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annData	<i>annData</i>
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### Description

Add annotation or meta information to existing data

### Usage

```
annData(
  path,
  notes,
  date = Sys.Date(),
  recursive = TRUE,
  md5 = FALSE,
  skip = "*.md|meta.yml",
  force = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

path	The data path to annotate.
notes	User assigned notes/keywords to annotate the data and be used for keywords matching in <code>dataSearch(keywords = )</code> .
date	The date of the data.
recursive	Whether to annotate all data recursively.
md5	Whether to generate md5 values for all files.
skip	Patter to skip files in the path.
force	Whether to force regenerate meta.yml.
...	The other options from <code>list.files</code>

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dataHub

*dataHub Class*

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## Description

dataHub class, constructor, and methods.

## Usage

```
dataHub(BFC)
```

```
dataHub(BFC)
```

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

```
dataNames(object)
```

```
dataParams(object)
```

```
dataNotes(object)
```

```
dataPaths(object)
```

```
dataYml(object)
```

```
dataTags(object)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'dataHub'  
dataTags(object)
```

```
dataTags(object, append = TRUE) <- value
```

```
## S4 replacement method for signature 'dataHub'  
dataTags(object, append = FALSE) <- value
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'dataHub,ANY,ANY,ANY'  
x[i, j, drop]
```

```
## S4 replacement method for signature 'dataHub,ANY,ANY,ANY'  
x[i, j] <- value
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'dataHub'  
c(x, ...)
```

```
toList(  
  x,  
  listNames = NULL,  
  format = c("list", "json", "yaml"),  
  type = NULL,  
  file = character()  
)
```

)

**Arguments**

BFC	A BiocFileCache object created for data and recipes.
object	A dataHub object.
append	Whether to append new tag or replace all tags.
value	A dataHub object
x	A dataHub object.
i	The integer index of the dataHub object, or a logical vector same length as the dataHub object.
j	inherited from [ generic.
drop	Inherited from [ generic.
...	More dataHub objects to combine.
listNames	A vector of names for the output list.
format	can be "list", "json" or "yaml". Supports partial match. Default is list.
type	The type of workflow input list, such as cwl.
file	The file name to save the data list in required format. The data extension needs to be included, e.g., ".json" or ".yaml".

**Value**

dataHub: a dataHub object.

dataNames: the names of datasets in dataHub object.

dataParams: the data recipe parameter values for datasets in dataHub object.

dataNotes: the notes of datasets in dataHub object.

dataPaths: the file paths of datasets in dataHub object.

dataYml: the yaml file paths of datasets in dataHub object.

dataTags: the tags of datasets in dataHub object.

toList: A list of datasets in specific format, and a file if file argument is specified.

**Examples**

```

outdir <- file.path(tempdir(), "SharedData")
dataUpdate(outdir, cloud = TRUE)
dd <- dataSearch(c("liftover", "GRCh38"))
dataNames(dd)
dataParams(dd)
dataNotes(dd)
dataTags(dd)
dataYml(dd)
toList(dd)
toList(dd, format = "yaml")
toList(dd, format = "json", file = tempfile())

```

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dataSearch	<i>dataSearch search data in local data caching system</i>
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**Description**

dataSearch search data in local data caching system

**Usage**

```
dataSearch(keywords = character(), cachePath = "ReUseData")
```

**Arguments**

keywords	character vector of keywords to be matched to the local datasets. It matches the "notes" when generating the data using <code>getData(notes = )</code> . Keywords can be a tag with the data in #tag format. If not specified, function returns the full data list.
cachePath	A character string for the data cache. Must match the one specified in <code>dataUpdate()</code> . Default is "ReUseData".

**Value**

a dataHub object containing the information about local data cache, e.g., data name, data path, etc.

**Examples**

```
dataSearch()
dataSearch(c("gencode"))
dataSearch("#gatk")
```

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dataUpdate	<i>dataUpdate</i>
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**Description**

Function to update the local data records by reading the yaml files in the specified directory recursively.

**Usage**

