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# Description

Calculate the difference between the total number of dependencies of a package and the number of dependencies that would remain if one or more of the direct dependencies were removed.

# Usage

```
.getDepGain(g, pkg, depsToRemove)
```

# **Arguments**

g Package dependency graph

pkg Character string representing the package of interest depsToRemove Character vector representing the dependencies to remove

# Value

The 'dependency gain' that would be achieved by excluding the indicated direct dependencies

# Author(s)

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 $. \verb|get_cre_orcid| \qquad \qquad \textit{get the ORCID id from cre field of Authors} @R \textit{ in packageDescription} \\ \textit{result}$ 

# **Description**

get the ORCID id from cre field of Authors@R in packageDescription result

# Usage

```
.get_cre_orcid(pkgname)
```

# **Arguments**

pkgname character(1)

activitySince

What are the issues, pulls, commits created since a date?

# Description

This function uses the gh package to get a list of either issues, pull requests, or GitHub commits since the specified date for a particular GitHub repository. The repository must have both the username / organization and the name, e.g., "Bioconductor/S4Vectors".

# Usage

```
activitySince(
  gh_repo,
  activity = c("issues", "pulls", "commits"),
  status = c("closed", "open", "all"),
  Date,
  issue_metadata = c("created_at", "number", "title"),
  token = NULL
)
```

# **Arguments**

gh_repo	character(1) The GitHub repository location including the username / organization and the repository name, e.g., "Bioconductor/S4Vectors"
activity	character(1) The type of repository activity to pull from the GitHub API. It can be one of "issues" (default), "pulls", or "commits".
status	character(1) One of 'closed', 'open', or 'all' corresponding to the issue state desired from the GitHub API (Default: "closed"). This argument is ignored for the "commits" activity report.

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Date	character(1) The date cutoff from which to analyze closed issues in the YYYY-
	MM-DD or YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SSZ format (ISO 8601).
issue_metadata	character() The metadata labels to extract from the gh::gh response. See ?gh::gh
	for more details. Defaults to 'created_at', 'number', and 'title'. This argument is ignored for the "commits" activity report.
	is ignored for the commits activity report.
token	character(1) For big requests, e.g., commit history, you may be prompted to use a GitHub Personal Access Token. Enter the token as plain text.

#### **Details**

The tibble returned by the commits activity report contains five columns:

- · 'committer\_date'
- · 'commit' hash
- 'parents' hash of parent for merge commits
- · 'author'
- · 'message'

For information on other columns, refer to the GitHub API under repository issues or pulls (e.g., /repos/:repo/issues).

#### Value

A tibble with three columns corresponding to issue metadata (i.e., "created\_at", "number", "title")

#### **Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {
   activitySince("Bioconductor/S4Vectors", "issues", "closed", "2021-05-01")
   activitySince("Bioconductor/S4Vectors", "issues", "open", "2022-05-01")
   activitySince("Bioconductor/S4Vectors", "commits", Date = "2022-05-01")
}
```

anaconda DownloadStats  $\ Get\ download\ statistics\ for\ Bioconductor\ packages\ distributed\ via\ Anaconda.$ 

# Description

Get download statistics for Bioconductor packages distributed via Anaconda.

# Usage

```
anacondaDownloadStats()
```

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#### **Details**

Anaconda provide daily download counts for all software packages they distribute. These are summarised into monthly tables of counts and made available from https://github.com/grimbough/anacondadownload-stats This function provides a mechanism to download these monthly counts for Bioconductor packages distributed through Anaconda.

#### Value

A data.frame of download statistics for all Bioconductor packages distributed by Anaconda, in tidy format. Note: Anaconda do not provide counts for unique IP addresses. This column is listed as NA for all packages to provide continuity with data from Bioconductor.org obtained by biocDownloadStats. The counts are updated monthly, so do not expect to see counts for the current month.

#### Author(s)

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#### **Examples**

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biocBuildEmail

Create and copy e-mail package notification template to clipboard

#### **Description**

The \code{biocBuildEmail} function provides a template for notifying maintainers of errors in the Bioconductor Build System (BBS). This convenience function returns the body of the email from a template within the package and provides a copy in the clipboard.

# Usage

```
biocBuildEmail(
  pkg,
  version = c("release", "devel"),
  PS = character(1L),
  dry.run = TRUE,
  to = NULL,
  cc = NULL,
  bcc = NULL,
  emailTemplate = templatePath(),
  core.name = NULL,
  core.email = NULL,
  textOnly = FALSE,
```

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```
resend = FALSE,
verbose = FALSE,
credFile = "~/.blastula_creds"
)
sentHistory()
```

# **Arguments**

pkg	character(1) The name of the package in trouble
version	character() A vector indicating which version of Bioconductor the package is failing in (either 'release' or 'devel'; defaults to both)
PS	character(1) Postscript, an additional note to the recipient of the email (i.e., the package maintainer)
dry.run	logical(1) Display the email without sending to the recipient. It only works for HTML email reports and ignored when textOnly=TRUE
to	character() A vector of email addresses serving as primary recipients for the message. For secondary recipients, use the cc and bcc arguments.
cc, bcc	character() A vector of email addresses for sending the message as a carbon copy or blind carbon copy.
emailTemplate	character(1) The path to the email template Rmd file as obtained by templatePath(). A custom template can be provided as file path.
core.name	character(1) The full name of the core team member
core.email	character(1) The Roswell Park email of the core team member
core.id	character(1) The internal identifier for the Roswell employee. This ID usually matches ^[A-Z]{2}[0-9]{5} for more recent identifiers.
textOnly	logical(1) Whether to return the text of the email only. This avoids the use of the 'blastula' package and adds the text to the system clipboard if the clipr package is installed (default: FALSE)
resend	logical(1) Whether to force a resend of the email
verbose	logical(1) Whether to output full email information from 'smtp_send' (when dry.run is FALSE and 'blastula' is installed)
credFile	character(1) An optional file generated by the blastula::create_smtp_creds_file function containing email authentication information (default: "~/.blastula_creds"). See ?biocBuildEmail details.

