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**Description** A toolset for functional enrichment analysis and visualization, gene/protein/SNP identifier conversion and mapping orthologous genes across species via 'g:Profiler' (<<https://biit.cs.ut.ee/gprofiler/>>).

The main tools are:

- (1) 'g:GOST' - functional enrichment analysis and visualization of gene lists;
- (2) 'g:Convert' - gene/protein/transcript identifier conversion across various namespaces;
- (3) 'g:Orth' - orthology search across species;
- (4) 'g:SNPense' - mapping SNP rs identifiers to chromosome positions, genes and variant effects.

This package is an R interface corresponding to the 2019 update of 'g:Profiler' and provides access to 'g:Profiler' for versions 'e94\_eg41\_p11' and higher. See the package 'gProfileR' for accessing older versions from the 'g:Profiler' toolset.

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gconvert	<i>Gene ID conversion.</i>
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## Description

Interface to the g:Profiler tool g:Convert (<https://biit.cs.ut.ee/gprofiler/convert>) that uses the information in Ensembl databases to handle hundreds of types of identifiers for genes, proteins, transcripts, microarray probesets, etc, for many species, experimental platforms and biological databases. The input is flexible: it accepts a mixed list of IDs and recognises their types automatically. It can also serve as a service to get all genes belonging to a particular functional category.

## Usage

```
gconvert(
  query,
  organism = "hsapiens",
  target = "ENSG",
  numeric_ns = "",
  mthreshold = Inf,
  filter_na = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

query	character vector that can consist of mixed types of gene IDs (proteins, transcripts, microarray IDs, etc), SNP IDs, chromosomal intervals or term IDs.
organism	organism name. Organism names are constructed by concatenating the first letter of the name and the family name. Example: human - 'hsapiens', mouse - 'mmusculus'.
target	target namespace.
numeric_ns	namespace to use for fully numeric IDs ( <a href="#">list of available namespaces</a> ).
mthreshold	maximum number of results per initial alias to show. Shows all by default.
filter_na	logical indicating whether to filter out results without a corresponding target.

**Value**

The output is a data.frame which is a table closely corresponding to the web interface output. The result fields are further described in the [vignette](#).

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**Examples**

```
gconvert(c("POU5F1", "SOX2", "NANOG"), organism = "hsapiens", target="AFFY_HG_U133_PLUS_2")
```

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get_base_url	<i>Get the current base URL.</i>
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**Description**

Get the current base URL.

**Usage**

```
get_base_url()
```

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get_tls_version	<i>Get the TLS version for SSL</i>
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**Description**

Get the TLS version for SSL

**Usage**

```
get_tls_version()
```

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get_user_agent	<i>Get current user agent string.</i>
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**Description**

Get the HTTP User-Agent string.

**Usage**

```
get_user_agent()
```

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get_version_info	<i>Get version info of g:Profiler data sources</i>
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**Description**

Get version info of g:Profiler data sources

**Usage**

```
get_version_info(organism = "hsapiens")
```

**Arguments**

organism	organism name. Organism names are constructed by concatenating the first letter of the name and the family name. Example: human - 'hsapiens', mouse - 'mmusculus'.
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**Value**

A named nested list that includes the versions for all the data sources (GO, KEGG, Reactome, WP, etc) at the time of the data extraction for the given organism. The versions correspond to the g:Profiler version embedded in the base\_url which is also returned by this function under the name 'gprofiler\_version'.

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**Examples**

```
## Not run: version_info <- get_version_info(organism = "hsapiens")
```

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gorth	<i>Orthology search.</i>
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### Description

Interface to the g:Profiler tool g:Orth (<https://biit.cs.ut.ee/gprofiler/orth>) that, given a target organism, retrieves the genes of the target organism that are similar in sequence to the source organism genes in the input.

### Usage

