

Genome project tables in the genomes package

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The **genomes** package collects genome project metadata and provides tools to track, sort, group, summarize and plot the data. The genome project tables from the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) and the Genomes On Line Database (GOLD) are the primary sources of data and include a rapidly growing collection of organisms from all domains of life (viruses, archaea, bacteria, protists, fungi, plants, and animals) plus metagenomic sequences.

Genome tables are a defined class (*genomes*) in the package and each table is a data frame where rows are genome projects and columns are the fields describing the associated metadata. At a minimum, the table should have a column listing the project name, status, and release date. A number of methods are available that operate on genome tables including `print`, `summary`, `plot` and `update`.

NCBI tables

Genome tables at NCBI are downloaded from the Genome Project database. The primary tables include a list of prokaryotic projects (`lproks`), eukaryotic projects (`leuks`), and metagenomic projects (`lenvs`). The `print` methods displays the first few rows and columns of the table (either select less than seven rows or convert the object to a `data.frame` to print all columns). The `summary` function displays the download date, a count of projects by status, and a list of recent submissions. The `plot` method displays a cumulative plot of genomes by release date in Figure 1 (use `lines` to add additional tables). The `update` method is not illustrated below, but can be used to download the latest version of the table from NCBI.

```
R> data(lproks)
```

```
R> lproks
```

A genomes data.frame with 3861 rows and 31 columns

	pid	name	status
1	30807	'Nostoc azollae' 0708	Assembly
2	33011	Abiotrophia defectiva ATCC 49176	Assembly

```

3    12997          Acaryochloris marina MBIC11017    Complete
4    16707          Acaryochloris sp. CCMEE 5410 In Progress
5    45843          Acetivibrio cellulolyticus CD2 In Progress
...    ...
3861 34927 Zymomonas mobilis subsp. pomaceae ATCC 29192 In Progress
      released ...
1    2009-03-06 ...
2    2009-03-17 ...
3    2007-10-16 ...
4          <NA> ...
5          <NA> ...
...    ... ...
3861          <NA> ...

```

```
R> summary(lproks)
```

```
$`Total genomes`
```

```
[1] 3861 genome projects on Apr 12, 2010
```

```
$`By status`
```

```

              Total
In Progress  1585
Assembly     1159
Complete     1117

```

```
$`Recent submissions`
```

	RELEASED	NAME	STATUS
1	2010-04-09	Prevotella ruminicola 23	Complete
2	2010-04-09	Rhodobacter capsulatus SB1003	Complete
3	2010-04-08	Bacillus megaterium QM B1551	Complete
4	2010-04-08	Yersinia pestis Z176003	Complete
5	2010-04-05	Aminobacterium colombiense DSM 12261	Complete

```
R> plot(lproks, log = "y", las = 1)
```

```
R> data(leuks)
```

```
R> data(lenvs)
```

```
R> lines(leuks, col = "red")
```

```
R> lines(lenvs, col = "green3")
```

```
R> legend("topleft", c("Microbes", "Eukaryotes", "Metagenomes"),
      lty = 1, bty = "n", col = c("blue", "red", "green3"))
```

For microbial genome projects, the number of complete genomes doubles every 22 months and a new microbial genome is released about every other day. At least in 2008, fewer complete genomes were released than the previous year (Figure 2).

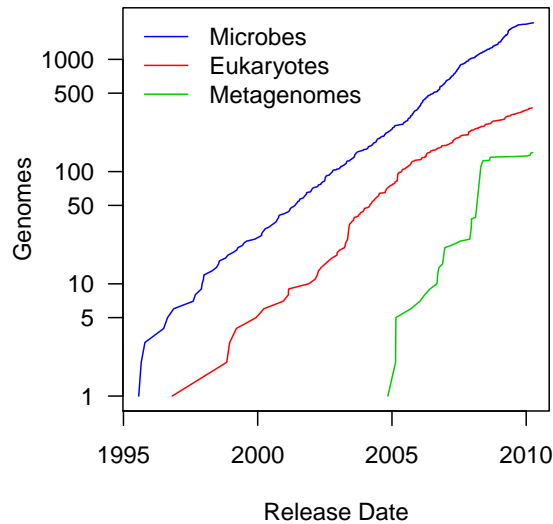


Figure 1: Cumulative plot of genome projects by release date at NCBI.

```
R> complete <- subset(lproks, status == "Complete")
```

```
R> doublingTime(complete)
```

```
days
```

```
670
```

```
R> x <- table(format(complete$released, "%Y"))
```

```
R> barplot(x, col = "blue", ylim = c(0, max(x) * 1.04), space = 0.5,
  las = 1, axis.lty = 1, xlab = "Year", ylab = "Genomes per year")
```

```
R> box()
```

A number of functions are available to assist in sorting and grouping genomes. For example, the `species` and `genus` function can be used to extract the genus or species name. The `table2` function formats and sorts a contingency table by counts.

```
R> table2(species(lproks$name))
```

	Total
Escherichia coli	263
Salmonella enterica	127
Staphylococcus aureus	76
Mycobacterium tuberculosis	70
Enterococcus faecalis	57
Bacillus cereus	53
Vibrio cholerae	48

