

# Package ‘gUtils’

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dt2gr	<i>Convert data.table to GRanges</i>
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## Description

Takes as input a `data.table` which must have the following fields: `start`, `end`, `strand`, `seqnames`. Will throw an error if any one of these is not present. All of the remaining fields are added as metadata to the `GRanges`.

## Usage

```
dt2gr(dt)
```

## Arguments

<code>dt</code>	<code>data.table</code> to convert to <code>GRanges</code>
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## Value

`GRanges` object of length = `nrow(dt)`

## Examples

```
gr <- dt2gr(data.table(start=c(1,2), seqnames=c("X", "1"), end=c(10,20), strand = c('+', '-')))
```

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gr.chr	<i>Prepend "chr" to GRanges seqlevels</i>
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**Description**

Prepend "chr" to GRanges seqlevels

**Usage**

```
gr.chr(gr)
```

**Arguments**

gr GRanges object to append 'chr' to

**Value**

Identical GRanges, but with 'chr' prepended to each seqlevel

**Examples**

```
gr <- gr.chr(GRanges(c(1,"chrX"), IRanges(c(1,2), 1)))
seqnames(gr)
```

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gr.dice	<i>Dice up GRanges into width = 1 GRanges spanning the input (warning can produce a very large object)</i>
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**Description**

Dice up GRanges into width = 1 GRanges spanning the input (warning can produce a very large object)

**Usage**

```
gr.dice(gr)
```

**Arguments**

gr GRanges object to dice

**Value**

GRangesList where kth element is a diced pile of GRanges from kth input GRanges

**Examples**

```
gr.dice(GRanges(c(1,4), IRanges(c(10,10),20)))
```

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gr.dist	<i>Pairwise distance between two GRanges</i>
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### Description

Computes matrix of pairwise distance between elements of two GRanges objects of length n and m.

### Usage

```
gr.dist(gr1, gr2 = NULL, ignore.strand = FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

gr1	First GRanges
gr2	Second GRanges
ignore.strand	Don't required elements be on same strand to avoid NA [FALSE]
...	Additional arguments to be supplied to GenomicRanges::distance

### Details

Distances are computed as follows:

- NA for ranges on different seqnames
- 0 for overlapping ranges
- min(abs(end1-end2), abs(end1-start2), abs(start1-end2), abs(start1-end1),) for all others

If only gr1 is provided, then will return n x n matrix of gr1 vs itself

If max.dist = TRUE, then will replace min with max above

### Value

N by M matrix with the pairwise distances, with gr1 on rows and gr2 on cols

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gr.DNAase	<i>DNAaseI hypersensitivity sites for hg19</i>
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### Description

DNAaseI hypersensitivity sites from UCSC Table Browser hg19, subsampled to 10,000 sites

### Format

GRanges

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gr.end	<i>Get the right ends of a GRanges</i>
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## Description

Alternative to `GenomicRanges::flank` that will provide end positions *\*within\** intervals

## Usage

```
gr.end(x, width = 1, force = FALSE, ignore.strand = TRUE, clip = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

x	GRanges object to operate on
width	Specify subranges of greater width including the start of the range. [1]
force	Allows returned GRanges to have ranges outside of its Seqinfo bounds. [FALSE]
ignore.strand	If set to FALSE, will extend '-' strands from the other direction. [TRUE]
clip	Trims returned GRanges so that it does not extend beyond bounds of the input GRanges. [TRUE]

## Value

GRanges object of width = width ranges representing end of each genomic range in the input.

## Examples

```
gr.end(gr.DNAase, width=200, clip=TRUE)
```

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gr.findoverlaps	<i>Faster replacement for</i>	GRanges	<i>version of</i>
	GenomicRanges::findOverlaps		

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## Description

Returns GRanges of matches with two additional fields:

`$query.id` - index of matching query `$subject.id` - index of matching subject

Optional "by" field is a character scalar that specifies a metadata column present in both query and subject that will be used to additionally restrict matches, i.e. to pairs of ranges that overlap and also have the same values of their "by" fields

## Usage

```
gr.findoverlaps(query, subject, ignore.strand = TRUE, first = FALSE,
  qcol = NULL, scol = NULL,
  foverlaps = ifelse(is.na(as.logical(Sys.getenv("GRFO_FOVERLAPS"))), FALSE,
    as.logical(Sys.getenv("GRFO_FOVERLAPS"))) & exists("foverlaps"),
  pintersect = NA, verbose = FALSE, type = "any", by = NULL,
  return.type = "same", ...)
```

