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BridgeDbR-package	<i>BridgeDbR Package.</i>
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Description

R package for using BridgeDb directly from R.

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fullNameExists	<i>Determines if the full name corresponds to any known data source.</i>
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Description

Data sources are defined by a title and a short system code. This method determines if a data source is known with the given full name.

Usage

fullNameExists(name)

Arguments

name full name of the data source

Value

exists boolean that indicates if a data is known with the given name

Author(s)

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Examples

```
exists <- fullNameExists("HMDB")
```

getAttributes	<i>Returns the attributes of the given identifier.</i>
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Description

Returns the attributes of the given identifier.

Usage

```
getAttributes(mapper, source, identifier)
```

Arguments

mapper loaded BridgeDb identifier mapper
source system code of the data source
identifier identifier to return the attributes for

Value

mappings a vector of attributes

Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Not run:  
location <- getDatabase("Homo sapiens")  
mapper <- loadDatabase(location)  
getAttributes(mapper, "L", "672")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

getBridgeNames	<i>Method to list the BridgeDb identifier mapping file names as available from the download site.</i>
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Description

This method returns a list of file names of BridgeDb identifier mapping files as they are available from the mapping file download site. The optional code parameter can be used to restrict the list to a specific organism.

Occasionally, the ID mapping file download website changes the pattern of the file names. In that case, you can provide an alternative filename pattern to recognize files on the download site.

This method uses data from https://bridgedb.github.io/data/gene_database/.

Usage

```
getBridgeNames(code, website, pattern)
```

Arguments

code	the organism code
website	optional parameter that allows you to provide a different location to download BridgeDb Derby files from.
pattern	optional parameter to change the filename pattern of the BridgeDb Derby files.

Value

list	the list of available BridgeDb mapping files
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Author(s)

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Examples

```
files <- getBridgeNames("Hs")
## Not run:
prereleases <- getBridgeNames(
  website="http://bridgedb.org/data/gene_database/pre-release/",
  pattern="metabolites_\d*.bridge"
)

## End(Not run)
```

getDatabase	<i>Downloads a identifier mapping database for the given organism.</i>
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Description

Downloads a identifier mapping database for the given organism. The optional location parameter can be used to indicate where the file should be stored. If not give, it will save it in a temporary folder.

This method extracts links from https://bridgedb.github.io/data/gene_database/ to identifier mapping databases hosted on Zenodo and Figshare, two public data archives.

Usage

```
getDatabase(organism,location,website)
```

Arguments

organism	the organism name
location	optional parameter to indicate where the database should be saved
website	optional URL of the server where to look for BridgeDb identifier mapping databases

Value

location	the location where the database was saved
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Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Not run: location <- getDatabase("Bacillus subtilis")  
## Not run: location <- getDatabase("Homo sapiens")
```

getDataSource	<i>Return a DataSource object based on either a name, Bioregistry.io prefix, or system code.</i>
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Description

Return a DataSource object based on either a name, Bioregistry.io prefix, or system code.

Usage

```
getDataSource(name,code,prefix)
```

Arguments

name	the name of the data source
code	the system code of the data source
prefix	the Bioregistry.io prefix of the data source

Value

dataSource	a DataSource Java object
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Author(s)

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Examples

```
dataSource <- getDataSource(code="Ce")
```

getFullName

Return the name of a particular data source.

Description

Data sources are defined by a title and a short system code. This method converts a system code into a full name.

Usage

```
getFullName(syscode)
```

Arguments

syscode	the system code of the data source
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Value

systemCode	the full name of the data source
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Author(s)

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Examples

```
name <- getFullName("Ce")
```

getMatchingSources	<i>Return a list of data sources of which the identifier pattern matches the identifier given.</i>
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Description

This method runs through all data sources it knows about, and looks for sources of which the identifier pattern matches the given identifier.

Usage

```
getMatchingSources(identifier)
```

Arguments

identifier	identifier to test
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Value

list	list of matching data sources
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Author(s)

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Examples

```
list <- getMatchingSources("555")
```

getOrganismCode	<i>Return the code of a particular organism.</i>
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Description

This method converts a organism latin name into a code.

Usage

```
getOrganismCode(name)
```

Arguments

name	latin name of an organism
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Value

systemCode	the code of the organism
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Author(s)

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Examples

```
systemCode <- getOrganismCode("Mus musculus")
```

getProperties	<i>BridgeDb database properties.</i>
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Description

Gets the properties of an BridgeDb ID mapping database.

Usage

