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httpgd-package

httpgd: HTTP server graphics device

Description

Asynchronous HTTP server graphics device.

hgd

*Asynchronous HTTP server graphics device.***Description**

This function initializes a httpgd graphics device and starts a local webserver, that allows for access via HTTP and WebSockets. A link will be printed by which the web client can be accessed using a browser.

Usage

```
hgd(
  host = getOption("httpgd.host", "127.0.0.1"),
  port = getOption("httpgd.port", 0),
  width = getOption("httpgd.width", 720),
  height = getOption("httpgd.height", 576),
  bg = getOption("httpgd.bg", "white"),
  pointsize = getOption("httpgd.pointsize", 12),
  system_fonts = getOption("httpgd.system_fonts", list()),
  user_fonts = getOption("httpgd.user_fonts", list()),
  cors = getOption("httpgd.cors", FALSE),
  token = getOption("httpgd.token", TRUE),
  silent = getOption("httpgd.silent", FALSE),
  websockets = getOption("httpgd.websockets", TRUE),
  webserver = getOption("httpgd.webserver", TRUE),
  fix_text_width = getOption("httpgd.fix_text_width", TRUE),
  extra_css = getOption("httpgd.extra_css", "")
)
```

Arguments

host	Server hostname. Set to "0.0.0.0" to enable remote access. We recommend to only enable remote access in trusted networks . The network security of httpgd has not yet been properly tested.
port	Server port. If this is set to 0, an open port will be assigned.
width	Graphics device width (pixels).
height	Graphics device height (pixels).
bg	Background color.
pointsize	Graphics device point size.
system_fonts	Named list of font names to be aliased with fonts installed on your system. If unspecified, the R default families sans, serif, mono and symbol are aliased to the family returned by <code>systemfonts::font_info()</code> .
user_fonts	Named list of fonts to be aliased with font files provided by the user rather than fonts properly installed on the system. The aliases can be fonts from the fontquiver package, strings containing a path to a font file, or a list containing

	name and file elements with name indicating the font alias in the SVG output and file the path to a font file.
cors	Toggles Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS) header. When set to TRUE, CORS header will be set to "*".
token	(Optional) security token. When set, all requests need to include a token to be allowed. (Either in a request header (X-HTTPGD-TOKEN) field or as a query parameter.) This parameter can be set to TRUE to generate a random 8 character alphanumeric token. A random token of the specified length is generated when it is set to a number. FALSE deactivates the token.
silent	When set to FALSE no information will be printed to console.
websockets	Use websockets.
webserver	Can be set to FALSE for offline mode. In offline mode the device is only accessible via R.
fix_text_width	Should the width of strings be fixed so that it doesn't change between SVG renderers depending on their font rendering? Defaults to TRUE. If TRUE each string will have the textLength CSS property set to the width calculated by systemfonts and lengthAdjust='spacingAndGlyphs'. Setting this to FALSE can be beneficial for heavy post-processing that may change content or style of strings, but may lead to inconsistencies between strings and graphic elements that depend on the dimensions of the string (e.g. label borders and background).
extra_css	Extra CSS to be added to the SVG. This can be used to embed webfonts.

Details

All font settings and descriptions are adopted from the excellent 'svglite' package.

Value

No return value, called to initialize graphics device.

Examples

```
## Not run:

hgd() # Initialize graphics device and start server
hgd_browse() # Or copy the displayed link in the browser

# Plot something
x <- seq(0, 3 * pi, by = 0.1)
plot(x, sin(x), type = "l")

dev.off() # alternatively: hgd_close()

## End(Not run)
```

hgd_browse	<i>Open httpgd URL in the browser.</i>
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Description

This function will only work after starting a device with `hgd()`.

Usage

```
hgd_browse(..., which = dev.cur(), browser = getOption("browser"))
```

Arguments

...	Parameters passed to <code>hgd_url()</code> .
which	Which device (ID).
browser	Program to be used as HTML browser.

Value

URL.

Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
hgd()  
hgd_browse() # open browser  
hist(rnorm(100))  
  
dev.off()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

hgd_clear	<i>Clear all httpgd plot pages.</i>
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Description

This function will only work after starting a device with `hgd()`.

Usage

```
hgd_clear(which = dev.cur())
```

Arguments

which	Which device (ID).
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Value

Whether there were any pages to remove.

Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
hgd()  
plot(1, 1)  
hist(rnorm(100))  
hgd_clear()  
hist(rnorm(100))  
  
dev.off()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

hgd_close

Close httpgd device.

Description

This achieves the same effect as `grDevices::dev.off()`, but will only close the device if it has the httpgd type.

