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1 Overview

MyGene.Info provides simple-to-use REST web services to query/retrieve gene annotation data. It's designed with simplicity and performance emphasized. *mygene* is an easy-to-use R wrapper to access MyGene.Info services.

2 Gene Annotation Service

2.1 getGene

• Use getGene, the wrapper for GET query of "/gene/<geneid>" service, to return the gene object for the given geneid.

```
> gene <- getGene("1017", fields="all")</pre>
> length(gene)
[1] 1
> gene[[1]]$name
[1] "cyclin dependent kinase 2"
> gene[[1]]$taxid
[1] 9606
> gene[[1]]$uniprot
$`Swiss-Prot`
[1] "P24941"
$TrEMBL
[1] "AOAO24RB10" "AOAO24RB77" "B4DDL9"
                                            "E7ESI2"
                                                         "G3V317"
                                                                       "G3V5T9"
> gene[[1]]$refseq
$genomic
[1] "NC_000012.12" "NC_018923.2" "NG_034014.1"
$protein
[1] "NP_001277159.1" "NP_001789.2"
                                       "NP_439892.2"
                                                        "XP_011536034.1"
$rna
[1] "NM_001290230.1" "NM_001798.4"
                                       "NM_052827.3"
                                                        "XM_011537732.1"
$translation
$translation[[1]]
$translation[[1]]$protein
[1] "NP_439892.2"
$translation[[1]]$rna
[1] "NM_052827.3"
$translation[[2]]
$translation[[2]]$protein
```

```
[1] "NP_001277159.1"

$translation[[2]]$rna
[1] "NM_001290230.1"

$translation[[3]]$protein
[1] "NP_001789.2"

$translation[[3]]$rna
[1] "NM_001798.4"

$translation[[4]]$protein
[1] "XP_011536034.1"

$translation[[4]]$rna
[1] "XM_011537732.1"
```

2.2 getGenes

• Use getGenes, the wrapper for POST query of "/gene" service, to return the list of gene objects for the given character vector of geneids.

```
> getGenes(c("1017","1018","ENSG00000148795"))
```

```
DataFrame with 3 rows and 7 columns
                X_score entrezgene
                                                                                name
  <character> <numeric>
                          <integer>
                                                                         <character>
                                                          cyclin dependent kinase 2
1
         1017
               19.85752
                               1017
                                                          cyclin dependent kinase 3
2
         1018
              21.85669
                               1018
3
                               1586 cytochrome P450 family 17 subfamily A member 1
         1586 21.46224
       symbol
                  taxid
                                   query
  <character> <integer>
                             <character>
1
         CDK2
                   9606
                                    1017
2
         CDK3
                   9606
                                    1018
3
      CYP17A1
                   9606 ENSG00000148795
```

3 Gene Query Service

3.1 query

• Use query, a wrapper for GET query of "/query?q=<query>" service, to return the query result.

```
> query(q="cdk2", size=5)
```

```
$hits
```

```
_id
           _score entrezgene
                                                       name symbol taxid
   1017 399.76840
                                   cyclin dependent kinase 2
                        1017
                                                               CDK2 9606
2 12566 287.59793
                       12566
                                   cyclin-dependent kinase 2
                                                               Cdk2 10090
3 362817 243.35211
                      362817
                                   cyclin dependent kinase 2
                                                               Cdk2 10116
4 143384 21.79327
                    143384 CDK2 associated cullin domain 1 CACUL1 9606
5 52004 20.91099
                                   CDK2-associated protein 2 Cdk2ap2 10090
                      52004
```

\$total

[1] 21

\$max_score

[1] 399.7684

\$took

Γ1 4

> query(q="NM_013993")

\$took

Γ17 6

\$max_score

[1] 3.847771

\$total

[1] 1

\$hits

_id _score entrezgene name symbol taxid 1 780 3.847771 780 discoidin domain receptor tyrosine kinase 1 DDR1 9606

3.2 queryMany

• Use queryMany, a wrapper for POST query of "/query" service, to return the batch query result.

```
> queryMany(c('1053_at', '117_at', '121_at', '1255_g_at', '1294_at'),
+ scopes="reporter", species="human")
```

