

# 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: 595
Chromosomes of this organism and their lengths in base pairs:
  1 : 248956422
  2 : 242193529
  3 : 198295559
  4 : 190214555
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13\_KN196483v1\_fix : 35455  
1\_KI270707v1\_random : 32032  
Un\_KI270579v1 : 31033  
Un\_KI270752v1 : 27745  
Un\_KI270512v1 : 22689  
Un\_KI270322v1 : 21476  
M : 16569  
Un\_GL000226v1 : 15008  
10\_KN538365v1\_fix : 14347  
Un\_KI270311v1 : 12399  
Un\_KI270366v1 : 8320  
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Un\_KI270448v1 : 7992  
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Un\_KI270582v1 : 6504  
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Un\_KI270303v1 : 1942  
Un\_KI270381v1 : 1930  
Un\_KI270529v1 : 1899  
Un\_KI270425v1 : 1884  
Un\_KI270396v1 : 1880  
Un\_KI270363v1 : 1803  
Un\_KI270386v1 : 1788  
Un\_KI270465v1 : 1774  
Un\_KI270383v1 : 1750

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Un_KI270384v1 : 1658
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Un_KI270372v1 : 1650
Un_KI270548v1 : 1599
Un_KI270580v1 : 1553
Un_KI270387v1 : 1537
Un_KI270391v1 : 1484
Un_KI270305v1 : 1472
Un_KI270373v1 : 1451
Un_KI270422v1 : 1445
Un_KI270316v1 : 1444
Un_KI270338v1 : 1428
Un_KI270340v1 : 1428
Un_KI270583v1 : 1400
Un_KI270334v1 : 1368
Un_KI270429v1 : 1361
Un_KI270393v1 : 1308
Un_KI270516v1 : 1300
Un_KI270389v1 : 1298
Un_KI270466v1 : 1233
Un_KI270388v1 : 1216
Un_KI270544v1 : 1202
Un_KI270310v1 : 1201
Un_KI270412v1 : 1179
Un_KI270395v1 : 1143
Un_KI270376v1 : 1136
Un_KI270337v1 : 1121
Un_KI270335v1 : 1048
Un_KI270378v1 : 1048
Un_KI270379v1 : 1045
Un_KI270329v1 : 1040
Un_KI270419v1 : 1029
Un_KI270336v1 : 1026
Un_KI270312v1 : 998
Un_KI270539v1 : 993
Un_KI270385v1 : 990
Un_KI270423v1 : 981
Un_KI270392v1 : 971
Un_KI270394v1 : 970

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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:

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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

