

# Package ‘treeio’

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treeio-package      *treeio: Base Classes and Functions for Phylogenetic Tree Input and Output*

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### See Also

Useful links:

- <https://yulab-smu.top/contribution-tree-data/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/YuLab-SMU/treeio/issues>

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as.treedata.phylo      *as.treedata*

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### Description

convert phylo to treedata

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'phylo'  
as.treedata(tree, boot = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

tree	input tree, a phylo object
boot	optional, can be bootstrap value from ape::boot.phylo
...	additional parameters

**Details**

converting phylo object to treedata object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

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find.hclust	<i>find the hierarchical cluster analysis among the nodes of graph based on the length of all the shortest paths in the graph.</i>
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**Description**

find the hierarchical cluster analysis among the nodes of graph based on the length of all the shortest paths in the graph.

**Usage**

```
find.hclust(
  x,
  graph.mst = FALSE,
  weights = NULL,
  hclust.method = "average",
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

x	a igraph object
graph.mst	logical whether obtain the minimum spanning tree first then find.hclust, default is FALSE.
weights	a numeric vector giving edge weights or a character. If this is NULL and the graph has a weight edge attribute, then the attribute is used. If this is NA then no weights are used even if the graph has a weight attribute. If this is a character, the graph has the edge attribute which is numeric, then it will be used, default is NULL.
hclust.method	the agglomeration method to be used, This should be (an unambiguous abbreviation of) one of "ward.D", "ward.D2", "single", "complete", "average" (= UPGMA), "mcquitty" (= WPGMA), "median" (= WPGMC) or "centroid" (= UPGMC).
...	additional parameters

**Value**

hclust object

**Examples**

```
library(igraph)
set.seed(123)
g <- igraph::sample_gnp(100, .1) %>%
  set_edge_attr(name='weight', value=abs(rnorm(E(.),3)))
tr1 <- find.hclust(g, weights = NA)
tr2 <- find.hclust(g)
tr3 <- find.hclust(g, graph.mst = TRUE)
```

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get.placements	<i>get.placements</i>
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**Description**

access placement information

**Usage**

```
get.placements(tree, ...)

## S3 method for class 'jplace'
get.placements(tree, by = "best", ...)
```

**Arguments**

tree	tree object
...	additional parameters
by	one of 'best' and 'all'

**Value**

placement tibble

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get.tree	<i>get.tree</i>
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**Description**

access phylo slot

**Usage**

```
get.tree(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    tree object  
 ...                  additional parameters

**Value**

phylo object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

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get.treetext                  *get.treetext method*

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**Description**

access tree text (newick text) from tree object

**Usage**

get.treetext(object, ...)

**Arguments**

object                  treedata object  
 ...                    additional parameter

**Value**

phylo object

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getNodeNum                  *getNodeNum*

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**Description**

calculate total number of nodes

**Usage**

getNodeNum(tree)

Nnode2(tree)

**Arguments**

tree                    tree object

**Value**

number

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

**Examples**

```
getNodeNum(rtree(30))
Nnode2(rtree(30))
```

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is.ggtree

*is.ggtree*


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**Description**

test whether input object is produced by ggtree function

**Usage**

```
is.ggtree(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    object

**Value**

TRUE or FALSE

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

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jplace-class

*Class "jplace" This class stores phylogenetic placements*


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**Description**

Class "jplace" This class stores phylogenetic placements

**Slots**

phylo phylo object for tree structure

treetext newick tree string

data associated data

extraInfo extra information, reserve for merge\_tree

file tree file

placements reserve for jplace file to store placement information

info extra information, e.g. metadata, software version etc.

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu <https://guangchuangyu.github.io>

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label_branch_paml	<i>label_branch_paml</i>
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**Description**

label branch for PAML to infer selection pressure using branch model

**Usage**

```
label_branch_paml(tree, node, label)
```

**Arguments**

tree	phylo object
node	node number
label	label of branch, e.g. #1

**Value**

updated phylo object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

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mask	<i>mask</i>
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**Description**

site mask

**Usage**

```
mask(tree_object, field, site, mask_site = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

tree_object	tree object
field	selected field
site	site
mask_site	if TRUE, site will be masked. if FALSE, selected site will not be masked, while other sites will be masked.