Finished

Pass returnall=TRUE to return lists of duplicate or missing query terms. DataFrame with 6 rows and 7 columns

```
_id
                X_score entrezgene
                                                                              name
  <character> <numeric>
                          <integer>
                                                                       <character>
1
         5982
               20.67265
                               5982
                                                   replication factor C subunit 2
                               3310 heat shock protein family A (Hsp70) member 6
2
         3310
               12.91964
               12.92045
3
                               7849
                                                                      paired box 8
         7849
4
                               2978
                                                   guanylate cyclase activator 1A
         2978
               10.33636
5
                                     ubiquitin like modifier activating enzyme 7
         7318
               21.86343
                               7318
6
    100847079
               21.85680
                          100847079
                                                                     microRNA 5193
       symbol
                  taxid
                               query
  <character> <integer> <character>
                   9606
1
         RFC2
                             1053_at
2
                   9606
        HSPA6
                              117_at
3
                   9606
         PAX8
                              121_at
4
                           1255_g_at
       GUCA1A
                   9606
5
         UBA7
                   9606
                             1294_at
6
      MIR5193
                   9606
                             1294_at
```

4 makeTxDbFromMyGene

TxDb is a container for storing transcript annotations. makeTxDbFromMyGene allows the user to make a TxDb object in the Genomic Features package from a mygene "exons" query using a default mygene object.

```
> xli <- c('DDX26B',
+ 'CCDC83',
+ 'MAST3',
+ 'RPL11',
+ 'ZDHHC20',
+ 'LUC7L3',
+ 'SNORD49A',
+ 'CTSH',
+ 'ACOT8')
> txdb <- makeTxDbFromMyGene(xli,
+ scopes="symbol", species="human")
> transcripts(txdb)
```

GRanges object with 17 ranges and 2 metadata columns:

	seqnames		ranges	strand	tx_id	tx_name
	<rle></rle>		<pre><iranges></iranges></pre>	<rle></rle>	<integer></integer>	<character></character>
[1]	11	[85855100,	85920020]	+	1	NM_001286159
[2]	11	[85855100,	85920020]	+	2	NM_173556
[3]	19	[18097792,	18151689]	+	3	NM_015016
[4]	1	[23691778,	23696426]	+	4	NM_000975
[5]	1	[23691778,	23696426]	+	5	NM_001199802

```
. . .
           17 [50719564, 50752711]
[13]
                                          + |
                                                      13
                                                            NM_016424
Г147
           17 [16440035, 16440106]
                                                      14
                                                            NR_002744
           15 [78921749, 78945098]
Г15Т
                                                      15 NM_001319137
           15 [78921749, 78945098]
[16]
                                                      16
                                                            NM_004390
[17]
           20 [45841720, 45857409]
                                                      17
                                                            NM_005469
```

seqinfo: 7 sequences from an unspecified genome; no seqlengths

makeTxDbFromMyGene invokes either the query or queryMany method and passes the response to construct a TxDb object. See ?TxDb for methods to utilize and access transcript annotations.

5 Tutorial, ID mapping

ID mapping is a very common, often not fun, task for every bioinformatician. Supposedly you have a list of gene symbols or reporter ids from an upstream analysis, and then your next analysis requires to use gene ids (e.g. Entrez gene ids or Ensembl gene ids). So you want to convert that list of gene symbols or reporter ids to corresponding gene ids.

Here we want to show you how to do ID mapping quickly and easily.

5.1 Mapping gene symbols to Entrez gene ids

Suppose xli is a list of gene symbols you want to convert to entrez gene ids:

```
> xli <- c('DDX26B',
+ 'CCDC83',
+ 'MAST3',
+ 'FLOT1',
+ 'RPL11',
+ 'ZDHHC20',
+ 'LUC7L3',
+ 'SNORD49A',
+ 'CTSH',
+ 'ACOT8')</pre>
```

You can then call queryMany method, telling it your input is symbol, and you want entrezgene (Entrez gene ids) back.

```
> queryMany(xli, scopes="symbol", fields="entrezgene", species="human")
Finished
Pass returnall=TRUE to return lists of duplicate or missing query terms.
DataFrame with 10 rows and 5 columns
    notfound    query    _id    X_score entrezgene
```

