | Logical (default FALSE) parameter for RPPA data |
| RNAseqNorm | RNAseq data normalization method. (Default raw_counts) |
| RNAseq2Norm | RNAseq v2 data normalization method. (Default normalized_count) |
| forceDownload | A logic (Default FALSE) key to force download RTCGAToolbox every time. By default if you download files into your working directory once than RTCGAToolbox using local files next time. |
| destdir | Directory in which to store the resulting downloaded file. Defaults to current working directory. |
| fileSizeLimit | Files that are larger than set value (megabyte) won't be downloaded (Default: 500) |
| getUUIDs | Logical key to get UUIDs from barcode (Default: FALSE) |

## Details

This is a main client function to download data from Firehose TCGA portal.

## Value

A FirehoseData data object that stores data for selected data types.

## Examples

```
# Sample Dataset
data(RTCGASample)
RTCGASample
## Not run:
BRCAdata <- getFirehoseData(dataset="BRCA",
runDate="20140416",gistic2Date="20140115",
RNASeqGene=TRUE,clinical=TRUE,mRNAArray=TRUE,Mutation=TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

`getFirehoseDatasets` *Get list of TCGA cohorts.*

## Description

`getFirehoseDatasets` returns a character array for cohorts.

## Usage

```
getFirehoseDatasets()
```

## Value

A character string

## Examples

```
getFirehoseDatasets()
```

`getFirehoseRunningDates` *Get standard data running dates.*

## Description

`getFirehoseRunningDates` returns the character vector for standard data release dates.

## Usage

```
getFirehoseRunningDates(last = NULL)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `last` | To list last n dates. (Default NULL) |

## Value

A character vector for dates.

## Examples

```
getFirehoseRunningDates()
getFirehoseRunningDates(last=2)
```

## getMutationRate *Make a table for mutation rate of each gene in the cohort*

### Description

Make a table for mutation rate of each gene in the cohort

### Usage

```
getMutationRate(dataObject)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| dataObject | This must be FirehoseData object. |

### Value

Returns a data table

### Examples

```
data(RTCGASample)
mutRate <- getMutationRate(dataObject=RTCGASample)
mutRate <- mutRate[order(mutRate[,2],decreasing = TRUE),]
head(mutRate)
## Not run:
```

## getReport *Draws a circle plot into working directory*

### Description

getReport draws a circle plot into your workin director to show log fold changes for differentially expressed genes, copy number alterations and mutations.

### Usage

```
getReport(dataObject, DGEResult1 = NULL, DGEResult2 = NULL, geneLocations)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| dataObject | This must be FirehoseData object. |
| DGEResult1 | Differential gene expression results object (Optional) |
| DGEResult2 | Differential gene expression results object (Optional) |
| geneLocations | Gene coordinates. |

### Value

Draws a circle plot

## Examples

```
data(RTCGASample)
require("Homo.sapiens")
locations <- genes(Homo.sapiens,columns="SYMBOL")
locations <- as.data.frame(locations)
locations <- locations[,c(6,1,5,2:3)]
locations <- locations[!is.na(locations[,1]),]
locations <- locations[!duplicated(locations[,1]),]
rownames(locations) <- locations[,1]
t1 <- getDiffExpressedGenes(RTCGASample)
## Not run:
getReport(dataObject=RTCGASample,DGEResult1=t1[[1]],geneLocations=locations)

## End(Not run)
```

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`getSurvival` *Perform survival analysis based on gene expression data*

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## Description

`getSurvival` draws a KM plot and show survival analysis results between groups that are defined by gene expression data

## Usage

```
getSurvival(dataObject, numberofGroups = 2, geneSymbols, sampleTimeCensor)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `dataObject` | This must be `FirehoseData` object. |
| `numberofGroups` | Can be set as 2 or 3. (Default 2) Order and divide samples into n groups by using gene expression data. |
| `geneSymbols` | Gene symbol that is going to be tested |
| `sampleTimeCensor` | a data frame that stores clinical data. First column should store sample IDs, second column should have time and third column should have event information. For more information please see vignette. |

## Value

Draws a KM plot

## Examples

