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Description The package provides functions to create and use transcript centric annotation databases/packages. The annotation for the databases are directly fetched from Ensembl using their Perl API. The functionality and data is similar to that of the TxDb packages from the GenomicFeatures package, but, in addition to retrieve all gene/transcript models and annotations from the database, the ensemblldb package provides also a filter framework allowing to retrieve annotations for specific entries like genes encoded on a chromosome region or transcript models of lincRNA genes.

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addFilter,EnsDb-method

Globally add filters to an EnsDb database

Description

These methods allow to set, delete or show globally defined filters on an [EnsDb](#) object.

addFilter: adds an annotation filter to the EnsDb object.

dropFilter deletes all globally set filters from the EnsDb object.

activeFilter returns the globally set filter from an EnsDb object.

filter filters an EnsDb object. filter is an alias for the addFilter function.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
addFilter(x, filter = AnnotationFilterList())
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
dropFilter(x)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
activeFilter(x)
```

```
filter(x, filter = AnnotationFilterList())
```

Arguments

x	The EnsDb object to which the filter should be added.
filter	The filter as an AnnotationFilter , AnnotationFilterList or filter expression. See

Details

Adding a filter to an EnsDb object causes this filter to be permanently active. The filter will be used for all queries to the database and is added to all additional filters passed to the methods such as [genes](#).

Value

addFilter and filter return an EnsDb object with the specified filter added.

activeFilter returns an [AnnotationFilterList](#) object being the active global filter or NA if no filter was added.

dropFilter returns an EnsDb object with all eventually present global filters removed.

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See Also

[Filter-classes](#) for a list of all supported filters.

Examples

```
library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)
edb <- EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75

## Add a global SeqNameFilter to the database such that all subsequent
## queries will be applied on the filtered database.
edb_y <- addFilter(edb, SeqNameFilter("Y"))

## Note: using the filter function is equivalent to a call to addFilter.

## Each call returns now only features encoded on chromosome Y
gns <- genes(edb_y)

seqlevels(gns)

## Get all lincRNA gene transcripts on chromosome Y
transcripts(edb_y, filter = ~ gene_biotype == "lincRNA")

## Get the currently active global filter:
activeFilter(edb_y)

## Delete this filter again.
edb_y <- dropFilter(edb_y)

activeFilter(edb_y)
```

 convertFilter,AnnotationFilter,EnsDb-method

Convert an AnnotationFilter to a SQL WHERE condition for EnsDb

Description

convertFilter converts an AnnotationFilter::AnnotationFilter or AnnotationFilter::AnnotationFilterList to an SQL where condition for an EnsDb database.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'AnnotationFilter,EnsDb'
convertFilter(object, db,
  with.tables = character())
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'AnnotationFilterList,EnsDb'
convertFilter(object, db,
  with.tables = character())
```

Arguments

object	AnnotationFilter or AnnotationFilterList objects (or objects extending these classes).
db	EnsDb object.
with.tables	optional character vector specifying the names of the database tables that are being queried.

Value

A character(1) with the SQL where condition.

Note

This function *might* be used in direct SQL queries on the SQLite database underlying an EnsDb but is more thought to illustrate the use of AnnotationFilter objects in combination with SQL databases. This method is used internally to create the SQL calls to the database.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)
edb <- EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75

## Define a filter
flt <- AnnotationFilter(~ genename == "BCL2")

## Use the method from the AnnotationFilter package:
convertFilter(flt)
```

```
## Create a combination of filters
flt_list <- AnnotationFilter(~ genename %in% c("BCL2", "BCL2L11") &
  tx_biotype == "protein_coding")
flt_list

convertFilter(flt_list)

## Use the filters in the context of an EnsDb database:
convertFilter(flt, edb)

convertFilter(flt_list, edb)
```

Deprecated

Deprecated functionality

Description

All functions, methods and classes listed on this page are deprecated and might be removed in future releases.

`GeneidFilter` creates a `GeneIdFilter`. Use [GeneIdFilter](#) instead.

`GenebiotypeFilter` creates a `GeneBiotypeFilter`. Use [GeneBiotypeFilter](#) instead.

`EntrezidFilter` creates a `EntrezFilter`. Use [EntrezFilter](#) instead.

`TxidFilter` creates a `TxIdFilter`. Use [TxIdFilter](#) instead.

`TxbiotypeFilter` creates a `TxBiotypeFilter`. Use [TxBiotypeFilter](#) instead.

`ExonidFilter` creates a `ExonIdFilter`. Use [ExonIdFilter](#) instead.

`ExonrankFilter` creates a `ExonRankFilter`. Use [ExonRankFilter](#) instead.

`SeqNameFilter` creates a `SeqNameFilter`. Use [SeqNameFilter](#) instead.

`SeqstrandFilter` creates a `SeqStrandFilter`. Use [SeqStrandFilter](#) instead.

`SeqstartFilter` creates a `GeneStartFilter`, `TxStartFilter` or `ExonStartFilter` depending on the value of the parameter `feature`. Use [GeneStartFilter](#), [TxStartFilter](#) and [ExonStartFilter](#) instead.

`SeqendFilter` creates a `GeneEndFilter`, `TxEndFilter` or `ExonEndFilter` depending on the value of the parameter `feature`. Use [GeneEndFilter](#), [TxEndFilter](#) and [ExonEndFilter](#) instead.

Usage

```
GeneidFilter(value, condition = "==")
```

```
GenebiotypeFilter(value, condition = "==")
```

```
EntrezidFilter(value, condition = "==")
```

```
TxidFilter(value, condition = "==")
```

```
TxbiotypeFilter(value, condition = "==")
```

```
ExonidFilter(value, condition = "==")
```

```

ExonrankFilter(value, condition = "==")
SeqnameFilter(value, condition = "==")
SeqstrandFilter(value, condition = "==")
SeqstartFilter(value, condition = ">", feature = "gene")
SeqendFilter(value, condition = "<", feature = "gene")

```

Arguments

value	The value for the filter.
condition	The condition for the filter.
feature	For SeqstartFilter and SeqendFilter: on what type of feature should the filter be applied? Supported are "gene", "tx" and "exon".

EnsDb	<i>Connect to an EnsDb object</i>
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Description

The EnsDb constructor function connects to the database specified with argument `x` and returns a corresponding [EnsDb](#) object.

Usage

```
EnsDb(x)
```

Arguments

x	Either a character specifying the <i>SQLite</i> database file, or a DBIConnection to e.g. a MySQL database.
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Details

By providing the connection to a MySQL database, it is possible to use MySQL as the database backend and queries will be performed on that database. Note however that this requires the package RMySQL to be installed. In addition, the user needs to have access to a MySQL server providing already an EnsDb database, or must have write privileges on a MySQL server, in which case the [useMySQL](#) method can be used to insert the annotations from an EnsDB package into a MySQL database.

Value

A [EnsDb](#) object.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
## "Standard" way to create an EnsDb object:
library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)
EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75

## Alternatively, provide the full file name of a SQLite database file
dbfile <- system.file("extdata/EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75.sqlite", package = "EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75")
edb <- EnsDb(dbfile)
edb

## Third way: connect to a MySQL database
## Not run:
library(RMySQL)
dbcon <- dbConnect(MySQL(), user = my_user, pass = my_pass, host = my_host, dbname = "ensdb_hsapiens_v75")
edb <- EnsDb(dbcon)

## End(Not run)
```

EnsDb-class

Basic usage of an Ensembl based annotation database

Description

The EnsDb class provides access to an Ensembl-based annotation package. This help page describes functions to get some basic informations from such an object.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
dbconn(x)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
ensemblVersion(x)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
listColumns(x, table, skip.keys=TRUE, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
listGenebiotypes(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
listTxbiotypes(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
listTables(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
metadata(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
organism(object)
```

