

# Package ‘cBioPortalData’

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cBioCache	<i>Manage cache / download directories for study data</i>
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## Description

Managing data downloads is important to save disk space and re-downloading data files. This can be done effortlessly via the integrated BiocFileCache system.

## Usage

```
cBioCache(..., ask = interactive())

setCache(
  directory = tools::R_user_dir("cBioPortalData", "cache"),
  verbose = TRUE,
  ask = interactive()
)

removePackCache(cancer_study_id, dry.run = TRUE)

removeDataCache(
  api,
  studyId = NA_character_,
  genePanelId = NA_character_,
  genes = NA_character_,
  molecularProfileIds = NULL,
  sampleListId = NULL,
  sampleIds = NULL,
  by = c("entrezGeneId", "hugoGeneSymbol"),
  dry.run = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

...	For cBioCache, arguments passed to setCache
ask	logical (default TRUE when interactive session) Confirm the file location of the cache directory
directory	The file location where the cache is located. Once set future downloads will go to this folder.

verbose	Whether to print descriptive messages
cancer_study_id	character(1) The studyId from getStudies
dry.run	logical Whether or not to remove cache files (default TRUE).
api	An API object of class 'cBioPortal' from the 'cBioPortal' function
studyId	character(1) Indicates the "studyId" as taken from 'getStudies'
genePanelId	character(1) Identifies the gene panel, as obtained from the 'genePanels' function
genes	character() Either Entrez gene identifiers or Hugo gene symbols. When included, the 'by' argument indicates the type of identifier provided and 'genePanelId' is ignored. Preference is given to Entrez IDs due to faster query responses.
molecularProfileIds	character() A vector of molecular profile IDs
sampleListId	character(1) A sample list identifier as obtained from 'sampleLists()'
sampleIds	character() Sample identifiers
by	character(1) Either 'entrezGeneId' or 'hugoGeneSymbol' for row metadata (default: 'entrezGeneId')

**Value**

cBioCache: The path to the cache location

**cBioCache**

Get the directory location of the cache. It will prompt the user to create a cache if not already created. A specific directory can be used via setCache.

**setCache**

Specify the directory location of the data cache. By default, it will go to the user directory as given by:

```
tools::R_user_dir("cBioPortalData", "cache")
```

**removePackCache**

Some files may become corrupt when downloading, this function allows the user to delete the tarball associated with a cancer\_study\_id in the cache. This only works for the cBioDataPack function. To remove the entire cBioPortalData cache, run `unlink("~/cache/cBioPortalData")`.

**Examples**

```
cBioCache()

removePackCache("acc_tcga", dry.run = TRUE)

cbio <- cBioPortal()

cBioPortalData(
  cbio, by = "hugoGeneSymbol",
  studyId = "acc_tcga",
```

```

genePanelId = "AmpliSeq",
molecularProfileIds =
  c("acc_tcga_rppa", "acc_tcga_linear_CNA", "acc_tcga_mutations")
)

removeDataCache(
  cBio, by = "hugoGeneSymbol",
  studyId = "acc_tcga",
  genePanelId = "AmpliSeq",
  molecularProfileIds =
    c("acc_tcga_rppa", "acc_tcga_linear_CNA", "acc_tcga_mutations"),
  dry.run = TRUE
)

```

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cBioDataPack

*Obtain pre-packaged data from cBioPortal and represent as a Multi-AssayExperiment object*


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## Description

The cBioDataPack function allows the user to download and process cancer study datasets found in MSKCC's cBioPortal. Output datasets use the [MultiAssayExperiment](#) data representation to facilitate analysis and data management operations.

## Usage

