

# Package ‘epivizr’

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**Title** R Interface to epiviz web app

**Description** This package provides Websocket communication to the epiviz web app (<http://epiviz.cbcb.umd.edu>) for interactive visualization of genomic data. Objects in R/bioc interactive sessions can be displayed in genome browser tracks or plots to be explored by navigation through genomic regions. Fundamental Bioconductor data structures are supported (e.g., GenomicRanges and SummarizedExperiment objects), while providing an easy mechanism to support other data structures. Visualizations (using d3.js) can be easily added to the web app as well.

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EpivizBlockData-class *'EpivizBlockData' objects*

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### Description

Data displayed only as genomic regions (no quantitative data)

### Details

This class extends [EpivizTrackData-class](#). Like its super-class, the data containing object is constrained to be of class [GIntervalTree](#). Its `columns` field is constrained to be `NULL`.

### Methods

`plot()`: Calls the `blockChart` method of [EpivizDeviceMgr-class](#).

`getMeasurements()`: Returns a list describing data encapsulated by this object.

`parseMeasurement(msId=NULL)`: Checks `msId==id`.

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EpivizBpData-class     *'EpivizBpData' objects*

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**Description**

Base-pair resolution quantitative data.

**Details**

This class extends [EpivizTrackData-class](#) directly. As such, its object field is constrained to contain a [GIntervalTree](#) object. Quantitative data for each genomic position is assumed to be stored in the elementMetadata slot of object.

**Methods**

.checkColumns(columns): Checks argument columns is a subset of names(mcols(object)).

.getColumns(): Returns names(mcols(object)).

plot(): Calls the lineChart method of [EpivizDeviceMgr-class](#) with columns as argument.

getMeasurements(): Returns a list describing data encapsulated by this object.

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EpivizChart-class     *'EpivizChart' objects*

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**Description**

Encapsulate information about charts added to web app.

**Fields**

measurements: List describing measurements displayed in chart.

id: (character) id assigned by session manager to chart. Use getId method to get id.

mgr: ([EpivizDeviceMgr](#)) session manager object.

inDevice: (logical) TRUE if chart is defined within an [EpivizDevice-class](#) object.

type: (character) chart type.

**Methods**

setId(id):set id. Internal use only.  
 getId():get id.  
 setInDevice(x):set inDevice field. Internal use only.

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EpivizData-class      *'EpivizData' objects*

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**Description**

This class serves as the basis for the epiviz data container class hierarchy.

**Details**

Objects of classes derived from this class define measurements in the measurement/chart design behind epiviz. Subclasses extended from this class correspond to specific data types, and are responsible for packaging data for display in the epiviz web app. In principle, each subclass corresponds to a data type in the epiviz JS framework. Use the listTypes method of [EpivizDeviceMgr-class](#) to see the R-JS class correspondence. This virtual class implements common functionality for subclass objects. Objects in this class hierarchy are created using link{register-methods}.

**Fields**

**object:** The data containing object  
**mgr:** The epiviz session manager (object of class [EpivizDeviceMgr-class](#))  
**inDevice:** (logical) TRUE if object defined in a [EpivizDevice-class](#) object.  
**id:** (character) the measurement object id determined by the session manager. Use getId method to get this field.  
**name:** (character) the measurement object name. Measurements declared by the object are given names derived from this field. Use getName method to get this field.  
**columns:** (character vector) the names of the columns containing measurements encapsulated by this object.  
**ylim:** (numeric matrix) data range for measurements encapsulated by this object. These are passed to the web app to determine plot ranges.  
**curQuery:** (GRanges object) last query made to this object.  
**curHits:** (integer) indexes returned by last query to this object.

## Methods

Below, methods tagged as 'VIRTUAL' must be implemented by subclasses.

`.checkColumns(columns)`: Check if argument `columns` is valid for data object. 'VIRTUAL'.

`.getColumns()`: Infer a valid set of `columns` from data object. 'VIRTUAL'.

`.checkLimits(yLim)`: Check if argument `yLim` is valid for data object. 'VIRTUAL'.

`.getLimits()`: Infer a valid set of `yLim` from data object. 'VIRTUAL'.

`update(newObject, sendRequest=TRUE)`: updates data object to argument `newObject`. This method checks that the classes of `newObject` and the current object are the same, that the `columns` field is valid for `newObject` and updates the `yLim` field using the `.getLimits` method. If `sendRequest==TRUE` the web app is refreshed to reflect the data in `newObject`.

