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rsnps-package	<i>Get SNP (Single-Nucleotide Polymorphism) Data on the Web</i>
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Description

This package gives you access to data from OpenSNP (<https://opensnp.org>) via their API (<https://opensnp.org/faq#api>) and NCBI's dbSNP SNP database (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/snp>).

NCBI Authentication

This applies the function `ncbi_snp_query()`:

You can optionally use an API key, if you do it will allow higher rate limits (more requests per time period)

To get an API key from NCBI you can login to create a key via your account settings at <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/account>

#' Note: NCBI login is via with a 3rd party account (e.g. Google, orcid, etc.). If you had an already existing NCBI account you can link it with a 3rd party login and then you can retire your old NCBI login if you haven't already), otherwise just #' create a new account.

Once you are logged on to your NCBI account settings (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/account/settings/>) you can go to the section "API Key Management"

Here you can select "Create an API Key" (which will give you up to 10 requests per second, instead of the 3 per second without the API key.).

After generating your key, set an environment variable as ENTREZ_KEY in .Renviron. This .Renviron file can be edited using `usethis::edit_r_environ()` or by locating and creating/editing this file yourself.

```
ENTREZ_KEY='youractualkeynotthisstring'
```

Once the API is added to your .Renviron file you can then restart R for this to take effect.

You can optionally pass in your API key to the key parameter in NCBI functions in this package. However, it's much better from a security perspective to set an environment variable.

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allgensnp

Get openSNP genotype data for all users at a particular snp.

Description

Get openSNP genotype data for all users at a particular snp.

Usage

```
allgensnp(snp = NA, usersubset = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

snp	(character) A SNP name
usersubset	Get a subset of users, integer numbers, e.g. 1-8 (default: none)
...	Curl options passed on to crul::HttpClient

Value

data.frame of genotypes for all users at a certain SNP

See Also

Other opensnp-fxns: [allphenotypes\(\)](#), [annotations\(\)](#), [download_users\(\)](#), [fetch_genotypes\(\)](#), [genotypes\(\)](#), [phenotypes_byid\(\)](#), [phenotypes\(\)](#), [users\(\)](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
x <- allgensnp(snp = "rs7412")
head(x)

## End(Not run)
```

allphenotypes	<i>Get all openSNP phenotypes, their variations, and how many users have data available for a given phenotype.</i>
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Description

Either return data.frame with all results, or output a list, then call the characteristic by id (parameter = "id") or name (parameter = "characteristic").

Usage

```
allphenotypes(df = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

df	Return a data.frame of all data. The column known_variations can take multiple values, so the other columns id, characteristic, and number_of_users are replicated in the data.frame. Default: FALSE
...	Curl options passed on to crul::HttpClient

Value

data.frame of results, or list if df=FALSE

See Also

Other opensnp-fxns: [allgensnp\(\)](#), [annotations\(\)](#), [download_users\(\)](#), [fetch_genotypes\(\)](#), [genotypes\(\)](#), [phenotypes_byid\(\)](#), [phenotypes\(\)](#), [users\(\)](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Get all data
allphenotypes(df = TRUE)

# Output a list, then call the characteristic of interest by 'id' or
# 'characteristic'
datalist <- allphenotypes()
names(datalist) # get list of all characteristics you can call
datalist[["ADHD"]] # get data.frame for 'ADHD'
datalist[c("mouth size", "SAT Writing")] # get data.frame for 'ADHD'

## End(Not run)
```

annotations	<i>Get all openSNP phenotypes, their variations, and how many users have data available for a given phenotype.</i>
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Description

Either return data.frame with all results, or output a list, then call the characteristic by id (parameter = "id") or name (parameter = "characteristic").