```

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
returnFilterColumns(x)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
returnFilterColumns(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'EnsDb'
returnFilterColumns(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
seqinfo(x)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
seqlevels(x)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
updateEnsDb(x, ...)

```

Arguments

(in alphabetic order)

Additional arguments. Not used.

object For organism: an EnsDb instance.

skip.keys for listColumns: whether primary and foreign keys (not being e.g. "gene_id" or alike) should be returned or not. By default these will not be returned.

table For listColumns: optionally specify the table name(s) for which the columns should be returned.

value For returnFilterColumns: a logical of length one specifying whether columns that are used for eventual filters should also be returned.

x An EnsDb instance.

Value

For connection The SQL connection to the RSQLite database.

For EnsDb An EnsDb instance.

For lengthOf A named integer vector with the length of the genes or transcripts.

For listColumns A character vector with the column names.

For listGenebiotypes A character vector with the biotypes of the genes in the database.

For listTxbiotypes A character vector with the biotypes of the transcripts in the database.

For listTables A list with the names corresponding to the database table names and the elements being the attribute (column) names of the table.

For metadata A data.frame.

For organism A character string.

For returnFilterColumns A logical of length 1.

For seqinfo A Seqinfo class.

For updateEnsDb A EnsDb object.

Objects from the Class

A connection to the respective annotation database is created upon loading of an annotation package created with the [makeEnsemblDbPackage](#) function. In addition, the [EnsDb](#) constructor specifying the SQLite database file can be called to generate an instance of the object (see [makeEnsemblSQLiteFromTables](#) for an example).

Slots

- ensdb** Object of class "DBIConnection": the connection to the database.
- tables** Named list of database table columns with the names being the database table names. The tables are ordered by their degree, i.e. the number of other tables they can be joined with.
- .properties** Internal list storing user-defined properties. Should not be directly accessed.

Methods and Functions

- dbconn** Returns the connection to the internal SQL database.
- ensemblVersion** Returns the Ensembl version on which the package was built.
- listColumns** Lists all columns of all tables in the database, or, if `table` is specified, of the respective table.
- listGenebiotypes** Lists all gene biotypes defined in the database.
- listTxbiotypes** Lists all transcript biotypes defined in the database.
- listTables** Returns a named list of database table columns (names of the list being the database table names).
- metadata** Returns a `data.frame` with the metadata information from the database, i.e. informations about the Ensembl version or Genome build the database was build upon.
- organism** Returns the organism name (e.g. "homo_sapiens").
- returnFilterColumns, returnFilterColumns<-** Get or set the option which results in columns that are used for eventually specified filters to be added as result columns. The default value is TRUE (i.e. filter columns are returned).
- seqinfo** Returns the sequence/chromosome information from the database.
- seqlevels** Returns the chromosome/sequence names that are available in the database.
- show** Displays some informations from the database.
- updateEnsDb** Updates the EnsDb object to the most recent implementation.

Note

While a column named "tx_name" is listed by the `listTables` and `listColumns` method, no such column is present in the database. Transcript names returned by the methods are actually the transcript IDs. This *virtual* column was only introduced to be compliant with TxDb objects (which provide transcript names).

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See Also

[EnsDb](#), [makeEnsemblDbPackage](#), [exonsBy](#), [genes](#), [transcripts](#), [makeEnsemblSQLiteFromTables](#) [addFilter](#) for globally adding filters to an EnsDb object.

Examples

```

library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)

## Display some information:
EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75

## Show the tables along with its columns
listTables(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)

## For what species is this database?
organism(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)

## What Ensembl version if the database based on?
ensemblVersion(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)

## Get some more information from the database
metadata(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)

## Get all the sequence names.
seqlevels(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)

## List all available gene biotypes from the database:
listGenebiotypes(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)

## List all available transcript biotypes:
listTxbiotypes(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)

## Update the EnsDb; this is in most instances not necessary at all.
updateEnsDb(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)

##### returnFilterColumns
returnFilterColumns(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)

## Get protein coding genes on chromosome X, specifying to return
## only columns gene_name as additional column.
genes(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75, filter=list(SeqNameFilter("X"),
                                     GeneBiotypeFilter("protein_coding")),
      columns=c("gene_name"))
## By default we get also the gene_biotype column as the data was filtered
## on this column.

## This can be changed using the returnFilterColumns option
returnFilterColumns(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75) <- FALSE
genes(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75, filter=list(SeqNameFilter("X"),
                                     GeneBiotypeFilter("protein_coding")),
      columns=c("gene_name"))

```

Description

Retrieve gene/transcript/exons annotations stored in an Ensembl based database package generated with the [makeEnsemblDbPackage](#) function. Parameter `filter` enables to define filters to retrieve only specific data. Alternatively, a global filter might be added to the `EnsDb` object using the [addFilter](#) method.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
exons(x, columns = listColumns(x,"exon"),
      filter = AnnotationFilterList(), order.by,
      order.type = "asc", return.type = "GRanges")

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
exonsBy(x, by = c("tx", "gene"),
        columns = listColumns(x, "exon"), filter =
        AnnotationFilterList(), use.names = FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
exonsByOverlaps(x, ranges, maxgap = -1L, minoverlap = 0L,
                type = c("any", "start", "end"), columns = listColumns(x, "exon"),
                filter = AnnotationFilterList())

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
transcripts(x, columns = listColumns(x, "tx"),
            filter = AnnotationFilterList(), order.by, order.type = "asc",
            return.type = "GRanges")

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
transcriptsBy(x, by = c("gene", "exon"),
              columns = listColumns(x, "tx"), filter = AnnotationFilterList())

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
transcriptsByOverlaps(x, ranges, maxgap = -1L,
                      minoverlap = 0L, type = c("any", "start", "end"),
                      columns = listColumns(x, "tx"), filter = AnnotationFilterList())

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
promoters(x, upstream = 2000, downstream = 200, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
genes(x, columns = c(listColumns(x, "gene"), "entrezid"),
      filter = AnnotationFilterList(), order.by, order.type = "asc",
      return.type = "GRanges")

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
disjointExons(x, aggregateGenes = FALSE,
              includeTranscripts = TRUE, filter = AnnotationFilterList(), ...)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
cdsBy(x, by = c("tx", "gene"), columns = NULL,
```

```

        filter = AnnotationFilterList(), use.names = FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
fiveUTRsByTranscript(x, columns = NULL,
                     filter = AnnotationFilterList())

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
threeUTRsByTranscript(x, columns = NULL,
                      filter = AnnotationFilterList())

## S4 method for signature 'GRangesList'
toSAF(x, ...)

```

Arguments

(In alphabetic order)

- For promoters: additional arguments to be passed to the transcripts method.
- aggregateGenes** For disjointExons: When FALSE (default) exon fragments that overlap multiple genes are dropped. When TRUE, all fragments are kept and the gene_id metadata column includes all gene IDs that overlap the exon fragment.
- by** For exonsBy: whether exons could be fetched by genes or by transcripts; as in the corresponding function of the GenomicFeatures package. For transcriptsBy: whether transcripts should be fetched by genes or by exons; fetching transcripts by cds as supported by the [transcriptsBy](#) method in the GenomicFeatures package is currently not implemented. For cdsBy: whether cds should be fetched by transcript or by gene.
- columns** Columns to be retrieved from the database tables.
 Default values for genes are all columns from the gene database table, for exons and exonsBy the column names of the exon database table and for transcript and transcriptBy the columns of the tx data base table (see details below for more information).
 Note that any of the column names of the database tables can be submitted to any of the methods (use [listTables](#) or [listColumns](#) methods for a complete list of allowed column names).
 For cdsBy: this argument is only supported for for by="tx".
- downstream** For method promoters: the number of nucleotides downstream of the transcription start site that should be included in the promoter region.
- filter** A filter describing which results to retrieve from the database. Can be a single object extending [AnnotationFilter](#), an [AnnotationFilterList](#) object combining several such objects or a formula representing a filter expression (see examples below or [AnnotationFilter](#) for more details). Use the [supportedFilters](#) method to get an overview of supported filter classes and related fields.
- includeTranscripts** For disjointExons: When TRUE (default) a tx_name metadata column is included that lists all transcript IDs that overlap the exon fragment. Note: this is different to the [disjointExons](#) function in the GenomicFeatures package, that lists the transcript names, not IDs.
- maxgap** For exonsByOverlaps and transcriptsByOverlaps: see [exonsByOverlaps](#) help page in the GenomicFeatures package.

<code>minoverlap</code>	For <code>exonsByOverlaps</code> and <code>transcriptsByOverlaps</code> : see exonsByOverlaps help page in the <code>GenomicFeatures</code> package.
<code>order.by</code>	Character vector specifying the column(s) by which the result should be ordered. This can be either in the form of <code>"gene_id, seq_name"</code> or <code>c("gene_id", "seq_name")</code> .
<code>order.type</code>	If the results should be ordered ascending (<code>asc</code> , default) or descending (<code>desc</code>).
<code>ranges</code>	For <code>exonsByOverlaps</code> and <code>transcriptsByOverlaps</code> : a <code>GRanges</code> object specifying the genomic regions.
<code>return.type</code>	Type of the returned object. Can be either <code>"data.frame"</code> , <code>"DataFrame"</code> or <code>"GRanges"</code> . In the latter case the return object will be a <code>GRanges</code> object with the <code>GRanges</code> specifying the chromosomal start and end coordinates of the feature (gene, transcript or exon, depending whether genes, transcripts or exons was called). All additional columns are added as metadata columns to the <code>GRanges</code> object.
<code>type</code>	For <code>exonsByOverlaps</code> and <code>transcriptsByOverlaps</code> : see exonsByOverlaps help page in the <code>GenomicFeatures</code> package.
<code>upstream</code>	For method promoters: the number of nucleotides upstream of the transcription start site that should be included in the promoter region.
<code>use.names</code>	For <code>cdsBy</code> and <code>exonsBy</code> : only for <code>by="gene"</code> : use the names of the genes instead of their IDs as names of the resulting <code>GRangesList</code> .
<code>x</code>	For <code>toSAF</code> a <code>GRangesList</code> object. For all other methods an <code>EnsDb</code> instance.

