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Description An interface for the image processing program 'ImageJ', which allows a rapid digital image analysis for particle sizes. This package includes function to write an 'ImageJ' macro which is optimized for a leaf area analysis by default.

Depends R (>= 3.0.0)

Imports stats, utils

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eximg *Utility function*

Description

Exports sample image files to R temporary directory and returns a path to the sample image files. This function is only used in the example of run.ij.

Usage

```
eximg()
```

Value

Jpeg files to the R temporary directory and a path to the sample image files.

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See Also

run.ij which this function wraps

find.ij *Checking a path to ImageJ*

Description

Check if ImageJ is installed in the correct directory.

Usage

```
find.ij(ostype = .Platform$OS.type)
```

Arguments

ostype	the Operating system types.

Details

When ImageJ, including ij.jar and Java, is not installed in the common location, users need to specify the path to ImageJ in run.ij.

Value

A path for ImageJ application. On unix this will always be "/Applications/ImageJ/". On Windows this will always be "C:\Program Files\ImageJ\".

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leafdata *LeafArea default data*

Description

Analyzed leaf area data for example

Usage

```
leafdata
```

Format

A list with six data frames, A1-01.jpeg.txt, A1-02.jpeg.txt, A123-01.jpeg.txt, A123-02.jpeg.txt, A2.jpeg.txt and A300-1.jpeg.txt. The first column is the identity of image, the second column is the area of the image (cm2) and the thrid column is the perimeter of the image (cm).

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readtext.ij *File management*

Description

Read multiple tab-delimited text files with a leaf area and perimeter value (one text file for each original JPEG image file) generated by ImageJ.

Usage

```
readtext.ij(path)
```

Arguments

path	Path to the target directory

Value

A list of data frame of leaf area for each image

area	Leaf area of the image (cm2)

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See Also

run.ij, resmerge.ij

Examples

```
#prepare example files
data(leafdata)
tf <- paste(tempdir(), "/", sep = "")
for (i in 1:7){
write.table(leafdata[[i]],paste(tf,names(leafdata)[i],sep=""),sep="\t")
}

#list of files
list.files(tf)

readtext.ij(tf)

unlink(list.files(tf))
```

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resmerge.ij *File management*

Description

File management function. The output file contains sample names in the first column and total leaf area (cm2) of the sample (e.g., one individual plant or one ramet) in the second column.

Usage

```
resmerge.ij(path, prefix = "\\.|-")
```

Arguments

path	Path to the target directory
prefix	Regular expression to manage file names

Value

A data frame of total leaf area for each sample

sample	Name of sample
total.leaf.area	Total leaf area of the sample (cm2)

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Examples

```
#prepare example files
data(leafdata)
tf <- paste(tempdir(),"/",sep="")
for (i in 1:7){
write.table(leafdata[[i]],paste(tf,names(leafdata)[i],sep=""),sep="\t")
}

#list of files
list.files(tf)

#combine multiple tab-delimited text files with a leaf area value
#(one text file for each original JPEG image file) that share the same
#filename 'prefix', defined as the part of the filename preceding the first
#hyphen (-) or period (.).
resmerge.ij(tf)

#combine multiple tab-delimited text files with a leaf area value
#(one text file for each original JPEG image file) that share the same
#filename 'prefix', defined as the part of the filename preceding the first
#'.txt'.
resmerge.ij(tf, prefix = ".txt")

unlink(list.files(tf))
```

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run.ij *Automated leaf area analysis*

Description

Analyzes leaf area in the target directory automatically, and returns a data frame that contains sample names in the first column and total leaf area (cm2) of the sample (e.g., one individual plant or one ramet) in the second column. Note that 'run.ij' does not count the number of leaves in each image; therefore if the user requires the number of leaves per image, the user must record these values.

Usage

```
run.ij(path.imagej = NULL, set.memory = 4, set.directory,
  distance.pixel = 826, known.distance = 21, trim.pixel = 20,
  low.circ = 0, upper.circ = 1, low.size = 0.7,
  upper.size = "Infinity", prefix = "\\.|-", log = F,
  check.image = F, save.image = F)
```

Arguments

path.imagej	Path to ImageJ. Default uses C:/Program Files/ImageJ for Windows, and /Applications/ImageJ for Mac. Linux always needs to specify the path to ImageJ
set.memory	Set memory (GB) for image analysis (default = 4).
set.directory	Set directory that contains leaf images. For example, when the directory named 'leaf_data' is on desktop of Mac, the path can be specified as: set.directory = '~/Desktop/leaf_data'. For Windows: set.directory = 'C:/Users/<users name>/Desktop/leaf_data'. No default. The path to the target directory that contains leaf images should always be specified. Note that spaces in file or directory names are not allowed.
distance.pixel	Number of pixels for the known distance. When leaf images were captured in A4 image size with 100 ppi, the pixel density is roughly equal to 826 pixels per 21 cm. In this case, the calibration scale can be specified as distance.pixel = 826, known.distance = 21.
known.distance	Known distance (cm). See distance.pixel.
trim.pixel	Number of pixels removed from edges in the analysis. The edges of images are often shaded, which can affect image analysis (i.e., ImageJ may recognize the shaded area as leaf area). The edges of images can be removed by specifying the number of pixels (default = 20).
low.circ	Lower limit for circularity for the image analysis. When the user wants to remove angular objects (e.g., cut petioles, square papers for scale) from the images, the analyzed lower limit of circularity can be increased (default = 0).
upper.circ	Upper limit for circularity for the image analysis (default = 1). See low.circ.
low.size	Lower limit for size for the image analysis. Leaf images often contain dirt and dust. To prevent dust from affecting the image analysis, the lower limit of analyzed size can be increased (default = 0.7).
upper.size	Upper limit for size for the image analysis (default = Infinity').
prefix	Regular expression to manage file names. The 'run.ij' combines the leaf area of all images that share the same filename 'prefix', defined as the part of the filename preceding the first hyphen (-) or period (.) that may occur (no hyphen or period is required). For example, the areas of leaf images named A123-1.jpeg, A123-2.jpeg, and A123-3.jpeg would be combined into a single total leaf area (A123). This feature allows the user to treat multiple images as belonging to a single sample, if desired (default = '\\.|-').
log	Should mean leaf areas of each single image kept? (default = FALSE)
check.image	Whether to display analyzed images by using ImageJ software (default = FALSE). When you choose check.image = TRUE, press any keys to close ImageJ. Note that when check.image = TRUE, the analysis would take considerable time. Note this option may only work on R console.
save.image	Whether to save analyzed images (default = FALSE).

Value

A data frame of total leaf area for each sample.

sample	Name of sample

`total.leaf.area`
: Total leaf area of the sample (cm2)

If you choose log= T, the 'run.ij' function also returns a list of data frames of leaf area for each image.

`area` : Area of the sample (cm2)

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See Also

resmerge.ij, readtext.ij, eximg

Examples

```
# As long as ImageJ application, including `ij.jar` and java, is installed
# in the following directory,
# you do not have to specify the path to ImageJ
# /Applications/ImageJ <Mac>
# C:/Program Files/ImageJ <Windows>
# Linux always needs to specify the path to the directory that contains `ij.jar`.
# For example, path = "~/ImageJ"

# prepare the target directory that contains example image files
ex.dir <- eximg()
list.files(ex.dir)

#run automated images analysis
run.ij(set.directory = ex.dir, save.image = TRUE)

# note: in this example, analyzed images are exported to a temporary
# directory, which will be eventually deleted.
# If you choose your home directory as the target directory,
# analyzed images will be exported to it.
```

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