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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| add_genome_matches | <i>Add genome matches</i> |
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## Description

Add genome matches

## Usage

```
add_genome_matches(
  spacers,
  bsgenome = getBSgenome(genome(spacers)[1]),
  mismatches = 2,
  pam = "NGG",
  offtargetmethod = c("bowtie", "pdict")[1],
  outdir = OUTDIR,
  indexedgenomesdir = INDEXEDGENOMESDIR,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

|                   |                                |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| spacers           | GRanges                        |
| bsgenome          | BSgenome                       |
| mismatches        | number                         |
| pam               | string                         |
| offtargetmethod   | 'bowtie' or 'pdict'            |
| outdir            | bowtie output directory        |
| indexedgenomesdir | directory with indexed genomes |
| verbose           | TRUE (default) or FALSE        |

## Value

GRanges

## Examples

```
require(magrittr)
file <- system.file('extdata/SRF.bed', package='multicrispr')
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10::BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10
targets0 <- bed_to_granges(file, 'mm10')
targets <- extend(targets0)
spacers <- find_spacers(targets, bsgenome, complement = FALSE,
                        ontargetmethod = NULL, offtargetmethod = NULL)
```

```

spacers %<>% extract(1:100)
spacers %<>% add_genome_matches(bsgenome)

```

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add\_inverse\_strand      *Add inverse strand*

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## Description

Add inverse strand

## Usage

```
add_inverse_strand(gr, verbose = FALSE, plot = FALSE, ...)
```

## Arguments

|         |                                          |
|---------|------------------------------------------|
| gr      | <a href="#">GRanges-class</a>            |
| verbose | TRUE or FALSE (default)                  |
| plot    | TRUE or FALSE (default)                  |
| ...     | <a href="#">plot_intervals</a> arguments |

## Value

[GRanges-class](#)

## Examples

```

# PE example
#-----
require(magrittr)
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38::BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38
gr <- char_to_granges(c(PRNP = 'chr20:4699600:+',          # snp
                       HBB  = 'chr11:5227002:-',          # snp
                       HEXA = 'chr15:72346580-72346583:-', # del
                       CFTR = 'chr7:117559593-117559595:+', # ins
                       bsgenome)
add_inverse_strand(gr, plot = TRUE)

# TFBS example
#-----
bedfile <- system.file('extdata/SRF.bed', package='multicrispr')
gr <- bed_to_granges(bedfile, genome = 'mm10')
add_inverse_strand(gr)

```

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|         |                                |
|---------|--------------------------------|
| add_seq | <i>Add sequence to GRanges</i> |
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## Description

Add sequence to GRanges

## Usage

```
add_seq(gr, bsgenome, verbose = FALSE, as.character = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

|              |                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| gr           | <a href="#">GRanges-class</a>  |
| bsgenome     | <a href="#">BSgenome-class</a> |
| verbose      | TRUE or FALSE (default)        |
| as.character | TRUE (default) or FALSE        |

## Value

[GRanges-class](#)

## Examples

```
# PE example
#-----
require(magrittr)
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38::BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38
gr <- char_to_granges(c(PRNP = 'chr20:4699600:+', # snp
                        HBB = 'chr11:5227002:-', # snp
                        HEXA = 'chr15:72346580-72346583:-', # del
                        CFTR = 'chr7:117559593-117559595:+', # ins
                        bsgenome)
(gr %<>% add_seq(bsgenome))

# TFBS example
#-----
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10::BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10
bedfile <- system.file('extdata/SRF.bed', package='multicrispr')
gr <- bed_to_granges(bedfile, 'mm10')
(gr %<>% add_seq(bsgenome))
```

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|                    |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| add_target_matches | <i>Add target matches</i> |
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## Description

Add target matches

## Usage

```
add_target_matches(
  spacers,
  targets,
  bsgenome,
  mismatches = 2,
  pam = "NGG",
  outdir = OUTDIR,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

|            |                         |
|------------|-------------------------|
| spacers    | GRanges                 |
| targets    | GRanges                 |
| bsgenome   | BSgenome                |
| mismatches | number                  |
| pam        | string                  |
| outdir     | bowtie output directory |
| verbose    | TRUE (default) or FALSE |

## Value

GRanges

## Examples

```
require(magrittr)
file <- system.file('extdata/SRF.bed', package='multicrispr')
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10::BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10
targets0 <- bed_to_granges(file, 'mm10')
targets <- extend(targets0)
spacers <- find_spacers(targets, bsgenome, complement = FALSE,
                        ontargetmethod = NULL, offtargetmethod = NULL)
spacers %<>% add_target_matches(targets, bsgenome)
```

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|                |                                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| bed_to_granges | <i>Read bedfile into GRanges</i> |
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## Description

Read bedfile into GRanges

## Usage

