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Description This package provides users with the ability to query the Human Cell Atlas data repository for single-cell experiment data. The `projects()`, `files()`, `samples()` and `bundles()` functions retrieve summary information on each of these indexes; corresponding `\*\_details()` are available for individual entries of each index. File-based resources can be downloaded using `files\_download()`. Advanced use of the package allows the user to page through large result sets, and to flexibly query the 'list-of-lists' structure representing query responses.

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Single Entity Details

# Description

Single Entity Details

# Usage

```
.details(
  uuid = character(),
  catalog = NULL,
  view = c("projects", "files", "samples", "bundles")
)
```

# Arguments

```
uuid character() unique *_id
catalog character(1) source of data. Use catalogs() for possible values.
view character() type of entity i.e. project, file, sample, or bundle
```

# Value

list-of-lists containing relevant details about the project, file, sample, or bundle

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HCA Bundle Querying

# Description

bundles() takes a list of user provided project titles to be used to query the HCA API for information about available bundles.

bundles\_detail() takes a unique bundle\_id and catalog for the bundle, and returns details about the specified bundle as a list-of-lists

# Usage

```
bundles(
   filters = NULL,
   size = 1000L,
   sort = "projectTitle",
   order = c("asc", "desc"),
   catalog = NULL,
   as = c("tibble", "lol", "list"),
   columns = bundles_default_columns("character")
)
bundles_facets(facet = character(), catalog = NULL)
bundles_default_columns(as = c("tibble", "character"))
bundles_detail(uuid, catalog = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

| filters | filter object created by filters(), or NULL (default; all projects).  |
|---------|---|
| size    | integer(1) maximum number of results to return; default: all projects matching filter. The default (10000) is meant to be large enough to return all results.   |
| sort    | $character (1)\ project\ facet\ (see\ facet\_options ())\ to\ sort\ result;\ default:\ "project\ Title".$   |
| order   | character(1) sort order. One of "asc" (ascending) or "desc" (descending).   |
| catalog | character(1) source of data. Use catalogs() for possible values.  |
| as      | character(1) return format. Default: "tibble", a tibble summarizing essential elements of HCA projects. "lol": a representation of the JSON returned by the query as a 'list-of-lists' data structure, indexed and presented to enable convenient filtering, selection, and extraction. "list" an R list (typically, highly recursive) containing detailed project information, constructed from the JSON response to the original query. |
| columns | named character() indicating the paths to be used for parsing the 'lol' returned from the HCA to a tibble. The names of columns are used as column names in   |

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the returned tibble. If the columns are unnamed, a name is derived from the ele-

ments of path by removing hits[\*] and all [\*], e.g., a path hits[\*].donorOrganisms[\*].biologicalSex[\*]

is given the name donorOrganisms.biologicalSex.

facet character() of valid facet names. Summary results (see 'Value', below) are re-

turned when missing or length greater than 1; details are returned when a single

facet is specified.

uuid character() unique identifier (e.g., projectId) of the object.

#### Value

bundles\_detail() returns a list-of-lists containing relevant details about the bundle

# **Examples**

```
title <- paste(
   "Tabula Muris: Transcriptomic characterization of 20 organs and tissues from Mus musculus",
        "at single cell resolution"
)
filters <- filters( projectTitle = list(is = title) )
bundles(filters = filters)

bundles_facets()

bundles_detail(
        uuid = "0003b020-fd79-4747-94b0-42105f2f941b",
        catalog = "dcp1"
) |> lol() |> lol_filter(is_leaf) |> print(n = Inf)
```

catalogs

Catalogs Available in the HCA

# **Description**

catalogs() queries the API for all available project catalogs

# Usage

```
catalogs()
```

#### Value

character() vector of available catalogs

```
catalogs()
```

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HCA File Querying

# Description

files() takes a list of user provided project titles to be used to query the HCA API for information about available files.

files\_download() takes a tibble of files and a directory location as arguments to download the files of the tibble into the specified directory.

files\_detail() takes a unique file\_id and catalog for the file, and returns details about the specified file as a list-of-lists

files\_cache() is the default location of the cache of downloaded files.

# Usage