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name, where each element contains a named vector where the names are probe IDs and the values describe the 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"           "14_KZ208920v1_fix" "17_KV766198v1_alt"
[28] "7_KZ208912v1_fix" "17_KI270857v1_alt" "20_KI270869v1_alt"
[31] "10_KQ090021v1_fix" "17_KV575245v1_fix" "19_KI270867v1_alt"
[34] "2_KN538363v1_fix" "16_KI270853v1_alt" "15_KI270849v1_alt"
[37] "1_KQ458383v1_alt" "8_KZ208914v1_fix" "11_KQ759759v1_fix"
[40] "2_GL383522v1_alt" "13_KI270842v1_alt" "17_GL383564v2_alt"
[43] "6_GL000251v2_alt" "8_KZ208915v1_fix" "19_KQ458386v1_fix"
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[46]	"11_KN196481v1_fix"	"11_KI270831v1_alt"	"6_GL000254v2_alt"
[49]	"6_GL000256v2_alt"	"20_KI270870v1_alt"	"19_KI270866v1_alt"
[52]	"8_KI270822v1_alt"	"8_KI270819v1_alt"	"17_GL383563v3_alt"
[55]	"2_KZ208908v1_alt"	"1_GL383519v1_alt"	"19_KN196484v1_fix"
[58]	"4_GL000257v2_alt"	"2_KI270776v1_alt"	"14_KI270846v1_alt"
[61]	"22_KI270875v1_alt"	"19_KI270868v1_alt"	"8_KI270821v1_alt"
[64]	"16_KZ559113v1_fix"	"11_KI270721v1_random"	"9_KN196479v1_fix"
[67]	"7_KI270803v1_alt"	"15_KI270850v1_alt"	"17_JH159146v1_alt"
[70]	"12_KN538369v1_fix"	"8_KI270816v1_alt"	"14_KI270847v1_alt"
[73]	"16_KQ090026v1_alt"	"16_KV880768v1_fix"	"11_KI270832v1_alt"
[76]	"17_KI270861v1_alt"	"12_KN538370v1_fix"	"11_KZ559109v1_fix"
[79]	"3_KN196475v1_fix"	"7_KZ208913v1_alt"	"22_KQ759762v1_fix"
[82]	"11_KZ559110v1_alt"	"1_KZ208904v1_alt"	"5_KI270791v1_alt"
[85]	"8_KI270814v1_alt"	"18_KQ090028v1_fix"	"9_GL383540v1_alt"
[88]	"6_KQ090016v1_fix"	"4_GL383527v1_alt"	"7_KI270808v1_alt"
[91]	"7_KV880765v1_fix"	"5_KV575244v1_fix"	"3_KN538364v1_fix"
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[106]	"17_KI270909v1_alt"	"8_KI270813v1_alt"	"21_KI270873v1_alt"
[109]	"5_KI270795v1_alt"	"5_KI270898v1_alt"	"7_KI270806v1_alt"
[112]	"6_GL000255v2_alt"	"3_KZ559103v1_alt"	"12_GL877876v1_alt"
[115]	"12_KI270904v1_alt"	"20_KI270871v1_alt"	"15_KN538374v1_fix"
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[124]	"10_GL383546v1_alt"	"11_KZ559111v1_alt"	"13_KN538371v1_fix"
[127]	"19_GL949746v1_alt"	"19_GL949752v1_alt"	"19_KI270938v1_alt"
[130]	"19_GL949747v2_alt"	"19_GL949753v2_alt"	"2_KQ983256v1_alt"
[133]	"1_KI270763v1_alt"	"22_KI270734v1_random"	"12_GL877875v1_alt"
[136]	"15_KQ031389v1_alt"	"1_KV880763v1_alt"	"1_KQ458384v1_alt"
[139]	"2_GL582966v2_alt"	"12_KI270833v1_alt"	"6_GL000252v2_alt"
[142]	"1_KN196474v1_fix"	"19_KI270865v1_alt"	"16_KI270855v1_alt"
[145]	"16_KQ090027v1_alt"	"3_KI270782v1_alt"	"8_KI270817v1_alt"
[148]	"2_KI270768v1_alt"	"11_KI270902v1_alt"	"13_KI270838v1_alt"
[151]	"4_KI270896v1_alt"	"4_KQ983257v1_fix"	"4_KQ983258v1_alt"
[154]	"2_KI270769v1_alt"	"15_KI270851v1_alt"	"21_GL383581v2_alt"
[157]	"16_KI270854v1_alt"	"3_KV766192v1_fix"	"6_GL000250v2_alt"
[160]	"19_GL383575v2_alt"	"9_KI270823v1_alt"	"22_KN196485v1_alt"
[163]	"22_KI270928v1_alt"	"22_GL383582v2_alt"	"22_KB663609v1_alt"
[166]	"21_KI270872v1_alt"	"5_KI270897v1_alt"	"22_KI270876v1_alt"
[169]	"1_KN196473v1_fix"	"6_GL000253v2_alt"	"8_KI270900v1_alt"
[172]	"8_KI270926v1_alt"	"8_KI270818v1_alt"	"8_KI270812v1_alt"
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[178]	"19_GL383573v1_alt"	"7_GL383534v2_alt"	"6_KZ208911v1_fix"
[181]	"10_KN196480v1_fix"	"12_KI270837v1_alt"	"6_KI270758v1_alt"