# **Details**

The credFile argument is a convenience for avoiding password entry at every instance an email is sent. If the default file ~/.blastula\_creds does not exist, the user will be prompted for authorization information. Currently it is configured to emails for the core-team:

```
blastula::create_smtp_creds_file(
    file = "~/.blastula_creds",
    user = "user.email@domain.org",
```

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```
host = "smtp.office365.com",
port = 587,
use_ssl = TRUE
)
```

#### Value

A character string of the email

#### sentHistory

Check the history of emails sent

biocBuildReport

Tidy Bioconductor build report results

# **Description**

The online Bioconductor build reports are great for humans to look at, but they are not easily computable. This function scrapes HTML and text files available from the build report online pages to generate a tidy data frame version of the build report.

#### Usage

```
biocBuildReport(
  version = BiocManager::version(),
  pkgType = c("software", "data-experiment", "data-annotation", "workflows"),
  stage.timings = FALSE
)
```

# **Arguments**

version

character(1) the character version number as used to access the online build report. For example, "3.14". The default is the "current version" as given by BiocManager::version(). Note that this is a character vector of length one and not a number.

pkgType

character(1) The type of packages for which to get build status information for. Valid values are:

- software: Software packages
- data-experiment: Experiment data packages
- data-annotation: Annotation data packages
- workflows: Workflow packages

stage.timings

logical(1) Whether to include the start, end, and elapsed time for each build, check, install stage from each building in the result (default: FALSE)

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#### Value

A tbl\_df object with columns pkg, version, author, commit, date, node, stage, and result.

# **Examples**

```
# Set the stage--what version of Bioc am I using?
BiocManager::version()

latest_build <- biocBuildReport()
head(latest_build)</pre>
```

biocBuildReportDB

Parse the Build Report tarball for a Bioconductor release

# **Description**

This function parses the Build Report tarball for a Bioconductor release. By default it will pull all the report.tgz files for each Bioconductor package type. The Bioconductor Build System (BBS) Build Report tarball contains build status information for all packages in a Bioconductor release. This function is mainly used by biocBuildReport().

# Usage

```
biocBuildReportDB(
  version = BiocManager::version(),
  pkgType = c("software", "data-experiment", "data-annotation", "workflows"),
  stage.timings = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

version

character(1) The numeric version of Bioconductor to use, e.g., "3.19". Keywords "release" and "devel" are also accepted.

pkgType

character(1) The type of packages for which to get build status information for. Valid values are:

- software: Software packages
- data-experiment: Experiment data packages
- data-annotation: Annotation data packages
- workflows: Workflow packages

stage.timings

logical(1) Whether to include the start, end, and elapsed time for each build, check, install stage from each building in the result (default: FALSE)

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biocBuildStatusDB Download and parse the build status information packages	for Bioconductor
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#### **Description**

This function downloads and parses the build status information for Bioconductor packages. The build status information is available for the current release and the previous release. Other versions may be available.

# Usage

```
biocBuildStatusDB(
  version = BiocManager::version(),
  pkgType = c("software", "data-experiment", "data-annotation", "workflows")
)
```

# **Arguments**

version cha

character(1) The numeric version of Bioconductor to use, e.g., "3.19". Key-

words "release" and "devel" are also accepted.

pkgType

character(1) The type of packages for which to get build status information for. Valid values are:

• software: Software packages

• data-experiment: Experiment data packages

• data-annotation: Annotation data packages

• workflows: Workflow packages

#### Value

A data. frame with the following columns:

- pkg: The name of the package
- node: The builder on which the package was built
- stage: The stage of the build, e.g., 'install', 'buildsrc', 'checksrc', etc.
- result: The status of the build, e.g., 'OK', 'ERROR', 'WARNINGS', etc.

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Get Bioconductor download statistics

# Description

Get Bioconductor download statistics

#### Usage

```
biocDownloadStats(
   pkgType = c("software", "data-experiment", "workflows", "data-annotation")
)
```

# Arguments

pkgType

character() All, some, or one of 'software', 'data-experiment', 'workflows', or 'data-annotation' (defaults to all types)

# **Details**

Note that Bioconductor package download stats are not version-specific.

#### Value

A tibble of download statistics for all Bioconductor packages

# **Examples**

```
biocDownloadStats()
```

biocExplore

Explore Bioconductor packages interactively

# **Description**

Explore Bioconductor packages through an interactive bubble plot. Click on bubbles to bring up additional information about the package. Size and proximity to center of a bubble is based on the downloads the package has in the past month.

# Usage

```
biocExplore(top = 500L, ...)
```

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#### Arguments

top maximum number of packages displayed in any biocView ... parameters passed to htmlwidgets::createWidget()

#### Value

A bubble plot of Bioconductor packages

biocMaintained

Bioconductor Maintained Packages

#### **Description**

List all the packages associated with a maintainer. By default, it will return all packages associated with the maintainer@bioconductor.org email. hasBiocMaint returns a logical vector corresponding to the input character vector of packages indicating whether any package is maintained by the Bioconductor core team.

# Usage

```
biocMaintained(
   main = "maintainer@bioconductor\\.org",
   version = BiocManager::version(),
   pkgType = c("software", "data-experiment", "workflows", "data-annotation")
)
hasBiocMaint(
   pkg,
   version = BiocManager::version(),
   main = "maintainer@bioconductor\\.org",
   repo = c("BioCsoft", "BioCexp", "BioCworkflows", "BioCann")
)
```

#### **Arguments**

main character(1) The regex for searching through the Maintainer column as obtained

from biocPkgList().

version character(1) the character version number as used to access the online build

report. For example, "3.14". The default is the "current version" as given by BiocManager::version(). Note that this is a character vector of length one

and not a number.

pkgType character(1) The type of packages for which to get build status information

for. Valid values are:

• software: Software packages

• data-experiment: Experiment data packages

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• data-annotation: Annotation data packages

· workflows: Workflow packages

pkg character(1) A vector of package names (case sensitive).

repo character() A vector of Bioconductor repositories to search through. By de-

fault, it will search through all Bioconductor repositories.

