

# Package ‘MGRASTER’

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## Description

An interface to the MG-RAST API enabling convenient access in the R environment to provided resources, as well as facilitating export.

## Usage

```
call.MGRAST(resource, request, ..., args=NULL, destfile=NULL, parse=is.null(destfile),
            verify=parse, bugs=c("ignore", "warn", "stop", "ask", "report"), quiet=TRUE,
            timeout=300, issue=TRUE)
parse.MGRAST(call.url)
```

## Arguments

resource	name of API resource (string)
request	name of request, valid for the specified resource (string)
...	required and/or optional parameters for the call
args	further parameters (list)
destfile	file to save the retrieved resource (string)
parse	attempt JSON parsing of result? (logical)
verify	check integrity of the returned object? (logical)
bugs	reporting action for API-side problems – not used
quiet	print debugging messages? (logical)
timeout	number of seconds to allow for the call (single integer)
issue	issue the call, or only return the constructed URL? (logical)
call.url	URL for an API resource (string)

## Details

This documentation assumes familiarity with the MG-RAST API, which is described elsewhere.

resource and request are required for all API calls. Optional and required parameters may be given in ... and must be named. In general, parameters should be length-one character vectors, which is what is meant by "string", above. Regardless, parameters are coerced by as.character. Parameters may also be given with args, which must be a named list. Partial resource, request, and parameter names are matched wherever possible, as are partial parameter values tied to a controlled vocabulary.

Parameters named id are specially handled with some helpful scrubbing. In particular, prefixes mg1, mgm, mgp, and mgs are added as necessary, and multiple ids given in a vector are separated.

For certain resource-request combinations, destfile is mandatory. For all others, it is optional. When verify=TRUE a check is made that all documented components for a resource-request are actually received.

Setting quiet=FALSE can help shed light on unexpected results.

parse.MGRAST() tokenizes a valid API URL. If x is a URL validly requesting an API resource, then do.call(call.MGRAST, parse.MGRAST(x)) will retrieve that resource.

### Value

For call.MGRAST(), a list mirroring the JSON structure of the received resource (invisibly). But if parse=FALSE, then the resource, uninterpreted. For non-JSON resources, parse is ignored.

But if destfile is not NULL and the resource was successfully written to destfile, then destfile. If parse=TRUE and relevant, the file is written in .rda format, otherwise raw (usually meaning, as legible text).

Only a URL for the specified resource, if issue=FALSE.

For parse.MGRAST(), a named list including resource, request, and further parameters for the indicated API call.

### Author(s)

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### References

<http://metagenomics.anl.gov>  
<http://api.metagenomics.anl.gov>  
<http://www.json.org>

### See Also

[doc.MGRAST](#), [MGRASTAPI](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
## The calls below are adapted from the MG-RAST API documentation pages.  
## An example is provided for most resource types.  
## Note that resources are returned invisibly by call.MGRAST().  
## These examples are "not run" because they take too long.  
  
##  
## Use of call.MGRAST(), parse.MGRAST(), and do.call() together  
  
parse.MGRAST ("http://api.metagenomics.anl.gov/download/mgm4447943.3?stage=650")  
l1 <- list (id=4447943.3, stage=650)  
call.MGRAST ("down", "set", args=l1)  
  
print (tt <- tempfile())  
parse.MGRAST ("http://api.metagenomics.anl.gov/download/mgm4447943.3?file=350.1")
```

```

call.MGRAST ("down", "inst", id=4447943.3, file=350.1, destfile=tt)
parse.MGRAST (call.MGRAST (issue=FALSE, "down", "inst", id=4447943.3, file=350.1,
destfile=tt))
unlink (tt)

parse.MGRAST ("http://api.metagenomics.anl.gov/library?limit=20&order=name")
call.MGRAST ("lib", "query", lim=20, ord="name")
do.call (call.MGRAST,
parse.MGRAST ("http://api.metagenomics.anl.gov/library?limit=20&order=name"))

##  

## accessing the "m5nr" resource

call.MGRAST ("m5", "ont", source="Sub", min="level3")
call.MGRAST ("m5", "tax", filter="Bacteroidetes", filter_lev="phylum", min="genus")
call.MGRAST ("m5", "md5", id="000821a2e2f63df1a3873e4b280002a8", source="InterPro")
call.MGRAST ("m5", "func", text="sulfatase", source="GenBank")
call.MGRAST ("m5", "seq", text="MAGENHQWQGSIL", source="TrEMBL")

##  

## parsing URLs for the calls above

parse.MGRAST (
"http://api.metagenomics.anl.gov/m5nr/ontology?source=Subsystems&min_level=level3")
parse.MGRAST (paste0 ("http://api.metagenomics.anl.gov/m5nr/taxonomy",
"?filter=Bacteroidetes&filter_level=phylum&min_level=genus"))
parse.MGRAST (paste0 ("http://api.metagenomics.anl.gov/m5nr/md5/",
"000821a2e2f63df1a3873e4b280002a8?source=InterPro"))
parse.MGRAST ("http://api.metagenomics.anl.gov/m5nr/function/sulfatase?source=GenBank")
parse.MGRAST (
"http://api.metagenomics.anl.gov/m5nr/sequence/MAGENHQWQGSIL?source=TrEMBL")

##  

## annotation data via the "matrix" resource,
## and different ways to provide arguments

xx <- c (4447943.3, 4447192.3, 4447102.3, 4447103.3)
yy <- "4447943.3 4447192.3 4447102.3 4447103.3"
aa <- list (group="level3", source="Sub", res="ab", ident=80,
filter_lev="phylum", filter="Firmicutes")
call.MGRAST ("matrix", "org", id=xx, group="family", source="Ref", result="abund", eval=15)
call.MGRAST ("matrix", "func", id=xx, args=aa)
call.MGRAST ("matrix", "feat", id=yy, source="KEGG", result="ev", len=25)

