GEOmetadb

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columnDescriptions *Get column descriptions for the GEOmetadb database*

Description

Searching the GEOmetadb database requires a bit of knowledge about the structure of the database and column descriptions. This function returns those column descriptions for all columns in all tables in the database.

Usage

```
columnDescriptions(sqlite_db_name='GEOmetadb.sqlite')
```

Arguments

sqlite_db_name
                   The filename of the GEOmetadb sqlite database file

Value

A three-column data.frame including TableName, FieldName, and Description.

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References

http://meltzerlab.nci.nih.gov/apps/geo

Examples

```
if(file.exists('GEOmetadb.sqlite')) {
  columnDescriptions()[1:5,]
} else {
  print("You will need to usethe getSQLiteFile() function to get a copy
of the SQLite database file before this example will work")
}
```

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geoConvert   *Cross-reference between GEO data types*

Description

A common task is to find all the GEO entities of one type associated with another GEO entity (eg., find all GEO samples associated with GEO platform 'GPL96'). This function provides a very fast mapping between entity types to facilitate queries of this type.

Usage

```
geoConvert(in_list, out_type = c("gse", "gpl", "gsm", "gds", "smatrix"), sqlite_
```

Arguments

in_list   Character vector of GEO entities to convert from.

out_type   Character vector of GEO entity types to which to convert.

sqlite_db_name

                 The filename of the GEOmetadb sqlite database file

Value

A list of data.frames.

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References

http://meltzerlab.nci.nih.gov/apps/geo, http://gbnci.abcc.ncifcrf.gov/geo/

Examples

```
if(file.exists("GEOmetadb.sqlite")) {
  geoConvert('GPL96',out_type='GSM')
} else {
  print("Run getSQLiteFile() to get a copy of the GEOmetadb SQLite file
and then rerun the example")
}
```

GEOmetadb-package *Query NCBI GEO metadata from a local SQLite database*

Description

The NCBI Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) represents the largest public repository of microarray data. However, finding data of interest can be challenging using current tools. GEOmetadb is an attempt to make access to the metadata associated with samples, platforms, and datasets much more feasible. This is accomplished by parsing all the NCBI GEO metadata into a SQLite database that can be stored and queried locally. GEOmetadb is simply a thin wrapper around the SQLite database along with associated documentation. Finally, the SQLite database is updated regularly as new data is added to GEO and can be downloaded at will for the most up-to-date metadata.

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References

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Examples

```
if(file.exists('GEOmetadb.sqlite')) {
  a <- columnDescriptions()[1:5,]
  b <- geoConvert('GPL97','GSM')
} else {
  print("use getSQLiteFile() to get a copy of the GEOmetadb SQLite file
and then rerun the example")
}
```

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getSQLiteFile *Download and unzip the most recent GEOmetadb SQLite file*

Description

This function is the standard method for downloading and unzipping the most recent GEOmetadb SQLite file from the server.

Usage

```
getSQLiteFile(destdir = getwd(), destfile = "GEOmetadb.sqlite.gz")
```

Arguments

destdir   The destination directory of the downloaded file

destfile   The filename of the downloaded file. This filename should end in ".gz" as the
                unzipping assumes that is the case

Value

Prints some diagnostic information to the screen.

Returns the local filename for use later.

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References

http://meltzerlab.nci.nih.gov/apps/geo, http://gbnci.abcc.ncifcrf.gov/geo/

Examples

```
## Not run: geometadbfile <- getSQLiteFile()
```

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