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Required packages: reutils, seqinr

Sequence analysis

- A Little Book of R For Bioinformatics, Avril Coghlan
(<https://media.readthedocs.org/pdf/a-little-book-of-r-for-bioinformatics/latest/a-little-book-of-r-for-bioinformatics.pdf>)
- https://web.stanford.edu/class/bios221/labs/biostrings/lab_1_biostrings.html
- <https://bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/vignettes/Biostrings>

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GO.db	Bioconductor Package Maintainer	A set of annotation maps describing the entire Gene Ontology
org.Hs.eg.db	Bioconductor Package Maintainer	Genome wide annotation for Human
DO.db	Jiang Li	A set of annotation maps describing the entire Disease Ontology
org.Mm.eg.db	Bioconductor Package Maintainer	Genome wide annotation for Mouse
TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene	Bioconductor Package Maintainer	Annotation package for TxDb object(s)
BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19	Bioconductor Package Maintainer	Full genome sequences for Homo sapiens (UCSC version hg19)
KEGG.db	Bioconductor Package Maintainer	A set of annotation maps for KEGG
hgu133plus2.db	Bioconductor Package Maintainer	Affymetrix Human Genome U133 Plus 2.0 Array annotation data (c hgu133plus2)
reactome.db	Willem Ligtenberg	A set of annotation maps for reactome
FDb.InfiniumMethylation.hg19	Tim Triche, Jr.	Annotation package for Illumina Infinium DNA methylation probes

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Efficient manipulation of biological strings

Bioconductor version: Release (3.9)

Memory efficient string containers, string matching algorithms, and other utilities, for fast manipulation of large biological sequences or sets of sequences.

Author: H. Pagès, P. Aboyoun, R. Gentleman, and S. DebRoy

Maintainer: H. Pagès <hpages at fredhutch.org>

Citation (from within R, enter `citation("Biostrings")`):

Pagès H, Aboyoun P, Gentleman R, DebRoy S (2019). *Biostrings: Efficient manipulation of biological strings*. R package version 2.52.0.

Installation

To install this package, start R (version "3.6") and enter:

```
if (!requireNamespace("BiocManager", quietly = TRUE))
  install.packages("BiocManager")
BiocManager::install("Biostrings")
```

For older versions of R, please refer to the appropriate [Bioconductor release](#).

Documentation

To view documentation for the version of this package installed in your system, start R and enter:

```
browseVignettes("Biostrings")
```

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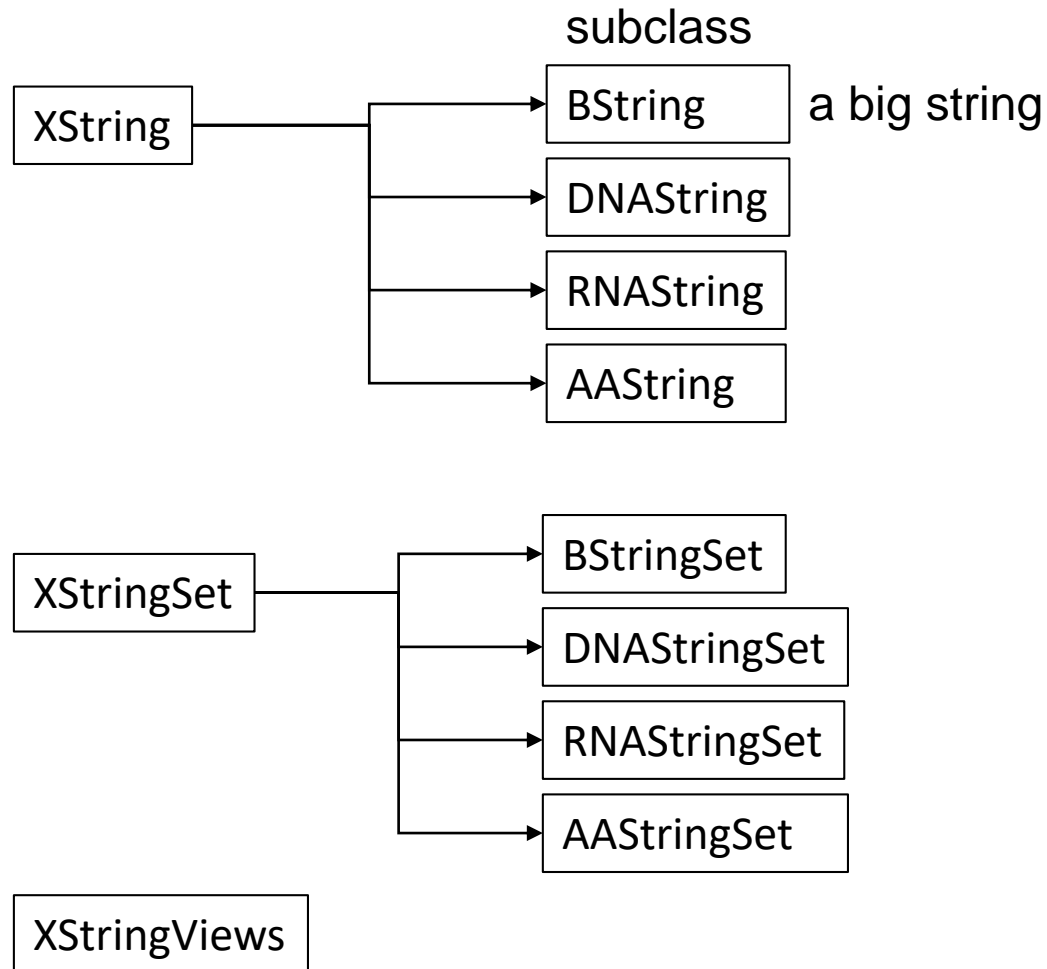
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The XString Classes

