HowTo: Build and use chromosomal information

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1 Overview

The annotate package provides a class that can be used to model chromosomal information about a species, using one of the metadata packages provided by Bioconductor. This class contains information about the organism and its chromosomes and provides a standardized interface to the information in the metadata packages for other software to quickly extract necessary chromosomal information. An example of using *chromLocation* objects in other software can be found with the alongChrom function of the *geneplotter* package in Bioconductor.

2 The chromLocation class

The *chromLocation* class is used to provide a structure for chromosomal data of a particular organism. In this section, we will discuss the various slots of the class and the methods for interacting with them. Before this though, we will create an object of class *chromLocation* for demonstration purposes later. The helper function buildChromLocation is used, and it takes as an argument the name of a Bioconductor metadata package, which is itself used to extract the data. For this vignette, we will be using the *hgu95av2.db* package.

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> library("annotate")
> z <- buildChromLocation("hgu95av2")
> z
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Instance of a chromLocation class with the following fields:

Organism: Homo sapiens Data source: hgu95av2

Number of chromosomes for this organism: 455

Chromosomes of this organism and their lengths in base pairs:

1 : 248956422 2 : 242193529 3 : 198295559 4 : 190214555

5 : 181538259 6: 170805979 7: 159345973 X : 156040895 8: 145138636 9: 138394717 11: 135086622 10 : 133797422 12: 133275309 13 : 114364328 14: 107043718 15 : 101991189 16: 90338345 17:83257441 18: 80373285 20 : 64444167 19 : 58617616 Y: 57227415 22 : 50818468 21 : 46709983 15_KI270905v1_alt : 5161414 6_GL000256v2_alt : 4929269 $6_{GL000254v2_{alt}}: 4827813$ 6_GL000251v2_alt : 4795265 6_GL000253v2_alt : 4677643 6_GL000250v2_alt : 4672374 6_GL000255v2_alt : 4606388 6_GL000252v2_alt : 4604811 17_KI270857v1_alt : 2877074 16_KI270853v1_alt : 2659700 16_KI270728v1_random : 1872759 17_GL000258v2_alt : 1821992 5_GL339449v2_alt : 1612928 14_KI270847v1_alt : 1511111 17_KI270908v1_alt : 1423190 14_KI270846v1_alt : 1351393 5_KI270897v1_alt : 1144418 7_KI270803v1_alt : 1111570 19_GL949749v2_alt : 1091841 19_KI270938v1_alt : 1066800 19_GL949750v2_alt : 1066390 19_GL949748v2_alt : 1064304 19_GL949751v2_alt : 1002683

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12_KI270833v1_alt : 76061

6_KI270802v1_alt : 75005

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Once we have an object of the *chromLocation* class, we can now access its various slots to get the information contained within it. There are six slots in this class:

organism: This lists the organism that this object is describing.

dataSource: Where this data was acquired from.

chromLocs: A list with an element for every unique chromosome

name, where each element contains a named vector where the names are probe IDs and the values describe the

location of that probe on the chromosome. Negative values indicate that the location is on the antisense $\,$

strand.

probesToChrom: A hash table which will translate a probe ID to the

chromosome it belongs to.

chromInfo: A numerical vector representing each chromosome, where

the names are the names of the chromosomes and the

values are the lengths of those chromosomes.

geneSymbols: An environment that maps a probe ID to the appropriate

gene symbol.

There is a basic 'get' type method for each of these slots, all with the same name as the respective slot. In the following example, we will demonstrate these basic methods. For the probesToChrom and geneSymbols methods, the return value is an environment which maps a probe ID to other values, we will be using the probe ID '32972_at', which was selected at random for these examples. We are showing only part of the chromLocs method's output as it is quite long in its entirety.

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> organism(z)
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- [1] "Homo sapiens"
- > dataSource(z)
- [1] "hgu95av2"
- > ## The chromLocs list is extremely large. Let's only
- > ## look at one of the elements.
- > names(chromLocs(z))

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[1] "1"
                              "10"
                                                      "11"
 [4] "12"
                              "13"
                                                      "14"
 [7] "15"
                              "16"
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                                                      "2"
[10] "18"
                              "19"
                                                      "22"
[13] "20"
                              "21"
                              "3"
                                                      "4"
[16] "22_KI270879v1_alt"
                                                      "7"
[19] "5"
[22] "8"
                              "9"
                                                      "X"
[25] "Y"
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                                                      "17_KI270857v1_alt"
[28] "20_KI270869v1_alt"
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                                                      "2_KI270776v1_alt"
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> get("32972_at", geneSymbols(z))
[1] "NOX1"
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Another method which can be used to access information about the particular *chromLocation* object is the nChrom method, which will list how many chromosomes this organism has:

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> nChrom(z)
[1] 455
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3 Summary

The chromLocation class has a simple design, but can be powerful if one wants to store the chromosomal data contained in a Bioconductor package into a single object. These objects can be created once and then passed around to multiple functions, which can cut down on computation time to access the desired information from the package. These objects allow access to basic but also important information, and provide a standard interface for writers of other software to access this information.