Details

A detailed description of all database tables and the associated attributes/column names is also given in the vignette of this package. An overview of the columns is given below:

gene_id the Ensembl gene ID of the gene.

gene_name the name of the gene (in most cases its official symbol).

entrezid the NCBI Entrezgene ID of the gene. Note that this column contains a list of Entrezgene identifiers to accommodate the potential 1:n mapping between Ensembl genes and Entrezgene IDs.

gene_biotype the biotype of the gene.

gene_seq_start the start coordinate of the gene on the sequence (usually a chromosome).

gene_seq_end the end coordinate of the gene.

seq_name the name of the sequence the gene is encoded (usually a chromosome).

seq_strand the strand on which the gene is encoded

seq_coord_system the coordinate system of the sequence.

tx_id the Ensembl transcript ID.

tx_biotype the biotype of the transcript.

tx_seq_start the chromosomal start coordinate of the transcript.

tx_seq_end the chromosomal end coordinate of the transcript.

tx_cds_seq_start the start coordinate of the coding region of the transcript (NULL for non-coding transcripts).

tx_cds_seq_end the end coordinate of the coding region.

exon_id the ID of the exon. In Ensembl, each exon specified by a unique chromosomal start and end position has its own ID. Thus, the same exon might be part of several transcripts.

exon_seq_start the chromosomal start coordinate of the exon.

exon_seq_end the chromosomal end coordinate of the exon.

exon_idx the index of the exon in the transcript model. As noted above, an exon can be part of several transcripts and thus its position inside these transcript might differ.

Many EnsDb databases provide also protein related annotations. See [listProteinColumns](#) for more information.

Value

For exons, transcripts and genes, a `data.frame`, `DataFrame` or a `GRanges`, depending on the value of the `return.type` parameter. The result is ordered as specified by the `order.by` or, if not provided, by `seq_name` and chromosomal start coordinate, but NOT by any ordering of values in eventually submitted filter objects.

For `exonsBy`, `transcriptsBy`: a `GRangesList`, depending on the value of the `return.type` parameter. The results are ordered by the value of the `by` parameter.

For `exonsByOverlaps` and `transcriptsByOverlaps`: a `GRanges` with the exons or transcripts overlapping the specified regions.

For `toSAF`: a `data.frame` with column names "GeneID" (the group name from the `GRangesList`, i.e. the ID by which the `GRanges` are split), "Chr" (the `seqnames` from the `GRanges`), "Start" (the start coordinate), "End" (the end coordinate) and "Strand" (the strand).

For `disjointExons`: a `GRanges` of non-overlapping exon parts.

For `cdsBy`: a `GRangesList` with `GRanges` per either transcript or exon specifying the start and end coordinates of the coding region of the transcript or gene.

For `fiveUTRsByTranscript`: a `GRangesList` with `GRanges` for each protein coding transcript representing the start and end coordinates of full or partial exons that constitute the 5' untranslated region of the transcript.

For `threeUTRsByTranscript`: a `GRangesList` with `GRanges` for each protein coding transcript representing the start and end coordinates of full or partial exons that constitute the 3' untranslated region of the transcript.

Methods and Functions

exons Retrieve exon information from the database. Additional columns from transcripts or genes associated with the exons can be specified and are added to the respective exon annotation.

exonsBy Retrieve exons grouped by transcript or by gene. This function returns a `GRangesList` as does the analogous function in the `GenomicFeatures` package. Using the `columns` parameter it is possible to determine which additional values should be retrieved from the database. These will be included in the `GRanges` object for the exons as metadata columns. The exons in the inner `GRanges` are ordered by the exon index within the transcript (if `by="tx"`), or increasingly by the chromosomal start position of the exon or decreasingly by the chromosomal end position of the exon depending whether the gene is encoded on the + or - strand (for `by="gene"`). The `GRanges` in the `GRangesList` will be ordered by the name of the gene or transcript.

exonsByOverlaps Retrieve exons overlapping specified genomic ranges. For more information see [exonsByOverlaps](#) method in the `GenomicFeatures` package. The functionality is to some extent similar and redundant to the `exons` method in combination with [GRangesFilter](#) filter.

transcripts Retrieve transcript information from the database. Additional columns from genes or exons associated with the transcripts can be specified and are added to the respective transcript annotation.

- transcriptsBy** Retrieve transcripts grouped by gene or exon. This function returns a `GRangesList` as does the analogous function in the `GenomicFeatures` package. Using the `columns` parameter it is possible to determine which additional values should be retrieved from the database. These will be included in the `GRanges` object for the transcripts as metadata columns. The transcripts in the inner `GRanges` are ordered increasingly by the chromosomal start position of the transcript for genes encoded on the + strand and in a decreasing manner by the chromosomal end position of the transcript for genes encoded on the - strand. The `GRanges` in the `GRangesList` will be ordered by the name of the gene or exon.
- transcriptsByOverlaps** Retrieve transcripts overlapping specified genomic ranges. For more information see `transcriptsByOverlaps` method in the `GenomicFeatures` package. The functionality is to some extent similar and redundant to the `transcripts` method in combination with `GRangesFilter` filter.
- promoters** Retrieve promoter information from the database. Additional columns from genes or exons associated with the promoters can be specified and are added to the respective promoter annotation.
- genes** Retrieve gene information from the database. Additional columns from transcripts or exons associated with the genes can be specified and are added to the respective gene annotation. Note that column "entrezid" is a list of Entrezgene identifiers to accommodate the potential 1:n mapping between Ensembl genes and Entrezgene IDs.
- disjointExons** This method is identical to `disjointExons` defined in the `GenomicFeatures` package. It creates a `GRanges` of non-overlapping exon parts with metadata columns of `gene_id` and `exonic_part`. Exon parts that overlap more than one gene can be dropped with `aggregateGenes=FALSE`.
- cdsBy** Returns the coding region grouped either by transcript or by gene. Each element in the `GRangesList` represents the `cds` for one transcript or gene, with the individual ranges corresponding to the coding part of its exons. For `by="tx"` additional annotation columns can be added to the individual `GRanges` (in addition to the default columns `exon_id` and `exon_rank`). Note that the `GRangesList` is sorted by its names.
- fiveUTRsByTranscript** Returns the 5' untranslated region for protein coding transcripts.
- threeUTRsByTranscript** Returns the 3' untranslated region for protein coding transcripts.
- toSAF** Reformats a `GRangesList` object into a `data.frame` corresponding to a standard SAF (Simplified Annotation Format) file (i.e. with column names "GeneID", "Chr", "Start", "End" and "Strand"). Note: this method makes only sense on a `GRangesList` that groups features (exons, transcripts) by gene.

Note

Ensembl defines genes not only on standard chromosomes, but also on patched chromosomes and chromosome variants. Thus it might be advisable to restrict the queries to just those chromosomes of interest (e.g. by specifying a `SeqNameFilter(c(1:22, "X", "Y"))`). In addition, also so called LRG genes (Locus Reference Genomic) are defined in Ensembl. Their gene id starts with LRG instead of ENS for Ensembl genes, thus, a filter can be applied to specifically select those genes or exclude those genes (see examples below).

Depending on the value of the global option "ucscChromosomeNames" (use `getOption(ucscChromosomeNames, FALSE)` to get its value or `option(ucscChromosomeNames=TRUE)` to change its value) the sequence/chromosome names of the returned `GRanges` objects or provided in the returned `data.frame` or `DataFrame` correspond to Ensembl chromosome names (if value is `FALSE`) or UCSC chromosome names (if `TRUE`). This ensures a better integration with the `Gviz` package, in which this option is set by default to `TRUE`.

Note

While it is possible to request values from a column "tx_name" (with the columns argument), no such column is present in the database. The returned values correspond to the ID of the transcripts.

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See Also

[supportedFilters](#) to get an overview of supported filters. [makeEnsemblDbPackage](#), [listColumns](#), [lengthOf](#)

[addFilter](#) for globally adding filters to an EnsDb object.