`getId()`: Get the object's id.

`setId(id)`: Set the object's id. For internal use only.

`getName()`: Get the object's name.

`setName(name)`: Set the object's name. For internal use only.

`setLimits(yLim)`: Set the object's `yLim` field. Argument is checked using the `.checkLimits` method.

`getMeasurements()`: Get the object's encapsulated measurements in format appropriate for web app. VIRTUAL, for internal use only.

`parseMeasurement(msId=NULL)`: Parse measurement id `msId` to extract object id and column. VIRTUAL, for internal use only.

`setMgr()`: Set the associated session manager. For internal use only.

`setInDevice(x)`: Set the `inDevice` field to `x`. For internal use only.

`plot()`: Plot data in this object. VIRTUAL.

`getRows(query, metadata)`: Get rows overlapping query, a `GenomicRanges` object. `metadata`: list of metadata columns; metadata values returned for each row.

`getValues(query, measurement)`: Get measurement values for rows overlapping query, a `GenomicRanges` object.

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EpivizDataCache-class *Virtual class for data cache used by Epiviz.*

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## Description

Manage data cache from external resources (e.g., BigWig files) for use by epiviz queries.

## Details

Manage data cache from external resources (e.g., BigWig files) for use by epiviz queries.

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EpivizDevice-class     *'EpivizDevice' objects*

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**Description**

Encapsulate both measurement and chart for display in epiviz web app

**Details**

This provides a convenience interface to the measurement/chart interface. All measurements for a given object are encapsulated in an [EpivizData-class](#) object, and its plot method is called to create an [EpivizChart-class](#) object.

**Fields**

msObject: ([EpivizData-class](#)) object encapsulating measurements.

chartObject: ([EpivizChart-class](#)) object encapsulating a chart.

id: (character) device id set by session manager. Use getId method to get id.

**Methods**

getMsObject(): Return msObject.

getChartObject(): Return chartObject.

getMsId(): Return id of msObject.

getChartId(): Return id of chartObject.

setId(id): Set device id. For internal use only.

getId(): Return device object id.

update(newObject, sendRequest=TRUE): Update data object in msObject. Calls the update method of msObject.

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EpivizDeviceMgr-class 'EpivizDeviceMgr' objects

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## Description

This class manages interactive visualization connections to the epiviz web app. It provides a mechanism to add measurements (from objects in the R/bioc workspace), charts (plots and tracks in the web app) or devices (a one-step combination of measurements and charts). It also provides navigation and other interactive functions. Setters and getters are defined for the pertinent fields, which should not be accessed directly. Objects of this class are usually created using the [startEpiviz](#) function.

## Details

The most important aspect of interactive connections to the epiviz web app is the ability to add tracks and plots displaying data from an R/bioc session. This class is designed so that data and display are distinct, the former represented by measurements encapsulated in [EpivizData-class](#) objects, the latter by charts encapsulated by [EpivizChart-class](#) objects.

For a user to visualize data stored in an object that can be referenced by genomic location, e.g., a [GRanges](#) or [SummarizedExperiment](#) objects, they must first indicate to the session manager which measurements are provided by this object using the `addMeasurements` method. This creates an object derived from class [EpivizData-class](#) (using `register-methods`) which wraps the data object so that efficient overlap queries are performed (using [GIntervalTree](#) objects) and adds the set of measurements provided to the web app. This allows users to create charts displaying data from this object either by using the `addChart` method or the web app UI itself. See section 'Measurement management methods' below for more information.

Once measurements have been declared, users can use the `addChart` method to visualize them in one or more different plot types (see section 'Chart types' below). Objects from classes derived from [EpivizData-class](#) have `plot` methods that use reasonable default chart types. See section 'Chart management methods' below for more information.

We also provide a 'device' interface to simplify the steps above. Users can call the `addDevice` method, passing a data object to be visualized and a chart is added with the default visualization for the object. The same mechanism above is used, so both a [EpivizData-class](#) and [EpivizChart-class](#) objects are added to the session manager. See section 'Device management methods' below for more information.