Usage

```
hgd_close(which = dev.cur(), all = FALSE)
```

Arguments

`which` Which device (ID).
`all` Should all running httpgd devices be closed.

Value

Number and name of the new active device (after the specified device has been shut down).

Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
hgd()  
hgd_browse() # open browser  
hist(rnorm(100))  
hgd_close() # Equivalent to dev.off()  
  
hgd()  
hgd()
```

```

hgd()
hgd_close(all = TRUE)

## End(Not run)

```

hgd_generate_token *Generate random alphanumeric token.*

Description

This is mainly used internally by httpgd, but exposed for testing purposes.

Usage

```
hgd_generate_token(len)
```

Arguments

len Token length (number of characters).

Value

Random token string.

Examples

```
hgd_generate_token(6)
```

hgd_id *Query httpgd plot IDs*

Description

Query httpgd graphics device static plot IDs. Available plot IDs starting from index will be returned. limit specifies the number of plots. This function will only work after starting a device with [hgd\(\)](#).

Usage

```
hgd_id(index = 0, limit = 1, which = dev.cur(), state = FALSE)
```

Arguments

index Plot index. If this is set to 0, the last page will be selected.

limit Limit the number of returned IDs. If this is set to a value > 1 the returned type is a list if IDs.

which Which device (ID).

state Include the current device state in the returned result (see also: [hgd_state\(\)](#)).

Value

TODO

Examples

```
## Not run:

hgd()
plot.new()
text(.5, .5, "#1")
plot.new()
text(.5, .5, "#2")
plot.new()
text(.5, .5, "#3")
third <- hgd_id()
second <- hgd_id(2)
all <- hgd_id(1, limit = Inf)
hgd_remove(1)
hgd_svg(second)

dev.off()

## End(Not run)
```

hgd_info

httpgd device information.

Description

Access general information of a httpgd graphics device. This function will only work after starting a device with `hgd()`.

Usage

```
hgd_info(which = dev.cur())
```

Arguments

`which` Which device (ID).

Value

List of status variables with the following named items: `$id`: Server unique ID, `$version`: httpgd and library versions.

Examples

```
## Not run:

hgd()
hgd_info()

dev.off()

## End(Not run)
```

hgd_inline	<i>Inline SVG rendering.</i>
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Description

Convenience function for quick inline SVG rendering. This is similar to [hgd_svg\(\)](#) but the plotting code is specified inline and an offline httpgd graphics device is managed (created and closed) automatically. Starting a device with [hgd\(\)](#) is therefore not necessary.

Usage

```
hgd_inline(
  code,
  page = 0,
  page_width = -1,
  page_height = -1,
  zoom = 1,
  renderer = "svg",
  file = NA,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

code	Plotting code. See examples for more information.
page	Plot page to render. If this is set to 0, the last page will be selected. Can be set to a numeric plot index or plot ID (see hgd_id()).
page_width	Width of the plot. If this is set to -1, the last width will be selected.
page_height	Height of the plot. If this is set to -1, the last height will be selected.
zoom	Zoom level. (For example: 2 corresponds to 200%, 0.5 would be 50%.)
renderer	Renderer.
file	Filepath to save SVG. (No file will be created if this is NA)
...	Additional parameters passed to <code>hgd(webserver=FALSE, ...)</code>

Value

Rendered SVG string.

Examples

```
hgd_inline({
  hist(rnorm(100))
})

s <- hgd_inline({
  plot.new()
  lines(c(0.5, 1, 0.5), c(0.5, 1, 1))
})
cat(s)
```

hgd_plot

Render httpgd plot.

Description

This function will only work after starting a device with `hgd()`.

Usage

```
hgd_plot(
  page = 0,
  width = -1,
  height = -1,
  zoom = 1,
  renderer = "svg",
  which = dev.cur(),
  file = NA
)
```

Arguments

page	Plot page to render. If this is set to 0, the last page will be selected. Can be set to a numeric plot index or plot ID (see <code>hgd_id()</code>).
width	Width of the plot. If this is set to -1, the last width will be selected.
height	Height of the plot. If this is set to -1, the last height will be selected.
zoom	Zoom level. (For example: 2 corresponds to 200%, 0.5 would be 50%.)
renderer	Renderer.
which	Which device (ID).
file	Filepath to save SVG. (No file will be created if this is NA)

Value

Rendered SVG string.

Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
hgd()  
plot(1, 1)  
s <- hgd_svg(width = 600, height = 400)  
hist(rnorm(100))  
hgd_svg(file = tempfile(), width = 600, height = 400)  
  
dev.off()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

hgd_remove	<i>Remove a httpgd plot page.</i>
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Description

This function will only work after starting a device with `hgd()`.

