

# MyGene.info R Client

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## 1 Overview

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MyGene.Info provides simple-to-use REST web services to query/retrieve gene annotation data. It's designed with simplicity and performance emphasized. *mygene* is an easy-to-use R wrapper to access MyGene.Info services.

## 2 Gene Annotation Service

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### 2.1 `getGene`

- Use `getGene`, the wrapper for GET query of `"/gene/<geneid>"` service, to return the gene object for the given geneid.

```
> gene <- getGene("1017", fields="all")
> length(gene)

[1] 1

> gene["name"]

[[1]]
NULL

> gene["taxid"]

[[1]]
NULL

> gene["uniprot"]

[[1]]
NULL

> gene["refseq"]

[[1]]
NULL
```

### 2.2 `getGenes`

- Use `getGenes`, the wrapper for POST query of `"/gene"` service, to return the list of gene objects for the given character vector of geneids.

```
> getGenes(c("1017", "1018", "ENSG00000148795"))

DataFrame with 3 rows and 7 columns
```

|   | query           | _id         | X_version | entrezgene                  | name        |
|---|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------|
|   | <character>     | <character> | <integer> | <character>                 | <character> |
| 1 | 1017            | 1017        | 1         | 1017 cyclin dependent kin.. |             |
| 2 | 1018            | 1018        | 1         | 1018 cyclin dependent kin.. |             |
| 3 | ENSG00000148795 | 1586        | 1         | 1586 cytochrome P450 fami.. |             |

  

|   | symbol      | taxid     |
|---|-------------|-----------|
|   | <character> | <integer> |
| 1 | CDK2        | 9606      |
| 2 | CDK3        | 9606      |
| 3 | CYP17A1     | 9606      |

## 3 Gene Query Service

### 3.1 query

- Use `query`, a wrapper for GET query of `"/query?q=<query>"` service, to return the query result.

```
> query(q="cdk2", size=5)

$took
[1] 345

$total
[1] 2098

$max_score
[1] 139.3956

$hits
```

|   | _id                | _score    | entrezgene                          | name | symbol |
|---|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|------|--------|
| 1 | 1017               | 139.39558 | 1017 cyclin dependent kinase 2      |      | CDK2   |
| 2 | 12566              | 116.91243 | 12566 cyclin dependent kinase 2     |      | Cdk2   |
| 3 | 362817             | 98.92590  | 362817 cyclin dependent kinase 2    |      | Cdk2   |
| 4 | 101725353          | 89.93264  | 101725353 cyclin dependent kinase 2 |      | Cdk2   |
| 5 | ENSHHUG00000018828 | 89.93264  | <NA> cyclin dependent kinase 2      |      | cdk2   |

```
  taxid
1 9606
2 10090
3 10116
4 10181
```

```
5 62062
```

```
> query(q="NM_013993")

$took
[1] 111

$total
[1] 1

$max_score
[1] 1.727706

$hits
  _id  _score entrezgene                                name symbol
1 780 1.727706      780 discoidin domain receptor tyrosine kinase 1  DDR1
  taxid
1 9606
```

## 3.2 queryMany

- Use `queryMany`, a wrapper for POST query of `"/query"` service, to return the batch query result.

```
> queryMany(c('1053_at', '117_at', '121_at', '1255_g_at', '1294_at'),
+           scopes="reporter", species="human")

Finished
Pass returnall=TRUE to return lists of duplicate or missing query terms.
DataFrame with 6 rows and 7 columns
```

|   | query       | _id         | X_score   | entrezgene  | name                   |
|---|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------|
|   | <character> | <character> | <numeric> | <character> | <character>            |
| 1 | 1053_at     | 5982        | 19.0426   | 5982        | replication factor C.. |
| 2 | 117_at      | 3310        | 19.0426   | 3310        | heat shock protein f.. |
| 3 | 121_at      | 7849        | 19.0426   | 7849        | paired box 8           |
| 4 | 1255_g_at   | 2978        | 19.0426   | 2978        | guanylate cyclase ac.. |
| 5 | 1294_at     | 100847079   | 18.0285   | 100847079   | microRNA 5193          |
| 6 | 1294_at     | 7318        | 18.0285   | 7318        | ubiquitin like modif.. |

```
  symbol  taxid
  <character> <integer>
1    RFC2    9606
2   HSPA6    9606
```

```

3      PAX8      9606
4      GUCA1A    9606
5      MIR5193   9606
6      UBA7      9606