```
gorth(  
  query,  
  source_organism = "hsapiens",  
  target_organism = "mmusculus",  
  numeric_ns = "",  
  mthreshold = Inf,  
  filter_na = TRUE  
)
```

### Arguments

query	character vector of gene IDs to be translated.
source_organism	name of the source organism. Organism names are constructed by concatenating the first letter of the name and the family name. Example: human - 'hsapiens', mouse - 'mmusculus'.
target_organism	name of the target organism. Organism names are constructed by concatenating the first letter of the name and the family name. Example: human - 'hsapiens', mouse - 'mmusculus'.
numeric_ns	namespace to use for fully numeric IDs ( <a href="#">list of available namespaces</a> ).
mthreshold	maximum number of ortholog names per gene to show.
filter_na	logical indicating whether to filter out results without a corresponding target name.

### Value

The output is a data.frame which is a table closely corresponding to the web interface output.

The result fields are further described in the [vignette](#).

### Author(s)

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**Examples**

```
gorth(c("Klf4", "Pax5", "Sox2", "Nanog"), source_organism="mmusculus", target_organism="hsapiens")
```

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gost

*Gene list functional enrichment.*


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**Description**

Interface to the g:Profiler tool g:GOST (<https://biit.cs.ut.ee/gprofiler/gost>) for functional enrichments analysis of gene lists. In case the input 'query' is a list of gene vectors, results for multiple queries will be returned in the same data frame with column 'query' indicating the corresponding query name. If 'multi\_query' is selected, the result is a data frame for comparing multiple input lists, just as in the web tool.

**Usage**

```
gost(
  query,
  organism = "hsapiens",
  ordered_query = FALSE,
  multi_query = FALSE,
  significant = TRUE,
  exclude_iea = FALSE,
  measure_underrepresentation = FALSE,
  evcodes = FALSE,
  user_threshold = 0.05,
  correction_method = c("g_SCS", "bonferroni", "fdr", "false_discovery_rate", "gSCS",
    "analytical"),
  domain_scope = c("annotated", "known", "custom", "custom_annotated"),
  custom_bg = NULL,
  numeric_ns = "",
  sources = NULL,
  as_short_link = FALSE,
  highlight = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

query	character vector, or a (named) list of character vectors for multiple queries, that can consist of mixed types of gene IDs (proteins, transcripts, microarray IDs, etc), SNP IDs, chromosomal intervals or term IDs.
organism	organism name. Organism names are constructed by concatenating the first letter of the name and the family name. Example: human - 'hsapiens', mouse - 'mmusculus'.
ordered_query	in case input gene lists are ranked this option may be used to get GSEA style p-values.

multi_query	in case of multiple gene lists, returns comparison table of these lists. If enabled, the result data frame has columns named 'p_values', 'gconvert_sizes', 'intersection_sizes' with vectors showing values in the order of input queries. Set 'multi_gconvert' to FALSE and simply input query as list of multiple gene vectors to get the results in a long format.
significant	whether all or only statistically significant results should be returned.
exclude_iea	exclude GO electronic annotations (IEA).
measure_underrepresentation	measure underrepresentation.
evcodes	include evidence codes to the results. Note that this can decrease performance and make the query slower. In addition, a column 'intersection' is created that contains the gene id-s that intersect between the query and term. This parameter does not work if 'multi_query' is set to TRUE.
user_threshold	custom p-value threshold for significance, results with smaller p-value are tagged as significant. We don't recommend to set it higher than 0.05.
correction_method	the algorithm used for multiple testing correction, one of "gSCS" (synonyms: "analytical", "g_SCS"), "fdr" (synonyms: "false_discovery_rate"), "bonferroni".
domain_scope	how to define statistical domain, one of "annotated", "known", "custom" or "custom_annotated".
custom_bg	vector of gene names to use as a statistical background. If given, the domain_scope is by default set to "custom", if domain_scope is set to "custom_annotated", then this is used instead.
numeric_ns	namespace to use for fully numeric IDs ( <a href="#">list of available namespaces</a> ).
sources	a vector of data sources to use. Currently, these include GO (GO:BP, GO:MF, GO:CC to select a particular GO branch), KEGG, REAC, TF, MIRNA, CORUM, HP, HPA, WP. Please see the g:GOST web tool for the comprehensive list and details on incorporated data sources.
as_short_link	indicator to return results as short-link to the g:Profiler web tool. If set to TRUE, then the function returns the results URL as a character string instead of the data.frame.
highlight	indicator to return a TRUE-FALSE column called 'highlighted' to indicate driver terms in GO.

