# Package 'txdbmaker'

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Note that TxDb objects are implemented in the **GenomicFeatures** package, together with flexible methods for extracting the desired features in convenient formats.

#### **Details**

For a quick overview of the provided tools, please see the "Making TxDb Objects" vignette included in this package.

To access the vignette from your R session, run browseVignettes(package="txdbmaker"). This requires the **txdbmaker** package to be already installed.

Alternatively this vignette should also be available online here: https://bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/vignettes/txdb

# Description

WARNING: The FeatureDb/makeFeatureDbFromUCSC/features code base is no longer actively maintained and FeatureDb-related functionalities might get deprecated in the near future.

The makeFeatureDbFromUCSC function allows the user to make a FeatureDb object from simple annotation tracks at UCSC. The tracks in question must (at a minimum) have a start, end and a chromosome affiliation in order to be made into a FeatureDb. This function requires a precise declaration of its first three arguments to indicate which genome, track and table wish to be imported. There are discovery functions provided to make this process go smoothly.

# Usage

```
supportedUCSCFeatureDbTracks(genome)
supportedUCSCFeatureDbTables(genome, track)
UCSCFeatureDbTableSchema(genome,
                          track,
                          tablename)
makeFeatureDbFromUCSC(
        genome,
        track,
        tablename,
        columns = UCSCFeatureDbTableSchema(genome, track, tablename),
        url="https://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/",
        goldenPath.url=getOption("UCSC.goldenPath.url"),
        chromCol,
        chromStartCol,
        chromEndCol,
        taxonomyId=NA)
```

#### **Arguments**

tablename

columns

genome genome abbreviation used by UCSC and listed in list\_UCSC\_genomes()[,

"genome"]. For example: "hg18".

track name of the UCSC track. Use supportedUCSCFeatureDbTracks to get the list

of available tracks for a particular genome

utility function to get the list of supported tables for a track.

a named character vector to list out the names and types of the other columns that the downloaded track should have. Use UCSCFeatureDbTableSchema to

name of the UCSC table containing the annotations to retrieve. Use the supportedUCSCFeatureDbTables

retrieve this information for a particular table.

url, goldenPath.url

use to specify the location of an alternate UCSC Genome Browser.

chromCol If the schema comes back and the 'chrom' column has been labeled something

other than 'chrom', use this argument to indicate what that column has been labeled as so we can properly designate it. This could happen (for example) with the knownGene track tables, which has no 'chromStart' or 'chromEnd' columns, but which DOES have columns that could reasonably substitute for these columns under particular circumstances. Therefore we allow these three

columns to have arguments so that their definition can be re-specified

chromStartCol Same thing as chromCol, but for renames of 'chromStart' chromEndCol Same thing as chromCol, but for renames of 'chromEnd'

taxonomyId By default this value is NA and the organism inferred will be used to look up the

correct value for this. But you can use this argument to override that and supply

your own valid taxId here.

#### **Details**

makeFeatureDbFromUCSC is a convenience function that builds a tiny database from one of the UCSC track tables.

supportedUCSCFeatureDbTracks is a convenience function that returns potential track names that could be used to make FeatureDb objects.

supportedUCSCFeatureDbTables is a convenience function that returns potential table names for FeatureDb objects (table names go with a track name).

UCSCFeatureDbTableSchema is a convenience function that creates a named vector of types for all the fields that can potentially be supported for a given track. By default, this will be called on your specified tablename to include all of the fields in a track.

# Value

A FeatureDb object for makeFeatureDbFromUCSC. Or in the case of supportedUCSCFeatureDbTracks and UCSCFeatureDbTableSchema a named character vector

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# See Also

```
list_UCSC_genomes in the UCSC.utils package
```

#### **Examples**

```
## Display the list of genomes available at UCSC:
library(UCSC.utils)
list_UCSC_genomes()[ , "genome"]
## Display the list of Tracks supported by makeFeatureDbFromUCSC():
# supportedUCSCFeatureDbTracks("mm10")
## Display the list of tables supported by your track:
supportedUCSCFeatureDbTables(genome="mm10",
                             track="qPCR Primers")
## Display fields that could be passed in to colnames:
UCSCFeatureDbTableSchema(genome="mm10",
                          track="qPCR Primers",
                          tablename="qPcrPrimers")
## Retrieving a full transcript dataset for Mouse from UCSC:
fdb <- makeFeatureDbFromUCSC(genome="mm10",</pre>
                               track="qPCR Primers",
                               tablename="qPcrPrimers")
fdb
```

makeTxDb

Making a TxDb object from user supplied annotations

# **Description**

makeTxDb is a low-level constructor for making a TxDb object from user supplied transcript annotations.

Note that the end user will rarely need to use makeTxDb directly but will typically use one of the high-level constructors makeTxDbFromUCSC, makeTxDbFromEnsemb1, or makeTxDbFromGFF.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

transcripts Data frame containing the genomic locations of a set of transcripts.

splicings Data frame containing the genomic locations of exons and CDS parts of the

transcripts in transcripts.