Examples

```
library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)
edb <- EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75

##### genes
##
## Get all genes encoded on chromosome Y
AllY <- genes(edb, filter = SeqNameFilter("Y"))
AllY

## Return the result as a DataFrame; also, we use a filter expression here
## to define which features to extract from the database.
AllY.granges <- genes(edb,
                      filter = ~ seq_name == "Y",
                      return.type="DataFrame")
AllY.granges

## Include all transcripts of the gene and their chromosomal
## coordinates, sort by chrom start of transcripts and return as
## GRanges.
AllY.granges.tx <- genes(edb,
                        filter = SeqNameFilter("Y"),
                        columns = c("gene_id", "seq_name",
                                   "seq_strand", "tx_id", "tx_biotype",
                                   "tx_seq_start", "tx_seq_end"),
                        order.by = "tx_seq_start")
AllY.granges.tx

##### transcripts
##
## Get all transcripts of a gene
Tx <- transcripts(edb,
                 filter = GeneIdFilter("ENSG00000184895"),
                 order.by = "tx_seq_start")
Tx

## Get all transcripts of two genes along with some information on the
## gene and transcript
```



```

Tx <- transcripts(edb,
                 filter = GeneIdFilter(c("ENSG00000184895",
                                         "ENSG00000092377")),
                 columns = c("gene_id", "gene_seq_start", "gene_seq_end",
                             "gene_biotype", "tx_biotype"))

Tx

##### promoters
##
## Get the bona-fide promoters (2k up- to 200nt downstream of TSS)
promoters(edb, filter = GeneIdFilter(c("ENSG00000184895",
                                       "ENSG00000092377")))

##### exons
##
## Get all exons of protein coding transcript for the gene ENSG00000184895
Exon <- exons(edb,
              filter = ~ gene_id == "ENSG00000184895" &
                      tx_biotype == "protein_coding",
              columns = c("gene_id", "gene_seq_start", "gene_seq_end",
                          "tx_biotype", "gene_biotype"))

Exon

##### exonsBy
##
## Get all exons for transcripts encoded on chromosomes X and Y.
ETx <- exonsBy(edb, by = "tx",
               filter = SeqNameFilter(c("X", "Y")))

ETx
## Get all exons for genes encoded on chromosome 1 to 22, X and Y and
## include additional annotation columns in the result
EGenes <- exonsBy(edb, by = "gene",
                 filter = SeqNameFilter(c("X", "Y")),
                 columns = c("gene_biotype", "gene_name"))

EGenes

## Note that this might also contain "LRG" genes.
length(grep(names(EGenes), pattern="LRG"))

## to fetch just Ensemblgenes, use an GeneIdFilter with value
## "ENS%" and condition "like"
eg <- exonsBy(edb, by = "gene",
              filter = AnnotationFilterList(SeqNameFilter(c("X", "Y")),
                                           GeneIdFilter("ENS", "startsWith")),
              columns = c("gene_biotype", "gene_name"))

eg
length(grep(names(eg), pattern="LRG"))

##### transcriptsBy
##
TGenes <- transcriptsBy(edb, by = "gene",
                      filter = SeqNameFilter(c("X", "Y")))

TGenes

## convert this to a SAF formatted data.frame that can be used by the

```

```

## featureCounts function from the Rsubreader package.
head(toSAF(TGenes))

##### transcriptsByOverlaps
##
ir <- IRanges(start = c(2654890, 2709520, 28111770),
              end = c(2654900, 2709550, 28111790))
gr <- GRanges(rep("Y", length(ir)), ir)

## Retrieve all transcripts overlapping any of the regions.
txs <- transcriptsByOverlaps(edb, gr)
txs

## Alternatively, use a GRangesFilter
grf <- GRangesFilter(gr, type = "any")
txs <- transcripts(edb, filter = grf)
txs

#### cdsBy
## Get the coding region for all transcripts on chromosome Y.
## Specifying also additional annotation columns (in addition to the default
## exon_id and exon_rank).
cds <- cdsBy(edb, by = "tx", filter = SeqNameFilter("Y"),
            columns = c("tx_biotype", "gene_name"))

#### the 5' untranslated regions:
fUTRs <- fiveUTRsByTranscript(edb, filter = SeqNameFilter("Y"))

#### the 3' untranslated regions with additional column gene_name.
tUTRs <- threeUTRsByTranscript(edb, filter = SeqNameFilter("Y"),
                             columns = "gene_name")

```

Filter-classes

Filters supported by ensemblDb

Description

ensemldb supports most of the filters from the [AnnotationFilter](#) package to retrieve specific content from [EnsDb](#) databases. These filters can be passed to the methods such as [genes](#) with the `filter` parameter or can be added as a *global* filter to an [EnsDb](#) object (see [addFilter](#) for more details). Use the [supportedFilters](#) to list all filters supported for [EnsDb](#) object.

`supportedFilters` returns a `data.frame` with the names of all filters and the corresponding field supported by the [EnsDb](#) object.

`seqnames`: accessor for the sequence names of the [GRanges](#) object within a [GRangesFilter](#)

`seqlevels`: accessor for the `seqlevels` of the [GRanges](#) object within a [GRangesFilter](#)

Usage

```

OnlyCodingTxFilter()

ProtDomIdFilter(value, condition = "==")

UniprotDbFilter(value, condition = "==")

UniprotMappingTypeFilter(value, condition = "==")

TxSupportLevelFilter(value, condition = "==")

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
supportedFilters(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'GRangesFilter'
seqnames(x)

## S4 method for signature 'GRangesFilter'
seqlevels(x)

```

Arguments

value	The value(s) for the filter. For GRangesFilter it has to be a GRanges object.
condition	character(1) specifying the <i>condition</i> of the filter. For character-based filters (such as GeneIdFilter) "=", "!=", "startsWith" and "endsWith" are supported. Allowed values for integer-based filters (such as GeneStartFilter) are "=", "!=", "<", "<=", ">" and ">=".
object	For supportedFilters: an EnsDb object.
...	For supportedFilters: currently not used.
x	For seqnames, seqlevels: a GRangesFilter object.

Details

ensemldb supports the following filters from the AnnotationFilter package:

GeneIdFilter filter based on the Ensembl gene ID.

GenenameFilter filter based on the name of the gene as provided by Ensembl. In most cases this will correspond to the official gene symbol.

SymbolFilter filter based on the gene names. [EnsDb](#) objects don't have a dedicated *symbol* column, the filtering is hence based on the gene names.

GeneBiotype filter based on the biotype of genes (e.g. "protein_coding").

GeneStartFilter filter based on the genomic start coordinate of genes.

GeneEndFilter filter based on the genomic end coordinate of genes.

EntrezidFilter filter based on the genes' NCBI Entrezgene ID.

TxIdFilter filter based on the Ensembl transcript ID.

TxNameFilter filter based on the Ensembl transcript ID; no transcript names are provided in [EnsDb](#) databases.

TxBiotypeFilter filter based on the transcripts' biotype.

TxStartFilter filter based on the genomic start coordinate of the transcripts.

TxEndFilter filter based on the genomic end coordinates of the transcripts.

ExonIdFilter filter based on Ensembl exon IDs.

ExonRankFilter filter based on the index/rank of the exon within the transcripts.

ExonStartFilter filter based on the genomic start coordinates of the exons.

ExonEndFilter filter based on the genomic end coordinates of the exons.

GRangesFilter Allows to fetch features within or overlapping specified genomic region(s)/ range(s).

This filter takes a [GRanges](#) object as input and, if `type = "any"` (the default) will restrict results to features (genes, transcripts or exons) that are partially overlapping the region. Alternatively, by specifying `condition = "within"` it will return features located within the range. In addition, the [GRangesFilter](#) supports `condition = "start"`, `condition = "end"` and `condition = "equal"` filtering for features with the same start or end coordinate or that are equal to the GRanges.

Note that the type of feature on which the filter is applied depends on the method that is called, i.e. [genes](#) will filter on the genomic coordinates of genes, [transcripts](#) on those of transcripts and [exons](#) on exon coordinates.

Calls to the methods [exonsBy](#), [cdsBy](#) and [transcriptsBy](#) use the start and end coordinates of the feature type specified with argument `by` (i.e. "gene", "transcript" or "exon") for the filtering.

If the specified GRanges object defines multiple regions, all features within (or overlapping) any of these regions are returned.

Chromosome names/seqnames can be provided in UCSC format (e.g. "chrX") or Ensembl format (e.g. "X"); see [seqlevelsStyle](#) for more information.

SeqNameFilter filter based on chromosome names.

SeqStrandFilter filter based on the chromosome strand. The strand can be specified with `value = "+"`, `value = "-"`, `value = -1` or `value = 1`.

ProteinIdFilter filter based on Ensembl protein IDs. This filter is only supported if the [EnsDb](#) provides protein annotations; use the [hasProteinData](#) method to evaluate.

UniprotFilter filter based on Uniprot IDs. This filter is only supported if the [EnsDb](#) provides protein annotations; use the [hasProteinData](#) method to evaluate.

In addition, the following filters are defined by `ensemldb`:

TxSupportLevel allows to filter results using the provided transcript support level. Support levels for transcripts are defined by Ensembl based on the available evidences for a transcript with 1 being the highest evidence grade and 5 the lowest level. This filter is only supported on [EnsDb](#) databases with a db schema version higher 2.1.

UniprotDbFilter allows to filter results based on the specified Uniprot database name(s).

UniprotMappingTypeFilter allows to filter results based on the mapping method/type that was used to assign Uniprot IDs to Ensembl protein IDs.