**Value**

updated tree object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

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merge\_tree

*merge\_tree*

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**Description**

merge two tree object

**Usage**

```
merge_tree(obj1, obj2)
```

**Arguments**

obj1	tree object 1
obj2	tree object 2

**Value**

tree object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

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print.treedataList

*print*

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**Description**

print information of a list of treedata objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'treedataList'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	a list of treedata objects
...	no used

**Value**

message

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raxml2nwk

*raxml2nwk*

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**Description**

convert raxml bootstrap tree to newick format

**Usage**

```
raxml2nwk(infile, outfile = "raxml.tree")
```

**Arguments**

infile           input file

outfile          output file

**Value**

newick file

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

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read.astral

*read.astral*

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**Description**

parse ASTRAL output newick text

**Usage**

```
read.astral(file)
```

**Arguments**

file            ASTRAL Newick file

**Value**

treedata object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

**Examples**

```
tt <- paste0(
  "((species1,(species2,species3)'[pp1=0.75;pp2=0.24;pp3=0.01]':",
  "1.2003685744180805)'[pp1=0.98;pp2=0.02;pp3=0]':0.9679599282730038,",
  "((species4,species5)'[pp1=0.88;pp2=0.11;pp3=0.01]':1.2454851536484994))"
)
read.astral(textConnection(tt))
```

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read.beast	<i>read.beast</i>
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**Description**

read.beast/mrbayes/mega Nexus output  
 read.beast/mrbayes/mega newick file format

**Usage**

```
read.beast(file, threads = 1, verbose = FALSE)
read.mrbayes(file, threads = 1, verbose = FALSE)
read.beast.newick(file, threads = 1, verbose = FALSE)
read.mega(file, threads = 1, verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

file	newick file
threads	number of threads for multithreading (default: 1)
verbose	set TRUE to log progress (default: FALSE)

**Value**

treedata object  
 treedata object

**Author(s)**

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 Bradley R Jones

**Examples**

```
file <- system.file("extdata/BEAST", "beast_mcc.tree", package="treeio")
read.beast(file)
file <- system.file("extdata/MrBayes", "Gq_nxs.tre", package="treeio")
read.mrbayes(file)
tr <- read.beast.newick(
  textConnection(
    '(a[&rate=1]:2,(b[&rate=1.1]:1,c[&rate=0.9]:1)[&rate=1]:1);'
  )
)
```

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read.codeml	<i>read.codeml</i>
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**Description**

read baseml output

**Usage**

```
read.codeml(rstfile, mlcfile, tree = "mlc", type = "Joint")
```

**Arguments**

rstfile	rst file
mlcfile	mlc file
tree	one of 'mlc' or 'rst'
type	one of 'Marginal' or 'Joint'

**Value**

A treedata object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

**Examples**

```
rstfile <- system.file("extdata/PAML_Codeml", "rst", package="treeio")
mlcfile <- system.file("extdata/PAML_Codeml", "mlc", package="treeio")
read.codeml(rstfile, mlcfile)
```

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read.codeml_mlc	<i>read.codeml_mlc</i>
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**Description**

read mlc file of codeml output

**Usage**

```
read.codeml_mlc(mlcfile)
```

**Arguments**

mlcfile	mlc file
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**Value**

A codeml\_mlc object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

**Examples**

```
mlcfile <- system.file("extdata/PAML_Codeml", "mlc", package="treeio")
read.codeml_mlc(mlcfile)
```

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<code>read.fasta</code>	<i>read.fasta</i>
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**Description**

read FASTA file

**Usage**

```
read.fasta(fasta, type = "auto")
```

**Arguments**

<code>fasta</code>	fasta file
<code>type</code>	sequence type of the input file, one of 'NT' or 'AA'. Default is 'auto' and guess the sequence type automatically

**Details**

This function supports both DNA or AA sequences

**Value**

DNABin or AABin object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

read.hyphy                    *read.hyphy*

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**Description**

read HYPHY output

**Usage**

```
read.hyphy(nwk, ancseq, tip.fasfile = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

nwk	tree file in nwk format, one of hyphy output
ancseq	ancestral sequence file in nexus format, one of hyphy output
tip.fasfile	tip sequence file

