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append_log_entry	<i>Append a log entry to an existing processing log</i>
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Description

Append a log entry to an existing processing log

Usage

```
append_log_entry(log, new_entry)
```

Arguments

log	Existing processing log (a list of entries, may be empty).
new_entry	A single log entry built by build_log_entry.

Value

The updated log list with new_entry appended.

build_log_entry	<i>Build a single processing log entry</i>
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Description

Build a single processing log entry

Usage

```
build_log_entry(step, n_cells, n_genes, params)
```

Arguments

step	Name of the processing step
n_cells	Number of cells in the object at this step
n_genes	Number of genes in the object at this step
params	Named list of parameters used in this step

Value

A named list representing one log entry

build_passport	<i>Build a passport list from components</i>
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Description

Build a passport list from components

Usage

```
build_passport(  
  object_id,  
  rds_self,  
  animal_id,  
  species,  
  sex,  
  age,  
  condition,  
  tissue,  
  project,  
  researcher,  
  date,  
  notes,  
  parent_id,
```

```

    rds_parent,
    lineage,
    children,
    rds_children,
    custom_keys,
    custom_vals
  )

```

Arguments

<code>object_id</code>	Name/ID of this Seurat object
<code>rds_self</code>	RDS registry number of this object
<code>animal_id</code>	Individual animal identifier
<code>species</code>	Species name
<code>sex</code>	Sex of the animal
<code>age</code>	Age of the animal
<code>condition</code>	Experimental condition
<code>tissue</code>	Tissue of origin
<code>project</code>	Project name
<code>researcher</code>	Name of the researcher
<code>date</code>	Date of the experiment
<code>notes</code>	Free-text notes
<code>parent_id</code>	Object ID of the direct parent
<code>rds_parent</code>	RDS number of the parent object
<code>lineage</code>	Full ancestry chain as character vector
<code>children</code>	Object IDs of children
<code>rds_children</code>	RDS numbers of children objects
<code>custom_keys</code>	Names of custom fields
<code>custom_vals</code>	Values of custom fields

Value

A named list representing the passport

log_step	<i>Log a Processing Step to a Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment Object</i>
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Description

Appends a processing step entry to the object's processing log. For Seurat objects the log is stored in @misc\$processing_log; for SingleCellExperiment and SummarizedExperiment objects it is stored in metadata(obj)\$processing_log. Each entry records the step name, timestamp, cell count, gene count, and any parameters you pass.

Usage

```
log_step(obj, step, params = list())
```

Arguments

obj	A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object.
step	A character string describing the processing step (e.g. "NormalizeData", "ScaleData", "Subset cluster 1").
params	A named list of parameters used in this step. Default is an empty list.

Value

The same object with the new log entry appended to its processing log.

See Also

[scPassport](#), [read_passport](#)

Examples

```
# Log a step on a minimal SummarizedExperiment object
if (requireNamespace("SummarizedExperiment", quietly = TRUE)) {
  se <- SummarizedExperiment::SummarizedExperiment()
  se <- log_step(se, "example step")
}

# Log steps on a Seurat object (requires an existing Seurat object 'seu')
# seu <- log_step(seu, "QC filter",
#   params = list(min_cells = 3, min_features = 200))
#
# seu <- NormalizeData(seu)
# seu <- log_step(seu, "NormalizeData",
#   params = list(method = "LogNormalize", scale_factor = 10000))
#
# seu <- RunPCA(seu)
```

```
# seu <- log_step(seu, "RunPCA", params = list(npcs = 30))
#
# read_passport(seu)
```

read_passport	<i>Read the Passport of a Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or Summarized-Experiment Object</i>
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Description

Prints the full passport stored in the object's passport slot to the console, including all known fields, any custom fields, and the processing log. Works with Seurat (`@misc$passport`), `SingleCellExperiment`, and `SummarizedExperiment` (`metadata(obj)$passport`) objects.

Usage

```
read_passport(obj)
```

Arguments

`obj` A Seurat, `SingleCellExperiment`, or `SummarizedExperiment` object with a passport stamped via `scPassport`.

Value

Invisibly returns NULL. Output is printed to console.

