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**Description** The package provides functions to create and use transcript centric annotation databases/packages. The annotation for the databases are directly fetched from Ensembl using their Perl API. The functionality and data is similar to that of the TxDb packages from the GenomicFeatures package, but, in addition to retrieve all gene/transcript models and annotations from the database, the ensemblDb package provides also a filter framework allowing to retrieve annotations for specific entries like genes encoded on a chromosome region or transcript models of lincRNA genes.

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### Description

Get some basic information from an Ensembl based annotation package generated with `makeEnsemblDbPackage`.

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
buildQuery(x, columns=c("gene_id", "gene_biotype",
                        "gene_name"), filter=list(), order.by,
           order.type="asc", skip.order.check=FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
dbconn(x)

EnsDb(x)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
ensemblVersion(x)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
listColumns(x, table, skip.keys=TRUE, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
listGenebiotypes(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
listTxbiotypes(x, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
listTables(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
metadata(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
organism(object)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
seqinfo(x)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
seqlevels(x)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
updateEnsDb(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

	(in alphabetic order)
	Additional arguments. Not used.
columns	Columns (attributes) to be retrieved from the database tables. Use the <code>listColumns</code> or <code>listTables</code> method for a list of supported columns.
filter	list of <a href="#">BasicFilter</a> instance(s) to select specific entries from the database (see examples below).
object	For <code>organism</code> : an <code>EnsDb</code> instance.
order.by	name of one of the columns above on which the results should be sorted.
order.type	if the results should be ordered ascending ( <code>asc</code> , default) or descending ( <code>desc</code> ).
skip.keys	for <code>listColumns</code> : whether primary and foreign keys (not being e.g. "gene_id" or alike) should be returned or not. By default these will not be returned.
skip.order.check	if parameter <code>order.by</code> should be checked for allowed column names. If <code>TRUE</code> the function checks if the provided order criteria orders on columns present in the database tables.
table	For <code>listColumns</code> : optionally specify the table name for which the columns should be returned.
x	For <code>EnsDb</code> : the file name of the SQLite database.

## Value

**For** `buildQuery` A character string with the SQL query.

**For** `connection` The SQL connection to the SQLite database.

**For** `EnsDb` An `EnsDb` instance.

- For** `lengthOf` A named integer vector with the length of the genes or transcripts.
- For** `listColumns` A character vector with the column names.
- For** `listGenebiotypes` A character vector with the biotypes of the genes in the database.
- For** `listTxbiotypes` A character vector with the biotypes of the transcripts in the database.
- For** `listTables` A list with the names corresponding to the database table names and the elements being the attribute (column) names of the table.
- For** `metadata` A `data.frame`.
- For** `organism` A character string.
- For** `seqinfo` A `Seqinfo` class.
- For** `updateEnsDb` A `EnsDb` object.

### Objects from the Class

A connection to the respective annotation database is created upon loading of an annotation package created with the `makeEnsemblDbPackage` function. In addition, the `EnsDb` constructor specifying the SQLite database file can be called to generate an instance of the object (see `makeEnsemblSQLiteFromTables` for an example).

### Slots

- ensdb** Object of class "DBIConnection": the connection to the database.
- tables** Named list of database table columns with the names being the database table names. The tables are ordered by their degree, i.e. the number of other tables they can be joined with.
- .properties** Internal list storing user-defined properties. Should not be directly accessed.

### Methods and Functions

- buildQuery** Helper function building the SQL query to be used to retrieve the wanted information. Usually there is no need to call this method.
- dbconn** Returns the connection to the internal SQL database.
- ensemblVersion** Returns the Ensembl version on which the package was built.
- listColumns** Lists all columns of all tables in the database, or, if `table` is specified, of the respective table.
- listGenebiotypes** Lists all gene biotypes defined in the database.
- listTxbiotypes** Lists all transcript biotypes defined in the database.
- listTables** Returns a named list of database table columns (names of the list being the database table names).
- metadata** Returns a `data.frame` with the metadata information from the database, i.e. informations about the Ensembl version or Genome build the database was build upon.
- organism** Returns the organism name (e.g. "homo\_sapiens").
- seqinfo** Returns the sequence/chromosome information from the database.
- seqlevels** Returns the chromosome/sequence names that are available in the database.
- show** Displays some informations from the database.
- updateEnsDb** Updates the `EnsDb` object to the most recent implementation.

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**See Also**

[makeEnsemblDbPackage](#), [BasicFilter](#), [exonsBy](#), [genes](#), [transcripts](#), [makeEnsemblSQLiteFromTables](#)

**Examples**

```
library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)

## Display some information:
EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75

## Show the tables along with its columns
listTables(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)

## For what species is this database?
organism(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)

## What Ensembl version if the database based on?
ensemblVersion(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)

## Get some more information from the database
metadata(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)

## Get all the sequence names.
seqlevels(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)

#####   buildQuery
##
## Join tables gene and transcript and return gene_id and tx_id
buildQuery(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75, columns=c("gene_id", "tx_id"))

## Get all exon_ids and transcript ids of genes encoded on chromosome Y.
buildQuery(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75, columns=c("exon_id", "tx_id"),
           filter=list(SeqnameFilter("Y")))

## List all available gene biotypes from the database:
listGenebiotypes(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)

## List all available transcript biotypes:
listTxbiotypes(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)

## Update the EnsDb; this is in most instances not necessary at all.
updateEnsDb(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)
```

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exonsBy

*Retrieve annotation data from an Ensembl based package*


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## Description

Retrieve gene/transcript/exons annotations stored in an Ensembl based database package generated with the [makeEnsemblDbPackage](#) function.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
exons(x, columns=listColumns(x,"exon"),
      filter, order.by, order.type="asc",
      return.type="GRanges")

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
exonsBy(x, by=c("tx", "gene"),
        columns=listColumns(x, "exon"), filter, use.names=FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
exonsByOverlaps(x, ranges, maxgap=0L, minoverlap=1L,
                type=c("any", "start", "end"),
                columns=listColumns(x, "exon"),
                filter)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
transcripts(x, columns=listColumns(x, "tx"),
            filter, order.by, order.type="asc",
            return.type="GRanges")

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
transcriptsBy(x, by=c("gene", "exon"),
              columns=listColumns(x, "tx"), filter)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
transcriptsByOverlaps(x, ranges, maxgap=0L, minoverlap=1L,
                      type=c("any", "start", "end"),
                      columns=listColumns(x, "tx"),
                      filter)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
promoters(x, upstream=2000, downstream=200, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
genes(x, columns=listColumns(x, "gene"), filter,
      order.by, order.type="asc",
```

```

        return.type="GRanges")

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
disjointExons(x, aggregateGenes=FALSE,
              includeTranscripts=TRUE, filter, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
cdsBy(x, by=c("tx", "gene"), columns=NULL, filter,
      use.names=FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
fiveUTRsByTranscript(x, columns=NULL, filter)

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
threeUTRsByTranscript(x, columns=NULL, filter)

