

Package: SignatuR (via r-universe)

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Title Signatures for single-cell data analysis

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AddNode

Add node to DB

Description

Add a new internal node to the DB. This generates a local, updated copy of the database.

Usage

```
AddNode(db, parent_node, name = "New_signature", reference = NA)
```

Arguments

db	The database object to be updated
parent_node	The parent node where the new node should be added
name	Name for the new node
reference	Optional text to describe the node

Value

An update database containing the new node

Examples

```
data(SignatuR)
SignatuR <- AddNode(SignatuR, parent_node=SignatuR$Hs, name="New_category")
```

AddSignature*Add signature to DB*

Description

Add a new signature to the DB. This generates a local, updated copy of the database.

Usage

```
AddSignature(
  db,
  node,
  name = "New_signature",
  signature = NULL,
  reference = NA,
  overwrite = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

db	The database object to be updated
node	A database node where the new signature should be added
name	Signature name
signature	Gene signature, as a vector of genes
reference	A text describing source of the signature or other comments
overwrite	Whether to replace an already existing signature with the same name

Value

An update database containing the new signature

Examples

```
data(SignatuR)
SignatuR <- AddSignature(SignatuR, node=SignatuR$Mm$Cell_types,
  name="T_cell", reference="A simple T cell signature", signature=c("Cd2", "Cd3d", "Cd3e"))
```

GetSignature	<i>Get signatures from DB</i>
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Description

Return one or more signatures from a specified database node. If an intermediate node is specified, all signatures below that node are returned as a list of signatures.

Usage

```
GetSignature(node)
```

Arguments

node	A database node, either internal or leaf
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Value

A single signature or list of signatures

Examples

```
data(SignatuR)
# Single signature
GetSignature(SignatuR$Mm$Programs$HeatShock)
# Multiple signature from intermediate node
s <- GetSignature(SignatuR$Mm$Programs)
lapply(s, head)
```

LoadSignatuR *Load SignatuR from local file*

Description

Load a file storing a SignatuR object. See also the function [SaveSignatuR](#) for saving existing DB.

Usage

```
LoadSignatuR(file = "mySignatuR.csv")
```

Arguments

file Source file (.csv, .rds or .rda)

Value

A SignatuR object

See Also

[SaveSignatuR](#)

Examples

```
data(SignatuR)
# Save DB
SaveSignatuR(SignatuR, file="mySignatuR.csv")
# Load it back
mySignatuR <- LoadSignatuR("mySignatuR.csv")
```

RemoveSignature *Remove signature from DB*

Description

Remove a given signature or node from the database

Usage

```
RemoveSignature(node)
```

Arguments

node A database node to be removed

Value

Nothing. The DB is modified in place.

Examples

```
data(SignatuR)
RemoveSignature(SignatuR$Hs$Compartments$TCR)
```

SaveSignatuR	<i>Save a local copy of SignatuR</i>
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Description

Store a modified copy of your SignatuR DB, in different formats. Saving to .csv allows editing of signatures in a text or spreadsheet program

Usage

```
SaveSignatuR(db, file = "mySignatuR.csv")
```

Arguments

db	The database object to be saved
file	Destination file (.csv, .rds or .rda)

See Also

[LoadSignatuR](#)

Examples

```
data(SignatuR)
# Save DB
SaveSignatuR(SignatuR, file="mySignatuR.csv")
# Load it back
mySignatuR <- LoadSignatuR("mySignatuR.csv")
```

 SignatuR

A database of gene signatures for single-cell data analysis

Description

The DB is structured in a tree format, using the `data.tree` data type. See the examples below to browse and access this data type. `print(SignatuR)`

Usage

`SignatuR`

Format

A `data.tree` object with signatures organized by species and category. Gene lists are stored in the "Signature" attribute, comments and references for the signature are stored in the "Reference" attribute.

See database structure `SignatuR`

See database with annotations `print(SignatuR, "Reference", "Signature")`

Plot database structure `library(DiagrammeR)`
`plot(SignatuR)`

Extract a specific signature `GetSignature(SignatuRMmPrograms$HeatShock)`

Extract all signatures below a given node `GetSignature(SignatuRMmPrograms)`

Add a new signature to the DB `SignatuR <- AddSignature(SignatuR, node=SignatuRMmCell_types, name="T_cells")`

Add a new node to the DB `SignatuR <- AddNode(SignatuR, parent_node=SignatuR$Hs, name="New_category")`

Save a local copy of your modified SignatuR DB `SaveSignatuR(SignatuR, file="mySignatuR.csv")`

Load a local copy of SignatuR from disk `mySignatuR <- LoadSignatuR("mySignatuR.csv")`

Save updated database (for developers) `usethis::use_data(SignatuR, overwrite = TRUE)`

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