

Package ‘GenomicDistributionsData’

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.requireAndReturn	<i>Checks to make sure a package object is installed, and if so, returns it. If the library is not installed, it issues a warning and returns NULL.</i>
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Description

Checks to make sure a package object is installed, and if so, returns it. If the library is not installed, it issues a warning and returns NULL.

Usage

```
.requireAndReturn(BSgenomeString)
```

Arguments

BSgenomeString A BSgenome compatible genome string.

Value

A BSgenome object if installed.

buildChromSizes	<i>Build chromosome sizes object</i>
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Description

Build chromosome sizes object

Usage

```
buildChromSizes(assembly)
```

Arguments

assembly string, reference assembly identifier to chromosome sizes for

Value

named int, sizes of chromosome with respective names

Examples

```
## Not run:  
buildChromSizes("hg19")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

buildGeneModels	<i>Build gene models</i>
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Description

Build gene models

Usage

```
buildGeneModels(refAssembly)
```

Arguments

refAssembly string, reference assembly identifier to build gene model for

Value

a list of four GRanges objects: genesGR, exonsGR, threeUTRGR, fiveUTRGR

Examples

```
## Not run:  
hg19models = buildGeneModels("hg19")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

buildOpenSignalMatrix *Build open signal matrix*

Description

Build open signal matrix

Usage

```
buildOpenSignalMatrix(assembly)
```

Arguments

assembly string, reference assembly identifier to build gene model for

Value

data.frame, rows represent whole selection of open chromatin regions across all cell types defined by ENCODE, columns are individual cell types and values are normalized open chromatin signal values

Examples

```
## Not run:  
buildOpenSignalMatrix("hg19")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

buildTSS *Build TSS*

Description

Build TSS

Usage

```
buildTSS(assembly)
```

Arguments

assembly string, reference assembly identifier to TSS for

Value

GRanges object that consists of transcription start sites locations

Examples

```
## Not run:  
tss = buildTSS("hg19")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

cellTypeMetadata	<i>Table the maps cell types to tissues and groups</i>
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Description

Table the maps cell types to tissues and groups

Format

data.table with 3 columns (cellType, tissue and group) and 74 rows (one per cellType)

Source

self-curated dataset

chromSizes_hg19	<i>hg19 chromosome sizes</i>
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Description

A dataset containing chromosome sizes for Homo sapiens hg19 genome assembly

Usage

```
chromSizes_hg19(metadata=FALSE)
```

Arguments

metadata	logical value indicating whether only metadata should be returned or if the resource should be loaded
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Format

A named vectors of lengths with one item per chromosome

Value

A vector of lengths

Source

BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19 package

Examples

```
hg19c = chromSizes_hg19()
```

chromSizes_hg38 *hg38 chromosome sizes*

Description

A dataset containing chromosome sizes for Homo sapiens hg38 genome assembly

Usage

```
chromSizes_hg38(metadata=FALSE)
```

Arguments

metadata logical value indicating whether only metadata should be returned or if the resource should be loaded

Format

A named vectors of lengths with one item per chromosome

Value

A vector of lengths

Source

BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38 package

Examples

```
hg38c = chromSizes_hg38()
```

chromSizes_mm10 *mm10 chromosome sizes*

Description

A dataset containing chromosome sizes for Mus musculus mm10 genome assembly

Usage

```
chromSizes_mm10(metadata=FALSE)
```

Arguments

metadata logical value indicating whether only metadata should be returned or if the resource should be loaded

Format

A named vectors of lengths with one item per chromosome

Value

A vector of lengths

Source

BSgenome.MMusculus.UCSC.mm10 package

Examples

```
mm10c = chromSizes_mm10()
```

chromSizes_mm9	<i>mm9 chromosome sizes</i>
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Description

A dataset containing chromosome sizes for Mus musculus mm9 genome assembly

Usage

```
chromSizes_mm9(metadata=FALSE)
```

Arguments

metadata	logical value indicating whether only metadata should be returned or if the resource should be loaded
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Format

A named vectors of lengths with one item per chromosome

Value

A vector of lengths

Source

BSgenome.MMusculus.UCSC.mm9 package

Examples

```
mm9c = chromSizes_mm9()
```

geneModels_hg19 *hg19 gene models*

Description

A dataset containing gene models for Homo sapiens hg19 genome assembly

Usage

```
geneModels_hg19(metadata=FALSE)
```

Arguments

metadata logical value indicating whether only metadata should be returned or if the resource should be loaded

Format

A list of two GRanges objects, with genes and exons locations

Value

A list with two GRanges objects.