Designed to make manipulation of big strings (DNA, RNA, Proteins)



Predefined constants

- Some useful predefined constants

> DNA BASES

```
[1] "A" "C" "G" "T"
```

> DNA_ALPHABET

[1] "A" "C" "G" "T" "M" "R" "W" "S" "Y" "K" "V" "H" "D" "B" "N" "-" "+" "."

```
> IUPAC_CODE_MAP
```

[illegible]

The XString Class

- Basic functions and indexing

```
x0 <- "TTGAAA-CTC-N"  
x0  
x1 = DNASTring(x0)  
x1  
class(x0)  
class(x1)  
length(x1)  
toString(x1)  
complement(x1)  
Biostrings::complement(x1)  
reverseComplement(x1)  
x1[1]  
x1[1:3]  
subseq(x1, start=3, end=5)  
subseq(x1, 3, 5)  
alphabetFrequency(x1, baseOnly=TRUE, as.prob=TRUE)  
letterFrequency(x1, c("G", "C"), as.prob=TRUE)
```

Exercise 10-1)

- Generate random DNA sequence of length 30bp and save it in a variable “x0”
 - Use sample, paste functions

```
x0 <- paste(sample(????????), collapse="")
```
- Paste “ATG” in front of the string
- Paste “TAG” at the end of the string
- Convert the string to DNAString class and save it in “x1”
- Get complementary of the sequence
- Translate the DNA sequence

XStringSet

- Basic functions and indexing

```
x0 <- c("CTC-NACCAGTAT", "TTGA", "TACCTAGAG")
x1 <- DNASTringSet(x0)
class(x0)
class(x1)
names(x1)
names(x1) <- c("A", "B", "C")
length(x1)
width(x1)
subseq(x1, 2, 4)
x1[[1]]
x1[1]
alphabetFrequency(x1, baseOnly=TRUE, as.prob=TRUE)
letterFrequency(x1, c("G", "C"), as.prob=TRUE)
```

Exercise 10-2)

- Generate 10 random DNA sequences with length of 30bp and save it in a variable “x0”
 - Attach “ATG” at the start of the sequences
 - Attach “TAG” at the end of the sequences
- Convert the sequences to DNAStringSet class and save it in “x1”
- count “G” and “C” letters
- can you draw a bar graph the GC ratio using ggplot2