## Fields

`url`: The url used to connect to the epiviz web app

`msList`: List of added measurements (objects of classes that inherit from [EpivizData-class](#))

`typeMap`: List of currently available measurements types

`msIdCounter`: Used internally to manage `msList`

`chartList`: List of currently added charts (objects of class [EpivizChart-class](#))

`chartIdCounter`: Used internally to manage `chartList`

**activeId:** Id of currently active chart (not used)  
**chartIdMap:** Character vector of chart ids assigned by the web app. Vector names are chart ids set by the session manager  
**deviceList:** List of currently added devices (objects of class [EpivizDevice-class](#))  
**deviceIdCounts:** Used internally to manage deviceList  
**server:** Object of class [EpivizServer-class](#) encapsulating the websocket connection to app  
**verbose:** Log to console on requests received  
**nonInteractive:** Run in non-interactive mode, for internal development use only  
**callbackArray:** Object of class [IndexedArray-class](#) containing request callback functions

### Utility methods

**bindToServer():** Call the bindManager function of the server object passing this object as argument.  
**isClosed():** Returns TRUE if connection to app is closed.  
**openBrowser(url=NULL):** Open browser for epiviz web app, if argument url is NULL (the default), the url field is used.  
**service():** Service requests from app (this call blocks the R/interactive session until loop is escaped)  
**stopService():** Stop the service loop  
**startServer():** Start the websocket connection server  
**stopServer():** Stops the websocket connection server. Also removes all currently added devices, charts and measurements from web app.

### Seqinfo methods

**addSeqinfo(x):** Add sequence space (e.g., chromosome) information to the web app. x should be a [Seqinfo-class](#) object, or a named integer (or numeric) vector.  
**rmSeqinfo(seqnames):** Remove sequence spaces (e.g., chromosome) information from the web app. seqnames should be a character vector containing chromosome names.

### Navigation methods

**refresh():** NOT SUPPORTED YET  
**navigate(chr, start, end):** Navigate in web app to give genomic region  
**slideshow(granges, n=length(granges)):** Navigate in web app to the first n regions in [GenomicRanges-class](#) object granges in succession.

### Measurement management methods

**addMeasurements(obj, msName, sendRequest=TRUE, ...):** Add measurements in obj, calls the [register-methods](#) on obj passing extra arguments in .... Measurements are given names derived from msName. Measurements are added to the web app itself if sendRequest==TRUE (the default). This method adds a measurement object of class [EpivizData-class](#), returned by the [register-methods](#) to the mList field. Measurement ids are generated automatically using msIdCounter and are returned by this method.



`.clearDatasourceGroupCache(msObj, sendRequest=!nonInteractive)`: Clears data caches in web app using any of the measurements defined by `msObj` of class ([EpivizData-class](#)). Only affects web app if `sendRequest==TRUE`. This method is for internal use only.

`updateMeasurements(oldObject, newObject, sendRequest=TRUE)`: Update the data object wrapped in [EpivizData-class](#) object `oldObject` to `newObject`. The class of `newObject` depends on the type of data, but is checked for correctness, i.e., the the classes of the new and current data objects are the same. Argument `oldObject` can be a [EpivizData-class](#) object already added to the session, or a character containing the id of an object. Ids are returned by the `addMeasurements` method.

`.getMsObject(msObjId)`: Get the [EpivizData-class](#) object corresponding the the id `msObjId`. This method is for internal use only.

`rmMeasurements(msObj)`: Remove measurements stored in [EpivizData-class](#) object `msObj`. The `msObj` argument can be an [EpivizData-class](#) object added to the session manager, or the id of such an object.

`rmAllMeasurements()`: Remove all measurements added to the session manager.

`listMeasurements()`: List measurements added to the session manager.

`getMeasurements()`: Returns list of currently added measurements in format required by web app. This method is for internal use only.

`getMeasurementType(x)`: Returns type of measurement object `x` of class [EpivizData-class](#).

### Data fetch methods

`getRows(chr, start, end, metadata, datasource)`: Get genomic location and metadata for rows in given datasource that overlap the region defined by `chr`, `start` and `end`.

`getValues(chr, start, end, datasource, measurement)`: Get data values for column measurement for rows in datasource that overlap the region defined by `chr`, `start` and `end`.

### Chart management methods

`addChart(chartObject, sendRequest=TRUE, ...)`: Adds chart specified by `chartObject` of class [EpivizChart-class](#) to the session manager. The chart is added to the web app if `sendRequest==TRUE` (the default). The `chartObject` is inserted to the `chartList` field. Chart ids are generated automatically using `chartIdCounter` and are returned by this method.