## S4 method for signature 'GRangesList'
toSAF(x, ...)

```

## Arguments

(In alphabetic order)

	For promoters: additional arguments to be passed to the transcripts method.
aggregateGenes	For disjointExons: When FALSE (default) exon fragments that overlap multiple genes are dropped. When TRUE, all fragments are kept and the gene_id metadata column includes all gene IDs that overlap the exon fragment.
by	For exonsBy: whether exons should be fetched by genes or by transcripts; as in the corresponding function of the GenomicFeatures package. For transcriptsBy: whether transcripts should be fetched by genes or by exons; fetching transcripts by cds as supported by the <a href="#">transcriptsBy</a> method in the GenomicFeatures package is currently not implemented. For cdsBy: whether cds should be fetched by transcript or by gene.
columns	Columns to be retrieved from the database tables. Default values for genes are all columns from the gene database table, for exons and exonsBy the column names of the exon database table and for transcript and transcriptBy the columns of the tx data base table (see details below for more information). Note that any of the column names of the database tables can be submitted to any of the methods (use <a href="#">listTables</a> or <a href="#">listColumns</a> methods for a complete list of allowed column names). For cdsBy: this argument is only supported for by="tx".
downstream	For method promoters: the number of nucleotides downstream of the transcription start site that should be included in the promoter region.
filter	A filter object extending <a href="#">BasicFilter</a> or a list of such object(s) to select specific entries from the database (see examples below).

includeTranscripts	For disjointExons: When TRUE (default) a tx_name metadata column is included that lists all transcript IDs that overlap the exon fragment. Note: this is different to the <a href="#">disjointExons</a> function in the GenomicFeatures package, that lists the transcript names, not IDs.
maxgap	For exonsByOverlaps and transcriptsByOverlaps: see <a href="#">exonsByOverlaps</a> help page in the GenomicFeatures package.
minoverlap	For exonsByOverlaps and transcriptsByOverlaps: see <a href="#">exonsByOverlaps</a> help page in the GenomicFeatures package.
order.by	Name of one of the columns above on which the results should be sorted.
order.type	If the results should be ordered ascending (asc, default) or descending (desc).
ranges	For exonsByOverlaps and transcriptsByOverlaps: a GRanges object specifying the genomic regions.
return.type	Type of the returned object. Can be either "data.frame", "DataFrame" or "GRanges". In the latter case the return object will be a GRanges object with the GRanges specifying the chromosomal start and end coordinates of the feature (gene, transcript or exon, depending whether genes, transcripts or exons was called). All additional columns are added as metadata columns to the GRanges object.
type	For exonsByOverlaps and transcriptsByOverlaps: see <a href="#">exonsByOverlaps</a> help page in the GenomicFeatures package.
upstream	For method promoters: the number of nucleotides upstream of the transcription start site that should be included in the promoter region.
use.names	For cdsBy and exonsBy: only for by="gene": use the names of the genes instead of their IDs as names of the resulting GRangesList.
x	For toSAF a GRangesList object. For all other methods an EnsDb instance.

## Details

A detailed description of all database tables and the associated attributes/column names is also given in the vignette of this package. An overview of the columns is given below:

**gene\_id** the Ensembl gene ID of the gene.

**gene\_name** the name of the gene (in most cases its official symbol).

**entrezid** the NCBI Entrezgene ID of the gene; note that this can also be a ";" separated list of IDs for Ensembl genes mapped to more than one Entrezgene.

**gene\_biotype** the biotype of the gene.

**gene\_seq\_start** the start coordinate of the gene on the sequence (usually a chromosome).

**gene\_seq\_end** the end coordinate of the gene.

**seq\_name** the name of the sequence the gene is encoded (usually a chromosome).

**seq\_strand** the strand on which the gene is encoded

**seq\_coord\_system** the coordinate system of the sequence.

**tx\_id** the Ensembl transcript ID.



- tx\_biotype** the biotype of the transcript.
- tx\_seq\_start** the chromosomal start coordinate of the transcript.
- tx\_seq\_end** the chromosomal end coordinate of the transcript.
- tx\_cds\_seq\_start** the start coordinate of the coding region of the transcript (NULL for non-coding transcripts).
- tx\_cds\_seq\_end** the end coordinate of the coding region.
- exon\_id** the ID of the exon. In Ensembl, each exon specified by a unique chromosomal start and end position has its own ID. Thus, the same exon might be part of several transcripts.
- exon\_seq\_start** the chromosomal start coordinate of the exon.
- exon\_seq\_end** the chromosomal end coordinate of the exon.
- exon\_idx** the index of the exon in the transcript model. As noted above, an exon can be part of several transcripts and thus its position inside these transcript might differ.

Also, the vignette provides examples on how to retrieve sequences for genes/transcripts/exons.

## Value

For `exons`, `transcripts` and `genes`, a `data.frame`, `DataFrame` or a `GRanges`, depending on the value of the `return.type` parameter. The result is ordered as specified by the parameter `order.by` or, if not provided, by `seq_name` and chromosomal start coordinate, but NOT by any ordering of values in eventually submitted filter objects.

For `exonsBy`, `transcriptsBy`: a `GRangesList`, depending on the value of the `return.type` parameter. The results are ordered by the value of the `by` parameter.

For `exonsByOverlaps` and `transcriptsByOverlaps`: a `GRanges` with the exons or transcripts overlapping the specified regions.

For `toSAF`: a `data.frame` with column names "GeneID" (the group name from the `GRangesList`, i.e. the ID by which the `GRanges` are split), "Chr" (the `seqnames` from the `GRanges`), "Start" (the start coordinate), "End" (the end coordinate) and "Strand" (the strand).

For `disjointExons`: a `GRanges` of non-overlapping exon parts.

For `cdsBy`: a `GRangesList` with `GRanges` per either transcript or exon specifying the start and end coordinates of the coding region of the transcript or gene.

For `fiveUTRsByTranscript`: a `GRangesList` with `GRanges` for each protein coding transcript representing the start and end coordinates of full or partial exons that constitute the 5' untranslated region of the transcript.

For `threeUTRsByTranscript`: a `GRangesList` with `GRanges` for each protein coding transcript representing the start and end coordinates of full or partial exons that constitute the 3' untranslated region of the transcript.

## Methods and Functions

**exons** Retrieve exon information from the database. Additional columns from transcripts or genes associated with the exons can be specified and are added to the respective exon annotation.

- exonsBy** Retrieve exons grouped by transcript or by gene. This function returns a `GRangesList` as does the analogous function in the `GenomicFeatures` package. Using the `columns` parameter it is possible to determine which additional values should be retrieved from the database. These will be included in the `GRanges` object for the exons as metadata columns. The exons in the inner `GRanges` are ordered by the exon index within the transcript (if `by="tx"`), or increasingly by the chromosomal start position of the exon or decreasingly by the chromosomal end position of the exon depending whether the gene is encoded on the + or - strand (for `by="gene"`). The `GRanges` in the `GRangesList` will be ordered by the name of the gene or transcript.
- exonsByOverlaps** Retrieve exons overlapping specified genomic ranges. For more information see [exonsByOverlaps](#) method in the `GenomicFeatures` package. The functionality is to some extent similar and redundant to the `exons` method in combination with [GRangesFilter](#) filter.
- transcripts** Retrieve transcript information from the database. Additional columns from genes or exons associated with the transcripts can be specified and are added to the respective transcript annotation.
- transcriptsBy** Retrieve transcripts grouped by gene or exon. This function returns a `GRangesList` as does the analogous function in the `GenomicFeatures` package. Using the `columns` parameter it is possible to determine which additional values should be retrieved from the database. These will be included in the `GRanges` object for the transcripts as metadata columns. The transcripts in the inner `GRanges` are ordered increasingly by the chromosomal start position of the transcript for genes encoded on the + strand and in a decreasing manner by the chromosomal end position of the transcript for genes encoded on the - strand. The `GRanges` in the `GRangesList` will be ordered by the name of the gene or exon.
- transcriptsByOverlaps** Retrieve transcripts overlapping specified genomic ranges. For more information see [transcriptsByOverlaps](#) method in the `GenomicFeatures` package. The functionality is to some extent similar and redundant to the `transcripts` method in combination with [GRangesFilter](#) filter.
- promoters** Retrieve promoter information from the database. Additional columns from genes or exons associated with the promoters can be specified and are added to the respective promoter annotation.
- genes** Retrieve gene information from the database. Additional columns from transcripts or exons associated with the genes can be specified and are added to the respective gene annotation.
- disjointExons** This method is identical to [disjointExons](#) defined in the `GenomicFeatures` package. It creates a `GRanges` of non-overlapping exon parts with metadata columns of `gene_id` and `exonic_part`. Exon parts that overlap more than one gene can be dropped with `aggregateGenes=FALSE`.
- cdsBy** Returns the coding region grouped either by transcript or by gene. Each element in the `GRangesList` represents the `cds` for one transcript or gene, with the individual ranges corresponding to the coding part of its exons. For `by="tx"` additional annotation columns can be added to the individual `GRanges` (in addition to the default columns `exon_id` and `exon_rank`). Note that the `GRangesList` is sorted by its names.
- fiveUTRsByTranscript** Returns the 5' untranslated region for protein coding transcripts.
- threeUTRsByTranscript** Returns the 3' untranslated region for protein coding transcripts.
- toSAF** Reformats a `GRangesList` object into a `data.frame` corresponding to a standard SAF (Simplified Annotation Format) file (i.e. with column names "GeneID", "Chr", "Start", "End" and "Strand"). Note: this method makes only sense on a `GRangesList` that groups features (exons, transcripts) by gene.

**Note**

Ensembl defines genes not only on standard chromosomes, but also on patched chromosomes and chromosome variants. Thus it might be advisable to restrict the queries to just those chromosomes of interest (e.g. by specifying a `SeqnameFilter(c(1:22, "X", "Y"))`). In addition, also so called LRG genes (Locus Reference Genomic) are defined in Ensembl. Their gene id starts with LRG instead of ENS for Ensembl genes, thus, a filter can be applied to specifically select those genes or exclude those genes (see examples below).

Depending on the value of the global option "ucscChromosomeNames" (use `getOption(ucscChromosomeNames, FALSE)` to get its value or `option(ucscChromosomeNames=TRUE)` to change its value) the sequence/chromosome names of the returned GRanges objects or provided in the returned `data.frame` or `DataFrame` correspond to Ensembl chromosome names (if value is FALSE) or UCSC chromosome names (if TRUE). This ensures a better integration with the Gviz package, in which this option is set by default to TRUE.

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**See Also**

[makeEnsemblDbPackage](#), [BasicFilter](#), [listColumns](#), [lengthOf](#)

**Examples**

