

# Package ‘BSgenomeForge’

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BSgenomeForge-package *The BSgenomeForge package*

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### Description

A package that simplifies the process of forging a BSgenome data package, by allowing the user to use one function to create the package.

### Details

**BSgenomeForge** provides two major functions, the `forgeBSgenomeDataPkgFromNCBI` function and `forgeBSgenomeDataPkgFromUCSC` function which allow one to forge a BSgenome data package from a NCBI assembly or UCSC genome respectively.

For an overview of the functionality provided by the package, please see the vignette: `vignette("UsingBSgenomeForge", package="BSgenomeForge")`

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### See Also

- The [forgeBSgenomeDataPkgFromNCBI](#) function for creating a BSgenome data package from a NCBI assembly.
- The [forgeBSgenomeDataPkgFromUCSC](#) function for creating a BSgenome data package from a UCSC genome.

### Examples

```
## -----
## EXAMPLE 1
## -----

## Create a BSgenome data package for NCBI assembly GCF_000857545.1
## (organism Torque teno virus 1):
forgeBSgenomeDataPkgFromNCBI(assembly_accession="GCF_000857545.1",
```

```

                                pkg_maintainer="Jane Doe <janedoe@gmail.com>",
                                organism="Torque teno virus 1",
                                circ_seqs="NC_002076.2",
                                destdir=tempdir()

## -----
## EXAMPLE 2
## -----

## Create a BSgenome data package for UCSC genome wuhCor1 (SARS-CoV-2
## assembly, see https://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgGateway?db=wuhCor1):
forgeBSgenomeDataPkgFromUCSC(
  genome="wuhCor1",
  organism="Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2",
  pkg_maintainer="Jane Doe <janedoe@gmail.com>",
  destdir=tempdir()
)

```

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downloadGenomicSequencesFromNCBI

*Download genomic sequences from NCBI*

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## Description

A utility function to download the compressed FASTA file that contains the genomic sequences of a given NCBI assembly.

## Usage

```
downloadGenomicSequencesFromNCBI(assembly_accession, assembly_name=NA,
                                destdir=".", method, quiet=FALSE)
```

## Arguments

assembly_accession	A single string containing a GenBank assembly accession (e.g. "GCA_000001405.15") or a RefSeq assembly accession (e.g. "GCF_000001405.26").
assembly_name	A single string or NA.
destdir	A single string containing the path to the directory where the compressed FASTA file is to be downloaded. This directory must already exist. Note that, by default, the file will be downloaded to the current directory (".").
method, quiet	Passed to the internal call to <code>download.file()</code> . See <code>?download.file</code> in the <b>utils</b> package for more information.

## Details

This function is intended for Bioconductor users who want to download the compressed FASTA file from NCBI for a given assembly specified by the `assembly_accession` argument.

**Value**

The path to the downloaded file as an invisible string.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

- The [download.file](#) function in the **utils** package that `downloadGenomicSequencesFromNCBI` uses internally to download the compressed FASTA file.
- The [downloadGenomicSequencesFromUCSC](#) function to download genomic sequences from UCSC.

**Examples**

```
## Download the compressed FASTA file for NCBI assembly ASM972954v1 (see
## https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/assembly/GCF_009729545.1/):
downloadGenomicSequencesFromNCBI("GCF_009729545.1")

## Use the 'destdir' argument to specify the directory where to
## download the file:
downloadGenomicSequencesFromNCBI("GCF_009729545.1", destdir=tempdir())

## Download and import the file in R as a DNASTringSet object:
filepath <- downloadGenomicSequencesFromNCBI("GCF_009729545.1",
                                             destdir=tempdir())
genomic_sequences <- readDNASTringSet(filepath)
genomic_sequences
```

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downloadGenomicSequencesFromUCSC

*Download genomic sequences from UCSC*

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**Description**

A utility function to download the 2bit file that contains the genomic sequences of a given UCSC genome.

**Usage**

```
downloadGenomicSequencesFromUCSC(
  genome,
  goldenPath.url=getOption("UCSC.goldenPath.url"),
  destdir=".", method, quiet=FALSE)
```

## Arguments

genome	This is the name of the UCSC genome sequence to be downloaded. It is used to form the download URL.
goldenPath.url	A string set to <code>getOption("UCSC.goldenPath.url")</code> by default. <code>getOption("UCSC.goldenPath.url")</code> returns the goldenPath URL, <a href="http://hgdownload.cse.ucsc.edu/goldenPath">http://hgdownload.cse.ucsc.edu/goldenPath</a> .
destdir	A single string containing the path to the directory where the 2bit file is to be downloaded. This directory must already exist. Note that, by default, the file will be downloaded to the current directory (".").
method, quiet	Passed to the internal call to <code>download.file()</code> . See <code>?download.file</code> in the <b>utils</b> package for more information.