**Value**

A hyphy object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuan Yu <https://guangchuangyu.github.io>

**Examples**

```
nwk <- system.file("extdata/HYPHY", "labelledtree.tree", package="treeio")
ancseq <- system.file("extdata/HYPHY", "ancseq.nex", package="treeio")
read.hyphy(nwk, ancseq)
```

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read.hyphy.seq                    *read.hyphy.seq*

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**Description**

parse sequences from hyphy output

**Usage**

```
read.hyphy.seq(file)
```

**Arguments**

file	output of hyphy ancestral sequence inference; nexus format
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**Value**

DNABin object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

**Examples**

```
ancseq <- system.file("extdata/HYPHY", "ancseq.nex", package="treeio")
read.hyphy.seq(ancseq)
```

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*read.iqtree*                      *read.iqtree*

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**Description**

parse IQ-TREE output

**Usage**

```
read.iqtree(file)
```

**Arguments**

file                      IQ-TREE Newick text

**Value**

treedata object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

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*read.jplace*                      *read.jplace*

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**Description**

read jplace file

**Usage**

```
read.jplace(file)
```

**Arguments**

file                      jplace file

**Value**

jplace instance

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

**Examples**

```
jp <- system.file("extdata", "sample.jplace", package="treeio")
read.jplace(jp)
```

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read.jtree

*read.jtree*

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**Description**

Import tree data from jtree file, which is JSON-based text and probably output by write.jtree

**Usage**

```
read.jtree(file)
```

**Arguments**

file                    tree file

**Value**

treedata object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

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read.mcmctree

*read.mcmctree*

---

**Description**

read MCMCTree output Tree

**Usage**

```
read.mcmctree(file, force.ultrametric = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

file                    the output tree file of MCMCTree  
force.ultrametric      logical whether convert the tree to be ultrametric, if it is not ultrametric, default is FALSE. When the tree is ultrametric, branch times will be calculated automatically.

**Value**

treedata object

**Examples**

```
file <- system.file("extdata/MCMCTree", "mcmctree_output.tree", package="treeio")  
tr <- read.mcmctree(file)  
tr
```

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*read.mega\_tabular*      *read.mega\_tabular*

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**Description**

parse tabular output of MEGA

**Usage**

```
read.mega_tabular(file)
```

**Arguments**

file                    MEGA tabular file

**Value**

treedata object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

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*read.newick*            *read.newick*

---

**Description**

read newick tree

**Usage**

```
read.newick(file, node.label = "label", ...)
```

**Arguments**

file                    newick file  
node.label            parse node label as 'label' or 'support' value  
...                    additional parameter, passed to 'read.tree'

**Value**

phylo or treedata object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

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read.nextstrain.json    *read.nextstrain.json*

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**Description**

read.nextstrain.json

**Usage**

```
read.nextstrain.json(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    the json tree file of auspice from nextstrain.

**Value**

treedata object

**Author(s)**

Shuangbin Xu

**Examples**

```
file1 <- system.file("extdata/nextstrain.json", "minimal_v2.json", package="treeio")
tr <- read.nextstrain.json(file1)
tr
```

---

read.nhx                    *read.nhx*

---

**Description**

read nhx tree file

**Usage**

```
read.nhx(file)
```

**Arguments**

file                    nhx file

**Value**

nhx object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu <https://guangchuangyu.github.io>

**Examples**

```
nhxfile <- system.file("extdata/NHX", "ADH.nhx", package="treeio")
read.nhx(nhxfile)
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<code>read.paml_rst</code>	<i>read.paml_rst</i>
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**Description**

read rst file from paml (both baseml and codeml) output

**Usage**

```
read.paml_rst(rstfile, type = "Joint")
```

**Arguments**

<code>rstfile</code>	rst file
<code>type</code>	one of 'Marginal' or 'Joint'

**Value**

A treedata object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu <https://guangchuangyu.github.io>

**Examples**

```
rstfile <- system.file("extdata/PAML_Baseml", "rst", package="treeio")
read.paml_rst(rstfile)
```

read.phylip

*read.phylip*

---

**Description**

parsing phylip tree format

**Usage**

```
read.phylip(file)
```

**Arguments**

file            phylip file

**Value**

an instance of 'phylip'

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

**Examples**