```
files(
  filters = NULL,
  size = 1000L,
  sort = "projectTitle",
  order = c("asc", "desc"),
  catalog = NULL,
  as = c("tibble", "lol", "list"),
  columns = files_default_columns("character")
)

files_default_columns(as = c("tibble", "character"))

files_download(tbl, destination = NULL)

files_facets(facet = character(), catalog = NULL)

files_detail(uuid, catalog = NULL)

files_cache(create = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

| filters | filter object created by filters(), or NULL (default; all projects).  |
|---------|---|
| size    | integer(1) maximum number of results to return; default: all projects matching filter. The default (10000) is meant to be large enough to return all results. |
| sort    | $character (1) \ project \ facet \ (see \ facet\_options ()) \ to \ sort \ result; \ default: \ "project Title".$   |
| order   | character(1) sort order. One of "asc" (ascending) or "desc" (descending).   |
| catalog | character(1) source of data. Use catalogs() for possible values.  |

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character(1) return format. Default: "tibble", a tibble summarizing essential as elements of HCA projects. "lol": a representation of the JSON returned by the guery as a 'list-of-lists' data structure, indexed and presented to enable convenient filtering, selection, and extraction. "list" an R list (typically, highly recursive) containing detailed project information, constructed from the JSON response to the original query. columns named character() indicating the paths to be used for parsing the 'lol' returned from the HCA to a tibble. The names of columns are used as column names in the returned tibble. If the columns are unnamed, a name is derived from the elements of path by removing hits[\*] and all [\*], e.g., a path hits[\*].donorOrganisms[\*].biologicalSex[\*] is given the name donorOrganisms.biologicalSex. tbl tibble of files (result of files()) destination character() vector name of temporary directory to use for file downloads, or facet character() of valid facet names. Summary results (see 'Value', below) are returned when missing or length greater than 1; details are returned when a single facet is specified. character() unique identifier (e.g., projectId) of the object. uuid create logical(1) create the default cache location, if it does not yet exist.

#### **Details**

files\_cache() can be useful when it is necessary to 'clean up' the cache, e.g., BiocFileCache::cleanbfc() or more dramatically unlink(files\_cache(), recursive = TRUE).

#### Value

```
files_download() returns a character() vector of file destinations
files_detail() returns a list-of-lists containing relevant details about the file.
files_cache() returns the path to the default cache. Use this as the cache= argument to BiocFileCache().
```

```
title <- paste(
   "Tabula Muris: Transcriptomic characterization of 20 organs and tissues from Mus musculus",
        "at single cell resolution"
)
filters <- filters( projectTitle = list(is = title) )
files(filters = filters)

files_filter <- filters(
    projectId = list(is = "cddab57b-6868-4be4-806f-395ed9dd635a"),
        fileFormat = list(is = "loom")
)
files_tbl <- files(filter = files_filter, catalog = "dcp1")
## Not run: files_download(files_tbl, destination = tempdir())
files_facets()
files_facets("fileFormat")</pre>
```

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```
files_detail(
    uuid = "ee6a75bd-3252-41ee-b253-425bbd377f0c",
    catalog = "dcp1"
)
files_cache(create = FALSE)
```

filters

HCA Filter Construction

# **Description**

filters() takes user input to be used as query filters. Each named argument is a list with a name specifying a verb (e.g., "is") and a character vector of allowed values, as in the examples. This input is then validated, reformatted to JSON, and encoded into a properly formatted URL.

# Usage

```
facet_options()
filters(...)
## S3 method for class 'filters'
length(x)
## S3 method for class 'filters'
print(x, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

named arguments, each of which is a list() specifying a query facet and its corresponding value to be used in the queryfor length() and print(), an object of class filters.

