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CVParam-class

Class "CVParam"

Description

CVParam objects instantiate controlled vocabulary entries.

Usage

CVParam(label, name, accession, value, exact = TRUE)

Arguments

- **label**: A character with the ontology label. If missing, a user-defined parameter is created.
- **name**: A character with the name of the CVParam to be constructed. This argument can be omitted if accession is used and label is not missing.
- **accession**: A character with the accession of the CVParam to be constructed. This argument can be omitted if name is used. Ignored for user-defined instances.
- **value**: A character with the value of the CVParam to be constructed. This argument is optional.
- **exact**: A logical defining whether the query to retrieve the accession (when name is used) should be an exact match.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created with the CVParam constructor.

Slots

- **label**: Object of class "character" that defines the label of the instance, i.e the ontology abbreviation/prefix. See Ontologies to generate a list of available ontologies and olsPrefix for existing labels.
- **accession**: Object of class "character" with the parameter's valid label ontology accession number. See below for validity constrains.
- **name**: Object of class "character" with the instance's valid name, i.e matching with the accession. name and accession must follow term(accession, label) == name for the instance to be valid.
- **value**: Object of class "character" with the CVParams value, if applicable, of empty string ("") otherwise.
- **user**: Object of class "logical" defining if the instance is a user-defined parameter (also called User params).
- **__classVersion__**: Object of class "Versions" describing the instance’s class definition version. For development use.

Extends

Class "Versioned", directly.
Methods

`charIsCVParam(x)` Checks if `x`, a character of the form 
"[ONTO, ACCESSION, NAME, VALUE]", is a valid (possibly user-defined) `CVParam`. "ONTO" is the ontology label (prefix), "ACCESSION" is the term accession number, "NAME" is the term’s name and "VALUE" is the value. Note that only syntax validity is verified, not semantics. See example below.

Methods

`coerce` signature(from = "CVParam", to = "character"): Coerces `CVParam` from to a character of the following form: [label, accession, name, value]. `as.character` is also defined.

`coerce` signature(from = "character", to = "CVParam"): Coerces character from to a `CVParam`. `as.CVParam` is also defined. If a label is absent, the character is converted to a User param, else, the label and accession are used to query the Ontology Lookup Service (see `OlsSearch`). If a name is provided and does not match the retrieved name, a warning is thrown.

This function is vectorised; if the from character is of length greater than 1, then a list of `CVParam` is returned. The queries to the OLS are processed one-by-one, though.

`show` signature(object = "CVParam"): Prints the `CVParam` instance as text.

`rep` signature(x = "CVParam", times = "numeric"): Replicates the `CVParam` x times.

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Examples

```r
## a user param
CVParam(name = "A user param", value = "the value")
## a `CVParam` from PSI’s Mass Spectrometry ontology
term("MS", "MS:1000073")
CVParam(label = "MS", accession = "MS:1000073")
CVParam(label = "MS", name = "electrospray ionization")
CVParam(label = "MS", name = "ESI") ## using a synonym

## From a `CVParam` object to a character
cv <- as(CVParam(label = "MS", accession = "MS:1000073"), "character")
cv

## From a character object to a `CVParam`
as(cv, "CVParam")
as("[MS, MS:1000073, , ]", "CVParam") ## no name
as("[MS, MS:1000073, ESI, ]", "CVParam") ## name does not match
as(c(cv, cv), "CVParam") ## more than 1 character

x <- c("[MS, MS:1000073, , ]", "valid CV param
[ , Hello, world]", "valid User param
[this, one is, not, valid]", "not valid
[ , , , ]") ## not valid

stopifnot(charIsCVParam(x) == c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, FALSE))

## A list of expected valid and non-valid entries
rols:::validCVchars
```
OlsSearch-class

Class "OlsSearch"

Description

Searching the OLS is done using the OlsSearch data structure.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created with the constructor function OlsSearch.