## Details

The input gene lists are not stored in g:Profiler unless the option 'as\_short\_link' is set to TRUE.

## Value

A named list where 'result' contains data.frame with the enrichment analysis results and 'meta' contains metadata needed for Manhattan plot. If the input consisted of several lists the corresponding list is indicated with a variable 'query'. The 'result' data.frame is ordered first by the query name, data source (such as GO:BP, GO:CC, GO:MF, REAC, etc), and then by the adjusted p-value. When requesting a 'multi\_query', either TRUE or FALSE, the columns of the resulting data frame differ.

If 'evcodes' is set, the return value includes columns 'evidence\_codes' and 'intersection'. The latter conveys info about the intersecting genes between the corresponding query and term.

The result fields are further described in the [vignette](#).

If 'as\_short\_link' is set to TRUE, then the result is a character short-link to see and share corresponding results via the g:Profiler web tool. In this case, the input gene lists will be stored in a database.

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### Examples

```
gostres <- gost(c("X:1000:1000000", "rs17396340", "GO:0005005", "ENSG00000156103", "NLRP1"))
```

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gostplot

*Manhattan plot of functional enrichment results.*

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### Description

This function creates a Manhattan plot out of the results from gprofiler2::gost(). The plot is very similar to the one shown in the g:GOSt web tool.

### Usage

```
gostplot(
  gostres,
  capped = TRUE,
  interactive = TRUE,
  pal = c(`GO:MF` = "#dc3912", `GO:BP` = "#ff9900", `GO:CC` = "#109618", KEGG =
    "#dd4477", REAC = "#3366cc", WP = "#0099c6", TF = "#5574a6", MIRNA = "#22aa99", HPA =
    "#6633cc", CORUM = "#66aa00", HP = "#990099")
)
```

### Arguments

gostres	named list from gost() function (with names 'result' and 'meta')
capped	whether the $-\log_{10}$ (p-values) would be capped if $\geq 16$ , just as in the web options.
interactive	if enabled, returns interactive plot using 'plotly'. If disabled, static 'ggplot()' object is returned.
pal	values mapped to relevant colors for data sources.

**Value**

The output is either a plotly object (if `interactive = TRUE`) or a ggplot object (if `interactive = FALSE`).

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**Examples**

```
# gostres <- gost(c("Klf4", "Pax5", "Sox2", "Nanog"), organism = "mmusculus")
gostres <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "gost_example_mmusculus.rds", package = "gprofiler2"))
gostplot(gostres)
```

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gprofiler_request	<i>Perform a g:Profiler API request</i>
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**Description**

This function sends an HTTP POST request to the g:Profiler API with the provided payload and handles the response accordingly. It parses the JSON response and returns the result.

**Usage**

```
gprofiler_request(url, payload)
```

**Arguments**

url	The URL to which the request is sent.
payload	The payload to be sent in the request body. It should be a list or JSON string.

**Details**

This function sends an HTTP POST request to the specified URL with the provided payload, expecting a JSON response. It handles potential errors, such as non-200 response codes, and parses the JSON response accordingly. If the response code is not 200, an error is raised along with a descriptive message. If the response contains a JSON object with a "message" field, this message is included in the error message.