##  

## parsing URLs for the calls above

parse.MGRAST (paste0 (
"http://api.metagenomics.anl.gov/matrix/organism",
"?id=mgm4447943.3&id=mgm4447192.3&id=mgm4447102.3&id=mgm4447103.3",
"&group_level=family&source=RefSeq&result_type=abundance&eval=15"))
parse.MGRAST (paste0 (
"http://api.metagenomics.anl.gov/matrix/function",

```

```

"?id=mgm4447943.3&id=mgm4447192.3&id=mgm4447102.3&id=mgm4447103.3",
"&group_level=level3&source=Subsystems&result_type=abundance&identity=80",
"&filter_level=phylum&filter=Firmicutes"))
parse.MGRAST (paste0 (
"http://api.metagenomics.anl.gov/matrix/feature",
"?id=mgm4447943.3&id=mgm4447192.3&id=mgm4447102.3&id=mgm4447103.3",
"&source=KEGG&result_type=evalue&length=25"))

## examples for still other resources

parse.MGRAST ("http://api.metagenomics.anl.gov/metadata/export/mgp128")
call.MGRAST ("metadata", "exp", id=128)

parse.MGRAST (
"http://api.metagenomics.anl.gov/metagenome/mgm4447943.3?verbosity=metadata")
call.MGRAST ("metagenome", "inst", id=4447943.3, verb="meta")

parse.MGRAST ("http://api.metagenomics.anl.gov/project?limit=20&order=name")
call.MGRAST ("proj", "query", lim=20, ord="name")

parse.MGRAST ("http://api.metagenomics.anl.gov/sample/mgs25823?verbosity=full")
call.MGRAST ("samp", "inst", id=25823, verb="full")

## finally, examples for annotation downloads (they take substantial time)

print (tt <- tempfile())
call.MGRAST ("annot", "seq", id=4447943.3, eval=10, type="org", source="Swiss",
destfile=tt)
call.MGRAST ("annot", "sim", id=4447943.3, ident=80, type="fu", source="KO",
destfile=tt)
unlink (tt)

## End(Not run)

```

## Description

A utility to flexibly inspect the documentation tree of the MG-RAST API.

## Usage

```
doc.MGRAST(depth=1, stratum=NULL, head=NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

depth	show this many levels (single integer)
stratum	show all subtrees matching this name (string)
head	show elements beginning only here (character)
...	additional arguments passed to <code>str()</code>

## Details

This documentation assumes familiarity with the MG-RAST API, which is described elsewhere. The MG-RAST API is locally represented with nested lists that this function helps to explore. It is a specialized version of `str()`. Usage is best understood through the examples. A length-one character vector is meant by "string", above.

## Value

None. Output is printed to the screen, as with `str()`.

## Author(s)

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## References

<http://metagenomics.anl.gov>  
<http://api.metagenomics.anl.gov>  
<http://www.json.org>

## See Also

[str](#), [call.MGRAST](#), [parse.MGRAST](#), [MGRASTAPI](#)

## Examples

```
## list resources, then list all requests of all resources
doc.MGRAST()
doc.MGRAST(2)

## show detail for matrix resource (partial matching works)
doc.MGRAST (head="matrix")
doc.MGRAST (2, head="mat")

## show options for all requests
doc.MGRAST (stratum="options")
doc.MGRAST (2, "options")

## show options in detail for a specific request
doc.MGRAST (3, head=c("annot","seq","param","opt"))

## show return values of all m5nr requests in detail
doc.MGRAST (5, "attributes.data", "m5nr", nchar.max=30)
```

## Description

The session copy of the documentation tree of the MG-RAST API, and tools for dynamic update.

## Usage

```
.MGRAST  
load.MGRAST(ff=API.file())  
build.MGRAST(ff=API.filename)
```

## Arguments

ff	a file name (string or NULL)
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## Details

This documentation assumes familiarity with the MG-RAST API, which is described elsewhere.

The environment .MGRAST contains a nested list structure API built from the documentation-quaspecification of the MG-RAST API published at <http://api.metagenomics.anl.gov>. A prebuilt version of this tree is distributed with the MGRASTER package, which the routines call.MGRAST() and parse.MGRAST() consult.

build.MGRAST() builds a new, accurate-up-to-the-minute copy of the documentation tree, which may be desirable to do after a change or patch is implemented in the API. However, to take effect, a new copy must be assigned into .MGRAST (as in the examples).

load.MGRAST() returns the tree as saved in a specified file, or the version of the tree actually in use.

## Value

For build.MGRAST(), the file name ff, or the new documentation tree itself when ff=NULL. For load.MGRAST(), the copy of the API documentation tree stored in ff (by default the prepackaged copy), but the copy active in the current session when ff=NULL.

## Author(s)

Daniel T. Braithwaite

## References

<http://metagenomics.anl.gov>  
<http://api.metagenomics.anl.gov>  
<http://www.json.org>

**See Also**

[doc.MGRAST](#), [call.MGRAST](#), [parse.MGRAST](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
## get API currently in use  
API <- get ("API", .MGRAST)  
  
## compare to API distributed with the package  
identical (API, load.MGRAST())  
  
## build and save a new (possibly updated) copy  
build.MGRAST ("my_copy.rda")  
  
## load it  
API <- load.MGRAST ("my_copy.rda")  
  
## put it into effect  
assign ("API", API, .MGRAST)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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