Risa: Building R objects from local ISA-Tab files

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1 Introduction

The Risa package is part of the ISA infrastructure software suite (http://isa-tools.org). It provides funcitonality to read ISA-Tab datasets, described in the following section. The source code and latest version can be found in the GitHub repository https://github.com/ISA-tools/Risa. Please, submit all 'bugs' and feature requests through https://github.com/ISA-tools/Risa/issues.

2 ISA-Tab format

The Investigation / Study / Assay (ISA) Tab-delimited (Tab) format is a general purpose framework with which to collect and communicate complex metadata (i.e. sample characteristics, technologies used, type of measurements made) from experiments employing a combination of technologies (http://isa-tools.org). In particular, ISA-Tab has been developed for - but not limited to - experiments using genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics or metabol/nomics techniques (the 'omics').

ISA-Tab uses three types of file to capture the experimental metadata:

- *Investigation file*
- *Study file*
- *Assay file* (with associated data files).

The Investigation file contains an overall description of an experiment while all experimental steps are described in the Study and in the Assay file(s). For each Investigation file there may be one or more Study files; for each Study file there may be one or more Assay files.

2.1 Investigation file

In this file, information is reported on a per-column basis and the fields are organized and divided in sections. The Investigation file is intended to meet three needs:

- to define key entities, such as factors, protocols, parameters, which may be referenced in the other files;
- to relate Assay files to Study files; and optionally,
- to relate each Study file to an Investigation (when two or more Study files need to be grouped). The declarative sections cover general information such as contacts, protocols and equipment, and also - where applicable - the description of terminologies (controlled vocabularies or ontologies) and other annotation resources that were used.

2.2 Study file

In this file, information is structured on a per-row basis with the first row being used for column headers. The Study file contains contextualizing information for one or more assays, for example; the subjects studied; their source(s); the sampling methodology; their characteristics; and any treatments or manipulations performed to prepare the specimens.

2.3 Assay file

In this file, as for the Study file, fields are organized on a per-row basis with the first row being used for column headers. The Assay file represents a portion of the experimental graph (i.e., one part of the overall structure of the workflow); each Assay file must contain assays of the same type, defined by the type of measurement (i.e. gene expression) and the technology employed (i.e. DNA microarray). Assay-related information includes protocols, additional information relating to the execution of those protocols and references to data files (whether raw or processed).

For easy transfer, ISA-Tab files and associated data files can be packaged into an ISArchive, using a standalone Java application named ISAcreator (http://isatab.sourceforge.net). In order to facilitate identification of ISA-Tab components in an ISArchive, specific extensions have been created as follows:

- *i_iname.txt* for identifying the Investigation file
- *s_sname.txt* for identifying Study file (s)
- *a_aname.txt* for identifying Assay file (s)

where 'iname', 'sname', 'aname' are the user-given names for the investigation, study/ies, assay(s), respectively.

3 The Risa package

The Risa package is used to build R objects from an ISA archive or dataset. The output is a list of objects containing, for example, the investigation, studies and assays filenames, the contents of their files, the list of samples, among other things.

These objects can then be used by downstream Bioconductor packages for data analysis and visualization (i.e, xcms). The package currently includes the function processAssayXcmsSet that, for a specific mass spectrometry assay, builds an xcmsSet object.

3.1 Building an R object from a local ISA dataset

If you have your own ISA archive, you can use the function `readISAtab` to convert it into an R object. The arguments for the function `readISAtab` are:

- path the name of the directory containing ISAtab files. The default is the working directory.
- verbose a boolean indicating to show messages for the different steps, if TRUE, or not to show them, if FALSE

As an example, we can use the *faahKO* dataset, whose version 1.2.11 contains an ISA dataset describing the experiment. First, it is required to load the *Risa* package, and the *faahKO* package must have been installed.