#### Value

For biocMaintained: a tibble of packages associated with the maintainer.

For hasBiocMaint: a logical vector indicating whether the package is maintained by Bioconductor.

# **Examples**

```
biocMaintained()
## maintained by Hervé and not maintainer at bioconductor dot org
hasBiocMaint("BiocGenerics")
```

biocPkgList

Get full Bioconductor software package listing, with details

# **Description**

The BiocViews-generated VIEWS file is available for Bioconductor release and devel repositories. It contains quite a bit more information from the package DESCRIPTION files than the PACKAGES file. In particular, it contains biocViews annotations and URLs for vignettes and developer URLs.

#### Usage

```
biocPkgList(
  version = BiocManager::version(),
  repo = c("BioCsoft", "BioCexp", "BioCworkflows", "BioCann", "CRAN"),
  addBiocViewParents = TRUE
)
```

# Arguments

version The requested Bioconductor version. Will default to use the BiocManager de-

faults (i.e., version()).

repo character(1) The requested Bioconductor repository. The default is to pull

from the "BioCsoft" repository. Possible repositories include "BioCsoft", "BioCexp", "BioCworkflows", "BioCann", and "CRAN". Note that not all repos are

available for all versions, particularly older versions.

addBiocViewParents

logical(1) whether to add all biocViews parents to biocViews annotations.

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#### **Details**

Since packages are annotated with the most specific views, the default functionality here is to add parent terms for all views for each package. For example, in the bioCsoft repository, all packages will have at least "Software" added to their biocViews. If one wants to stick to only the most specific terms, set addBiocViewParents to FALSE.

#### Value

An object of class tbl\_df.

#### **Examples**

```
bpkgl <- biocPkgList(repo = "BioCsoft")
bpkgl
unlist(bpkgl[1,'Depends'], use.names = FALSE)

# Get a list of all packages that
# import "GEOquery"
library(dplyr)
bpkgl |>
  filter(Package == 'GEOquery') |>
  pull('importsMe') |>
  unlist()
```

biocPkgRanges

Grab build report results from BUILD\_STATUS\_DB for a particular package range

#### **Description**

Grab build report results from BUILD\_STATUS\_DB for a particular package range

#### Usage

```
biocPkgRanges(
   start,
   end,
   condition = c("ERROR", "WARNINGS"),
   phase = "buildsrc",
   version = c("devel", "release")
)
```

# Arguments

```
start character(1) alphabetically first package name in range end character(1) alphabetically last package name in range
```

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condition character(1) condition string, typically 'ERROR' or 'WARNING'

phase character(1) string for phase of event: 'install', 'checksrc', or 'buildsrc' (default)

version character(1) string indication Bioconductor version, either 'devel' (default) or 'release'

#### Author(s)

Vincent J. Carey

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
biocPkgRanges(
    start = "a4", end = "CMA",
    condition = "ERROR", version = "devel"
)
## End(Not run)
```

BiocPkgTools

BiocPkgTools: Examine and analyze Bioconductor package metadata

#### **Description**

Bioconductor has a rich ecosystem of metadata around packages, usage, and build status. This package is a simple collection of functions to access that metadata from R. The goal is to expose metadata for data mining and value-added functionality such as package searching, text mining, and analytics on packages.

#### For developers

The biocBuildReport function returns a computable form of the Bioconductor Build Report.

#### For users

The biocDownloadStats function gets Bioconductor download stats, allowing users to quickly find commonly used packages. The biocPkgList is useful for getting a complete listing of all Bioconductor packages.

#### Infrastructure

Bioconductor packages all have Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs). This package contains basic infrastructure for creating, updating, and de-referencing DOIs.

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#### See Also

Useful links:

- https://github.com/seandavi/BiocPkgTools
- Report bugs at https://github.com/seandavi/BiocPkgTools/issues/new

BiocPkgTools-cache

Manage cache for BiocPkgTools

# Description

Managing user data is important to allow use of email functions such as biocBuildEmail and made easy with BiocFileCache.

#### Usage

```
setCache(
  directory = tools::R_user_dir("BiocPkgTools", "cache"),
  verbose = TRUE,
  ask = interactive()
)
pkgToolsCache(...)
```

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# **Arguments**

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

#### pkgToolsCache

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 got to the user's home/.cache/R and "appname" directory as specified by tools::R\_user\_dir (with package="BiocPkgTools" and which="cache").

biocRevDepEmail

Notify downstream maintainers of changes in upstream packages

#### **Description**

The biocRevDepEmail function collects all the emails of the reverse dependencies and sends a notification that upstream package(s) have been deprecated or removed. It uses a template found in inst/resources with the templatePath() function.

#### Usage

```
biocRevDepEmail(
  packages,
  which = c("strong", "most", "all"),
  PS = character(1L),
  version = BiocManager::version(),
  dry.run = TRUE,
  cc = NULL,
  emailTemplate = templatePath("revdepnote"),
  core.name = NULL,
  core.email = NULL,
  core.id = NULL,
  textOnly = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  credFile = "~/.blastula_creds",
  pkg
)
```

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# Arguments

packages	character() A vector of CRAN and/or Bioconductor packages for whose reverse dependencies are to be checked and notified.
which	a character vector listing the types of dependencies, a subset of c("Depends", "Imports", "LinkingTo", "Suggests", "Enhances"). Character string "all" is shorthand for that vector, character string "most" for the same vector without "Enhances", character string "strong" (default) for the first three elements of that vector.
PS	character(1) Postscript, an additional note to the recipient of the email (i.e., the package maintainer)
version	character() A vector indicating which version of Bioconductor the package is failing in (either 'release' or 'devel'; defaults to both)
dry.run	logical(1) Display the email without sending to the recipient. It only works for HTML email reports and ignored when textOnly=TRUE
СС	character() A vector of email addresses for sending the message as a carbon copy.
emailTemplate	$character (1) \ The \ path \ to \ the \ email \ template \ Rmd \ file \ as \ obtained \ by \ template \ Path ().$ A custom template can be provided as file path.
core.name	character(1) The full name of the core team member
core.email	character(1) The Roswell Park email of the core team member
core.id	character(1) The internal identifier for the Roswell employee. This ID usually matches ^[A-Z]{2}[0-9]{5} for more recent identifiers.
textOnly	logical(1) Whether to return the text of the email only. This avoids the use of the 'blastula' package and adds the text to the system clipboard if the clipr package is installed (default: FALSE)
verbose	logical(1) Whether to output full email information from 'smtp_send' (when dry.run is FALSE and 'blastula' is installed)
credFile	character(1) An optional file generated by the blastula::create_smtp_creds_file function containing email authentication information (default: "~/.blastula_creds"). See ?biocBuildEmail details.
pkg	character(1) DEPRECATED. The name of a single package whose reverse dependencies are to be checked and notified.
	Additional inputs to internal functions (not used).

