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adapter\_filter

*Remove full and partial adapters from a ShortReadQ object*

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### Description

This program can remove adapters and partial adapters from 3' and 5', using the functions [trimLRPatterns](#). The program extends the methodology of the [trimLRPatterns](#) function of **Biostrings**, being also capable of removing adapters present within reads and with other additional options (e.g., threshold of minimum number of bases for trimming). For a given position in the read, the two **Biostrings** functions return TRUE when a match is present between a substring of the read and the adapter. As [trimLRPatterns](#), `adapter_filter` also selects region and goes up to the end of the sequence in the corresponding flank as the best match. The default error rate is 0.2. If several valid matches are found, the function removes the largest subsequence. Adapters can be anchored or not. When indels are allowed, the second method uses the 'edit distance' between the subsequences and the adapter.

### Usage

```
adapter_filter(input, Lpattern = "", Rpattern = "", rc.L = FALSE,
  rc.R = FALSE, first = c("R", "L"), with_indels = FALSE,
  error_rate = 0.2, anchored = TRUE, fixed = "subject",
  remove_zero = TRUE, checks = TRUE, min_match_flank = 3L, ...)
```

**Arguments**

input	<a href="#">ShortReadQ</a> object
Lpattern	5' pattern (character or <a href="#">DNASTring</a> object)
Rpattern	3' pattern (character or <a href="#">DNASTring</a> object)
rc.L	Reverse complement Lpattern? default FALSE
rc.R	Reverse complement Rpattern? default FALSE
first	trim first right('R') or left ('L') side of sequences when both Lpattern and Rpattern are passed
with_indels	Allow indels? This feature is available only when the error_rate is not null
error_rate	Error rate (value in the range [0, 1]) The error rate is the proportion of mismatches allowed between the adapter and the aligned portion of the subject. For a given adapter A, the number of allowed mismatches between each subsequence s of A and the subject is computed as: $error\_rate * L\_s$ , where $L\_s$ is the length of the subsequence s
anchored	Adapter or partial adapter within sequence (anchored = FALSE, default) or only in 3' and 5' terminals? (anchored = TRUE)
fixed	Parameter passed to <a href="#">trimLRPatterns</a> Default 'subject', ambiguities in the pattern only are interpreted as wildcard. See the argument fixed in <a href="#">trimLRPatterns</a>
remove_zero	Remove zero-length sequences? Default TRUE
checks	Perform checks? Default TRUE
min_match_flank	Do not trim in flanks of the subject, if a match has min_match_flank of less length. Default 1L (only trim with $\geq 2$ coincidences in a flank match)
...	additional parameters passed to <a href="#">trimLRPatterns</a>

**Value**

Edited [DNASTring](#) or [DNASTringSet](#) object

Filtered [ShortReadQ](#) object

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
require('Biostrings')
require('ShortRead')

# create 6 sequences of width 43
set.seed(10)
input <- random_seq(6, 43)

# add adapter in 3'
adapter <- "ATCGACT"

input <- paste0(input, as.character(DNASTring(adapter)))
input <- DNASTringSet(input)
```

```
# create qualities of width 50
set.seed(10)
input_q <- random_qual(c(30,40), slength = 6, swidth = 50,
  encod = 'Sanger')

# create names
input_names <- seq_names(length(input))

# create ShortReadQ object
my_read <- ShortReadQ(sread = input, quality = input_q, id = input_names)

# trim adapter
filtered <- adapter_filter(my_read, Rpattern = adapter)

# look at the filtered sequences
sread(filtered)
```

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check\_encoding

*Check quality encoding*

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## Description

Check quality encoding

## Usage

```
check_encoding(x = NULL, custom = NULL)
```

## Arguments

x	Quality values
custom	custom encoding from the following: 'Sanger' ———> expected range: [0, 40] 'Illumina1.8' ———> expected range: [0, 41] 'Illumina1.5' ———> expected range: [0, 40] 'Illumina1.3' ———> expected range: [3, 40] 'Solexa' ———> expected range: [-5, 40]

## Value

List with encoding information

## Author(s)

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**Examples**

```
require(Biostrings)

x <- list(PhredQuality(0:40), SolexaQuality(-5:40), IlluminaQuality(3:40))
x <- lapply(x, function(i)utf8ToInt(as.character(i)[1]))
lapply(x, check_encoding)

SolexaQuality(0:40)
IlluminaQuality(0:40)
```

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complex_filter	<i>Remove sequences with low complexity</i>
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**Description**

The program removes low complexity sequences, computing the entropy with the observed frequency of dinucleotides.

**Usage**