Usage

```
annotations(
  snp = NA,
  output = c("all", "plos", "mendeley", "snpedia", "metadata"),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

snp	SNP name.
output	Name the source or sources you want annotations from (options are: 'plos', 'mendeley', 'snpedia', 'metadata'). 'metadata' gives the metadata for the response.
...	Curl options passed on to crul::HttpClient

Value

data.frame of results

See Also

Other opensnp-fxns: [allgensnp\(\)](#), [allphenotypes\(\)](#), [download_users\(\)](#), [fetch_genotypes\(\)](#), [genotypes\(\)](#), [phenotypes_byid\(\)](#), [phenotypes\(\)](#), [users\(\)](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Get all data
## get just the metadata
annotations(snp = "rs7903146", output = "metadata")

## just from plos
annotations(snp = "rs7903146", output = "plos")

## just from snpedia
annotations(snp = "rs7903146", output = "snpedia")

## get all annotations
```

```

annotations(snp = "rs7903146", output = "all")

## End(Not run)

```

download_users	<i>Download openSNP user files.</i>
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Description

Download openSNP user files.

Usage

```
download_users(name = NULL, id = NULL, dir = "~/", ...)
```

Arguments

name	User name
id	User id
dir	Directory to save file to
...	Curl options passed on to crul::HttpClient

Value

File downloaded to directory you specify (or default), nothing returned in R.

See Also

Other opensnp-fxns: [allgensnp\(\)](#), [allphenotypes\(\)](#), [annotations\(\)](#), [fetch_genotypes\(\)](#), [genotypes\(\)](#), [phenotypes_byid\(\)](#), [phenotypes\(\)](#), [users\(\)](#)

Examples

```

## Not run:
# Download a single user file, by id
download_users(id = 14)

# Download a single user file, by user name
download_users(name = "kevinmcc")

# Download many user files
lapply(c(14, 22), function(x) download_users(id = x))
read_users(id = 14, nrow = 5)

## End(Not run)

```

fetch_genotypes*Download openSNP genotype data for a user*

Description

Download openSNP genotype data for a user

Usage

```
fetch_genotypes(url, rows = 100, filepath = NULL, quiet = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

url	(character) URL for the download. See example below of function use.
rows	(integer) Number of rows to read in. Useful for getting a glimpse of the data. Negative and other invalid values are ignored, giving back all data. Default: 100
filepath	(character) If none is given the file is saved to a temporary file, which will be lost after your session is closed. Save to a file if you want to access it later.
quiet	(logical) Should download progress be suppressed. Default: TRUE
...	Further args passed on to download.file()

Details

Beware, not setting the rows parameter means that you download the entire file, which can be large (e.g., 15MB), and so take a while to download depending on your connection speed. Therefore, rows is set to 10 by default to sort of protect the user.

Internally, we use [download.file\(\)](#) to download each file, then [read.table\(\)](#) to read the file to a data.frame.

Value

data.frame for a single user, with four columns:

- rsid (character)
- chromosome (integer)
- position (integer)
- genotype (character)

See Also

Other opensnp-fxns: [allgensnp\(\)](#), [allphenotypes\(\)](#), [annotations\(\)](#), [download_users\(\)](#), [genotypes\(\)](#), [phenotypes_byid\(\)](#), [phenotypes\(\)](#), [users\(\)](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
# get a data.frame of the users data
data <- users(df = TRUE)
head(data[[1]]) # users with links to genome data
mydata <- fetch_genotypes(
  url = data[[1]][1, "genotypes.download_url"],
  file = "~/myfile.txt"
)

# see some data right away
mydata

# Or read in data later separately
read.table("~/myfile.txt", nrows = 10)

## End(Not run)
```

genotypes

Get openSNP genotype data for one or multiple users.

Description

Get openSNP genotype data for one or multiple users.

Usage

```
genotypes(snp = NA, userid = NA, df = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

snp	SNP name.
userid	ID of openSNP user.
df	Return data.frame (TRUE) or not (FALSE). Default: FALSE
...	Curl options passed on to curl::HttpClient

Value

List (or data.frame) of genotypes for specified user(s) at a certain SNP.

See Also

Other opensnp-fxns: [allgensnp\(\)](#), [allphenotypes\(\)](#), [annotations\(\)](#), [download_users\(\)](#), [fetch_genotypes\(\)](#), [phenotypes_byid\(\)](#), [phenotypes\(\)](#), [users\(\)](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
genotypes(snp = "rs9939609", userid = 1)
genotypes("rs9939609", userid = "1,6,8", df = TRUE)
genotypes("rs9939609", userid = "1-2", df = FALSE)

## End(Not run)
```

get_frequency	<i>Internal function to get the frequency of the variants from different studies.</i>
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Description

Internal function to get the frequency of the variants from different studies.