Creating views

- A useful way to view multiple subsequences of a XString

```
x2 <- x1[[1]]
Views(x2, start=1, width=20)
Views(x2, start=1, end=4)
Views(x2, start=c(1,3), end=4)
Views(x2, start=c(1,3,4), width=20)
Views(x2, start=c(1,3,4), width=20)

successiveViews(x2, width=20)
successiveViews(x2, width=rep(20, 2))
successiveViews(x2, width=rep(20, 3))

v <- Views(x2, start=c(1,10), end=c(3,15))
v
gaps(v)
```

Exercise 10-3)

- Generate random DNA sequence of length 1000bp and save it as a DNAString class in a variable “x0”
- View x0 with 40bp width
- How could you generalize the view code to apply different size of sequences?

The NCBI sequence database

The National Centre for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)



Dengue fever

Dengue virus: DEN-1, DEN-2, DEN-3, and DEN-4

Accession no.: NC_001477, NC_001474, NC_001475 and NC_002640

The European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) Sequence Database (www.ebi.ac.uk/embl)

In Japan, the DNA Data Bank of Japan (DDBJ); www.ddbj.nig.ac.jp).

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NC_001477

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Dengue virus 1, complete genome
10,735 bp genomic DNA.
Type: 1. Old_name: Dengue virus type 1. Clone: 45A25.
Accession: NC_001477.1 GI: 9626685
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Literature

Books	0	books and reports
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Genes

EST	0	expressed sequence tag sequences
Gene	1	collected information about gene loci
GEO DataSets	0	functional genomics studies
GEO Profiles	0	gene expression and molecular abundance profiles
HomoloGene	0	homologous gene sets for selected organisms

Health

ClinVar	0	human variations of clinical significance
dbGaP	0	genotype/phenotype interaction studies
GTR	0	genetic testing registry
MedGen	0	medical genetics literature and links
OMIM	0	online mendelian inheritance in man
PubMed Health	0	clinical effectiveness, disease and drug reports

Genomes

Assembly	1	genome assembly information
BioCollections	0	museum, herbaria, and other biorepository collections
BioProject	0	biological projects providing data to NCBI
BioSample	0	descriptions of biological source materials
Clone	0	genomic and cDNA clones
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GSS	0	genome survey sequences
Nucleotide	19	DNA and RNA sequences
Probe	15	sequence-based probes and primers
SNP	0	short genetic variations

PopSet	0	sequence sets from phylogenetic and population studies
UniGene	0	clusters of expressed transcripts

Proteins

Conserved Domains	0	conserved protein domains
Identical Protein Groups	1	protein sequences grouped by identity
Protein	17	protein sequences
Protein Clusters	0	sequence similarity-based protein clusters
Sparcle	0	functional categorization of proteins by domain architecture
Structure	0	experimentally-determined biomolecular structures

Chemicals

BioSystems	0	molecular pathways with links to genes, proteins and chemicals
PubChem BioAssay	0	bioactivity screening studies
PubChem Compound	0	chemical information with structures, information and links
PubChem Substance	0	deposited substance and chemical information

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Reference genome: [Dengue virus 2 Thailand/16681/84](#)

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Dengue virus overview

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Broad's Viral Genomics Initiative focuses on four viruses: HCV, HIV, Dengue, and WNV. The scale and specific aims of each project varies, but they all are centered on understanding sequence variation as it relates to disease outcome and how the viruses evolve under host immune pressure.

Summary

Sequence data: genome assemblies: 6; sequence reads: 1

Statistics: median total length (Mb): 0.0107015
median protein count: 1
median GC%: 46.7

Representative (genome information for reference and representative genomes)

Reference genome:

- [Dengue virus 2 Thailand/16681/84](#)

Type	Name	RefSeq	INSDC	Size (Kb)	GC%	Protein	Other RNA	Gene
Chr	-	NC_001474.2	U87411.1	10.72	45.8	1	4	1

External Resources

Retrieving genome sequence data via the NCBI website

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Dengue virus 1, complete genome