```
complex_filter(input, threshold = 0.5, referenceEntropy = 3.908135)
```

**Arguments**

input	<a href="#">ShortReadQ</a> object
threshold	A threshold value computed as the relation of the H of the sequences and the reference H. Default is 0.5
referenceEntropy	Reference entropy. By default, the program uses a value of 3.908, that corresponds to the entropy of the human genome in bits

**Value**

Filtered [ShortReadQ](#) object

**Author(s)**

Leandro Roser <learoser@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
require('Biostrings')
require('ShortRead')

# create sequences of different width
set.seed(10)
input <- lapply(c(0, 6, 10, 16, 20, 26, 30, 36, 40),
               function(x) random_seq(1, x))

# create repetitive 'CG' sequences with length adequate
```

```

# for a total length:
# input + CG = 40

set.seed(10)
CG <- lapply(c(20, 17, 15, 12, 10, 7, 5, 2, 0),
             function(x) paste(rep('CG', x), collapse = ''))

# concatenate input and CG
input <- mapply('paste', input, CG, sep = '')
input <- DNASTringSet(input)

# plot relative entropy (E, Shannon 1948)

freq <- dinucleotideFrequency(input)
freq <- freq / rowSums(freq)
H <- -rowSums(freq * log2(freq), na.rm = TRUE)
H_max <- 3.908135 # max entropy
plot(H/H_max, type='b', xlab = 'Sequence', ylab= 'E')

# create qualities of width 40

set.seed(10)
input_q <- random_qual(c(30,40), slength = 9, swidth = 40,
                      encod = 'Sanger')

# create names
input_names <- seq_names(9)

# create ShortReadQ object
my_read <- ShortReadQ(sread = input, quality = input_q, id = input_names)

# apply the filter
filtered <- complex_filter(my_read)

# look at the filtered sequences
sread(filtered)

```

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fixed\_filter

*Remove a fixed number of bases of a ShortReadQ object from 3' or 5'*

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### Description

The program removes a given number of bases from the 3' or 5' regions of the sequences contained in a ShortReadQ object

### Usage

```
fixed_filter(input, trim3 = NA, trim5 = NA)
```

**Arguments**

input	ShortReadQ object
trim3	Number of bases to remove from 3'
trim5	Number of bases to remove from 5'

**Value**

Filtered ShortReadQ object

**Author(s)**

Leandro Roser <learoser@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
require('Biostrings')
require('ShortRead')

# create 6 sequences of width 20

set.seed(10)
input <- random_seq(6, 20)

# create qualities of width 20

set.seed(10)
input_q <- random_qual(c(30,40), slength = 6, swidth = 20,
  encod = 'Sanger')

# create names
input_names <- seq_names(6)

# create ShortReadQ object
my_read <- ShortReadQ(sread = input, quality = input_q, id = input_names)

# apply the filter
filtered3 <- fixed_filter(my_read, trim5 = 5)

filtered5 <- fixed_filter(my_read, trim3 = 5)

filtered3and5 <- fixed_filter(my_read, trim3 = 10, trim5 = 5)

# look at the trimmed sequences
sread(filtered3)
sread(filtered5)
sread(filtered3and5)
```

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inject\_letter\_random *Inject a letter in a set of sequences at random positions*

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### Description

Inject a letter in a set of sequences at random positions

### Usage

```
inject_letter_random(my_seq, how_many_seqs = NULL,  
                    how_many_letters = NULL, letter = "N")
```

### Arguments

**my\_seq** character vector with sequences to inject

**how\_many\_seqs** How many sequences pick to inject  $N_s$ . An interval  $[\text{min}_s, \text{max}_s]$  with  $\text{min}_s$  minimum and  $\text{max}_s$  maximum sequences can be passed. In this case, a value is picked from the interval. If NULL, a random value within the interval  $[1, \text{length}(\text{my\_seq})]$  is picked.

**how\_many\_letters** How many times inject the letter in the  $i$  sequences that are going to be injected. An interval  $[\text{min}_i, \text{max}_i]$  can be passed. In this case, a value is randomly picked for each sequence  $i$ . This value represents the number of times that the letter will be injected in the sequence  $i$ . If NULL, a random value within the interval  $[1, \text{width}(\text{my\_seq}[i])]$  is picked for each sequence  $i$ .

**letter** Letter to inject. Default: 'N'

### Value

character vector

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
# For reproducible examples, make a call to set.seed before  
# running each random function  
  
set.seed(10)  
s <- random_seq(slength = 10, swidth = 20)  
  
set.seed(10)  
s <- inject_letter_random(s, how_many_seqs = 1:30, how_many= 2:10)
```