Source

EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75 package

Examples

```
hg19GeneModels = geneModels_hg19()
```

geneModels_hg38 *hg38 gene models*

Description

A dataset containing gene models for Homo sapiens hg38 genome assembly

Usage

```
geneModels_hg38(metadata=FALSE)
```

Arguments

metadata logical value indicating whether only metadata should be returned or if the resource should be loaded

Format

A list of two GRanges objects, with genes and exons locations

Value

A list with two GRanges objects.

Source

EnsDb.Hsapiens.v86 package

Examples

```
hg38GeneModels = geneModels_hg38()
```

geneModels_mm10	<i>mm10 gene models</i>
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Description

A dataset containing gene models for Mus musculus mm10 genome assembly

Usage

```
geneModels_mm10(metadata=FALSE)
```

Arguments

metadata	logical value indicating whether only metadata should be returned or if the resource should be loaded
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Format

A list of two GRanges objects, with genes and exons locations

Value

A list with two GRanges objects.

Source

EnsDb.Mmusculus.v79 package

Examples

```
mm10GeneModels = geneModels_mm10()
```

geneModels_mm9 *mm9 gene models*

Description

A dataset containing gene models for Mus musculus mm9 genome assembly

Usage

```
geneModels_mm9(metadata=FALSE)
```

Arguments

metadata logical value indicating whether only metadata should be returned or if the resource should be loaded

Format

A list of two GRanges objects, with genes and exons locations

Value

A list with two GRanges objects.

Source

TxDb.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm9.knownGene package

Examples

```
mm9GeneModels = geneModels_mm9()
```

GenomicDistributionsData

GenomicDistributionsData

Description

Data (hg19, hg38, mm9, mm10) for the GenomicDistributions package.

Details

The vignette details how to access the data from ExperimentHub: `browseVignettes("GenomicDistributionsData")`
Details on how the data files were created can be found under the R directory in `utils.R` and `build.R`

Source

UCSC hg19, hg38, mm9, mm10 genome packages and ensemblDb

Examples

```
## Not run:
library(ExperimentHub)
hub = ExperimentHub()
q = query(hub, "GenomicDistributionsData")
q[[1]]
q[["EH3472"]]

## End(Not run)
```

loadBSgenome	<i>Loads BSgenome objects from UCSC-style character vectors.</i>
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Description

This function will let you use a simple character vector (e.g. 'hg19') to load and then return BSgenome objects. This lets you avoid having to use the more complex annotation for a complete BSgenome object (e.g. BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38.masked)

Usage

```
loadBSgenome(genomeBuild, masked = TRUE)
```

Arguments

genomeBuild	One of 'hg19', 'hg38', 'mm10', 'mm9', or 'grch38'
masked	Should we use the masked version? Default:TRUE

Value

a BSgenome object according to the specified genome assembly

Examples

```
## Not run:
bsg = loadBSgenome('hg19')

## End(Not run)
```

loadEnsDb	<i>Load selected EnsDb library</i>
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Description

Load selected EnsDb library

Usage

```
loadEnsDb(genomeBuild)
```

Arguments

```
genomeBuild    string, genome identifier
```

Value

loaded library

Examples

```
## Not run:  
loadEnsDb("hg19")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

loadTxDb	<i>Load selected TxDb library</i>
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Description

Load selected TxDb library

Usage

```
loadTxDb(genomeBuild)
```

Arguments

```
genomeBuild    string, genome identifier
```

Value

loaded library

Examples

```
## Not run:  
loadTxDb("hg19")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

openSignalMatrix_hg19 *A dataset containing open chromatin regions across all cell types defined by ENCODE for Homo Sapiens hg19*

Description

Preparation steps:

1. made a universe of regions by merging regions across cell types defined as opened in ENCODE
2. took bigwig files from ENCODE for individual cell types, merged replicates, filtered out blacklisted sites
3. evaluated the signal above regions defined by previous step
4. performed quantile normalization

Usage

```
openSignalMatrix_hg19(metadata=FALSE)
```

Arguments

metadata logical value indicating whether only metadata should be returned or if the resource should be loaded

Format

data.frame, rows represent whole selection of open chromatin regions across all cell types defined by ENCODE, columns are individual cell types and values are normalized open chromatin signal values.