ProtDomIdFilter allows to retrieve entries from the database matching the provided filter criteria based on their protein domain ID (*protein_domain_id*).

OnlyCodingTxFilter allows to retrieve entries only for protein coding transcripts, i.e. transcripts with a CDS. This filter does not take any input arguments.

Value

For ProtDomIdFilter: A ProtDomIdFilter object.

For UniprotDbFilter: A UniprotDbFilter object.

For UniprotMappingTypeFilter: A UniprotMappingTypeFilter object.

For TxSupportLevel: A TxSupportLevel object.

For supportedFilters: a data.frame with the names and the corresponding field of the supported filter classes.

Note

For users of ensemblDb version < 2.0: in the [GRangesFilter](#) from the AnnotationFilter package the condition parameter was renamed to type (to be consistent with the IRanges package). In addition, the condition = "overlapping" is no longer recognized. To retrieve all features overlapping the range type = "any" has to be used.

Protein annotation based filters can only be used if the [EnsDb](#) database contains protein annotations, i.e. if [hasProteinData](#) is TRUE. Also, only protein coding transcripts will have protein annotations available, thus, non-coding transcripts/genes will not be returned by the queries using protein annotation filters.

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See Also

[supportedFilters](#) to list all filters supported for EnsDb objects. [listUniprotDbs](#) and [listUniprotMappingTypes](#) to list all Uniprot database names respectively mapping method types from the database.

[GeneIdFilter](#) for more details on the filter objects.

[genes](#), [transcripts](#), [exons](#), [listGenebiotypes](#), [listTxbiotypes](#).

[addFilter](#) for globally adding filters to an EnsDb object.

Examples

```
## Create a filter that could be used to retrieve all informations for
## the respective gene.
gif <- GeneIdFilter("ENSG00000012817")
gif

## Create a filter for a chromosomal end position of a gene
sef <- GeneEndFilter(10000, condition = ">")
sef

## For additional examples see the help page of "genes".

## Example for GRangesFilter:
## retrieve all genes overlapping the specified region
grf <- GRangesFilter(GRanges("11", ranges = IRanges(114000000, 114000050),
                             strand = "+"), type = "any")
library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)
edb <- EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75
```

```

genes(edb, filter = grf)

## Get also all transcripts overlapping that region.
transcripts(edb, filter = grf)

## Retrieve all transcripts for the above gene
gn <- genes(edb, filter = grf)
txs <- transcripts(edb, filter = GenenameFilter(gn$gene_name))
## Next we simply plot their start and end coordinates.
plot(3, 3, pch=NA, xlim=c(start(gn), end(gn)), ylim=c(0, length(txs)),
     yaxt="n", ylab="")
## Highlight the GRangesFilter region
rect(xleft=start(grf), xright=end(grf), ybottom=0, ytop=length(txs),
     col="red", border="red")
for(i in 1:length(txs)){
  current <- txs[i]
  rect(xleft=start(current), xright=end(current), ybottom=i-0.975, ytop=i-0.125, border="grey")
  text(start(current), y=i-0.5, pos=4, cex=0.75, labels=current$tx_id)
}
## Thus, we can see that only 4 transcripts of that gene are indeed
## overlapping the region.

## No exon is overlapping that region, thus we're not getting anything
exons(edb, filter = grf)

## Example for ExonRankFilter
## Extract all exons 1 and (if present) 2 for all genes encoded on the
## Y chromosome
exons(edb, columns = c("tx_id", "exon_idx"),
      filter=list(SeqNameFilter("Y"),
                  ExonRankFilter(3, condition = "<"))))

## Get all transcripts for the gene SKA2
transcripts(edb, filter = GenenameFilter("SKA2"))

## Which is the same as using a SymbolFilter
transcripts(edb, filter = SymbolFilter("SKA2"))

## Create a ProteinIdFilter:
pf <- ProteinIdFilter("ENSP00000362111")
pf
## Using this filter would retrieve all database entries that are associated
## with a protein with the ID "ENSP00000362111"
if (hasProteinData(edb)) {
  res <- genes(edb, filter = pf)
  res
}

## UniprotFilter:
uf <- UniprotFilter("060762")
## Get the transcripts encoding that protein:
if (hasProteinData(edb)) {
  transcripts(edb, filter = uf)
}

```

```

## The mapping Ensembl protein ID to Uniprot ID can however be 1:n:
transcripts(edb, filter = TxIdFilter("ENST00000371588"),
            columns = c("protein_id", "uniprot_id"))
}

## ProtDomIdFilter:
pdf <- ProtDomIdFilter("PF00335")
## Also here we could get all transcripts related to that protein domain
if (hasProteinData(edb)) {
  transcripts(edb, filter = pdf, columns = "protein_id")
}

```

```

getGeneRegionTrackForGviz
      Utility functions

```

Description

Utility functions integrating EnsDb objects with other Bioconductor packages.

Usage

```

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
getGeneRegionTrackForGviz(x,
                          filter = AnnotationFilterList(), chromosome = NULL,
                          start = NULL, end = NULL, featureIs = "gene_biotype")

```

Arguments

(In alphabetic order)

	For <code>getGeneRegionTrackForGviz</code> : optional chromosome name to restrict the returned entry to a specific chromosome.
<code>ehromosome</code>	For <code>getGeneRegionTrackForGviz</code> : optional chromosomal end coordinate specifying, together with <code>start</code> , the chromosomal region from which features should be retrieved.
<code>featureIs</code>	For <code>getGeneRegionTrackForGviz</code> : whether the gene (<code>"gene_biotype"</code>) or the transcript biotype (<code>"tx_biotype"</code>) should be returned in column <code>"feature"</code> .
<code>filter</code>	A filter describing which results to retrieve from the database. Can be a single object extending AnnotationFilter , an AnnotationFilterList object combining several such objects or a formula representing a filter expression (see examples below or AnnotationFilter for more details).
<code>start</code>	For <code>getGeneRegionTrackForGviz</code> : optional chromosomal start coordinate specifying, together with <code>end</code> , the chromosomal region from which features should be retrieved.
<code>x</code>	For <code>toSAF</code> a <code>GRangesList</code> object. For all other methods an <code>EnsDb</code> instance.

Value

For `getGeneRegionTrackForGviz`: see method description above.

Methods and Functions

getGeneRegionTrackForGviz Retrieve a GRanges object with transcript features from the EnsDb that can be used directly in the Gviz package to create a GeneRegionTrack. Using the `filter`, `chromosome`, `start` and `end` arguments it is possible to fetch specific features (e.g. lincRNAs) from the database.

If `chromosome`, `start` and `end` is provided the function internally first retrieves all transcripts that have an exon or an intron in the specified chromosomal region and subsequently fetch all of these transcripts. This ensures that all transcripts of the region are returned, even those that have *only* an intron in the region.

The function returns a GRanges object with additional annotation columns "feature", "gene", "exon", "exon_rank", "transcript", "symbol" specifying the feature type (either gene or transcript biotype), the (Ensembl) gene ID, the exon ID, the rank/index of the exon in the transcript, the transcript ID and the gene symbol/name.

Author(s)

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See Also

[transcripts](#)

Examples

```
library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)
edb <- EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75
##### getGeneRegionTrackForGviz
##
## Get all genes encoded on chromosome Y in the specified region.
Ally <- getGeneRegionTrackForGviz(edb, chromosome = "Y", start = 5000000,
                                end = 7000000)
## We could plot this now using plotTracks(GeneRegionTrack(Ally))

## We can also use filters to further restrict the query to e.g.
## all lincRNA genes encoded in that region.
lincsY <- getGeneRegionTrackForGviz(edb, chromosome = "Y", start = 5000000,
                                    end = 7000000,
                                    filter = GeneBiotypeFilter("lincRNA"))
```

getGenomeFaFile

Functionality related to DNA/RNA sequences

Description

Utility functions related to RNA/DNA sequences, such as extracting RNA/DNA sequences for features defined in EnsDb.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'  
getGenomeFaFile(x, pattern="dna.toplevel.fa")
```

Arguments

(In alphabetic order)

For method `getGenomeFaFile`: the pattern to be used to identify the fasta file representing genomic DNA sequence.

`pattern` For all other methods an `EnsDb` instance.

Value

For `getGenomeFaFile`: a [FaFile-class](#) object with the genomic DNA sequence.

Methods and Functions

getGenomeFaFile Returns a [FaFile-class](#) (defined in `Rsamtools`) with the genomic sequence of the genome build matching the Ensembl version of the `EnsDb` object. The file is retrieved using the `AnnotationHub` package, thus, at least for the first invocation, an internet connection is required to locate and download the file; subsequent calls will load the cached file instead. If no fasta file for the actual Ensembl version is available the function tries to identify a file matching the species and genome build version of the closest Ensembl release and returns that instead. See the vignette for an example to work with such files.

Author(s)

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See Also

[transcripts](#) [exonsBy](#)

Examples

```
## Loading an EnsDb for Ensembl version 75 (genome GRCh37):  
library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)  
edb <- EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75  
  
## Not run:  
## Retrieve a FaFile with the genomic DNA sequence matching the organism,  
## genome release version and, if possible, the Ensembl version of the  
## EnsDb object.  
Dna <- getGenomeFaFile(edb)  
## Extract the transcript sequence for all transcripts encoded on chromosome  
## Y.  
##extractTranscriptSeqs(Dna, edb, filter=SeqNameFilter("Y"))
```

```
## End(Not run)
```

```
hasProteinData,EnsDb-method
```

Determine whether protein data is available in the database

Description

Determines whether the [EnsDb](#) provides protein annotation data.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'  
hasProteinData(x)
```

Arguments

x The [EnsDb](#) object.