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launch_fqc	<i>Launch FastqCleaner application</i>
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**Description**

Launch FastqCleaner application

**Usage**

```
launch_fqc(launch.browser = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

launch.browser Launch in browser? Default TRUE  
... Additional parameters passed to [runApp](#)

**Value**

Launch the application, without return value

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
# Uncomment and paste in te console to launch the application:  
# launch_fqc()  
  
NULL
```

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length_filter	<i>Filter sequences of a FASTQ file by length</i>
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**Description**

The program removes from a ShortReadQ object those sequences with a length lower than rm.min or/and higher than rm.max

**Usage**

```
length_filter(input, rm.min = NA, rm.max = NA)
```

**Arguments**

input [ShortReadQ](#) object  
rm.min Threshold value for the minimum number of bases  
rm.max Threshold value for the maximum number of bases

**Value**

Filtered [ShortReadQ](#) object

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
require('Biostrings')
require('ShortRead')

# create ShortReadQ object with widths between 1 and 100

set.seed(10)
input <- random_length(100, widths = 1:100)

# apply the filter, removing sequences length < 10 or length > 80
filtered <- length_filter(input, rm.min = 10, rm.max = 80)

# look at the filtered sequences
sread(filtered)
```

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n_filter	<i>Remove sequences with non-identified bases (Ns) from a ShortReadQ object</i>
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**Description**

This program is a wrapper to [nFilter](#). It removes the sequences with a number of N's above a threshold value 'rm.N'. All the sequences with a number of N > rm.N (N >= rm.N) will be removed

**Usage**

```
n_filter(input, rm.N)
```

**Arguments**

input	<a href="#">ShortReadQ</a> object
rm.N	Threshold value of N's to remove a sequence from the output (sequences with number of Ns > threshold are removed) For example, if rm.N is 3, all the sequences with a number of Ns > 3 (Ns >= 4) will be removed

**Value**

Filtered [ShortReadQ](#) object

**Author(s)**

Leandro Roser <learoser@gmail.com>

## Examples

```
require('Biostrings')
require('ShortRead')

# create 6 sequences of width 20
set.seed(10)
input <- random_seq(50, 20)

# inject N's
set.seed(10)
input <- inject_letter_random(input, how_many_seqs = 1:30,
                              how_many = 1:10)

input <- DNASTringSet(input)

# watch the N's frequency
hist(letterFrequency(input, 'N'), breaks = 0:10,
      main = 'Ns Frequency', xlab = '# Ns')

# create qualities of width 20
set.seed(10)
input_q <- random_qual(50, 20)

# create names
input_names <- seq_names(50)

# create ShortReadQ object
my_read <- ShortReadQ(sread = input, quality = input_q, id = input_names)

# apply the filter
filtered <- n_filter(my_read, rm.N = 3)

# watch the filtered sequences
sread(filtered)

# watch the N's frequency
hist(letterFrequency(sread(filtered), 'N'),
      main = 'Ns distribution', xlab = '')
```

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qmean\_filter

*Filter sequences by their average quality*

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## Description

The program removes the sequences with a quality lower the 'minq' threshold

## Usage

```
qmean_filter(input, minq, q_format = NULL, check.encod = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

input	ShortReadQ object
minq	Quality threshold
q_format	Quality format used for the file, as returned by check.encoding
check.encod	Check the encoding of the sequence? This argument is incompatible with q_format

**Value**

Filtered ShortReadQ object

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
require(ShortRead)

set.seed(10)
# create 30 sequences of width 20
input <- random_seq(30, 20)

# create qualities of width 20
## high quality (15 sequences)
set.seed(10)
my_qual <- random_qual(c(30,40), slength = 15, swidth = 20,
                      encod = 'Sanger')
## low quality (15 sequences)
set.seed(10)
my_qual_2 <- random_qual(c(5,30), slength = 15, swidth = 20,
                       encod = 'Sanger')

