

Package: treebase (via r-universe)

July 31, 2026

Type Package

Title Discovery, Access and Manipulation of 'TreeBASE' Phylogenies

Version 0.1.5

Description Interface to the API for 'TreeBASE' <<http://treebase.org>>
from 'R.' 'TreeBASE' is a repository of user-submitted
phylogenetic trees (of species, population, or genes) and the
data used to create them.

License CC0

Encoding UTF-8

URL <https://docs.ropensci.org/treebase/>,
<https://github.com/ropensci/treebase>

BugReports <https://github.com/ropensci/treebase/issues>

Depends R (>= 2.15), ape

Imports XML, RCurl, methods, utils, httr

Suggests testthat, knitr, rmarkdown

RoxygenNote 7.3.1

VignetteBuilder knitr

Config/pak/sysreqs make libxml2-dev libssl-dev

Repository <https://ropensci.r-universe.dev>

Date/Publication 2024-02-16 05:35:56 UTC

RemoteUrl <https://github.com/ropensci/treebase>

RemoteRef master

RemoteSha 5954c072bb9b2168a3d6554316a5d7f28d087584

Contents

cache_treebase	2
download_metadata	3
drop_nontrees	4

dryad_metadata	5
have_branchlength	5
metadata	6
search_treebase	6
treebase	8
Index	9

cache_treebase	<i>A function to cache the phylogenies in treebase locally</i>
----------------	--

Description

A function to cache the phylogenies in treebase locally

Usage

```
cache_treebase(  
  file = paste("treebase-", Sys.Date(), ".rda", sep = ""),  
  pause1 = 3,  
  pause2 = 3,  
  attempts = 10,  
  max_trees = Inf,  
  only_metadata = FALSE,  
  save = TRUE  
)
```

Arguments

file	filename for the cache, otherwise created with timestamp
pause1	number of seconds to hesitate between requests
pause2	number of seconds to hesitate between individual files
attempts	number of attempts to access a particular resource
max_trees	maximum number of trees to return (default is Inf)
only_metadata	option to only return metadata about matching trees
save	logical indicating whether to save a file with the results.

Details

it's a good idea to let this run overnight

Value

saves a cached file of treebase

Examples

```
## Not run:
treebase <- cache_treebase()

## End(Not run)
```

download_metadata

Download the metadata on treebase using the OAI-MPH interface

Description

Download the metadata on treebase using the OAI-MPH interface

Usage

```
download_metadata(
  query = "",
  by = c("all", "until", "from"),
  curl = getCurlHandle()
)
```

Arguments

query	a date in format yyyy-mm-dd
by	return all data "until" that date, "from" that date to current, or "all"
curl	if calling in series many times, call getCurlHandle() first and then pass the return value in here. Avoids repeated handshakes with server.

Details

query must be #' download_metadata(2010-01-01, by="until") all isn't a real query type, but will return all trees regardless of date

Examples

```
## Not run:
Near <- search_treebase("Near", "author", max_trees=1)
metadata(Near[[1]]$S.id)
## or manually give a study id
metadata("2377")

### get all trees from a certain deposition date forwards ##
m <- download_metadata("2009-01-01", by="until")
## extract any metadata, e.g. publication date:
dates <- sapply(m, function(x) as.numeric(x$date))
hist(dates, main="TreeBase growth", xlab="Year")

### show authors with most tree submissions in that date range
```

```

authors <- sapply(m, function(x){
  index <- grep( "creator", names(x))
  x[index]
})
a <- as.factor(unlist(authors))
head(summary(a))

## Show growth of TreeBASE
all <- download_metadata("", by="all")
dates <- sapply(all, function(x) as.numeric(x$date))
hist(dates, main="TreeBase growth", xlab="Year")

## make a barplot submission volume by journals
journals <- sapply(all, function(x) x$publisher)
J <- tail(sort(table(as.factor(unlist(journals)))),5)
b<- barplot(as.numeric(J))
text(b, names(J), srt=70, pos=4, xpd=T)

## End(Not run)

```

drop_nontrees

drop errors from the search

Description

drop errors from the search

Usage

```
drop_nontrees(tr)
```

Arguments

tr a list of phylogenetic trees returned by search_treebase

Details

primarily for the internal use of search_treebase, but may be useful

Value

the list of phylogenetic trees returned successfully

dryad_metadata	<i>Search the dryad metadata archive</i>
----------------	--

Description

Search the dryad metadata archive

Usage

```
dryad_metadata(study.id, curl = getCurlHandle())
```

Arguments

study.id	the dryad identifier
curl	if calling in series many times, call <code>getCurlHandle()</code> first and then pass the return value in here. Avoids repeated handshakes with server.