**Arguments**

query	Query GRanges pile
subject	Subject GRanges pile
ignore.strand	Don't consider strand information during overlaps [TRUE]
first	Restrict to only the first match of the subject (default is to return all matches). [FALSE]
qcol	character vector of query meta-data columns to add to results
scol	character vector of subject meta-data columns to add to results
foverlaps	Use data.table::foverlaps instead of IRanges::findOverlaps. Overrides pintersect
piintersect	Use IRanges::piintersect function. In general this is slower, but can be much faster and with lower memory for large ranges on many different seqnames (e.g. transcriptome). Default is FALSE unless length(unique(seqnames)) > 50
verbose	Increase the verbosity during runtime [FALSE]
type	type argument as defined by IRanges::findOverlaps("any", "start", "end", "within", "equal"). If value other than "any" is supplied, will force call to IRanges::findOverlaps. Otherwise, may use IRanges::piintersect or data.table::foverlaps. ["any"]
by	Meta-data column to consider when performing overlaps [NULL]
return.type	Select data format to return (supplied as character): "same", "data.table", "GRanges". ["same"]
...	Additional arguments sent to IRanges::piintersect if piintersect = TRUE.

**Value**

GRanges pile of the intersection regions, with query.id and subject.id marking sources

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gr.fix	"Fixes" seqlengths / seqlevels
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**Description**

If "genome" not specified will replace NA seqlengths in GRanges to reflect largest coordinate per seqlevel and removes all NA seqlevels after this fix.

**Usage**

```
gr.fix(gr, genome = NULL, gname = NULL, drop = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

gr	GRanges object to fix
genome	Genome to fix to: Seqinfo, BSgenome, GRanges (w/seqlengths), GRangesList (w/seqlengths)
gname	Name of the genome (optional, just appends to Seqinfo of the output) [NULL]
drop	Remove ranges that are not present in the supplied genome [FALSE]

**Details**

if "genome" defined (i.e. as Seqinfo object, or a BSgenome, GRanges, GRangesList object with populated seqlengths), then will replace seqlengths in gr with those for that genome

**Value**

GRanges pile with the fixed Seqinfo

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gr.flatten	<i>Lay ranges end-to-end onto a derivate "chromosome"</i>
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**Description**

Takes pile of GRanges and returns into a data.frame with nrow = length(gr) with each representing the corresponding input range superimposed onto a single "flattened" chromosome, with ranges laid end-to-end

**Usage**

```
gr.flatten(gr, gap = 0)
```

**Arguments**

gr	GRanges to flatten
gap	Number of bases between ranges on the new chromosome [0]

**Value**

data.frame with start and end coordinates, and all of the original metadata

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gr.flipstrand	<i>Flip strand on GRanges</i>
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**Description**

Flip strand on GRanges

**Usage**

```
gr.flipstrand(gr)
```

**Arguments**

gr	GRanges pile with strands to be flipped
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**Value**

GRanges with flipped strands (+ to -, \* to \*, - to \*)

**Examples**

```
gr.flipstrand(GRanges(1, IRanges(c(10,10,10),20), strand=c("+","*", "-")))
```

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gr.genes	<i>RefSeq genes from UCSC Table Browser hg19, subsampled to 10,000 genes</i>
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**Description**

RefSeq genes from UCSC Table Browser hg19, subsampled to 10,000 genes

**Format**

GRanges

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gr.in	<i>Faster version of GRanges over</i>
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**Description**

Uses [gr.findoverlaps](#) for a faster over.

**Usage**

```
gr.in(query, subject, ...)
```

**Arguments**

query	Query GRanges pile
subject	Subject GRanges pile
...	Additional arguments to pass to <a href="#">gr.findoverlaps</a>

**Details**

Can specify a by = column name in query and subject that we additionally control for a match (passed on to [gr.findoverlaps](#)).

**Value**

logical vector if query range i is found in any range in subject



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gr.match	<i>Faster</i> GenomicRanges::match
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**Description**

Faster implementation of GenomicRanges::match (uses [gr.findoverlaps](#))

**Usage**

