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cage  CAGE peak annotation from AnnotationHub

Description
A sample of CAGE peak annotation from AnnotationHub (ascension number AH5084), lifted over to hg38.

Usage
data(cage, package="crisprViz")

Format
A GRanges object.

cas12aGuideSet  Example GuideSet targeting the human LTN1 gene.

Description
An example GuideSet object targeting the CDS of the human LTN1 gene. Generated using the As-Cas12a CRISPR nuclease, the genome sequence from the BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38 package, and the gene model from txdb_human in the crisprDesignData package (Ensembl release 104).
Usage

data(cas12aGuideSet, package="crisprViz")

Format

A GuideSet object.

cas9GuideSet

Example GuideSet targeting the human LTN1 gene.

Description

An example GuideSet object targeting the CDS of the human LTN1 gene. Generated using the Sp-Cas9 CRISPR nuclease, the genome sequence from the BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38 package, and the gene model from txdb_human in the crisprDesignData package (Ensembl release 104).

Usage

data(cas9GuideSet, package="crisprViz")

Format

A GuideSet object.

dnase

DNase I hypersensitive site annotation from AnnotationHub

description

A sample of DNase I hypersensitive site annotation from AnnotationHub (ascension number AH30743), lifted over to hg38.

Usage

data(dnase, package="crisprViz")

Format

A GRanges object.
**gpr21GeneModel**

*CompressedGRangesList describing the human GPR21 gene.*

**Description**

A *CompressedGRangesList* object describing the gene model of the human GPR21 gene. Coordinates were subset from txdb_human in the crisprDesignData package (Ensembl release 104).

**Usage**

```r
data(gpr21GeneModel, package="crisprViz")
```

**Format**

A *CompressedGRangesList* object.

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**gpr21GuideSet**

*Example GuideSet targeting the human GPR21 gene.*

**Description**

An example *GuideSet* object targeting a section of the CDS of the human GPR21 gene. Generated using the BE4max CRISPR nuclease, the genome sequence from the BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38 package, and the gene model from txdb_human in the crisprDesignData package (Ensembl release 104).

**Usage**

```r
data(gpr21GuideSet, package="crisprViz")
```

**Format**

A *GuideSet* object.
**krasGeneModel**

CompressedGRangesList describing the human KRAS gene.

**Description**

A CompressedGRangesList object describing the gene model of the human KRAS gene. Coordinates were subset from txdb_human in the crisprDesignData package (Ensembl release 104).

**Usage**

```r
data(krasGeneModel, package="crisprViz")
```

**Format**

A CompressedGRangesList object.

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**krasGuideSet**

Example GuideSet targeting the human KRAS gene.

**Description**

An example GuideSet object targeting the CDS of the human KRAS gene. Generated using the Sp-Cas9 CRISPR nuclease, the genome sequence from the BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38 package, and the gene model from txdb_human in the crisprDesignData package (Ensembl release 104).

**Usage**

```r
data(krasGuideSet, package="crisprViz")
```

**Format**

A GuideSet object.
CompressedGRangesList describing the human LTN1 gene.

Description

A CompressedGRangesList object describing the gene model of the human LTN1 gene. Coordinates were subset from txdb_human in the crisprDesignData package (Ensembl release 104).

Usage

data(ltn1GeneModel, package="crisprViz")

Format

A CompressedGRangesList object.

CompressedGRangesList describing the human MMP7 gene.

Description

A CompressedGRangesList object describing the gene model of the human MMP7 gene. Coordinates were subset from txdb_human in the crisprDesignData package (Ensembl release 104).

Usage

data(mmp7GeneModel, package="crisprViz")

Format

A CompressedGRangesList object.
mmp7GuideSet

Example GuideSet targeting the human MMP7 gene.

Description

An example GuideSet object targeting the promoter region of the human MMP7 gene. Generated using the SpCas9 CRISPR nuclease, the genome sequence from the BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38 package, and the gene model from tss_human in the crisprDesignData package (Ensembl release 104).

Usage

data(mmp7GuideSet, package="crisprViz")

Format

A GuideSet object.

plotGuideSet

Plotting a GuideSet and other genomic annotations

Description

Function to plot guide targets stored in a GuideSet object in a gene browser view supported by Gviz. Target gene isoforms and other genomic annotation, along with the target chromosome ideogram and sequence, may also be added, permitting a comprehensive visualization of the genomic context around the target protospacer sequences.

Usage

plotGuideSet(
  x,
  geneModel = NULL,
  targetGene = NULL,
  annotations = list(),
  from = NULL,
  to = NULL,
  extend.left = 0,
  extend.right = 0,
  margin = 1,
  includeIdeogram = TRUE,
  bands = NULL,
  guideStacking = "squish",
  bsgenome = NULL,
  pamSiteOnly = FALSE,
)
showGuideLabels = TRUE,
onTargetScore = NULL,
includeSNPTrack = TRUE,
gcWindow = NULL
)