```
bed_to_granges(  
  bedfile,  
  genome,  
  txdb = NULL,  
  do_order = TRUE,  
  plot = TRUE,  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

## Arguments

|          |                                                                         |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| bedfile  | file path                                                               |
| genome   | string: UCSC genome name (e.g. 'mm10')                                  |
| txdb     | NULL (default) or <a href="#">TxDb-class</a> (used for gene annotation) |
| do_order | TRUE (default) or FALSE: order on seqnames and star?                    |
| plot     | TRUE (default) or FALSE: plot karyogram?                                |
| verbose  | TRUE (default) or FALSE                                                 |

## Value

[GRanges-class](#)

## See Also

[char\\_to\\_granges](#), [genes\\_to\\_granges](#)

## Examples

```
bedfile <- system.file('extdata/SRF.bed', package = 'multicrispr')  
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10::BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10  
(gr <- bed_to_granges(bedfile, genome='mm10'))
```

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|                 |                                              |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|
| char_to_granges | <i>Convert character vector into GRanges</i> |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Convert character vector into GRanges

**Usage**

char\_to\_granges(x, bsgenome)

**Arguments**

x                      character vector  
bsgenome              [BSgenome-class](#)

**Value**

[GRanges-class](#)

**See Also**

[bed\\_to\\_granges](#), [genes\\_to\\_granges](#)

**Examples**

```
require(magrittr)
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38::BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38
x <- c(PRNP = 'chr20:4699600:+', # snp
      HBB = 'chr11:5227002:-', # snp
      HEXA = 'chr15:72346580-72346583:-', # del
      CFTR = 'chr7:117559593-117559595:+') # ins
gr <- char_to_granges(x, bsgenome)
plot_intervals(gr, facet_var = c('targetname', 'seqnames'))
```

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|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| double_flank | <i>Double flank</i> |
|--------------|---------------------|

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**Description**

Double flank

**Usage**

```
double_flank(
  gr,
  upstart = -200,
  upend = -1,
  downstart = 1,
  downend = 200,
  strandaware = TRUE,
  plot = FALSE,
  linetype_var = "set",
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

|                           |                                                              |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>gr</code>           | <a href="#">GRanges-class</a>                                |
| <code>upstart</code>      | upstream flank start in relation to start( <code>gr</code> ) |
| <code>upend</code>        | upstream flank end in relation to start( <code>gr</code> )   |
| <code>downstart</code>    | downstream flank start in relation to end( <code>gr</code> ) |
| <code>downend</code>      | downstream flank end in relation to end( <code>gr</code> )   |
| <code>strandaware</code>  | TRUE (default) or FALSE                                      |
| <code>plot</code>         | TRUE or FALSE (default)                                      |
| <code>linetype_var</code> | gr var mapped to linetype                                    |
| <code>...</code>          | passed to <code>plot_intervals</code>                        |

**Value**

[GRanges-class](#)

**Examples**

```
# Prime Editing example
#-----
require(magrittr)
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38::BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38
gr <- char_to_granges(c(PRNP = 'chr20:4699600:+', # snp
                       HBB = 'chr11:5227002:-', # snp
                       HEXA = 'chr15:72346580-72346583:-', # del
                       CFTR = 'chr7:117559593-117559595:+'), # ins
                     bsgenome)
double_flank(gr, -10, -1, +1, +20, plot = TRUE)

# TFBS example
#-----
bedfile <- system.file('extdata/SRF.bed', package='multicrispr')
gr <- bed_to_granges(bedfile, genome = 'mm10', plot = FALSE)
double_flank(gr, plot = TRUE)
```

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|               |                                        |
|---------------|----------------------------------------|
| extend_for_pe | <i>Extend ranges for prime editing</i> |
|---------------|----------------------------------------|

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## Description

Extend target ranges to span in which to look for spacer-pam seqs

## Usage

```
extend_for_pe(
  gr,
  bsgenome,
  nrt = 16,
  spacer = strrep("N", 20),
  pam = "NGG",
  plot = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

|          |                                                   |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------|
| gr       | <a href="#">GRanges-class</a>                     |
| bsgenome | <a href="#">BSgenome-class</a>                    |
| nrt      | number: reverse transcription length              |
| spacer   | string: spacer pattern in extended IUPAC alphabet |
| pam      | string: pam pattern in extended IUPAC alphabet    |
| plot     | TRUE (default) or FALSE                           |