#### Value

facet\_options() returns a vector of all permissible query facets for the HCA api.

filters() returns a filters object representing validated filters in a format suitable for use in projects() and related functions.

```
filters()
filters(
    organ = list(is = "pancreas")
)
```

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```
filters(
    organ = list(is = "pancreas"),
    genusSpecies = list(is = "Homo sapiens")
)

filters(
    fileFormat = list(is = c("fastq", "fastq.gz"))
)
```

hca\_next

Page through HCA results

# **Description**

hca\_next() retrieves the next 'page' of results from a query of projects(), samples(), files(),
or bundles().

hca\_prev() returns the previous 'page' of results.

# Usage

```
hca_next(x)
hca_prev(x)
```

### **Arguments**

x a 'tibble' or 'lol' object returned by projects(), samples(), files(), or bundles().

### Value

```
hca_next() returns the next page of results as a 'tibble' or 'lol' hcl_prev() returns the previous page of results.
```

```
files <- files(size = 5)  # results 1-5, as a tibble

next_files <- hca_next(files)  # results 6-10
next_files

hca_prev(next_files)  # previous results, i.e., files 1-5</pre>
```

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'tibble' reprsentation of HCA query results

# Description

```
projects(), samples(), files() and bundles() return, by default, a 'tibble' representaion of the query.
```

```
`hca_next()` returns the next 'page' of results, if available.
```

hca\_prev() returns the previous 'page' of results.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'tbl_hca'
hca_next(x)

## S3 method for class 'tbl_hca'
hca_prev(x)
```

# **Arguments**

```
x a 'tibble' returned by projects(), samples(), files(), or bundles()
```

#### Value

hca\_next() returns a tibble, with the same columns as x, containing the next 'page' of results.

hca\_prev() returns a tibble with the same columns as x, containing the previous 'page' of results.

```
projects <- projects(size = 5)  # projects 1-5
next_projects <- hca_next(projects) # projects 6-10
hca_prev(next_projects)  # projects 1-5</pre>
```

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1 Representing and manipulating list-of-list data structures.

### **Description**

lol() constructs an indexed representation of an R 'list-of-lists', typically from JSON queries. The object is conveniently manipulated by other functions on this page to filter and select subsets of the structure, and to pull individual paths from across the list-of-lists.

lol\_filter() filters available paths based on selections in ..., e.g., n (number of matching elements) or is\_leaf (is the element a 'leaf' in the list-of-lists representation?).

lol\_lpull() returns a list containing elements corresponding to a single path.

lol\_pull() tries to simplify the list-of-lists structure returned by lol\_lpull() to a vector.

lol\_path() returns a tibble representing the paths through the list-of-lists, without the underlying list-of-list data.

as.list() returns a list-of-lists representation of the data returned by projects(), etc.

hca\_next() returns the next 'page' of results, if available.

hca\_prev() returns the previous 'page' of results.

lol\_hits\_lpull() and lol\_hits\_pull() are variants of lol\_lpull() and lol\_pull() that retain the original geometry of hits[\*], even when the mapping between hits[\*] and path is not 1:1.

# Usage

```
lol(x = list())

lol_select(x, path = character())

lol_filter(x, ...)

lol_lpull(x, path)

lol_pull(x, path)

lol_path(x)

## S3 method for class 'lol'
as.list(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'lol'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'lol_hca'
hca_next(x)
## S3 method for class 'lol_hca'
```

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```
hca_prev(x)
lol_hits_lpull(x, path)
lol_hits_pull(x, path)
```

# Arguments