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genes Data frame containing the genes associated to a set of transcripts.

chrominfo Data frame containing information about the chromosomes hosting the set of

transcripts.

metadata 2-column data frame containing meta information about this set of transcripts

like organism, genome, UCSC table, etc... The names of the columns must be  $\,$ 

"name" and "value" and their type must be character.

reassign.ids TRUE or FALSE. Controls how internal ids should be assigned for each type of fea-

ture i.e. for transcripts, exons, and CDS parts. For each type, if reassign.ids is FALSE (the default) and if the ids are supplied, then they are used as the internal ids, otherwise the internal ids are assigned in a way that is compatible with the order defined by ordering the features first by chromosome, then by strand,

then by start, and finally by end.

on.foreign.transcripts

Controls what to do when the input contains *foreign transcripts* i.e. transcripts that are on sequences not in chrominfo. If set to "error" (the default)

# **Details**

The transcripts (required), splicings (required) and genes (optional) arguments must be data frames that describe a set of transcripts and the genomic features related to them (exons, CDS parts, and genes at the moment). The chrominfo (optional) argument must be a data frame containing chromosome information like the length of each chromosome.

transcripts must have 1 row per transcript and the following columns:

- tx\_id: Transcript ID. Integer vector. No NAs. No duplicates.
- tx\_chrom: Transcript chromosome. Character vector (or factor) with no NAs.
- tx\_strand: Transcript strand. Character vector (or factor) with no NAs where each element is either "+" or "-".
- tx\_start, tx\_end: Transcript start and end. Integer vectors with no NAs.
- tx\_name: [optional] Transcript name. Character vector (or factor). NAs and/or duplicates are ok.
- tx\_type: [optional] Transcript type (e.g. mRNA, ncRNA, snoRNA, etc...). Character vector (or factor). NAs and/or duplicates are ok.
- gene\_id: [optional] Associated gene. Character vector (or factor). NAs and/or duplicates are ok

Other columns, if any, are ignored (with a warning).

splicings must have N rows per transcript, where N is the nb of exons in the transcript. Each row describes an exon plus, optionally, the CDS part associated with this exon. Its columns must be:

- tx\_id: Foreign key that links each row in the splicings data frame to a unique row in the transcripts data frame. Note that more than 1 row in splicings can be linked to the same row in transcripts (many-to-one relationship). Same type as transcripts\$tx\_id (integer vector). No NAs. All the values in this column must be present in transcripts\$tx\_id.
- exon\_rank: The rank of the exon in the transcript. Integer vector with no NAs. (tx\_id, exon\_rank) pairs must be unique.

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- exon\_id: [optional] Exon ID. Integer vector with no NAs.
- exon\_name: [optional] Exon name. Character vector (or factor). NAs and/or duplicates are ok.
- exon\_chrom: [optional] Exon chromosome. Character vector (or factor) with no NAs. If missing then transcripts\$tx\_chrom is used. If present then exon\_strand must also be present.
- exon\_strand: [optional] Exon strand. Character vector (or factor) with no NAs. If missing then transcripts\$tx\_strand is used and exon\_chrom must also be missing.
- exon\_start, exon\_end: Exon start and end. Integer vectors with no NAs.
- cds\_id: [optional] ID of the CDS part associated with the exon. Integer vector. If present then cds\_start and cds\_end must also be present. NAs are allowed and must match those in cds\_start and cds\_end.
- cds\_name: [optional] Name of the CDS part. Character vector (or factor). If present then cds\_start and cds\_end must also be present. NAs and/or duplicates are ok. Must contain NAs at least where cds\_start and cds\_end contain them.
- cds\_start, cds\_end: [optional] Start/end of the CDS part. Integer vectors. If one of the 2 columns is missing then all cds\_\* columns must be missing. NAs are allowed and must occur at the same positions in cds\_start and cds\_end.
- cds\_phase: [optional] Phase of the CDS part. Integer vector. If present then cds\_start and cds\_end must also be present. NAs are allowed and must match those in cds\_start and cds\_end.

Other columns, if any, are ignored (with a warning).

genes should not be supplied if transcripts has a gene\_id column. If supplied, it must have N rows per transcript, where N is the nb of genes linked to the transcript (N will be 1 most of the time). Its columns must be:

- tx\_id: [optional] genes must have either a tx\_id or a tx\_name column but not both. Like splicings\$tx\_id, this is a foreign key that links each row in the genes data frame to a unique row in the transcripts data frame.
- tx\_name: [optional] Can be used as an alternative to the genes\$tx\_id foreign key.
- gene\_id: Gene ID. Character vector (or factor). No NAs.

Other columns, if any, are ignored (with a warning).

chrominfo must have 1 row per chromosome and the following columns:

- chrom: Chromosome name. Character vector (or factor) with no NAs and no duplicates.
- length: Chromosome length. Integer vector with either all NAs or no NAs.
- is\_circular: [optional] Chromosome circularity flag. Logical vector. NAs are ok.

Other columns, if any, are ignored (with a warning).

#### Value

A TxDb object.

# Author(s)

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# See Also

- makeTxDbFromUCSC, makeTxDbFromBiomart, and makeTxDbFromEnsemb1, for making a TxDb object from online resources.
- makeTxDbFromGRanges and makeTxDbFromGFF for making a TxDb object from a GRanges object, or from a GFF or GTF file.
- TxDb objects implemented in the **GenomicFeatures** package.
- saveDb and loadDb in the **AnnotationDbi** package for saving and loading a TxDb object as an SQLite file.

# **Examples**

makeTxDbFromBiomart

Make a TxDb object from annotations available on a BioMart database

# **Description**

The makeTxDbFromBiomart function allows the user to make a TxDb object from transcript annotations available on a BioMart database.

