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Description A tool for visualizing numerical data (e.g., gene expression, protein abundance) on predefined anatomical maps of human/mouse organs and subcellular organelles. It supports customization of color schemes, filtering by organ systems (for organisms) or organelle types, and generation of optional bar charts for quantitative comparison. The package integrates coordinate data for organs and organelles to plot anatomical/subcellular contours, mapping data values to specific structures for intuitive visualization of biological data distribution. The underlying method was described in the preprint by Zhou et al. (2022) <[doi:10.1101/2022.09.07.506938](https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.09.07.506938)>.

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human_bodycontour *Human body contour coordinate data*

Description

Contains plotting coordinates for the human body contour, used for drawing the background outline.

Usage

human_bodycontour

Format

A data frame containing:

V1 Integer. Original index from source data (reserved for compatibility).

id Character. Group identifier for contour segments (used to draw connected regions).

x Numeric. X-coordinate of contour points.

y Numeric. Y-coordinate of contour points.

human_organ_coord *Human organ coordinate data*

Description

Contains plotting coordinates (x, y) for each organ, used for drawing organ contours.

Usage

human_organ_coord

Format

A list where each element is a data frame containing:

x x-coordinate (numeric)

y y-coordinate (numeric)

id Group ID (for drawing polygons, integer)

human_organ_systems *Human Organ-system mapping data*

Description

Defines the physiological system each organ belongs to, used for filtering organs by system.

Usage

human_organ_systems

Format

A data frame with the following columns:

organ Organ name (character, standardized name)

system Belonging system (character, e.g., "circulatory" for circulatory system)

mouse_bodycontour *Mouse body contour coordinate data*

Description

Contains plotting coordinates for the mouse body contour, used for drawing the background outline in mouse visualization.

Usage

mouse_bodycontour

Format

A data frame containing:

V1 Integer. Original index from source data (reserved for compatibility).

id Character. Group identifier for contour segments (used to draw connected regions).

x Numeric. X-coordinate of contour points.

y Numeric. Y-coordinate of contour points.

mouse_organ_coord *Mouse organ coordinate data*

Description

Contains plotting coordinates (x, y) for each mouse organ, used for drawing organ contours in mouse visualization.

Usage

mouse_organ_coord

Format

A list where each element is a data frame containing:

x x-coordinate (numeric)

y y-coordinate (numeric)

id Group ID (for drawing polygons, integer)

mouse_organ_systems *Mouse Organ-system mapping data*

Description

Defines the physiological system each mouse organ belongs to, used for filtering organs by system in mouse visualization.

Usage

mouse_organ_systems

Format

A data frame with the following columns:

organ Organ name (character, standardized name)

system Belonging system (character, e.g., "circulatory" for circulatory system)

organelle_bodycontour *Organelle Body Contour Data*

Description

A dataset containing the contour coordinates for organelle cell outline.

Usage

organelle_bodycontour

Format

A data frame with variables for cell contour coordinates

organelle_organ_coord *Organelle Organ Coordinate Data*

Description

A list containing coordinate data for various organelles.

Usage

organelle_organ_coord

Format

A named list where each element is a data frame with organelle coordinates

OrgHeatmap *Visualization Tool for Human, Mouse and Organelle Data*

Description

This tool visualizes numerical data (such as gene expression) on a human, mouse or organelle map. It supports custom color schemes, organ system filtering, and bar charts for quantitative comparison.

Usage

```

OrgHeatmap(
  data,
  species = c("human", "mouse", "organelle"),
  system = NULL,
  valid_organ = NULL,
  sort_by_value = TRUE,
  title = NULL,
  showall = FALSE,
  outline = TRUE,
  palette = "YlOrRd",
  color_high = NULL,
  color_low = NULL,
  color_mid = NULL,
  reverse_palette = FALSE,
  fillcolor_outline = NULL,
  fillcolor_organ = "plasma",
  fillcolor_other = "#D3D3D3",
  organbar = TRUE,
  organbar_title = NULL,
  organbar_digit = 4,
  organbar_color = NULL,
  organbar_low = NULL,
  organbar_high = NULL,
  direction = 1,
  save_clean_data = FALSE,
  save_plot = FALSE,
  clean_data_path = file.path(getwd(), "clean_data.rds"),
  plot_path = file.path(getwd(), "organ_plot.png"),
  plot_width = 10,
  plot_height = 8,
  plot_dpi = 300,
  plot_device = "png",
  organ_system_map = NULL,
  organ_name_mapping = NULL,
  aggregate_method = "mean",
  organ_col = "organ",
  value_col = "value"
)