```
gr.match(query, subject, max.slice = Inf, verbose = FALSE, mc.cores = 1,
...)
```

**Arguments**

query	Query GRanges pile
subject	Subject GRanges pile
max.slice	Maximum number of ranges to consider at once [Inf]
verbose	Increase the verbosity during runtime
mc.cores	Number of cores to use, if ranges exceed max.slice
...	Additional arguments to be passed along to <a href="#">gr.findoverlaps</a> .

**Value**

Vector of length = length(query) with subject indices of *\*first\** subject in query, or NA if none found. This behavior is different from [gr.findoverlaps](#), which will return *\*all\** indices of subject in query (in the case of one query overlaps with multiple subject) ... = additional args for findOverlaps (IRanges version)

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gr.mid	<i>Get the midpoints of</i> GRanges <i>ranges</i>
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**Description**

Get the midpoints of GRanges ranges

**Usage**

```
gr.mid(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	GRanges object to operate on
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**Value**

GRanges of the midpoint, calculated from floor(width(x)/2)

**Examples**

```
gr.mid(GRanges(1, IRanges(1000,2000), seqinfo=Seqinfo("1", 2000)))
```

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gr.nochr	<i>Remove chr prefix from GRanges seqlevels</i>
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**Description**

Remove chr prefix from GRanges seqlevels

**Usage**

```
gr.nochr(gr)
```

**Arguments**

gr	GRanges with chr seqlevel prefixes
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**Value**

GRanges without chr seqlevel prefixes

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gr.rand	<i>Generate random GRanges on genome</i>
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**Description**

Randomly generates non-overlapping GRanges with supplied widths on supplied genome. Seed can be supplied with set.seed

**Usage**

```
gr.rand(w, genome)
```

**Arguments**

w	Vector of widths (length of w determines length of output)
genome	Genome which can be a GRanges, GRangesList, or Seqinfo object. Default is "hg19" from the BSgenome package.

**Value**

GRanges with random intervals on the specified "chromosomes"

**Note**

This function is currently quite slow, needs optimization

**Examples**

```
## Generate a single random interval of width 10, on "chr" of length 1000
gr.rand(10, Seqinfo("1", 1000))
## Generate 5 non-overlapping regions of width 10 on hg19
library(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19)
gr.rand(rep(10,5), Hsapiens)
```

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gr.sample	<i>Randomly sample GRanges intervals within territory</i>
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**Description**

Samples k intervals of length "len" from a pile of GRanges.

- If k is a scalar then will (uniformly) select k intervals from the summed territory of GRanges
- If k is a vector of length(gr) then will uniformly select k intervals from each.

**Usage**

```
gr.sample(gr, k, len = 100, replace = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

gr	GRanges object defining the territory to sample from
k	Number of ranges to sample
len	Length of the GRanges element to produce [100]
replace	If TRUE, will bootstrap, otherwise will sample without replacement. [TRUE]

**Value**

GRanges of max length sum(k) [if k is vector] or k\*length(gr) (if k is scalar) with labels indicating the originating range.

**Note**

This is different from `GenomicRanges::sample` function, which just samples from a pile of GRanges

**Examples**

```
## sample 5 \code{GRanges} of length 10 each from territory of RefSeq genes
gr.sample(reduce(gr.genes), k=5, len=10)
```

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gr.start	<i>Get GRanges corresponding to beginning of range</i>
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**Description**

Get GRanges corresponding to beginning of range

**Usage**

```
gr.start(x, width = 1, force = FALSE, ignore.strand = TRUE,
clip = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	GRanges object to operate on
width	[default = 1] Specify subranges of greater width including the start of the range.
force	[default = F] Allows returned GRanges to have ranges outside of its Seqinfo bounds.
ignore.strand	If set to FALSE, will extend '-' strands from the other direction [TRUE].
clip	[default = F] Trims returned GRanges so that it does not extend beyond bounds of the input GRanges

**Value**

GRanges object of width 1 ranges representing start of each genomic range in the input.