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> library(Risa)
> require(faahKO)
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Then, we read the ISA-Tab data set from the *faahKO* package:

```
> faahkoISA <- readISAtab(find.package("faahKO"))
```

The object `faahkoISA` belongs to the *ISAtab* class, and contains the following elements:

- path - the path of the ISA-Tab dataset,
- investigation.filename - the name of the Investigation file
- investigation.file - a data frame with the contents of the Investigation file
- study.identifiers - the list of study identifiers
- study.filenames - the names of the study files
- study.files - a list of data frames wiht the contents of the study files
- assay.filenames - the names of the assay files
- assay.filenames.per.study - the names of the assay files according to the study they belong to
- assay.files - a list of data frames with the contents of the assay files
- assay.files.per.study - a list of data frames with the contents of the assay files divided per study they belong to
- assay.technology.types - a list with the technology types corresponding to each assay
- assay.measurement.types - a list with the measurement types corresponding to each assay
- data.filenames - a list with the names of the data files
- samples - a list with the names of the samples
- samples.per.assay.filename - the samples classified according to the assay filename they belong to
- assay.filenames.per.sample - the names of the assay files classified per sample name
- sample.to.rawdatafile - the association between samples and raw data files
- sample.to.assayname - the association between samples and assay names
- rawdatafile.to.sample - the association between raw data files and samples
- assayname.to.sample - the association between assay names and samples

Additionally, the ISA dataset could be compressed in a .zip file. If that is the case, the function `readISAtab` can be used, passing the `zipfile` as parameter. The only condition is that the ISA-Tab files are contained directly into the zip file, i.e. not inside additional folders.

In this case, the parameters for the function `readISAtab` will be:

- zipfile a zip archive containing ISAtab files.
- path the name of the directory in which the files from the zip archive will be extracted. The default is the working directory.
- verbose a boolean indicating to show messages for the different steps, if TRUE, or not to show them, if FALSE

Building xcmsSets for mass spectrometry assays

The function `processAssayXcmsSet` allows to build an xcmsSet (object defined in the xcms package) from the information in an assay file.

The parameters for this function are:

- isa: an ISA object, as retrieved by the function `readISAtab`
- assay.filename the name of the assay file with information about the relevant assay
- ... extra arguments that can be passed down to the xcmsSet function from the xcms package