Usage

```
hgd_remove(page = 0, which = dev.cur())
```

Arguments

page	Plot page to remove. If this is set to 0, the last page will be selected. Can be set to a numeric plot index or plot ID (see <code>hgd_id()</code>).
which	Which device (ID).

Value

Whether the page existed (and thereby was successfully removed).

Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
hgd()  
plot(1, 1) # page 1  
hist(rnorm(100)) # page 2  
hgd_remove(page = 1) # remove page 1  
  
dev.off()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

hgd_renderers	<i>httpgd device renderers.</i>
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Description

Get a list of available renderers. This function will only work after starting a device with [hgd\(\)](#).

Usage

```
hgd_renderers(which = dev.cur())
```

Arguments

which Which device (ID).

Value

List of renderers with the following named items: \$id: Renderer ID, \$mime: File mime type, \$ext: File extension, \$name: Human readable name, \$type: Renderer type (currently either plot or other), \$bin: Is the file a binary blob or text.

Examples

```
## Not run:

hgd()
hgd_renderers()

dev.off()

## End(Not run)
```

hgd_state	<i>httpgd device status.</i>
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Description

Access status information of a httpgd graphics device. This function will only work after starting a device with [hgd\(\)](#).

Usage

```
hgd_state(which = dev.cur())
```

Arguments

which Which device (ID).

Value

List of status variables with the following named items: \$host: Server hostname, \$port: Server port, \$token: Security token, \$hsize: Plot history size (how many plots are accessible), \$upid: Update ID (changes when the device has received new information), \$active: Is the device the currently activated device.

Examples

```
## Not run:

hgd()
hgd_state()
plot(1, 1)
hgd_state()

dev.off()

## End(Not run)
```

hgd_svg

Render httpgd plot to SVG.

Description

This function will only work after starting a device with [hgd\(\)](#).

Usage

```
hgd_svg(
  page = 0,
  width = -1,
  height = -1,
  zoom = 1,
  which = dev.cur(),
  file = NA
)
```

Arguments

page	Plot page to render. If this is set to 0, the last page will be selected. Can be set to a numeric plot index or plot ID (see hgd_id()).
width	Width of the plot. If this is set to -1, the last width will be selected.
height	Height of the plot. If this is set to -1, the last height will be selected.
zoom	Zoom level. (For example: 2 corresponds to 200%, 0.5 would be 50%.)
which	Which device (ID).
file	Filepath to save SVG. (No file will be created if this is NA)

Value

Rendered SVG string.

Examples

```
## Not run:

hgd()
plot(1, 1)
s <- hgd_svg(width = 600, height = 400)
hist(rnorm(100))
hgd_svg(file = tempfile(), width = 600, height = 400)

dev.off()

## End(Not run)
```

hgd_test_pattern	<i>Plot a test pattern that can be used to evaluate and compare graphics devices.</i>
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Description

Plot a test pattern that can be used to evaluate and compare graphics devices.

Usage

```
hgd_test_pattern()
```

Examples

```
## Not run:

hgd_test_pattern()

## End(Not run)
```

hgd_url	<i>httpgd URL.</i>
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Description

Generate URLs to the plot viewer or to plot SVGs. This function will only work after starting a device with `hgd()`.

Usage

```
hgd_url(  
  endpoint = "live",  
  which = dev.cur(),  
  websockets = TRUE,  
  width = -1,  
  height = -1,  
  renderer = NA,  
  history = TRUE,  
  host = NULL,  
  port = NULL,  
  explicit = FALSE  
)
```

Arguments

endpoint	API endpoint. The default, "live" is the HTML/JS plot viewer. Can be set to a numeric plot index or plot ID (see hgd_id()) to obtain the direct URL to the SVG.
which	Which device (ID).
websockets	Use websockets.
width	Width of the plot. (Only used when endpoint is "svg", or a plot index or ID.)
height	Height of the plot. (Only used when endpoint is "svg", or a plot index or ID.)
renderer	Renderer.
history	Should the plot history sidebar be visible.
host	Replaces hostname.
port	Replaces port.
explicit	Ads hgd={host}:{port} query parameter. Needed for host resolution in some editors.

Value

URL.

Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
hgd()  
my_url <- hgd_url()  
hgd_url(0)  
hgd_url(plot_id(), width = 800, height = 600)  
  
dev.off()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

`hgd_view`*Open httpgd URL in the IDE.*

Description

Global option viewer needs to be set to a function that accepts the client URL as a parameter.

Usage

```
hgd_view()
```

Details

This function will only work after starting a device with `hgd()`.

Value

viewer function return value.

Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
hgd()  
hgd_view()  
hist(rnorm(100))  
  
dev.off()  
  
## End(Not run)
```


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