```
    a 'list-of-lists' returned by projects(), samples(), files(), or bundles()
    path character(1) from the tibble returned by lol_path(x).
    for lol_filter(), named filter expressions evaluating to a logical vector with length equal to the number of rows in lol_path().
```

#### Value

lol() returns a representation of the list-of-lists. The list has been processed to a dictionary with entries to all paths through the list, as well as a tibble summarizing the path, number of occurrences, and leaf status of each unique path.

lol\_select() returns an object of class "lol" subset to contain just the elements matching path as 'top-level' elements of the list-of-lists.

lol\_filter() returns an object of class lol, filtered to contain elements consistent with the filter criteria.

lol\_lpull() returns a list, where each element corresponds to an element found at path in the list-of-lists structure x.

lol\_pull() returns an unnamed vector of elements matching key.

hca\_next() returns a list-of-lists containing the next 'page' of results.

hca\_prev() returns a tibble with the same columns as x, containing the previous 'page' of results.

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# projects 1-5

```
hca_prev(next_projects)
```

projects HCA Project Querying

### **Description**

projects() takes user input to be used to query the HCA API for information about available projects.

projects\_facets() summarizes facets and terms used by all records in the projects index.
\*\_columns() returns a tibble or named character vector describing the content of the tibble returned by projects(), files(), samples(), or bundles().

projects\_detail() takes a unique project\_id and catalog for the project, and returns details about
the specified project as a list-of-lists

# Usage

```
projects(
   filters = NULL,
   size = 1000L,
   sort = "projectTitle",
   order = c("asc", "desc"),
   catalog = NULL,
   as = c("tibble", "lol", "list"),
   columns = projects_default_columns("character")
)

projects_facets(facet = character(), catalog = NULL)

projects_default_columns(as = c("tibble", "character"))

projects_detail(uuid, catalog = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

| filters | filter object created by filters(), or NULL (default; all projects).  |
|---------|---|
| size    | integer(1) maximum number of results to return; default: all projects matching filter. The default (10000) is meant to be large enough to return all results. |
| sort    | $character (1)\ project\ facet\ (see\ facet\_options())\ to\ sort\ result;\ default:\ "project\ Title".$  |
| order   | character(1) sort order. One of "asc" (ascending) or "desc" (descending).   |
| catalog | character(1) source of data. Use catalogs() for possible values.  |

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character(1) return format. Default: "tibble", a tibble summarizing essential elements of HCA projects. "lol": a representation of the JSON returned by the query as a 'list-of-lists' data structure, indexed and presented to enable convenient filtering, selection, and extraction. "list" an R list (typically, highly recursive) containing detailed project information, constructed from the JSON response to the original query.

columns named character() indicating the paths to be used for parsing the 'lol' returned

from the HCA to a tibble. The names of columns are used as column names in the returned tibble. If the columns are unnamed, a name is derived from the ele-

ments of path by removing hits[\*] and all [\*], e.g., a path hits[\*].donorOrganisms[\*].biologicalSex[\*]

is given the name donorOrganisms.biologicalSex.

facet character() of valid facet names. Summary results (see 'Value', below) are re-

turned when missing or length greater than 1; details are returned when a single

facet is specified.

uuid character() unique identifier (e.g., projectId) of the object.

#### Value

When as = "tibble", projects() returns a tibble with each row representing an HCA project, and columns summarizing the project. Each .hit is a single result; a result may contain several projects, as indexed by .project.

When `as = "lol"`, `projects()` returns a list-of-lists data structure representing detailed information on each project ('hit').

When `as = "list"`, `projects()` returns an R list, typically containing other lists or atomic vectors, representing detailed information on each project.

projects\_facets() invoked with no facet= argument returns a tibble summarizing terms available as projects() return values, and for use in filters. The tibble contains columns

- `facet`: the name of the facet.
- `n\_terms`: the number of distinct values the facet can take.
- `n\_values`: the number of occurrences of the facet term in the entire catalog.

`projects\_facets()` invoked with a scalar value for `facet=` returns a tibble summarizing terms used in the facet, and the number of occurrences of the term in the entire catalog.

\*\_columns() returns a tibble with column name containing the column name used in the tibble returned by projects(), files(), samples(), or bundles(), and path the path (see lol\_hits()) to the data in the list-of-lists by the same functions when as = "lol". When as = "character", the return value is a named list with paths as elements and abbreviations as names.

list-of-lists containing relevant details about the project.