**Value**

A list containing the parsed JSON response from the g:Profiler API.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
# Example usage:
url <- "https://biit.cs.ut.ee/gprofiler/api/gost/profile"
payload <- list(
  organism = jsonlite::unbox("hsapiens"),
  query = c("ENSG00000139618", "ENSG00000141510"),
  sources = c("GO:BP", "KEGG"),
  user_threshold = jsonlite::unbox(0.05),
  all_results = jsonlite::unbox(TRUE)
)
## Not run: result <- gprofiler_request(url, payload)
```

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gspense

*Convert SNP rs identifiers to genes.*


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**Description**

Interface to the g:Profiler tool g:SNPense (<https://biit.cs.ut.ee/gprofiler/snpsense>) that maps SNP rs identifiers to chromosome positions, genes and variant effects. Available only for human variants.

**Usage**

```
gspense(query, filter_na = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

query	vector of SNP IDs to be translated (should start with prefix 'rs').
filter_na	logical indicating whether to filter out results without a corresponding target name.

**Value**

The output is a data.frame which is a table closely corresponding to the web interface output. Columns 'ensgs' and 'gene\_names' can contain list of multiple values.

The result fields are further described in the [vignette](#).

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**Examples**

```
gspense(c("rs11734132", "rs7961894", "rs4305276", "rs17396340", "rs3184504"))
```

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mapViridis	<i>Map vector of numeric values to Viridis color scale.</i>
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**Description**

Map vector of numeric values to Viridis color scale.

**Usage**

```
mapViridis(values, domain_min = 0, domain_max = 50, n = 256)
```

**Arguments**

values	vector of numeric values (mostly $-\log_{10}(\text{p-values})$ )
domain_min	numeric value that corresponds to the 'yellow' in the color scale
domain_max	numeric value that corresponds to the 'dark blue' in the color scale
n	number of bins to generate from the color scale

**Value**

The output is a corresponding vector of colors from the Viridis color scale with domain in range(domain\_min, domain\_max).

**Author(s)**

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publish_gostplot	<i>Create and save an annotated Manhattan plot of enrichment results.</i>
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**Description**

This function allows to highlight a list of selected terms on the Manhattan plot created with the `gprofiler2::gostplot()` function. The resulting plot is saved to a publication ready image if 'filename' is specified. The plot is very similar to the one shown in the `g:GOS` web tool after clicking on circles.

**Usage**

```
publish_gostplot(  
  p,  
  highlight_terms = NULL,  
  filename = NULL,  
  width = NA,  
  height = NA  
)
```

**Arguments**

p	ggplot object from <code>gostplot(gostres, interactive = FALSE)</code> function
highlight_terms	vector of selected term IDs from the analysis or a (subset) data.frame that has a column called 'term_id'. No annotation is added if set to NULL.
filename	file name to create on disk and save the annotated plot. Filename extension should be from <code>c("png", "pdf", "jpeg", "tiff", "bmp")</code> .
width	plot width in inches. If not supplied, the size of current graphics device is used.
height	plot height in inches. If not supplied, the size of current graphics device is used.

**Value**

The output is a ggplot object.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
# gostres <- gost(c("Klf4", "Pax5", "Sox2", "Nanog"), organism = "mmusculus")
gostres <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "gost_example_mmusculus.rds", package = "gprofiler2"))
p <- gostplot(gostres, interactive = FALSE)
publish_gostplot(p, highlight_terms = c("GO:0001010", "REAC:R-MMU-8939245"))
```

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publish_gosttable	<i>Create and save a table with the functional enrichment analysis results.</i>
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**Description**

This function creates a table mainly for the results from `gost()` function. However, if the input at least contains columns named 'term\_id' and 'p\_value' then any enrichment results data frame can be visualised in a table with this function.

**Usage**

```
publish_gosttable(
  gostres,
  highlight_terms = NULL,
  use_colors = TRUE,
  show_columns = c("source", "term_name", "term_size", "intersection_size"),
  filename = NULL,
  ggplot = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

gostres	named list from gost() function (with names 'result' and 'meta') or a data frame that has columns named "term_id" and "p_value(s)".
highlight_terms	vector of selected term IDs from the analysis or a (subset) data.frame that has a column called 'term_id'. All data is shown if set to NULL.
use_colors	if enabled, the p-values are highlighted in the viridis colorscale just as in g:Profiler, otherwise the table has no background colors.
show_columns	names of additional columns to show besides term_id and p_value. By default the output table shows additional columns named "source", "term_name", "term_size", "intersection_size"
filename	file name to create on disk and save the annotated plot. Filename extension should be from c("png", "pdf", "jpeg", "tiff", "bmp").
ggplot	if FALSE, then the function returns a gtable object.