**Examples**

```
gr.start(gr.DNAase, width=200)
gr.start(gr.DNAase, width=200, clip=TRUE)
```

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gr.string	<i>Return UCSC style interval string corresponding to GRanges pile (ie chr:start-end)</i>
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**Description**

Return UCSC style interval string corresponding to GRanges pile (ie chr:start-end)

**Usage**

```
gr.string(gr, add.chr = FALSE, mb = FALSE, round = 3, other.cols = c())
```

**Arguments**

gr	GRanges pile to get intervals from
add.chr	Prepend seqnames with "chr" [FALSE]
mb	Round to the nearest megabase [FALSE]
round	If mb supplied, how many digits to round to. [3]
other.cols	Names of additional mcols fields to add to the string (seperated by ";")

**Examples**

```
gr.string(gr.genes, other.cols = c("name", "name2"))
```

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gr.tile	<i>Tile ranges across GRanges</i>
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**Description**

Tiles interval (or whole genome) with segments of  $\leq$  specified width.

**Usage**

```
gr.tile(gr, w = 1000)
```

**Arguments**

gr	GRanges, seqlengths or Seqinfo range to tile. If has GRanges has overlaps, will reduce first.
w	Width of each tile

**Examples**

```
## 10 tiles of width 10
gr1 <- gr.tile(GRanges(1, IRanges(1,100)), w=10)
## make them overlap each other by 5
gr1 + 5
```

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gr.tile.map	<i>gr.tile.map</i>
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**Description**

Given two tilings of the genome (e.g. at different resolution) query and subject outputs a length(query) list whose items are integer vectors of indices in subject overlapping that overlap that query (strand non-specific)

**Usage**

```
gr.tile.map(query, subject, verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

query	Query GRanges pile, perhaps created from some tile (e.g. gr.tile), and assumed to have no gaps
subject	Subject GRanges pile, perhaps created from some tile (e.g. gr.tile), and assumed to have no gaps
verbose	Increase the verbosity of the output

**Value**

list of length = length(query), where each element i is a vector of indices in subject that overlaps element i of query

**Note**

Assumes that input query and subject have no gaps (including at end) or overlaps, i.e. ignores end() coordinates and only uses "starts"

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gr.trim	<i>Trims pile of GRanges relative to the specified &lt;local&gt; coordinates of each range</i>
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**Description**

Example: GRanges with genomic coordinates 1:1,000,000-1,001,000 can get the first 20 and last 50 bases trimmed off with start = 20, end = 950. if end is larger than the width of the corresponding gr, then the corresponding output will only have end(gr) as its coordinate.

**Usage**

```
gr.trim(gr, starts = 1, ends = 1)
```

**Arguments**

gr	GRanges to trim
starts	Number of bases to trim off of the front[1]
ends	Number of bases to trim off of the back[1]

**Details**

This is a role not currently provided by the standard GenomicRanges functions (e.g. shift, reduce, restrict, shift, resize, flank)

**Examples**

```
## trim the first 20 and last 50 bases
gr.trim(GRanges(1, IRanges(1e6, width=1000)), starts=20, ends=950)
## return value: GRanges on 1:1,000,019-1,000,949
```

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gr2dt	<i>Converts GRanges to data.table</i>
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**Description**

Converts GRanges to data.table

**Usage**

```
gr2dt(gr)
```

**Arguments**

gr	GRanges pile to convert to data.table
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**Value**

data.table with seqnames, start, end, width, strand and all of the meta data. Width is end-inclusive (e.g. [6,7] width = 2)

**Examples**

```
gr2dt(gr.genes)
```

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grbind	<i>Concatenate GRanges, robust to different mcols</i>
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**Description**

Concatenates GRanges objects, taking the union of their features if they have non-overlapping features

**Usage**

```
grbind(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	First GRanges
...	additional GRanges

**Value**

Concatenated GRanges `grbind(gr.genes, gr.DNAase)`

**Note**

Does not fill in the Seqinfo for the output GRanges

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gr1.hiC	<i>HiC data for chr14 from Lieberman-Aiden 2009 (in hg19), subsampled to 10,000 interactions</i>
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**Description**

HiC data for chr14 from Lieberman-Aiden 2009 (in hg19), subsampled to 10,000 interactions

**Format**

GRangesList

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grl.in	<i>Check intersection of GRangesList with windows on genome</i>
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**Description**

Like only if the ranges in grl[i] intersect «all», «some», «only» windows in the subject