```
biocRevDepEmail(
    "FindMyFriends", version = "3.13", dry.run = TRUE, textOnly = TRUE)
```

buildPkgDependencyDataFrame

Work with Bioconductor package dependencies

#### **Description**

Bioconductor is built using an extensive set of core capabilities and data structures. This leads to package developers depending on other packages for interoperability and functionality. This function extracts package dependency information from biocPkgList and returns a tidy data.frame that can be used for analysis and to build graph structures of package dependencies.

# Usage

```
buildPkgDependencyDataFrame(dependencies = c("strong", "most", "all"), ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
dependencies character() a vector listing the types of dependencies, a subset of c("Depends", "Imports", "LinkingTo", "Suggests", "Enhances"). Character string "all" is short-hand for that vector, character string "most" for the same vector without "Enhances", character string "strong" (default) for the first three elements of that vector.

... parameters passed along to biocPkgList
```

#### Value

A data.frame (also a tbl\_df) of S3 class "biocDepDF" including columns "Package", "dependency", and "edgetype".

#### Note

This function requires network access.

# See Also

See buildPkgDependencyIgraph, biocPkgList.

```
# performs a network call, so must be online.
library(BiocPkgTools)
depdf <- buildPkgDependencyDataFrame()
head(depdf)
library(dplyr)
# filter to include only "Imports" type
# dependencies
imports_only <- depdf |> filter(edgetype=='Imports')
```

```
# top ten most imported packages
imports_only |> select(dependency) |>
    group_by(dependency) |> tally() |>
    arrange(desc(n))

# The Bioconductor packages with the
# largest number of imports
largest_importers <- imports_only |>
    select(Package) |>
    group_by(Package) |> tally() |>
    arrange(desc(n))

# not sure what these packages do. Join
# to their descriptions
biocPkgList() |> select(Package, Description) |>
    left_join(largest_importers) |> arrange(desc(n)) |>
    head()
```

buildPkgDependencyIgraph

Work with package dependencies as a graph

#### **Description**

Package dependencies represent a directed graph (though Bioconductor dependencies are not an acyclic graph). This function simply returns an igraph graph from the package dependency data frame from a call to buildPkgDependencyDataFrame or any tidy data frame with rows of (Package, dependency) pairs. Additional columns are added as igraph edge attributes (see graph\_from\_data\_frame).

# Usage

```
buildPkgDependencyIgraph(pkgDepDF)
```

#### **Arguments**

pkgDepDF a tidy data frame. See description for details.

#### Value

An igraph directed graph. See the igraph package for details of what can be done.

#### See Also

See buildPkgDependencyDataFrame, graph\_from\_data\_frame, inducedSubgraphByPkgs, subgraphByDegree, igraph-es-indexing, igraph-vs-indexing

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#### **Examples**

```
library(igraph)
pkg_dep_df = buildPkgDependencyDataFrame()

# at this point, filter or join to manipulate
# dependency data frame as you see fit.

g = buildPkgDependencyIgraph(pkg_dep_df)
g

# Look at nodes and edges
head(V(g)) # vertices
head(E(g)) # edges

# subset graph by attributes

head(sort(degree(g, mode='in'), decreasing=TRUE))
head(sort(degree(g, mode='out'), decreasing=TRUE))
```

class-dependencies

Retrieve Class relationships

# **Description**

As the title says it should do something with class relationships

# Usage

```
buildClassDepGraph(class, includeUnions = FALSE)
buildClassDepData(class, includeUnions = FALSE)
buildClassDepFromPackage(pkg, includeUnions = FALSE)
plotClassDep(class, includeUnions = FALSE)
plotClassDepData(data)
plotClassDepGraph(g)
```

# **Arguments**

class a single character value defining a 'S4' class name

includeUnions TRUE or FALSE: Should union definitions included in the result? (default: FALSE)

pkg a single character value defining a package name

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data a data. frame with compatible columns. See output of buildClassDepData g an igraph object with compatible edge attributes. See output of buildClassDepGraph

# **Examples**

```
library("SummarizedExperiment")
depData <- buildClassDepData("RangedSummarizedExperiment")
depData
g <- buildClassDepGraph("RangedSummarizedExperiment")
plotClassDepGraph(g)</pre>
```

**CRANstatus** 

Check the CRAN build report page and email a notification

# **Description**

The CRANstatus function allows users to check the status of a package and send an email report of any failures.

# Usage

```
CRANstatus(
   pkg,
   core.name = NULL,
   core.email = NULL,
   core.id = NULL,
   to.mail = "maintainer@bioconductor.org",
   dry.run = TRUE,
   emailTemplate = templatePath("cranreport")
)
```

# Arguments

pkg	character(1) The name of the package in trouble
core.name	character(1) The full name of the core team member
core.email	character(1) The Roswell Park email of the core team member
core.id	character(1) The internal identifier for the Roswell employee. This ID usually matches ^[A-Z]{2}[0-9]{5} for more recent identifiers.
to.mail	The email of the CRAN report recipient
dry.run	logical(1) Display the email without sending to the recipient. It only works for HTML email reports and ignored when textOnly=TRUE
emailTemplate	character(1) The path to the email template Rmd file as obtained by $templatePath()$ . A custom template can be provided as file path.

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The Bioconductor datacite.org XML generator

# **Description**

This function is used internally to generate XML elements from the datacite.org website for incoming Bioconductor packages.

# Usage