```
library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)
edb <- EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75

##### genes
##
## get all genes encoded on chromosome Y
Ally <- genes(edb, filter=SeqnameFilter("Y"))
Ally

## return result as DataFrame.
Ally.granges <- genes(edb,
                      filter=SeqnameFilter("Y"),
                      return.type="DataFrame")
Ally.granges

## include all transcripts of the gene and their chromosomal
## coordinates, sort by chrom start of transcripts and return as
## GRanges.
Ally.granges.tx <- genes(edb,
                        filter=SeqnameFilter("Y"),
                        columns=c("gene_id", "seq_name",
                                  "seq_strand", "tx_id", "tx_biotype",
                                  "tx_seq_start", "tx_seq_end"),
                        order.by="tx_seq_start")
Ally.granges.tx
```

```

##### transcripts
##
## get all transcripts of a gene
Tx <- transcripts(edb,
                  filter=GeneidFilter("ENSG00000184895"),
                  order.by="tx_seq_start")
Tx

## get all transcripts of two genes along with some information on the
## gene and transcript
Tx <- transcripts(edb,
                  filter=GeneidFilter(c("ENSG00000184895",
                                         "ENSG0000092377")),
                  columns=c("gene_id", "gene_seq_start",
                             "gene_seq_end", "gene_biotype", "tx_biotype"))
Tx

##### promoters
##
## get the bona-fide promoters (2k up- to 200nt downstream of TSS)
promoters(edb, filter=GeneidFilter(c("ENSG00000184895",
                                     "ENSG0000092377")))

##### exons
##
## get all exons of the provided genes
Exon <- exons(edb,
               filter=GeneidFilter(c("ENSG00000184895",
                                     "ENSG0000092377")),
               order.by="exon_seq_start",
               columns=c("gene_id", "gene_seq_start",
                          "gene_seq_end", "gene_biotype"))
Exon

##### exonsBy
##
## get all exons for transcripts encoded on chromosomes X and Y.
ETx <- exonsBy(edb, by="tx",
               filter=SeqnameFilter(c("X", "Y")))
ETx

## get all exons for genes encoded on chromosome 1 to 22, X and Y and
## include additional annotation columns in the result
EGenes <- exonsBy(edb, by="gene",
                  filter=SeqnameFilter(c("X", "Y")),
                  columns=c("gene_biotype", "gene_name"))
EGenes

## Note that this might also contain "LRG" genes.

```

```

length(grep(names(EGenes), pattern="LRG"))

## to fetch just Ensemblgenes, use an GeneidFilter with value
## "ENS%" and condition "like"

##### transcriptsBy
##
TGenes <- transcriptsBy(edb, by="gene",
                      filter=SeqnameFilter(c("X", "Y")))
TGenes

## convert this to a SAF formatted data.frame that can be used by the
## featureCounts function from the Rsubreader package.
head(toSAF(TGenes))

##### transcriptsByOverlaps
##
ir <- IRanges(start=c(2654890, 2709520, 28111770),
              end=c(2654900, 2709550, 28111790))
gr <- GRanges(rep("Y", length(ir)), ir)

## Retrieve all transcripts overlapping any of the regions.
txs <- transcriptsByOverlaps(edb, gr)
txs

## Alternatively, use a GRangesFilter
grf <- GRangesFilter(gr, condition="overlapping")
txs <- transcripts(edb, filter=grf)
txs

##### cdsBy
## Get the coding region for all transcripts on chromosome Y.
## Specifying also additional annotation columns (in addition to the default
## exon_id and exon_rank).
cds <- cdsBy(edb, by="tx", filter=SeqnameFilter("Y"),
             columns=c("tx_biotype", "gene_name"))