Slots

- q: Object of class "character"
- ontology: Object of class "character"
- type: Object of class "character"
- slim: Object of class "character"
- fieldList: Object of class "character"
- queryFields: Object of class "character"
- exact: Object of class "logical"
- groupField: Object of class "logical"
- obsoletes: Object of class "logical"
- local: Object of class "character"
- childrenOf: Object of class "character"
- rows: Object of class "integer"
- start: Object of class "integer"
- url: Object of class "character"
- numFound: Object of class "integer"
- response: Object of class "data.frame"

Methods and functions

- coerce signature(from = "OlsSearch", to = "data.frame"): ...
- coerce signature(from = "OlsSearch", to = "Terms"): ...
- show signature(object = "OlsSearch"): ...

olsRows signature(object = "OlsSearch"): ... The value can be updated with the olsRows replacement method. To request all responses, use allRows.

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Examples

```r
OlsSearch(q = "trans-golgi")
OlsSearch(q = "cell")
OlsSearch(q = "cell", exact = TRUE)
OlsSearch(q = "cell", exact = TRUE, ontology = "go")
OlsSearch(q = "cell", exact = TRUE, ontology = "GO")

OlsSearch(q = "electrospray", ontology = "MS")
OlsSearch(q = "ionization", ontology = "MS")
OlsSearch(q = "electrospray ionization", ontology = "MS")
OlsSearch(q = "electrospray ionization", ontology = "MS", exact=TRUE)

## Request 5 results instead of 20 (default)
OlsSearch(q = "plasma,membrane", ontology = "go", rows = 5)

## or, once the object was created
(res <- OlsSearch(q = "plasma,membrane", ontology = "go"))
olsRows(res) <- 5
res
## all results
res <- allRows(res)
res
```

```
res <- OlsSearch(q = "trans-golgi", ontology = "go", rows = 5)
res
res <- olsSearch(res)
res
as(res, "data.frame")
res <- as(res, "Terms")
res
termPrefix(res)
termId(res)
```

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Ontology-class

Class "Ontology"

Description

Ontologies are stored as Ontology and Ontologies instances, and contain various information as provided by the Ontology Lookup Service.

Details

Ontologies are referred to by their namespace, which is lower case: the Gene Onology is "go", the Mass spectrometry ontology is "ms", etc. The ontologies also have prefixes, which are upper case: the Gene Onology prefix "GO", the Mass spectrometry ontology prefix "MS". The only exception to this rule is the Drosophila Phenotype Ontology, whose namespace and prefix are "dpo" and "FBcv" respectively. This is particularly confusing as the FlyBase Controlled Vocabulary has "fbv" and "FBcv" as namespace and prefix respectively.

When using a character to initialise an ontology or query a term, "fbv" (this is case insensitive) will refer to the the FlyBase Controlled Vocabulary. The the Drosophila Phenotype Ontology will have to be referred as "dpo" (also case insensitive).
Objects from the Class

Objects can be created in multiple ways. The `Ontologies` function will initialise all available ontologies as an `Ontologies` object, while a call to `Ontology` with an ontology namespace or prefix (but see Details section) as argument will initialise the ontology of interest as an `Ontology` instance. `Ontologies` instances can be subset with `[` and `[[` (using their namespace, see Details) and iterated over with `lapply`. `Ontologies` can be converted into a simple `data.frame` containing the ontology prefixes, namespaces and titles using `as(., "data.frame")`. An `Ontologies` can also be coerced to lists of `Ontology` objects with `as(., "list")`.

Slots

- **loaded**: Object of class `NULL` or character containing the date the ontology was loaded on the backend side. Accessed with the `olsLoaded` method.
- **updated**: Object of class `NULL` or character containing the date the ontology was last updated on the backend side. Accessed with the `olsUpdated` method.
- **status**: Object of class `NULL` or character documenting the status of the ontology on the backend side. For example "LOADED", "FAILED" or "NOTLOADED". Accessed with the `olsStatus` method.
- **message**: Object of class `NULL` or character documenting the status of the ontology on the backend side.
- **version**: Object of class `NULL` or character documenting the version of the ontology. Note that there is also a `version` field in the `config` slot below. Use `olsVersion` to access the appropriate date.
- **numberOfTerms**: Object of class "integer" documenting the number of terms available in the ontology.
- **numberOfProperties**: Object of class "integer" documenting the number of properties available in the ontology.
- **numberOfIndividuals**: Object of class "integer" documenting the number of individuals available in the ontology.
- **config**: Object of class "list" containing further ontology configuration and metadata.