```
dataUpdate(
  dir,
  cachePath = "ReUseData",
  outMeta = FALSE,
  keepTags = TRUE,
  cleanup = FALSE,
  cloud = FALSE,
  remote = FALSE,
  checkData = TRUE,
  duplicate = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>dir</code>	a character string for the directory where all data are saved. Data information will be collected recursively within this directory.
<code>cachePath</code>	A character string specifying the name for the <code>BiocFileCache</code> object to store all the curated data resources. Once specified, must match the <code>cachePath</code> argument in <code>dataSearch</code> . Default is "ReUseData".
<code>outMeta</code>	Logical. If TRUE, a "meta_data.csv" file will be generated in the <code>dir</code> , containing information about all available datasets in the directory: The file path to the yaml files, and yaml entries including parameter values for data recipe, file path to datasets, notes, version (from <code>getData()</code> ), if available and data generating date.
<code>keepTags</code>	If keep the prior assigned data tags. Default is TRUE.
<code>cleanup</code>	If remove any invalid intermediate files. Default is FALSE. In cases one data recipe (with same parameter values) was evaluated multiple times, the same data file(s) will match to multiple intermediate files (e.g., .yaml). <code>cleanup</code> will remove older intermediate files, and only keep the most recent ones that matches the data file. When there are any intermediate files that don't match to any data file, <code>cleanup</code> will also remove those.
<code>cloud</code>	Whether to return the pregenerated data from Google Cloud bucket of ReUseData. Default is FALSE.
<code>remote</code>	Whether to use the csv file (containing information about pregenerated data on Google Cloud) from GitHub, which is most up-to-date. Only works when <code>cloud = TRUE</code> . Default is FALSE.
<code>checkData</code>	check if the data (listed as "# output: " in the yaml file) exists. If not, do not include in the output csv file. This argument is added for internal testing purpose.
<code>duplicate</code>	Whether to remove duplicates. If TRUE, older version of duplicates will be removed.

**Details**

Users can directly retrieve information for all available datasets by using `meta_data(dir=)`, which generates a data frame in R with same information as described above and can be saved out. `dataUpdate` does extra check for all datasets (check the file path in "output" column), remove invalid ones, e.g., empty or non-existing file path, and create a data cache for all valid datasets.

**Value**

a `dataHub` object containing the information about local data cache, e.g., data name, data path, etc.

**Examples**

```
## Generate data
## Not run:
library(Rcwl)
outdir <- file.path(tempdir(), "SharedData")

echo_out <- recipeLoad("echo_out")
Rcwl::inputs(echo_out)
echo_out$input <- "Hello World!"
echo_out$outfile <- "outfile"
res <- getData(echo_out,
```

```

        outdir = outdir,
        notes = c("echo", "hello", "world", "txt"),
        showLog = TRUE)

ensembl_liftover <- recipeLoad("ensembl_liftover")
Rcwl::inputs(ensembl_liftover)
ensembl_liftover$species <- "human"
ensembl_liftover$from <- "GRCh37"
ensembl_liftover$to <- "GRCh38"
res <- getData(ensembl_liftover,
               outdir = outdir,
               notes = c("ensembl", "liftover", "human", "GRCh37", "GRCh38"),
               showLog = TRUE)

## Update data cache (with or without prebuilt data sets from ReUseData cloud bucket)
dataUpdate(dir = outdir)
dataUpdate(dir = outdir, cloud = TRUE)

## newly generated data are now cached and searchable
dataSearch(c("hello", "world"))
dataSearch(c("ensembl", "liftover")) ## both locally generated data and google cloud data!

## End(Not run)

```

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getCloudData	<i>getCloudData</i> Download the pregenerated curated data sets from ReUseData cloud bucket
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## Description

getCloudData Download the pregenerated curated data sets from ReUseData cloud bucket

## Usage

```
getCloudData(datahub, outdir = character())
```

## Arguments

datahub	The dataHub object returned from dataSearch() with 1 data record available on ReUseData cloud bucket.
outdir	The output directory for the data (and concomitant annotation files) to be downloaded. It is recommended to use a new folder under a shared folder for a new to-be-downloaded data.

