

# Package ‘ldblock’

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ldblock-package	<i>c("\Sexpr[results=rd,stage=build]tools:::Rd_package_title(\#1\)", "ldblock")data structures for linkage disequilibrium measures in populations</i>
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## Description

`c("\Sexpr[results=rd,stage=build]tools:::Rd_package_description(\#1\)", "ldblock")` Define data structures for linkage disequilibrium measures in populations.

## Details

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## Examples

# see vignette

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downloadPopByChr	<i>download hapmap resource with LD estimates</i>
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## Description

download hapmap resource with LD estimates

## Usage

```
downloadPopByChr(  
  chrname = "chr1",  
  popname = "CEU",  
  
  urlTemplate = "http://hapmap.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/downloads/ld_data/2009-02_phaseIII_r2/ld_%%CHRN%%_%  
  targfolder = Sys.getenv("LDBLOCK_TXTGZ_DIR")  
)
```

## Arguments

chrname	UCSC format tag for chromosome
popname	hapmap three letter code for population, e.g. 'CEU'
urlTemplate	pattern for creating URL given chr and pop
targfolder	destination

## Details

delivers HapMap LD data to 'targfolder'

## Value

just run for side effect of download.file

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
  downloadPopByChr()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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EUR_singletons	<i>singletons from EUR</i>
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**Description**

singletons from EUR

**Usage**

```
EUR_singletons
```

**Format**

character vector

**Source**

[ftp://ftp.1000genomes.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/ftp/technical/working/20130606\\_sample\\_info/20130606\\_sample\\_info.xlsx](ftp://ftp.1000genomes.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/ftp/technical/working/20130606_sample_info/20130606_sample_info.xlsx), to which superpopulation codes were added

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expandSnpSet	<i>Given a set of SNP identifiers, use LD to expand the set to include linked loci</i>
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**Description**

Given a set of SNP identifiers, use LD to expand the set to include linked loci

**Usage**

```
expandSnpSet(  
  rs1,  
  lb = 0.8,  
  ldstruct,  
  chrn = "chr17",  
  popn = "CEU",  
  txtgzfn = dir(system.file("hapmap", package = "ldblock"), full.names = TRUE)  
)
```

**Arguments**

rs1	input list – SNPs not found in the LD structure are simply returned along with those found, and the expansion list, all combined in a vector
lb	lower bound on statistic used to retrieve loci in LD
ldstruct	instance of <code>ldstruct-class</code>
chrn	chromosome identifier
popn	population identifier (one of 'CEU', 'MEX', ...)
txtgzfn	path to gzipped hapmap file with LD information

**Details**

direct use of elementwise arithmetic comparison

**Value**

character vector

**Note**

As of 2015, it appears that locus names are more informative than addresses for determining SNP identity across resources.

**Examples**

```
og = Sys.getenv("LDBLOCK_TXTGZ_DIR")
on.exit( Sys.setenv("LDBLOCK_TXTGZ_DIR" = og ) )
Sys.setenv("LDBLOCK_TXTGZ_DIR"=system.file("hapmap", package="ldblock"))
ld17 = hmlD(chr="chr17", pop="CEU")
ee = expandSnpSet( ld17@allrs[1:10], ldstruct = ld17 )
```

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hmlD	<i>import hapmap LD data and create a structure for its management; generates a sparse matrix representation of pairwise LD statistics and binds metadata on variant name and position</i>
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**Description**

import hapmap LD data and create a structure for its management; generates a sparse matrix representation of pairwise LD statistics and binds metadata on variant name and position

**Usage**

```
hmlD(hmgztxt, poptag, chrom, genome = "hg19", stat = "Dprime")
```

**Arguments**

hmgztxt	name of gzipped text file as distributed at <a href="http://hapmap.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/downloads/ld_data/2009-02_phaseIII_r2/">hapmap.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/downloads/ld_data/2009-02_phaseIII_r2/</a> . It will be processed by <a href="#">read.delim</a> .
poptag	heuristic tag identifying population
chrom	heuristic tag for chromosome name
genome	genome tag
stat	statistic to use, "Dprime", "R2", and "LOD" are options

**Value**

instance of ldstruct class

**Examples**

```
getClass("ldstruct")
# see vignette
```

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ldByGene

*Obtain LD statistics in region specified by a gene model.*

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**Description**

Obtain LD statistics in region specified by a gene model.

