Proposal

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Project Info

Project title: new animint2 features

Project short title (30 characters): implementing new features for animint2 package in R

URL of project idea page: https://github.com/rstats-gsoc/gsoc2022/wiki/Animated-interactive-ggplots

Bio of Contributor

My name is Luna Liu. I am a fourth year Bachelor of Science student at UBC. My major is Computer Science, I used JavaScript to code several projects, including Hackathon projects and academic projects; My minor is Statistics, all my Stats courses use R, a few academic projects are completed with R; I have took a course about DSL and finished a project, I am familiar with the process of building a DSL.

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Stage of completion: Expected graduation time: May 2023

Schedule Conflicts

I will be on a Co-op work term during this time period. But as my Co-op company is in a different time zone with me, I am usually available after 3. I can spend about 3-4 hours everyday on GSOC project.

Mentors

Evaluating mentor name and email: Toby Dylan Hocking (tdhock5@gmail.com)

Co-mentor name(s) and email(s): Carson Sievert(cpsievert1@gmail.com)

Have you been in touch with the mentors? When and how? I have been in touch with Professor Hocking through emails.

Coding Plan and Methods

• The idea: Currently, selected items in Animint are shown with a black border outline stroke for rectangles, and with 0.5 more alpha transparency for all other geoms. This should be configurable using new aesthetics such as selected.color, selected.alpha, etc.

The implementation has two stages,

First, at geom stage, e.g. geom_point(aes(clickSelects=var),selected.color="red"). The code probably needs to be looked into is /R/geom-.r and /inst/htmljs/animint.js.

Second, at aes level, e.g. geom_point(aes(clickSelects=var1,selected.color=var2)). The code needs to be override might be related to /R/aes.r and /inst/htmljs/animint.js.

(relevant resources: /NEWS: DSL: customizable alpha/color/size/fill/linetype for selected geoms section.)

- Introduce dependency on data.table, so that data visualizations with large data sets can be compiled faster. An example to benchmark would be the PeakSegJoint data viz.
- Support for multiple clickSelects aesthetics per geom.

The correct behavior: highlight only the geoms that have all their clickSelects values selected.

Two ways to implement it:

looping over all clickSelects variables inside ifSelectedElse

(preferred) keeping track of counts of active selectors for each geom

(relevant resources: https://github.com/tdhock/animint/pull/31)

• New hoverSelects aesthetic which updates the selection just by hovering the mouse over an element, including tests that simulate mouseover/mouseout events.

Current barrier: Write JavaScript tests for mouseover/mouseout events.

(relevant resources: https://github.com/tdhock/animint/issues/117, https://github.com/ropensci/RSelenium/issues/59)

Timeline

May 20-June 12: Before coding period starts, read through the whole manual to get familiar with the animint2 package. Especially Chapter 14 and Chapter 6, the chapter involves the usage of named clickSelects/showSelected variables.

Make a plan about which part of the code needed to be edited for each idea.

Get familiar with ggplot2, as animint2 uses the basic structure of ggplot2.

Jun 13-mid Jul: Implement the first selected feature

mid Jul-Jul 25: Write tests/ examples/documentations for first feature

Jul 25- Jul 29: Phase 1 evaluation

Jul 25-late Aug: Implement the second feature(maybe third)

late Aug-Sep 4: Write tests/examples/documentation for second feature

Sep 5-Sep 12: Final week, submit work and evaluation

Management of Coding Project

I planned to commit **twice each week* and there are important improvements.

Test

https://github.com/Luna0618/Animated-interactive-ggplots