Extending MicroArray Explorer with R Language Scripts

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Abstract

The <u>Microarray Explorer (MAExplorer)</u> is a versatile opensource Java-based data mining bioinformatic tool for analyzing quantitative DNA expression profiles across multiple microarray platforms and DNA labeling systems http://maexplorer.sourceforge.net/

MAExplorer analyses may now be extended by writing R scripts in the powerful R data, statistics, and graphics language (www.r-project.org).

The <u>RtestPlugin</u> is a Java plugin for use with MAExplorer to extend its statistical data analysis capabilities using the R program. Scripts in the R language may invoke statistical and other methods in R.

Abstract (continued)

Users may create and edit R scripts and associated <u>R</u> <u>LayOut (RLO)</u> descriptions of the interface between MAExplorer and R. The RLO describes data exported from MAExplorer into R (R input files), output files from R after the R script has been evaluated, and actions to import R results back into MAExplorer.

Once a RLO and its associated R script has been created and tested, it may be saved as a special purpose "permanent" plugin so it automatically appears as a <u>plugin</u> <u>extension to MAExplorer</u>.





Functionality of RtestPlugin

- Create/edit R scripts and associated R LayOut (RLO) descriptions of the interface between MAExplorer and R
- Evaluate R scripts using data exported from MAExplorer and generate R output files (text, PDF, image, etc.)
- Display PDF or image files generated by R after the script has been evaluated
- Import data from R output back into MAExplorer after the script has been evaluated
- Create user-defined RLOs using data templates to generate R code
- Use to learn the R interface to MAExplorer with editable demonstration examples for various data MAExplorer data types



R Methods: Demonstrations

- <u>Data-specific demos</u> allow selecting 'canned' R analysis methods specific for various MAExplorer data
- Simple methods are intended for demonstration purposes to illustrate how to access MAExplorer from R scripts
- User may modify the generated code by specifying which R analyses (e.g., histogram, plots, t-test, summaries, etc.) should be added to the R script
- Editing is invoked using the "Edit RLO" command.
- RLO's may be saved for invoking from MAExplorer (Plugins | RLO Methods) menu



R Data Types <u>Exported</u> from MAExplorer as <u>Input</u> data to R

- Single HP-sample expression data
- HP-sample (Cy3,Cy5) or (F1,F2) channels expression data
- · HP-X and HP-Y samples expression data
- · HP-X 'set' and HP-Y 'set' samples expression data
- HP-X 'set' samples expression data
- HP-Y 'set' samples expression data
- · HP-E 'list' expression profile samples expression data
- · Current Condition list of samples expression data
- Multiple Conditions List (OCL) of samples expression data
- Gene annotation data (e.g., gene ids, gene names)
- MAExplorer state thresholds (e.g, p-value & other sliders)

R Output Data Types

These are files that may be specified to be created by R

- Stdout is the normal text output of R
- Tab-delimited table (to import data to MAExplorer from R)
- XML table (to importing data to programs from R)
- Report (free form)
- PDF file
- JPEG image file
- PNG image file
- · Postscript file
- SVG file

MAExplorer Actions on R Output Data Types

Create <u>named data structures</u> as part of the MAExplorer state by importing R output data back into MAExplorer

- Gene set
- Gene set with p-Value
- Gene set with cluster data (#, cluster distance)
- Filter gene set
- Normalization gene set
- · Condition List of (replicate or similar) samples
- Multiple Conditions List (OCL) of condition lists
- Named normalization map [Future]
- 2D plot overlay map [Future]
- Normalization polynomial [Future]

Resources Required

- Must install <u>MAExplorer</u> and the <u>R program</u>
- Both are <u>open source</u> and free http://maexplorer.sourceforge.net/ http://www.r-project.org/
- MAExplorer and R run on Windows, Linux, Solaris, MacOS-X
- To view PDF generated plots, you could use Adobe Acrobat
- No other software is required

Disk directories used

- <Current MAExplorer project directory>
 - /Temp holds all files that communicate with the R program from MAExplorer

/Report - holds all files that are generated by your R script as specified by the RLO for that script

- <MAExplorer installation directory>
 - /RLO holds all permanent .rlo RLO specification files in your RLO database. Read by MAExplorer when it starts if the .rlo files exist
 - /R holds all permanent .R script files for the RLO database

/MAERIibr - is R style project library to support MAExplorer-R interface

First load the RtestPlugin 1. In MAExplorer, select the (Plugins menu | Load plugin) command. Specify "RtestPlugin.jar". This installs the plugin in the MAExplorer Plugins menu with the new menu entry "R test. To run RtestPlugin, select (Plugins menu | R test) Select demo or user-created RLO to edit or evaluate If you want, edit or create new RLOs and save them using the "Save RLO" button in the permanent RLO database Press "Evaluate" to invoke R on the selected RLO script Or, after saving RLOs, they may be run created directly from MAExplorer (Plugins | RLO methods) submenu

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Simple Example of Three Part R Script













5. Edit Wizard for Current RLO: MAExplorer <u>Actions</u> Applied to R Output Files













































MAExplorer Java API - MJAReval Class

- <u>MJAReval Application Programming Interface</u> (API) class supports the R evaluation and RLO database functionality
- Define and maintain a <u>permanent R LayOut (RLO) database</u> and <u>evaluate RLOs</u> directly from MAExplorer "RLO methods" menu
- Create <u>new R scripts</u> using RLO wizard templates & imported R code
- Evaluate R scripts using MAExplorer data in the context of their RLO
- Post-process R output to
 - a) show R text output (stdout)
 - b) display PDF, JPEG, SVG, etc. files
 - c) apply actions to import R output back into MAExplorer database

Summary

- MAExplorer is a flexible fully Open Source Java-based microarray data-mining tool available at http://maexplorer.sourceforge.net/
- <u>RtestPlugin</u> is a plugin for MAExplorer to create R programs to analyze MAExplorer data
- RtestPlugin lets user's edit and create R scripts and associated <u>R LayOut</u> (RLO) methods using RLO templates and imported R code
- RtestPlugin has demonstration RLO examples
- RLO methods may be added to the permanent MAExplorer menus
- RLO methods may then be used to analyze any MAExplorer data
- Results from an R evaluation may be imported back into the MAExplorer database