## Details

Extend target ranges to find nearby spacers for prime editing

## Value

[GRanges-class](#)

## Examples

```
require(magrittr)
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38::BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38
gr <- char_to_granges(c( PRNP = 'chr20:4699600:+',          # snp
                        HBB  = 'chr11:5227002:-',          # snp
                        HEXA = 'chr15:72346580-72346583:-', # del
                        CFTR = 'chr7:117559593-117559595:+', # ins
                        bsgenome = bsgenome))
find_primespacers(gr, bsgenome)
(grext <- extend_for_pe(gr))
find_spacers(grext, bsgenome, complement = FALSE)
```

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|                 |                                                     |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| extend_pe_to_gg | <i>Extend prime editing target to find GG sites</i> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|

---

## Description

Extend prime editing target to find GG sites in accessible neighbourhood

## Usage

```
extend_pe_to_gg(gr, nrt = 16, plot = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|      |                                                  |
|------|--------------------------------------------------|
| gr   | target <a href="#">GRanges-class</a>             |
| nrt  | n RT nucleotides (default 16, recommended 10-16) |
| plot | TRUE or FALSE (default)                          |

## Details

Extends each target range to the area in which to search for a prime editing GG duplet, as shown in the sketch below.

```
=====>---GG--->---GG---> ** <---GG <---GG <=====
```

## Value

[GRanges-class](#)

## Examples

```
# PE example
#-----
require(magrittr)
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38::BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38
gr <- char_to_granges(c(PRNP = 'chr20:4699600:+',          # snp
                        HBB  = 'chr11:5227002:-',          # snp
                        HEXA = 'chr15:72346580-72346583:-', # del
                        CFTR = 'chr7:117559593-117559595:+', # ins
                        bsgenome)
extend_pe_to_gg(gr, plot = TRUE)
```

---

extract\_matchranges      *Extract matching subranges*

---

## Description

Extract subranges that match pattern

## Usage

```
extract_matchranges(gr, bsgenome, pattern, plot = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|          |                                                   |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------|
| gr       | <a href="#">GRanges-class</a>                     |
| bsgenome | <a href="#">BSgenome{BSgenome-class}</a>          |
| pattern  | string: search pattern in extended IUPAC alphabet |
| plot     | TRUE or FALSE (default)                           |

## Value

[GRanges-class](#)

## Examples

```
# PE example
#-----
require(magrittr)
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38::BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38
gr <- char_to_granges(c(PRNP = 'chr20:4699600:+',          # snp
                        HBB  = 'chr11:5227002:-',          # snp
                        HEXA  = 'chr15:72346580-72346583:-', # del
                        CFTR  = 'chr7:117559593-117559595:+', # ins
                        bsgenome))

gr %<>% extend_for_pe()
pattern <- strrep('N',20) %>% paste0('NGG')
extract_matchranges(gr, bsgenome, pattern, plot = TRUE)

# TFBS examples
#-----
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10::BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10
bedfile  <- system.file('extdata/SRF.bed', package='multicrispr')
gr <- bed_to_granges(bedfile, 'mm10') %>% extend()
extract_matchranges(gr, bsgenome, pattern = strrep('N',20) %>% paste0('NGG'))
```

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|                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| extract_subranges | <i>Extract subranges</i> |
|-------------------|--------------------------|

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**Description**

Extract subranges from a [GRanges-class](#) object

**Usage**

```
extract_subranges(gr, ir, plot = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|      |                                                           |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| gr   | <a href="#">GRanges-class</a>                             |
| ir   | <a href="#">IRanges-class</a> : subranges to be extracted |
| plot | TRUE or FALSE (default)                                   |

**Value**

[GRanges-class](#).

**Examples**

```
# Extract a subrange
gr <- GenomicRanges::GRanges(c(A = 'chr1:1-100:+', B = 'chr1:1-100:-'))
gr$targetname <- 'AB'
ir <- IRanges::IRanges(c(A = '1-10', A = '11-20', B = '1-10', B = '11-20'))
extract_subranges(gr, ir, plot = TRUE)

# Return empty GRanges for empty IRanges
extract_subranges(GenomicRanges::GRanges('chr1:345-456'), IRanges::IRanges())
```

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|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| find_gg | <i>Find GG</i> |
|---------|----------------|

---

**Description**

Find GG

**Usage**

```
find_gg(gr)
```

**Arguments**

|    |                               |
|----|-------------------------------|
| gr | <a href="#">GRanges-class</a> |
|----|-------------------------------|

**Value**[GRanges-class](#)**Examples**