Note that makeTxDbFromBiomart is being phased out in favor of makeTxDbFromEnsembl.

#### Usage

```
makeTxDbFromBiomart(biomart="ENSEMBL_MART_ENSEMBL",
                    dataset="hsapiens_gene_ensembl",
                    transcript_ids=NULL,
                    circ_seqs=NULL,
                    filter=NULL,
                    id_prefix="ensembl_",
                    host="https://www.ensembl.org",
                    taxonomyId=NA,
                    miRBaseBuild=NA)
getChromInfoFromBiomart(biomart="ENSEMBL_MART_ENSEMBL",
                        dataset="hsapiens_gene_ensembl",
                         id_prefix="ensembl_",
                        host="https://www.ensembl.org",
                         port)
```

# **Arguments**

which BioMart database to use. Get the list of all available BioMart databases biomart with the listMarts function from the biomaRt package. See the details section below for a list of BioMart databases with compatible transcript annotations. dataset which dataset from BioMart. For example: "hsapiens\_gene\_ensembl", "mmusculus\_gene\_ensembl", "dmelanogaster\_gene\_ensembl", "celegans\_gene\_ensembl", "scerevisiae\_gene\_ensembl", etc in the ensembl database. See the examples section below for how to discover which datasets are available in a given BioMart database. transcript\_ids optionally, only retrieve transcript annotation data for the specified set of transcript ids. If this is used, then the meta information displayed for the resulting TxDb object will say 'Full dataset: no'. Otherwise it will say 'Full dataset: yes'. a character vector to list out which chromosomes should be marked as circular. circ\_seqs filter Additional filters to use in the BioMart query. Must be a named list. An example

is filter=list(source="entrez")

id\_prefix Specifies the prefix used in BioMart attributes. For example, some BioMarts

> may have an attribute specified as "ensembl\_transcript\_id" whereas others have the same attribute specified as "transcript\_id". Defaults to "ensembl\_".

host The host URL of the BioMart. Defaults to www.ensembl.org.

port The port to use in the HTTP communication with the host. This argument has

been deprecated. It is handled by useEnsembl depending on the host input.

 ${\tt taxonomyId}$ By default this value is NA and the dataset selected will be used to look up the

> correct value for this. But you can use this argument to override that and supply your own taxId here (which will be independently checked to make sure its a

real taxonomy id). Normally you should never need to use this.

miRBaseBuild specify the string for the appropriate build Information from mirbase.db to use

> for microRNAs. This can be learned by calling supportedMiRBaseBuildValues. By default, this value will be set to NA, which will inactivate the microRNAs ac-

cessor.

#### **Details**

makeTxDbFromBiomart is a convenience function that feeds data from a BioMart database to the lower level makeTxDb function. See ?makeTxDbFromUCSC for a similar function that feeds data from the UCSC source.

Here is a list of datasets known to be compatible with makeTxDbFromBiomart (list updated on September 18, 2017):

1. All the datasets in the main Ensembl database. Get the list with:

2. All the datasets in the Ensembl Fungi database. Get the list with:

```
mart <- biomaRt::useEnsemblGenomes(biomart="fungi_mart")
biomaRt::listDatasets(mart)</pre>
```

3. All the datasets in the Ensembl Metazoa database. Get the list with:

```
mart <- biomaRt::useEnsemblGenomes(biomart="metazoa_mart")
biomaRt::listDatasets(mart)</pre>
```

4. All the datasets in the Ensembl Plants database. Get the list with:

```
mart <- biomaRt::useEnsemblGenomes(biomart="plants_mart")
biomaRt::listDatasets(mart)</pre>
```

5. All the datasets in the Ensembl Protists database. Get the list with:

```
mart <- biomaRt::useEnsemblGenomes(biomart="protists_mart")
biomaRt::listDatasets(mart)</pre>
```

6. All the datasets in the Gramene Mart. Get the list with:

Note that BioMart is not currently available for Ensembl Bacteria.

Also please note that not all these datasets have CDS information.

#### Value

A TxDb object for makeTxDbFromBiomart.

A data frame with 1 row per chromosome (or scaffold) and with columns chrom and length for getChromInfoFromBiomart.

#### Author(s)

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#### See Also

 makeTxDbFromUCSC and makeTxDbFromEnsembl for making a TxDb object from other online resources.

- makeTxDbFromGRanges and makeTxDbFromGFF for making a TxDb object from a GRanges object, or from a GFF or GTF file.
- The listMarts, useEnsembl, listDatasets, and listFilters functions in the biomaRt package.
- The supportedMiRBaseBuildValues function for listing all the possible values for the miRBaseBuild
  argument.
- TxDb objects implemented in the **GenomicFeatures** package.
- makeTxDb for the low-level function used by the makeTxDbFrom\* functions to make the TxDb object returned to the user.

