

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.

```
> library("annotate")
> z <- buildChromLocation("hgu95av2")
> z
```

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
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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
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16_KI270853v1_alt : 2659700
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17_GL000258v2_alt : 1821992
5_GL339449v2_alt : 1612928
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17_KI270908v1_alt : 1423190
14_KI270846v1_alt : 1351393
5_KI270897v1_alt : 1144418
7_KI270803v1_alt : 1111570
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19_KI270938v1_alt : 1066800
19_GL949750v2_alt : 1066390
19_GL949748v2_alt : 1064304
19_GL949751v2_alt : 1002683
19_GL949746v1_alt : 987716
19_GL949752v1_alt : 987100
8_KI270821v1_alt : 985506

1_KI270763v1_alt : 911658
6_KI270801v1_alt : 870480
19_GL949753v2_alt : 796479
19_GL949747v2_alt : 729520
8_KI270822v1_alt : 624492
4_GL000257v2_alt : 586476
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4_KI270925v1_alt : 555799
15_KI270852v1_alt : 478999
15_KI270727v1_random : 448248
9_KI270823v1_alt : 439082
15_KI270850v1_alt : 430880
1_KI270759v1_alt : 425601
12_GL877876v1_alt : 408271
Un_KI270442v1 : 392061
17_KI270862v1_alt : 391357
15_GL383555v2_alt : 388773
19_GL383573v1_alt : 385657
4_KI270896v1_alt : 378547
4_GL383528v1_alt : 376187
17_GL383563v3_alt : 375691
8_KI270810v1_alt : 374415
1_GL383520v2_alt : 366580
1_KI270762v1_alt : 354444
15_KI270848v1_alt : 327382
17_KI270909v1_alt : 325800
14_KI270844v1_alt : 322166
8_KI270900v1_alt : 318687
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13_KI270838v1_alt : 306913
8_KI270816v1_alt : 305841
22_KI270879v1_alt : 304135
8_KI270813v1_alt : 300230
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8_KI270811v1_alt : 292436
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2_KI270775v1_alt : 138019
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19_KI270918v1_alt : 123111
12_GL383549v1_alt : 120804
2_KI270769v1_alt : 120616
4_KI270785v1_alt : 119912
12_KI270834v1_alt : 119498
7_GL383534v2_alt : 119183

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1_GL383519v1_alt : 110268
2_KI270768v1_alt : 110099
1_KI270760v1_alt : 109528
3_KI270783v1_alt : 109187
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11_KI270902v1_alt : 106711
18_GL383568v1_alt : 104552
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22_KI270877v1_alt : 101331
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22_KI270738v1_random : 99375
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Un_KI270538v1 : 91309
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17_JH159148v1_alt : 88070
5_GL383532v1_alt : 82728
21_KI270872v1_alt : 82692
Un_KI270756v1 : 79590
6_KI270758v1_alt : 76752
12_KI270833v1_alt : 76061
6_KI270802v1_alt : 75005
21_GL383580v2_alt : 74653
22_KB663609v1_alt : 74013
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9_GL383540v1_alt : 71551
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 19_KI270868v1_alt : 61734
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 12_KI270836v1_alt : 56134
 19_KI270865v1_alt : 52969
 1_KI270764v1_alt : 50258
 Un_KI270589v1 : 44474
 14_KI270726v1_random : 43739
 19_KI270866v1_alt : 43156
 22_KI270735v1_random : 42811
 1_KI270711v1_random : 42210
 Un_KI270745v1 : 41891
 1_KI270714v1_random : 41717
 22_KI270732v1_random : 41543
 1_KI270713v1_random : 40745
 Un_KI270754v1 : 40191
 1_KI270710v1_random : 40176
 12_KI270837v1_alt : 40090
 9_KI270717v1_random : 40062
 14_KI270724v1_random : 39555
 9_KI270720v1_random : 39050
 14_KI270723v1_random : 38115
 9_KI270718v1_random : 38054
 Un_KI270317v1 : 37690
 13_KI270842v1_alt : 37287
 Y_KI270740v1_random : 37240
 Un_KI270755v1 : 36723
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Un_KI270364v1 : 2855
Un_KI270371v1 : 2805
Un_KI270333v1 : 2699
Un_KI270374v1 : 2656
Un_KI270411v1 : 2646
Un_KI270414v1 : 2489
Un_KI270510v1 : 2415
Un_KI270390v1 : 2387
Un_KI270375v1 : 2378
Un_KI270420v1 : 2321
Un_KI270509v1 : 2318
Un_KI270315v1 : 2276
Un_KI270302v1 : 2274
Un_KI270518v1 : 2186
Un_KI270530v1 : 2168
Un_KI270304v1 : 2165
Un_KI270418v1 : 2145
Un_KI270424v1 : 2140
Un_KI270417v1 : 2043
Un_KI270508v1 : 1951
Un_KI270303v1 : 1942
Un_KI270381v1 : 1930
Un_KI270529v1 : 1899
Un_KI270425v1 : 1884
Un_KI270396v1 : 1880
Un_KI270363v1 : 1803
Un_KI270386v1 : 1788
Un_KI270465v1 : 1774
Un_KI270383v1 : 1750
Un_KI270384v1 : 1658
Un_KI270330v1 : 1652