Value

A data.frame with hg19 open chromatin regions.

Source

http://big.databio.org/open_chromatin_matrix/openSignalMatrix_hg19_percentile99_01_quantNormalized_round4d.txt.gz

Examples

```
## Not run:  
hg19openSignal = openSignalMatrix_hg19()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

openSignalMatrix_hg38 *A dataset containing open chromatin regions across all cell types defined by ENCODE for Homo sapiens hg38*

Description

Preparation steps:

1. made a universe of regions by merging regions across cell types defined as opened in ENCODE
2. took bigwig files from ENCODE for individual cell types, merged replicates, filtered out blacklisted sites
3. evaluated the signal above regions defined by previous step
4. performed quantile normalization

Usage

```
openSignalMatrix_hg38(metadata=FALSE)
```

Arguments

metadata logical value indicating whether only metadata should be returned or if the resource should be loaded

Format

data.frame, rows represent whole selection of open chromatin regions across all cell types defined by ENCODE, columns are individual cell types and values are normalized open chromatin signal values.

Value

A data.frame with hg38 open chromatin regions.

Source

http://big.databio.org/open_chromatin_matrix/openSignalMatrix_hg38_percentile99_01_quantNormalized_round4d.txt.gz

Examples

```
## Not run:  
hg38openSignal = openSignalMatrix_hg38()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

openSignalMatrix_mm10 *A dataset containing open chromatin regions across all cell types defined by ENCODE for Mus musculus mm10*

Description

Preparation steps:

1. made a universe of regions by merging regions across cell types defined as opened in ENCODE
2. took bigwig files from ENCODE for individual cell types, merged replicates, filtered out blacklisted sites
3. evaluated the signal above regions defined by previous step
4. performed quantile normalization

Usage

```
openSignalMatrix_mm10(metadata=FALSE)
```

Arguments

metadata logical value indicating whether only metadata should be returned or if the resource should be loaded

Format

data.frame, rows represent whole selection of open chromatin regions across all cell types defined by ENCODE, columns are individual cell types and values are normalized open chromatin signal values.

Value

A data.frame with mm10 open chromatin regions.

Source

http://big.databio.org/open_chromatin_matrix/openSignalMatrix_mm10_percentile99_01_quantNormalized_round4d.txt.gz

Examples

```
## Not run:  
mm10OpenSignal = openSignalMatrix_mm10()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

TSS_hg19

hg19 TSS locations

Description

A dataset containing Transcription Start Sites for Homo sapiens hg19 genome assembly

Usage

```
TSS_hg19(metadata=FALSE)
```

Arguments

`metadata` logical value indicating whether only metadata should be returned or if the resource should be loaded

Format

A GRanges object with Transcription Start Site locations

Value

A GRanges object with hg19 TSS locations.

Source

EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75 package

Examples

```
hg19TSS = TSS_hg19()
```

TSS_hg38

hg38 TSS locations

Description

A dataset containing Transcription Start Sites for the Homo sapiens hg38 genome assembly

Usage

```
TSS_hg38(metadata=FALSE)
```

Arguments

`metadata` logical value indicating whether only metadata should be returned or if the resource should be loaded

Format

A GRanges object with Transcription Start Site locations

Value

A GRanges object with hg38 TSS locations.

Source

EnsDb.Hsapiens.v86 package

Examples

```
hg38TSS = TSS_hg38()
```

TSS_mm10	<i>mm10 TSS locations</i>
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Description

A dataset containing Transcription Start Sites for the *Mus musculus* mm10 genome assembly

Usage

```
TSS_mm10(metadata=FALSE)
```

Arguments

metadata	logical value indicating whether only metadata should be returned or if the resource should be loaded
----------	---

Format

A named vectors of lengths with one item per chromosome

Value

A GRanges object with mm10 TSS locations.

Source

EnsDb.Mmusculus.v79 package

Examples

```
mm10TSS = TSS_mm10()
```

`TSS_mm9`*mm9 TSS locations*

Description

A dataset containing Transcription Start Sites for the *Mus musculus* mm9 genome assembly

Usage

```
TSS_mm9(metadata=FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>metadata</code>	logical value indicating whether only metadata should be returned or if the resource should be loaded
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Format

A named vectors of lengths with one item per chromosome

Value

A GRanges object with mm9 TSS locations.

Source

TxDb.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm9.knownGene package

Examples

```
mm9TSS = TSS_mm9()
```

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