`.getChartObject(chartId)`: Returns the [EpivizChart-class](#) object corresponding to id `chartId`.

`rmChart(chartObj)`: Remove chart corresponding to `chartObj`. Argument `chartObj` can be an object of class [EpivizChart-class](#) or the character id of such an object.

`rmAllCharts()`: Remove all charts currently in the session manager.

`listCharts()`: List all charts currently added to session manager.

### Chart types

`blockChart(ms, ...)`: Used to display data in [GenomicRanges](#) objects as genomic regions using rectangles in a browser track. `ms` is a list of lists, each component describing a measurement provided by an object of class [EpivizBlockData-class](#). They can be obtained using the `getMeasurements` method in the [EpivizBlockData-class](#). `plot` method for [EpivizBlockData-class](#) calls this method.

`lineChart(ms, ...)`: Used to display continuous data at base-pair level as a line plot in a browser track. `ms` is a list of lists, each component describing a measurement provided by objects of class [EpivizBpData-class](#). They can be obtained using the `getMeasurements` method in the [EpivizBlockData-class](#). The `plot` method for [EpivizBpData-class](#) calls this method.

`scatterChart(x, y, ...)`: Used to display genomic feature data in [SummarizedExperiment](#) objects as a scatter plot. `x` and `y` are lists for measurements provided by objects of class [EpivizFeatureData-class](#). They can be obtained using the `getMeasurements` method in the [EpivizFeatureData-class](#). The `plot` method for [EpivizFeatureData-class](#) calls this method.

`heatmapChart(ms, ...)`: Used to display genomic feature data in [SummarizedExperiment](#) objects as a heatmap. `ms` is a list of lists, each component describing a measurement provided by an object of class [EpivizFeatureData-class](#). They can be obtained using the `getMeasurements` method in the [EpivizFeatureData-class](#).

`genesChart(ms, ...)`: Used to display a gene annotation track. `ms` is a list containing a single entry: a list describing data provided by an object of class [EpivizGeneInfoData-class](#). This list can be obtained using the `getMeasurements` method in the [EpivizGeneInfoData-class](#).

### Device management methods

`addDevice(obj, devName, sendRequest=TRUE, ...)`: Adds device for object `obj`. This method calls the `addMeasurements` method on `obj` and calls the `plot` method of the resulting [EpivizData-class](#) object. Measurements and charts added by this called are given names derived from `devName`. Arguments to `addMeasurement` and the `plot`-methods call can be given in `...`. Device ids are generated automatically using `devIdCounter` and are returned by this function. An object of class [EpivizDevice-class](#) is created and inserted into `devList`.

`rmDevice(devObj)`: Remove the device corresponding to `devObj`: an object of class [EpivizDevice-class](#) or the id for such an object. This removes the corresponding chart and measurement objects from the session manager.

`rmAllDevices()`: Remove all devices added to the session manager.

`updateDevice(oldObject, newObject, sendRequest=TRUE, ...)`: Update the data object wrapped in [EpivizDevice-class](#) object `oldObject` to `newObject`. The class of `newObject` depends on the type of data, but is checked for correctness, i.e., the the classes of the new and current data objects are the same. Argument `oldObject` can be a [EpivizDevice-class](#) object already added to the session, or a character containing the id of an object. Ids are returned by the `addDevice` method.

`listDevices()`: List all devices added to the session manager.

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### See Also

[startEpiviz](#) [EpivizData-class](#) [EpivizChart-class](#) [EpivizDevice-class](#) [GenomicRanges-class](#) [EpivizServer-class](#) [register-methods](#) [IndexedArray-class](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
require(epivizData)
data(tcga_colon_example)

mgr <- startEpiviz(openBrowser=interactive())

# using the device interface
blockDev <- mgr$addDevice(colon_blocks, "blocks_test", type="block")

# using the measurement/chart interface
# add measurements
blockMs <- mgr$addMeasurements(colon_blocks, "blocks_test2", type="block")