# **Examples**

```
## -----
## A. BASIC USAGE
## -----
## We can use listDatasets() from the biomaRt package to list the
## datasets available in the "ENSEMBL_MART_ENSEMBL" BioMart database:
library(biomaRt)
listMarts(host="https://www.ensembl.org")
mart <- useEnsembl(biomart="ENSEMBL_MART_ENSEMBL", host="https://www.ensembl.org")</pre>
datasets <- listDatasets(mart)</pre>
head(datasets)
subset(datasets, grepl("elegans", dataset, ignore.case=TRUE))
## Retrieve the full transcript dataset for Worm:
txdb1 <- makeTxDbFromBiomart(dataset="celegans_gene_ensembl")</pre>
txdb1
## Retrieve an incomplete transcript dataset for Human:
transcript_ids <- c(</pre>
   "ENST00000013894"
   "ENST00000268655",
   "ENST00000313243",
   "ENST00000435657",
   "ENST00000384428",
    "ENST00000478783"
)
if (interactive()) {
  txdb2 <- makeTxDbFromBiomart(dataset="hsapiens_gene_ensembl",</pre>
                            transcript_ids=transcript_ids)
 txdb2 # note that these annotations match the GRCh38 genome assembly
}
## B. ACCESSING THE EnsemblGenomes MARTS
```

```
library(biomaRt)
## Note that BioMart is not currently available for Ensembl Bacteria.
## -----
## --- Ensembl Fungi ---
mart <- useEnsemblGenomes(biomart="fungi_mart")</pre>
datasets <- listDatasets(mart)</pre>
datasets$dataset
yeast_txdb <- makeTxDbFromBiomart(biomart="fungi_mart",</pre>
                                  dataset="scerevisiae_eg_gene",
                                  host="https://fungi.ensembl.org")
yeast_txdb
## Note that the dataset for Yeast on Ensembl Fungi is not necessarily
## the same as on the main Ensembl database:
yeast_txdb0 <- makeTxDbFromBiomart(dataset="scerevisiae_gene_ensembl")</pre>
all(transcripts(yeast_txdb0) %in% transcripts(yeast_txdb))
all(transcripts(yeast_txdb) %in% transcripts(yeast_txdb0))
## -----
## --- Ensembl Metazoa ---
## The metazoa mart is slow and at the same time it doesn't seem to
## support requests that take more than 1 min at the moment. So a call to
## biomaRt::getBM() will fail with a "Timeout was reached" error if the
## requested data takes more than 1 min to download. This unfortunately
## happens with the example below so we don't try to run it for now.
  mart <- useEnsemblGenomes(biomart="metazoa_mart")</pre>
  datasets <- listDatasets(mart)</pre>
  datasets$dataset
  worm_txdb <- makeTxDbFromBiomart(biomart="metazoa_mart",</pre>
                                   dataset="celegans_eg_gene",
                                   host="https://metazoa.ensembl.org")
  worm_txdb
  ## Note that even if the dataset for Worm on Ensembl Metazoa contains
  ## the same transcript as on the main Ensembl database, the transcript
  ## type might be annotated with slightly different terms (e.g. antisense
  ## vs antisense_RNA):
  filter <- list(tx_name="Y71G12B.44")</pre>
  transcripts(worm_txdb, filter=filter, columns=c("tx_name", "tx_type"))
  transcripts(txdb1, filter=filter, columns=c("tx_name", "tx_type"))
## -----
## --- Ensembl Plants ---
## Like the metazoa mart (see above), the plants mart is also slow and
```

```
## doesn't seem to support requests that take more than 1 min either.
## So we don't try to run the example below for now.
mart <- useEnsemblGenomes(biomart="plants_mart")</pre>
datasets <- listDatasets(mart)</pre>
datasets[ , 1:2]
athaliana_txdb <- makeTxDbFromBiomart(biomart="plants_mart",</pre>
                                  dataset="athaliana_eg_gene",
                                  host="https://plants.ensembl.org")
athaliana_txdb
## -----
## --- Ensembl Protists ---
mart <- useEnsemblGenomes(biomart="protists_mart")</pre>
datasets <- listDatasets(mart)</pre>
datasets$dataset
tgondii_txdb <- makeTxDbFromBiomart(biomart="protists_mart",</pre>
                                 dataset="tgondii_eg_gene",
                                 host="https://protists.ensembl.org")
tgondii_txdb
## C. USING AN Ensembl MIRROR
## -----
## You can use the 'host' argument to access the "ENSEMBL_MART_ENSEMBL"
## BioMart database at a mirror (e.g. at uswest.ensembl.org). A gotcha
## when doing this is that the name of the database on the mirror might
## be different! We can check this with listMarts() from the biomaRt
## package:
if (interactive()) {
 listMarts(host="https://useast.ensembl.org")
 txdb3 <- makeTxDbFromBiomart(biomart="ENSEMBL_MART_ENSEMBL",</pre>
                            dataset="hsapiens_gene_ensembl",
                            transcript_ids=transcript_ids,
                            host="https://useast.ensembl.org")
 txdb3
}
## Therefore in addition to setting 'host' to "uswest.ensembl.org", we
## might also need to specify the 'biomart' argument.
## -----
## D. USING FILTERS
## -----
## We can use listFilters() from the biomaRt package to get valid filter
mart <- useEnsembl(biomart="ENSEMBL_MART_ENSEMBL",</pre>
```

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makeTxDbFromEnsembl

Make a TxDb object from an Ensembl database

# Description

The makeTxDbFromEnsembl function creates a TxDb object for a given organism by importing the genomic locations of its transcripts, exons, CDS, and genes from an Ensembl database.

Note that it uses the **RMariaDB** package internally so make sure that this package is installed.

# Usage

#### **Arguments**

organism	The <i>scientific name</i> (i.e. genus and species, or genus and species and subspecies) of the organism for which to import the data. Case is not sensitive. Underscores can be used instead of white spaces e.g. "homo_sapiens" is accepted.
release	The Ensembl release to query e.g. 89. If set to NA (the default), the current release is used.
circ_seqs	A character vector to list out which chromosomes should be marked as circular.