Value

A logical of length one, TRUE if protein annotations are available and FALSE otherwise.

Author(s)

Johannes Rainer

See Also

[listTables](#)

Examples

```
library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)  
## Does this database/package have protein annotations?  
hasProteinData(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)
```

```
lengthOf
```

Calculating lengths of features

Description

These methods allow to calculate the lengths of features (transcripts, genes, CDS, 3' or 5' UTRs) defined in an EnsDb object or database.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'  
lengthOf(x, of="gene", filter = AnnotationFilterList())
```

Arguments

(In alphabetic order)

A filter describing which results to retrieve from the database. Can be a single object extending [AnnotationFilter](#), an [AnnotationFilterList](#) object combining several such objects or a formula representing a filter expression (see examples below or [AnnotationFilter](#) for more details).

<code>of</code>	for lengthOf: whether the length of genes or transcripts should be retrieved from the database.
<code>x</code>	For lengthOf: either an <code>EnsDb</code> or a <code>GRangesList</code> object. For all other methods an <code>EnsDb</code> instance.

Value

For lengthOf: see method description above.

Methods and Functions

lengthOf Retrieve the length of genes or transcripts from the database. The length is the sum of the lengths of all exons of a transcript or a gene. In the latter case the exons are first reduced so that the length corresponds to the part of the genomic sequence covered by the exons.

Note: in addition to this method, also the [transcriptLengths](#) function in the `GenomicFeatures` package can be used.

Author(s)

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See Also

[exonsBy](#) [transcripts](#) [transcriptLengths](#)

Examples

```
library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)
edb <- EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75

##### lengthOf
##
## length of a specific gene.
lengthOf(edb, filter = GeneIdFilter("ENSG00000000003"))

## length of a transcript
lengthOf(edb, of = "tx", filter = TxIdFilter("ENST00000494424"))

## Average length of all protein coding genes encoded on chromosomes X
mean(lengthOf(edb, of = "gene",
              filter = ~ gene_biotype == "protein_coding" &
                      seq_name == "X"))

## Average length of all snoRNAs
mean(lengthOf(edb, of = "gene",
              filter = ~ gene_biotype == "snoRNA" &
                      seq_name == "X"))
```

```
##### transcriptLengths
##
## Calculate the length of transcripts encoded on chromosome Y, including
## length of the CDS, 5' and 3' UTR.
len <- transcriptLengths(edb, with.cds_len = TRUE, with.utr5_len = TRUE,
                        with.utr3_len = TRUE, filter = SeqNameFilter("Y"))
head(len)
```

listEnsDbs

List EnsDb databases in a MySQL server

Description

The `listEnsDbs` function lists EnsDb databases in a MySQL server.

Usage

```
listEnsDbs(dbcon, host, port, user, pass)
```

Arguments

<code>dbcon</code>	A <code>DBIConnection</code> object providing access to a MySQL database. Either <code>dbcon</code> or all of the other arguments have to be specified.
<code>host</code>	Character specifying the host on which the MySQL server is running.
<code>port</code>	The port of the MySQL server (usually 3306).
<code>user</code>	The username for the MySQL server.
<code>pass</code>	The password for the MySQL server.

Details

The use of this function requires that the `RMySQL` package is installed and that the user has either access to a MySQL server with already installed EnsDb databases, or write access to a MySQL server in which case EnsDb databases could be added with the [useMySQL](#) method. EnsDb databases follow the same naming conventions than the EnsDb packages, with the exception that the name is all lower case and that "." is replaced by "_".

Value

A `data.frame` listing the database names, organism name and Ensembl version of the EnsDb databases found on the server.

Author(s)

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See Also

[useMySQL](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
library(RMySQL)
dbcon <- dbConnect(MySQL(), host = "localhost", user = my_user, pass = my_pass)
listEnsDbs(dbcon)

## End(Not run)
```

listProteinColumns *Protein related functionality*

Description

The `listProteinColumns` function allows to conveniently extract all database columns containing protein annotations from an [EnsDb](#) database.

This help page provides information about most of the functionality related to protein annotations in `ensemldb`.

The `proteins` method retrieves protein related annotations from an [EnsDb](#) database.

The `listUniprotDbs` method lists all Uniprot database names in the `EnsDb`.

The `listUniprotMappingTypes` method lists all methods that were used for the mapping of Uniprot IDs to Ensembl protein IDs.

Usage

```
listProteinColumns(object)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
proteins(object, columns = listColumns(object, "protein"),
  filter = AnnotationFilterList(), order.by = "", order.type = "asc",
  return.type = "DataFrame")

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
listUniprotDbs(object)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
listUniprotMappingTypes(object)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	The EnsDb object.
<code>columns</code>	For proteins: character vector defining the columns to be extracted from the database. Can be any column(s) listed by the <code>listColumns</code> method.
<code>filter</code>	For proteins: A filter object extending <code>AnnotationFilter</code> or a list of such objects to select specific entries from the database. See Filter-classes for a documentation of available filters and use supportedFilters to get the full list of supported filters.
<code>order.by</code>	For proteins: a character vector specifying the column(s) by which the result should be ordered.

order.type	For proteins: if the results should be ordered ascending (order.type = "asc") or descending (order.type = "desc")
return.type	For proteins: character of length one specifying the type of the returned object. Can be either "DataFrame", "data.frame" or "AAStringSet".

Details

The proteins method performs the query starting from the protein tables and can hence return all annotations from the database that are related to proteins and transcripts encoding these proteins from the database. Since proteins does thus only query annotations for protein coding transcripts, the [genes](#) or [transcripts](#) methods have to be used to retrieve annotations for non-coding transcripts.

Value

The listProteinColumns function returns a character vector with the column names containing protein annotations or throws an error if no such annotations are available.

The proteins method returns protein related annotations from an [EnsDb](#) object with its return.type argument allowing to define the type of the returned object. Note that if return.type = "AAStringSet" additional annotation columns are stored in a DataFrame that can be accessed with the mcols method on the returned object.

Author(s)

Johannes Rainer

Examples

```
## List all columns containing protein annotations
library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)
edb <- EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75
if (hasProteinData(edb))
  listProteinColumns(edb)
library(ensembl)
library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)
edb <- EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75
## Get all proteins from the database for the gene ZBTB16, if protein
## annotations are available
if (hasProteinData(edb))
  proteins(edb, filter = GenenameFilter("ZBTB16"))

## List the names of all Uniprot databases from which Uniprot IDs are
## available in the EnsDb
if (hasProteinData(edb))
  listUniprotDbs(edb)

## List the type of all methods that were used to map Uniprot IDs to Ensembl
## protein IDs
if (hasProteinData(edb))
  listUniprotMappingTypes(edb)
```

makeEnsemblDbPackage *Generating a Ensembl annotation package from Ensembl*

Description

The functions described on this page allow to build EnsDb annotation objects/databases from Ensembl annotations. The most complete set of annotations, which include also the NCBI Entrezgene identifiers for each gene, can be retrieved by the functions using the Ensembl Perl API (i.e. functions `fetchTablesFromEnsembl`, `makeEnsemblSQLiteFromTables`). Alternatively the functions `ensDbFromAH`, `ensDbFromGRanges`, `ensDbFromGff` and `ensDbFromGtf` can be used to build EnsDb objects using GFF or GTF files from Ensembl, which can be either manually downloaded from the Ensembl ftp server, or directly from within R using AnnotationHub. The generated SQLite database can be packaged into an R package using the `makeEnsemblDbPackage`.

Usage

```
ensDbFromAH(ah, outfile, path, organism, genomeVersion, version)
```

```
ensDbFromGRanges(x, outfile, path, organism, genomeVersion,
                 version, ...)
```

```
ensDbFromGff(gff, outfile, path, organism, genomeVersion,
             version, ...)
```

```
ensDbFromGtf(gtf, outfile, path, organism, genomeVersion,
             version, ...)
```

```
fetchTablesFromEnsembl(version, ensemblapi, user="anonymous",
                       host="ensemldb.ensembl.org", pass="",
                       port=5306, species="human")
```

