# FreeSurfer Multiprocessing Pipeline

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# Module freesurfer\_wrapper

# freesurfer\_wrapper

**freesurfer\_wrapper** aims to facilitate the creation of a multiprocessing pipeline using FreeSurfer. It is a Python wrapper to execute parallel runs of recon-all and some pial edits algorithms.

# Requirements

- Docker<sup>1</sup>
- FreeSurfer license key<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://www.docker.com/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://surfer.nmr.mgh.harvard.edu/registration.html

## **Usage**

# **Example**

## **Sub-modules**

- freesurfer\_wrapper.run
- freesurfer\_wrapper.scripts

# Module freesurfer\_wrapper.run

Command-line wrapper tool to execute parallel runs of FreeSurfer recon-all and some pial edits algorithms.

This file can also be imported as a module and contains the following functions:

```
* argument_parser - parser for command-line options, arguments and sub-commands.
* run_command -
* handle_workers - creates a pool of parallel worker processes running commands.
* worker - invokes a subprocess running the command.
* recon - formats recon-all command string.
* edit - formats mri_gcut and mri_binarize command string.
* recon_edit - formats a cp and recon-all command string.
* parse_input_file - parses the input tables.
```

## **Functions**

## Function argument\_parser

```
def argument_parser(
    args: list
) -> ArgumentParser.parse_args
```

Parser for command-line options, arguments and sub-commands.

**Parameters** 

 ${\tt args: list} \ \, {\tt Command-line} \ \, {\tt arguments} \ {\tt list}$ 

Returns

Parser

# Function edit

```
def edit(
    edit_args: list
) -> str
```

Formats mri\_gcut and mri\_binarize command string. mri\_gcut performs skull stripping algorithm based on graph cut. mri\_binarize binarizes the edited mask.

Parameters

```
edit_args: list mri_gcut and mri_binarize arguments list
Returns
mri_gcut [args] && mri_binarize [args]
```

# Function handle\_workers

```
def handle_workers(
   p: int,
   command: function,
   input_file: str
)
```

Creates a pool of parallel worker processes running commands. Workers will be called until all lines from the input file are processed.

**Parameters** 

```
p: int The number of parallel processes.
command: function Function returning the command-line string to pass the worker.
input_file: str Tab-separated .txt file.
```

Returns None

```
{\bf Function} \ {\tt parse\_input\_file}
```

```
def parse_input_file(
         input_file: str
) -> List[List[str]]
```

Parses the input tables.

**Parameters** 

```
input_file: str Tab-separated .txt file.
```

Returns

File lines and columns parsed as a list of lists.

# Function recon

```
def recon(
    recon_args: list
) -> str
```

Formats recon-all command string.

**Parameters** 

```
recon_args : list recon-all arguments list
```

Returns

recon-all [args]

## Function recon\_edit

```
def recon_edit(
    recon_edit_args: list
) -> str
```

Formats a cp and recon-all command string. cp replaces the original brainmask with the edited brainmask.gcutsT{tissue\_ratio}.mgz. recon-all re-runs -autorecon2-wm -autorecon3 stream with the new mask.

**Parameters** 

```
recon_edit_args: list cp and recon-all arguments list
```

```
Returns
```

```
cp [args] && recon-all [args]
```

# Function run\_command

```
def run_command(
     args
)
```

Pass the appropriate command function to the worker handler.

**Parameters** 

args : list Command-line arguments list

Returns

None

#### Function worker

```
def worker(
    cmd: str
) -> <function run at 0x7ffb9dabb0e0>
```

Invokes a subprocess running the command.

**Parameters** 

cmd: str Command-line string

Returns

subprocess.run()

# Namespace freesurfer\_wrapper.scripts

# **Sub-modules**

- freesurfer\_wrapper.scripts.check\_logs
- freesurfer\_wrapper.scripts.create\_recon\_input

# Module freesurfer\_wrapper.scripts.check\_logs

Script to check recon-all logs for each run

usage: python check\_logs.py

Please edit the PATH\_PATTERN variable with the appropriate pathname pattern to find each file.

This file can also be imported as a module and contains the following functions:

```
* get_logs - get the path for each log based on pathname pattern.
```

<sup>\*</sup> print\_id\_from\_logs - prints the IDs from a list of logs.

# **Functions**

# Function get\_logs

```
def get_logs(
    path_pattern: str
) -> list
```

Get the path for each log based on pathname pattern.

**Parameters** 

path\_pattern: str Glob pathname pattern to find each log.

Returns

## List of log paths

```
Function print_id_from_logs
```

```
def print_id_from_logs(
    logs: list
)
```

Prints the IDs from a list of logs.

**Parameters** 

logs: list List of log paths

Returns

None

# Module freesurfer\_wrapper.scripts.create\_recon\_input

Script to create recon input table

This script creates an input table based on the directory organization of the image files.

Please edit the PATH\_PATTERN variable with the appropriate pathname pattern to find each file.

This file can also be imported as a module and contains the following functions:

```
* create_input_file - creates the input table.
```

## **Functions**

# Function create\_input\_file

```
def create_input_file(
    path_pattern: str
)
```

Creates a two column text file to be used as input for the main script recon command. First column: unique ID (combines SUBJECT ID and SESSION ID). Second column: path to DICOM file.

**Parameters** 

 ${\tt path\_pattern:str}$  Glob pathname pattern to find each DICOM file.

Returns

None

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