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server The name of the MySQL server to query. See https://www.ensembl.org/

info/data/mysql.html for the list of Ensembl public MySQL servers. Make

sure to use the server nearest to you. It can make a big difference!

username Login username for the MySQL server.

password Login password for the MySQL server.

port Port of the MySQL server.

tx\_attrib If not NULL, only select transcripts with an attribute of the given code, a string,

like "gencode\_basic".

#### Value

A TxDb object.

#### Note

makeTxDbFromEnsembl tends to be faster and more reliable than makeTxDbFromBiomart.

# Author(s)

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#### See Also

- makeTxDbFromUCSC and makeTxDbFromBiomart for making a TxDb object from other online resources.
- makeTxDbFromGRanges and makeTxDbFromGFF for making a TxDb object from a GRanges object, or from a GFF or GTF file.
- TxDb objects implemented in the **GenomicFeatures** package.
- makeTxDb for the low-level function used by the makeTxDbFrom\* functions to make the TxDb object returned to the user.

# **Examples**

makeTxDbFromGFF Make a TxDb object from annotations available as a GFF3 or GTF file

# **Description**

The makeTxDbFromGFF function allows the user to make a TxDb object from transcript annotations available as a GFF3 or GTF file.

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# Usage

#### **Arguments**

file Input GFF3 or GTF file. Can be a path to a file, or an URL, or a connection

object, or a GFF3File or GTFFile object.

format Format of the input file. Accepted values are: "auto" (the default) for auto-

detection of the format, "gff3", or "gtf". Use "gff3" or "gtf" only if auto-

detection failed.

dataSource A single string describing the origin of the data file. Please be as specific as

possible.

organism What is the Genus and species of this organism. Please use proper scientific

nomenclature for example: "Homo sapiens" or "Canis familiaris" and not "human" or "my fuzzy buddy". If properly written, this information may be used

by the software to help you out later.

taxonomyId By default this value is NA and the organism provided will be used to look up

the correct value for this. But you can use this argument to override that and supply your own taxonomy id here (which will be separately validated). Since providing a valid taxonomy id will not require us to look up one based on your organism: this is one way that you can loosen the restrictions about what is and

isn't a valid value for the organism.

circ\_seqs A character vector to list out which chromosomes should be marked as circular.

chrominfo Data frame containing information about the chromosomes. Will be passed to

the internal call to makeTxDb. See ?makeTxDb for more information. Alterna-

tively, can be a Seqinfo object.

miRBaseBuild Specify the string for the appropriate build Information from mirbase.db to use

for microRNAs. This can be learned by calling supportedMiRBaseBuildValues. By default, this value will be set to NA, which will inactivate the microRNAs ac-

cessor.

metadata A 2-column data frame containing meta information to be included in the TxDb

object. See ?makeTxDb for more information about the format of metadata.

dbxrefTag If not missing, the values in the Dbxref attribute with the specified tag (like

"GeneID") are used for the feature names.

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#### **Details**

makeTxDbFromGFF is a convenience function that feeds data from the parsed file to the makeTxDbFromGRanges function.

#### Value

A TxDb object.

#### Author(s)

H. Pagès and M. Carlson

#### See Also

- makeTxDbFromGRanges, which makeTxDbFromGFF is based on, for making a TxDb object from a GRanges object.
- The import function in the **rtracklayer** package (also used by makeTxDbFromGFF internally).
- makeTxDbFromUCSC, makeTxDbFromBiomart, and makeTxDbFromEnsembl, for making a TxDb object from online resources.
- The supportedMiRBaseBuildValues function for listing all the possible values for the miRBaseBuild
  argument.
- TxDb objects implemented in the **GenomicFeatures** package.
- makeTxDb for the low-level function used by the makeTxDbFrom\* functions to make the TxDb object returned to the user.

# **Examples**

```
## TESTING GFF3
gffFile <- system.file("extdata", "GFF3_files", "a.gff3", package="txdbmaker")</pre>
txdb <- makeTxDbFromGFF(gffFile,</pre>
                         dataSource="partial gtf file for Tomatoes for testing",
                         organism="Solanum lycopersicum")
## TESTING GTF, this time specifying some metadata and the chrominfo
gtfFile <- system.file("extdata", "GTF_files",</pre>
                        "GCA_002204515.1_AaegL5.0_genomic.gtf.gz",
                        package="txdbmaker")
resource_url <- paste0("ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genomes/all/GCA/002/204/515/",
                        "GCA_002204515.1_AaegL5.0/")
metadata <- data.frame(name="Resource URL", value=resource_url)</pre>
chrominfo <- data.frame(chrom="MF194022.1",</pre>
                         length=16790,
                         is circular=TRUE.
                         genome="AaegL5.0")
txdb2 <- makeTxDbFromGFF(gtfFile,</pre>
                          dataSource="NCBI",
                          organism="Aedes aegypti",
                          chrominfo=chrominfo,
                          metadata=metadata)
```

makeTxDbFromGRanges

Make a TxDb object from a GRanges object

# **Description**

The makeTxDbFromGRanges function allows the user to extract gene, transcript, exon, and CDS information from a GRanges object structured as GFF3 or GTF, and to return that information in a TxDb object.