**Usage**

```
grl.in(grl, windows, some = FALSE, only = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

grl	GRangesList object to query for membership in windows
windows	GRanges pile of windows
some	Will return TRUE for GRangesList elements that intersect at least on window range [FALSE]
only	Will return TRUE for GRangesList elements only if there are no elements of query that fail to intersect with windows [FALSE]
...	Additional parameters to be passed on to <a href="#">gr.findoverlaps</a>

**Details**

eg can use to identify read pairs whose ends are contained inside two genes)

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grl.pivot	<i>Pivot a GRangesList, inverting "x" and "y"</i>
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**Description**

"Pivots" grl object "x" by returning a new grl "y" whose kth item is gr object of ranges x[[i]][k] for all i in 1:length(x) e.g. If length(grl) is 50 and length of each GRanges element inside is 2, then grl.pivot will produce a length 3 GRangesList with 50 elements per GRanges

**Usage**

```
grl.pivot(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	GRangesList object to pivot
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**Details**

Assumes all grs in "x" are of equal length

**Examples**

```
grl.pivot(grl.hiC)
```



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grl.string	Create string representation of GRangesList
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**Description**

Return ucsc style interval string corresponding to each GRanges in the GRangesList. One line per per GRangesList item. GRanges elements themselves are separated by sep

**Usage**

```
grl.string(grl, mb = FALSE, sep = ",", ...)
```

**Arguments**

grl	GRangesList to convert to string vector
mb	Will return as MB and round to "round" [FALSE]
sep	Character to separate single GRanges ranges [,]
...	Additional arguments to be passed to gr.string

**Value**

Character vector where each element is a GRanges pile corresponding to a single GRangesList element

**Examples**

```
grl.string(grl.hiC, mb=TRUE)
```

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grl.unlist	Robust unlisting of GRangesList that keeps track of origin
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**Description**

Does a "nice" unlist of a GRangesList object adding a field grl.ix denoting which element of the GRangesList each GRanges corresponds to and a field grl.iix which saves the (local) index that that gr was in its corresponding GRangesList item

**Usage**

```
grl.unlist(grl)
```

**Arguments**

grl	GRangeList object to unlist
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**Details**

In this way, grl.unlist is reversible, while BiocGenerics::unlist is not.

**Value**

GRanges with added metadata fields `grl.ix` and `grl.iix`.

**Examples**

```
grl.unlist(grl.hiC)
```

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<code>grlbind</code>	<i>Concatenate GRangesList objects</i>
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**Description**

Concatenates GRangesList objects taking the union of their `mcols` features if they have non-overlapping features

**Usage**

```
grlbind(...)
```

**Arguments**

`...` Any number of GRangesList to concatenate together

**Value**

Concatenated GRangesList with NA filled in for `mcols` fields that are non-overlapping

**Examples**

```
## Concatenate
grl.hiC2 <- grl.hiC[1:20]
mcols(grl.hiC2)$test = 1
grlbind(grl.hiC2, grl.hiC[1:30])
```

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<code>rrbind</code>	<i>Improved rbind for intersecting/union columns of data.frames or data.tables</i>
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**Description**

Like `rbind`, but takes the intersecting columns of the data.

**Usage**

```
rrbind(..., union = TRUE, as.data.table = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

`...` Any number of `data.frame` or `data.table` objects

`union` Take union of columns (and put NA's for columns of `df1` not in `df2` and vice versa). [TRUE]

`as.data.table` Return the binded data as a `data.table`. [FALSE]

### Value

data.frame or data.table of the rbind operation

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si	Seqinfo object for hg19
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### Description

Seqinfo object for hg19

### Format

Seqinfo

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si2gr	Create GRanges from Seqinfo or BSgenome
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### Description

Creates a genomic ranges from seqinfo object ie a pile of ranges spanning the genome

### Usage

```
si2gr(si, strip.empty = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

si	Seqinfo object or a BSgenome genome
strip.empty	Don't know. [FALSE]

### Value

GRanges representing the range of the input genome

### Examples

```
## Not run: library(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19); si2gr(Hsapiens)
```

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`streduce`*Reduce GRanges and GRangesList to minimal footprint*

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**Description**

Shortcut for `reduce(sort(gr.stripstrand(unlist(x))))`

**Usage**

```
streduce(gr, pad = 0, sort = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>gr</code>	GRanges or GRangesList
<code>pad</code>	Expand the input data before reducing. [0]
<code>sort</code>	Flag to sort the output. [TRUE]

**Value**

GRanges object with no strand information, representing a minimal footprint

**Examples**

```
streduce(gr1.hiC, pad=10)
streduce(gr.genes, pad=1000)
```

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