

# Package ‘OrganismDbi’

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**Title** Software to enable the smooth interfacing of different database packages.

**Description** The package enables a simple unified interface to several annotation packages each of which has its own schema by taking advantage of the fact that each of these packages implements a select methods.

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makeOrganismPackage *Making OrganismDb packages from annotation packages.*

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## Description

makeOrganismPackage is a method that generates a package that will load an appropriate annotationOrganismDb object that will in turn point to existing annotation packages.

**Usage**

```
makeOrganismPackage (pkgname,
                    graphData,
                    organism,
                    version,
                    maintainer,
                    author,
                    destDir,
                    license="Artistic-2.0")
```

**Arguments**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| pkgname    | What is the desired package name. Traditionally, this should be the genus and species separated by a ".". So as an example, "Homo.sapiens" would be the package name for human  |
| graphData  | A list of short character vectors. Each character vector in the list is exactly two elements long and represents a join relationship between two packages. The names of these character vectors are the package names and the values are the foreign keys that should be used to connect each package. All foreign keys must be values that can be returned by the cols method for each package in question, and obviously they also must be the same kind of identifier as well. |
| organism   | The name of the organism this package represents  |
| version    | What is the version number for this package?  |
| maintainer | Who is the package maintainer? (must include email to be valid)   |
| author     | Who is the creator of this package?   |
| destDir    | A path where the package source should be assembled.  |
| license    | What is the license (and it's version)  |

**Details**

The purpose of this method is to create a special package that will depend on existing annotation packages and which will load a special `annotationOrganismDb` object that will allow proper dispatch of special select methods. These methods will allow the user to easily query across multiple annotation resources via information contained by the `annotationOrganismDb` object. Because the end result will be a package that treats all the data mapped together as a single source, the user is encouraged to take extra care to ensure that the different packages used are from the same build etc.

**Value**

A special package to load an [OrganismDb](#) object.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[OrganismDb](#)

**Examples**

```
## set up the list with the relevant relationships:
gd <- list(join1 = c(GO.db="GOID", org.Hs.eg.db="GO"),
           join2 = c(org.Hs.eg.db="ENTREZID",
                    TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene="GENEID"))

## sets up a temporary directory for this example
## (users won't need to do this step)
destination <- tempfile()
dir.create(destination)

## makes an Organism package for human called Homo.sapiens
makeOrganismPackage(pkgname = "Homo.sapiens",
                    graphData = gd,
                    organism = "Homo sapiens",
                    version = "1.0.0",
                    maintainer = "Bioconductor Package Maintainer <maintainer@bioconductor.org>",
                    author = "Bioconductor Core Team",
                    destDir = destination,
                    license = "Artistic-2.0")
```

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OrganismDb-class

*OrganismDb objects*


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**Description**

The OrganismDb class is a container for storing knowledge about existing Annotation packages and the relationships between these resources. The purpose of this object and its associated methods is to provide a means by which users can conveniently query for data from several different annotation resources at the same time using a familiar interface.

The supporting methods `select`, `cols` and `keys` are used together to extract data from an OrganismDb object in a manner that should be consistent with how these are used on the supporting annotation resources.

**Methods**

In the code snippets below, `x` is a OrganismDb object. For the metadata and show methods, there is also support for FeatureDb objects.

`keytypes(x)`: allows the user to discover which keytypes can be passed in to `select` or `keys` and the keytype argument.

`keys(x, keytype)`: returns keys for the database contained in the OrganismDb object. By default it will return the "TXNAME" keys for the database, but if used with the keytype argument, it will return the keys from that keytype.

`cols(x)`: shows which kinds of data can be returned for the OrganismDb object.

`select(x, keys, cols, keytype)`: When all the appropriate arguments are specified `select` will retrieve the matching data as a data.frame based on parameters for selected keys and cols and keytype arguments.

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**See Also**

[makeOrganismPackage](#)

**Examples**

```
## load a package that creates an OrganismDb
library(Homo.sapiens)
ls(2)
## then the methods can be used on this object.
cols <- cols(Homo.sapiens)[c(7,10,11,12)]
keys <- head(keys(org.Hs.eg.db, "ENTREZID"))
keytype <- "ENTREZID"
res <- select(Homo.sapiens, keys, cols, keytype)
head(res)
```

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