NCBI Reference Sequence: NC_001477.1

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>NC_001477.1 Dengue virus 1, complete genome
AGTTGTTATGTACGTACGGTGGACGACAGAAACAGTGTTCGAATCGGAAGCTTGCTTACGTAGTCTTCAACAGT
TTTTTATTAGAGACGAGATCTCTGATGAACACCAACGAAAAAGACGGGTGCACCGCTCTTTCATATATGC
TGAAACGCGCGAGAAACCGCGTGTCAACTGTTTACAGTTGGCGAAGAGATTCTCAAAAGGATTGCTTTC
AGGCCAAGGACGATGAATTTGGGTGATGGCTTTTATAGCATCTCTAAGATTCTAGCGTACCTCCCAACA
CGAGGAATTTTGGCTAGATGGGGCTCATTCAGAAGAGATGGAGCGATCAAAGTGTTACGGGGTTTCAAGA
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GATAGCCCTTTTCTAGACATCTGCCATAGGAACATCCATCAACCGCAAGGATCATCTTTTATTTGCTGCTG

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 DEFINITION Dengue virus 1, complete genome.
 ACCESSION NC_001477
 VERSION NC_001477.1
 DBLINK BioProject: [PRJNA485481](#)
 KEYWORDS RefSeq.
 SOURCE Dengue virus 1
 ORGANISM [Dengue virus 1](#)
 Viruses; Riboviria; Flaviviridae; Flavivirus.
 REFERENCE 1 (bases 1 to 10735)
 AUTHORS Puri,B., Nelson,W.M., Henchal,E.A., Hoke,C.H., Eckels,K.H.,
 Dubois,D.R., Porter,K.R. and Hayes,C.G.
 TITLE Molecular analysis of dengue virus attenuation after serial passage
 in primary dog kidney cells
 JOURNAL J. Gen. Virol. 78 (PT 9), 2287-2291 (1997)
 PUBMED [9292016](#)
 REFERENCE 2 (bases 1 to 10735)
 AUTHORS McKee,K.T. Jr., Bancroft,W.H., Eckels,K.H., Redfield,R.R.,
 Summers,P.L. and Russell,P.K.
 TITLE Lack of attenuation of a candidate dengue 1 vaccine (45A25) in
 human volunteers
 JOURNAL Am. J. Trop. Med. Hyg. 36 (2), 435-442 (1987)
 PUBMED [3826504](#)
 REFERENCE 3 (bases 1 to 10735)
 CONSRM NCBI Genome Project
 TITLE Direct Submission
 JOURNAL Submitted (01-AUG-2000) National Center for Biotechnology
 Information, NIH, Bethesda, MD 20894, USA
 REFERENCE 4 (bases 1 to 10735)
 AUTHORS Puri,B. and Nelson,W.M.

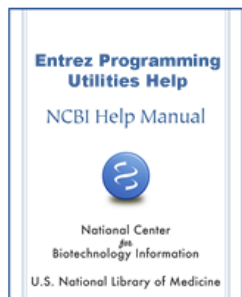
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The Entrez Programming Utilities (E-utilities) are a set of eight server-side programs that provide into the Entrez query and database system at the National Center for Biotechnology Information. Utilities use a fixed URL syntax that translates a standard set of input parameters into the values NCBI software components to search for and retrieve the requested data. The E-utilities are the interface to the Entrez system, which currently includes 38 databases covering a variety of biomolecule and protein sequences, gene records, three-dimensional molecular structures, and the

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Collected information about gene loci

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Sequence sets from phylogenetic and population studies

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Clusters of expressed transcripts

Genetics

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Human variations of clinical significance

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Short genetic variations

dbVar

Genome structural variation studies

GTR

Genetic testing registry

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Medical genetics literature and links

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Proteins

Protein sequences, 3-D structures, and tools for the study of functional protein domains and active sites

Conserved Domains

Genomes

Genome sequence assemblies, large-scale functional genomics data, and source biological samples

Assembly

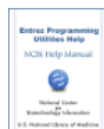
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Repository of chemical information, molecular pathways, and tools for bioactivity screening

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To access these data, a piece of software first posts an E-utility URL to NCBI, then retrieves the results of this posting, after which it processes the data as required. The software can thus use any computer language that can send a URL to the E-utilities server and interpret the XML response; examples of such languages are Perl, Python, Java, and C++. Combining E-utilities components to form customized data pipelines within these applications is a powerful approach to data manipulation.