## Details

This function is intended for Bioconductor users who want to download the 2bit genomic sequence file of a UCSC genome specified by the `genome` argument.

## Value

The path to the downloaded file as an invisible string.

## Author(s)

Emmanuel Chigozie Elendu (Simplecodez)

## See Also

- The `download.file` function in the **utils** package that `downloadGenomicSequencesFromUCSC` uses internally to download the 2bit file.
- The `downloadGenomicSequencesFromNCBI` function to download genomic sequences from NCBI.

## Examples

```
## Download the 2bit file for UCSC genome sacCer1:
downloadGenomicSequencesFromUCSC("sacCer1")

## Use the 'destdir' argument to specify the directory where to
## download the file:
downloadGenomicSequencesFromUCSC("sacCer1", destdir=tempdir())

## Download and import the file in R as a DNASTringSet object:
filepath <- downloadGenomicSequencesFromUCSC("sacCer1", destdir=tempdir())
genomic_sequences <- import(filepath)
genomic_sequences
```

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`fastaTo2bit`*Convert files from FASTA to 2bit*

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### Description

`fastaTo2bit` is a utility function to convert a FASTA file to the 2bit format.

### Usage

```
fastaTo2bit(origfile, destfile, assembly_accession=NA)
```

### Arguments

<code>origfile</code>	A single string containing the path to the FASTA file (possibly compressed) to read, e.g. "felCat9.fa", "felCat9.fa.gz", or "path/to/felCat9.fa.gz".
<code>destfile</code>	A single string containing the path to the 2bit file to be written, e.g. "felCat9.2bit" or "path/to/felCat9.2bit".
<code>assembly_accession</code>	A single string containing a GenBank assembly accession (e.g. "GCA_009729545.1") or a RefSeq assembly accession (e.g. "GCF_009729545.1"). When specified, this uses <a href="#">getChromInfoFromNCBI</a> to get chromosome information for the NCBI assembly, which is matched against the corresponding information in the FASTA file, consequently reordering its sequences. The sequences are then renamed from their GenBank or RefSeq accession assembly names, to their corresponding sequence names. If missing, the function does not perform sequence reordering or renaming.

### Details

This function is intended for Bioconductor users who want to convert a FASTA file to the 2bit format.

### Value

An invisible NULL.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

- The [readDNAStringSet](#) function in the **Biostrings** package that `fastaTo2bit` uses internally to import the FASTA file.
- The [export.2bit](#) function in the **rtracklayer** package that `fastaTo2bit` uses internally to export the 2bit file.

- The `getChromInfoFromNCBI` function in the **GenomeInfoDb** package that `fastaTo2bit` uses internally to get chromosome information for the specified NCBI assembly.
- The `downloadGenomicSequencesFromNCBI` function that downloads genomic sequences from NCBI.

## Examples

```
## Most assemblies at NCBI can be accessed using either their GenBank
## or RefSeq assembly accession. For example assembly ASM972954v1 (for
## Acidianus infernus) can be accessed either with GCA_009729545.1
## (GenBank assembly accession) or GCF_009729545.1 (RefSeq assembly
## accession).
## See https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/assembly/GCA_009729545.1
## or https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/assembly/GCF_009729545.1 for
## the landing page of this assembly.

## -----
## USING FASTA FILE FROM **GenBank** ASSEMBLY
## -----

## Download the FASTA file containing the genomic sequences for
## the ASM972954v1 assembly to the tempdir() folder:
fasta_path <- downloadGenomicSequencesFromNCBI("GCA_009729545.1",
                                              destdir=tempdir())

## Use fastaTo2bit() to convert the file to 2bit. We're using the
## function in its simplest form here so there won't be any sequence
## renaming or reordering:
twobitpath1 <- tempfile(fileext=".2bit")
fastaTo2bit(fasta_path, twobitpath1)

## Take a look at the sequence names in the resulting 2bit file:
names(import.2bit(twobitpath1))

## Use fastaTo2bit() again to convert the file to 2bit. However
## this time we want the function to rename and reorder the
## sequences as in getChromInfoFromNCBI("GCA_009729545.1"), so
## we set 'assembly_accession' to "GCA_009729545.1" in the call
## to fastaTo2bit():
twobitpath2 <- tempfile(fileext=".2bit")
fastaTo2bit(fasta_path, twobitpath2, assembly_accession="GCA_009729545.1")

## Take a look at the sequence names in the resulting 2bit file:
names(import.2bit(twobitpath2))

## -----
## USING FASTA FILE FROM **RefSeq** ASSEMBLY
## -----

## Same as above but using GCF_009729545.1 instead of GCA_009729545.1

fasta_path <- downloadGenomicSequencesFromNCBI("GCF_009729545.1",
```

```

                                destdir=tempdir())

twobitpath1 <- tempfile(fileext=".2bit")
fastaTo2bit(fasta_path, twobitpath1)
names(import.2bit(twobitpath1))

twobitpath2 <- tempfile(fileext=".2bit")
fastaTo2bit(fasta_path, twobitpath2, assembly_accession="GCF_009729545.1")
names(import.2bit(twobitpath2))