```

## 4 makeTxDbFromMyGene

TxDb is a container for storing transcript annotations. `makeTxDbFromMyGene` allows the user to make a TxDb object in the Genomic Features package from a mygene "exons" query using a default mygene object.

```

> xli <- c('CCDC83',
+         'MAST3',
+         'RPL11',
+         'ZDHHC20',
+         'LUC7L3',
+         'SNORD49A',
+         'CTSH',
+         'ACOT8')
> txdb <- makeTxDbFromMyGene(xli,
+                             scopes="symbol", species="human")
> transcripts(txdb)

```

GRanges object with 17 ranges and 2 metadata columns:

|      | seqnames | ranges            | strand | tx_id     | tx_name      |
|------|----------|-------------------|--------|-----------|--------------|
|      | <Rle>    | <IRanges>         | <Rle>  | <integer> | <character>  |
| [1]  | 11       | 85855382-85920013 | +      | 1         | NM_001286159 |
| [2]  | 11       | 85855382-85920013 | +      | 2         | NM_173556    |
| [3]  | 19       | 18097777-18151686 | +      | 3         | NM_015016    |
| [4]  | 1        | 23691805-23696835 | +      | 4         | NM_000975    |
| [5]  | 1        | 23691778-23696426 | +      | 5         | NM_001199802 |
| ...  | ...      | ...               | ...    | ...       | ...          |
| [13] | 17       | 50719602-50756215 | +      | 13        | NM_016424    |
| [14] | 17       | 16440035-16440106 | +      | 14        | NR_002744    |
| [15] | 15       | 78921749-78945098 | -      | 15        | NM_001319137 |
| [16] | 15       | 78921059-78945046 | -      | 16        | NM_004390    |
| [17] | 20       | 45841720-45857392 | -      | 17        | NM_005469    |

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seqinfo: 7 sequences from an unspecified genome; no seqlengths

`makeTxDbFromMyGene` invokes either the `query` or `queryMany` method and passes the response to construct a `TxDb` object. See `?TxDb` for methods to utilize and access transcript annotations.

## 5 Tutorial, ID mapping

ID mapping is a very common, often not fun, task for every bioinformatician. Supposedly you have a list of gene symbols or reporter ids from an upstream analysis, and then your next analysis requires to use gene ids (e.g. Entrez gene ids or Ensembl gene ids). So you want to convert that list of gene symbols or reporter ids to corresponding gene ids.

Here we want to show you how to do ID mapping quickly and easily.

### 5.1 Mapping gene symbols to Entrez gene ids

Suppose `xli` is a list of gene symbols you want to convert to entrez gene ids:

```
> xli <- c('DDX26B',
+          'CCDC83',
+          'MAST3',
+          'FLOT1',
+          'RPL11',
+          'ZDHHC20',
+          'LUC7L3',
+          'SNORD49A',
+          'CTSH',
+          'ACOT8')
```

You can then call `queryMany` method, telling it your input is `symbol`, and you want `entrezgene` (Entrez gene ids) back.

```
> queryMany(xli, scopes="symbol", fields="entrezgene", species="human")
```

Finished

Pass `returnall=TRUE` to return lists of duplicate or missing query terms.

DataFrame with 10 rows and 5 columns

|   | query       | notfound  | _id         | X_score   | entrezgene  |
|---|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
|   | <character> | <logical> | <character> | <numeric> | <character> |
| 1 | DDX26B      | TRUE      | NA          | NA        | NA          |
| 2 | CCDC83      | NA        | 220047      | 17.9439   | 220047      |
| 3 | MAST3       | NA        | 23031       | 18.1934   | 23031       |
| 4 | FLOT1       | NA        | 10211       | 18.4944   | 10211       |

|    |          |    |        |         |        |
|----|----------|----|--------|---------|--------|
| 5  | RPL11    | NA | 6135   | 16.3873 | 6135   |
| 6  | ZDHHC20  | NA | 253832 | 18.1999 | 253832 |
| 7  | LUC7L3   | NA | 51747  | 17.6471 | 51747  |
| 8  | SNORD49A | NA | 26800  | 23.2420 | 26800  |
| 9  | CTSH     | NA | 1512   | 17.6656 | 1512   |
| 10 | ACOT8    | NA | 10005  | 17.6348 | 10005  |