##### the 5' untranslated regions:
fUTRs <- fiveUTRsByTranscript(edb, filter=SeqnameFilter("Y"))

##### the 3' untranslated regions with additional column gene_name.
tUTRs <- threeUTRsByTranscript(edb, filter=SeqnameFilter("Y"),
                              columns="gene_name")

```

## Description

These classes allow to specify which entries (i.e. genes, transcripts or exons) should be retrieved from the database.

## Details

**ExonidFilter** Allows to filter based on the (Ensembl) exon identifier.

**ExonrankFilter** Allows to filter based on the rank (index) of the exon within the transcript model. Exons are always numbered 5' to 3' end of the transcript, thus, also on the reverse strand, the exon 1 is the most 5' exon of the transcript.

**EntrezidFilter** Filter results based on the NCBI Entrezgene identifiers of the genes. Use the [listGenebiotypes](#) method to get a complete list of all available gene biotypes.

**GenebiotypeFilter** Filter results based on the gene biotype as defined in the Ensembl database.

**GeneidFilter** Filter results based on the Ensembl gene identifiers.

**GenenameFilter** Allows to filter on the gene names (symbols) of the genes.

**GRangesFilter** Allows to fetch features within or overlapping specified genomic region(s)/range(s).

This filter takes a GRanges object as input and, if condition="within" (the default) will restrict results to features (genes, transcripts or exons) that are completely within the region. Alternatively, by specifying condition="overlapping" it will return all features (i.e. genes for a call to [genes](#), transcripts for a call to [transcripts](#) and exons for a call to [exons](#)) that are partially overlapping with the region, i.e. which start coordinate is smaller than the end coordinate of the region and which end coordinate is larger than the start coordinate of the region. Thus, genes and transcripts that have an intron overlapping the region will also be returned.

Calls to the methods [exonsBy](#), [cdsBy](#) and [transcriptsBy](#) use the start and end coordinates of the feature type specified with argument by (i.e. "gene", "transcript" or "exon") for the filtering.

Note: if the specified GRanges object defines multiple region, all features within (or overlapping) any of these regions are returned.

Chromosome names/seqnames can be provided in UCSC format (e.g. "chrX") or Ensembl format (e.g. "X"); see [seqlevelsStyle](#) for more information.

**SeqendFilter** Filter based on the chromosomal end coordinate of the exons, transcripts or genes.

**SeqnameFilter** Filter on the sequence name on which the features are encoded (mostly the chromosome names). Supports UCSC chromosome names (e.g. "chrX") and Ensembl chromosome names (e.g. "X").

**SeqstartFilter** Filter based on the chromosomal start coordinates of the exons, transcripts or genes.

**SeqstrandFilter** Filter based on the strand on which the features are encoded.

**TxbiotypeFilter** Filter on the transcript biotype defined in Ensembl. Use the [listTxbiotypes](#) method to get a complete list of all available transcript biotypes.

**TxidFilter** Filter on the Ensembl transcript identifiers.

## Objects from the Class

While objects can be created by calls e.g. of the form `new("GeneidFilter", ...)` users are strongly encouraged to use the specific functions: [GeneidFilter](#), [EntrezidFilter](#), [GenenameFilter](#), [GenebiotypeFilter](#), [GRangesFilter](#), [TxidFilter](#), [TxbiotypeFilter](#), [ExonidFilter](#), [ExonrankFilter](#), [SeqnameFilter](#), [SeqstrandFilter](#), [SeqstartFilter](#) and [SeqendFilter](#).

See examples below for usage.

## Slots

**condition:** Object of class "character": can be either "=", "in" or "like" to filter on character values (e.g. gene id, gene biotype, seqname etc), or "=", ">" or "<" for numerical values (chromosome/seq coordinates). Note that for "like" value should be a SQL pattern (e.g. "ENS%").

**value:** Object of class "character": the value to be used for filtering.

## Extends

Class [BasicFilter](#), directly.

## Methods for all BasicFilter objects

Note: these methods are applicable to all classes extending the BasicFilter class.

**signature**(object = "GeneidFilter", db="EnsDb",with.tables="character"): returns the column (attribute name) to be used for the filtering. Submitting the db parameter ensures that returned column is valid in the corresponding database schema. The optional argument with.tables allows to specify which in which database table the function should look for the attribute/column name. By default the method will check all database tables.

**column** signature(object = "GeneidFilter", db="EnsDb",with.tables="missing"): returns the column (attribute name) to be used for the filtering. Submitting the db parameter ensures that returned column is valid in the corresponding database schema.

**column** signature(object = "GeneidFilter", db="missing",with.tables="missing"): returns the column (table column name) to be used for the filtering.

**condition** signature(x="BasicFilter"): returns the value for the condition slot.

**condition<-** setter method for condition.

**value** signature(x="BasicFilter", db="EnsDb"): returns the value of the value slot of the filter object.

**value<-** setter method for value.

**where** signature(object = "GeneidFilter", db="EnsDb",with.tables="character"): returns the *where* condition for the SQL call. Submitting also the db parameter ensures that the columns are valid in the corresponding database schema. The optional argument with.tables allows to specify which in which database table the function should look for the attribute/column name. By default the method will check all database tables.

**where** signature(object = "GeneidFilter", db="EnsDb",with.tables="missing"): returns the *where* condition for the SQL call. Submitting also the db parameter ensures that the columns are valid in the corresponding database schema.

**where** signature(object = "GeneidFilter", db="missing",with.tables="missing"): returns the *where* condition for the SQL call.

**Methods for GRangesFilter objects**

**start, end, strand** Get the start and end coordinate and the strand from the GRanges within the filter.

**seqlevels, seqnames** Get the names of the sequences from the GRanges of the filter.

**Note**

The column and where methods should be always called along with the EnsDb object, as this ensures that the returned column names are valid for the database schema. The optional argument with. tables should on the other hand only be used rarely as it is more intended for internal use.

Note that the database column "entrezid" queried for EntrezidFilter classes can contain multiple, ";" separated, Entrezgene IDs, thus, using this filter at present might not return all entries from the database.

**Author(s)**

Johannes Rainer

**See Also**

[genes](#), [transcripts](#), [exons](#), [listGenebiotypes](#), [listTxbiotypes](#)

**Examples**

```
## create a filter that could be used to retrieve all informations for
## the respective gene.
Gif <- GeneidFilter("ENSG00000012817")
Gif
## returns the where condition of the SQL queries
where(Gif)

## create a filter for a chromosomal end position of a gene
Sef <- SeqendFilter(10000, condition=">", "gene")
Sef

## for additional examples see the help page of "genes"

## Example for GRangesFilter:
## retrieve all genes overlapping the specified region
grf <- GRangesFilter(GRanges("11", ranges=IRanges(114000000, 114000050),
                             strand="+"), condition="overlapping")
library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)
edb <- EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75
genes(edb, filter=grf)

## Get also all transcripts overlapping that region
transcripts(edb, filter=grf)
```



```

## Retrieve all transcripts for the above gene
gn <- genes(edb, filter=grf)
txs <- transcripts(edb, filter=GenenameFilter(gn$gene_name))
## Next we simply plot their start and end coordinates.
plot(3, 3, pch=NA, xlim=c(start(gn), end(gn)), ylim=c(0, length(txs)), yaxt="n", ylab="")
## Highlight the GRangesFilter region
rect(xleft=start(grf), xright=end(grf), ybottom=0, ytop=length(txs), col="red", border="red")
for(i in 1:length(txs)){
  current <- txs[i]
  rect(xleft=start(current), xright=end(current), ybottom=i-0.975, ytop=i-0.125, border="grey")
  text(start(current), y=i-0.5, pos=4, cex=0.75, labels=current$tx_id)
}
## Thus, we can see that only 4 transcripts of that gene are indeed overlapping the region.

## No exon is overlapping that region, thus we're not getting anything
exons(edb, filter=grf)

## Example for ExonrankFilter
## Extract all exons 1 and (if present) 2 for all genes encoded on the
## Y chromosome
exons(edb, columns=c("tx_id", "exon_idx"),
      filter=list(SeqnameFilter("Y"),
                 ExonrankFilter(3, condition="<")))

```

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```

getGeneRegionTrackForGviz
      Utility functions

```

---

## Description

Utility functions integrating EnsDb objects with other Bioconductor packages.