```
# PE example
#-----
require(magrittr)
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38::BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38
gr <- char_to_granges(c(PRNP = 'chr20:4699600:+', # snp
                        HBB  = 'chr11:5227002:-', # snp
                        HEXA  = 'chr15:72346580-72346583:-', # del
                        CFTR  = 'chr7:117559593-117559595:+', # ins
                        bsgenome))
gr %<>% extend_pe_to_gg(plot = TRUE) %>% add_seq(bsgenome)
find_gg(gr)
```

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|                   |                                   |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| find_primespacers | <i>Find prime editing spacers</i> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|

---

**Description**

Find prime editing spacers around target ranges

**Usage**

```
find_primespacers(
  gr,
  bsgenome,
  edits = get_plus_seq(bsgenome, gr),
  nprimer = 13,
  nrt = 16,
  ontargetmethod = c("Doench2014", "Doench2016")[1],
  offtargetmethod = c("bowtie", "pdict")[1],
  mismatches = 0,
  nickmatches = 2,
  indexedgenomesdir = INDEXEDGENOMESDIR,
  outdir = OUTDIR,
  verbose = TRUE,
  plot = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

|          |                                |
|----------|--------------------------------|
| gr       | <a href="#">GRanges-class</a>  |
| bsgenome | <a href="#">BSgenome-class</a> |

|                   |                                                                                                   |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| edits             | character vector: desired edits on '+' strand. If named, names should be identical to those of gr |
| nprimer           | n primer nucleotides (default 13, max 17)                                                         |
| nrt               | n rev transcr nucleotides (default 16, recomm. 10-16)                                             |
| ontargetmethod    | 'Doench2014' or 'Doench2016': on-target scoring method                                            |
| offtargetmethod   | 'bowtie' or 'pdict'                                                                               |
| mismatches        | no of primespacer mismatches (default 0, to suppress offtarget analysis: -1)                      |
| nickmatches       | no of nickspacer offtarget mismatches (default 2, to suppresses offtarget analysis: -1)           |
| indexedgenomesdir | directory with indexed genomes (as created by <a href="#">index_genome</a> )                      |
| outdir            | directory where offtarget analysis output is written                                              |
| verbose           | TRUE (default) or FALSE                                                                           |
| plot              | TRUE (default) or FALSE                                                                           |
| ...               | passed to plot_intervals                                                                          |

## Details

Below the architecture of a prime editing site. Edits can be performed anywhere in the revtranscript area.

```

spacer pam -----=== primer revtranscript -----===== 1.....17....GG.....
.....CC..... -----extension-----

```

## Value

[GRanges-class](#) with prime editing spacer ranges and following mcols: \* crisprspacer: N20 spacers \* crisprpam: NGG PAMs \* crisprprimer: primer (on PAM strand) \* crisprtranscript: reverse transcript (on PAM strand) \* crisprextension: 3' extension of gRNA contains: reverse transcription template + primer binding site sequence can be found on non-PAM strand \* crisprextrange: genomic range of crispr extension \* Doench2016l4: on-target efficiency scores \* off0, off1, off2: number of offtargets with 0, 1, 2 mismatches \* off: total number of offtargets: off = off0 + off1 + ... \* nickrange: nickspacer range \* nickspacer: nickspacer sequence \* nickDoench2016l4: nickspacer Doench scores \* nickoff: nickspacer offtarget counts

## See Also

[find\\_spacers](#) to find standard crispr sites

## Examples

```

# Find PE spacers for 4 clinically relevant loci (Anzalone et al, 2019)
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38::BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38
gr <- char_to_granges(c(
  PRNP = 'chr20:4699600:+',          # snp: prion disease
  HBB  = 'chr11:5227002:-',          # snp: sickle cell anemia

```

```

    HEXA = 'chr15:72346580-72346583:-', # del: tay sachs disease
    CFTR = 'chr7:117559593-117559595:+'), # ins: cystic fibrosis
    bsgenome)
  spacers <- find_primespacers(gr, bsgenome)
  spacers <- find_spacers(extend_for_pe(gr), bsgenome, complement = FALSE)

# Edit PRNP locus for resistance against prion disease (Anzalone et al, 2019)
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38::BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38
gr <- char_to_granges(c(PRNP = 'chr20:4699600:+'), bsgenome)
find_primespacers(gr, bsgenome)
find_primespacers(gr, bsgenome, edits = 'T')