## 5.2 Mapping gene symbols to Ensembl gene ids

Now if you want Ensembl gene ids back:

```
> out <- queryMany(xli, scopes="symbol", fields="ensembl.gene", species="human")
```

Finished

Pass returnall=TRUE to return lists of duplicate or missing query terms.

```
> out
```

DataFrame with 10 rows and 5 columns

|    | query       | notfound  | _id         | X_score   |
|----|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
|    | <character> | <logical> | <character> | <numeric> |
| 1  | DDX26B      | TRUE      | NA          | NA        |
| 2  | CCDC83      | NA        | 220047      | 17.9439   |
| 3  | MAST3       | NA        | 23031       | 18.1934   |
| 4  | FL0T1       | NA        | 10211       | 18.4951   |
| 5  | RPL11       | NA        | 6135        | 16.3873   |
| 6  | ZDHHC20     | NA        | 253832      | 18.1992   |
| 7  | LUC7L3      | NA        | 51747       | 17.6471   |
| 8  | SNORD49A    | NA        | 26800       | 23.2420   |
| 9  | CTSH        | NA        | 1512        | 17.6656   |
| 10 | ACOT8       | NA        | 10005       | 17.6356   |

  

|    | ensembl   |
|----|---|
|    | <list>  |
| 1  |   |
| 2  | ENSG00000150676                                   |
| 3  | ENSG00000099308                                   |
| 4  | ENSG00000232280, ENSG00000223654, ENSG00000236271 |
| 5  | ENSG00000142676                                   |
| 6  | ENSG00000180776                                   |
| 7  | ENSG00000108848                                   |
| 8  | ENSG00000277370                                   |
| 9  | ENSG00000103811                                   |
| 10 | ENSG00000101473                                   |

```
> out$ensembl[[4]]$gene
[1] "ENSG00000232280" "ENSG00000223654" "ENSG00000236271" "ENSG00000224740"
[5] "ENSG00000206480" "ENSG00000206379" "ENSG00000230143" "ENSG00000137312"
```

## 5.3 When an input has no matching gene

In case that an input id has no matching gene, you will be notified from the output. The returned list for this query term contains `notfound` value as `True`.

```
> xli <- c('DDX26B',
+         'CCDC83',
+         'MAST3',
+         'FLOT1',
+         'RPL11',
+         'Gm10494')
> queryMany(xli, scopes="symbol", fields="entrezgene", species="human")
```

Finished

Pass `returnall=TRUE` to return lists of duplicate or missing query terms.

DataFrame with 6 rows and 5 columns

|   | query       | notfound  | _id         | X_score   | entrezgene  |
|---|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
|   | <character> | <logical> | <character> | <numeric> | <character> |
| 1 | DDX26B      | TRUE      | NA          | NA        | NA          |
| 2 | CCDC83      | NA        | 220047      | 17.9446   | 220047      |
| 3 | MAST3       | NA        | 23031       | 18.1934   | 23031       |
| 4 | FLOT1       | NA        | 10211       | 18.4944   | 10211       |
| 5 | RPL11       | NA        | 6135        | 16.3873   | 6135        |
| 6 | Gm10494     | TRUE      | NA          | NA        | NA          |

## 5.4 When input ids are not just symbols

```
> xli <- c('DDX26B',
+         'CCDC83',
+         'MAST3',
+         'FLOT1',
+         'RPL11',
+         'Gm10494',
+         '1007_s_at',
+         'AK125780')
>
```

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Above id list contains symbols, reporters and accession numbers, and supposedly we want to get back both Entrez gene ids and uniprot ids. Parameters `scopes`, `fields`, `species` are all flexible enough to support multiple values, either a list or a comma-separated string:

```
> out <- queryMany(xli, scopes=c("symbol", "reporter", "accession"),
+                  fields=c("entrezgene", "uniprot"), species="human")
```