	<logical></logical>	<character></character>	<character></character>	<numeric></numeric>	<integer></integer>
1	TRUE	DDX26B	NA	NA	NA
2	NA	CCDC83	220047	96.21670	220047
3	NA	MAST3	23031	96.56346	23031
4	NA	FLOT1	10211	98.29359	10211
5	NA	RPL11	6135	91.59504	6135
6	NA	ZDHHC20	253832	95.85616	253832
7	NA	LUC7L3	51747	93.68782	51747
8	NA	SNORD49A	26800	114.40928	26800
9	NA	CTSH	1512	96.56941	1512
10	NA	ACOT8	10005	93.95580	10005

5.2 Mapping gene symbols to Ensembl gene ids

Now if you want Ensembl gene ids back:

```
> out <- queryMany(xli, scopes="symbol", fields="ensembl.gene", species="human")
```

ensembl

Finished

Pass returnall=TRUE to return lists of duplicate or missing query terms.

> 011t

```
DataFrame with 10 rows and 5 columns
         query notfound
                                        X_score
   <character> <logical> <character> <numeric>
                    TRUE
1
        DDX26B
                                   NA
                                             NA
2
        CCDC83
                      NA
                               220047 96.21670
3
         MAST3
                      NA
                                23031 96.56346
4
         FLOT1
                      NA
                                10211 98.29359
5
         RPL11
                                 6135 91.59504
                      NA
6
                               253832 95.85616
       ZDHHC20
                      NA
7
        LUC7L3
                      NA
                                51747 93.68782
8
      SNORD49A
                                26800 114.40928
                      NA
9
          CTSH
                      NA
                                 1512 96.56941
10
         ACOT8
                      NA
                                10005 93.95580
```

t> 1 2 ENSG00000150676 3 ENSG00000099308 4 c("ENSG00000236271", "ENSG00000230143", "ENSG00000224740") 5 ENSG00000142676 6 ENSG00000180776 7 ENSG0000108848 8 ENSG00000277370

```
9 ENSG00000103811
10 ENSG00000101473
```

> out\$ensembl[[4]]\$gene

```
[1] "ENSG00000236271" "ENSG00000230143" "ENSG00000224740" "ENSG00000232280"
```

[5] "ENSG00000223654" "ENSG00000137312" "ENSG00000206379" "ENSG00000206480"

5.3 When an input has no matching gene

In case that an input id has no matching gene, you will be notified from the output. The returned list for this query term contains notfound value as True.

```
> xli <- c('DDX26B',
+ 'CCDC83',
+ 'MAST3',
+ 'FLOT1',
+ 'RPL11',
+ 'Gm10494')
> queryMany(xli, scopes="symbol", fields="entrezgene", species="human")
```

Finished

Pass returnall=TRUE to return lists of duplicate or missing query terms.

DataFrame with 6 rows and 5 columns

	notfound	query	_id	X_score	entrezgene
	<logical></logical>	<character></character>	<character></character>	<numeric></numeric>	<integer></integer>
1	TRUE	DDX26B	NA	NA	NA
2	NA	CCDC83	220047	96.21670	220047
3	NA	MAST3	23031	96.56346	23031
4	NA	FLOT1	10211	98.29359	10211
5	NA	RPL11	6135	91.59504	6135
6	TRUE	Gm10494	NA	NA	NA

5.4 When input ids are not just symbols

```
> xli <- c('DDX26B',
+ 'CCDC83',
+ 'MAST3',
+ 'FLOT1',
+ 'RPL11',
+ 'Gm10494',
+ '1007_s_at',
+ 'AK125780')
>
```

Above id list contains symbols, reporters and accession numbers, and supposedly we want to get back both Entrez gene ids and uniprot ids. Parameters scopes, fields, species are all flexible enough to support multiple values, either a list or a comma-separated string:

```
> out <- queryMany(xli, scopes=c("symbol", "reporter", "accession"),
+ fields=c("entrezgene", "uniprot"), species="human")</pre>
```

Finished

Pass returnall=TRUE to return lists of duplicate or missing query terms.