```

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find\_spacers

*Find crispr spacers in targetranges*


---

## Description

Find crispr spacers in targetranges

## Usage

```

find_spacers(
  gr,
  bsgenome,
  spacer = strrep("N", 20),
  pam = "NGG",
  complement = TRUE,
  ontargetmethod = c("Doench2014", "Doench2016")[1],
  offtargetmethod = c("bowtie", "pdict")[1],
  offtargetfilterby = character(0),
  subtract_targets = FALSE,
  mismatches = 2,
  indexedgenomesdir = INDEXEDGENOMESDIR,
  outdir = OUTDIR,
  verbose = TRUE,
  plot = TRUE,
  ...
)

```

## Arguments

|                |                                                         |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| gr             | <a href="#">GRanges-class</a>                           |
| bsgenome       | <a href="#">BSgenome-class</a>                          |
| spacer         | string: spacer pattern in extended IUPAC alphabet       |
| pam            | string: pam pattern in extended IUPAC alphabet          |
| complement     | TRUE (default) or FALSE: also search in compl ranges?   |
| ontargetmethod | 'Doench2016', 'Doench2016' or NULL (no on-target score) |

offtargetmethod  
                   'bowtie', 'pdict', or NULL (no offtarget analysis)

offtargetfilterby  
                   filter for best off-target counts by this variable

subtract\_targets  
                   TRUE or FALSE (default): whether to subtract target (mis)matches from offtarget counts

mismatches  
                   0-3: allowed mismatches in offtargetanalysis (choose mismatch=-1 to suppress offtarget analysis)

indexedgenomesdir  
                   directory with Bowtie-indexed genomes (as produced with [index\\_genome](#))

outdir  
                   directory where bowtie analysis results are written to

verbose  
                   TRUE (default) or FALSE

plot  
                   TRUE (default) or FALSE

...  
                   passed to plot\_intervals

**Value**

[GRanges-class](#)

**See Also**

[find\\_primespacers](#) to find prime editing spacers

**Examples**

```
# PE example
#-----
require(magrittr)
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38::BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38
gr <- char_to_granges(c(PRNP = 'chr20:4699600:+',          # snp
                        HBB  = 'chr11:5227002:-',          # snp
                        HEXA  = 'chr15:72346580-72346583:-', # del
                        CFTR  = 'chr7:117559593-117559595:+', # ins
                        bsgenome))

plot_intervals(gr)
find_primespacers(gr, bsgenome)
find_spacers(extend_for_pe(gr), bsgenome, complement=FALSE, mismatches=0)
# complement = FALSE because extend_for_pe already
# adds reverse complements and does so in a strand-specific
# manner

# TFBS example
#-----
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10::BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10
bedfile <- system.file('extdata/SRF.bed', package='multicrispr')
gr <- bed_to_granges(bedfile, 'mm10') %>% extend()
gr %<>% extract(1:100)
find_spacers(gr, bsgenome, subtract_targets = TRUE)
```

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| genes_to_granges | <i>Convert geneids into GRanges</i> |
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## Description

Convert geneids into GRanges

## Usage

```
genes_to_granges(geneids, txdb, complement = TRUE, plot = TRUE, verbose = TRUE)
```

```
genefile_to_granges(file, txdb, complement = TRUE, plot = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

|            |                                                           |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| geneids    | Gene identifier vector                                    |
| txdb       | <a href="#">TxDb-class</a> or <a href="#">EnsDb-class</a> |
| complement | TRUE (default) or FALSE: add complementary strand?        |
| plot       | TRUE (default) or FALSE                                   |
| verbose    | TRUE (default) or FALSE                                   |
| file       | Gene identifier file (one per row)                        |

## Value

[GRanges-class](#)

## See Also

[char\\_to\\_granges](#), [bed\\_to\\_granges](#)

## Examples

```
# Entrez
#-----
genefile <- system.file('extdata/SRF.entrez', package='multicrispr')
geneids  <- as.character(read.table(genefile)[[1]])
txdb     <- getFromNamespace('TxDb.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10.knownGene',
                             'TxDb.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10.knownGene')
(gr <- genes_to_granges(geneids, txdb))
(gr <- genefile_to_granges(genefile, txdb))

# Ensembl
#-----
# txdb <- AnnotationHub::AnnotationHub()[["AH75036"]]
# genefile <- system.file('extdata/SRF.ensembl', package='multicrispr')
# geneids <- as.character(read.table(genefile)[[1]])
# (gr <- genes_to_granges(geneids, txdb))
# (gr <- genefile_to_granges(genefile, txdb))
```

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|       |                                      |
|-------|--------------------------------------|
| gr2dt | <i>GRanges</i> <-> <i>data.table</i> |
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**Description**

GRanges <-> data.table

**Usage**

gr2dt(gr)  
  
dt2gr(dt, seqinfo)

**Arguments**

gr                    [GRanges-class](#)  
dt                    data.table  
seqinfo              [Seqinfo-class](#)

**Value**

data.table (gr2dt) or GRanges (dt2gr)

**Examples**