```
phyfile <- system.file("extdata", "sample.phy", package="treeio")
read.phylip(phyfile)
```

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read.phylip.seq*read.phylip.seq*

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**Description**

read aligned sequences from phylip format

**Usage**

```
read.phylip.seq(file)
```

**Arguments**

file            phylip file, currently only sequential format is supported

**Value**

DNABin object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

**References**

<http://evolution.genetics.washington.edu/phylip/doc/sequence.html>

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read.phylip.tree	<i>read.phylip.tree</i>
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**Description**

parse tree from phylip file

**Usage**

```
read.phylip.tree(file)
```

**Arguments**

file                    phylip file

**Value**

phylo or multiPhylo object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

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read.phyloxml	<i>read.phyloxml</i>
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**Description**

read.phyloxml

**Usage**

```
read.phyloxml(file)
```

**Arguments**

file                    phyloxml file

**Value**

treedata class or treedataList class

**Examples**

```
xmlfile1 <- system.file("extdata/phyloxml", "test_x2.xml", package="treeio")
px1 <- read.phyloxml(xmlfile1)
px1
xmlfile2 <- system.file("extdata/phyloxml", "phyloxml_examples.xml", package="treeio")
px2 <- read.phyloxml(xmlfile2)
px2
```

read.r8s

*read.r8s*

---

**Description**

parse output from r8s

**Usage**

```
read.r8s(file)
```

**Arguments**

file                    r8s output log file

**Value**

multiPhylo object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

**Examples**

```
read.r8s(system.file("extdata/r8s", "H3_r8s_output.log", package="treeio"))
```

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read.raxml

*read.raxml*

---

**Description**

parse RAxML bootstrapping analysis output

**Usage**

```
read.raxml(file)
```

**Arguments**

file                    RAxML bootstrapping analysis output

**Value**

treedata object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

**Examples**

```
raxml_file <- system.file("extdata/RAxML", "RAxML_bipartitionsBranchLabels.H3", package="treeio")
read.raxml(raxml_file)
```

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read.treeqza	<i>read.treeqza</i>
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**Description**

read.treeqza

**Usage**

```
read.treeqza(treeqza, node.label = "label", ...)
```

**Arguments**

treeqza	the qiime2 output file contained tree file.
node.label	parse node label as 'label' or 'support' value.
...	additional parameter, passed to 'read.tree'.

**Value**

phylo tree object or treedata object when node.label was parsed 'support'.

**Examples**

```
qzaf1 <- system.file("extdata/qiime2treeqza", "fasttree-tree.qza", package="treeio")
qzaf2 <- system.file("extdata/qiime2treeqza", "iqt-tree.qza", package="treeio")
qzaf3 <- system.file("extdata/qiime2treeqza", "raxml-cat-tree.qza", package="treeio")
tr1 <- read.treeqza(qzaf1)
tr1
tr2 <- read.treeqza(qzaf2)
tr2
tr3 <- read.treeqza(qzaf3)
tr3
# parse node label as 'support' value.
qzaf4 <- system.file("extdata/qiime2treeqza", "raxml-cat-bootstrap-tree.qza", package="treeio")
tr4 <- read.treeqza(qzaf4, node.label="support")
tr4
```

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read.treetime	<i>read.timetree</i>
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### Description

read timetree output

### Usage

```
read.treetime(file)
```

```
read.timetree(file)
```

### Arguments

file            the output tree file of timetree

### Value

treedata object

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reexports	<i>Objects exported from other packages</i>
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### Description

These objects are imported from other packages. Follow the links below to see their documentation.

**ape** [as.phylo](#), [is.rooted](#), [Nnode](#), [Ntip](#), [read.nexus](#), [read.tree](#), [root](#), [rtree](#), [write.nexus](#), [write.tree](#)

**dplyr** [full\\_join](#), [inner\\_join](#)

**magrittr** [%<>%](#), [%>%](#)

**rlang** [.data](#)

**tibble** [as\\_tibble](#), [tibble](#)

**tidytree** [ancestor](#), [as.phylo](#), [as.treedata](#), [child](#), [drop.tip](#), [get.data](#), [get.fields](#), [isTip](#), [MRCA](#), [nodeid](#), [nodelab](#), [offspring](#), [parent](#), [rootnode](#), [treedata](#)

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rename_taxa	<i>rename_taxa</i>
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**Description**

rename tip label of phylogenetic tree

**Usage**

