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Description

R utilities for gff files, either general feature format (GFF3) or gene transfer format (GTF) formatted files. This package includes functions for producing summary stats, check for consistency and sorting errors, conversion from GTF to GFF3 format, file sorting, visualization and plotting of feature hierarchy, and exporting user defined feature subsets to SAF format. This tool was developed by the BioinfoGP core facility at CNB-CSIC.

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check_gff	<i>Test consistency and order of a GFF file</i>
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Description

This function tests the consistency and order of a GFF file.

Usage

```
check_gff(inFile, fileType = c("AUTO", "GFF3", "GTF"))
```

Arguments

inFile	Path to the input GFF file
fileType	Version of the input file (GTF/GFF3). Default AUTO: determined from the file name.

Details

The following list indicates the code and description of the issues detected in GFF3 files

NCOLUMNS_EXCEEDED Input file contains lines with more than 9 fields

NCOLUMNS_INFERIOR Input file contains lines with less than 9 fields

TOO_MANY_FEATURE_TYPES Input file contains too many (more than 100) different feature types

NO_IDS ID attribute not found in any feature

DUPLICATED_IDS There are duplicated IDs

ID_IN_MULTIPLE_CHR The same ID has been found in more than one chromosome

NO_PARENTs Parent attribute not found in any feature

MISSING_PARENT_IDS There are missing Parent IDs

PARENT_IN DIFFERENT CHR There are features whose Parent is located in a different chromosome

PARENT_DEFINED_BEFORE_ID Feature ids referenced in Parent attribute before being defined as ID

NOT_GROUPED_BY_CHR Features are not grouped by chromosome

NOT_SORTED_BY_COORDINATE Features are not sorted by start coordinate

NOT_VALID_WARNING File cannot be recognized as valid GFF3. Parsing warnings.

NOT_VALID_ERROR File cannot be recognized as valid GFF3. Parsing errors.

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NCOLUMNS_EXCEEDED Input file contains lines with more than 9 fields

NCOLUMNS_INFERIOR Input file contains lines with less than 9 fields

TOO_MANY_FEATURE_TYPES Input file contains too many (more than 100) different feature types

NO_GENE_ID_ATTRIBUTE gene_id attribute not found in any feature

MISSING_GENE_IDS There are features without gene_id attribute

NO_GENE_FEATURES Gene features are not included in this GTF file

DUPLICATED_GENE_IDS There are duplicated gene_ids

GENE_ID_IN_MULTIPLE_CHR The same gene_id has been found in more than one chromosome

NO_TRANSCRIPT_ID_ATTRIBUTE transcript_id attribute not found in any feature There are no elements with transcript_id attribute

MISSING_TRANSCRIPT_IDS There are features without transcript_id attribute

NO_TRANSCRIPT_FEATURES Transcript features are not included in this GTF file

DUPLICATED_TRANSCRIPT_IDS There are duplicated transcript_ids

TRANSCRIPT_ID_IN_MULTIPLE_CHR The same transcript_id has been found in more than one chromosome

DUPLICATED_GENE_AND_TRANSCRIPT_IDS Same id has been defined as gene_id and transcript_id

NOT_GROUPED_BY_CHR Features are not grouped by chromosome

NOT_SORTED_BY_COORDINATE Features are not sorted by start coordinate

NOT_VALID_WARNING File cannot be recognized as valid GTF. Parsing warnings.

NOT_VALID_ERROR File cannot be recognized as valid GTF. Parsing errors.

Value

A data frame of detected issues, including a short code name, a description and estimated severity each. In no issues are detected the function will return an empty data frame.

Examples

```
test_gff3<-system.file("extdata", "eden.gff3", package="Rgff")
check_gff(test_gff3)
```

get_features	<i>Analyses the feature type hierarchy of a GFF file</i>
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Description

Based on the feature type hierarchy a GFF file, this function creates and returns a feature tree or a feature dependency table.

Usage

```
get_features(
  inFile,
  includeCounts = FALSE,
  outFormat = c("tree", "data.frame", "JSON"),
  fileType = c("AUTO", "GFF3", "GTF")
)
```

Arguments

<code>inFile</code>	Path to the input GTF/GFF3 features file
<code>includeCounts</code>	Include number of occurrences of each feature and subfeature
<code>outFormat</code>	Output format of the function. Available formats are: tree (DEFAULT), data.frame and JSON.
<code>fileType</code>	Version of the input file (GTF/GFF3). Default AUTO: determined from the file name.