```

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```
forgeBSgenomeDataPkgFromNCBI
```

*Create a BSgenome data package from an NCBI assembly*

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## Description

The `forgeBSgenomeDataPkgFromNCBI` function allows the user to create a BSgenome data package from an NCBI assembly.

## Usage

```
forgeBSgenomeDataPkgFromNCBI(assembly_accession,
                              pkg_maintainer, pkg_author=NA,
                              pkg_version="1.0.0", pkg_license="Artistic-2.0",
                              organism=NULL, circ_seqs=NULL, destdir=".")
```

## Arguments

<code>assembly_accession</code>	A single string containing a GenBank assembly accession (e.g. "GCA_009729545.1") or a RefSeq assembly accession (e.g. "GCF_000857545.1"). Alternatively, if the assembly is registered in the <b>GenomeInfoDb</b> package (see <code>?GenomeInfoDb::registered_NCBI_assemblies</code> ) the assembly name (e.g. "mLoxAfr1.hap2") can be supplied instead of its GenBank or RefSeq accession.
<code>pkg_maintainer</code>	A single string containing the name and email address of the package maintainer (e.g. "Jane Doe, <janedoe@gmail.com>").
<code>pkg_author</code>	A single string containing the name of the package author. When unspecified, this takes the value of <code>pkg_maintainer</code> .
<code>pkg_version</code>	The version of the package. Set to "1.0.0" by default.
<code>pkg_license</code>	The license of the package. This must be the name of a software license used for free and open-source packages. Set to "Artistic-2.0" by default.
<code>organism</code>	The full name of the organism e.g. "Homo sapiens", "Felis catus", "Loxodonta africana", "Acidianus infernus", etc... Only needs to be specified if the assembly is <i>not</i> registered in the <b>GenomeInfoDb</b> package (see <code>?GenomeInfoDb::registered_NCBI_assemblies</code> ).



circ_seqs	<p>NULL (the default), or a character vector containing the names of the circular sequences in the assembly. This only needs to be specified if the assembly is <i>not</i> registered in the <b>GenomeInfoDb</b> package (if the assembly is registered then its circular sequences are known so there's no need to specify circ_seqs).</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can use <code>registered_NCBI_assemblies()</code> to get the list of assemblies that are registered in the <b>GenomeInfoDb</b> package.</li> <li>• Only assembled molecules can be circular. To see the list of assembled molecules for a given assembly, call <code>getChromInfoFromNCBI(assembly_accession, assembled.molecules.only=TRUE)\$SequenceName</code>.</li> <li>• If the assembly is not registered and does not have circular sequences, then circ_seqs must be set to <code>character(0)</code>.</li> </ul>
destdir	<p>A single string containing the path to the directory where the BSgenome data package is to be created. This directory must already exist. Note that, by default, the package will be created in the current directory (<code>"."</code>).</p>

## Details

This function is intended for Bioconductor users who want to forge a BSgenome data package from an NCBI assembly. It typically makes use of the `downloadGenomicSequencesFromNCBI` utility function to download the compressed FASTA file that contains the genomic sequences of the assembly, and stores it in the working directory. However, if the file already exists in the working directory, then it is used and not downloaded again.

## Value

The path to the created package as an invisible string.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

- The `registered_NCBI_assemblies` and `getChromInfoFromNCBI` functions defined in the **GenomeInfoDb** package.
- The `downloadGenomicSequencesFromNCBI` function that `forgeBSgenomeDataPkgFromNCBI` uses internally to download the genomic sequences from NCBI.
- The `fastaTo2bit` function that `forgeBSgenomeDataPkgFromNCBI` uses internally to convert the file downloaded by `downloadGenomicSequencesFromNCBI` from FASTA to 2bit.
- The `forgeBSgenomeDataPkgFromUCSC` function for creating a BSgenome data package from a UCSC genome.

## Examples