Arguments

x  A GuideSet object.
geneModel  A TxDb object or a GRangesList object obtained using TxDb2GRangesList.
targetGene  String specifying the gene symbol or Ensembl ID of the gene to plot.
annotations  A named (optional) list of genomic annotations as GRanges to plot. Provided names are displayed as track titles.
from, to  Numeric value giving the genomic coordinate range to plot; see plotTracks.
extend.left, extend.right  Numeric value giving the length in bases to extend the plotting range; see plotTracks.
margin  A numeric value that sets the margin of the plotting range with respect to the range of x. The value is a ratio of the width of x considered as a single range, with a value of 1 (default) extending the plotting window by the same distance as that between min(start(x)) and max(end(x)). Only works for the respective side of the plot if either from or to are NULL.
includeIdeogram  Logical; whether to include an IdeogramTrack in the plot.
bands  A data.frame of cytoband information for the target genome required for ideogram plotting; see IdeogramTrack.
guideStacking  Character string specifying how to stack guides. Options are squish, dense, hide (see GeneRegionTrack), or NA to have each guide occupy a separate track.
bsgenome  A BSgenome object; used to generate SequenceTrack and GC content DataTrack.
pamSiteOnly  Whether to plot only the PAM site in representing guides, or plot the full guide and PAM sequence (default).
showGuideLabels  Logical; whether to show labels for individual guides.
onTargetScore  Optional column name in mcols(x) of on-target scores. Applies a color scheme to the guide track based on on-target scores, with light gray corresponding to 0 and dark blue corresponding to 1.
includeSNPTrack  Logical; whether to include an AnnotationTrack for SNPs if such annotation exists in x.
gcWindow  If not NULL, a numeric value specifying the distance from a given base for which to establish a window for calculating GC content at that base. These values are then added to the plot in a DataTrack.
plotMultipleGuideSets

Value

A Gviz plot; see plotTracks.

Author(s)

Luke Hoberecht

See Also

plotMultipleGuideSets for plotting multiple GuideSet objects together.

Examples

if (interactive()){  
data(krasGuideSet, package="crisprViz")  
data(krasGeneModel, package="crisprViz")  
plotGuideSet(krasGuideSet[1:4],  
genemodel=krasGeneModel,  
targetGene="KRAS")
}

plotMultipleGuideSets  Plotting a GuideSet and other genomic annotation

Description

Function to plot guide targets stored in multiple GuideSet objects in a gene browser view supported by Gviz. Target gene isoforms and other genomic annotation, along with the target chromosome ideogram and sequence, may also be added, permitting a comprehensive visualization of the genomic context targeted by spacers in GuideSet objects.

Usage

plotMultipleGuideSets(  
x,  
genemodel = NULL,  
targetGene = NULL,  
annotations = list(),  
from = NULL,  
to = NULL,  
extend.left = 0,  
extend.right = 0,  
margin = 1,  
includeIdeogram = TRUE,  
bands = NULL,  
bsgenome = NULL,  
onTargetScores = NULL,  
...)

```r
includeSNPTrack = TRUE,
gcWindow = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

- **x**
  - A named (optional) list of `GuideSet` objects. List names are displayed as track titles.

- **geneModel**
  - A `TxDb` object or a `GRangesList` object obtained using `TxDb2GRangesList`.

- **targetGene**
  - A character string giving the gene symbol or Ensembl ID of the gene to plot.

- **annotations**
  - A named (optional) list of genomic annotations as `GRanges` to plot. Provided names are displayed as track titles.

- **from**, **to**
  - Numeric value giving the genomic coordinate range to plot; see `plotTracks`.

- **extend.left**, **extend.right**
  - Numeric value giving the length in bases to extend the plotting range; see `plotTracks`.

- **margin**
  - A numeric value that sets the margin of the plotting range with respect to the range of `x`. The value is a ratio of the width of `x` considered as a single range, with a value of 1 (default) extending the plotting window by the same distance as that between `min(start(x))` and `max(end(x))`. Only works for the respective side of the plot if either `from` or `to` are `NULL`.

- **includeIdeogram**
  - Logical; whether to include an `IdeogramTrack` in the plot.

- **bands**
  - A `data.frame` of cytoband information for the target genome required for ideogram plotting; see `IdeogramTrack`.

- **bsgenome**
  - A `BSgenome` object; used to generate `SequenceTrack` and GC content `DataTrack`.

- **onTargetScores**
  - Optional list of column names for each element in `x` of on-target scores. Applies a color scheme to the guide track based on on-target scores, with light gray corresponding to 0 and dark blue corresponding to 1.

- **includeSNPTrack**
  - Logical; whether to include an `AnnotationTrack` for SNPs if such annotation exists in `x`.

- **gcWindow**
  - If not `NULL`, a numeric value specifying the distance from a given base for which to establish a window for calculating GC content at that base. These values are then added to the plot in a `DataTrack`.

### Value

- A `Gviz` plot; see `plotTracks`.

### Author(s)

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**repeats**

**See Also**

`plotGuideSet`

**Examples**

```r
if (interactive()){
  library(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38)
  data(cas9GuideSet, package="crisprViz")
  data(cas12aGuideSet, package="crisprViz")
  data(ltn1GeneModel, package="crisprViz")
  plotMultipleGuideSets(list(SpCas9=cas9GuideSet, AsCas12a=cas12aGuideSet),
                        geneModel=ltn1GeneModel,
                        targetGene="LTN1",
                        bggenome=BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38,
                        margin=0.2,
                        gcWindow=10)
}
```

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**repeats**  
*Subset of repeat elements for hg38.*

**Description**

A GRanges object describing a subset of repeat elements for the hg38 genome. Coordinates were subset from `gr.repeats.hg38` in the `crisprDesignData` package.

**Usage**

```r
data(repeats, package="crisprViz")
```

**Format**

A GRanges object.
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