**Usage**

```
ldByGene(
  sym = "MMP24",
  vcf = system.file("vcf/c20exch.vcf.gz", package = "ldblock"),
  flank = 1000,
  vcfSLS = "NCBI",
  genomeSLS = "hg19",
  stats = "D.prime",
  depth = 10
)
```

**Arguments**

sym	A standard gene symbol for use with <code>genemodel</code>
vcf	Path to a tabix-indexed VCF file
flank	number of basepairs to flank gene model for search
vcfSLS	seqlevelsStyle (SLS) token for VCF; will be imposed on gene model
genomeSLS	character tag for genome, to be used with <code>readVcf</code>
stats	passed to <code>ld</code>
depth	passed to <code>ld</code>

**Value**

sparse matrix representation of selected LD statistic, as returned by `ld`

**Note**

Uses an internal function `genemod4ldbblock`, that relies on `EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75` to get gene model.

**Examples**

```
if (interactive()) { # there is a warning owing to non-SNV present
  ld1 = ldByGene(depth=150)
  image(ld1[1:200,1:200], col.reg=heat.colors(120), colorkey=TRUE,
        main="SNPs in MMP24 (chr20)")
}
```

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`ldmat`*use LDmat API from NCI LDlink service*

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**Description**

use LDmat API from NCI LDlink service

**Usage**

```
ldmat(rsvec, pop = "CEU", type = "d", token = Sys.getenv("LDLINK_TOKEN"))
```

**Arguments**

<code>rsvec</code>	character vector of SNP ids
<code>pop</code>	three letter code for HapMap population, defaults to CEU
<code>type</code>	'r2' or 'd', defaults to 'd' implying d-prime
<code>token</code>	the API token provided by NCI, defaults to value of environment variable <code>LDLINK_TOKEN</code>

**Value**

data.frame

**Examples**

```
if (interactive()) ldmat(c("rs77749396", "rs9303279", "rs9303280", "rs9303281"))
```

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`ldmat, ldstruct-method` *accessor for matrix component*

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### Description

accessor for matrix component

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'ldstruct'
ldmat(x)
```

### Arguments

x                    instance of `ldstruct`

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`ldstruct-class`            *container for LD data*

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### Description

Manage information about LD statistics as reported by HapMap.

### Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("ldstruct", ...)`.

### Examples

```
showClass("ldstruct")
```

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s3\_1kg                    *Create a URL referencing 1000 genomes content in AWS S3. stack1kg produces a VcfStack instance with references to VCF for 1000 genomes autosomal chrs. S3-resident VCF files with version "v5a.20130502" are used.*

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### Description

Create a URL referencing 1000 genomes content in AWS S3. `stack1kg` produces a `VcfStack` instance with references to VCF for 1000 genomes autosomal chrs. S3-resident VCF files with version "v5a.20130502" are used.

**Usage**

```
s3_1kg(chrnum, tmp1, dropchr = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

chrnum	a character string denoting a chromosome, such as '22'
tmp1	alternate template for full URL, useful if versions prior to 2010 are of interest
dropchr	if TRUE chrnum will have 'chr' removed if present

**Value**

by default, a TabixFile instance

**Note**

The "wrap" parameter has been removed. A TabixFile structure will be returned. The tag parameter has been removed. Supply a tmp1 argument if you are not using 20130502 version.

**Examples**

```
requireNamespace("Rsamtools")  
s3_1kg("22") # try scanVcfHeader from VariantAnnotation
```

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sampinf_1kg	<i>population and relationship information for 1000 genomes</i>
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**Description**

population and relationship information for 1000 genomes

**Usage**

```
sampinf_1kg
```

**Format**

data.frame

**Source**

[ftp://ftp.1000genomes.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/ftp/technical/working/20130606\\_sample\\_info/20130606\\_sample\\_info.xlsx](ftp://ftp.1000genomes.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/ftp/technical/working/20130606_sample_info/20130606_sample_info.xlsx), to which superpopulation codes were added

stack1kg                      *couple together a group of VCFs*

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**Description**

couple together a group of VCFs

**Usage**

```
stack1kg(chrs = as.character(1:22), index = FALSE, useEBI = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

chrs	a vector of chromosome names for extraction from 1000 genomes VCF collection
index	logical telling whether VcfStack should attempt to create the local index; for 1000 genomes, the tbi are in the cloud and will be used by readVcf so FALSE is appropriate
useEBI	logical(1) defaults to FALSE ... if TRUE, use tabix-indexed vcf from EBI, but in July 2022 the EBI FTP site does not respond. If FALSE, the AWS Open Data access path is used

**Value**

VcfStack instance

**Note**

The seqinfo component of returned stack will have NA for genome. Please set it manually; for useEBI=TRUE this would be GRCh38; very likely so for useEBI=FALSE, but this should be checked.

**Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {  
  st1 = stack1kg()  
  st1  
}
```

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