Methods and functions

- `Ontologies` signature(object = "numeric"):
- `Ontology` signature(object = "character"):
- `olsDesc` signature(object = "Ontology"): returns the description of an ontology. Also works for `Ontologies` objects and character describing an ontology namespace or prefix (see Details).
- `olsPrefix` signature(object = "Ontology"): returns the prefix of an ontology. Also works for `Ontologies` objects describing an ontology namespace or prefix (see Details).
- `olsRoot` signature(object = "Ontology"): returns the root of the ontology as a `Terms` instance. object could also be a character with an ontology namespace or prefix (see Details). If object is of class `Ontologies`, it returns a list of `Terms`.
- `olsVersion` signature(object = "Ontology"): returns the version of the ontology. Also works with an ontology namespace or prefix (see Details) as a character or an object of class `Ontologies`, in which case it returns a list of versions.
- `olsLoaded` signature(object = "Ontology"): returns the loading date of the ontology. Also works with a character containing the ontology namespace or prefix (see Details) or an object of class `Ontologies`.


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- **olsUpdated** signature(object = "Ontology"): returns the update date of the ontology. Also works with a character containing the ontology namespace or prefix (see Details) or an object of class Ontologies.

- **olsStatus** signature(object = "Ontology"): returns the status of the ontology. Also works with a character containing the ontology namespace or prefix (see Details) or an object of class Ontologies.

- **olsStatus** signature(object = "Ontology"): returns the namespace of the ontology. Also works with a character containing the ontology namespace or prefix (see Details) or an object of class Ontologies.

- **olsTitle** signature(object = "Ontology"): returns the title of an ontology. Also works with a character containing the ontology namespace or prefix (see Details) or an object of class Ontologies.

- **show** signature(object = "Ontology"): prints a short summary of Ontology and Ontologies objects.

- **length** signature(object = "Ontologies"): returns the number of ontologies described by the Ontologies object.

- **all.equal** signature(target = "Ontologies", current = "Ontologies"): ...

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**Examples**

```r
## Get all ontologies
ol <- Ontologies()
ol

head(as(ol, "data.frame"))
length(ol)

## Individual ontologies
(go <- ol[["go"]])
(efo <- ol[["efo"]])

## some basic information
olsVersion(go)
olsDesc(go)
olsTitle(go)
olsPrefix(go)
olsNamespace(go)

olsRoot(go)

## works with Ontology objects or their namespace
identical(olsRoot("go"), olsRoot(go))
identical(olsVersion("go"), olsVersion(go))

## Directly initialise a single ontology
go1 <- Ontology("go") ## using the namespace (preferred)
go2 <- Ontology("GO") ## using the prefix (see Details)
all.equal(go, go1)
all.equal(go, go2)
```
Properties-class

Class "Properties"

Description

Properties (relationships) between terms can be queries for complete Ontology objects and Term/Terms instances, and the results are stored as objects of class Property or Properties.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls to properties, as described below.

Slots

See the Term and Terms classes.

Extends

Class "Terms", directly.

Methods and functions

- properties signature(object = "Ontology", pagesize = 200): ... Also works with a character with the ontology namespace. See Ontology for details.
- properties signature(object = "Term"): retrieves the properties of term object and returns a Properties object. Returns NULL when no properties are available.
- properties signature(object = "Terms", ...): retrieves the properties of each term of object and returns a list of Properties (or NULL) items.
- show signature(object = "Properties"): shows a textual summary of the object.
- length signature(object = "Properties"): returns the number of properties in object.