## Usage

```

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
getGeneRegionTrackForGviz(x, filter=list(),
                          chromosome=NULL,
                          start=NULL, end=NULL,
                          featureIs="gene_biotype")

```

## Arguments

(In alphabetic order)

For `getGeneRegionTrackForGviz`: optional chromosome name to restrict the returned entry to a specific chromosome.

ehdomosome	For getGeneRegionTrackForGviz: optional chromosomal end coordinate specifying, together with start, the chromosomal region from which features should be retrieved.
featureIs	For getGeneRegionTrackForGviz: whether the gene ("gene_biotype") or the transcript biotype ("tx_biotype") should be returned in column "feature".
filter	A filter object extending <a href="#">BasicFilter</a> or a list of such object(s) to select specific entries from the database (see examples below).
start	For getGeneRegionTrackForGviz: optional chromosomal start coordinate specifying, together with end, the chromosomal region from which features should be retrieved.
x	For toSAF a GRangesList object. For all other methods an EnsDb instance.

### Value

For getGeneRegionTrackForGviz: see method description above.

### Methods and Functions

**getGeneRegionTrackForGviz** Retrieve a GRanges object with transcript features from the EnsDb that can be used directly in the Gviz package to create a GeneRegionTrack. Using the filter, chromosome, start and end arguments it is possible to fetch specific features (e.g. lincRNAs) from the database.

If chromosome, start and end is provided the function internally first retrieves all transcripts that have an exon or an intron in the specified chromosomal region and subsequently fetch all of these transcripts. This ensures that all transcripts of the region are returned, even those that have *only* an intron in the region.

The function returns a GRanges object with additional annotation columns "feature", "gene", "exon", "exon\_rank", "transcript", "symbol" specifying the feature type (either gene or transcript biotype), the (Ensembl) gene ID, the exon ID, the rank/index of the exon in the transcript, the transcript ID and the gene symbol/name.

### Author(s)

Johannes Rainer

### See Also

[BasicFilter transcripts](#)

### Examples

```
library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)
edb <- EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75
##### getGeneRegionTrackForGviz
##
## Get all genes encoded on chromosome Y in the specified region.
AllY <- getGeneRegionTrackForGviz(edb, chromosome="Y", start=5000000,
                                  end=7000000)
```

```
## We could plot this now using plotTracks(GeneRegionTrack(Ally))

## We can also use filters to further restrict the query to e.g.
## all lincRNA genes encoded in that region.
lincsY <- getGeneRegionTrackForGviz(edb, chromosome="Y", start=5000000,
                                     end=7000000,
                                     filter=GenebiotypeFilter("lincRNA"))
```

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getGenomeFaFile      *Functionality related to DNA/RNA sequences*

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### Description

Utility functions related to RNA/DNA sequences, such as extracting RNA/DNA sequences for features defined in EnsDb.

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
getGenomeFaFile(x, pattern="dna.toplevel.fa")
```

### Arguments

(In alphabetic order)

For method `getGenomeFaFile`: the pattern to be used to identify the fasta file representing genomic DNA sequence.

`pattern`      For all other methods an EnsDb instance.

### Value

For `getGenomeFaFile`: a [FaFile-class](#) object with the genomic DNA sequence.

### Methods and Functions

**getGenomeFaFile** Returns a [FaFile-class](#) (defined in `Rsamtools`) with the genomic sequence of the genome build matching the Ensembl version of the EnsDb object. The file is retrieved using the `AnnotationHub` package, thus, at least for the first invocation, an internet connection is required to locate and download the file; subsequent calls will load the cached file instead. If no fasta file for the actual Ensembl version is available the function tries to identify a file matching the species and genome build version of the closest Ensembl release and returns that instead. See the vignette for an example to work with such files.

**Author(s)**

Johannes Rainer

**See Also**[BasicFilter transcripts exonsBy](#)**Examples**

```
## Loading an EnsDb for Ensembl version 75 (genome GRCh37):
library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)
edb <- EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75

## Not run:
## Retrieve a FaFile with the genomic DNA sequence matching the organism,
## genome release version and, if possible, the Ensembl version of the
## EnsDb object.
Dna <- getGenomeFaFile(edb)
## Extract the transcript sequence for all transcripts encoded on chromosome
## Y.
##extractTranscriptSeqs(Dna, edb, filter=SeqnameFilter("Y"))

## End(Not run)
```

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lengthOf

*Calculating lengths of features*

---

**Description**

These methods allow to calculate the lengths of features (transcripts, genes, CDS, 3' or 5' UTRs) defined in an EnsDb object or database.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
lengthOf(x, of="gene", filter=list())
```

**Arguments**

(In alphabetic order)

list of [BasicFilter](#) instance(s) to select specific entries from the database (see examples below).

<b>filter</b>	for lengthOf: whether the length of genes or transcripts should be retrieved from the database.
<b>x</b>	For lengthOf: either an EnsDb or a GRangesList object. For all other methods an EnsDb instance.

**Value**

For lengthOf: see method description above.

**Methods and Functions**

**lengthOf** Retrieve the length of genes or transcripts from the database. The length is the sum of the lengths of all exons of a transcript or a gene. In the latter case the exons are first reduced so that the length corresponds to the part of the genomic sequence covered by the exons.

Note: in addition to this method, also the [transcriptLengths](#) function in the GenomicFeatures package can be used.

**Author(s)**

Johannes Rainer

**See Also**

[exonsBy](#) [transcripts](#) [transcriptLengths](#)

**Examples**

```
library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)
edb <- EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75

##### lengthOf
##
## length of a specific gene.
lengthOf(edb,
         filter=list(GeneidFilter("ENSG00000000003")))

## length of a transcript
lengthOf(edb, of="tx",
         filter=list(TxidFilter("ENST00000494424")))

## average length of all protein coding genes encoded on chromosomes X
## and Y
mean(lengthOf(edb, of="gene",
             filter=list(GenebiotypeFilter("protein_coding"),
                       SeqnameFilter(c("X", "Y")))))

## average length of all snoRNAs
mean(lengthOf(edb, of="gene",
             filter=list(GenebiotypeFilter("snoRNA"),
                       SeqnameFilter(c("X", "Y")))))
```