```
dataciteXMLGenerate(pkg)
```

# Arguments

pkg

The name of a Bioconductor package

#### Value

An xml\_document object from the xml2 package.

# See Also

```
?xml2::`xml_document-class`
```

firstInBioc

When did a package enter Bioconductor?

# **Description**

This function uses the biocDownloadStats data to *approximate* when a package entered Bioconductor. Note that the download stats go back only to 2009.

# Usage

```
firstInBioc(download_stats)
```

# **Arguments**

download\_stats a data.frame from biocDownloadStats

```
dls <- biocDownloadStats()
tail(firstInBioc(dls))</pre>
```

generateBiocPkgDOI

Generate a DOI for a Bioconductor package

#### Description

This function makes calls out to the DataCite REST API described here: https://support.datacite.org/docs/api-create-dois. The function creates a new DOI for a Bioconductor package (cannot already exist). The target URL for the DOI is the short Bioconductor package URL.

#### Usage

```
generateBiocPkgDOI(pkg, authors, pubyear, event = "publish", testing = TRUE)
```

#### **Arguments**

pkg character(1) package name

authors character vector of authors (will be "pasted" together)

pubyear integer(1) publication year

event Either "hide", "register", or publish". Typically, we use "publish" to make the

DOI findable.

testing logical(1) If true, will use the apitest user with the password apitest. These

DOIs will expire. The same apitest:apitest combination can be used to login to the website for doing things using the web interface. If false, the Bioconductor-

specific user credentials should be in the correct environment variables

# **Details**

The login information for the "real" Bioconductor account should be stored in the environment variables "DATACITE\_USERNAME" and "DATACITE\_PASSWORD

The GUI is available here: https://doi.datacite.org/.

#### Value

The DOI as a character(1) vector.

```
## Not run:
    x = generateBiocPkgDOI('RANDOM_TEST_PACKAGE','Sean Davis',1972)
## End(Not run)
```

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getBiocVignette

Download a Bioconductor vignette

# Description

The actual vignette path is available using biocPkgList.

# Usage

```
getBiocVignette(
  vignettePath,
  destfile = tempfile(),
  version = BiocManager::version()
)
```

# **Arguments**

```
vignettePath character(1) the additional path information to get to the vignette destfile character(1) the file location to store the vignette version character(1) such as "3.7", defaults to user version
```

#### Value

character(1) The filename of the downloaded vignette

```
x = biocPkgList()
tmp = getBiocVignette(x$vignettes[[1]][1])
tmp
## Not run:
library(pdftools)
y = pdf_text(tmp)
y = paste(y,collapse=" ")
library(tm)
v = VCorpus(VectorSource(y))
v <- v |>
    tm_map(stripWhitespace) |>
    tm_map(content_transformer(tolower)) |>
    tm_map(removeWords, stopwords("english")) |>
    tm_map(stemDocument)
dtm = DocumentTermMatrix(v)
inspect(DocumentTermMatrix(v,
    list(dictionary = as.character(x$Package))))
## End(Not run)
```

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getPackageInfo

Generate needed information to create DOI from a package directory.

# **Description**

Generate needed information to create DOI from a package directory.

# Usage

```
getPackageInfo(dir)
```

# **Arguments**

dir

character(1) Path to package

#### Value

A data.frame

getPkgYearsInBioc

Calculate the years in Bioconductor

# **Description**

This function determines the number of years a package has been in Bioconductor. Available information includes first Bioconductor version a package appeared and the current length of time in Bioconductor. If a package has been removed from Bioconductor, information on the last Bioconductor version and approximate time in Bioconductor before removal is available.

# Usage

```
getPkgYearsInBioc(pkglist = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

pkglist

List of packages to retrieve information. If default NULL, returns a tibble of all Bioconductor packages.

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#### Value

'tibble' with the following columns:

- package: name of Bioconductor package
- category: bioc, data/experiment, data/annotation, workflow
- first\_version\_available: Bioconductor version (e.g. 1.9, 3.21) the package first became available
- first\_version\_release\_date: Equivalent calendar date of given Bioconductor release
- approx\_years\_in: Numeric indicator of years in Bioconductor. If empty, indicates package was removed. See final three columns for more information.
- last\_version\_available: If package was removed from Bioconductor, the last Bioconductor version (e.g. 1.9, 3.21) the package was able to be installed
- last\_version\_release\_date: Equivalent calendar date of given Bioconductor release
- years\_before\_rm: If removed, how many years it was in Bioconductor

#### Author(s)

Lori Shepherd Kern, Robert Shear

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    ## full table all Bioconductor packages
    tbl <- getPkgYearsInBioc()

## example of package list. Packages active in Bioconductor
    tbl <- getPkgYearsInBioc(c("BiocFileCache", "BiocPkgTools"))

## example of a package that has been removed from Bioconductor
    tbl <- getPkgYearsInBioc("ensemblVEP")

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

get\_bioc\_data

Get data from Bioconductor

# Description

Get data from Bioconductor

# Usage

```
get_bioc_data()
```

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#### Value

A JSON string containing Bioconductor package details

# **Examples**

```
bioc_data <- get_bioc_data()</pre>
```

get\_cre\_orcids

get ORCID ids from cre fields of Authors@R in packageDescription results

# **Description**

get ORCID ids from cre fields of Authors@R in packageDescription results

# Usage

```
get_cre_orcids(pkgnames)
```

# **Arguments**

pkgnames

character() must be installed

# Note

returns NA if no ORCID provided in Authors@R for package description

# **Examples**

```
get_cre_orcids(c("BiocPkgTools", "utils"))
```

 ${\tt githubDetails}$ 

Get package details from GitHub

# **Description**

For packages that live on GitHub, we can mine further details. This function returns the GitHub details for the listed packages.