# add chart
blockChart <- mgr$blockChart(blockMs$getMeasurements()[1])

# using plot methods
blockChart2 <- blockMs$plot()

# list devices
mgr$listDevices()

# list measurements
mgr$listMeasurements()

# list charts
mgr$listCharts()

# remove a chart
mgr$rmChart(blockChart2)

# navigate to genomic region
mgr$navigate("chr2", 10000000, 30000000)
mgr$stopServer()

## End(Not run)
```

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EpivizFeatureData-class

*'EpivizFeatureData' objects*

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**Description**

Encapsulate data for genomic features

**Details**

The object field is constrained to be [SummarizedExperiment](#). Data is obtained from columns of a determined assay. Measurement names are checked against the row names of the colData slot.

The rowData is assumed to be a [GIntervalTree](#) object, its mcols must contain columns PROBEID and SYMBOL.

### Fields

assay: (integer or character) indicating assay from which data is obtained

### Methods

.checkColumns(columns): Checks columns are a subset of names(colData(object)).

.getColumns(): Returns names(colData(object)).

plot(): Calls the scatterPlot method of [EpivizDeviceMgr-class](#) with the first measurements in columns as x and y.

getMeasurements(): Returns list describing data encapsulated in this object.

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EpivizGeneInfoData-class

*'EpivizGeneInfoData' objects*

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### Description

Encapsulate gene annotation

### Details

This class extends [EpivizTrackData-class](#). Like its super-class, the data containing object is constrained to be of class [GIntervalTree](#). Ranges contained in the object correspond to the genomic interval spanning all annotated exons for the gene. Columns Gene and Exons are assumed to be part of the elementMetadata of the data containing object. Column Gene (character) is used as gene names in the UI, column Exons (IRangesList) is used to annotate exon start and ends.

### Methods

plot(): Calls the genesChart method of [EpivizDeviceMgr-class](#).

getMeasurements(): Returns a list describing data encapsulated by this object.

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EpivizServer-class      *EpivizServer objects*

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## Description

This class encapsulates the websocket connection between the R/bioc session and the epiviz web app.

## Details

Epiviz uses websockets to connect R/bioc sessions to the epiviz web app. Objects of this class encapsulates websocket objects defined in the [httpuv](#) package. The Epiviz session manager defined in class [EpivizDeviceMgr](#) calls methods in this class to send requests to the web app or to respond to requests. Can also be executed in standalone mode, serving the epiviz web app JS through the [httpuv](#) server.

## Fields

**port:** Port for websocket connection (default 7312)  
**websocket:** A [WebSocket](#) object from the [httpuv](#) package  
**server:** Internal use only: A server object from the [httpuv](#) package, set by the [startServer](#) method  
**interrupted:** Internal use only: has an interrupt been issued  
**socketConnected:** Internal use only: is the websocket connected  
**msgCallback:** Internal use only: callback functions on websocket or http requests. Created using [shiny:::HandlerManager](#)  
**requestQueue:** Internal use only: Queue for unsent requests  
**tryPorts:** Internal use only: Try more ports when opening websocket server if port requested by user is in use.  
**daemonized:** Internal use only: is it running in daemonized mode  
**standalone:** Internal use only: is it running in standalone mode

## Methods

**startServer(...):** Sets up the server and websocket objects from [httpuv](#) package. Specifically, it sets the `server` field by calling [startServer](#) passing port and a set of callbacks, including a `onWSOpen` callback that sets the `websocket` field and sets the `msgCallback` method as the `websocket$onMessage` callback. In standalone mode, it also creates a callback for http requests.

**stopServer():** Stops the websocket server, calling [stopServer](#).

**service():** A blocking (if not running daemonized) loop for the websocket to listen and serve requests. Calls [service](#).

**stopService():** Signals an interrupt so the service loop is stopped.

`runServer()`: A convenience function that runs `startServer` and `service`. `stopServer` is called on exit.

`isClosed()`: Returns TRUE if server connection is closed

`bindManager(mgr)`: Sets the `msgCallback` on websocket message callback. It calls methods from argument `mgr`, usually an object of class [EpivizDeviceMgr](#). Methods currently called from `mgr` are: `getMeasurements`, `getRows`, `getValues`, `getSeqInfos` and `getAllData`. The latter is used only in testing.

`sendRequest(request)`: Converts argument `request` to JSON and pushes it to the `requestQueue`.

`popRequest()`: Pop a request from `requestQueue` and send to web app.

`emptyRequestQueue()`: Empties request queue.

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**See Also**

[EpivizDeviceMgr-class](#), [EpivizChart-class](#), [httpuv](#), [startServer](#), [service](#), [WebSocket](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
mgr <- list(getData=function(measurements, chr, start, end) {
  return(chr)
},
  verbose=TRUE)

server <- epivizr::EpivizServer$new(port=7123L)
server$bindManager(mgr)
server$startServer()

browseURL("http://localhost:7123/")
tryCatch(server$service(), interrupt=function(int) invisible())

## End(Not run)
```

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EpivizTrackData-class *'EpivizTrackData' objects*

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**Description**

Data container for data displayed in tracks

**Details**

This class extends `EpivizData-class` directly. The data containing object is constrained to be of class [GIntervalTree](#).

