

# Package ‘BufferedMatrixMethods’

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`BufferedMatrix.justRMA`*Use BufferedMatrix objects to facilitate RMA computation with low memory overhead*

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## Description

Read CEL data into [BufferedMatrix](#) objects.

## Usage

```
BufferedMatrix.justRMA(..., filenames=character(0), celfile.path=NULL,
                        phenoData=new("AnnotatedDataFrame"),
                        description=NULL,
                        notes="",
                        verbose=FALSE, background=TRUE, normalize=TRUE,
                        cdfname = NULL)
```

## Arguments

|                           |                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>...</code>          | file names separated by comma.                                                                                                            |
| <code>filenames</code>    | file names in a character vector.                                                                                                         |
| <code>celfile.path</code> | path where CEL files are located                                                                                                          |
| <code>phenoData</code>    | a <a href="#">AnnotatedDataFrame</a> object                                                                                               |
| <code>description</code>  | a <a href="#">MIAME</a> object                                                                                                            |
| <code>notes</code>        | notes                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>verbose</code>      | verbosity flag                                                                                                                            |
| <code>normalize</code>    | logical value. If TRUE normalize data using quantile normalization                                                                        |
| <code>background</code>   | logical value. If TRUE background correct using RMA background correction                                                                 |
| <code>cdfname</code>      | Used to specify the name of an alternative cdf package. If set to NULL, the usual cdf package based on Affymetrix' mappings will be used. |

## Value

An ExpressionSet object, containing expression values identical to what one would get from running [rma](#) on an [AffyBatch](#).

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## See Also

[BufferedMatrix](#), [BufferedMatrix.read.probematrix](#)

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BufferedMatrix.read.celfiles

*Read CEL file data into PM or MM BufferedMatrix*


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### Description

Read CEL data into [BufferedMatrix](#) objects.

### Usage

```
BufferedMatrix.read.celfiles(..., filenames = character(0), celfile.path=NULL)
```

### Arguments

|              |                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| ...          | file names separated by comma.    |
| filenames    | file names in a character vector. |
| celfile.path | path where CEL files are located  |

### Value

A [BufferedMatrix](#) object containing the CEL file intensities.

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### See Also

[BufferedMatrix](#), [BufferedMatrix.read.probematrix](#)

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BufferedMatrix.read.probematrix

*Read CEL file data into PM or MM BufferedMatrix*


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### Description

Read CEL data into [BufferedMatrix](#) objects.

### Usage

```
BufferedMatrix.read.probematrix(..., filenames = character(0), celfile.path=NULL, rm.mask = FALSE, n
```

**Arguments**

|              |                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ...          | file names separated by comma.                                                                                                            |
| filenames    | file names in a character vector.                                                                                                         |
| celfile.path | path where CEL files are located                                                                                                          |
| rm.mask      | should the spots marked as 'MASKS' set to NA ?                                                                                            |
| rm.outliers  | should the spots marked as 'OUTLIERS' set to NA                                                                                           |
| rm.extra     | if TRUE, overrides what is in rm.mask and rm.outliers                                                                                     |
| verbose      | verbosity flag                                                                                                                            |
| which        | should be either "pm", "mm" or "both"                                                                                                     |
| cdfname      | Used to specify the name of an alternative cdf package. If set to NULL, the usual cdf package based on Affymetrix' mappings will be used. |

**Value**

A list of one or two [BufferedMatrix](#) objects. Each [BufferedMatrix](#) objects is either PM or MM data. No [AffyBatch](#) is created.

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**See Also**

[AffyBatch](#), [read.affybatch](#)

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RMA preprocess *BufferedMatrix*

*RMA preprocessing functions that work on BufferedMatrix objects*

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**Description**

This group of functions can be used to apply the RMA background correction, Quantile normalization and Median polish summarization to data stored in a *BufferedMatrix* object.

**Usage**

```
bg.correct.BufferedMatrix(x, copy=TRUE)
normalize.BufferedMatrix.quantiles(x, copy=TRUE)
BufferedMatrix.bg.correct.normalize.quantiles(x, copy=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|      |                                                                                                     |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x    | a <a href="#">BufferedMatrix</a> containing data to be processed                                    |
| copy | should the <a href="#">BufferedMatrix</a> be copied or should the input object be changed on output |

**Value**

In the case of `normalize.BufferedMatrix.quantiles` and `bg.correct.BufferedMatrix` a [BufferedMatrix](#) is returned. The function `median.polish.summarize` returns a [matrix](#).

The function `BufferedMatrix.bg.correct.normalize.quantiles` carries out both pre-processing steps with a single command.

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**See Also**

[rma](#)

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