## Value

Data and concomitant annotation files will be downloaded to the user-specified folder that is locally searchable with dataSearch().

**Examples**

```

outdir <- file.path(tempdir(), "gcpData")
dh <- dataSearch(c("ensembl", "GRCh38"))
dh <- dh[grep("http", dataPaths(dh))]

## download data from google bucket
getCloudData(dh[1], outdir = outdir)

## Update local data caching
dataUpdate(outdir) ## no "cloud=TRUE" here, only showing local data cache

## Now the data is available to use locally
dataSearch(c("ensembl", "GRCh38"))

```

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getData

*getData*

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**Description**

Evaluation of data recipes to generate curated dataset of interest.

**Usage**

```

getData(
  rcp,
  outdir,
  prefix = NULL,
  notes = c(),
  conda = FALSE,
  BPPARAM = NULL,
  ...
)

```

**Arguments**

rcp	the data recipe in <code>cwlProcess</code> S4 class.
outdir	Character string specifying the directory to store the output files. Will automatically create if not exist or provided.
prefix	Character string specifying the file name of the annotation files (.yml, .cwl, .sh, .md5).
notes	User assigned notes/keywords to annotate the data and be used for keywords matching in <code>dataSearch(keywords = )</code> .
conda	Whether to use conda to install required software when evaluating the data recipe as a CWL workflow. Default is <code>FALSE</code> .
BPPARAM	The options for <code>BiocParallel::bpparam</code> .
...	Arguments to be passed into <code>Rcwl::runCWL()</code> .

## Value

The data files and 4 meta files: `.cwl`: The cwl script that was internally run to get the data; `.yaml`: the input parameter values for the data recipe and user specified data annotation notes, versions etc; `.sh`: The script for data processing; `.md`: checksum file to verify the integrity of generated data files.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
library(Rcwl)
outdir <- file.path(tempdir(), "SharedData")

## Example 1
echo_out <- recipeLoad("echo_out")
Rcwl::inputs(echo_out)
echo_out$input <- "Hello World!"
echo_out$outfile <- "outfile"
res <- getData(echo_out,
              outdir = outdir,
              notes = c("echo", "hello", "world", "txt"),
              showLog = TRUE)

# Example 2
ensembl_liftover <- recipeLoad("ensembl_liftover")
Rcwl::inputs(ensembl_liftover)
ensembl_liftover$species <- "human"
ensembl_liftover$from <- "GRCh37"
ensembl_liftover$to <- "GRCh38"

res <- getData(ensembl_liftover,
              outdir = outdir,
              notes = c("ensembl", "liftover", "human", "GRCh37", "GRCh38"),
              showLog = TRUE)
dir(outdir)

## End(Not run)
```

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meta\_data

*meta\_data*

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## Description

Functions to generate the meta csv file for local cached dataset.

## Usage

```
meta_data(dir = "", cleanup = FALSE, checkData = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

`dir` The path to the shared data folder.

cleanup	If remove any invalid intermediate files. Default is FALSE. In cases one data recipe (with same parameter values) was evaluated multiple times, the same data file(s) will match to multiple intermediate files (e.g., .yml). cleanup will remove older intermediate files, and only keep the most recent ones that matches the data file. When there are any intermediate files that don't match to any data file, cleanup will also remove those.
checkData	check if the data (listed as "# output: " in the yml file) exists. If not, do not include in the output csv file. This argument is added for internal testing purpose.

**Value**

a data.frame with yml file name, parameter values, data file paths, date, and user-specified notes when generating the data with getData().