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Un_KI270372v1 : 1650
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Un_KI270580v1 : 1553
Un_KI270387v1 : 1537
Un_KI270391v1 : 1484
Un_KI270305v1 : 1472
Un_KI270373v1 : 1451
Un_KI270422v1 : 1445
Un_KI270316v1 : 1444
Un_KI270338v1 : 1428
Un_KI270340v1 : 1428
Un_KI270583v1 : 1400
Un_KI270334v1 : 1368
Un_KI270429v1 : 1361
Un_KI270393v1 : 1308
Un_KI270516v1 : 1300
Un_KI270389v1 : 1298
Un_KI270466v1 : 1233
Un_KI270388v1 : 1216
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Un_KI270329v1 : 1040
Un_KI270419v1 : 1029
Un_KI270336v1 : 1026
Un_KI270312v1 : 998
Un_KI270539v1 : 993
Un_KI270385v1 : 990
Un_KI270423v1 : 981
Un_KI270392v1 : 971
Un_KI270394v1 : 970

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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:

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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

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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.

```
> organism(z)

[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))

[1] "1"           "10"          "11"
[4] "12"          "13"          "14"
[7] "15"          "16"          "17"
[10] "18"          "19"          "2"
[13] "20"          "21"          "22"
[16] "22_KI270879v1_alt" "3"           "4"
[19] "5"           "6"           "7"
[22] "8"           "9"           "X"
[25] "Y"           "17_KI270862v1_alt" "17_KI270857v1_alt"
[28] "20_KI270869v1_alt" "11_KI270832v1_alt" "19_KI270867v1_alt"
[31] "11_KI270831v1_alt" "16_KI270853v1_alt" "5_GL339449v2_alt"
[34] "15_KI270849v1_alt" "10_GL383546v1_alt" "2_GL383522v1_alt"
[37] "13_KI270842v1_alt" "17_GL383564v2_alt" "6_GL000251v2_alt"
[40] "6_GL000254v2_alt" "6_GL000256v2_alt" "20_KI270870v1_alt"
[43] "19_KI270866v1_alt" "8_KI270822v1_alt" "8_KI270819v1_alt"
[46] "17_GL383563v3_alt" "12_KI270904v1_alt" "7_KI270803v1_alt"
[49] "1_GL383519v1_alt" "4_GL000257v2_alt" "2_KI270776v1_alt"
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[52]	"14_KI270846v1_alt"	"22_KI270875v1_alt"	"19_KI270868v1_alt"
[55]	"8_KI270821v1_alt"	"15_KI270905v1_alt"	"11_KI270721v1_random"
[58]	"17_JH159146v1_alt"	"8_KI270816v1_alt"	"14_KI270847v1_alt"
[61]	"17_KI270861v1_alt"	"5_KI270791v1_alt"	"8_KI270814v1_alt"
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[67]	"7_KI270808v1_alt"	"8_KI270817v1_alt"	"19_GL383574v1_alt"
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>
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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:

```
> nChrom(z)
```

```
[1] 455
```

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.