

# HowTo: Build and use chromosomal information

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## 1 Overview

The `annotate` package provides a class that can be used to model chromosomal information about a species, using one of the metadata packages provided by Bioconductor. This class contains information about the organism and its chromosomes and provides a standardized interface to the information in the metadata packages for other software to quickly extract necessary chromosomal information. An example of using `chromLocation` objects in other software can be found with the `alongChrom` function of the `geneplotter` package in Bioconductor.

## 2 The `chromLocation` class

The `chromLocation` class is used to provide a structure for chromosomal data of a particular organism. In this section, we will discuss the various slots of the class and the methods for interacting with them. Before this though, we will create an object of class `chromLocation` for demonstration purposes later. The helper function `buildChromLocation` is used, and it takes as an argument the name of a Bioconductor metadata package, which is itself used to extract the data. For this vignette, we will be using the `hgu95av2.db` package.

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

Instance of a `chromLocation` class with the following fields:

```
Organism: Homo sapiens
Data source: hgu95av2
Number of chromosomes for this organism: 455
Chromosomes of this organism and their lengths in base pairs:
  1 : 248956422
  2 : 242193529
  3 : 198295559
  4 : 190214555
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5 : 181538259  
6 : 170805979  
7 : 159345973  
X : 156040895  
8 : 145138636  
9 : 138394717  
11 : 135086622  
10 : 133797422  
12 : 133275309  
13 : 114364328  
14 : 107043718  
15 : 101991189  
16 : 90338345  
17 : 83257441  
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19 : 58617616  
Y : 57227415  
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Once we have an object of the *chromLocation* class, we can now access its various slots to get the information contained within it. There are six slots in this class:

```

organism:      This lists the organism that this object is describing.
dataSource:    Where this data was acquired from.
chromLocs:     A list with an element for every unique chromosome
               name, where each element contains a named vector where
               the names are probe IDs and the values describe the

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location of that probe on the chromosome. Negative values indicate that the location is on the antisense strand.

probesToChrom: A hash table which will translate a probe ID to the chromosome it belongs to.

chromInfo: A numerical vector representing each chromosome, where the names are the names of the chromosomes and the values are the lengths of those chromosomes.

geneSymbols: An environment that maps a probe ID to the appropriate gene symbol.

There is a basic 'get' type method for each of these slots, all with the same name as the respective slot. In the following example, we will demonstrate these basic methods. For the `probesToChrom` and `geneSymbols` methods, the return value is an environment which maps a probe ID to other values, we will be using the probe ID '32972\_at', which was selected at random for these examples. We are showing only part of the `chromLocs` method's output as it is quite long in its entirety.

```
> organism(z)
[1] "Homo sapiens"
> dataSource(z)
[1] "hgu95av2"
> ## The chromLocs list is extremely large. Let's only
> ## look at one of the elements.
> names(chromLocs(z))
 [1] "1"           "10"          "11"
 [4] "12"          "13"          "14"
 [7] "15"          "16"          "17"
[10] "18"          "19"          "2"
[13] "20"          "21"          "22"
[16] "22_KI270879v1_alt" "3"           "4"
[19] "5"           "6"           "7"
[22] "8"           "9"           "X"
[25] "Y"           "17_KI270862v1_alt" "17_KI270857v1_alt"
[28] "20_KI270869v1_alt" "11_KI270832v1_alt" "19_KI270867v1_alt"
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[34] "15_KI270849v1_alt" "10_GL383546v1_alt" "2_GL383522v1_alt"
[37] "13_KI270842v1_alt" "17_GL383564v2_alt" "6_GL000251v2_alt"
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[49] "1_GL383519v1_alt" "4_GL000257v2_alt" "2_KI270776v1_alt"
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Un_KI270466v1	Un_KI270388v1	Un_KI270544v1
1233	1216	1202
Un_KI270310v1	Un_KI270412v1	Un_KI270395v1
1201	1179	1143
Un_KI270376v1	Un_KI270337v1	Un_KI270335v1
1136	1121	1048
Un_KI270378v1	Un_KI270379v1	Un_KI270329v1
1048	1045	1040
Un_KI270419v1	Un_KI270336v1	Un_KI270312v1
1029	1026	998
Un_KI270539v1	Un_KI270385v1	Un_KI270423v1
993	990	981
Un_KI270392v1	Un_KI270394v1	
971	970	

```
> get("32972_at", geneSymbols(z))
```

```
[1] "NOX1"
```

```
>
```

Another method which can be used to access information about the particular *chromLocation* object is the `nChrom` method, which will list how many chromosomes this organism has:

```
> nChrom(z)
```

```
[1] 455
```

### 3 Summary

The *chromLocation* class has a simple design, but can be powerful if one wants to store the chromosomal data contained in a Bioconductor package into a single object. These objects can be created once and then passed around to multiple functions, which can cut down on computation time to access the desired information from the package. These objects allow access to basic but also important information, and provide a standard interface for writers of other software to access this information.