Value

Depending on the `outFormat` selected returns a feature tree (tree), a feature dependency table as data.frame (data.frame) or a feature dependency table as JSON object (JSON)

Examples

```
test_gff3<-system.file("extdata", "AthSmall.gff3", package="Rgff")
get_features(test_gff3)
```

gff_stats	<i>Summarizes the number of features of each type in a GFF file</i>
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Description

This function summarizes the number of features of each type in a GFF file and returns the statistics

Usage

```
gff_stats(inFile)
```

Arguments

inFile Path to the input GFF file

Value

A tibble with the summary data

Examples

```
test_gff3<-system.file("extdata", "AthSmall.gff3", package="Rgff")
gff_stats(test_gff3)
```

gff_stats_by_chr	<i>Summarizes the number of elements of each type in each chromosome of a GFF file</i>
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Description

This function summarizes the number of features of each type in each chromosome of a GFF file and returns the statistics

Usage

```
gff_stats_by_chr(inFile)
```

Arguments

inFile Path to the input GFF file

Value

A tibble with the summary data

Examples

```
test_gff3<-system.file("extdata", "AthSmall.gff3", package="Rgff")
gff_stats_by_chr(test_gff3)
```

gtf_to_gff3	<i>Converts a GTF file into a GFF3 file</i>
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Description

This function converts a GTF file into a GFF3 file maintaining the feature hierarchy defined by the `gene_id` and `transcript_id` attributes. The remaining attributes of each feature will be kept with the same name and value.

Usage

```
gtf_to_gff3(gtffile, outfile, forceOverwrite = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>gtffile</code>	Path to the input GTF file
<code>outfile</code>	Path to the output GFF3 file, if not provided the output will be <code>gtffile.gff3</code>
<code>forceOverwrite</code>	If output file exists, overwrite the existing file. (default FALSE)

Value

Path to the generated GFF3 file

Examples

```
## Not run:  
test_gtf<-system.file("extdata", "AthSmall.gtf", package="Rgff")  
gtf_to_gff3(test_gtf)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

plot_features	<i>Plots or exports an image of the feature tree from a GFF file</i>
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Description

This function plots the feature tree from a GFF file or, if an output file name is provided, exports an image of in the desired format ("png", "pdf" or "svg"). Packages "DiagrammeR", "DiagrammeRsvg" and "rsvg" must be installed to use this function.

Usage

```
plot_features(
  inFile,
  outFile,
  includeCounts = FALSE,
  fileType = c("AUTO", "GFF3", "GTF"),
  exportFormat = c("png", "pdf", "svg")
)
```

Arguments

<code>inFile</code>	Path to the input GFF file
<code>outFile</code>	Path to the output features image file, if not provided the tree will be plotted
<code>includeCounts</code>	Include number of occurrences of each subfeature
<code>fileType</code>	Version of the input file (GTF/GFF3). If not provided it will be determined from the file name.
<code>exportFormat</code>	Output image format when it is not possible to deduce it from the extension of <code>outFile</code> ("png", "pdf" or "svg"). Default, "png"

Value

Path of the output features image file

Examples

```
test_gff3<-system.file("extdata", "AthSmall.gff3", package="Rgff")
plot_features(test_gff3)
```

<code>saf_from_gff</code>	<i>Creates a SAF file from a GTF/GFF3 features for the given pairs of blocks and features</i>
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Description

This function creates a SAF file from a GTF/GFF3 features for the given blocks and features

Usage

```
saf_from_gff(
  inFile,
  outFile,
  fileType = c("AUTO", "GFF3", "GTF"),
  forceOverwrite = FALSE,
  features = c("gene > exon"),
  sep = ">"
)
```

Arguments

inFile	Path to the input GFF file
outFile	Path to the output SAF file, if not provided the output path will be the input path with the suffix ".feature1-block1.feature2-block2(...).saf"
fileType	Version of the input file (GTF/GFF3). Default AUTO: determined from the file name.
forceOverwrite	If output file exists, overwrite the existing file. (default FALSE)
features	Vector of pairs of features/blocks, separated by '>' (see sep argument). In the case of features without defined blocks, only the feature is needed (see example)
sep	Separator of each "feature" and "block" provided in the feature argument (default '>')

Value

Path to the generated SAF file

Examples

```
test_gff3<-system.file("extdata", "AthSmall.gff3", package="Rgff")
## Default usage, extract gene features by exon blocks
saf_from_gff(test_gff3)
## Define only feature without block to count reads within the whole genomic locus
saf_from_gff(test_gff3, features=c("gene"))
## Define multiple features for counting readoverlapping only in exonic regions
saf_from_gff(test_gff3, features=c("gene > exon", "ncRNA_gene > exon"))
```

sort_gff

Sorts a GTF/GFF3 file

Description

This function produces a sorted GFF file from an unsorted GFF file. The default order is by Chromosome, Start, End (reverse) and feature (based on the precedence in feature tree)

Usage

```
sort_gff(
  inFile,
  outFile,
  fileType = c("AUTO", "GFF3", "GTF"),
  forceOverwrite = FALSE
)
```


Arguments

<code>inFile</code>	Path to the input GFF file
<code>outFile</code>	Path to the output sorted file, if not provided the output will be the input path (without extension) with the suffix <code>sorted.gtf/gff3</code>
<code>fileType</code>	Version of the input file (GTF/GFF3). Default AUTO: determined from the file name.
<code>forceOverwrite</code>	If output file exists, overwrite the existing file. (default FALSE)

Value

Path to the sorted feature file

Examples

```
test_gff3<-system.file("extdata", "eden.gff3", package="Rgff")
sort_gff(test_gff3)
```

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