# concatenate vectors
input_q<- c(my_qual, my_qual_2)

# create names
input_names <- seq_names(30)

# create ShortReadQ object
my_read <- ShortReadQ(sread = input, quality = input_q, id = input_names)

# watch the average qualities
alphabetScore(my_read) / width(my_read)

# apply the filter
filtered <- qmean_filter(my_read, minq = 30)

# watch the average qualities
alphabetScore(my_read) / width(my_read)

# watch the filtered sequences
sread(filtered)
```

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random_length	<i>Create a named object with random sequences and qualities</i>
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### Description

Create a [ShortReadQ](#) object with random sequences and qualities

### Usage

```
random_length(n, widths, random_widths = TRUE, replace = TRUE,
  len_prob = NULL, seq_prob = c(0.25, 0.25, 0.25, 0.25),
  q_prob = NULL, nuc = c("DNA", "RNA"), qual = NULL,
  encod = c("Sanger", "Illumina1.8", "Illumina1.5", "Illumina1.3",
    "Solexa"), base_name = "s", sep = "_")
```

### Arguments

n	number of sequences
widths	width of the sequences
random_widths	width must be picked at random from the passed parameter 'widths', considering the value as an interval where any integer can be picked. Default TRUE. Otherwise, widths are picked only from the vector passed.
replace	sample widths with replacement? Default TRUE.
len_prob	vector with probabilities for each width value. Default NULL (equiprobability)
seq_prob	a vector of four probabilities values to set the frequency of the nucleotides 'A', 'C', 'G', 'T', for DNA, or 'A', 'C', 'G', 'U', for RNA. For example = c(0.25, 0.25, 0.5, 0). Default is = c(0.25, 0.25, 0.25, 0.25) (equiprobability for the 4 bases). If the sum of the probabilities is > 1, the values will be normalized to the range [0, 1].
q_prob	a vector of range = range(qual), with probabilities to set the frequency of each quality value. Default is equiprobability. If the sum of the probabilities is > 1, the values will be normalized to the range [0, 1].
nuc	create sequences of DNA (nucleotides = c('A', 'C', 'G', 'T')) or RNA (nucleotides = c('A', 'C', 'G', 'U'))?. Default: 'DNA'
qual	quality range for the sequences. It must be a range included in the selected encoding: 'Sanger' = [0, 40] 'Illumina1.8' = [0, 41] 'Illumina1.5' = [0, 40] 'Illumina1.3' = [3, 40] 'Solexa' = [-5, 40] example: for a range from 20 to 30 in Sanger encoding, pass the argument = c(20, 30)
encod	sequence encoding
base_name	Base name for strings
sep	Character separating base names and the read number. Default: '_'

**Value**

ShortReadQ object

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
# For reproducible examples, make a call to set.seed before
# running each random function

set.seed(10)
s1 <- random_seq(length = 10, width = 20)
s1

set.seed(10)
s2 <- random_seq(length = 10, width = 20,
  prob = c(0.6, 0.1, 0.3, 0))
s2
```

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random\_qual

*Create random qualities for a given encoding*

---

**Description**

Create a [BStringSet](#) object with random qualities

**Usage**

```
random_qual(length, width, qual = NULL, encod = c("Sanger",
  "Illumina1.8", "Illumina1.5", "Illumina1.3", "Solexa"), prob = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

length	number of sequences
width	width of the sequences
qual	quality range for the sequences. It must be a range included in the selected encoding: 'Sanger' = [0, 40] 'Illumina1.8' = [0, 41] 'Illumina1.5' = [0, 40] 'Illumina1.3' = [3, 40] 'Solexa' = [-5, 40] example: for a range from 20 to 30 in Sanger encoding, pass the argument = c(20, 30)
encod	sequence encoding
prob	a vector of range = range(qual), with probabilities to set the frequency of each quality value. Default is equiprobability. If the sum of the probabilities is > 1, the values will be normalized to the range [0, 1].

**Value**

BStringSet object

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
q <- random_qual(30, 20)
q
```

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random\_seq

*Create random sequences*

---

**Description**

Create a [DNAStrngSet](#) object with random sequences

**Usage**

```
random_seq(length, swidth, nuc = c("DNA", "RNA"), prob = c(0.25, 0.25,
0.25, 0.25))
```

**Arguments**

length	Number of sequences
swidth	Width of the sequences
nuc	Create sequences of DNA (nucleotides = c('A', 'C', 'G', 'T')) or RNA (nucleotides = c('A', 'C', 'G', 'U'))?. Default: 'DNA'
prob	A vector of four probability values used to set the frequency of the nucleotides 'A', 'C', 'G', 'T', for DNA, or 'A', 'C', 'G', 'U', for RNA. For example = c(0.25, 0.25, 0.5, 0). Default is = c(0.25, 0.25, 0.25, 0.25) (equiprobability for the 4 bases). If the sum of the probabilities is > 1, the values will be normalized to the range [0, 1].