```
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38::BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38
gr <- char_to_granges(c(PRNP = 'chr20:4699600:+',          # snp
                        HBB  = 'chr11:5227002:-',          # snp
                        HEXA = 'chr15:72346580-72346583:-', # del
                        CFTR = 'chr7:117559593-117559595:+', # ins
                        bsgenome)
(dt <- gr2dt(gr))
(gr <- dt2gr(dt, BSgenome::seqinfo(bsgenome)))
```

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| has_been_indexed | <i>Has been indexed?</i> |
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**Description**

Has been indexed?

**Usage**

has\_been\_indexed(bsgenome, indexedgenomesdir = INDEXEDGENOMESDIR)

**Arguments**

bsgenome            BSgenome  
 indexedgenomesdir  
                     directory with indexed genomes

**Value**

TRUE or FALSE

**Examples**

```
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38::BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38
has_been_indexed(bsgenome)
```

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|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| index_genome | <i>Index genome</i> |
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**Description**

Bowtie index genome

**Usage**

```
index_genome(
  bsgenome,
  indexedgenomesdir = INDEXEDGENOMESDIR,
  download = TRUE,
  overwrite = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

bsgenome            [BSgenome-class](#)  
 indexedgenomesdir  
                     string: directory with bowtie-indexed genome  
 download            TRUE (default) or FALSE: whether to download pre-indexed version if available  
 overwrite           TRUE or FALSE (default)

**Details**

Checks whether already available locally. If not, checks whether indexed version can be downloaded from our s3 storage. If not, builds the index with bowtie. This can take a few hours, but is a one-time operation.

**Value**

invisible(genomdir)

Examples

```
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Scerevisiae.UCSC.sacCer1::Scerevisiae
index_genome(bsgenome, indexedgenomesdir = tempdir())
```

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|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| index_targets | <i>Index targets</i> |
|---------------|----------------------|

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Description

Bowtie index targets

Usage

```
index_targets(
  targets,
  bsgenome = getBSgenome(genome(targets)[1]),
  outdir = OUTDIR,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

|          |                                |
|----------|--------------------------------|
| targets  | <a href="#">GRanges-class</a>  |
| bsgenome | <a href="#">BSgenome-class</a> |
| outdir   | string: output directory       |
| verbose  | TRUE (default) or FALSE        |

Value

invisible(targetdir)

Examples

```
require(magrittr)
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10::BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10
bedfile <- system.file('extdata/SRF.bed', package = 'multicrispr')
targets <- extend(bed_to_granges(bedfile, genome = 'mm10'))
index_targets(targets, bsgenome)
```

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|----------------|------------------------------|
| plot_intervals | <i>Interval plot GRanges</i> |
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## Description

Interval plot GRanges

## Usage

```
plot_intervals(
  gr,
  xref = "targetname",
  y = default_y(gr),
  nperchrom = 2,
  nchrom = 4,
  color_var = "targetname",
  facet_var = "seqnames",
  linetype_var = default_linetype(gr),
  size_var = default_size_var(gr),
  alpha_var = default_alpha_var(gr),
  title = NULL,
  scales = "free"
)
```

## Arguments

|              |                                                                      |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| gr           | <a href="#">GRanges-class</a>                                        |
| xref         | gr var used for scaling x axis                                       |
| y            | 'names' (default) or name of gr variable                             |
| nperchrom    | number (default 1): n head (and n tail) targets shown per chromosome |
| nchrom       | number (default 6) of chromosomes shown                              |
| color_var    | 'seqnames' (default) or other gr variable                            |
| facet_var    | NULL(default) or gr variable mapped to facet                         |
| linetype_var | NULL (default) or gr variable mapped to linetype                     |
| size_var     | NULL (default) or gr variable mapped to size                         |
| alpha_var    | NULL or gr variable mapped to alpha                                  |
| title        | NULL or string: plot title                                           |
| scales       | 'free', 'fixed', etc                                                 |

## Value

ggplot object

See Also

[plot\\_karyogram](#)

Examples

```
# SRF sites
require(magrittr)
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10::BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10
bedfile <- system.file('extdata/SRF.bed', package = 'multicrispr')
targets <- bed_to_granges(bedfile, 'mm10', plot = FALSE)
plot_intervals(targets)