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#### See Also

lol() and other  $lol_*()$  functions for working with the list-of-list data structure returned when as = " $lol_*$ ".

# **Examples**

```
projects(filters())
projects_facets()
projects_facets("genusSpecies")

projects_default_columns()

projects_detail(
    uuid = "4a95101c-9ffc-4f30-a809-f04518a23803",
    catalog = "dcp1"
)
```

samples

HCA Sample Querying

# **Description**

samples() takes a list of user provided project titles to be used to query the HCA API for information about available samples.

samples\_detail() takes a unique sample\_id and catalog for the sample, and returns details about the specified sample as a list-of-lists

# Usage

```
samples(
  filters = NULL,
  size = 1000L,
  sort = "projectTitle",
  order = c("asc", "desc"),
  catalog = NULL,
  as = c("tibble", "lol", "list"),
  columns = samples_default_columns("character")
)

samples_facets(facet = character(), catalog = NULL)

samples_default_columns(as = c("tibble", "character"))

samples_detail(uuid, catalog = NULL)
```

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#### **Arguments**

| filters | filter object created by filters(), or NULL (default; all projects).  |
|---------|---|
| size    | integer(1) maximum number of results to return; default: all projects matching filter. The default (10000) is meant to be large enough to return all results.   |
| sort    | $character (1)\ project\ facet\ (see\ facet\_options())\ to\ sort\ result;\ default:\ "projectTitle".$  |
| order   | character(1) sort order. One of "asc" (ascending) or "desc" (descending).   |
| catalog | character(1) source of data. Use catalogs() for possible values.  |
| as      | character(1) return format. Default: "tibble", a tibble summarizing essential elements of HCA projects. "lol": a representation of the JSON returned by the query as a 'list-of-lists' data structure, indexed and presented to enable convenient filtering, selection, and extraction. "list" an R list (typically, highly recursive) containing detailed project information, constructed from the JSON response to the original query. |
| columns | named character() indicating the paths to be used for parsing the 'lol' returned from the HCA to a tibble. The names of columns are used as column names in the returned tibble. If the columns are unnamed, a name is derived from the elements of path by removing hits[*] and all [*], e.g., a path hits[*].donorOrganisms[*].biologicalSex[*] is given the name donorOrganisms.biologicalSex.   |
| facet   | character() of valid facet names. Summary results (see 'Value', below) are returned when missing or length greater than 1; details are returned when a single facet is specified.   |
| uuid    | character() unique identifier (e.g., projectId) of the object.  |

# Value

samples\_detail() returns a list-of-lists containing relevant details about the sample

```
title <- paste(
    "Tabula Muris: Transcriptomic characterization of 20 organs and tissues",
    "from Mus musculus at single cell resolution"
)
filters <- filters( projectTitle = list(is = title) )
samples(filters = filters)

samples_facets()

samples_detail(
    uuid = "46b58d7b-7143-4c0a-88f3-73d0409eb453",
    catalog = "dcp1"
)</pre>
```

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summary

Repository summary statistics

# **Description**

summary() provides numerical summaries of catalog content

# Usage

```
summary(
  filters = NULL,
  type = c("overview", "fileTypeSummaries", "cellCountSummaries", "organTypes", "list"),
  catalog = NULL
)
```

# Arguments

filters filter object created by filters(), or NULL (default; all projects).

type character(1) type of summary to return. Possible values include "overview",

"fileTypeSummaries", "cellCountSummaries", "organType", and a "list" off all

summary statistics.

catalog character(1) source of data. Use catalogs() for possible values.

# Value

```
summary() returns a tibble or (for type = "list") a list-of-lists of summary statistics.
```

```
summary()

filter <- filters(
    organ = list(is = c("brain", "heart")),
    genusSpecies = list(is = "Homo sapiens")
)
summary(filter)
summary(filter, "fileTypeSummaries")
summary(filter, "cellCountSummaries")</pre>
```

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