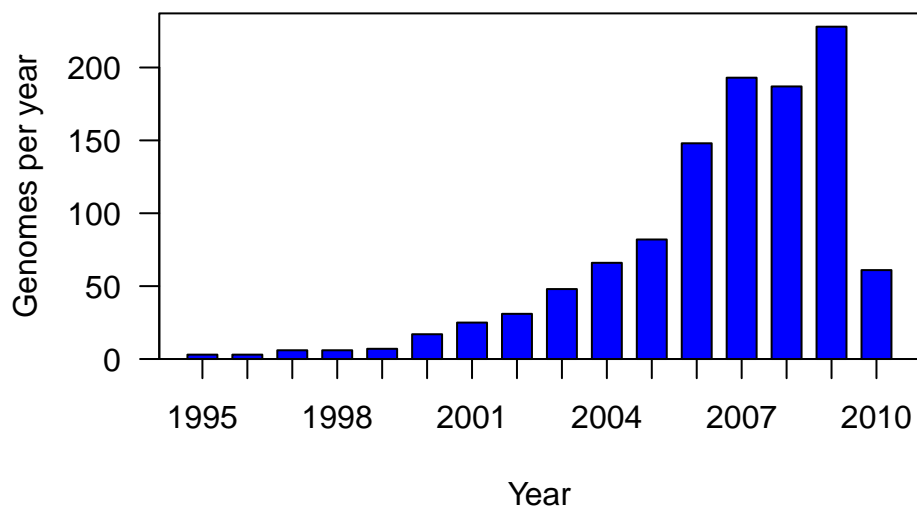


Figure 2: Number of complete microbial genomes released each year at NCBI

<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	47
<i>Helicobacter pylori</i>	39
<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i>	36

Because subsets of tables are often needed, the binary operator `like` allows pattern matching using wildcards. The `plotby` function below expands on the default plot method and adds the ability to plot by groups (default is status) using either labeled points or multiple lines like Figure 1. For example, the release dates of complete and draft sequences of *Yersinia pestis* are displayed in Figure 3.

```
R> yp <- subset(lproks, name %like% "Yersinia pestis*")
R> plotby(yp, labels = TRUE, cex = 0.5, lbtty = "n")
```

GOLD and other tables

The Genomes Online Database (GOLD) is a comprehensive resource that collects detailed project metadata from over 7,000 genomes. There are currently over 100 columns in this large table with specific fields relating to the organism, host, environment, and sequencing methods. Just two of the hundreds of possible queries are illustrated below. In first example, a list of endosymbiotic intracellular organisms is divided into pathogens and commensal bacteria. In the second example, the comma-separated list of phenotypes is split and a new table is created listing the GOLD identifier, name, and a single phenotype. Then genomes matching “Arsenic metabolizer” are displayed.

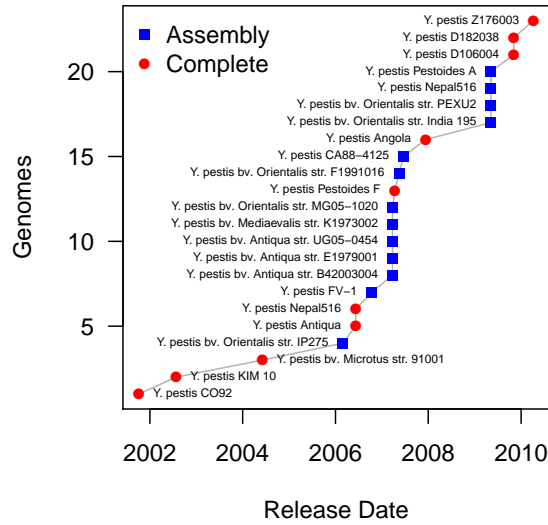


Figure 3: Cumulative plot of *Yersinia pestis* genomes by release date.

```
R> data(gold)
R> obligate <- subset(gold, symbiotic.interaction == "Endosymbiotic intracellular",
  c(goldstamp, name, phenotype))
R> obligate$pathogen <- "Pathogen"
R> obligate$pathogen[obligate$phenotype %like% "Non-*/Symb*/Carb"] <- "Commensal"
R> obligate$pathogen[obligate$phenotype == ""] <- "Commensal"
R> table2(genus(obligate$name), obligate$pathogen)
```

	Commensal	Pathogen	Total
Chlamydia	0	45	45
Rickettsia	2	18	20
Rhizobium	18	0	18
Wolbachia	17	0	17
Chlamydophila	0	12	12
Buchnera	11	0	11
Coxiella	0	7	7
Ehrlichia	0	7	7
Anaplasma	0	6	6
Mesorhizobium	5	0	5

```
R> x <- subset(gold, phenotype != "")
R> x2 <- strsplit(x$phenotype, ", ")
R> gold2 <- as.data.frame(cbind(goldstamp = rep(x$goldstamp,
  sapply(x2, length)), name = rep(x$name, sapply(x2, length)),
  phenotype = unlist(x2)))
R> table2(gold2$phenotype)
```

	Total
Pathogen	1894
Non-Pathogen	249
Intracellular pathogen	114
Acidophile	71
Parasite	58
Probiotic	50
Meticillin resistant	44
Radiation resistant	37
Catalase positive	34
Symbiont	32

```
R> subset(gold2, phenotype %like% "Arsenic metabol*")
```

	goldstamp	name	phenotype
107	Gc00422	Alkalilimnicola ehrlichei MLHE-1	Arsenic metabolizer
110	Gc00666	Alkaliphilus oremlandii OhILAs	Arsenic metabolizer
280	Gi00970	Bacillus selenitireducens MLMS-1	Arsenic metabolizer
281	Gi00921	Bacillus selenitireducens MLS-10	Arsenic metabolizer
1732	Gc00526	Herminiimonas arsenicoxydans ULPAs1	Arsenic metabolizer
2929	Gi00788	Thiomonas sp.	Arsenic metabolizer

Finally, genome data from the Human Microbiome Project is stored in the `hmp` dataset and includes additional information such as the primary body site occupied by a sequenced organism.