```

cBioDataPack(
  cancer_study_id,
  use_cache = TRUE,
  names.field = c("Hugo_Symbol", "Entrez_Gene_Id", "Gene"),
  cleanup = TRUE,
  ask = interactive(),
  check_build = TRUE
)

```

## Arguments

cancer_study_id	character(1) The study identifier from cBioPortal as seen in the dataset links at <a href="https://www.cbioportal.org/datasets">https://www.cbioportal.org/datasets</a>
use_cache	logical(1) (default TRUE) create the default cache location and use it to track downloaded data. If data found in the cache, data will not be re-downloaded. A path can also be provided to data cache location.
names.field	character() Possible column names for the column that will used to label ranges for data such as mutations or copy number (default: c("Hugo_Symbol", "Entrez_Gene_Id", "Gene", "Composite.Element.REF")). Values are cycled through and eliminated when no data present, or duplicates are found. Values in the corresponding column must be unique in each row.
cleanup	logical(1) whether to delete the untar-red contents from the exdir folder (default TRUE)

ask	logical(1) Whether to prompt the the user before downloading and loading study MultiAssayExperiment that is not currently building based on previous testing. Set to interactive() by default. In a non-interactive session, data download will be attempted; equivalent to ask = FALSE. The argument will also be used when a cache directory needs to be created when using downloadStudy.
check_build	logical(1L) Whether to check the build status of the studyId using an internal dataset. This argument should be set to FALSE if using alternative hostnames, e.g., 'pedcbioportal.kidsfirstdrc.org'

## Details

The full list of study identifiers (studyIds) can obtained from `getStudies()`. Currently, only ~ 72% of datasets can be represented as MultiAssayExperiment data objects from the data tarballs. Refer to `getStudies(..., buildReport = TRUE)` and its "pack\_build" column to see which study identifiers are not building. Users who would like to prioritize particular datasets should open GitHub issues at the URL in the DESCRIPTION file. For a more fine-grained approach to downloading data from the cBioPortal API, refer to the `cBioPortalData` function.

## Value

A [MultiAssayExperiment](#) object

## cBio\_URL

The `cBioDataPack` function accesses data from the `cBio_URL` option. By default, it points to an Amazon S3 bucket location. Previously, it pointed to 'http://download.cbioportal.org'. This recent change (> 2.1.17) should provide faster and more reliable downloads for all users. See the URL using `cBioPortalData:::url_location`. This can be changed if there are mirrors that host this data by setting the `cBio_URL` option with `getOption("cBio_URL", "https://some.url.com/")` before running the function.

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## See Also

<https://www.cbioportal.org/datasets>, [cBioPortalData](#), [removePackCache](#)

## Examples

```
cbio <- cBioPortal()

head(getStudies(cbio)[["studyId"]])

mae <- cBioDataPack("acc_tcga")
```

## Description

This section of the documentation lists the functions that allow users to access the cBioPortal API. The main representation of the API can be obtained from the 'cBioPortal' function. The supporting functions listed here give access to specific parts of the API and allow the user to explore the API with individual calls. Many of the functions here are listed for documentation purposes and are recommended for advanced usage only. Users should only need to use the 'cBioPortalData' main function to obtain data.

## Usage

```
cBioPortal(  
  hostname = "www.cbioportal.org",  
  protocol = "https",  
  api. = "/api/v2/api-docs",  
  token = character()  
)  
  
getStudies(api, buildReport = FALSE)  
  
clinicalData(api, studyId = NA_character_)  
  
molecularProfiles(  
  api,  
  studyId = NA_character_,  
  projection = c("SUMMARY", "ID", "DETAILED", "META")  
)  
  
fetchData(  
  api,  
  molecularProfileIds = NA_character_,  
  entrezGeneIds = NULL,  
  sampleIds = NULL  
)  
  
mutationData(  
  api,  
  molecularProfileIds = NA_character_,  
  entrezGeneIds = NULL,  
  sampleIds = NULL  
)  
  
molecularData(  
  api,  
  molecularProfileIds = NA_character_,  
  entrezGeneIds = NULL,  
  sampleIds = NULL  
)
```

```
searchOps(api, keyword)

samplesInSampleLists(api, sampleListIds = NA_character_)

sampleLists(api, studyId = NA_character_)

allSamples(api, studyId = NA_character_)

getSampleInfo(
  api,
  studyId = NA_character_,
  sampleListIds = NULL,
  projection = c("SUMMARY", "ID", "DETAILED", "META")
)

genePanels(api)

getGenePanel(api, genePanelId = NA_character_)

genePanelMolecular(
  api,
  molecularProfileId = NA_character_,
  sampleListId = NULL,
  sampleIds = NULL
)

getGenePanelMolecular(api, molecularProfileIds = NA_character_, sampleIds)

geneTable(api, pageSize = 1000, pageNumber = 0, ...)

queryGeneTable(
  api,
  by = c("entrezGeneId", "hugoGeneSymbol"),
  genes = NA_character_,
  genePanelId = NA_character_
)

getDataByGenes(
  api,
  studyId = NA_character_,
  genes = NA_character_,
  genePanelId = NA_character_,
  by = c("entrezGeneId", "hugoGeneSymbol"),
  molecularProfileIds = NULL,
  sampleListId = NULL,
  sampleIds = NULL,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

hostname            character(1) The internet location of the service (default: 'www.cbioportal.org')