**Examples**

```
outdir <- file.path(tempdir(), "SharedData")
meta_data(outdir)
```

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 recipeHub

*recipeHub*


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**Description**

recipeHub class, constructor, and methods.

**Usage**

```
recipeHub(BFC)
```

```
recipeHub(BFC)
```

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

```
## S4 method for signature 'recipeHub,ANY,ANY,ANY'
x[i]
```

```
recipeNames(object)
```

**Arguments**

BFC	A BiocFileCache object created for recipe and recipes.
object	The recipeHub object
x	The recipeHub object
i	The integer index of the recipeHub object

**Value**

recipeHub: a recipeHub object.

[: A recipeHub object that was subsetted.

recipeNames: the recipe names for the recipeHub object.

**Examples**

```
rcps <- recipeSearch(c("gencode"))
## rcp1 <- rcps[1]
## recipeNames(rcp1)
```

---

 recipeLoad

*recipeLoad*


---

**Description**

To load data recipe(s) into R environment.

**Usage**

```
recipeLoad(
  rcp = c(),
  cachePath = "ReUseDataRecipe",
  env = .GlobalEnv,
  return = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

rcp	The (vector of) character string of recipe name or file path (recipeNames() or mcols()\$fpath column of the recipeHub object returned from recipeSearch).
cachePath	A character string for the recipe cache. Must match the one specified in recipeUpdate(). Default is "ReUseDataRecipe".
env	The R environment to export to. Default is .GlobalEnv.
return	Whether to return the recipe to a user-assigned R object. Default is TRUE, where user need to assign a variable name to the recipe. e.g., rcp1 <- recipeLoad(). If FALSE, it loads the recipe and uses its original name, and user doesn't need to assign a new name. e.g., recipeLoad(return=TRUE). If multiple recipes are to be loaded, return=FALSE must be used.

**Value**

A data recipe of cwlProcess S4 class, which is ready to be evaluated in R.

**Examples**

```
#####
## Load single recipe
#####

library(Rcwl)
recipeUpdate()
recipeSearch("liftover")
rcp <- recipeLoad("ensembl_liftover")
Rcwl::inputs(rcp)
rm(rcp)
```

```

gencode_annotation <- recipeLoad("gencode_annotation")
inputs(gencode_annotation)
rm(gencode_annotation)

#####
## Load multiple recipes
#####

rcphub <- recipeSearch("gencode")
recipeNames(rcphub)
recipeLoad(recipeNames(rcphub), return=FALSE)
inputs(gencode_transcripts)

```

---

recipeMake

*recipeMake*


---

## Description

Constructor function of data recipe

## Usage