```

Arguments

data	Data frame with at least two columns: organ name and corresponding value
species	Character, species to visualize, one of "human" (default), "mouse", or "organelle". Determines the default body/cell contour, organ coordinates, and organ-system mapping.
system	Optional character vector specifying organ system to display(not applicable for organelles)

valid_organ	Optional character vector of valid organ names for filtering
sort_by_value	Logical, default TRUE, sorts by value descending
title	Optional character vector for plot title
showall	Logical, default FALSE. If TRUE, shows all organ outlines (grey) with light grey fill (#EFEFEF) for non-target organs (to provide anatomical context).
outline	Logical, default TRUE, draws human/cell outline
palette	Character, name of RColorBrewer palette (e.g., "YlOrRd", "PuBuGn") for unified color scheme (applies to both organ heatmap and bar chart if no custom colors are specified). Ignored if color_low/color_high (for heatmap) or organbar_low/organbar_high (for bar chart) are specified. Default: "YlOrRd" (suitable for highlighting high values).
color_high	Character, custom color for the maximum value of the organ heatmap (and bar chart if organbar_high is not specified). Overrides palette but is overridden by organbar_high (highest priority). Default: NULL.
color_low	Character, custom color for the minimum value of the organ heatmap (and bar chart if organbar_low is not specified). Overrides palette but is overridden by organbar_low (highest priority). Default: NULL.
color_mid	Character, optional color for the middle value of the organ heatmap (for 3-color gradients). Default: NULL.
reverse_palette	Logical, whether to reverse the color order of palette. Default: FALSE (low=light, high=dark).
fillcolor_outline	Character, default "#F5D5B8" for human/mouse, "#F0F8FF" for organelle, fill color for outline
fillcolor_organ	Character, fallback color scheme for organs (supports viridis options: "viridis", "plasma", "magma", etc.). Only used if no palette, color_low/color_high, or organbar_low/organbar_high are specified. Default: "plasma".
fillcolor_other	Character, default "#D3D3D3", fill color for non-target organelles
organbar	Logical, default TRUE, shows value bar chart
organbar_title	Optional character, title for bar chart legend
organbar_digit	Integer, default 4, digits for bar values
organbar_color	Optional character, solid color for bars
organbar_low	Character, low end of gradient for bar chart (and organ heatmap if color_low is not specified). Highest priority for color configuration (overrides color_low and palette). Default: NULL.
organbar_high	Character, high end of gradient for bar chart (and organ heatmap if color_high is not specified). Highest priority for color configuration (overrides color_high and palette). Default: NULL.
direction	Integer, default 1. Direction of color gradient: 1 = normal (low value → light color, high value → dark color); -1 = reversed (low value → dark color, high value → light color).

<code>save_clean_data</code>	Logical, default FALSE, saves cleaned data
<code>save_plot</code>	Logical, default FALSE, whether to save the plot
<code>clean_data_path</code>	Character, default <code>file.path(getwd(), "clean_data.rds")</code> , path for cleaned data (default to current working directory)
<code>plot_path</code>	Character, default <code>file.path(getwd(), "organ_plot.png")</code> , path for saving the plot (default to current working directory)
<code>plot_width</code>	Numeric, default 10, plot width in inches
<code>plot_height</code>	Numeric, default 8, plot height in inches
<code>plot_dpi</code>	Numeric, default 300, plot resolution
<code>plot_device</code>	Character, default "png", plot format (e.g., "png", "pdf")
<code>organ_system_map</code>	Data frame, CSV path, or NULL (default). If NULL, uses species-specific defaults: <code>human_organ_systems</code> for humans, <code>mouse_organ_systems</code> for mice, or <code>organelle_systems</code> for organelles.
<code>organ_name_mapping</code>	Optional: Either a named vector (non-standard → standard names, e.g., <code>c("adrenal" = "adrenal_gland")</code>), a data frame (must contain columns specified by <code>original_col</code> and <code>standard_col</code>), or a CSV path (same column requirement). Internally processed by <code>create_organ_mapping()</code> for standardization (lowercase, underscores for spaces).
<code>aggregate_method</code>	Character, aggregation method for duplicate organs (one of "mean" default, "sum", "count").
<code>organ_col</code>	Character, default "organ", column name for organs
<code>value_col</code>	Character, default "value", column name for values

Details

The function uses `get_component_colors()` (an internal helper function) to generate unified color schemes:

1. If `organbar_low` and `organbar_high` are specified by the user, they will be used directly (highest priority);
2. If not, colors are generated from the palette (RColorBrewer) with optional reversal (`reverse_palette`);
3. Custom middle color (`color_mid`) is supported for 3-color gradients (applied to both heatmap and bar chart). For valid palette names, see `RColorBrewer::brewer.pal.info`.

Organ Mapping Logic:

- For `organ_name_mapping`: Accepts a named vector, data frame, or CSV path. Internal helper `create_organ_mapping()` standardizes names (lowercase, underscores for spaces).
- For `organ_system_map`: Custom tables (data frame/CSV) are processed to align with built-in `human_organ_systems` (for humans), `mouse_organ_systems` (for mice), or `organelle_systems` (for organelles) format via `create_organ_mapping()`.