# Usage

```
githubDetails(pkgs, sleep = 0)
```

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#### **Arguments**

pkgs a character() vector of username/repo for one or more GitHub repos, such as

seandavi/GEOquery.

sleep numeric() denoting the number of seconds to sleep between GitHub API calls.

Since GitHub rate limits its APIs, it might be necessary to either use small chunks of packages iteratively or to supply a non-zero argument here. See the

details section for a better solution using GitHub tokens.

#### **Details**

The gh function is used to do the fetching. If the number of packages supplied to this function is large (>40 or so), it is possible to run into problems with API rate limits. The gh package uses the environment variable "GITHUB\_PAT" (for personal access token) to authenticate and then provide higher rate limits. If you run into problems with rate limits, set sleep to some small positive number to slow queries. Alternatively, create a Personal Access Token on GitHub and register it. See the gh package for details.

#### **Examples**

```
pkglist = biocPkgList()

# example of "pkgs" format.
head(pkglist$URL)

gh_list = githubURLParts(pkglist$URL)
gh_list = gh_list[!is.null(gh_list$user_repo),]
head(gh_list$user_repo)

ghd = githubDetails(gh_list$user_repo[1:5])
lapply(ghd, '[[', "stargazers")
```

githubURLParts

Extract GitHub user and repo name from GitHub URL

#### Description

Extract GitHub user and repo name from GitHub URL

# Usage

```
githubURLParts(urls)
```

# **Arguments**

urls character() A vector of URLs

#### Value

A data. frame with four columns:

• url: The original GitHub URL

• user\_repo: The GitHub "username/repo", combined

• user: The GitHub username

• repo: The GitHub repo name

# **Examples**

```
# find GitHub URL details for
# Bioconductor packages
bpkgl = biocPkgList()
urldetails = githubURLParts(bpkgl$URL)
urldetails = urldetails[!is.na(urldetails$url),]
head(urldetails)
```

inducedSubgraphByPkgs Return a minimal subgraph based on package name(s)

# **Description**

Find the subgraph induced by including specific packages. The induced subgraph is the graph that includes the named packages and all edges connecting them. This is useful for a developer, for example, to examine her packages and their intervening dependencies.

#### Usage

```
inducedSubgraphByPkgs(g, pkgs, pkg_color = "red")
```

#### **Arguments**

g an igraph graph, typically created by buildPkgDependencyIgraph

pkgs character() vector of packages to include. Package names not included in the

graph are ignored.

pkg\_color character(1) giving color of named packages. Other packages in the graph that

fall in connecting paths will be colored as the igraph default.

```
library(igraph)
g <- buildPkgDependencyIgraph(buildPkgDependencyDataFrame())
## subgraph of only the first 10 packages maintained by Bioconductor
biocmaintained <- head(biocMaintained()[["Package"]], 10L)
g2 <- inducedSubgraphByPkgs(g, pkgs = biocmaintained)
g2</pre>
```

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V(g2)
plot(g2)
## subgraph of a package's strong Bioconductor package dependencies
maedeps <- unlist(pkgBiocDeps(</pre>
    "MultiAssayExperiment", which = "strong",
    recursive = TRUE, only.bioc = TRUE
), use.names = FALSE)
g3 <- inducedSubgraphByPkgs(g, pkgs = maedeps)</pre>
plot(g3)
## same subgraph with networkD3::forceNetwork
library(networkD3)
wt <- cluster_walktrap(g3)</pre>
members <- membership(wt)</pre>
ndg3 <- igraph_to_networkD3(g3, group = members)</pre>
forceNetwork(
    Links = ndg3$links, Nodes = ndg3$nodes, Source = 'source',
    Target = 'target', NodeID = 'name', Group = 'group', zoom = TRUE,
    linkDistance = 200, fontSize = 20, opacity = 0.9, opacityNoHover = 0.9
)
```

latestPkgStats

Summary of the latest package statistics

#### **Description**

The latestPkgStats function combines outputs from several functions to generate a table of relevant statistics for a given package.

#### Usage

```
latestPkgStats(
  gh_repo,
  Date,
  pkgType = c("software", "data-experiment", "workflows", "data-annotation")
)
```

#### **Arguments**

gh_repo	character(1) The GitHub repository location including the username / organization and the repository name, e.g., "Bioconductor/S4Vectors"
Date	character(1) The date cutoff from which to analyze closed issues in the YYYY-MM-DD or YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SSZ format (ISO 8601).
pkgType	character(1) One of 'software', 'data-experiment', 'workflows', or 'data-annotation' (defaults to 'software')

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# **Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {
   latestPkgStats("Bioconductor/BiocGenerics", "2021-05-05")
}
```

orcid\_table

Obtain employment data from ORCID

# Description

Get a data.frame of employment info from ORCID

# Usage

```
orcid_table(orcids)
```

# **Arguments**

orcids

character() A vector of ORCID identifiers

# Value

a data. frame of employment info using the ORCID API

```
if (interactive()) {
    orcid_table(
        orcid_ids = c(
            "0000-0002-3242-0582",
            "0000-0003-4046-0063",
            "0000-0003-2725-0694"
        )
    )
}
```

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pkgBiocDeps Look up a package's Bioconductor dependen	ries
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# Description

The function uses the pkgType argument to restrict the look up to only the relevant Bioconductor repository. It works for multiple packages of the same type.