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Examples

- trm <- term("uberon", "UBERON:0002107")
  trm
  properties(trm)
- trm2 <- term("GO", "GO:0005326")
  trm2
  properties(trm2)
Term-class

| Term-class | Class "Term" |

Description

The Term class describes an ontology term. A set of terms are instantiated as a Terms class.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created using the term and terms functions. The latter is used with an object of class Ontology or a character describing a valid ontology prefix to download and instantiate all terms of an ontology of interest. The former takes an Ontology object (or an ontology prefix) and a term identifier to instantiate that specific term. See also the 'Methods and functions' sections.

For any given Term object, the children, parents, ancestors, descendants, partOf and derivesFrom terms can be generated and returned as Terms objects.

Terms instances can be subset with [ and [[ and iterated over with lapply.

Slots

- iri: Object of class "character"
- label: Object of class "character"
- description: Object of class "_NullOrList"
- annotation: Object of class "list"
- synonym: Object of class "_NullOrList"
- ontology_name: Object of class "character"
- ontology_prefix: Object of class "character"
- ontology_iri: Object of class "character"
- is_obsolete: Object of class "logical"
- is_defining_ontology: Object of class "logical"
- has_children: Object of class "logical"
- is_root: Object of class "logical"
- short_form: Object of class "character"
- obo_id: Object of class "NullOrChar"
- links: Object of class "list"

Methods and functions

- term signature(object = "Ontology", id = "character"): ...
- terms signature(x = "Ontology", pagesize = "numeric"): ...
- termDesc signature(object = "Term"): ...
- termLabel signature(object = "Term"): ...
- termPrefix signature(object = "Term"): ...
- termSynonym signature(object = "Term"): ...
- termNamespace signature(object = "Term"): ...
termOntology signature(object = "Term"): ...

isRoot signature(object = "Term"): ...

isObsolete signature(object = "Term"): ...

termId signature(object = "Term"): ...

children signature(object = "Term"): Returns a new Terms instance with the object’s children. NULL if there are not children.

parents signature(object = "Term"): Returns a new Terms instance with the object’s parents. NULL if there are not parents.

ancestors signature(object = "Term"): Returns a new Terms instance with the object’s ancestors. NULL if there are not ancestors.

descendants signature(object = "Term"): Returns a new Terms instance with the object’s descendants. NULL if there are not descendants.

partOf signature(object = "Term"): Returns a new Terms instance with terms the object’s is a part of. NULL if none.

derivesFrom signature(object = "Term"): Returns a new Terms instance with terms the object’s is derived from. NULL if none.

show signature(object = "Term"): ...

show signature(object = "Terms"): ...

all.equal signature(target = "Term", current = "Term"): ...

all.equal signature(target = "Terms", current = "Terms"): ...

length signature(object = "Terms"): returns the number of ontolgies described by the Terms object.

unique signature(x = "Terms"): returns a new Terms object where all duplicated Term instances, i.e. those with the same term id (even when stemming from different ontologies), have been removed (only the first occurrence is retained).

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Examples

```r
## (all) terms
(gotrms <- terms("go", pagesize = 10000))

## Not run:
## or, using on ontology object
go <- Ontology("go")
gotrms <- terms(go, pagesize = 10000)

## End(Not run)

## (one) term
(trm <- gotrms[[1]])
termPrefix(trm)
gotrms[1:3]
gotrms["GO:0032801"]
```
## using an Ontology object

go <- Ontology("GO")
term(go, "GO:0032801")

## using an ontology prefix

term("GO", "GO:0032801")

isObsolete(gotrms[["GO:0030533"]])
isObsolete(gotrms[["GO:0005563"]])

isRoot(gotrms[["GO:0030533"]])

i <- isRoot(gotrms) & !isObsolete(gotrms)
gotrms[i]
for (ii in which(i))
  show(gotrms[[ii]])

## or, directly querying the ontology

olsRoot(go)

parents(trm)
ancestors(trm)
children(trm)
descendants(trm)

partOf(gotrms[["GO:0008308"]])
partOf(term("BTO", "BTO:0000142"))

derivesFrom(term("BTO", "BTO:0002600"))
derivesFrom(term("BTO", "BTO:0001023"))
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