```
makeEnsemblSQLiteFromTables(path=".", dbname)
```

```
makeEnsemblDbPackage(ensdb, version, maintainer, author,
                    destDir=".", license="Artistic-2.0")
```

Arguments

(in alphabetical order)

For `ensDbFromAH`: an AnnotationHub object representing a single resource (i.e. GTF file from Ensembl) from AnnotationHub.

`author` The author of the package.

`dbname` The name for the database (optional). By default a name based on the species and Ensembl version will be automatically generated (and returned by the function).

`destDir` Where the package should be saved to.

`ensdb` The file name of the SQLite database generated by `makeEnsemblSQLiteFromTables`.

ensemblapi	The path to the Ensembl perl API installed locally on the system. The Ensembl perl API version has to fit the version.
genomeVersion	For ensDbFromAH, ensDbFromGtf and ensDbFromGff: the version of the genome (e.g. "GRCh37"). If not provided the function will try to guess it from the file name (assuming file name convention of Ensembl GTF files).
gff	The GFF file to import.
gtf	The GTF file name.
host	The hostname to access the Ensembl database.
license	The license of the package.
maintainer	The maintainer of the package.
organism	For ensDbFromAH, ensDbFromGff and ensDbFromGtf: the organism name (e.g. "Homo_sapiens"). If not provided the function will try to guess it from the file name (assuming file name convention of Ensembl GTF files).
outfile	The desired file name of the SQLite file. If not provided the name of the GTF file will be used.
pass	The password for the Ensembl database.
path	The directory in which the tables retrieved by fetchTablesFromEnsembl or the SQLite database file generated by ensDbFromGtf are stored.
port	The port to be used to connect to the Ensembl database.
species	The species for which the annotations should be retrieved.
user	The username for the Ensembl database.
version	For fetchTablesFromEnsembl, ensDbFromGRanges and ensDbFromGtf: the Ensembl version for which the annotation should be retrieved (e.g. 75). The ensDbFromGtf function will try to guess the Ensembl version from the GTF file name if not provided. For makeEnsemblDbPackage: the version for the package.
x	For ensDbFromGRanges: the GRanges object.
...	Currently not used.

Details

The `fetchTablesFromEnsembl` function internally calls the perl script `get_gene_transcript_exon_tables.pl` to retrieve all required information from the Ensembl database using the Ensembl perl API.

As an alternative way, a `EnsDb` database file can be generated by the `ensDbFromGtf` or `ensDbFromGff` from a GTF or GFF file downloaded from the Ensembl ftp server or using the `ensDbFromAH` to build a database directly from corresponding resources from the AnnotationHub. The returned database file name can then be used as an input to the `makeEnsemblDbPackage` or it can be directly loaded and used by the `EnsDb` constructor.

Value

`makeEnsemblSQLiteFromTables`, `ensDbFromAH`, `ensDbFromGRanges` and `ensDbFromGtf`: the name of the SQLite file.

Functions

ensDbFromAH Create an EnsDb (SQLite) database from a GTF file provided by AnnotationHub. The function returns the file name of the generated database file. For usage see the examples below.

ensDbFromGff Create an EnsDb (SQLite) database from a GFF file from Ensembl. The function returns the file name of the generated database file. For usage see the examples below.

ensDbFromGtf Create an EnsDb (SQLite) database from a GTF file from Ensembl. The function returns the file name of the generated database file. For usage see the examples below.

ensDbFromGRanges Create an EnsDb (SQLite) database from a GRanges object (e.g. from AnnotationHub). The function returns the file name of the generated database file. For usage see the examples below.

fetchTablesFromEnsembl Uses the Ensembl Perl API to fetch all required data from an Ensembl database server and stores them locally to text files (that can be used as input for the makeEnsemblDbSQLiteFromTables function).

makeEnsemblSQLiteFromTables Creates the SQLite EnsDb database from the tables generated by the fetchTablesFromEnsembl.

makeEnsemblDbPackage Creates an R package containing the EnsDb database from a EnsDb SQLite database created by any of the above functions ensDbFromAH, ensDbFromGff, ensDbFromGtf or makeEnsemblSQLiteFromTables.

Note

A local installation of the Ensembl perl API is required for the fetchTablesFromEnsembl. See http://www.ensembl.org/info/docs/api/api_installation.html for installation instructions.

A database generated from a GTF/GFF files lacks some features as they are not available in the GTF files from Ensembl. These are: NCBI Entrezgene IDs.

Author(s)

Johannes Rainer

See Also

[EnsDb](#), [genes](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:

## get all human gene/transcript/exon annotations from Ensembl (75)
## the resulting tables will be stored by default to the current working
## directory; if the correct Ensembl api (version 75) is defined in the
## PERL5LIB environment variable, the ensemblapi parameter can also be omitted.
fetchTablesFromEnsembl(75,
                        ensemblapi="/home/bioinfo/ensembl/75/API/ensembl/modules",
                        species="human")

## These tables can then be processed to generate a SQLite database
## containing the annotations
DBFile <- makeEnsemblSQLiteFromTables()
```

```

## and finally we can generate the package
makeEnsemblDbPackage(ensdb=DBFile, version="0.0.1",
                     maintainer="Johannes Rainer <johannes.rainer@eurac.edu>",
                     author="J Rainer")

## Build an annotation database from a GFF file from Ensembl.
## ftp://ftp.ensembl.org/pub/release-83/gff3/rattus_norvegicus
gff <- "Rattus_norvegicus.Rnor_6.0.83.gff3.gz"
DB <- ensDbFromGff(gff=gff)
edb <- EnsDb(DB)
edb

## Build an annotation file from a GTF file.
## the GTF file can be downloaded from
## ftp://ftp.ensembl.org/pub/release-75/gtf/homo_sapiens/
gtffile <- "Homo_sapiens.GRCh37.75.gtf.gz"
## generate the SQLite database file
DB <- ensDbFromGtf(gtf=paste0(ensemblhost, gtffile))

## load the DB file directly
EDB <- EnsDb(DB)

## Alternatively, we could fetch a GTF file directly from AnnotationHub
## and build the database from that:
library(AnnotationHub)
ah <- AnnotationHub()
## Query for all GTF files from Ensembl for Ensembl version 81
query(ah, c("Ensembl", "release-81", "GTF"))
## We could get the one from e.g. Bos taurus:
DB <- ensDbFromAH(ah["AH47941"])
edb <- EnsDb(DB)
edb

## End(Not run)

## Generate a sqlite database for genes encoded on chromosome Y
chrY <- system.file("chrY", package="ensemldb")
DBFile <- makeEnsemblSQLiteFromTables(path=chrY ,dbname=tempfile())
## load this database:
edb <- EnsDb(DBFile)

edb

## Generate a sqlite database from a GRanges object specifying
## genes encoded on chromosome Y
load(system.file("YGRanges.RData", package="ensemldb"))

Y

DB <- ensDbFromGRanges(Y, path=tempdir(), version=75,
                      organism="Homo_sapiens")
edb <- EnsDb(DB)

```

runEnsDbApp	<i>Search annotations interactively</i>
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Description

This function starts the interactive EnsDb shiny web application that allows to look up gene/transcript/exon annotations from an EnsDb annotation package installed locally.

Usage

```
runEnsDbApp(...)
```

Arguments

... Additional arguments passed to the [runApp](#) function from the shiny package.

Details

The shiny based web application allows to look up any annotation available in any of the locally installed EnsDb annotation packages.

Value

If the button *Return & close* is clicked, the function returns the results of the present query either as `data.frame` or as `GRanges` object.