This chapter first describes the general function and use of the eight E-utilities, followed by basic usage guidelines and requirements, and concludes with a discussion of how the E-utilities function within the Entrez system.

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Use the E-utility URL

All E-utility requests should be made to URLs beginning with the following string:

<https://eutils.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/eutils/>

These URLs direct requests to servers that are used only by the E-utilities and that are optimized to give users the best performance.

– Entrez Unique Identifiers (UIDs) for selected databases

Entrez Database	UID common name	E-utility Database Name
BioProject	BioProject ID	bioproject
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dbGaP	dbGaP ID	gap
dbVar	dbVar ID	dbvar
Epigenomics	Epigenomics ID	epigenomics
EST	GI number	nucest
Gene	Gene ID	gene
Genome	Genome ID	genome
GEO Datasets	GDS ID	gds
GEO Profiles	GEO ID	geoprofiles
GSS	GI number	nucgss
HomoloGene	HomoloGene ID	homologene
MeSH	MeSH ID	mesh
NCBI C++ Toolkit	Toolkit ID	toolkit
NCBI Web Site	Web Site ID	ncbisearch
NLM Catalog	NLM Catalog ID	nlmcatalog
Nucleotide	GI number	nucore
OMIA	OMIA ID	omia
PopSet	PopSet ID	popset
Probe	Probe ID	probe
Protein	GI number	protein
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PubChem Substance	SID	pcsubstance
PubMed	PMID	pubmed
PubMed Central	PMCID	pmc
SNP	rs number	snp
SRA	SRA ID	sra
Structure	MMDB-ID	structure
Taxonomy	TaxID	taxonomy
UniGene	UniGene Cluster ID	unigene
UniSTS	STS ID	unists

Basic usage of E-utilities

The Nine E-utilities in Brief

Go to: 

EInfo (database statistics)

eutils.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/eutils/einfo.fcgi

Provides the number of records indexed in each field of a given database, the date of the last update of the database, and the available links from the database to other Entrez databases.

ESearch (text searches)

eutils.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/eutils/esearch.fcgi

Responds to a text query with the list of matching UIDs in a given database (for later use in ESummary, EFetch or ELink), along with the term translations of the query.

EPost (UID uploads)

eutils.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/eutils/epost.fcgi

Accepts a list of UIDs from a given database, stores the set on the History Server, and responds with a query key and web environment for the uploaded dataset.

ESummary (document summary downloads)

eutils.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/eutils/esummary.fcgi

Responds to a list of UIDs from a given database with the corresponding document summaries.

EFetch (data record downloads)

eutils.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/eutils/efetch.fcgi

Responds to a list of UIDs in a given database with the corresponding data records in a specified format.

ELink (Entrez links)

eutils.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/eutils/elink.fcgi

<https://eutils.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/eutils/>

`esearch.fcgi?db=<database>&term=<query>`

`esummary.fcgi?db=<database>&id=<uid_list>`

`efetch.fcgi?db=<database>&id=<uid_list>&rettype=<retrieval_type>&retmode=<retrieval_mode>`

Exercise 10-4)

Download NC_001477.1 sequence

The image shows two screenshots of a web browser interface. The top screenshot displays a search result for the sequence NC_001477.1. The browser's address bar shows the URL: https://eutils.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/eutils/esearch.fcgi?db=nucleotide&term=NC_001477.1. Below the address bar, a message states: "This XML file does not appear to have any style information associated with it. The document tree is shown below." The XML document tree is displayed as follows:

```
<?xml version="1.0">
<eSearchResult>
  <Count>1</Count>
  <RetMax>1</RetMax>
  <RetStart>0</RetStart>
  <IdList>
    <Id>9626685</Id>
  </IdList>
  <TranslationSet />
  <QueryTranslation />
</eSearchResult>
```

The bottom screenshot shows the browser's address bar with the URL: <https://eutils.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/eutils/efetch.fcgi?db=nucleotide&uid=9626685&rettype=fasta>.

reutils

- <https://github.com/gschofl/reutils>

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reutils

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`reutils` is an R package for interfacing with NCBI databases such as PubMed, Genbank, or GEO via the Entrez Programming Utilities ([EUtils](#)). It provides access to the nine basic *eutils*: `einfo`, `esearch`, `esummary`, `epost`, `efetch`, `elink`, `egquery`, `espeel`, and `ecitmatch`.