protocol	character(1) The internet protocol used to access the hostname (default: 'https')
api.	character(1) The directory location of the API protocol within the hostname (default: '/api/v2/api-docs')
token	character(1) The Authorization Bearer token e.g., "63eba81c-2591-4e15-9d1c-fb6e8e51e35d" or a path to text file.
api	An API object of class 'cBioPortal' from the 'cBioPortal' function
buildReport	logical(1) Indicates whether to append the build information to the 'getStudies()' table (default FALSE)
studyId	character(1) Indicates the "studyId" as taken from 'getStudies'
projection	character(default: "SUMMARY") Specify the projection type for data retrieval for details see API documentation
molecularProfileIds	character() A vector of molecular profile IDs
entrezGeneIds	numeric() A vector indicating entrez gene IDs
sampleIds	character() Sample identifiers
keyword	character(1) Keyword or pattern for searching through available operations
sampleListIds	character() A vector of 'sampleListId' as obtained from 'sampleLists'
genePanelId	character(1) Identifies the gene panel, as obtained from the 'genePanels' function
molecularProfileId	character(1) Indicates a molecular profile ID
sampleListId	character(1) A sample list identifier as obtained from 'sampleLists()'
pageSize	numeric(1) The number of rows in the table to return
pageNumber	numeric(1) The pagination page number
...	Additional arguments to lower level API functions
by	character(1) Either 'entrezGeneId' or 'hugoGeneSymbol' for row metadata (default: 'entrezGeneId')
genes	character() Either Entrez gene identifiers or Hugo gene symbols. When included, the 'by' argument indicates the type of identifier provided and 'genePanelId' is ignored. Preference is given to Entrez IDs due to faster query responses.

### Value

cBioPortal: An API object of class 'cBioPortal'

cBioPortalData: A data object of class 'MultiAssayExperiment'

### API Metadata

\* getStudies - Obtain a table of studies and associated metadata and optionally include a 'buildReport' status (default FALSE) for each study. When enabled, the 'api\_build' and 'pack\_build' columns will be added to the table and will show if 'MultiAssayExperiment' objects can be generated for that particular study identifier ('studyId'). The 'api\_build' column corresponds to datasets obtained with 'cBioPortalData' and the 'pack\_build' column corresponds to datasets loaded via 'cBioDataPack'.

\* searchOps - Search through API operations with a keyword

\* sampleLists - obtain all 'sampleListIds' for a particular 'studyId'



- \* allSamples - obtain all samples within a particular 'studyId'
- \* genePanels - Show all available gene panels
- \* geneTable - Get a table of all genes by 'entrezGeneId' and 'hugoGeneSymbol'
- \* queryGeneTable - Get a table for only the 'genes' or 'genePanelId' of interest. Gene inputs are identified with the 'by' argument

### Patient Data

- \* clinicalData - Obtain clinical data for a particular study identifier ('studyId')

### Molecular Profiles

- \* molecularProfiles - Produce a molecular profiles dataset for a given study identifier ('studyId')

### Molecular Data

- \* fetchData - A convenience function to download both mutation and molecular data with 'molecularProfileId', 'entrezGeneIds', and 'sampleIds'
- \* mutationData - Produce a dataset of mutation data using 'molecularProfileId', 'entrezGeneIds', and 'sampleIds'
- \* molecularData - Produce a dataset of molecular profile data based on 'molecularProfileId', 'entrezGeneIds', and 'sampleIds'

### Sample Data

- \* samplesInSampleLists - get all samples associated with a 'sampleListId'
- \* getSampleInfo - Obtain sample metadata for a particular 'studyId' or 'sampleListId'

### Gene Panels

- \* getGenePanels - Obtain the gene panel for a particular 'genePanelId'
- \* genePanelMolecular - get gene panel data for a particular 'molecularProfileId' and either a vector of 'sampleListId' or 'sampleId'
- \* getGenePanelMolecular - get gene panel data for multiple 'molecularProfileId's and a vector of 'sampleIds'

### Genes

- \* getDataByGenes - Download data for a number of genes within 'molecularProfileId' indicators, optionally a 'sampleListId' can be provided.