Author(s)

Johannes Rainer

See Also

[EnsDb](#), [genes](#)

select	<i>Integration into the AnnotationDbi framework</i>
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Description

Several of the methods available for `AnnotationDbi` objects are also implemented for `EnsDb` objects. This enables to extract data from `EnsDb` objects in a similar fashion than from objects inheriting from the base annotation package class `AnnotationDbi`. In addition to the *standard* usage, the `select` and `mapIds` for `EnsDb` objects support also the filter framework of the `ensemldb` package and thus allow to perform more fine-grained queries to retrieve data.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
columns(x)
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
keys(x, keytype, filter,...)
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
keytypes(x)
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
mapIds(x, keys, column, keytype, ..., multiVals)
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
select(x, keys, columns, keytype, ...)
```

Arguments

(In alphabetic order)

	For mapIds: the column to search on, i.e. from which values should be retrieved.
columns	For select: the columns from which values should be retrieved. Use the columns method to list all possible columns.
keys	The keys/ids for which data should be retrieved from the database. This can be either a character vector of keys/IDs, a single filter object extending AnnotationFilter , an combination of filters AnnotationFilterList or a formula representing a filter expression (see AnnotationFilter for more details).
keytype	For mapIds and select: the type (column) that matches the provided keys. This argument does not have to be specified if argument keys is a filter object extending AnnotationFilter or a list of such objects. For keys: which keys should be returned from the database.
filter	For keys: either a single object extending AnnotationFilter or a list of such object to retrieve only specific keys from the database.
multiVals	What should mapIds do when there are multiple values that could be returned? Options are: "first" (default), "list", "filter", "asNA". See mapIds for a detailed description.
x	The EnsDb object.
...	Not used.

Value

See method description above.

Methods and Functions

columns List all the columns that can be retrieved by the mapIds and select methods. Note that these column names are different from the ones supported by the [genes](#), [transcripts](#) etc. methods that can be listed by the [listColumns](#) method.

Returns a character vector of supported column names.

keys Retrieves all keys from the column name specified with keytype. By default (if keytype is not provided) it returns all gene IDs. Note that keytype="TXNAME" will return transcript ids, since no transcript names are available in the database.

Returns a character vector of IDs.

keytypes List all supported key types (column names).

Returns a character vector of key types.

mapIds Retrieve the mapped ids for a set of keys that are of a particular keytype. Argument keys can be either a character vector of keys/IDs, a single filter object extending `AnnotationFilter` or a list of such objects. For the latter, the argument keytype does not have to be specified. Importantly however, if the filtering system is used, the ordering of the results might not represent the ordering of the keys.

The method usually returns a named character vector or, depending on the argument `multiVals` a named list, with names corresponding to the keys (same ordering is only guaranteed if keys is a character vector).

select Retrieve the data as a `data.frame` based on parameters for selected keys, columns and keytype arguments. Multiple matches of the keys are returned in one row for each possible match. Argument keys can be either a character vector of keys/IDs, a single filter object extending `AnnotationFilter` or a list of such objects. For the latter, the argument keytype does not have to be specified.

Note that values from a column "TXNAME" will be the same than for a column "TXID", since internally no database column "tx_name" is present and the column is thus mapped to "tx_id".

Returns a `data.frame` with the column names corresponding to the argument columns and rows with all data matching the criteria specified with keys.

The use of `select` without filters or keys and without restricting to specific columns is strongly discouraged, as the SQL query to join all of the tables, especially if protein annotation data is available is very expensive.

Author(s)

Johannes Rainer

See Also

[listColumns transcripts](#)

Examples

```
library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)
edb <- EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75

## List all supported keytypes.
keytypes(edb)

## List all supported columns for the select and mapIds methods.
columns(edb)

## List /real/ database column names.
listColumns(edb)

## Retrieve all keys corresponding to transcript ids.
txids <- keys(edb, keytype = "TXID")
length(txids)
head(txids)

## Retrieve all keys corresponding to gene names of genes encoded on chromosome X
gids <- keys(edb, keytype = "GENENAME", filter = SeqNameFilter("X"))
length(gids)
```

```

head(gids)

## Get a mapping of the genes BCL2 and BCL2L11 to all of their
## transcript ids and return the result as list
maps <- mapIds(edb, keys = c("BCL2", "BCL2L11"), column = "TXID",
              keytype = "GENENAME", multiVals = "list")
maps

## Perform the same query using a combination of a GenenameFilter and a
## TxBiotypeFilter to just retrieve protein coding transcripts for these
## two genes.
mapIds(edb, keys = list(GenenameFilter(c("BCL2", "BCL2L11")),
                      TxBiotypeFilter("protein_coding")), column = "TXID",
      multiVals = "list")

## select:
## Retrieve all transcript and gene related information for the above example.
select(edb, keys = list(GenenameFilter(c("BCL2", "BCL2L11")),
                      TxBiotypeFilter("protein_coding")),
      columns = c("GENEID", "GENENAME", "TXID", "TXBIOTYPE", "TXSEQSTART",
                  "TXSEQEND", "SEQNAME", "SEQSTRAND"))

## Get all data for genes encoded on chromosome Y
Y <- select(edb, keys = "Y", keytype = "SEQNAME")
head(Y)
nrow(Y)

## Get selected columns for all lincRNAs encoded on chromosome Y. Here we use
## a filter expression to define what data to retrieve.
Y <- select(edb, keys = ~ seq_name == "Y" & gene_biotype == "lincRNA",
          columns = c("GENEID", "GENEBIOTYPE", "TXID", "GENENAME"))
head(Y)
nrow(Y)

```

seqlevelsStyle

Support for other than Ensembl seqlevel style

Description

The methods and functions on this help page allow to integrate EnsDb objects and the annotations they provide with other Bioconductor annotation packages that base on chromosome names (seqlevels) that are different from those defined by Ensembl.

Usage

```

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
seqlevelsStyle(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'EnsDb'
seqlevelsStyle(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'

```

supportedSeqlevelsStyles(x)

Arguments

(In alphabetic order)

For seqlevelsStyle<-: a character string specifying the seqlevels style that should be set. Use the supportedSeqlevelsStyle to list all available and supported seqlevel styles.

xvalue An EnsDb instance.

Value

For seqlevelsStyle: see method description above.

For supportedSeqlevelsStyles: see method description above.

Methods and Functions

seqlevelsStyle Get the style of the seqlevels in which results returned from the EnsDb object are encoded. By default, and internally, seqnames as provided by Ensembl are used.

The method returns a character string specifying the currently used seqlevelstyle.

seqlevelsStyle<- Change the style of the seqlevels in which results returned from the EnsDb object are encoded. Changing the seqlevels helps integrating annotations from EnsDb objects e.g. with annotations from packages that base on UCSC annotations.

supportedSeqlevelsStyles Lists all seqlevel styles for which mappings between seqlevel styles are available in the GenomeInfoDb package.

The method returns a character vector with supported seqlevel styles for the organism of the EnsDb object.

Note

The mapping between different seqname styles is performed based on data provided by the GenomeInfoDb package. Note that in most instances no mapping is provided for seqnames other than for primary chromosomes. By default functions from the ensemblDb package return the *original* seqname is in such cases. This behaviour can be changed with the ensemblDb.seqnameNotFound global option. For the special keyword "ORIGINAL" (the default), the original seqnames are returned, for "MISSING" an error is thrown if a seqname can not be mapped. In all other cases, the value of the option is returned as seqname if no mapping is available (e.g. setting options(ensemblDb.seqnameNotFound=NA) returns an NA if the seqname is not mappable).

Author(s)

Johannes Rainer

See Also

[EnsDb transcripts](#)

Examples

```

library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)
edb <- EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75

## Get the internal, default seqlevel style.
seqlevelsStyle(edb)

## Get the seqlevels from the database.
seqlevels(edb)

## Get all supported mappings for the organism of the EnsDb.
supportedSeqlevelsStyles(edb)

## Change the seqlevels to UCSC style.
seqlevelsStyle(edb) <- "UCSC"
seqlevels(edb)

## Change the option ensemblDb.seqnameNotFound to return NA in case
## the seqname can not be mapped from Ensembl to UCSC.
options(ensemblDb.seqnameNotFound = NA)

seqlevels(edb)

## Restoring the original setting.
options(ensemblDb.seqnameNotFound = "ORIGINAL")

## Integrate Ensembl based annotations with a BSgenome package that is based on
## UCSC style seqnames.
library(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19)
bsg <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19

## Get the genome version
unique(genome(bsg))
unique(genome(edb))
## Although differently named, both represent genome build GRCh37.

## Extract the full transcript sequences of all lincRNAs encoded on chromosome Y.
yTxSeqs <- extractTranscriptSeqs(bsg,
                                exonsBy(edb, "tx",
                                          filter = ~ seq_name == "chrY" &
                                                    gene_biotype == "lincRNA"))

yTxSeqs

```

useMySQL,EnsDb-method *Use a MySQL backend*

Description

Change the SQL backend from *SQLite* to *MySQL*. When first called on an [EnsDb](#) object, the function tries to create and save all of the data into a MySQL database. All subsequent calls will connect to the already existing MySQL database.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'  
useMySQL(x, host = "localhost", port = 3306, user, pass)
```

Arguments

x	The EnsDb object.
host	Character vector specifying the host on which the MySQL server runs.
port	The port on which the MySQL server can be accessed.
user	The user name for the MySQL server.
pass	The password for the MySQL server.

Details

This functionality requires that the RMySQL package is installed and that the user has (write) access to a running MySQL server. If the corresponding database does already exist users without write access can use this functionality.

Value

A [EnsDb](#) object providing access to the data stored in the MySQL backend.

Note

At present the function does not evaluate whether the versions between the SQLite and MySQL database differ.

Author(s)

Johannes Rainer

Examples

```
## Load the EnsDb database (SQLite backend).  
library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)  
edb <- EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75  
## Now change the backend to MySQL; my_user and my_pass should  
## be the user name and password to access the MySQL server.  
## Not run:  
edb_mysql <- useMySQL(edb, host = "localhost", user = my_user, pass = my_pass)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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