```
## get data with  getFirehoseData function and call survival analysis
## Always check clinical data file for structural changes

data(RTCGASample)
clinicData <- getData(RTCGASample,"clinical")
clinicData = clinicData[,3:5]
clinicData[is.na(clinicData[,3]),3] = clinicData[is.na(clinicData[,3]),2]
survData <- data.frame(Samples=rownames(clinicData),Time=as.numeric(clinicData[,3]),
Censor=as.numeric(clinicData[,1]))
getSurvival(dataObject=RTCGASample,geneSymbols=c("FCGBP"),sampleTimeCensor=survData)
```

## hg19.ucsc.gene.locations *Gene coordinates for circle plot.*

### Description

A dataset containing the gene coordinates The variables are as follows:

### Format

A data frame with 28454 rows and 5 variables

### Details

- GeneSymbol. Gene symbols
- Chromosome. Chromosome name
- Strand. Gene strand on chromosome
- Start. Gene location on chromosome
- End. Gene location on chromosome

## RTCGASample *A sample data object for sample codes.*

### Description

A `FirehoseData` object for running sample codes. The variables are as follows:

Example dataset not biologically meaningful

### Usage

```
RTCGASample
```

### Format

A `FirehoseData` data object

### Details

- a2. A sample data object

RTCGAToolbox *RTCGAToolbox: A New Tool for Exporting TCGA Firehose Data*

## Description

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## Details

The main function you're likely to need from **RTCGAToolbox** is `getFirehoseData`. Otherwise refer to the vignettes to see how to use the **RTCGAToolbox**

## Author(s)

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selectType *Accessor function for the FirehoseData object*

## Description

An accessor function for the FirehoseData class. An argument will specify the data type to return See FirehoseData-class for more details.

## Usage

```
selectType(object, dataType)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `object` | A `FirehoseData` class object |
| `dataType` | A data type, see details. |

## Details

- clinical - Get the clinical data slot
- RNASeqGene - RNASeqGene
- RNASeq2GeneNorm - Normalized
- miRNASeqGene - micro RNA SeqGene
- CNASNP - Copy Number Alteration
- CNVSNP - Copy Number Variation

- CNASeq - Copy Number Alteration
- CNACGH - Copy Number Alteration
- Methylation - Methylation
- mRNAArray - Messenger RNA
- miRNAArray - micro RNA
- RPPAArray - Reverse Phase Protein Array
- Mutation - Mutations
- GISTIC - GISTIC v2 scores and probabilities

## Value

The data type element of the `FirehoseData` object

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`showResults` *Export toptable or correlation data frame*

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## Description

Export toptable or correlation data frame

## Usage

```
showResults(object)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `object` | A `DGEResult` or `CorResult` object |

## Value

Returns toptable or correlation data frame

## Examples

```
data(RTCGASample)
dgeRes = getDiffExpressedGenes(RTCGASample)
dgeRes
showResults(dgeRes[[1]])
```

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showResults,CorResult-method

*Export toptable or correlation data frame*

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## Description

Export toptable or correlation data frame

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'CorResult'
showResults(object)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| object | A DGEResult or CorResult object |

## Value

Returns correlation results data frame

## Examples

```
data(RTCGASample)
corRes = getCNGECorrelation(RTCGASample,adj.pval = 1,raw.pval = 1)
corRes
showResults(corRes[[1]])
```

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showResults,DGEResult-method

*Export toptable or correlation data frame*

---

## Description

Export toptable or correlation data frame

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DGEResult'
showResults(object)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| object | A DGEResult or CorResult object |

## Value

Returns toptable for DGE results

## Examples

```
data(RTCGASample)
dgeRes = getDiffExpressedGenes(RTCGASample)
dgeRes
showResults(dgeRes[[1]])
```

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