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EpivizWigCache-class    *Cache for BigWig files*

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**Description**

Manages a data cache for external BigWig files.

**Details**

Manages a data cache for external BigWig files.

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EpivizWigData-class    *Container for data read from external BigWig files*

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**Description**

Container for data read from external BigWig files

**Details**

Container for data read from external BigWig files

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IndexedArray-class     *Indexed array*

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### Description

This class is used by [EpivizDeviceMgr-class](#) objects to store requests callbacks.

### Fields

nextId Next integer id to return when item is appended  
items Stored items

### Methods

append(item): Append item to array, returns id of appended item  
get(id): Return item with given id  
empty(): Empty the array

### Author(s)

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### See Also

[EpivizDeviceMgr-class](#)

### Examples

```
array <- epivizr:::IndexedArray$new()
aId <- array$append("a")
array$get(aId)
```

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makeGeneTrackAnnotation

*Create a gene annotation object to use as gene track on the epiviz UI.*

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### Description

Given an OrganismDb object, it creates a GRanges object in the required format to use with the epiviz UI. This allows users to create custom genome browsers from their Bioconductor environment.

### Usage

```
makeGeneTrackAnnotation(object, kind = c("gene", "tx"), keepSeqlevels = NULL)
```



**Arguments**

`object` An object of class `OrganismDb`.

`kind` return a "gene" or "transcript" annotation. Only gene annotations are currently supported.

`keepSeqlevels` a list of seqnames to retain in the gene annotation. See [keepSeqlevels](#).

**Details**

This function creates a `GRanges` object that can be used by the `addDevice` method in class `EpivizDeviceMgr` to add a genes track to an epiviz UI.

**Value**

An object of class `GRanges`, with one row per gene. It includes columns `Gene` with gene symbol, and `Exons` including exon start and ends. The latter is of class `IRangesList`.

**Author(s)**

Hector Corrada Bravo

**See Also**

[startStandalone](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(Mus.musculus)
gr <- makeGeneTrackAnnotation(Mus.musculus, keepSeqlevels=paste0("chr", c(1:19, "X", "Y")))
mgr <- startEpiviz()
mgr$addSeqinfo(seqinfo(gr))
mgr$addDevice(gr, "mm10", type="geneInfo")

## End(Not run)
```

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Queue-class

*A Queue*

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**Description**

A first-in-first-out data structure. Used by [EpivizServer-class](#) objects to queue requests.

**Fields**

`items` Items stored in queue

**Methods**

`push(item)`: Push item into queue  
`pop()`: Pop item on top of queue  
`peek()`: Return but not pop item on top of queue.  
`empty()`: Empty the queue

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[EpivizServer-class](#)

**Examples**

