**BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18.masked**

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*Full masked genome sequences for Homo sapiens (UCSC version hg18)*

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**Description**

Full genome sequences for Homo sapiens (Human) as provided by UCSC (hg18, Mar. 2006) and stored in Biostrings objects. The sequences are the same as in BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18, except that each of them has the 4 following masks on top: (1) the mask of assembly gaps (AGAPS mask), (2) the mask of intra-contig ambiguities (AMB mask), (3) the mask of repeats from RepeatMasker (RM mask), and (4) the mask of repeats from Tandem Repeats Finder (TRF mask). Only the AGAPS and AMB masks are "active" by default.

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**Note**

The masks in this BSgenome data package were made from the following source data files:

- AGAPS masks: all the chr*_gap.txt.gz files from ftp://hgdownload.cse.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/hg18/database/
- RM masks: http://hgdownload.cse.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/hg18/bigZips/chromOut.zip
- TRF masks: http://hgdownload.cse.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/hg18/bigZips/chromTrf.zip

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See ?BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18 in the BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18 package for information about how the sequences were obtained.

See ?BSgenomeForge and the BSgenomeForge vignette (vignette("BSgenomeForge")) in the BSgenome software package for how to make a BSgenome data package.

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See Also

- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18 in the BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18 package for information about how the sequences were obtained.
- BSgenome objects and the available.genomes function in the BSgenome software package.
- MaskedDNAString objects in the Biostrings package.
- The BSgenomeForge vignette (vignette("BSgenomeForge")) in the BSgenome software package for how to make a BSgenome data package.

Examples

```r
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genome <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18.masked
seqlengths(genome)
genome$chr1 # a MaskedDNAString object!
## To get rid of the masks altogether:
unmasked(genome$chr1) # same as BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18$chr1
if ("AGAPS" %in% masknames(genome)) {
  ## Check that the assembly gaps contain only Ns:
  checkOnlyNsInGaps <- function(seq)
  {
    ## Replace all masks by the inverted AGAPS mask
    masks(seq) <- gaps(masks(seq)["AGAPS"]
    unique_letters <- uniqueLetters(seq)
    if (any(unique_letters != "N"))
      stop("assembly gaps contain more than just Ns")
  }
  ## A message will be printed each time a sequence is removed
  ## from the cache:
  options(verbose=TRUE)
  for (seqname in seqnames(genome)) {
    cat("Checking sequence", seqname, "...")
    seq <- genome[[seqname]]
    checkOnlyNsInGaps(seq)
    cat("OK\n")
  }
}
## See the GenomeSearching vignette in the BSgenome software
## package for some examples of genome-wide motif searching using
## Biostrings and the BSgenome data packages:
if (interactive())
  vignette("GenomeSearching", package="BSgenome")
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