Usage

```
get_frequency(Class, primary_info)
```

Arguments

Class	What kind of variant is the rsid. Accepted options are "snv", "snp" and "delins".
primary_info	refsnp entry read in JSON format

get_gene_names	<i>Internal function to get gene names.</i>
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Description

If multiple gene names are encountered they are collapsed with a "/".

Usage

```
get_gene_names(primary_info)
```

Arguments

primary_info	refsnp entry read in JSON format
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get_placements	<i>Internal function to get the position, alleles, assembly, hgvs notation</i>
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Description

Internal function to get the position, alleles, assembly, hgvs notation

Usage

```
get_placements(primary_info)
```

Arguments

primary_info refsnp entry read in JSON format

ncbi_snp_query	<i>Query NCBI's refSNP for information on a set of SNPs via the API</i>
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Description

This function queries NCBI's refSNP for information related to the latest dbSNP build and latest reference genome for information on the vector of snps submitted.

Usage

```
ncbi_snp_query(snps)
```

Arguments

snps (character) A vector of SNPs (rs numbers).

Details

This function currently pulling data for Assembly 38 - in particular note that if you think the BP position is wrong, that you may be hoping for the BP position for a different Assembly.

Note that you are limited in the to a max of one query per second and concurrent queries are not allowed. If users want to set curl options when querying for the SNPs they can do so by using `httr::set_config/httr::with_config`

Value

A dataframe with columns:

- query: The rs ID that was queried.
- chromosome: The chromosome that the marker lies on.
- bp: The chromosomal position, in base pairs, of the marker, as aligned with the current genome used by dbSNP. we add 1 to the base pair position in the BP column in the output data.frame to agree with what the dbSNP website has.
- rsid: Reference SNP cluster ID. If the rs ID queried has been merged, the up-to-date name of the ID is returned here, and a warning is issued.
- class: The rsid's 'class'. See https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/SNP/snp_legend.cgi?legend=snpClass for more details.
- gene: If the rsid lies within a gene (either within the exon or introns of a gene), the name of that gene is returned here; otherwise, NA. Note that the gene may not be returned if the rsid lies too far upstream or downstream of the particular gene of interest.
- alleles: The alleles associated with the SNP if it is a SNV; otherwise, if it is an INDEL, microsatellite, or other kind of polymorphism the relevant information will be available here.
- minor: The allele for which the MAF is computed, given it is an SNV; otherwise, NA.
- maf: The minor allele frequency of the SNP, given it is an SNV. This is drawn from the current global reference population used by NCBI (GnomAD).
- ancestral_allele: allele as described in the current assembly
- variation_allele: difference to the current assembly
- seqname - Chromosome RefSeq reference.
- hgvs - full hgvs notation for variant
- assembly - which assembly was used for the annotations
- ref_seq - sequence in reference assembly
- maf_population - dataframe of all minor allele frequencies reported, with columns study, reference allele, alternative allele (minor) and minor allele frequency.

References

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/SNP/>
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31738401/> SPDI model

Examples

```
## Not run:
## an example with both merged SNPs, non-SNV SNPs, regular SNPs,
## SNPs not found, microsatellite
SNPs <- c("rs332", "rs420358", "rs1837253", "rs1209415715", "rs111068718")
ncbi_snp_query(SNPs)
# ncbi_snp_query("123456") ##invalid: must prefix with 'rs'
ncbi_snp_query("rs420358")
ncbi_snp_query("rs332") # warning that its merged into another, try that
```

```

ncbi_snp_query("rs121909001")
ncbi_snp_query("rs1837253")
ncbi_snp_query("rs1209415715")
ncbi_snp_query("rs111068718")
ncbi_snp_query(snps = "rs9970807")

ncbi_snp_query("rs121909001")
ncbi_snp_query("rs121909001", verbose = TRUE)

## End(Not run)

```

phenotypes

Get openSNP phenotype data for one or multiple users.

Description

Get openSNP phenotype data for one or multiple users.