```
theQ <- epivizr:::Queue$new()
theQ$push("a")
theQ$pop()
```

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register-methods

*Encapsulate data object in Epiviz*

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**Description**

This method encapsulates data objects in R/bioc to be used for interactive visualization. It converts [GenomicRanges](#) objects to [GIntervalTree](#) objects when appropriate. It returns objects from the [EpivizData-class](#) hierarchy.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'GenomicRanges'
register(object, columns=NULL, type=c("block", "bp", "geneInfo"), ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SummarizedExperiment'
register(object, columns=NULL, assay=1)
## S4 method for signature 'ExpressionSet'
register(object, columns=NULL, annotation=NULL)
## S4 method for signature 'OrganismDb'
register(object, kind=c("gene", "tx"), keepSeqlevels=NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	data object to encapsulate
columns	columns in object to use. All columns are used if NULL
type	for <a href="#">GenomicRanges</a> objects, use block representation, base-pair level quantitative representation, or gene annotation (see below)
assay	for <a href="#">SummarizedExperiment</a> and <a href="#">ExpressionSet</a> objects, determine which assay to use
annotation	for <a href="#">ExpressionSet</a> objects, determine the annotation to use to obtain feature genomic coordinates. If NULL, then <code>annotation(object)</code> is used
kind	for <a href="#">OrganismDb</a> objects, return a "gene" or "transcript" annotation. Only gene annotations are currently supported.
keepSeqlevels	for <a href="#">OrganismDb</a> objects, a list of seqnames to retain in the gene annotation. See <a href="#">keepSeqlevels</a> .
...	arguments passed to <a href="#">EpivizData-class</a> subclasses constructors

**Details**

This function converts [GenomicRanges](#) objects to [GIntervalTree](#) objects when appropriate. For example, the `rowData` slot in [SummarizedExperiment](#) objects. Genomic coordinates for features in [ExpressionSet](#) objects are obtained used the [AnnotationDb](#) interface from the provided annotation.

Gene Annotations: Gene annotations can be provided through [GenomicRanges](#) (using `type="geneInfo"`) or [OrganismDb](#) objects. For the latter, we assume a `Gene` (character) column is available containing gene names, and a `Exons` ([IRangesList](#)) column is available. Annotations using [GRangesList](#) objects will be supported in the near future.

**Value**

Returns objects from the [EpivizData-class](#) hierarchy depending on the provided object. When object is a [GenomicRanges](#) object and `type=="block"`, a [EpivizBlockData-class](#) object is returned; a [EpivizBpData-class](#) object is returned if `type=="bp"`. For [SummarizedExperiment](#) and [ExpressionSet](#) objects, a [EpivizFeatureData-class](#) object is returned. For [SummarizedExperiment](#) objects, columns `SYMBOL` and `PROBEID` are assumed to be present in `mcols(rowData(object))`.

**Author(s)**

Hector Corrada Bravo

**See Also**

[EpivizData-class](#) and subclasses, [EpivizDeviceMgr-class](#), [GenomicRanges](#), [SummarizedExperiment](#), [GIntervalTree](#), [OrganismDb](#) [ExpressionSet](#)

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startEpiviz	<i>Start the epiviz interface</i>
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### Description

Create an epiviz session manager which can be used to add and delete tracks and plots in the browser web app.

### Usage

```
startEpiviz(port = 7312L, localURL = NULL, useDevel = FALSE, standalone=FALSE,
  staticSitePath = "", chr = "chr11", start = 99800000, end = 103383180,
  debug = FALSE, workspace = NULL, scripts=NULL, gists=NULL, openBrowser = TRUE,
  daemonized = .epivizrCanDaemonize(), verbose = FALSE,
  nonInteractive = FALSE, tryPorts = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

port	(integer) port for websocket server
localURL	(character) use this url for the epiviz server instead of the standard URL ( <a href="http://epiviz.cbcb.umd.edu">http://epiviz.cbcb.umd.edu</a> ). For example localURL="http://localhost/epiviz" when serving from the local host
useDevel	(logical) use the devel branch of the epiviz server ( <a href="http://epiviz-dev.cbcb.umd.edu">http://epiviz-dev.cbcb.umd.edu</a> )
standalone	(logical) run the epiviz app on localhost using the httpuv http server
staticSitePath	(character) location of standalone epiviz static site directory. Uses the "www" directory of the installed package by default (i.e., when staticSitePath=""
chr	(character) chromosome to browse to on startup
start	(integer) start position to browse to on startup
end	(integer) end position to browse to on startup
debug	(logical) start the epiviz browser in debug mode
workspace	(character) a workspace id to load in the epiviz web app on startup
scripts	(character vector) URLs for JavaScript plugin scripts to be imported when epiviz is loaded (see <a href="http://epiviz.cbcb.umd.edu/help">http://epiviz.cbcb.umd.edu/help</a> for details).
gists	(character vector) Ids for github gists ( <a href="http://gist.github.com">http://gist.github.com</a> ) containing JavaScript plugin scripts to be imported when epiviz is loaded (see <a href="http://epiviz.cbcb.umd.edu/help">http://epiviz.cbcb.umd.edu/help</a> for details).
openBrowser	(logical) browse to the epiviz URL before exiting function
daemonized	(logical) use non-blocking version if available (UNIX-like platforms only)
verbose	(logical) display log messages on websocket requests
nonInteractive	(logical) run in non-interactive mode, for development purposes only
tryPorts	(logical) try more ports if port number given by argument port is in use.