Value

a list object containing the study metadata

Examples

```
## Not run:  
dryad_metadata("10255/dryad.12")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

have_branchlength	<i>Simple function to identify which trees have branch lengths</i>
-------------------	--

Description

Simple function to identify which trees have branch lengths

Usage

```
have_branchlength(trees)
```

Arguments

trees	a list of phylogenetic trees (ape/phylo format)
-------	---

Value

logical string indicating which have branch length data

metadata	<i>metadata.rda</i>
----------	---------------------

Description

Contains a cache of all publication metadata the search_metadata() to pull down when run on 2012-05-12.

Usage

```
metadata(phylo.md = NULL, oai.md = NULL)
```

Arguments

- phylo.md cached phyloWS (tree) metadata, (optional)
- oai.md cached OAI-PMH (study) metadata (optional)

Details

recreate with: search_metadata()

Value

a data frame of all available metadata, (as a data.table object) columns are: "Study.id", "Tree.id", "kind", "type", "quality", "ntaxa" "date", "publisher", "author", "title".

Examples

```
## Not run:
meta <- metadata()
meta[publisher %in% c("Nature", "Science") & ntaxa > 50 & kind == "Species Tree",]

## End(Not run)
```

search_treebase	<i>A function to pull in the phylogeny/phylogenies matching a search query</i>
-----------------	--

Description

A function to pull in the phylogeny/phylogenies matching a search query

Usage

```
search_treebase(
  input,
  by,
  returns = c("tree", "matrix"),
  exact_match = FALSE,
  max_trees = Inf,
  branch_lengths = FALSE,
  curl = getCurlHandle(),
  verbose = TRUE,
  pause1 = 0,
  pause2 = 0,
  attempts = 3,
  only_metadata = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

input	a search query (character string)
by	the kind of search; author, taxon, subject, study, etc (see list of possible search terms, details)
returns	should the fn return the tree or the character matrix?
exact_match	force exact matching for author name, taxon, etc. Otherwise does partial matching
max_trees	Upper bound for the number of trees returned, good for keeping possibly large initial queries fast
branch_lengths	logical indicating whether should only return trees that have branch lengths.
curl	the handle to the curl web utility for repeated calls, see the <code>getCurlHandle()</code> function in <code>RCurl</code> package for details.
verbose	logical indicating level of progress reporting
pause1	number of seconds to hesitate between requests
pause2	number of seconds to hesitate between individual files
attempts	number of attempts to access a particular resource
only_metadata	option to only return metadata about matching trees which lists study.id, tree.id, kind (gene,species,barcode) type (single, consensus) number of taxa, and possible quality score.

Value

either a list of trees (multiphylo) or a list of character matrices

Examples

```
## Not run:
## defaults to return phylogeny
```

```

Huelsenbeck <- search_treebase("Huelsenbeck", by="author")

## can ask for character matrices:
wingless <- search_treebase("2907", by="id.matrix", returns="matrix")

## Some nexus matrices don't meet read.nexus.data's strict requirements,
## these aren't returned
H_matrices <- search_treebase("Huelsenbeck", by="author", returns="matrix")

## Use Booleans in search: and, or, not
## Note that by must identify each entry type if a Boolean is given
HR_trees <- search_treebase("Ronquist or Hulesenbeck", by=c("author", "author"))

## We'll often use max_trees in the example so that they run quickly,
## notice the quotes for species.
dolphins <- search_treebase('"Delphinus"', by="taxon", max_trees=5)
## can do exact matches
humans <- search_treebase('"Homo sapiens"', by="taxon", exact_match=TRUE, max_trees=10)
## all trees with 5 taxa
five <- search_treebase(5, by="ntax", max_trees = 10)
## These are different, a tree id isn't a Study id. we report both
studies <- search_treebase("2377", by="id.study")
tree <- search_treebase("2377", by="id.tree")
c("TreeID" = tree$Tr.id, "StudyID" = tree$S.id)
## Only results with branch lengths
## Has to grab all the trees first, then toss out ones without branch_lengths
Near <- search_treebase("Near", "author", branch_lengths=TRUE)

## End(Not run)

```

treebase

treebase.rda

Description

Contains a cache of all phylogenies `cache_treebase()` function was able to pull down when run on 2012-05-14.

Details

recreate with: `cache_treebase()`

Index

- * **data**

- metadata, [6](#)

- treebase, [8](#)

- * **utility**

- search_treebase, [6](#)

cache_treebase, [2](#)

download_metadata, [3](#)

drop_nontrees, [4](#)

dryad_metadata, [5](#)

have_branchlength, [5](#)

metadata, [6](#)

search_treebase, [6](#)

treebase, [8](#)