#### Usage

makeTxDbFromGRanges(gr, drop.stop.codons=FALSE, metadata=NULL, taxonomyId=NA)

# **Arguments**

metadata

taxonomyId

gr A GRanges object structured as GFF3 or GTF, typically obtained with BiocIO::import(). drop.stop.codons

TRUE or FALSE. If TRUE, then features of type stop\_codon are ignored. Otherwise (the default) the stop codons are considered to be part of the CDS and marred to them.

merged to them.

A 2-column data frame containing meta information to be included in the TxDb object. This data frame is just passed to makeTxDb, which makeTxDbFromGRanges calls at the end to make the TxDb object from the information extracted from

gr. See ?makeTxDb for more information about the format of metadata.

By default this value is NA which will result in an NA field since there is no reliable way to infer this from a GRanges object. But you can use this argument to supply your own valid taxId here and if you do, then the Organism can be

filled in as well

#### Value

A TxDb object.

#### Author(s)

Hervé Pagès

#### See Also

- makeTxDbFromUCSC, makeTxDbFromBiomart, and makeTxDbFromEnsemb1, for making a TxDb object from online resources.
- makeTxDbFromGFF for making a TxDb object from a GFF or GTF file.
- The import generic function in the **BiocIO** package.
- The asGFF method for TxDb objects (asGFF,TxDb-method) for the reverse of makeTxDbFromGRanges, that is, for turning a TxDb object into a GRanges object structured as GFF.

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- TxDb objects implemented in the **GenomicFeatures** package.
- makeTxDb for the low-level function used by the makeTxDbFrom\* functions to make the TxDb object returned to the user.

# **Examples**

```
library(BiocIO) # for the import() function
## WITH A GRanges OBJECT STRUCTURED AS GFF3
## -----
GFF3_files <- system.file("extdata", "GFF3_files", package="txdbmaker")</pre>
path <- file.path(GFF3_files, "a.gff3")</pre>
gr <- import(path)</pre>
txdb <- makeTxDbFromGRanges(gr)</pre>
txdb
## Reverse operation:
gr2 <- asGFF(txdb)</pre>
## Sanity check (asGFF() does not propagate the CDS phase at the moment):
target <- as.list(txdb)</pre>
target$splicings$cds_phase <- NULL</pre>
stopifnot(identical(target, as.list(makeTxDbFromGRanges(gr2))))
## -----
## WITH A GRanges OBJECT STRUCTURED AS GTF
## -----
GTF_files <- system.file("extdata", "GTF_files", package="txdbmaker")</pre>
## test1.gtf was grabbed from http://mblab.wustl.edu/GTF22.html (5 exon
## gene with 3 translated exons):
path <- file.path(GTF_files, "test1.gtf")</pre>
gr <- import(path)</pre>
txdb <- makeTxDbFromGRanges(gr)</pre>
txdb
path <- file.path(GTF_files, "GCA_002204515.1_AaegL5.0_genomic.gtf.gz")</pre>
gr <- import(path)</pre>
txdb <- makeTxDbFromGRanges(gr)</pre>
txdb
```

makeTxDbFromUCSC

Make a TxDb object from annotations available at the UCSC Genome Browser

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# **Description**

The makeTxDbFromUCSC function allows the user to make a TxDb object from transcript annotations available at the UCSC Genome Browser.

Note that it uses the **RMariaDB** package internally so make sure that this package is installed.

# Usage

#### **Arguments**

genome The name of a UCSC genome assembly e.g. "hg19" or "panTro6". Get the list

of UCSC genomes currently available with list\_UCSC\_genomes()[, "genome"].

tablename The name of the UCSC table containing the transcript genomic locations to re-

trieve. Use the supportedUCSCtables utility function to get the list of tables

known to work with makeTxDbFromUCSC.

transcript\_ids Optionally, only retrieve transcript locations for the specified set of transcript

ids. If this is used, then the meta information displayed for the resulting TxDb

object will say 'Full dataset: no'. Otherwise it will say 'Full dataset: yes'.

circ\_seqs Like GRanges objects, SummarizedExperiment objects, and many other objects

in Bioconductor, the TxDb object returned by makeTxDbFromUCSC contains a seqinfo component that can be accessed with seqinfo(). This component contains various sequence-level information like the sequence names, lengths, and

circularity flag for the genome assembly of the TxDb object.

As far as we know the information of which sequences are circular is not available in the UCSC Genome Browser. However, for the most commonly used UCSC genome assemblies makeTxDbFromUCSC will get this information from a

knowledge database stored in the **GenomeInfoDb** package (see ?registered\_UCSC\_genomes).

For less commonly used UCSC genome assemblies, makeTxDbFromUCSC will make a guess based on the chromosome names (e.g. chrM or 2micron will be assumed to be circular). Even though this works most of the time, it is not guaranteed to work *all the time*. So in this case a warning is issued. If you think the guess is incorrect then you can supply your own list of circular sequences

(as a character vector) via the circ\_seqs argument.

goldenPath.url A single string specifying the URL to the UCSC goldenPath location where the

chromosome sizes are expected to be found.

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url Use to specify the location of an alternate UCSC Genome Browser.

taxonomyId By default this value is NA and the organism inferred will be used to look up the

correct value for this. But you can use this argument to supply your own valid

taxId here.

miRBaseBuild Specify the string for the appropriate build information from **mirbase.db** to use

for microRNAs. This can be learned by calling supportedMiRBaseBuildValues. By default, this value will be set to NA, which will inactivate the microRNAs ac-

cessor.