Please check the relevant [usage guidelines](#) when using these services. Note that Entrez server requests are subject to frequency limits. Consider obtaining an NCBI API key if are a heavy user of E-utilities.

Installation

You can install the released version of `reutils` from [CRAN](#) with:

```
install.packages("reutils")
```

Install the development version from [github](#) using the `devtools` package.

```
require("devtools")
install_github("gschofl/reutils")
```

Please post feature or support requests and bugs at the [issues tracker for the reutils package](#) on GitHub.

Important functions

With nine E-Utilities, NCBI provides a programmatical interface to the Entrez query and database system for searching and retrieving requested data

rentrez

- <https://github.com/ropensci/rentrez>

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rentrez

rentrez provides functions that work with the [NCBI Eutils](#) API to search, download data from, and otherwise interact with NCBI databases.

Install

rentrez is on CRAN, so you can get the latest stable release with `install.packages("rentrez")`. This repository will sometimes be a little ahead of the CRAN version, if you want the latest (and possibly greatest) version you can install the current github version using Hadley Wickham's [devtools](#).

```
library(devtools)
install_github("ropensci/rentrez")
```

The EUtils API

Each of the functions exported by rentrez is documented, and this README and the package vignette provide examples of how to use the functions together as part of a workflow. The API itself is [well-documented](#). Be sure to read the official documentation to get the most out of API. In particular, be aware of the NCBI's usage policies and try to limit very large requests to off peak (USA) times (rentrez takes care of limiting the number of requests per second, and setting the appropriate entrez tool name in each request).

Hopefully this README, and the package's vignette and in-line documentation, provide you with enough information to get started with rentrez. If you need more help, or if you discover a bug in rentrez please let us know, either through one of the [contact methods described here](#), or [by filing an issue](#)

Important functions

With nine E-Utilities, NCBI provides a programmatical interface to the Entrez query and database system for searching and retrieving requested data

Each of these tools corresponds to an `R` function in the `reutils` package described below.

esearch

`esearch` : search and retrieve a list of primary UIDs or the NCBI History Server information (`queryKey` and `webEnv`). The objects returned by `esearch` can be passed on directly to `epost`, `esummary`, `elink`, or `efetch`.

efetch

`efetch` : retrieve data records from NCBI in a specified retrieval type and retrieval mode as given in this [table](#). Data are returned as XML or text documents.

esummary

`esummary` : retrieve Entrez database summaries (DocSums) from a list of primary UIDs (Provided as a character vector or as an `esearch` object)

elink

`elink` : retrieve a list of UIDs (and relevancy scores) from a target database that are related to a set of UIDs provided by the user. The objects returned by `elink` can be passed on directly to `epost`, `esummary`, or `efetch`.

einfo

`einfo` : provide field names, term counts, last update, and available updates for each database.

epost

`epost` : upload primary UIDs to the users's Web Environment on the Entrez history server for subsequent use with `esummary`, `elink`, or `efetch`.

Download NC_001477.1 sequence

```
library(rentrez)

nuc_search <- entrez_search(db = "nucore", term = "NC_001477.1")
nuc_fetech <- entrez_fetch(db = "nucore", id=nuc_search$ids, rettype = "fasta")

nuc_search <- entrez_search(db = "nucore", term = "NC_001477.1", use_history = TRUE)
nuc_fetech <- entrez_fetch(db = "nucore", web_history = nuc_search$web_history, rettype = "fasta")

write.table(nuc_fetech, file="nc_001477.fasta", quote=F, row.names=F, col.names=F)
mydna <- readDNAStrngSet("nc_001477.fasta")
```

reutils package

An interface to NCBI databases such as PubMed, GenBank, or GEO powered by the Entrez Programming Utilities