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[184] "15_KI270848v1_alt"      "1_GL383520v2_alt"      "22_KQ458387v1_alt"
[187] "22_KN196486v1_alt"      "22_KQ759761v1_alt"      "22_KQ458388v1_alt"
[190] "19_GL949748v2_alt"      "19_GL949749v2_alt"      "19_GL949750v2_alt"
[193] "19_GL949751v2_alt"      "7_KQ031388v1_fix"      "5_KV575243v1_alt"
[196] "19_KV575250v1_alt"      "19_KI270922v1_alt"      "19_KV575258v1_alt"
[199] "19_KI270920v1_alt"      "19_KI270917v1_alt"      "19_KI270923v1_alt"
[202] "19_KI270929v1_alt"      "19_KI270921v1_alt"      "17_KI270910v1_alt"
[205] "3_KI270934v1_alt"      "3_KI270895v1_alt"      "3_KI270779v1_alt"
[208] "3_KI270936v1_alt"      "3_KI270935v1_alt"      "3_KI270924v1_alt"
[211] "3_KI270937v1_alt"      "19_GL000209v2_alt"      "19_KI270882v1_alt"
[214] "19_KI270883v1_alt"      "19_KI270884v1_alt"      "19_KI270885v1_alt"
[217] "19_KI270886v1_alt"      "19_KI270887v1_alt"      "19_KI270888v1_alt"
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[223] "19_KI270914v1_alt"      "19_KI270915v1_alt"      "19_KI270916v1_alt"
[226] "19_KI270918v1_alt"      "19_KI270919v1_alt"      "19_KI270930v1_alt"
[229] "19_KI270931v1_alt"      "19_KI270932v1_alt"      "19_KI270933v1_alt"
[232] "19_KV575246v1_alt"      "19_KV575247v1_alt"      "19_KV575248v1_alt"
[235] "19_KV575249v1_alt"      "19_KV575251v1_alt"      "19_KV575252v1_alt"
[238] "19_KV575253v1_alt"      "19_KV575254v1_alt"      "19_KV575255v1_alt"
[241] "19_KV575256v1_alt"      "19_KV575257v1_alt"      "19_KV575259v1_alt"
[244] "19_KV575260v1_alt"

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> chromLocs(z)[["Y"]]
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31534_at 31911_at 32864_at 32991_f_at 35885_at 36321_at 40030_at
2935380 13703898 -2786854 -6865917 12701230 12662366 7273971
41214_at 34172_s_at 34215_at 34753_at 37583_at 37583_at 38182_at
2841601 1591603 1591603 57067864 -19703864 -19705414 19567357
38182_at 40097_at 40097_at 40435_at 40436_g_at 41108_at 938_at
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31411_at 31411_at 31411_at 34477_at 34477_at 34477_at 1185_at
22984262 24618003 -25030900 -13248378 -13323033 -13297508 1336784
1185_at 35073_at 35073_at 36553_at 36553_at 36554_at 36554_at
1336615 624343 624343 -1403138 -1403138 -1403138 -1403138
39168_at 39168_at 41138_at 41138_at 38355_at 38355_at 38355_at
-2486434 -2486413 2691294 2691294 12905704 12904785 12904857
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32930_f_at 35447_s_at 35447_s_at 35447_s_at 33665_s_at 33665_s_at 33665_s_at
14523504 1595454 1615132 1615058 1268813 1268813 1268813
33665_s_at
1268813