# PE targets
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38::BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38
gr <- char_to_granges(c(PRNP = 'chr20:4699600:+',
                        HBB = 'chr11:5227002:-',
                        HEXA = 'chr15:72346580-72346583:-',
                        CFTR = 'chr7:117559593-117559595:+'),
                      bsgenome)
spacers <- find_primespacers(gr, bsgenome, plot = FALSE)
plot_intervals(gr)
plot_intervals(extend_for_pe(gr))
plot_intervals(spacers)

# Empty gr
plot_intervals(GenomicRanges::GRanges())
```

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|                |                                          |
|----------------|------------------------------------------|
| plot_karyogram | <i>Karyo/Interval Plot GRanges(List)</i> |
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Description

Karyo/Interval Plot GRanges(List)

Usage

```
plot_karyogram(grlist, title = unique(genome(grlist)))
```

Arguments

|        |                               |
|--------|-------------------------------|
| grlist | <a href="#">GRanges-class</a> |
| title  | plot title                    |

Value

list

**See Also**[plot\\_intervals](#)**Examples**

```
# Plot GRanges
bedfile <- system.file('extdata/SRF.bed', package = 'multicrispr')
gr <- bed_to_granges(bedfile, 'mm10', plot = FALSE)
plot_karyogram(gr)

# Plot GRangesList
flanks <- up_flank(gr, stranded=FALSE)
grlist <- GenomicRanges::GRangesList(sites = gr, flanks = flanks)
plot_karyogram(grlist)
```

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|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
| score_ontargets | <i>Add on-target efficiency scores</i> |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Add Doench2014 or Doench2016 on-target efficiency scores

**Usage**

```
score_ontargets(
  spacers,
  bsgenome,
  ontargetmethod = c("Doench2014", "Doench2016")[1],
  chunksize = 10000,
  verbose = TRUE,
  plot = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

|                |                                                                                                     |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| spacers        | <a href="#">GRanges-class</a> : spacers                                                             |
| bsgenome       | <a href="#">BSgenome-class</a>                                                                      |
| ontargetmethod | 'Doench2014' (default) or 'Doench2016' (requires non-NULL argument python, virtualenv, or condaenv) |
| chunksize      | Doench2016 is executed in chunks of chunksize                                                       |
| verbose        | TRUE (default) or FALSE                                                                             |
| plot           | TRUE (default) or FALSE                                                                             |
| ...            | passed to <a href="#">plot_intervals</a>                                                            |

## Details

add\_ontargets adds efficiency scores filter\_ontargets adds efficiency scores and filters on them

## Value

numeric vector

## References

Doench 2014, Rational design of highly active sgRNAs for CRISPR-Cas9-mediated gene inactivation. Nature Biotechnology, doi: 10.1038/nbt.3026

Doench 2016, Optimized sgRNA design to maximize activity and minimize off-target effects of CRISPR-Cas9. Nature Biotechnology, doi: 10.1038/nbt.3437

Python module azimuth: [github/MicrosoftResearch/azimuth](https://github.com/MicrosoftResearch/azimuth)

## Examples

```
# Install azimuth
#-----
## With reticulate
# require(reticulate)
# conda_create('azienv', c('python=2.7'))
# use_condaenv('azienv')
# py_install(c('azimuth', 'scikit-learn==0.17.1', 'biopython==1.76'),
#            'azienv', pip = TRUE)

## Directly
# conda create --name azienv python=2.7
# conda activate azienv
# pip install scikit-learn==0.17.1
# pip install biopython==1.76
# pip install azimuth

# PE example
#-----
require(magrittr)
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38::BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38
targets <- char_to_granges(c(PRNP = 'chr20:4699600:+',          # snp
                             HBB  = 'chr11:5227002:-',        # snp
                             HEXA  = 'chr15:72346580-72346583:-', # del
                             CFTR  = 'chr7:117559593-117559595:+', # ins
                             bsgenome)
spacers <- find_primespacers(targets, bsgenome, ontargetmethod=NULL,
                             offtargetmethod=NULL)
spacers %>% score_ontargets(bsgenome, 'Doench2014')
# reticulate::use_condaenv('azienv')
# reticulate::import('azimuth')
# spacers %>% score_ontargets(bsgenome, 'Doench2016')

# TFBS example
```

```
#-----
bedfile <- system.file('extdata/SRF.bed', package = 'multicrispr')
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10::BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10
targets <- extend(bed_to_granges(bedfile, 'mm10'))
spacers <- find_spacers(targets, bsgenome, ontargetmethod=NULL,
                        offtargetmethod=NULL)

spacers %<>% score_ontargets(bsgenome, 'Doench2014')
# reticulate::use_condaenv('azienv')
# reticulate::import('azimuth')
# spacers %>% score_ontargets(bsgenome, 'Doench2016')
```