Examples

```
#
# combine esearch and efetch
#
# Download PubMed records that are indexed in MeSH for both 'Chlamydia' and
# 'genome' and were published in 2013.
query <- "Chlamydia[mesh] and genome[mesh] and 2013[pdat]"

# Upload the PMIDs for this search to the History server
pmids <- esearch(query, "pubmed", usehistory = TRUE)
pmids

## Not run:
# Fetch the records
articles <- efetch(pmids)

# Use XPath expressions with the #xmlValue() or #xmlAttr() methods to directly
# extract specific data from the XML records stored in the 'efetch' object.
titles <- articles$xmlValue("//ArticleTitle")
abstracts <- articles$xmlValue("//AbstractText")

#
# combine epost with esummary/efetch
#
# Download protein records corresponding to a list of GI numbers.
uid <- c("194680922", "50978626", "28558982", "9507199", "6678417")

# post the GI numbers to the Entrez history server
p <- epost(uid, "protein")

# retrieve docsums with esummary
docsum <- content(esummary(p, version = "1.0"), "parsed")
docsum

# download FASTAs as 'text' with efetch
prot <- efetch(p, retmode = "text", rettype = "fasta")
prot

# retrieve the content from the efetch object
fasta <- content(prot)

## End(Not run)
```

Download NC_001477.1 sequence

Dengue virus: DEN-1, DEN-2, DEN-3, and DEN-4

Accession no.: NC_001477, NC_001474, NC_001475 and NC_002640

```
acc <- c("NC_001477", "NC_001474", "NC_001475", "NC_002640")
ep <- epost(acc, "nucore")
ef <- efetch(ep, retmode = "text", rettype = "fasta")
nc <- content(ef)
nc

## write the sequences to a file
write.table(nc, file="den.fasta", quote=F, col.names=F, row.names=F)

## read the sequences
den.seqs <- readDNASTringSet("den.fasta")
```

DENGUE Sequence

```
## GC contents
letterFrequency(den.seqs, letters="GC", as.prob=T)

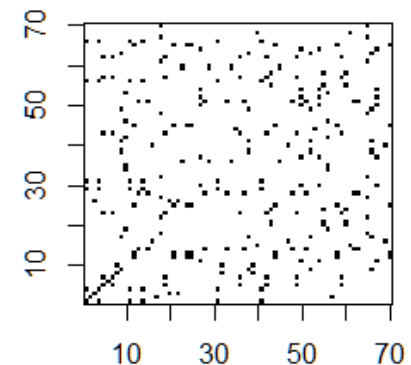
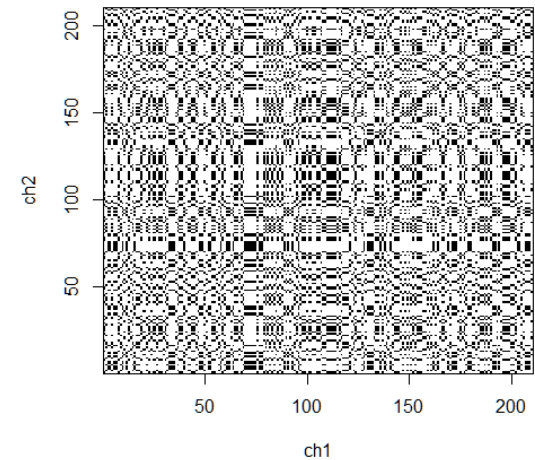
## see all base contents
alphabetFrequency(den.seqs, baseOnly=T, as.prob=T)
alphabetFrequency(den.seqs, baseOnly=T, as.prob=T, collapse=T)
```

```
## Biological Sequences Retrieval and Analysis
library(seqinr)
```

```
## convert DNAString to string
str1 <- toString(den.seqs[[1]])
str2 <- toString(den.seqs[[2]])
str1
ch1 <- s2c(str1)[1:210]
ch2 <- s2c(str2)[1:210]

dotPlot(ch1, ch2)
```

```
aa1 <- Biostrings::translate(den.seqs[[1]])
aa2 <- Biostrings::translate(den.seqs[[2]])
dotPlot(s2c(toString(aa1))[1:70],
s2c(toString(aa2))[1:70])
```



Next

- Sequence analysis in R II
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