**Arguments**

	(in alphabetical order)
	For <code>ensDbFromAH</code> : an <code>AnnotationHub</code> object representing a single resource (i.e. GTF file from Ensembl) from <code>AnnotationHub</code> .
<code>author</code>	The author of the package.
<code>dbname</code>	The name for the database (optional). By default a name based on the species and Ensembl version will be automatically generated (and returned by the function).
<code>destDir</code>	Where the package should be saved to.
<code>ensdb</code>	The file name of the SQLite database generated by <code>makeEnsemblSQLiteFromTables</code> .
<code>ensemblapi</code>	The path to the Ensembl perl API installed locally on the system. The Ensembl perl API version has to fit the version.
<code>genomeVersion</code>	For <code>ensDbFromAH</code> , <code>ensDbFromGtf</code> and <code>ensDbFromGff</code> : the version of the genome (e.g. "GRCh37"). If not provided the function will try to guess it from the file name (assuming file name convention of Ensembl GTF files).
<code>gff</code>	The GFF file to import.
<code>gtf</code>	The GTF file name.
<code>host</code>	The hostname to access the Ensembl database.
<code>license</code>	The license of the package.
<code>maintainer</code>	The maintainer of the package.
<code>organism</code>	For <code>ensDbFromAH</code> , <code>ensDbFromGff</code> and <code>ensDbFromGtf</code> : the organism name (e.g. "Homo_sapiens"). If not provided the function will try to guess it from the file name (assuming file name convention of Ensembl GTF files).
<code>outfile</code>	The desired file name of the SQLite file. If not provided the name of the GTF file will be used.
<code>pass</code>	The password for the Ensembl database.
<code>path</code>	The directory in which the tables retrieved by <code>fetchTablesFromEnsembl</code> or the SQLite database file generated by <code>ensDbFromGtf</code> are stored.
<code>port</code>	The port to be used to connect to the Ensembl database.
<code>species</code>	The species for which the annotations should be retrieved.
<code>user</code>	The username for the Ensembl database.
<code>version</code>	For <code>fetchTablesFromEnsembl</code> , <code>ensDbFromGRanges</code> and <code>ensDbFromGtf</code> : the Ensembl version for which the annotation should be retrieved (e.g. 75). The <code>ensDbFromGtf</code> function will try to guess the Ensembl version from the GTF file name if not provided. For <code>makeEnsemblDbPackage</code> : the version for the package.
<code>x</code>	For <code>ensDbFromGRanges</code> : the <code>GRanges</code> object.

## Details

The `fetchTablesFromEnsembl` function internally calls the perl script `get_gene_transcript_exon_tables.pl` to retrieve all required information from the Ensembl database using the Ensembl perl API.

As an alternative way, a `EnsDb` database file can be generated by the `ensDbFromGtf` or `ensDbFromGff` from a GTF or GFF file downloaded from the Ensembl ftp server or using the `ensDbFromAH` to build a database directly from corresponding resources from the AnnotationHub. The returned database file name can then be used as an input to the `makeEnsemblDbPackage` or it can be directly loaded and used by the `EnsDb` constructor.

## Value

`makeEnsemblSQLiteFromTables`, `ensDbFromAH`, `ensDbFromGRanges` and `ensDbFromGtf`: the name of the SQLite file.

## Functions

**ensDbFromAH** Create an `EnsDb` (SQLite) database from a GTF file provided by AnnotationHub. The function returns the file name of the generated database file. For usage see the examples below.

**ensDbFromGff** Create an `EnsDb` (SQLite) database from a GFF file from Ensembl. The function returns the file name of the generated database file. For usage see the examples below.

**ensDbFromGtf** Create an `EnsDb` (SQLite) database from a GTF file from Ensembl. The function returns the file name of the generated database file. For usage see the examples below.

**ensDbFromGRanges** Create an `EnsDb` (SQLite) database from a `GRanges` object (e.g. from AnnotationHub). The function returns the file name of the generated database file. For usage see the examples below.

**fetchTablesFromEnsembl** Uses the Ensembl Perl API to fetch all required data from an Ensembl database server and stores them locally to text files (that can be used as input for the `makeEnsemblSQLiteFromTables` function).

**makeEnsemblSQLiteFromTables** Creates the SQLite `EnsDb` database from the tables generated by the `fetchTablesFromEnsembl`.

**makeEnsemblDbPackage** Creates an R package containing the `EnsDb` database from a `EnsDb` SQLite database created by any of the above functions `ensDbFromAH`, `ensDbFromGff`, `ensDbFromGtf` or `makeEnsemblSQLiteFromTables`.

## Note

A local installation of the Ensembl perl API is required for the `fetchTablesFromEnsembl`. See [http://www.ensembl.org/info/docs/api/api\\_installation.html](http://www.ensembl.org/info/docs/api/api_installation.html) for installation instructions.

A database generated from a GTF/GFF files lacks some features as they are not available in the GTF files from Ensembl. These are: NCBI Entrezgene IDs.

## Author(s)

Johannes Rainer



**See Also**[EnsDb, genes](#)**Examples**

```
## Not run:

## get all human gene/transcript/exon annotations from Ensembl (75)
## the resulting tables will be stored by default to the current working
## directory; if the correct Ensembl api (version 75) is defined in the
## PERL5LIB environment variable, the ensemblapi parameter can also be omitted.
fetchTablesFromEnsembl(75,
                        ensemblapi="/home/bioinfo/ensembl/75/API/ensembl/modules",
                        species="human")

## These tables can then be processed to generate a SQLite database
## containing the annotations
DBFile <- makeEnsemblSQLiteFromTables()

## and finally we can generate the package
makeEnsemblDbPackage(ensdb=DBFile, version="0.0.1",
                    maintainer="Johannes Rainer <johannes.rainer@eurac.edu>",
                    author="J Rainer")

## Build an annotation database from a GFF file from Ensembl.
## ftp://ftp.ensembl.org/pub/release-83/gff3/rattus_norvegicus
gff <- "Rattus_norvegicus.Rnor_6.0.83.gff3.gz"
DB <- ensDbFromGff(gff=gff)
edb <- EnsDb(DB)
edb

## Build an annotation file from a GTF file.
## the GTF file can be downloaded from
## ftp://ftp.ensembl.org/pub/release-75/gtf/homo_sapiens/
gtffile <- "Homo_sapiens.GRCh37.75.gtf.gz"
## generate the SQLite database file
DB <- ensDbFromGtf(gtf=paste0(ensemblhost, gtffile))

## load the DB file directly
EDB <- EnsDb(DB)

## Alternatively, we could fetch a GTF file directly from AnnotationHub
## and build the database from that:
library(AnnotationHub)
ah <- AnnotationHub()
## Query for all GTF files from Ensembl for Ensembl version 81
query(ah, c("Ensembl", "release-81", "GTF"))
## We could get the one from e.g. Bos taurus:
DB <- ensDbFromAH(ah["AH47941"])
edb <- EnsDb(DB)
edb
```

```
## End(Not run)

## Generate a sqlite database for genes encoded on chromosome Y
chrY <- system.file("chrY", package="ensemldb")
DBFile <- makeEnsemblSQLiteFromTables(path=chrY ,dbname=tempfile())
## load this database:
edb <- EnsDb(DBFile)

edb

## Generate a sqlite database from a GRanges object specifying
## genes encoded on chromosome Y
load(system.file("YGRanges.RData", package="ensemldb"))

Y

DB <- ensDbFromGRanges(Y, path=tempdir(), version=75,
                       organism="Homo_sapiens")
edb <- EnsDb(DB)
```

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runEnsDbApp

*Search annotations interactively*

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## Description

This function starts the interactive EnsDb shiny web application that allows to look up gene/transcript/exon annotations from an EnsDb annotation package installed locally.

## Usage

```
runEnsDbApp(...)
```

## Arguments

... Additional arguments passed to the [runApp](#) function from the shiny package.

## Details

The shiny based web application allows to look up any annotation available in any of the locally installed EnsDb annotation packages.