> out

DataFrame with 9 rows and 7 columns

	query	notfound	_id	X_score	${\tt entrezgene}$	uniprot.Swiss.Prot		
	<character></character>	<logical></logical>	<character></character>	<numeric></numeric>	<integer></integer>	<character></character>		
1	DDX26B	TRUE	NA	NA	NA	NA		
2	CCDC83	NA	220047	77.268326	220047	Q8IWF9		
3	MAST3	NA	23031	77.846650	23031	060307		
4	FLOT1	NA	10211	80.660700	10211	075955		
5	RPL11	NA	6135	70.038470	6135	P62913		
6	Gm10494	TRUE	NA	NA	NA	NA		
7	1007_s_at	NA	780	12.923538	780	Q08345		
8	1007_s_at	NA	100616237	12.919736	100616237	NA		
9	AK125780	NA	2978	5.168179	2978	P43080		
uniprot.TrEMBL								
								

1
2 HOYDV3
3 V9GYV0
4 A2AB09,A2AB10,A2AB11,...
5 Q5VVC8,Q5VVC9,Q5VVD0
6
7 A0A024RCJ0,A0A024RCL1,A0A024RCQ1,...
8
9 A0A0A0MTF5,A6PVH5,B2R9P6

> out\$uniprot.Swiss.Prot[[5]]

[1] "P62913"

5.5 When an input id has multiple matching genes

From the previous result, you may have noticed that query term 1007_s_at matches two genes. In that case, you will be notified from the output, and the returned result will include both matching genes.

By passing returnall=TRUE, you will get both duplicate or missing query terms

```
> queryMany(xli, scopes=c("symbol", "reporter", "accession"),
             fields=c("entrezgene", "uniprot"), species='human', returnall=TRUE)
Finished
$response
DataFrame with 9 rows and 7 columns
        query notfound
                                        X_score entrezgene uniprot.Swiss.Prot
                                  _id
  <character> <logical> <character> <numeric>
                                                                   <character>
                                                 <integer>
1
       DDX26B
                    TRUE
                                   NA
                                             NA
                                                         NA
                                                                             NA
2
       CCDC83
                      NA
                              220047 77.268326
                                                     220047
                                                                         Q8IWF9
                               23031 77.846650
3
        MAST3
                      NA
                                                      23031
                                                                         060307
                               10211 80.660700
4
        FLOT1
                      NA
                                                      10211
                                                                         075955
5
        RPL11
                                6135 70.038470
                                                                         P62913
                      NA
                                                       6135
6
      Gm10494
                    TRUE
                                   NA
                                             NA
                                                         NA
                                                                             NA
7
    1007_s_at
                                 780 12.923538
                                                        780
                                                                         Q08345
                      NA
                           100616237 12.919736
8
    1007_s_at
                      NA
                                                 100616237
                                                                             NA
9
     AK125780
                                                                         P43080
                      NA
                                2978 5.168179
                                                       2978
                         uniprot.TrEMBL
                                  t>
1
2
                                 HOYDV3
3
                                  V9GYV0
4
              A2AB09, A2AB10, A2AB11, ...
5
                   Q5VVC8,Q5VVC9,Q5VVD0
6
7 AOAO24RCJO, AOAO24RCL1, AOAO24RCQ1,...
8
9
              AOAOAOMTF5, A6PVH5, B2R9P6
$duplicates
  X1007_s_at
1
           2
$missing
```

The returned result above contains out for mapping output, missing for missing query terms (a list), and dup for query terms with multiple matches (including the number of matches).

5.6 Can I convert a very large list of ids?

"Gm10494"

[1] "DDX26B"

Yes, you can. If you pass an id list (i.e., xli above) larger than 1000 ids, we will do the id mapping in-batch with 1000 ids at a time, and then concatenate the results all together for you. So, from the user-end, it's exactly the same as passing a shorter list. You don't need to worry about saturating our backend servers. Large lists, however, may take a while longer to query, so please wait patiently.

6 References

Wu C, MacLeod I, Su AI (2013) BioGPS and MyGene.info: organizing online, gene-centric information. Nucl. Acids Res. 41(D1): D561-D565. help@mygene.info