### Examples

```
cbio <- cBioPortal()

getStudies(api = cbio)

searchOps(api = cbio, keyword = "molecular")

## obtain clinical data
acc_clin <- clinicalData(api = cbio, studyId = "acc_tcga")
acc_clin
```

```

molecularProfiles(api = cbio, studyId = "acc_tcga")

genePanels(cbio)

(gp <- getGenePanel(cbio, "AmpliSeq"))

mutts <- mutationData(
  api = cbio,
  molecularProfileIds = "acc_tcga_mutations",
  entrezGeneIds = 1:1000,
  sampleIds = c("TCGA-OR-A5J1-01", "TCGA-OR-A5J2-01")
)
exps <- molecularData(
  api = cbio,
  molecularProfileIds = c("acc_tcga_rna_seq_v2_mrna", "acc_tcga_rppa"),
  entrezGeneIds = 1:1000,
  sampleIds = c("TCGA-OR-A5J1-01", "TCGA-OR-A5J2-01")
)

sampleLists(api = cbio, studyId = "acc_tcga")

samplesInSampleLists(
  api = cbio,
  sampleListIds = c("acc_tcga_rppa", "acc_tcga_cnaseq")
)

genePanels(api = cbio)

getGenePanel(api = cbio, genePanelId = "IMPACT341")

queryGeneTable(api = cbio, by = "entrezGeneId", genes = 7157)

clinicalData(cbio, "acc_tcga")

getDataByGenes(
  cbio, studyId = "acc_tcga", genes = 1:3,
  by = c("entrezGeneId", "hugoGeneSymbol"),
  molecularProfileIds = "acc_tcga_rppa",
  sampleListId = "acc_tcga_rppa"
)

```

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cBioPortal-class

*A class for representing the cBioPortal API protocol*


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## Description

The cBioPortal class is a representation of the cBioPortal API protocol that directly inherits from the Service class in the AnVIL package. For more information, see the [AnVIL](#) package.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'cBioPortal'
operations(x, ..., .deprecated = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

- x            A [Service](#) instance or API representation as given by the [cBioPortal](#) function.
- ...            additional arguments passed to methods or, for operations, Service-method, to the internal `get_operation()` function.
- .deprecated    optional logical(1) include deprecated operations?

## Details

This class takes the static API as provided at <https://www.cbioportal.org/api/v2/api-docs> and creates an R object with the help from underlying infrastructure (i.e., [rapiclient](#) and [AnVIL](#)) to give the user a unified representation of the API specification provided by the cBioPortal group. Users are not expected to interact with this class other than to use it as input to the functionality provided by the rest of the package.

## Value

A cBioPortal class instance

## Functions

- `operations(cBioPortal)`:

## See Also

[cBioPortal](#), [Service](#)

## Examples

```
cBioPortal()
```

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cBioPortalData

*Download data from the cBioPortal API*

---

## Description

Obtain a `MultiAssayExperiment` object for a particular gene panel, `studyId`, `molecularProfileIds`, and `sampleListIds` combination. Default `molecularProfileIds` and `sampleListIds` are set to `NULL` for including all data. This option is best for users who wish to obtain a section of the study data that pertains to a specific molecular profile and gene panel combination. For users looking to download the entire study data as provided by the <https://www.cbioportal.org/datasets>, refer to `cBioDataPack`.

## Usage

```
cBioPortalData(  
  api,  
  studyId = NA_character_,  
  genePanelId = NA_character_,  
  genes = NA_character_,  
  molecularProfileIds = NULL,
```

```

sampleListId = NULL,
sampleIds = NULL,
by = c("entrezGeneId", "hugoGeneSymbol"),
check_build = TRUE,
ask = interactive()
)

```

## Arguments

api	An API object of class 'cBioPortal' from the 'cBioPortal' function
studyId	character(1) Indicates the "studyId" as taken from 'getStudies'
genePanelId	character(1) Identifies the gene panel, as obtained from the 'genePanels' function
genes	character() Either Entrez gene identifiers or Hugo gene symbols. When included, the 'by' argument indicates the type of identifier provided and 'genePanelId' is ignored. Preference is given to Entrez IDs due to faster query responses.
molecularProfileIds	character() A vector of molecular profile IDs
sampleListId	character(1) A sample list identifier as obtained from 'sampleLists()'
sampleIds	character() Sample identifiers
by	character(1) Either 'entrezGeneId' or 'hugoGeneSymbol' for row metadata (default: 'entrezGeneId')
check_build	logical(1L) Whether to check the build status of the studyId using an internal dataset. This argument should be set to FALSE if using alternative hostnames, e.g., 'pedcbioportal.kidsfirstdrc.org'
ask	logical(1) Whether to prompt the the user before downloading and loading study MultiAssayExperiment that is not currently building based on previous testing. Set to interactive() by default. In a non-interactive session, data download will be attempted; equivalent to ask = FALSE. The argument will also be used when a cache directory needs to be created when using downloadStudy.