**Value**

[DNAStrngSet](#) object

**Author(s)**

Leandro Roser <learoser@gmail.com>

## Examples

```
# For reproducible examples, make a call to set.seed before
# running each random function

set.seed(10)
s1 <- random_seq(slength = 10, swidth = 20)
s1

set.seed(10)
s2 <- random_seq(slength = 10, swidth = 20,
  prob = c(0.6, 0.1, 0.3, 0))
s2
```

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seq\_filter

*Remove a set of sequences*

---

## Description

Removes a set of sequences

## Usage

```
seq_filter(input, rm.seq)
```

## Arguments

input	ShortReadQ object
rm.seq	Ccharacter vector with sequences to remove

## Value

Filtered ShortReadQ object

## Author(s)

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## Examples

```
require(ShortRead)

set.seed(10)
input <- random_length(30, 3:7)
rm.seq = c('TGGTC', 'CGGT', 'GTTCT', 'ATA')

# verify that some sequences match
match_before <- unlist(lapply(rm.seq,
  function(x) grep(x, as.character(sread(input)))))

filtered <- seq_filter(input,rm.seq = rm.seq)
```



```
# verify that matching sequences were removed
match_after <- unlist(lapply(rm.seq,
function(x) grep(x, as.character(sread(filtered))))))
```

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seq\_names                      *Create sequences names*

---

### Description

Create `BStringSet` object with names

### Usage

```
seq_names(n, base_name = "s", sep = "_")
```

### Arguments

n	Number of reads
base_name	Base name for strings
sep	Character separating base names and the read number. Default: '_'

### Value

`BStringSet` object

### Examples

```
snames <- seq_names(10)
snames
snames2 <- seq_names(10, base_name = 's', sep = '.')
snames2
```

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trim3q\_filter                      *Filter sequences with low quality in 3' tails*

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### Description

The program removes from the 3' tails of the sequences a set of nucleotides showing a quality < a threshold value in a `ShortReadQ` object

### Usage

```
trim3q_filter(input, rm.3qual, q_format = NULL, check.encod = TRUE,
remove_zero = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

input	ShortReadQ object
rm.3qual	Quality threshold for 3' tails
q_format	Quality format used for the file, as returned by check_encoding
check.encod	Check the encoding of the sequence? This argument is incompatible with q_format. Default TRUE
remove_zero	Remove zero-length sequences?

**Value**

Filtered ShortReadQ object

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
require('Biostrings')
require('ShortRead')

# create 6 sequences of width 20
set.seed(10)
input <- random_seq(6, 20)

# create qualities of width 15 and paste to qualities
# of length 5 used for the tails.
# for two of the sequences, put low qualities in tails

set.seed(10)
my_qual <- random_qual(c(30,40), slength = 6, swidth = 15,
  encod = 'Sanger')

set.seed(10)
tails <- random_qual(c(30,40), slength = 6, swidth = 5,
  encod = 'Sanger')

set.seed(10)
tails[2:3] <- random_qual(c(3, 20), slength = 2,
  swidth = 5, encod = 'Sanger')
my_qual <- paste0(my_qual, tails)
input_q <- BStringSet(my_qual)
# create names
input_names <- seq_names(6)

# create ShortReadQ object
my_read <- ShortReadQ(sread = input,
  quality = input_q, id = input_names)

# apply the filter
filtered <- trim3q_filter(my_read, rm.3qual = 28)

# look at the trimmed sequences
sread(filtered)
```

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unique_filter	<i>Remove duplicated sequences in a FASTQ file</i>
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**Description**

This program is a wrapper to [occurrenceFilter](#). It removes the duplicated sequences of a FASTQ file.

**Usage**

```
unique_filter(input)
```

**Arguments**

input            [ShortReadQ](#) object

**Value**

Filtered [ShortReadQ](#) object

**Author(s)**

Leandro Roser <learoser@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
require('Biostrings')
require('ShortRead')

set.seed(10)
s <- random_seq(10, 10)
s <- sample(s, 30, replace = TRUE)
q <- random_qual(30, 10)
n <- seq_names(30)

my_read <- ShortReadQ(sread = s, quality = q, id = n)

# check presence of duplicates
isUnique(as.character(sread(my_read)))

# apply the filter
filtered <- unique_filter(my_read)

isUnique(as.character(sread(filtered)))
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