Value

List containing:

plot	ggplot2 object
clean_data	Cleaned data frame
system_used	Organ system used
mapped_organ	Standardized organ names
missing_organ	Organs without coordinates
total_value	Sum of all values

Examples

```
# Load the package
library(OrgHeatmap)

# Note: Example datasets (example_Data1, example_Data2, example_Data3, expr_data)
# are included in the package's 'extdata' directory.

## Load example data files from extdata (contains example_Data1, example_Data2, example_Data3)
data_path <- system.file("extdata", "exampledata.Rdata", package = "OrgHeatmap")
load(data_path)

# 1. Plot all organs and save results using internal saving function
result_all <- OrgHeatmap(
  example_Data3,
  organbar = TRUE,
  save_plot = TRUE, # Enable plot saving
  plot_path = file.path(tempdir(), "all_system.png"),
  plot_width = 10,
  plot_height = 8,
  save_clean_data = TRUE, # Enable cleaned data saving
  clean_data_path = file.path(tempdir(), "all_system_clean_data.rds")
)
print(result_all$plot) # Print the plot to the console

# 2. Plot circulatory system organs and save results
result_circulatory <- OrgHeatmap(
  example_Data3,
  system = "circulatory",
  organbar = TRUE,
  save_plot = TRUE,
  plot_path = file.path(tempdir(), "circulatory_system.png"),
  plot_width = 10,
  plot_height = 8,
  plot_device = "png", # Specify plot format
  save_clean_data = TRUE,
  clean_data_path = file.path(tempdir(), "circulatory_clean_data.rds")
)
print(result_circulatory$plot) # Print the plot to the console
```

```

# 3. Quick color configuration with palette
# Core logic: Trigger internal color_config generation via palette parameters,
# ensuring organ and bar chart colors are synchronized
result_palette <- OrgHeatmap(
  example_Data3,
  system = "respiratory", # Respiratory system
  palette = "PuBuGn",     # Use RColorBrewer's blue-purple-green palette
  reverse_palette = TRUE, # Reverse palette (low value = dark green, high value = purple)
  color_mid = "#87CEEB", # Custom middle color (sky blue)
  title = "Respiratory System (Palette: PuBuGn)",
  organbar_title = "Mean Value",
  organbar_digit = 2,
  showall = TRUE,
  save_plot = TRUE,
  plot_path = file.path(tempdir(), "respiratory_palette.png")
  # To use solid color for bars, add parameter: organbar_color = "skyblue"
  # (overrides gradient and synchronizes with organ colors)
)
print(result_palette$plot)

## Load the example dataset expr_data from extdata
expr_data_path <- system.file("extdata", "expr_data.rds", package = "OrgHeatmap")
expr_data <- readRDS(expr_data_path)

# Custom organ mapping (standardize original organ names)
custom_mapping <- c(
  "adrenal" = "adrenal_gland",
  "lymph node" = "lymph_node",
  "soft tissue" = "muscle",
  "peritoneal" = "peritoneum"
)

# Add prostate cancer-specific organs to system mapping
prostate_organ_systems <- rbind(
  human_organ_systems, # Package's built-in organ system mapping
  data.frame(
    organ = c("prostate", "bone", "lymph_node", "adrenal_gland"),
    system = c("reproductive", "musculoskeletal", "lymphatic", "endocrine"),
    stringsAsFactors = FALSE
  )
)

# Generate TP53 expression heatmap and save results
tp53_plot <- OrgHeatmap(
  data = expr_data,
  value_col = "expression", # Specify value column name as "expression"
  organ_system_map = prostate_organ_systems, # Use custom organ system mapping
  organ_name_mapping = custom_mapping, # Apply organ name mapping
  title = "TP53 Expression in Metastatic Prostate Cancer",
  organbar_title = "Mean Expression(log2) of TP53",
  aggregate_method = "mean", # Calculate mean by organ
  showall = TRUE, # Show all organ outlines

```

```
fillcolor_other = "#DCDCDC", # Fill color for non-target organs
organbar_digit = 2, # Keep 2 decimal places for bar values
direction = -1, # Reverse color gradient (darker = higher expression)
save_plot = TRUE, # Save the plot
plot_path = file.path(tempdir(), "tp53_expression_metastatic_prostate.png"),
plot_width = 14,
plot_height = 10,
plot_dpi = 300,
save_clean_data = TRUE, # Save cleaned data
clean_data_path = file.path(tempdir(), "tp53_clean_data.rds")
)

# Print the plot
print(tp53_plot$plot)

# 4. Plot mouse digestive system
# Load mouse example data (included in the package)
mouse_data_path <- system.file("extdata", "exampledata.Rdata", package = "OrgHeatmap")
load(mouse_data_path)

# Generate plot for mouse digestive system
mouse_digestive_plot <- OrgHeatmap(
  data = example_Data1,
  species = "mouse", # Specify mouse species
  system = "digestive",
  organbar = TRUE,
  palette = "PuBu",
  save_plot = TRUE,
  plot_path = file.path(tempdir(), "mouse_digestive_plot.png"),
  save_clean_data = TRUE
)
print(mouse_digestive_plot$plot)

# 5. Plot organelles
organelle_data <- data.frame(
  organ = c("mitochondrion", "nucleus", "endoplasmic_reticulum", "cell_membrane"),
  value = c(15.2, 8.7, 6.3, 6.8)
)

organelle_plot <- OrgHeatmap(
  data = organelle_data,
  species = "organelle",
  title = "Organelle Expression Visualization",
  organbar_title = "Expression Level",
  save_plot = TRUE,
  plot_path = file.path(tempdir(), "organelle_expression_plot.png")
)
```

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