Usage

```
phenotypes(userid = NA, df = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

userid	ID of openSNP user.
df	Return data.frame (TRUE) or not (FALSE). Default: FALSE
...	Curl options passed on to crul::HttpClient

Value

List of phenotypes for specified user(s).

See Also

Other opensnp-fxns: [allgensnp\(\)](#), [allphenotypes\(\)](#), [annotations\(\)](#), [download_users\(\)](#), [fetch_genotypes\(\)](#), [genotypes\(\)](#), [phenotypes_byid\(\)](#), [users\(\)](#)

Examples

```

## Not run:
phenotypes(userid = 1)
phenotypes(userid = "1,6,8", df = TRUE)
phenotypes(userid = "1-8", df = TRUE)

# coerce to data.frame
library(plyr)
df <- ldply(phenotypes(userid = "1-8", df = TRUE))
head(df)
tail(df)

```

```
# pass on curl options
phenotypes(1, verbose = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

phenotypes_byid	<i>Get all openSNP known variations and all users sharing that phenotype for one phenotype(-ID).</i>
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Description

Get all openSNP known variations and all users sharing that phenotype for one phenotype(-ID).

Usage

```
phenotypes_byid(
  phenotypeid = NA,
  return_ = c("description", "knownvars", "users"),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

phenotypeid	ID of openSNP phenotype.
return_	Return data.frame (TRUE) or not (FALSE). Default: FALSE
...	Curl options passed on to crul::HttpClient

Value

List of description of phenotype, list of known variants, or data.frame of variants for each user with that phenotype.

See Also

Other opensnp-fxns: [allgensnp\(\)](#), [allphenotypes\(\)](#), [annotations\(\)](#), [download_users\(\)](#), [fetch_genotypes\(\)](#), [genotypes\(\)](#), [phenotypes\(\)](#), [users\(\)](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
phenotypes_byid(phenotypeid = 12, return_ = "desc")
phenotypes_byid(phenotypeid = 12, return_ = "knownvars")
phenotypes_byid(phenotypeid = 12, return_ = "users")

# pass on curl options
phenotypes_byid(phenotypeid = 12, return_ = "desc", verbose = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

read_users	<i>Read in openSNP user files from local storage.</i>
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Description

Beware, these tables can be large. Check your RAM before executing. Or possibly read in a subset of the data. This function reads in the whole kitten kaboodle.

Usage

```
read_users(name = NULL, id = NULL, path = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

name	User name
id	User id
path	Path to file to read from.
...	Parameters passed on to read.table()

Details

If you specify a name or id, this function reads environment variables written in the function download_users, and then searches against those variables for the path to the file saved. Alternatively, you can supply the path.

Value

A data.frame.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# dat <- read_users(name = "kevinmcc")
# head(dat)
# dat <- read_users(id = 285)

## End(Not run)
```

release_bullets	<i>For use with usethis::use_release_issue()</i>
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Description

For use with usethis::use_release_issue()

Usage

```
release_bullets()
```

rsnps-defunct	<i>Defunct functions in rsnps</i>
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Description

- LDSearch(): Function name changed to [ld_search](#)
- ld_search(): The Broad Institute took the service down, see <https://www.broadinstitute.org/snap/snap>
- NCBI_snp_query(): Function name changed to [ncbi_snp_query](#)
- NCBI_snp_query2(): Function name changed to [ncbi_snp_query](#)
- ncbi_snp_summary(): Function name changed to [ncbi_snp_query](#)
- ncbi_snp_query2(): Function name changed to [ncbi_snp_query](#)

users	<i>Get openSNP users.</i>
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Description

Get openSNP users.

Usage

```
users(df = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

df	Return data.frame (TRUE) or not (FALSE). Default: FALSE
...	Curl options passed on to crul::HttpClient

Value

List of openSNP users, their ID numbers, and XX if available.

See Also

Other opensnp-fxns: [allgensnp\(\)](#), [allphenotypes\(\)](#), [annotations\(\)](#), [download_users\(\)](#), [fetch_genotypes\(\)](#), [genotypes\(\)](#), [phenotypes_byid\(\)](#), [phenotypes\(\)](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:  
# just the list  
data <- users(df = FALSE)  
data  
  
# get a data.frame of the users data  
data <- users(df = TRUE)  
data[[1]] # users with links to genome data  
data[[2]] # users without links to genome data  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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