Using the *faahKO* package as an example, we select the name of assay file, and use the `processAssayXcmsSet` to build a object of type *xcmsSet*:

```
> assay.filename <- faahkoISA["assay.filenames"][1]
> faahkoXset <- processAssayXcmsSet(faahkoISA, assay.filename)
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wt16: 250:27 300:107 350:232 400:347 450:440 500:549 550:712 600:905
wt18: 250:24 300:87 350:200 400:293 450:351 500:426 550:548 600:661
wt19: 250:22 300:65 350:161 400:243 450:293 500:358 550:483 600:561
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Augmenting the ISA-Tab dataset after analysis

The Risa package also provides the functionality to augment the original ISA-Tab dataset with more information after analysis.

The function `updateAssayMetadata` allows to modify the metadata in a particular assay file. The arguments are:

- isa An isatab object, as retrieved by the `readISAtab` function.
- assay.filename the filename of the assay file to be augmented/modified
- col.name the name of the column of the assay file to be modified
- values the values to be added to the column of the assay file: it could be a single value, and in this case the value is repeated across the column, or it could be a list of values (whose length must match the number of rows of the assay file)

To continue with our example using the *faahKO* data package, we will assume that the results of analysis are stored in the file *faahkoDSDF.txt*. Then, we will update the ISA-Tab dataset adding the result file into the 'Derived Spectral Data File' column of the assay file.

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> updateAssayMetadata(faahkoISA, assay.filename,"Derived Spectral Data File","faahkoDSDF.txt" )
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2        lc-ms-2      ./cdf/KO/ko16.CDF           NA                  NA
3        lc-ms-3      ./cdf/KO/ko18.CDF           NA                  NA
4        lc-ms-4      ./cdf/KO/ko19.CDF           NA                  NA
5        lc-ms-5      ./cdf/KO/ko21.CDF           NA                  NA
6        lc-ms-6      ./cdf/KO/ko22.CDF           NA                  NA
7        lc-ms-7      ./cdf/WT/wt15.CDF           NA                  NA
8        lc-ms-8      ./cdf/WT/wt16.CDF           NA                  NA
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Slot "assay.technology.types":
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Slot "assay.measurement.types":
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Slot "data.filenames":
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$`Global metabolite profiling of faah(-/-) mice`
 [1] "KO1" "KO2" "KO3" "KO4" "KO5" "KO6" "WT1" "WT2" "WT3" "WT4" "WT5" "WT6"


Slot "samples.per.assay.filename":
```

```
$a_metabolite.txt
 [1] "KO1" "KO2" "KO3" "KO4" "KO5" "KO6" "WT1" "WT2" "WT3" "WT4" "WT5" "WT6"


Slot "assay.filenames.per.sample":
 [1] "a_metabolite.txt" "a_metabolite.txt" "a_metabolite.txt" "a_metabolite.txt"
 [5] "a_metabolite.txt" "a_metabolite.txt" "a_metabolite.txt" "a_metabolite.txt"
 [9] "a_metabolite.txt" "a_metabolite.txt" "a_metabolite.txt" "a_metabolite.txt"

Slot "sample.to.rawdatafile":
[[1]]
   Sample Name Raw Spectral Data File
1          KO1      ./cdf/KO/ko15.CDF
2          KO2      ./cdf/KO/ko16.CDF
3          KO3      ./cdf/KO/ko18.CDF
4          KO4      ./cdf/KO/ko19.CDF
5          KO5      ./cdf/KO/ko21.CDF
6          KO6      ./cdf/KO/ko22.CDF
7          WT1      ./cdf/WT/wt15.CDF
8          WT2      ./cdf/WT/wt16.CDF
9          WT3      ./cdf/WT/wt18.CDF
10         WT4      ./cdf/WT/wt19.CDF
11         WT5      ./cdf/WT/wt21.CDF
12         WT6      ./cdf/WT/wt22.CDF


Slot "sample.to.assayname":
[[1]]
   Sample Name MS Assay Name
1          KO1       lc-ms-1
2          KO2       lc-ms-2
3          KO3       lc-ms-3
4          KO4       lc-ms-4
5          KO5       lc-ms-5
6          KO6       lc-ms-6
7          WT1       lc-ms-7
8          WT2       lc-ms-8
9          WT3       lc-ms-9
10         WT4      lc-ms-10
11         WT5      lc-ms-11
12         WT6      lc-ms-12


Slot "rawdatafile.to.sample":
[[1]]
   Raw Spectral Data File Sample Name
1       ./cdf/KO/ko15.CDF         KO1
2       ./cdf/KO/ko16.CDF         KO2
3       ./cdf/KO/ko18.CDF         KO3
4       ./cdf/KO/ko19.CDF         KO4
5       ./cdf/KO/ko21.CDF         KO5
6       ./cdf/KO/ko22.CDF         KO6
7       ./cdf/WT/wt15.CDF         WT1
8       ./cdf/WT/wt16.CDF         WT2
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9       ./cdf/WT/wt18.CDF         WT3
10      ./cdf/WT/wt19.CDF         WT4
11      ./cdf/WT/wt21.CDF         WT5
12      ./cdf/WT/wt22.CDF         WT6


Slot "assayname.to.sample":
[[1]]
   MS Assay Name Sample Name
1         lc-ms-1         KO1
2        lc-ms-10         WT4
3        lc-ms-11         WT5
4        lc-ms-12         WT6
5         lc-ms-2         KO2
6         lc-ms-3         KO3
7         lc-ms-4         KO4
8         lc-ms-5         KO5
9         lc-ms-6         KO6
10        lc-ms-7         WT1
11        lc-ms-8         WT2
12        lc-ms-9         WT3
```

For an example for a real use case, please refer to https://github.com/sneumann/mtbls2/.

Writing ISA-Tab datasets

The Risa package offers functions to write the whole ISA-Tab dataset or part of it back to disk. These functions are `write.ISAtab`, `write.investigation.file`, `write.study.file`, `write.assay.file`.

So, after updating the assay file as indicated above, we can save it back to disk, using the following command:

```
> temp = tempdir()
> write.ISAtab(faahkoISA, temp)
> #write.assay.file(faahkoISA, assay.filename, temp)
```

Session Info

```
> toLatex(sessionInfo())
```

- R version 2.15.1 (2012-06-22), `i386-pc-mingw32`
- Locale: `LC_COLLATE=C`, `LC_CTYPE=English_United States.1252`, `LC_MONETARY=English_United States.1252`, `LC_NUMERIC=C`, `LC_TIME=English_United States.1252`
- Base packages: base, datasets, grDevices, graphics, methods, stats, utils
- Other packages: Biobase 2.18.0, BiocGenerics 0.4.0, Rcpp 0.9.14, Risa 1.0.0, faahKO 1.2.11, mzR 1.4.0, xcms 1.34.0
- Loaded via a namespace (and not attached): codetools 0.2-8, tools 2.15.1

Further information

For further information about the ISA software infrastructure, please visit our website http://isa-tools.org.