#### **Details**

makeTxDbFromUCSC is a convenience function that feeds data from the UCSC source to the lower level makeTxDb function. See ?makeTxDbFromEnsemb1 for a similar function that feeds data from an Ensembl database.

#### Value

For makeTxDbFromUCSC: A TxDb object.

For supportedUCSCtables: A data frame with 3 columns (tablename, track, and subtrack) and 1 row per table known to work with makeTxDbFromUCSC. IMPORTANT NOTE: In the returned data frame, the set of tables associated with a track with subtracks might contain tables that don't exist for the specified genome.

#### Author(s)

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#### See Also

- makeTxDbFromEnsembl and makeTxDbFromBiomart for making a TxDb object from other online resources.
- makeTxDbFromGRanges and makeTxDbFromGFF for making a TxDb object from a GRanges object, or from a GFF or GTF file.
- list\_UCSC\_genomes in the UCSC.utils package to get the list of UCSC genomes.
- The supportedMiRBaseBuildValues function for listing all the possible values for the miRBaseBuild argument.
- TxDb objects implemented in the **GenomicFeatures** package.
- makeTxDb for the low-level function used by the makeTxDbFrom\* functions to make the TxDb object returned to the user.

# **Examples**

```
## Use list_UCSC_genomes() to obtain the list of all UCSC genomes:
library(UCSC.utils)
list_UCSC_genomes()[ , "genome"]

## To search genomes for a particular organism:
list_UCSC_genomes("human")
```

```
## Display the list of tables known to work with makeTxDbFromUCSC():
supportedUCSCtables("hg38")
supportedUCSCtables("hg19")
## Open the UCSC track page for a given organism/table:
browseUCSCtrack("hg38", tablename="knownGene")
browseUCSCtrack("hg19", tablename="knownGene")
browseUCSCtrack("hg38", tablename="ncbiRefSeqSelect")
browseUCSCtrack("hg19", tablename="ncbiRefSeqSelect")
browseUCSCtrack("hg19", tablename="pseudoYale60")
browseUCSCtrack("sacCer3", tablename="ensGene")
## Retrieve a full transcript dataset for Yeast from UCSC:
txdb1 <- makeTxDbFromUCSC("sacCer3", tablename="ensGene")</pre>
txdb1
## Retrieve an incomplete transcript dataset for Mouse from UCSC (only
## transcripts linked to Entrez Gene ID 22290):
transcript_ids <- c(</pre>
    "uc009uzf.1",
    "uc009uzg.1"
    "uc009uzh.1",
    "uc009uzi.1"
    "uc009uzj.1"
)
txdb2 <- makeTxDbFromUCSC("mm10", tablename="knownGene",</pre>
                           transcript_ids=transcript_ids)
txdb2
```

makeTxDbPackage

Making a TxDb package from annotations available at the UCSC Genome Browser, biomaRt or from another source.

# **Description**

A TxDb package is an annotation package containing a TxDb object.

The makeTxDbPackageFromUCSC function allows the user to make a TxDb package from transcript annotations available at the UCSC Genome Browser.

The makeTxDbPackageFromBiomart function allows the user to do the same thing as makeTxDbPackageFromUCSC except that the annotations originate from biomaRt.

Finally, the makeTxDbPackage function allows the user to make a TxDb package directly from a TxDb object.

# Usage

```
makeTxDbPackageFromUCSC(
    version=,
    maintainer,
    author,
    destDir=".",
    license="Artistic-2.0",
    genome="hg19",
    tablename="knownGene",
    transcript_ids=NULL,
    circ_seqs=NULL,
    goldenPath.url=getOption("UCSC.goldenPath.url"),
    taxonomyId=NA,
    miRBaseBuild=NA)
makeFDbPackageFromUCSC(
    version,
    maintainer,
    author,
    destDir=".",
    license="Artistic-2.0",
    genome="hg19",
    track="tRNAs",
    tablename="tRNAs",
    columns = UCSCFeatureDbTableSchema(genome, track, tablename),
    url="https://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/",
    goldenPath.url=getOption("UCSC.goldenPath.url"),
    chromCol=NULL,
    chromStartCol=NULL,
    chromEndCol=NULL,
    taxonomyId=NA)
makeTxDbPackageFromBiomart(
    version,
    maintainer,
    author,
    destDir=".",
    license="Artistic-2.0",
    biomart="ENSEMBL_MART_ENSEMBL",
    dataset="hsapiens_gene_ensembl",
    transcript_ids=NULL,
    circ_seqs=NULL,
    filter=NULL,
    id_prefix="ensembl_",
    host="https://www.ensembl.org",
    port,
    taxonomyId=NA,
    miRBaseBuild=NA)
```

```
makeTxDbPackage(txdb,
                 version,
                 maintainer,
                 author,
                 destDir=".",
                 license="Artistic-2.0",
                 pkgname=NULL,
                 provider=NULL,
                 providerVersion=NULL)
supportedMiRBaseBuildValues()
makePackageName(txdb)
```

# **Arguments**

dataset

What is the version number for this package? version

Who is the package maintainer? (must include email to be valid). Should be a maintainer

> person object, or something coercible to one, like a string. May be omitted if the author argument is a person containing someone with the maintainer role.

author Who is the creator of this package? Should be a person object, or something

coercible to one, like a character vector of names. The maintainer argument

will be merged into this list.

destDir A path where the package source should be assembled.