Finished

Pass `returnall=TRUE` to return lists of duplicate or missing query terms.

```
> out
```

DataFrame with 9 rows and 7 columns

|   | query       | notfound  | _id         | X_score   | entrezgene  | uniprot.Swiss.Prot |
|---|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|
|   | <character> | <logical> | <character> | <numeric> | <character> | <character>        |
| 1 | DDX26B      | TRUE      | NA          | NA        | NA          | NA                 |
| 2 | CCDC83      | NA        | 220047      | 17.9439   | 220047      | Q8IWF9             |
| 3 | MAST3       | NA        | 23031       | 18.1934   | 23031       | 060307             |
| 4 | FL0T1       | NA        | 10211       | 18.4944   | 10211       | 075955             |
| 5 | RPL11       | NA        | 6135        | 16.3873   | 6135        | P62913             |
| 6 | Gm10494     | TRUE      | NA          | NA        | NA          | NA                 |
| 7 | 1007_s_at   | NA        | 780         | 18.0285   | 780         | Q08345             |
| 8 | 1007_s_at   | NA        | 100616237   | 18.0285   | 100616237   | NA                 |
| 9 | AK125780    | NA        | 118142757   | 21.7079   | 118142757   | P43080             |

uniprot.TrEMBL

<list>

```
1
2
3 A0A8I5KST9, A0A8V8TLL8, A0A8V8TMW0, ...
4 A2AB13, Q5ST80, A2AB11, ...
5 A0A2R8Y447, Q5VVD0, Q5VVC8
6
7 A0A024RCQ1, A0A0A0MSX3, Q96T62, ...
8
9 A0A7I2V6E2, B2R9P6
```

```
> out$uniprot.Swiss.Prot[[5]]
```

```
[1] "P62913"
```

## 5.5 When an input id has multiple matching genes

From the previous result, you may have noticed that query term `1007_s_at` matches two genes. In that case, you will be notified from the output, and the returned result will include both matching genes.

By passing `returnall=TRUE`, you will get both duplicate or missing query terms

```
> queryMany(xli, scopes=c("symbol", "reporter", "accession"),
+           fields=c("entrezgene", "uniprot"), species='human', returnall=TRUE)

Finished
$response
DataFrame with 9 rows and 7 columns
  query   notfound   _id  X_score  entrezgene uniprot.Swiss.Prot
<character> <logical> <character> <numeric> <character>      <character>
1   DDX26B      TRUE      NA      NA         NA             NA
2   CCDC83      NA      220047  17.9439    220047          Q8IWF9
3   MAST3       NA      23031  18.1934    23031          060307
4   FL0T1       NA     10211  18.4944    10211          075955
5   RPL11       NA      6135  16.3880     6135          P62913
6  Gm10494     TRUE      NA      NA         NA             NA
7  1007_s_at    NA       780  18.0285     780          Q08345
8  1007_s_at    NA    100616237  18.0285  100616237          NA
9  AK125780     NA    118142757  21.7079  118142757          P43080
      uniprot.TrEMBL
      <list>
1
2
3   H0YDV3
4  A0A8I5KST9,A0A8V8TLL8,A0A8V8TMW0,...
5  A2AB13,Q5ST80,A2AB11,...
6  A0A2R8Y447,Q5VVD0,Q5VVC8
7
8  A0A024RCQ1,A0A0A0MSX3,Q96T62,...
9
10 A0A7I2V6E2,B2R9P6

$duplicates
  X1007_s_at
1          2

$missing
[1] "DDX26B" "Gm10494"
```

The returned result above contains `out` for mapping output, `missing` for missing query terms (a list), and `dup` for query terms with multiple matches (including the number of matches).

### 5.6 Can I convert a very large list of ids?

Yes, you can. If you pass an id list (i.e., `xli` above) larger than 1000 ids, we will do the id mapping in-batch with 1000 ids at a time, and then concatenate the results all together for you. So, from the user-end, it's exactly the same as passing a shorter list. You don't need to worry about saturating our backend servers. Large lists, however, may take a while longer to query, so please wait patiently.

## 6 References

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