**Details**

The output table is very similar to the one shown under the Manhattan plot.

**Value**

The output is a ggplot object.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
# gostres <- gost(c("Klf4", "Pax5", "Sox2", "Nanog"), organism = "mmusculus")
gostres <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "gost_example_mmusculus.rds", package = "gprofiler2"))
publish_gosttable(gostres, highlight_terms = c("GO:0001010", "REAC:R-MMU-8939245"))
```

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random\_query

*Generate a random gene list for testing.*

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**Description**

This function returns a vector of randomly selected genes from the selected organism.

**Usage**

```
random_query(organism = "hsapiens")
```

**Arguments**

organism            organism name. Organism names are constructed by concatenating the first letter of the name and the family name. Example: human - 'hsapiens', mouse - 'mmusculus'.

**Value**

a character vector containing randomly selected gene IDs from the selected organism.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
random_genes <- random_query()
```

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set\_base\_url            *Set the base URL.*

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**Description**

Function to change the g:Profiler base URL. Useful for overriding the default URL (<http://biit.cs.ut.ee/gprofiler>) with the beta ([http://biit.cs.ut.ee/gprofiler\\_beta](http://biit.cs.ut.ee/gprofiler_beta)) or an archived version (available starting from the version e94\_eg41\_p11, e.g. [http://biit.cs.ut.ee/gprofiler\\_archive3/e94\\_eg41\\_p11](http://biit.cs.ut.ee/gprofiler_archive3/e94_eg41_p11)).

**Usage**

```
set_base_url(url)
```

**Arguments**

url                    the base URL.

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set\_tls\_version            *Set the TLS version to use for SSL*

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**Description**

Set the TLS version. Could be useful at environments where SSL was built without TLS 1.2 support

**Usage**

```
set_tls_version(v)
```

**Arguments**

v                      version: "1.2" (default), "1.1" (fallback)

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set_user_agent	<i>Set custom user agent string.</i>
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### Description

Set the HTTP User-Agent string. Useful for overriding the default user agent for packages that depend on gprofiler2 functionality.

### Usage

```
set_user_agent(ua, append = F)
```

### Arguments

ua	the user agent string.
append	logical indicating whether to append the passed string to the default user agent string.

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upload_GMT_file	<i>Upload custom annotations for functional enrichment analysis in g:GOS.</i>
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### Description

Upload your own annotation data using files in the Gene Matrix Transposed file format (GMT) for functional enrichment analysis in g:GOS. The accepted file is either a single annotations file (with the extension .gmt) or a compressed directory of multiple annotation GMT files (with the extension .zip). The GMT format is a tab-separated list of gene annotation sets where every line represents a separate gene set/functional term. The first column defines the function ID, second defines a short name/description of the function and the following columns are the list of genes related to the specific function in that row.

### Usage

```
upload_GMT_file(gmtfile)
```

### Arguments

gmtfile	the filepath of the GMT file to be uploaded. The file extension should be .gmt or .zip in case of multiple GMT files. If the filepath does not contain an absolute path, the filename is relative to the current working directory.
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### Details

The uploaded filename is used to define 'source' name in the g:GOS results.

**Value**

A string that denotes the ID of the uploaded custom annotations in the g:Profiler database. After the GMT file upload this unique ID can be used as a value for the argument 'organism' in the `gost()` function to perform functional enrichment analysis based on these custom data.

No need to repeatedly upload the same custom GMT file(s) every time you want to do the enrichment analysis. The custom ID can also be used in the web tool as a token under the Custom GMT options.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
## Not run: custom_id <- upload_GMT_file("path/to/file.gmt")
```

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