

Perl based Schema Abstraction Layer for CHADO

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API OVERVIEW (1): Basic operations

JUST 4 BASIC OPERATIONS: {add, del, get, set}

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use Chadosal.pm qw/basic/;
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my $feature = new CA_feature($featurename, 'gene', $organismID);
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my @synonyms = $feature->get(CA_SYNONYMS); #get array  
#of gene synonyms
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my @psynonyms = $feature->get(CA_PROTEINSYNONYMS);  
$feature->set(CA_FMIN, 3000); #set start site for gene
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shift @synonyms;
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push (@synonyms, "genewithstartsiteat3000bp");
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$feature->set(CA_SYNONYMS, \@synonyms); #new set of  
#synonyms
```

API OVERVIEW (2): configuration

`$feature->set_logging(1);` #track revision history of any
#changes we make

`$feature->set_autochildsearch(1);` #search sub features (eg.
#mRNA, tRNA, rRNA)

`$feature->set_returntype(CA_SIMPLE);` #other option is
#CA_CHADOOBJ

HOW IT WORKS

- > Each CA_object is described in a single perl document
- > Each table which has a relationship to the main object/table is described with a perl package in the main document. These packages contain table relationship information.
- > AutoDBI/DBI used as base object layer
- > CHADO_CA reflexively examines document and builds master object with a set of handlers.
- > A set of valid fields, represented by constants, are exported to user classes using Exporter package

EXTENDING THE API: Just complete a template.

Templates ϵ {one_to_one, one_to_many, many_to_many, many_to_many_linkonly}

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#####  
##### DATA CLASS: CHADOAC_Featureprop #####  
#### WHEN USEING TEMPLATE COPY ALL CODE AND ONLY FILL IN TEMPLATE VARS. #####  
  
package XMODFeatureprop; ##TEMPLATE VAR, package: packageName  
use strict; use XMODConfig; use base CHADO_CAGeneric'; no warnings 'redefine';  
  
#TEMPLATE VAR: $relationship_type: Database table relationship type; Between parent table, this table and [linker table (iff many_to_many )]  
use constant relationship_type => XMODGeneric::REL_ONE_TO_MANY;  
  
use constant mytype => "Chado::Featureprop"; #TEMPLAET VAR: underlying chado object  
use constant child_valuecolumn => "value"; #TEMPLATE VAR: value field for return type of CA_SIMPLE  
use constant child_cvtermcolumn => "type_id"; #TEMPLATE VAR: CVterm column  
#TEMPLATE VAR: parenttype: The name of the Autodbi object which acts are the parent to this object  
use constant parenttype => "Chado::Feature";  
  
#TEMPLATE VAR: $linkertabletype. The name of the linker table. ONLY APPLICABLE IF relationship_type = REL_MANY_TO_MANY.  
use constant linkertabletype => undef;  
  
#TEMPLATE VAR: $linker_field: column name from primary object that links to parent object (or to linker table iff many_to_many)  
use constant linker_field => 'feature_id';  
  
use constant cvterms => ( #TEMPLATE VAR: %cvterms: FORMAT= [attribute name (in code)] ==> [CV name]:[cv term name]  
'PRODUCT|GENE_PRODUCT|PRODUCTS|GENE_PRODUCTS' => 'autocreated::product',  
'SELENOCYSTEINE|SEC' => 'autocreated::selenocysteine', # 'sec' => 'autocreated::sec',  
'TRANSLATION|CDS|PROTEIN_SEQUENCE|PROTEIN_SEQ|AA_SEQUENCE|AMINO_ACID_SEQUENCE' => 'Sequence Ontology::CDS',  
.  
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);  
  
#SUB: NEW. Copy this sub as-is when templating.  
sub new { my ($class, @args) = @_ ; my $self = {}; bless $self, $class; $self->SUPER::new(@args); return $self; }
```