## Details

We are able to successfully represent 98 percent of the study identifiers as MultiAssayExperiment objects as obtained via cBioPortalData with the IMPACT341 genePanelId as the example gene panel. Datasets that currently fail to import can be seen in the getStudies(..., buildReport = TRUE) dataset under the "api\_build" column. Note that changes to the cBioPortal API may affect this rate at any time. If you encounter any issues, please open a GitHub issue at the <https://github.com/waldronlab/cBioPortalData/issues/> page with a fully reproducible example.

## Value

A MultiAssayExperiment object

## See Also

[cBioDataPack](#), [removeDataCache](#)

**Examples**

```

cbio <- cBioPortal()

samps <- samplesInSampleLists(cbio, "acc_tcga_rppa")[[1]]

getGenePanelMolecular(
  cbio, molecularProfileIds = c("acc_tcga_rppa", "acc_tcga_linear_CNA"),
  samps
)

acc_tcga <- cBioPortalData(
  cbio, by = "hugoGeneSymbol",
  studyId = "acc_tcga",
  genePanelId = "AmpliSeq",
  molecularProfileIds =
    c("acc_tcga_rppa", "acc_tcga_linear_CNA", "acc_tcga_mutations")
)

```

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downloadStudy

*Manually download, untar, and load study tarballs*


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**Description**

**Note** that these functions should be used when a particular study is *not* currently available as a `MultiAssayExperiment` representation. Otherwise, use `cBioDataPack`. Provide a `cancer_study_id` from `getStudies` and retrieve the study tarball from the cBio Genomics Portal. These functions are used by `cBioDataPack` under the hood to download, untar, and load the tarball datasets with caching. As stated in `?cBioDataPack`, not all studies are currently working as `MultiAssayExperiment` objects. As of July 2020, about ~80% of datasets can be successfully imported into the `MultiAssayExperiment` data class. Please open an issue if you would like the team to prioritize a study. You may also check `getStudies(buildReport = TRUE)$pack_build` for the current status.

**Usage**

```

downloadStudy(
  cancer_study_id,
  use_cache = TRUE,
  force = FALSE,
  url_location = getOption("cBio_URL", .url_location),
  ask = interactive()
)

untarStudy(cancer_study_file, exdir = tempdir())

loadStudy(
  filepath,
  names.field = c("Hugo_Symbol", "Entrez_Gene_Id", "Gene", "Composite.Element.REF"),
  cleanup = TRUE
)

```

**Arguments**

cancer_study_id	character(1) The study identifier from cBioPortal as seen in the dataset links at <a href="https://www.cbioportal.org/datasets">https://www.cbioportal.org/datasets</a>
use_cache	logical(1) (default TRUE) create the default cache location and use it to track downloaded data. If data found in the cache, data will not be re-downloaded. A path can also be provided to data cache location.
force	logical(1) (default FALSE) whether to force re-download data from remote location
url_location	character(1) (default "https://cbioportal-datahub.s3.amazonaws.com") the URL location for downloading packaged data. Can be set using the 'cBio_URL' option (see ?cBioDataPack for more details)
ask	logical(1) Whether to prompt the the user before downloading and loading study MultiAssayExperiment that is not currently building based on previous testing. Set to interactive() by default. In a non-interactive session, data download will be attempted; equivalent to ask = FALSE. The argument will also be used when a cache directory needs to be created when using downloadStudy.
cancer_study_file	character(1) indicates the on-disk location of the downloaded tarball
exdir	character(1) indicates the folder location to <i>put</i> the contents of the tarball (default tempdir()); see also ?untar)
filepath	character(1) indicates the folder location where the contents of the tarball are <i>located</i> (usually the same as exdir)
names.field	character() Possible column names for the column that will used to label ranges for data such as mutations or copy number (default: c("Hugo_Symbol", "Entrez_Gene_Id", "Gene", "Composite.Element.REF")). Values are cycled through and eliminated when no data present, or duplicates are found. Values in the corresponding column must be unique in each row.
cleanup	logical(1) whether to delete the untar-red contents from the exdir folder (default TRUE)

**Details**

When attempting to load a dataset using loadStudy, note that the cleanup argument is set to TRUE by default. Change the argument to FALSE if you would like to keep the untarred data in the exdir location. downloadStudy and untarStudy are not affected by this change. The tarball of the downloaded data is cached via BiocFileCache when use\_cache is TRUE.

**Value**

- downloadStudy - The file location of the data tarball
- untarStudy - The directory location of the contents
- loadStudy - A MultiAssayExperiment-class object

**See Also**

[cBioDataPack](#), [MultiAssayExperiment](#)

**Examples**

```
(acc_file <- downloadStudy("acc_tcga"))  
  
(file_dir <- untarStudy(acc_file, tempdir()))  
  
loadStudy(file_dir)
```

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