## Value

If the button *Return & close* is clicked, the function returns the results of the present query either as `data.frame` or as `GRanges` object.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**[EnsDb, genes](#)

select

*Integration into the AnnotationDbi framework***Description**

Several of the methods available for AnnotationDbi objects are also implemented for EnsDb objects. This enables to extract data from EnsDb objects in a similar fashion than from objects inheriting from the base annotation package class AnnotationDbi. In addition to the *standard* usage, the `select` and `mapIds` for EnsDb objects support also the filter framework of the `ensembldb` package and thus allow to perform more fine-grained queries to retrieve data.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
columns(x)
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
keys(x, keytype, filter,...)
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
keytypes(x)
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
mapIds(x, keys, column, keytype, ..., multiVals)
## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
select(x, keys, columns, keytype, ...)
```

**Arguments**

(In alphabetic order)

- `columns` For `mapIds`: the column to search on, i.e. from which values should be retrieved. For `select`: the columns from which values should be retrieved. Use the `columns` method to list all possible columns.
- `keys` The keys/ids for which data should be retrieved from the database. This can be either a character vector of keys/IDs, a single filter object extending [BasicFilter](#) or a list of such objects.
- `keytype` For `mapIds` and `select`: the type (column) that matches the provided keys. This argument does not have to be specified if argument `keys` is a filter object extending [BasicFilter](#) or a list of such objects.  
For `keys`: which keys should be returned from the database.

filter	For keys: either a single object extending <code>BasicFilter</code> or a list of such object to retrieve only specific keys from the database.
multiVals	What should mapIds do when there are multiple values that could be returned? Options are: "first", "list", "filter", "asNA". See <code>mapIds</code> for a detailed description.
x	The EnsDb object.
...	Not used.

**Value**

See method description above.

**Methods and Functions**

**columns** List all the columns that can be retrieved by the `mapIds` and `select` methods. Note that these column names are different from the ones supported by the `genes`, `transcripts` etc. methods that can be listed by the `listColumns` method.

Returns a character vector of supported column names.

**keys** Retrieves all keys from the column name specified with `keytype`. By default (if `keytype` is not provided) it returns all gene IDs.

Returns a character vector of IDs.

**keytypes** List all supported key types (column names).

Returns a character vector of key types.

**mapIds** Retrieve the mapped ids for a set of keys that are of a particular `keytype`. Argument `keys` can be either a character vector of keys/IDs, a single filter object extending `BasicFilter` or a list of such objects. For the latter, the argument `keytype` does not have to be specified. Importantly however, more than one filter is used, the ordering of the results might not represent the ordering of the keys.

The method usually returns a named character vector or, depending on the argument `multiVals` a named list, with names corresponding to the keys (same ordering is only guaranteed if `keys` is a character vector or a single filter).

**select** Retrieve the data as a `data.frame` based on parameters for selected keys, columns and `keytype` arguments. Multiple matches of the keys are returned in one row for each possible match. Argument `keys` can be either a character vector of keys/IDs, a single filter object extending `BasicFilter` or a list of such objects. For the latter, the argument `keytype` does not have to be specified. The column corresponding to the provided `keytype` or all columns used by alternatively submitted filter objects are also included in the result `data.frame`. If `keys` is a vector of key values or a single filter object, the ordering of the rows in the returned `data.frame` matches the keys respectively values from the filter.

Returns a `data.frame` with the column names corresponding to the argument `columns` and rows with all data matching the criteria specified with `keys`.

**Author(s)**

Johannes Rainer

**See Also**

[BasicFilter listColumns transcripts](#)

**Examples**

```

library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)
edb <- EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75

## List all supported keytypes.
keytypes(edb)

## List all supported columns for the select and mapIds methods.
columns(edb)

## List /real/ database column names.
listColumns(edb)

## Retrieve all keys corresponding to transcript ids.
txids <- keys(edb, keytype="TXID")
length(txids)
head(txids)

## Retrieve all keys corresponding to gene names of genes encoded on chromosome X
gids <- keys(edb, keytype="GENENAME", filter=SeqnameFilter("X"))
length(gids)
head(gids)

## Get a mapping of the genes BCL2 and BCL2L11 to all of their
## transcript ids and return the result as list
maps <- mapIds(edb, keys=c("BCL2", "BCL2L11"), column="TXID",
               keytype="GENENAME", multiVals="list")
maps

## Perform the same query using a combination of a GenenameFilter and a TxbiotypeFilter
## to just retrieve protein coding transcripts for these two genes.
mapIds(edb, keys=list(GenenameFilter(c("BCL2", "BCL2L11")),
                    TxbiotypeFilter("protein_coding")), column="TXID",
       multiVals="list")

## select:
## Retrieve all transcript and gene related information for the above example.
select(edb, keys=list(GenenameFilter(c("BCL2", "BCL2L11")),
                    TxbiotypeFilter("protein_coding")),
       columns=c("GENEID", "GENENAME", "TXID", "TXBIOTYPE", "TXSEQSTART", "TXSEQEND",
                "SEQNAME", "SEQSTRAND"))

## Get all data for genes encoded on chromosome Y
Y <- select(edb, keys="Y", keytype="SEQNAME")
head(Y)
nrow(Y)

```

```

## Get selected columns for all lincRNAs encoded on chromosome Y
Y <- select(edb, keys=list(SeqnameFilter("Y"), GenebiotypeFilter("lincRNA")),
            columns=c("GENEID", "GENEBIOTYPE", "TXID", "GENENAME"))
head(Y)
nrow(Y)

## Get data for selected genes. If a single filter is used the ordering matches
## the keys.
gns <- c("ZBTB16", "BCL2", "SKA2", "BCL2L11")
select(edb, keys=gns, keytype="GENENAME", columns=c("TXID", "GENEID", "TXBIOTYPE"))

## This is the same as using a single GenenameFilter
select(edb, keys = GenenameFilter(gns), columns = c("TXID", "GENEID", "TXBIOTYPE"))

## The ordering is however arbitrary of more than one filter is used.
select(edb, keys = list(GenenameFilter(gns), TxbiotypeFilter("protein_coding")),
      columns = c("TXID", "GENEID", "TXBIOTYPE"))

```

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SeqendFilter

*Constructor functions for filter objects*


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## Description

These functions allow to create filter objects that can be used to retrieve specific elements from the annotation database.

## Usage

```

EntrezidFilter(value, condition = "=")
GeneidFilter(value, condition = "=")
GenenameFilter(value, condition = "=")
GenebiotypeFilter(value, condition = "=")
GRangesFilter(value, condition="within", feature="gene")
TxidFilter(value, condition = "=")
TxbiotypeFilter(value, condition = "=")
ExonidFilter(value, condition = "=")
ExonrankFilter(value, condition = "=")
SeqnameFilter(value, condition = "=")

```