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up\_flank

*Extend or Flank GRanges*


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## Description

Returns extensions, upstream flanks, or downstream flanks

## Usage

```
up_flank(
  gr,
  start = -200,
  end = -1,
  strandaware = TRUE,
  bsgenome = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE,
  plot = FALSE,
  linetype_var = "set",
  ...
)

down_flank(
  gr,
  start = 1,
  end = 200,
  strandaware = TRUE,
  bsgenome = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE,
  plot = FALSE,
  linetype_var = "set",
  ...
)

extend(
  gr,
  start = -22,
  end = 22,
```

```

    strandaware = TRUE,
    bsgenome = NULL,
    verbose = FALSE,
    plot = FALSE,
    linetype_var = "set",
    ...
)

```

## Arguments

|              |                                                                                                                         |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| gr           | <a href="#">GRanges-class</a>                                                                                           |
| start        | number or vector (same length as gr): start definition, relative to gr start (up_flank, extend) or gr end (down_flank). |
| end          | number or vector (same length as gr): end definition, relative to gr start (up_flank) or gr end (extend, down_flank).   |
| strandaware  | TRUE (default) or FALSE: consider strand information?                                                                   |
| bsgenome     | NULL (default) or <a href="#">BSgenome-class</a> . Required to update gr\$seq if present.                               |
| verbose      | TRUE or FALSE (default)                                                                                                 |
| plot         | TRUE or FALSE (default)                                                                                                 |
| linetype_var | string: gr var mapped to linetype                                                                                       |
| ...          | passed to <a href="#">plot_intervals</a>                                                                                |

## Details

up\_flank returns upstream flanks, in relation to start(gr). down\_flank returns downstream flanks, in relation to end(gr). extend returns extensions, in relation to start(gr) and end(gr)

## Value

a [GRanges-class](#)

## Examples

```

# PE example
#-----
require(magrittr)
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38::BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38
gr <- char_to_granges(c(PRNP = 'chr20:4699600:+',          # snp
                        HBB  = 'chr11:5227002:-',          # snp
                        HEXA = 'chr15:72346580-72346583:-', # del
                        CFTR = 'chr7:117559593-117559595:+', # ins
                        bsgenome = bsgenome)

gr %>% up_flank( -22,  -1, plot=TRUE)
gr %>% up_flank( c(-10,-20,-30,-40),  -1, plot=TRUE)
gr %>% up_flank( -22,  -1, plot=TRUE, strandaware=FALSE)

gr %>% down_flank(+1, +22, plot=TRUE)
gr %>% down_flank(+1, c(10, 20, 30, 40), plot=TRUE)

```

```

gr %>% down_flank(+1, +22, plot=TRUE, strandaware=FALSE)

gr %>% extend( -10, +20, plot=TRUE)
gr %>% extend( -10, +20, plot=TRUE, strandaware=FALSE)

# TFBS example
#-----
bedfile <- system.file('extdata/SRF.bed', package='multicrispr')
gr <- bed_to_granges(bedfile, genome = 'mm10')
gr %>% extend(plot = TRUE)
gr %>% up_flank(plot = TRUE)
gr %>% down_flank(plot = TRUE)

```

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|              |                              |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| write_ranges | <i>Write GRanges to file</i> |
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## Description

Write GRanges to file

## Usage

```
write_ranges(gr, file, verbose = TRUE)
```

```
read_ranges(file, bsgenome)
```

## Arguments

|          |                                |
|----------|--------------------------------|
| gr       | <a href="#">GRanges-class</a>  |
| file     | file                           |
| verbose  | TRUE (default) or FALSE        |
| bsgenome | <a href="#">BSgenome-class</a> |

## Value

[GRanges-class](#) for read\_ranges

## Examples

```

# Find PE spacers for 4 clinically relevant loci (Anzalone et al, 2019)
bsgenome <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38::BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38
gr <- char_to_granges(c(
  PRNP = 'chr20:4699600:+',          # snp: prion disease
  HBB  = 'chr11:5227002:-',          # snp: sickle cell anemia
  HEXA = 'chr15:72346580-72346583:-', # del: tay sachs disease
  CFTR = 'chr7:117559593-117559595:+', # ins: cystic fibrosis
  bsgenome))
file <- file.path(tempdir(), 'gr.txt')
write_ranges(gr, file)
read_ranges(file, bsgenome)

```

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