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> get("32972_at", probesToChrom(z))
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[1] "X"
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> chromInfo(z)
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1	2	3
248956422	242193529	198295559
4	5	6
190214555	181538259	170805979
7	X	8
159345973	156040895	145138636
9	11	10
138394717	135086622	133797422
12	13	14
133275309	114364328	107043718
15	16	17
101991189	90338345	83257441
18	20	19
80373285	64444167	58617616
Y	22	21
57227415	50818468	46709983
8_KZ208915v1_fix	15_KI270905v1_alt	15_KN538374v1_fix
6367528	5161414	4998962
6_GL000256v2_alt	6_GL000254v2_alt	6_GL000251v2_alt
4929269	4827813	4795265
6_GL000253v2_alt	6_GL000250v2_alt	6_GL000255v2_alt
4677643	4672374	4606388
6_GL000252v2_alt	17_KI270857v1_alt	16_KI270853v1_alt
4604811	2877074	2659700
15_KQ031389v1_alt	16_KV880768v1_fix	16_KI270728v1_random
2365364	1927115	1872759
17_GL000258v2_alt	5_GL339449v2_alt	14_KI270847v1_alt
1821992	1612928	1511111
17_KI270908v1_alt	14_KI270846v1_alt	5_KI270897v1_alt
1423190	1351393	1144418
7_KI270803v1_alt	19_GL949749v2_alt	19_KI270938v1_alt
1111570	1091841	1066800
19_GL949750v2_alt	19_GL949748v2_alt	12_KZ208916v1_fix
1066390	1064304	1046838
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1002683	987716	987100
8_KI270821v1_alt	1_KI270763v1_alt	6_KI270801v1_alt
985506	911658	870480
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796479	729520	690932
7_KZ208913v1_alt	5_KV575244v1_fix	8_KI270822v1_alt
680662	673059	624492
7_KZ208912v1_fix	4_GL000257v2_alt	12_KI270904v1_alt
589656	586476	572349
4_KI270925v1_alt	1_KV880763v1_alt	12_KN538369v1_fix
555799	551020	541038

2_KQ983256v1_alt	2_KQ031384v1_fix	16_KZ559113v1_fix
535088	481245	480415
15_KI270852v1_alt	7_KV880765v1_fix	1_KQ031383v1_fix
478999	468267	467143
1_KN538360v1_fix	3_KN196475v1_fix	15_KI270727v1_random
460100	451168	448248
9_KI270823v1_alt	15_KI270850v1_alt	1_KI270759v1_alt
439082	430880	425601
4_KV766193v1_alt	10_KN538367v1_fix	3_KN538364v1_fix
420675	420164	415308
3_KV766192v1_fix	12_GL877876v1_alt	18_KQ090028v1_fix
411654	408271	407387
19_KQ458386v1_fix	Un_KI270442v1	17_KI270862v1_alt
405389	392061	391357
15_GL383555v2_alt	19_GL383573v1_alt	4_KI270896v1_alt
388773	385657	378547
4_GL383528v1_alt	17_GL383563v3_alt	8_KI270810v1_alt
376187	375691	374415
3_KQ031385v1_fix	19_KN196484v1_fix	1_GL383520v2_alt
373699	370917	366580
2_KN538363v1_fix	5_KV575243v1_alt	13_KN538372v1_fix
365499	362221	356766
1_KI270762v1_alt	1_KQ458383v1_alt	9_KN196479v1_fix
354444	349938	330164
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330031	327382	325800
14_KI270844v1_alt	6_KQ031387v1_fix	8_KI270900v1_alt
322166	320750	318687
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305979	305841	305542
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305244	304135	302885
11_KZ559110v1_alt	8_KI270813v1_alt	11_KI270831v1_alt
301637	300230	296895
15_GL383554v1_alt	19_KV575249v1_alt	8_KI270811v1_alt
296527	293522	292436
18_GL383567v1_alt	X_KI270880v1_alt	8_KI270812v1_alt
289831	284869	282736
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282224	281919	280839
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279644	278659	278131
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277797	276292	274009

6_KI270798v1_alt	7_KI270808v1_alt	6_KN196478v1_fix
271782	271455	268330
16_KQ090027v1_alt	8_KV880767v1_fix	10_KQ090021v1_fix
267463	265876	264545
22_KI270876v1_alt	15_KI270851v1_alt	22_KI270875v1_alt
263666	263054	259914
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256271	248807	248252
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210658	210133	209988
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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] 595
```

### 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.