# Usage

```
pkgBiocDeps(
  pkg,
  pkgType = c("software", "data-experiment", "workflows", "data-annotation"),
  which = "strong",
  only.bioc = TRUE,
  recursive = FALSE,
  version = BiocManager::version()
)
```

# Arguments

pkg	character(1) The package for which to look up dependencies.
pkgType	${\tt character()\ Any\ of\ 'software',\ 'data-experiment',\ 'workflows',\ and\ /\ or\ 'data-annotation'\ (defaults\ to\ all)}$
which	a character vector listing the types of dependencies, a subset of c("Depends", "Imports", "LinkingTo", "Suggests", "Enhances"). Character string "all" is shorthand for that vector, character string "most" for the same vector without "Enhances", character string "strong" (default) for the first three elements of that vector.
only.bioc	logical(1) Whether to only return Bioconductor dependencies in the list (default TRUE)
recursive	a logical indicating whether (reverse) dependencies of (reverse) dependencies (and so on) should be included, or a character vector like which indicating the type of (reverse) dependencies to be added recursively.
version	(Optional) character(1) or package_version indicating the $Bioconductor$ version (e.g., "3.8") for which repositories are required.

```
pkgBiocDeps("MultiAssayExperiment", only.bioc = TRUE)
pkgBiocDeps("MultiAssayExperiment", only.bioc = FALSE)
```

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pkgBiocRevDeps

Obtain all the reverse dependencies for a Bioconductor package

# Description

The function returns a slightly upgraded list with dependency types as elements and package names in each of those elements, if any. The types of dependencies can be seen in the which argument documentation.

# Usage

```
pkgBiocRevDeps(
  pkg,
  pkgType = c("software", "data-experiment", "workflows", "data-annotation"),
  which = "all",
  only.bioc = TRUE,
  version = BiocManager::version()
)

## S3 method for class 'biocrevdeps'
summary(object, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

pkg	character(1) The package for which to look up dependencies.
pkgType	${\tt character()\ Any\ of\ 'software',\ 'data-experiment',\ 'workflows',\ and\ /\ or\ 'data-annotation'\ (defaults\ to\ all)}$
which	a character vector listing the types of dependencies, a subset of c("Depends", "Imports", "LinkingTo", "Suggests", "Enhances"). Character string "all" is shorthand for that vector, character string "most" for the same vector without "Enhances", character string "strong" (default) for the first three elements of that vector.
only.bioc	logical(1) Whether to only return Bioconductor dependencies in the list (default TRUE) $$
version	(Optional) character(1) or package_version indicating the $\it Bioconductor$ version (e.g., "3.8") for which repositories are required.
object	an object for which a summary is desired.
	additional arguments affecting the summary produced.

#### **Details**

The summary method of the biocrevdeps class given by pkgBiocRevDeps provides a tally in each dependency field.

#### Value

A biocrevdeps list class object

#### **Examples**

```
rdeps <- pkgBiocRevDeps("MultiAssayExperiment", which = "all")
rdeps
summary(rdeps)</pre>
```

pkgCombDependencyGain Calculate dependency gain achieved by excluding combinations of packages

#### Description

Calculate dependency gain achieved by excluding combinations of packages

# Usage

```
pkgCombDependencyGain(pkg, depdf, maxNbr = 3L)
```

# **Arguments**

pkg character, the name of the package for which we want to estimate the depen-

dency gain

depdf a tidy data frame with package dependency information obtained through the

 $function \ buildPkgDependencyDataFrame$ 

maxNbr numeric, the maximal number of direct dependencies to leave out simultane-

ously

#### Value

A data frame with three columns: ExclPackages (the excluded direct dependencies), NbrExcl (the number of excluded direct dependencies), DepGain (the dependency gain from excluding these direct dependencies)

#### Author(s)

Charlotte Soneson

```
depdf <- buildPkgDependencyDataFrame(
  dependencies=c("Depends", "Imports"),
  repo=c("BioCsoft", "CRAN")
)
pcd <- pkgCombDependencyGain('GEOquery', depdf, maxNbr = 3L)
head(pcd[order(pcd$DepGain, decreasing = TRUE), ])</pre>
```

pkgDepImports

pkgDepImports

Report package imported functionality

# **Description**

Function adapted from 'itdepends::dep\_usage\_pkg' at https://github.com/r-lib/itdepends to obtain the functionality imported and used by a given package.

#### Usage

```
pkgDepImports(pkg)
```

#### **Arguments**

pkg

character() name of the package for which we want to obtain the functionality calls imported from its dependencies and used within the package.

#### **Details**

Certain imported elements, such as built-in constants, will not be identified as imported functionality by this function.

#### Value

A tidy data frame with two columns:

- pkg: name of the package dependency.
- fun: name of the functionality call imported from the the dependency in the column pkg and used within the analyzed package.

#### Author(s)

Robert Castelo

```
pkgDepImports('BiocPkgTools')
```

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pkgDepMetrics Report package dependency burden
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#### **Description**

Elaborate a report on the dependency burden of a given package.

# Usage

```
pkgDepMetrics(pkg, depdf)
```

#### **Arguments**

pkg character() name of the package for which we want to obtain metrics on its

dependency burden.

depdf a tidy data frame with package dependency information obtained through the

function buildPkgDependencyDataFrame.

#### Value

A tidy data frame with different metrics on the package dependency burden. More concretely, the following columns:

- ImportedAndUsed: number of functionality calls imported and used in the package.
- Exported: number of functionality calls exported by the dependency.
- Usage: (ImportedAndUsedx 100) / Exported. This value provides an estimate of what fraction of the functionality of the dependency is actually used in the given package.
- DepOverlap: Similarity between the dependency graph structure of the given package and the one of the dependency in the corresponding row, estimated as the Jaccard index between the two sets of vertices of the corresponding graphs. Its values goes between 0 and 1, where 0 indicates that no dependency is shared, while 1 indicates that the given package and the corresponding dependency depend on an identical subset of packages.
- DepGainIfExcluded: The 'dependency gain' (decrease in the total number of dependencies) that would be obtained if this package was excluded from the list of direct dependencies.

The reported information is ordered by the Usage column to facilitate the identification of dependencies for which the analyzed package is using a small fraction of their functionality and therefore, it could be easier remove them. To aid in that decision, the column DepOverlap reports the overlap of the dependency graph of each dependency with the one of the analyzed package. Here a value above, e.g., 0.5, could, albeit not necessarily, imply that removing that dependency could substantially lighten the dependency burden of the analyzed package.

An NA value in the ImportedAndUsed column indicates that the function pkgDepMetrics() could not identify what functionality calls in the analyzed package are made to the dependency.

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#### Author(s)

Robert Castelo
Charlotte Soneson

#### **Examples**