```
rename_taxa(tree, data, key = 1, value = 2)
```

**Arguments**

tree	tree object, either treedata or phylo
data	data frame
key	column in data that match tip label (use 1st column by default)
value	column in data for rename tip label (use 2nd column by default)

**Value**

tree object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

**Examples**

```
tree <- rtree(3)
d <- data.frame(old = paste0('t', 1:3), new = LETTERS[1:3])
rename_taxa(tree, d)
rename_taxa(tree, d, old, new)
```

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rescale_tree	<i>rescale_tree</i>
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**Description**

rescale branch length of tree object

**Usage**

```
rescale_tree(tree_object, branch.length)
```

**Arguments**

tree_object	tree object
branch.length	numerical features (e.g. dN/dS)

**Value**

update tree object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

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spt *spt method*

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**Description**

spt method

**Usage**

```
spt(x, from, to, weights = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	a igraph object
from	a specific node of network.
to	other nodes of the network, length of it must be larger than 2.
weights	a numeric vector giving edge weights or a character. If this is NULL and the graph has a weight edge attribute, then the attribute is used. If this is NA then no weights are used even if the graph has a weight attribute. If this is a character, the graph has the edge attribute which is numeric, then it will be used, default is NULL.
...	additional parameters

**Value**

phylo object

**Examples**

```
library(igraph)
set.seed(123)
g <- igraph::sample_gnp(100, .1) %>%
  set_edge_attr(name='weight', value=abs(rnorm(E(.),3)))
tr1 <- spt(g, from = 6, to=V(g), weights = 'weight')
tr1
tr2 <- spt(g, from = 6, to = V(g), weights = NA)
tr2
```

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write.beast	<i>write.beast</i>
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**Description**

Export treedata object to BEAST NEXUS file. This function was adopted and modified from ape::write.nexus

**Usage**

```
write.beast(treedata, file = "", translate = TRUE, tree.name = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

treedata	treedata object, list of treedata, phylo, or list of phylo
file	output file. If file = "", print the output content on screen
translate	whether to translate taxa labels
tree.name	names of the trees, NULL to use existing tree names

**Value**

output file or file content on screen

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

**Examples**

```
nhxfile <- system.file("extdata/NHX", "phyllog.nhx", package="treeio")
nhx <- read.nhx(nhxfile)
write.beast(nhx)
```

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write.beast.newick	<i>write.beast.newick</i>
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**Description**

Export treedata object to BEAST Newick file. This is useful for making BEAST starting trees with metadata

**Usage**

```
write.beast.newick(
  treedata,
  file = "",
  append = FALSE,
  digits = 10,
  tree.prefix = ""
)
```

**Arguments**

treedata	treedata object
file	output file. If file = "", print the output content on screen
append	logical. Only used if the argument 'file' is the name of file (and not a connection or "lcmd"). If 'TRUE' output will be appended to 'file'; otherwise, it will overwrite the contents of file.
digits	integer, the indicating the number of decimal places, default is 10.
tree.prefix	character the tree prefix, default is "".

**Value**

output file or file content on screen

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

**Examples**

```
nhxfile <- system.file("extdata/NHX", "phyllog.nhx", package="treeio")
nhx <- read.nhx(nhxfile)
write.beast.newick(nhx)
```

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write.jplace	<i>write.jplace</i>
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**Description**

Export jplace object to jplace file.

**Usage**

```
write.jplace(x, outfile)
```

**Arguments**

x	a jplace object.
outfile	the output file name

**Examples**

```
jp <- system.file("extdata", "sample.jplace", package="treeio")
tr1 <- read.jplace(jp)
outfile <- tempfile()
write.jplace(tr1, outfile)
tr2 <- read.jplace(outfile)
tr2
```

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`write.jtree`

*write.jtree*

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**Description**

Export treedata object to json tree file

**Usage**

```
write.jtree(treedata, file = "")
```

**Arguments**

treedata          treedata object

file                output file. If file = "", print the output content on screen

**Value**

output file or file content on screen

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

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