What is the license (and it's version) license

biomart which BioMart database to use. Get the list of all available BioMart databases

> with the listMarts function from the biomaRt package. See the details section below for a list of BioMart databases with compatible transcript annotations.

which dataset from BioMart. For example: "hsapiens\_gene\_ensembl", "mmusculus\_gene\_ensembl",

"dmelanogaster\_gene\_ensembl", "celegans\_gene\_ensembl", "scerevisiae\_gene\_ensembl", etc in the ensembl database. See the examples section below for how to discover

which datasets are available in a given BioMart database.

name of a UCSC genome assembly e.g. "hg19" or "panTro6". Get the list of genome

UCSC genomes currently available with list\_UCSC\_genomes()[, "genome"].

name of the UCSC track. Use supportedUCSCFeatureDbTracks to get the list track

of available tracks for a particular genome

tablename name of the UCSC table containing the transcript annotations to retrieve. Use

the supportedUCSCtables utility function to get the list of tables known to

work with makeTxDbFromUCSC.

transcript\_ids optionally, only retrieve transcript annotation data for the specified set of tran-

script ids. If this is used, then the meta information displayed for the resulting TxDb object will say 'Full dataset: no'. Otherwise it will say 'Full dataset: yes'.

a character vector to list out which chromosomes should be marked as circular. circ\_seqs

filter Additional filters to use in the BioMart query. Must be a named list. An example

is filter=as.list(c(source="entrez"))

host The host URL of the BioMart. Defaults to https://www.ensembl.org.

port The port to use in the HTTP communication with the host. This argument has

been deprecated. It is handled by useEnsembl depending on the host input.

id\_prefix Specifies the prefix used in BioMart attributes. For example, some BioMarts

may have an attribute specified as "ensembl\_transcript\_id" whereas others have the same attribute specified as "transcript\_id". Defaults to "ensembl\_".

columns a named character vector to list out the names and types of the other columns

that the downloaded track should have. Use UCSCFeatureDbTableSchema to

retrieve this information for a particular table.

url, goldenPath.url

use to specify the location of an alternate UCSC Genome Browser.

chromCol If the schema comes back and the 'chrom' column has been labeled something

other than 'chrom', use this argument to indicate what that column has been labeled as so we can properly designate it. This could happen (for example) with the knownGene track tables, which has no 'chromStart' or 'chromEnd' columns, but which DOES have columns that could reasonably substitute for these columns under particular circumstances. Therefore we allow these three

columns to have arguments so that their definition can be re-specified

chromStartCol Same thing as chromCol, but for renames of 'chromStart' chromEndCol Same thing as chromCol, but for renames of 'chromEnd'

txdb A TxDb object that represents a handle to a transcript database. This object type

is what is returned by makeTxDbFromUCSC, makeTxDbFromUCSC or makeTxDb

taxonomyId By default this value is NA and the organism provided (or inferred) will be used

to look up the correct value for this. But you can use this argument to override

that and supply your own valid taxId here

miRBaseBuild specify the string for the appropriate build Information from mirbase.db to use

for microRNAs. This can be learned by calling supportedMiRBaseBuildValues. By default, this value will be set to NA, which will inactivate the microRNAs ac-

cessor.

pkgname By default this value is NULL and does not need to be filled in (a package name

will be generated for you). But if you override this value, then the package and it's object will be instead named after this value. Be aware that the standard rules for package names will apply, (so don't include spaces, underscores or dashes)

provider If not given, a default is taken from the 'Data source' field of the metadata table.

providerVersion

If not given, a default is taken from one of 'UCSC table', 'BioMart version' or

'Data source' fields of the metadata table.

#### **Details**

makeTxDbPackageFromUCSC is a convenience function that calls both the makeTxDbFromUCSC and the makeTxDbPackage functions. The makeTxDbPackageFromBiomart follows a similar pattern and calls the makeTxDbFromBiomart and makeTxDbPackage functions. supportedMiRBaseBuildValues is a convenience function that will list all the possible values for the miRBaseBuild argument. makePackageName creates a package name from a TxDb object. This function is also used by OrganismDbi.

# Value

A TxDb object.

#### Author(s)

M. Carlson

#### See Also

```
makeTxDbFromUCSC, makeTxDbFromBiomart, makeTxDb, list_UCSC_genomes
```

# **Examples**

```
## First consider relevant helper/discovery functions:
## Get the list of tables known to work with makeTxDbPackageFromUCSC():
supportedUCSCtables(genome="hg19")
## Can also list all the possible values for the miRBaseBuild argument:
supportedMiRBaseBuildValues()
## Next are examples of actually building a package:
## Makes a transcript package for Yeast from the ensGene table at UCSC:
makeTxDbPackageFromUCSC(version="0.01",
                        maintainer="Some One <so@someplace.org>",
                        author="Some One <so@someplace.com>",
                        genome="sacCer2",
                        tablename="ensGene")
## Makes a transcript package from Human by using biomaRt and limited to a
## small subset of the transcripts.
transcript_ids <- c(</pre>
    "ENST00000400839",
    "ENST00000400840",
    "ENST00000478783",
    "ENST00000435657",
    "ENST00000268655",
    "ENST00000313243",
    "ENST00000341724")
makeTxDbPackageFromBiomart(version="0.01",
                           maintainer="Some One <so@someplace.org>",
                           author="Some One <so@someplace.com>",
                           transcript_ids=transcript_ids)
```

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