```
SeqstrandFilter(value, condition = "=")
```

```
SeqstartFilter(value, condition = "=", feature = "gene")
```

```
SeqendFilter(value, condition = "=", feature = "gene")
```

## Arguments

value	The filter value, e.g., for GeneidFilter the id of the gene for which the data should be retrieved. For character values (all filters except SeqstartFilter and SeqendFilter) also a character vector of values is allowed. Allowed values for SeqstrandFilter are: "+", "-", "1" or "-1". For GRangesFilter this has to be a GRanges object.
condition	The condition to be used in the comparison. For character values "=", "in" and "like" are allowed, for numeric values (SeqstartFilter and SeqendFilter) "=", ">", ">=", "<" and "<=". Note that for "like" value should be a SQL pattern (e.g. "ENS%"). For GRangesFilter, "within" and "overlapping" are allowed. See below for details.
feature	For SeqstartFilter and SeqendFilter: the chromosomal position of which features should be used in the filter (either "gene", "transcript" or "exon"). For GRangesFilter: the submitted value is overwritten internally depending on the called method, i.e. calling genes will set feature to "gene", transcripts to "tx" and exons to "exon".

## Details

**EntrezidFilter** Filter results based on the NCBI Entrezgene ID of the genes.

**GeneidFilter** Filter results based on Ensembl gene IDs.

**GenenameFilter** Filter results based on gene names (gene symbols).

**GenebiotypeFilter** Filter results based on the biotype of the genes. For a complete list of available gene biotypes use the [listGenebiotypes](#) method.

**GRangesFilter** Allows to fetch features within or overlapping the specified genomic region(s)/range(s).

This filter takes a GRanges object as input and, if condition="within" (the default) will restrict results to features (genes, transcripts or exons) that are completely within the region. Alternatively, by specifying condition="overlapping" it will return all features that are partially overlapping with the region, i.e. which start coordinate is smaller than the end coordinate of the region and which end coordinate is larger than the start coordinate of the region. Thus, genes and transcripts that have an intron overlapping the region will also be returned.

Note: if the specified GRanges object defines multiple region, all features within (or overlapping) any of these regions are returned.

See [GRangesFilter](#) for more details.

**TxidFilter** Filter results based on the Ensembl transcript IDs.

**TxbiotypeFilter** Filter results based on the biotype of the transcripts. For a complete list of available transcript biotypes use the [listTxbiotypes](#) method.

**ExonidFilter** Filter based on the Ensembl exon ID.

**ExonrankFilter** Filter results based on exon ranks (indices) of exons within transcripts.

**SeqnameFilter** Filter results based on the name of the sequence the features are encoded.

**SeqstrandFilter** Filter results based on the strand on which the features are encoded.

**SeqstartFilter** Filter results based on the (chromosomal) start coordinate of the features (exons, genes or transcripts).

**SeqendFilter** Filter results based on the (chromosomal) end coordinates.

### Value

Depending on the function called an instance of: [EntrezidFilter](#), [GeneidFilter](#), [GenenameFilter](#), [GenebiotypeFilter](#), [GRangesFilter](#), [TxidFilter](#), [TxbiotypeFilter](#), [ExonidFilter](#), [ExonrankFilter](#), [SeqnameFilter](#), [SeqstrandFilter](#), [SeqstartFilter](#), [SeqendFilter](#)

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### See Also

[EntrezidFilter](#), [GeneidFilter](#), [GenenameFilter](#), [GenebiotypeFilter](#), [GRangesFilter](#), [TxidFilter](#), [TxbiotypeFilter](#), [ExonidFilter](#), [ExonrankFilter](#), [SeqnameFilter](#), [SeqstrandFilter](#), [SeqstartFilter](#), [SeqendFilter](#)

### Examples

```
## create a filter that could be used to retrieve all informations for
## the respective gene.
Gif <- GeneidFilter("ENSG00000012817")
Gif
## returns the where where of the SQL querys
where(Gif)

## create a filter for a chromosomal end position of a gene
Sef <- SeqendFilter(100000, condition="<", "gene")
Sef

## To find genes within a certain chromosomal position filters should be
## combined:
Ssf <- SeqstartFilter(100000, condition=">", "gene")
Snf <- SeqnameFilter("2")
## combine the filters
Filter <- list(Ssf, Sef, Snf)

Filter
```



```

## generate the where SQL call for these filters:
where(Filter)

## Create a GRangesFilter
GRangesFilter(GRanges("X", IRanges(123, 5454)))

## Create a GRangesFilter with multiple ranges
grf <- GRangesFilter(GRanges(c("X", "Y"),
                             IRanges(start=c(123, 900),
                                       end=c(5454, 910))))
## Evaluate the "where" SQL where that would be applied.
where(grf)
## Change the "condition" of the filter and evaluate the
## where condition again.
condition(grf) <- "overlapping"
where(grf)

```

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seqlevelsStyle

*Support for other than Ensembl seqlevel style*


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## Description

The methods and functions on this help page allow to integrate EnsDb objects and the annotations they provide with other Bioconductor annotation packages that base on chromosome names (seqlevels) that are different from those defined by Ensembl.

## Usage

```

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
seqlevelsStyle(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'EnsDb'
seqlevelsStyle(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'EnsDb'
supportedSeqlevelsStyles(x)

```

## Arguments

(In alphabetic order)

For seqlevelsStyle<-: a character string specifying the seqlevels style that should be set. Use the supportedSeqlevelsStyle to list all available and supported seqlevel styles.

**x**value      An EnsDb instance.

**Value**

For seqlevelsStyle: see method description above.

For supportedSeqlevelsStyles: see method description above.

**Methods and Functions**

**seqlevelsStyle** Get the style of the seqlevels in which results returned from the EnsDb object are encoded. By default, and internally, seqnames as provided by Ensembl are used.

The method returns a character string specifying the currently used seqlevelstyle.

**seqlevelsStyle<-** Change the style of the seqlevels in which results returned from the EnsDb object are encoded. Changing the seqlevels helps integrating annotations from EnsDb objects e.g. with annotations from packages that base on UCSC annotations.

**supportedSeqlevelsStyles** Lists all seqlevel styles for which mappings between seqlevel styles are available in the GenomeInfoDb package.

The method returns a character vector with supported seqlevel styles for the organism of the EnsDb object.

**Note**

The mapping between different seqname styles is performed based on data provided by the GenomeInfoDb package. Note that in most instances no mapping is provided for seqnames other than for primary chromosomes. By default functions from the ensemblDb package return the *original* seqname is in such cases. This behaviour can be changed with the ensemblDb.seqnameNotFound global option. For the special keyword "ORIGINAL" (the default), the original seqnames are returned, for "MISSING" an error is thrown if a seqname can not be mapped. In all other cases, the value of the option is returned as seqname if no mapping is available (e.g. setting options(ensemblDb.seqnameNotFound=NA) returns an NA if the seqname is not mappable).

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**See Also**

[EnsDb transcripts](#)

**Examples**

```
library(EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75)
edb <- EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75

## Get the internal, default seqlevel style.
seqlevelsStyle(edb)

## Get the seqlevels from the database.
seqlevels(edb)

## Get all supported mappings for the organism of the EnsDb.
```

```
supportedSeqlevelsStyles(edb)

## Change the seqlevels to UCSC style.
seqlevelsStyle(edb) <- "UCSC"
seqlevels(edb)

## Change the option ensemblDb.seqnameNotFound to return NA in case
## the seqname can not be mapped from Ensembl to UCSC.
options(ensemblDb.seqnameNotFound=NA)

seqlevels(edb)

## Restoring the original setting.
options(ensemblDb.seqnameNotFound="ORIGINAL")

## Integrate Ensembl based annotations with a BSgenome package that is based on
## UCSC style seqnames.
library(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19)
bsg <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19

## Get the genome version
unique(genome(bsg))
unique(genome(edb))
## Although differently named, both represent genome build GRCh37.

## Extract the full transcript sequences of all lincRNAs encoded on chromosome Y.
yTxSeqs <- extractTranscriptSeqs(bsg, exonsBy(edb, "tx",
                                             filter=list(SeqnameFilter("chrY"),
                                                         GenebiotypeFilter("lincRNA"))))

yTxSeqs
```

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