```
depdf <- buildPkgDependencyDataFrame(
  dependencies=c("Depends", "Imports"),
  repo=c("BioCsoft", "CRAN")
)
pkgDepMetrics('BiocPkgTools', depdf)</pre>
```

pkgDownloadRank

What is a package's download rank?

#### **Description**

This function uses available.packages to calculate the download rank *percentile* of a given package. It approximates what is observed in the Bioconductor landing page.

# Usage

```
pkgDownloadRank(
   pkg,
   pkgType = c("software", "data-experiment", "workflows", "data-annotation"),
   version = BiocManager::version()
)
```

#### **Arguments**

pkg character(1) The name of a Bioconductor package

pkgType character(1) One of 'software', 'data-experiment', 'workflows', or 'data-annotation'

(defaults to 'software')

version (Optional) character(1) or package\_version indicating the *Bioconductor* 

version (e.g., "3.8") for which repositories are required.

# Value

The package's percentile rank, in terms of download statistics, and proportion in the name

```
## Percentile rank for BiocGenerics (top 1%)
pkgDownloadRank("BiocGenerics", "software")
```

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Get Bioconductor download statistics for a package

# **Description**

Get Bioconductor download statistics for a package

# Usage

```
pkgDownloadStats(
   pkg,
   pkgType = c("software", "data-experiment", "workflows", "data-annotation"),
   years = format(Sys.time(), "%Y")
)
```

# **Arguments**

pkg character(1) The name of a Bioconductor package

pkgType character(1) One of 'software', 'data-experiment', 'workflows', or 'data-annotation'

(defaults to 'software')

years numeric(), character() A vector of years from which to obtain download statis-

tics (defaults to current year)

# Value

A tibble of download statistics

# **Examples**

```
pkgDownloadStats("GenomicRanges")
```

problemPage

generate hyperlinked HTML for build reports for Bioc packages

# Description

This is a quick way to get an HTML report of packages maintained by a specific developer or which depend directly on a specified package. The function is keyed to filter based on either the maintainer name or by using the 'Depends', 'Suggests' and 'Imports' fields in package descriptions.

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#### Usage

```
problemPage(
  authorPattern = "V.*Carey",
  dependsOn,
  ver = "devel",
  includeOK = FALSE
)
```

# **Arguments**

authorPattern character(1) regexp used with grep() to filter author field of package DESCRIP-

TION for listing

depends0n character(1) name of a Bioconductor package. The function will return the sta-

tus of packages that directly depend on this package Can only be used when

'authorPattern' is the empty string.

ver character(1) version tag for Bioconductor

include0K logical(1) include entries from the build report that are listed as "OK". Default

FALSE will result in only those entries that are in WARNING or ERROR state.

#### Value

DT::datatable call; if assigned to a variable, must evaluate to get the page to appear

#### Author(s)

Vince Carey, Mike L. Smith

# **Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {
  problemPage()
  problemPage(dependsOn = "limma")
}
```

repositoryStats

Bioconductor Binary Repository Statistics

# **Description**

Summarize binary packages compatible with the Bioconductor or Terra container in use.

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#### Usage

```
repositoryStats(
  version = BiocManager::version(),
  binary_repository = BiocManager::containerRepository(version)
)
## S3 method for class 'repositoryStats'
print(x, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

#### Value

a list of class repositoryStats with the following fields:

- container: character(1) container label, e.g., bioconductor\_docker, or NA if not evaluated on a supported container
- bioconductor\_version: package\_version the Bioconductor version provided by the user.
- repository\_exists: logical(1) TRUE if a binary repository exists for the container and Bioconductor\_Version version.
- bioconductor\_binary\_repository: character(1) repository location, if available, or NA if the repository does not exist.
- n\_software\_packages: integer(1) number of software packages in the Bioconductor source repository.
- n\_binary\_packages: integer(1) number of binary packages available. When a binary repository exists, this number is likely to be larger than the number of source software packages, because it includes the binary version of the source software packages, as well as the (possibly CRAN) dependencies of the binary packages
- n\_binary\_software\_packages: integer(1) number of binary packages derived from Bioconductor source packages. This number is less than or equal to n\_software\_packages.
- missing\_binaries: integer(1) the number of Bioconductor source software packages that are not present in the binary repository.
- out\_of\_date\_binaries: integer(1) the number of Bioconductor source software packages that are newer than their binary counterpart. A newer source software package might occur when the main Bioconductor build system has updated a package after the most recent run of the binary build system.

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#### Methods (by generic)

• print(repositoryStats): Print a summary of package availability in binary repositories.

#### Author(s)

M. Morgan

# **Examples**

subgraphByDegree

Subset graph by degree

# **Description**

While the inducedSubgraphByPkgs returns the subgraph with the minimal connections between named packages, this function takes a vector of package names, a degree (1 or more) and returns the subgraph(s) that are within degree of the package named.

# Usage

```
subgraphByDegree(g, pkg, degree = 1, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
g an igraph graph, typically created by buildPkgDependencyIgraph
pkg character(1) package name from which to measure degree.
degree integer(1) degree, limit search for adjacent vertices to this degree.
passed on to distances
```

# Value

An igraph graph, with only nodes and their edges within degree of the named package

```
g = buildPkgDependencyIgraph(buildPkgDependencyDataFrame())
g2 = subgraphByDegree(g, 'GEOquery')
plot(g2)
```

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templatePath

Obtain the location of available email templates

# Description

These templates are used with biocBuildEmail to notify maintainers regarding package errors and final deprecation warning.

# Usage

```
templatePath(
  type = c("buildemail", "deprecation", "deprecguide", "cranreport", "revdepnote")
)
```

# Arguments

type

character(1) Either one of "buildemail", "deprecation", "deprecguide", "cranreport", or "revdepnote". See the templates in the resources folder.

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