See Also

[scPassport](#), [log_step](#)

Examples

```
# Read passport on an unstamped object (prints "No passport found")
if (requireNamespace("SummarizedExperiment", quietly = TRUE)) {
  se <- SummarizedExperiment::SummarizedExperiment()
  read_passport(se)
}

# Read passport on a stamped Seurat object (requires existing object 'WTHeme')
# read_passport(WTHeme)
#
# Or via scPassport with read = TRUE:
# scPassport(WTHeme, read = TRUE)
```

scPassport

*scPassport: Passport System for Single-Cell Objects***Description**

Stamps Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, and SummarizedExperiment objects with a persistent metadata passport. For Seurat objects the passport is stored in @misc\$passport; for SingleCellExperiment and SummarizedExperiment objects it is stored in metadata(obj)\$passport. Tracks animal info, experiment details, lineage (parent/child relationships), RDS registry numbers, processing logs, and custom fields. Includes an interactive Shiny popup to fill and update the passport, and a read mode to print it to console.

Opens an interactive Shiny popup that allows you to fill in metadata (animal info, experiment details, lineage, RDS numbers, and custom fields) and stamps it directly into the object's passport slot. For Seurat objects the passport is stored in @misc\$passport; for SingleCellExperiment and SummarizedExperiment objects it is stored in metadata(obj)\$passport. All information persists inside the object when saved as .rds.

If a passport already exists in the object, all previously filled fields are pre-loaded into the popup so you only need to update what changed.

Usage

```
scPassport(obj, parent = NULL, read = FALSE)
```

Arguments

obj	A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object to stamp. Must not be NULL.
parent	A parent object of the same class that this object was subset from. If provided, parent_id and lineage are automatically populated from the parent's passport - no typing needed. Default is NULL (root object).
read	Logical. If TRUE, prints the existing passport to the console instead of opening the popup. Default is FALSE.

Details

The passport contains the following fields:

Identity:

- object_id -Name/ID of this object (e.g. "WTHeme")
- rds_self -RDS registry number of this object (e.g. 224)
- created -Timestamp of when passport was stamped

Animal Info:

- animal_id -Individual animal identifier (e.g. "M01")
- species -Species name (e.g. "Mus musculus")

- sex -Sex of the animal (e.g. "male", "female")
- age -Age of the animal (e.g. "P60")
- condition -Experimental condition (e.g. "control", "treated")
- tissue -Tissue of origin (e.g. "prefrontal cortex")

Experiment Info:

- project -Project name (e.g. "memory_study")
- researcher -Name of the researcher
- date -Date of the experiment
- notes -Any free-text notes

Lineage:

- parent_id -Object ID of the direct parent (or "root")
- rds_parent -RDS number of the parent object (or "root")
- lineage -Full ancestry chain as a character vector
- children -Object IDs of children subset from this object
- rds_children -RDS numbers of children objects

Custom Fields: Any additional fields typed into the Custom Fields section of the popup are automatically appended to the passport and displayed when `read = TRUE`.

Safety: The function will never overwrite your object with NULL. Cancelling the popup or any error returns the original object unchanged.

Value

The same object with its passport slot filled in. If cancelled or an error occurs, the original object is returned unchanged

- it will never return NULL.

Main Functions

- `scPassport` — Open popup to fill/update passport
- `read_passport` — Print passport to console
- `log_step` — Log a processing step

Typical Workflow

```
# 1. Stamp your root object
WTHeme <- scPassport(WTHeme)

# 2. Log processing steps
WTHeme <- NormalizeData(WTHeme)
WTHeme <- log_step(WTHeme, "NormalizeData")
```

```
# 3. Subset and stamp child, linking to parent
EndofrHeme <- subset(WTHeme, subset = cell_type == "Endothelial")
EndofrHeme <- scPassport(EndofrHeme, parent = WTHeme)

# 4. Read passport anytime
read_passport(EndofrHeme)
```

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See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/sedatkacar56/scPassport>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/sedatkacar56/scPassport/issues>

[read_passport](#), [log_step](#)

Examples

```
# Read passport on an unstamped object (prints "No passport found")
if (requireNamespace("SummarizedExperiment", quietly = TRUE)) {
  se <- SummarizedExperiment::SummarizedExperiment()
  scPassport(se, read = TRUE)
}

# Stamp a root object (requires an existing Seurat object 'WTHeme')
# WTHeme <- scPassport(WTHeme)

# Stamp a child subset, linking to parent automatically
# EndofrHeme <- scPassport(EndofrHeme, parent = WTHeme)

# Read existing passport without opening popup
# scPassport(WTHeme, read = TRUE)

# Or use the dedicated read function
# read_passport(WTHeme)
```

validate_passport *Check whether a passport list is valid*

Description

Check whether a passport list is valid

Usage

```
validate_passport(passport)
```

Arguments

passport A list (the @misc\$passport slot of a Seurat object).

Value

TRUE if the passport contains all required fields, FALSE otherwise.

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