```

recipeMake(
  shscript = character(),
  paramID = c(),
  paramType = c(),
  outputID = c(),
  outputType = c("File[]"),
  outputGlob = character(),
  requireTools = character()
)

```

## Arguments

shscript	character string. Can take either the file path to the user provided shell script, or directly the script content, that are to be converted into a data recipe.
paramID	Character vector. The user specified parameter ID for the recipe.
paramType	Character vector specifying the type for each paramID. One parameter can be of multiple types in list. Valid values are "int" for integer, "boolean" for boolean, "float" for numeric, "File" for file path, "File[]" for an array of files, etc. Can also take "double", "long", "null", "Directory". See details.
outputID	the ID for each output.
outputType	the output type for each output.
outputGlob	the glob pattern of output files. E.g., "hg19.*".
requireTools	the command-line tools to be used for data processing/curation in the user-provided shell script. The value here must exactly match the tool name. E.g., "bwa", "samtools", etc. A particular version of that tool can be specified in the format of "tool=version", e.g., "samtools=1.3".

## Details

For parameter types, more details can be found here: ["https://www.commonwl.org/v1.2/CommandLineTool.html#CWLT"](https://www.commonwl.org/v1.2/CommandLineTool.html#CWLT)  
 recipeMake is a convenient function for wrapping a shell script into a data recipe (in `cwlProcess S4` class). Please use `Rcwl::cwlProcess` for more options and functionalities, especially when the recipe gets complicated, e.g., needs a docker image for a command-line tool, or one parameter takes multiple types, etc. Refer to this recipe as an example: <https://github.com/rworkflow/ReUseDataRecipe/blob/master/refer>

## Value

a data recipe in `cwlProcess S4` class with all details about the shell script for data processing/curation, inputs, outputs, required tools and corresponding docker files. It is readily taken by `getData()` to evaluate the shell scripts included and generate the data locally. Find more details with `?Rcwl::cwlProcess`.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
library(Rcwl)
#####
### example 1
#####

script <- "
input=$1
outfile=$2
echo \"Print the input: $input\" > $outfile.txt
"

rcp <- recipeMake(shscript = script,
                  paramID = c("input", "outfile"),
                  paramType = c("string", "string"),
                  outputID = "echoout",
                  outputGlob = "*.txt")

inputs(rcp)
outputs(rcp)
rcp$input <- "Hello World!"
rcp$outfile <- "outfile"
res <- getData(rcp, outdir = tempdir(),
              notes = c("echo", "hello", "world", "txt"),
              showLog = TRUE)
readLines(res$out)

#####
### example 2
#####

shfile <- system.file("extdata", "gencode_transcripts.sh", package = "ReUseData")
readLines(shfile)
rcp <- recipeMake(shscript = shfile,
                  paramID = c("species", "version"),
                  paramType = c("string", "string"),
                  outputID = "transcripts",
                  outputGlob = "*.transcripts.fa*",
                  requireTools = c("wget", "gzip", "samtools")
                  )
Rcwl::inputs(rcp)
rcp$species <- "human"
```

```
rcp$version <- "42"
res <- getData(rcp,
  outdir = tempdir(),
  notes = c("gencode", "transcripts", "human", "42"),
  showLog = TRUE)
res$output
dir(tempdir())

## End(Not run)
```

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 recipeSearch

*recipeSearch*


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### Description

Search existing data recipes.

### Usage

```
recipeSearch(keywords = character(), cachePath = "ReUseDataRecipe")
```

### Arguments

keywords	character vector of keywords to be matched to the recipe names. If not specified, function returns the full recipe list.
cachePath	A character string for the recipe cache. Must match the one specified in recipeUpdate(). Default is "ReUseDataRecipe".

### Value

A recipeHub object.

### Examples

```
recipeSearch()
recipeSearch("gencode")
recipeSearch(c("STAR", "index"))
```

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 recipeUpdate

*recipeUpdate*


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### Description

Function to sync and get the most updated and newly added data recipes through the public "rworkflow/ReUseDataRecipe" GitHub repository or user-specified private GitHub repository.

**Usage**

```

recipeUpdate(
  cachePath = "ReUseDataRecipe",
  force = FALSE,
  remote = FALSE,
  repos = "rworkflow/ReUseDataRecipe"
)

```

**Arguments**

cachePath	A character string specifying the name for the BiocFileCache object to store the ReUseData recipes. Once specified here, must use the same for cachePath argument in recipeSearch, and recipeLoad. Default is "ReUseDataRecipe".
force	Whether to remove existing and regenerate recipes cache. Default is FALSE. Only use if any old recipes that have been previously cached locally are updated remotely (on GitHub repos).
remote	Whether to download the data recipes directly from a GitHub repository. Default is FALSE.
repos	The GitHub repository containing data recipes that are to be synced to local cache. Only works when remote=TRUE. Default is "rworkflow/ReUseDataRecipe" GitHub repository where public data recipes are saved, which might be more up-to-date than the recipes contained in ReUseData package. It can also be a private GitHub repository where users save their own data recipes.

**Value**

a recipeHub object.

**Examples**

```

## recipeUpdate()
## recipeUpdate(force=TRUE)
## recipeUpdate(force = TRUE, remote = TRUE)

```

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ReUseData

*ReUseData*


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