```
getProperties(mapper)
```

Arguments

mapper	loaded BridgeDb identifier mapper
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Value

properties	a data frame with the properties
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Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Not run:  
location <- getDatabase("Bacillus subtilis")  
mapper <- loadDatabase(location)  
getProperties(mapper)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

getSystemCode	<i>Return the system code of a particular data source.</i>
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Description

Data sources are defined by a title and a short system code. This method converts a name into a system code.

Usage

```
getSystemCode(name)
```

Arguments

name	name of the data source
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Value

systemCode	the system code of the data source
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Author(s)

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Examples

```
systemCode <- getSystemCode("ChEBI")
```

loadDatabase	<i>Loads a BridgeDb identifier mapping database (.bridge file) as an IDMapper Java-Object.</i>
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Description

Loads a BridgeDb identifier mapping database (.bridge file) as an IDMapper Java-Object.

Usage

```
loadDatabase(location)
```

Arguments

location	location on the hard disk of the BridgeDb file
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Details

The return Java-Object is a Java class implementing the BridgeDb IDMapper interface. It is the required mapper class that is used as input for other methods that need an IDMapper.

Value

mapper an IDMapper object

Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Not run:
location <- getDatabase("Bacillus subtilis")
mapper <- loadDatabase(location)

## End(Not run)
```

map	<i>Converts one identifier into other identifiers for the given target data source.</i>
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Description

Converts one identifier into other identifiers for the given target data source.

Usage

```
map(mapper, source, identifier, target, compactIdentifier)
```

Arguments

mapper	loaded BridgeDb identifier mapper
source	system code of the data source
identifier	identifier to be converted
target	system code of the target data source (optional)
compactIdentifier	the Bioregistry.io compact identifier to convert

Value

mappings a data frame of mapped identifiers for the target data source

Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Not run:
location <- getDatabase("Bacillus subtilis")
mapper <- loadDatabase(location)
map(mapper, "En", "BSn5_00025", "S")
map(mapper, "En", "BSn5_00025")
location <- getDatabase("Homo sapiens")
mapper <- loadDatabase(location)
map(mapper, "En", "ENSG00000139618")
map(mapper, compactIdentifier="uniprot:P51587")

## End(Not run)
```

maps	<i>Converts multiple identifiers into other identifiers for the given target data source.</i>
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Description

Converts one identifier into other identifiers for the given target data source.

Usage

```
maps(mapper, identifiers, target)
```

Arguments

mapper	loaded BridgeDb identifier mapper
identifiers	data frame with identifiers to be converted, with a source and a identifier column
target	system code of the target data source (optional)

Value

mappings	a data frame of mapped identifiers for the target data source
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Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Not run:
location <- getDatabase("Bacillus subtilis")
mapper <- loadDatabase(location)
input = data.frame(
  source= c("L"),
  identifier= c("885041")
)
```

```
maps(mapper, input)

## End(Not run)
```

registerDataSource	<i>Registers a new DataSource based on the given name or system code.</i>
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Description

Return a DataSource of the newly registered data source, based on either a name or system code.

Usage

```
registerDataSource(code, name)
```

Arguments

code	the system code of the data source
name	the name of the data source

Value

dataSource	a DataSource Java object
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Author(s)

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Examples

```
newDataSource <- registerDataSource(code="Cks", name="KNapSack")
```

systemCodeExists	<i>Determines if the system code corresponds to any known data source.</i>
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Description

Data sources are defined by a title and a short system code. This method determines if a data source is known with the given system code.

Usage

```
systemCodeExists(code)
```

Arguments

code	system code of the data source
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Value

exists boolean that indicates if a data is known with the given system code

Author(s)

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Examples

```
exists <- systemCodeExists("Ce")
```

xrefExists	<i>Checks if the given identifier exists</i>
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Description

Checks if the given identifier exists in the given mapping file

Usage

```
xrefExists(mapper, source, identifier, compactIdentifier)
```

Arguments

mapper	loaded BridgeDb identifier mapper
source	system code of the data source
identifier	identifier to be searched
compactIdentifier	the Bioregistry.io compact identifier to check

Value

boolean true, if the given identifier is found in the mapping database

Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Not run:
location <- getDatabase("Bacillus subtilis")
mapper <- loadDatabase(location)
xrefExists(mapper, "L", "885041")
xrefExists(mapper, compactIdentifier="ncbigene:885041")

## End(Not run)
```

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