**Value**

an object of class [EpivizDeviceMgr](#).

**Author(s)**

Hector Corrada Bravo

**See Also**

[EpivizDeviceMgr-class](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
mgr <- startEpiviz(openBrowser=FALSE)
mgr$startServer()
mgr$stopServer()

## End(Not run)
```

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startStandalone	<i>Start the standalone epiviz interface</i>
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**Description**

Create an epiviz session manager for the epiviz web application served from the localhost.

**Usage**

```
startStandalone(geneInfo = NULL, geneInfoName = "", seqinfo = NULL, chr = NULL, start = NULL, end = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

geneInfo	An object containing gene annotation information. See <a href="#">register-methods</a> for information on objects permitted.
geneInfoName	(character) The name of the gene annotation to display on the UI.
seqinfo	<a href="#">Seqinfo-class</a> object containing sequence names and lengths. Ignored if geneInfo is not NULL.
chr	Sequence name to load the UI. If NULL, taken from seqinfo(geneInfo) or seqinfo in order.
start	Starting genomic position when loading UI. If NULL, taken from seqinfo(geneInfo) or seqinfo in order.
end	Ending genomic position when loading UI. If NULL, taken from seqinfo(geneInfo) or seqinfo in order.
start.args	List containing other arguments to pass <a href="#">startEpiviz</a> .
...	Arguments passed to addDevice method of <a href="#">EpivizDeviceMgr</a> when adding gene annotation. For instance, keepSeqlevels.

**Details**

One of geneInfo or seqinfo must be non-NULL. Otherwise an error is raised.

**Value**

An object of class [EpivizDeviceMgr](#).

**Author(s)**

Hector Corrada Bravo

**See Also**

[EpivizDeviceMgr-class register-methods](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
library(Mus.musculus)  
mgr <- startStandalone(Mus.musculus, geneInfoName="mm10",  
  keepSeqlevels=paste0("chr",c(1:19,"X","Y")))  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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tcga\_colon\_example      *Example methylation data for epivizr vignette*

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**Description**

This package contains example results from methylation analysis of human chromosome 11 using the [minfi-package](#) package of TCGA 450k beadarray samples.

**Usage**

```
data(tcga_colon_example)
```

**Format**

Two [GRanges](#) objects. The first colon\_blocks, described large regions of methylation difference between tumor and normal samples. It has the following as metadata:

```
value average smooth methylation difference within block  
area block area estimate (abs(value) * length)  
cluster id of cluster blockgroup within which block occurs  
indexStart index of first cluster in block  
indexEnd index of last cluster in block  
L number of clusters in block
```

clusterL number of probes in block  
p.value permutation p.value based on difference conditioned on length  
fwer family-wise error rate estimate based on difference conditioned on length  
p.valueArea permutation p.value based on area  
fwerArea family-wise error rate estimate based on area

The second, `colon_curves`, is probe cluster-level methylation estimates. It has the following as element metadata:

id probe cluster id  
type probe cluster type  
blockgroup probe cluster block group  
diff raw methylation percentage difference between normal and tumor  
smooth smooth methylation percentage difference between normal and tumor  
normalMean mean methylation estimate for normal samples  
cancerMean mean methylation estimate for cancer samples

#### Author(s)

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#### Source

TCGA project: <https://tcga-data.nci.nih.gov/tcga/>

#### See Also

[minfi-package](#)

#### Examples

```
data(tcga_colon_example)
show(colon_blocks)
show(colon_curves)
```

---

`tcga_colon_expression` *Example exon-level RNAseq data from TCGA project for epvizr.*

---

#### Description

A [SummarizedExperiment](#) object containing exon-level counts from RNAseq data from the TCGA project. Only exons in human chromosome 11 are included.

#### Usage

```
data(tcga_colon_expression)
```

**Format**

A `SummarizedExperiment` object with 12,800 rows (exons) and 40 samples.

**assay(colonSE)** exon-level count matrix

**colData(colonSE)** a `DataFrame` containing sample information. Normal/Tumor status is given in column `sample_type`

**Source**

TCGA project: <https://tcga-data.nci.nih.gov/tcga/>

**Examples**

```
data(tcga_colon_expression)
show(colonSE)
table(colData(colonSE)$sample_type)
```



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