```
## -----
## EXAMPLE 1
## -----
```

```

## Create a BSgenome data package for NCBI assembly GCA_009729545.1
## (organism Acidianus infernus):
forgeBSgenomeDataPkgFromNCBI(assembly_accession="GCA_009729545.1",
                              pkg_maintainer="Jane Doe <janedoe@gmail.com>",
                              organism="Acidianus infernus",
                              destdir=tempdir())

## -----
## EXAMPLE 2
## -----

## Create a BSgenome data package for NCBI assembly GCF_000857545.1
## (organism Torque teno virus 1):
forgeBSgenomeDataPkgFromNCBI(assembly_accession="GCF_000857545.1",
                              pkg_maintainer="Jane Doe <janedoe@gmail.com>",
                              organism="Torque teno virus 1",
                              circ_seqs="NC_002076.2",
                              destdir=tempdir())

```

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```
forgeBSgenomeDataPkgFromUCSC
```

*Create a BSgenome data package from a UCSC genome*

---

## Description

The `forgeBSgenomeDataPkgFromUCSC` function allows the user to create a BSgenome data package from a UCSC genome.

## Usage

```

forgeBSgenomeDataPkgFromUCSC(genome, organism,
                              pkg_maintainer, pkg_author=NA,
                              pkg_version="1.0.0", pkg_license="Artistic-2.0",
                              circ_seqs=NULL,
                              goldenPath.url=getOption("UCSC.goldenPath.url"),
                              destdir=".")

```

## Arguments

<code>genome</code>	A single string specifying the name of a UCSC genome (e.g. "mm39" or "sacCer3").
<code>organism</code>	The full name of the organism e.g. "Mus musculus", "Saccharomyces cerevisiae", etc...
<code>pkg_maintainer</code>	A single string containing the name and email address of the package maintainer (e.g "Jane Doe, <janedoe@gmail.com>").
<code>pkg_author</code>	A single string containing the name of the package author. When unspecified, this takes the value of <code>pkg_maintainer</code> .

pkg_version	The version of the package. Set to "1.0.0" by default.
pkg_license	The license of the package. This must be the name of a software license used for free and open-source packages. Set to "Artistic-2.0" by default.
circ_seqs	NULL (the default), or a character vector containing the names of the circular sequences in the UCSC genome. This only needs to be specified if the genome is <i>not</i> registered in the <b>GenomeInfoDb</b> package (if the genome is registered then its circular sequences are known so there's no need to specify circ_seqs). Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can use <code>registered_UCSC_genomes()</code> to get the list of UCSC genomes that are registered in the <b>GenomeInfoDb</b> package.</li> <li>• If the genome is not registered and does not have circular sequences, then <code>circ_seqs</code> must be set to <code>character(0)</code>.</li> </ul>
goldenPath.url	A single string specifying the URL to the UCSC goldenPath location where the genomic sequences and chromosome sizes are expected to be found.
destdir	A single string containing the path to the directory where the BSgenome data package is to be created. This directory must already exist. Note that, by default, the package will be created in the current directory (".").

## Details

This function is intended for Bioconductor users who want to forge a BSgenome data package from a UCSC genome. It typically makes use of the `downloadGenomicSequencesFromUCSC` utility function to download the 2bit file that contains the genomic sequences of the genome, and stores it in the working directory. However, if the file already exists in the working directory, then it is used and not downloaded again.

## Value

The path to the created package as an invisible string.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

- The `registered_UCSC_genomes` and `getChromInfoFromUCSC` functions defined in the **GenomeInfoDb** package.
- The `downloadGenomicSequencesFromUCSC` function that `forgeBSgenomeDataPkgFromUCSC` uses internally to download the genomic sequences from UCSC.
- The `forgeBSgenomeDataPkgFromNCBI` function for creating a BSgenome data package from an NCBI assembly.

**Examples**

```
## Create a BSgenome data package for UCSC genome wuhCor1 (SARS-CoV-2
## assembly, see https://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgGateway?db=wuhCor1):
forgeBSgenomeDataPkgFromUCSC(
  genome="wuhCor1",
  organism="Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2",
  pkg_maintainer="Jane Doe <janedoe@gmail.com>",
  destdir=tempdir()
)
```

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