## Package 'ragg'

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Draw to a buffer that can be accessed directly

## **Description**

Usually the point of using a graphic device is to create a file or show the graphic on the screen. A few times we need the image data for further processing in R, and instead of writing it to a file and then reading it back into R the agg\_capture() device lets you get the image data directly from the buffer. In contrast to the other devices this device returns a function, that when called will return the current state of the buffer.

## Usage

```
agg_capture(
  width = 480,
  height = 480,
  units = "px",
  pointsize = 12,
  background = "white",
  res = 72,
  scaling = 1,
  snap_rect = TRUE,
  bg
)
```

## **Arguments**

width, height	The dimensions of the device
units	The unit width and height is measured in, in either pixels ('px'), inches ('in'), millimeters ('mm'), or centimeter ('cm').
pointsize	The default pointsize of the device in pt. This will in general not have any effect on grid graphics (including ggplot2) as text size is always set explicitly there.
background	The background colour of the device
res	The resolution of the device. This setting will govern how device dimensions given in inches, centimeters, or millimeters will be converted to pixels. Further, it will be used to scale text sizes and linewidths

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A scaling factor to apply to the rendered line width and text size. Useful for getting the right dimensions at the resolution that you need. If e.g. you need to render a plot at 4000x3000 pixels for it to fit into a layout, but you find that the result appears to small, you can increase the scaling argument to make everything appear bigger at the same resolution.

Should axis-aligned rectangles drawn with only fill snap to the pixel grid. This

will prevent anti-aliasing artifacts when two rectangles are touching at their bor-

der.

bg Same as background for compatibility with old graphic device APIs

#### Value

snap\_rect

A function that when called returns the current state of the buffer. The return value of the function depends on the native argument. If FALSE (default) the return value is a matrix of colour values and if TRUE the return value is a nativeRaster object.

## **Examples**

```
cap <- agg_capture()
plot(1:10, 1:10)

# Get the plot as a matrix
raster <- cap()

# Get the plot as a nativeRaster
raster_n <- cap(native = TRUE)

dev.off()

# Look at the output
plot(as.raster(raster))</pre>
```

agg\_jpeg

Draw to a JPEG file

#### **Description**

The JPEG file format is a lossy compressed file format developed in particular for digital photography. The format is not particularly well-suited for line drawings and text of the type normally associated with statistical plots as the compression algorithm creates noticable artefacts. It is, however, great for saving image data, e.g. heightmaps etc. Thus, for standard plots, it would be better to use agg\_png(), but for plots that includes a high degree of raster image rendering this device will result in smaller plots with very little quality degradation.

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#### Usage

```
agg_jpeg(
  filename = "Rplot%03d.jpeg",
  width = 480,
  height = 480,
  units = "px",
  pointsize = 12,
  background = "white",
  res = 72,
  scaling = 1,
  snap_rect = TRUE,
  quality = 75,
  smoothing = FALSE,
  method = "slow",
  bg
)
```

## **Arguments**

filename The name of the file. Follows the same semantics as the file naming in grDevices::png(),

meaning that you can provide a sprintf() compliant string format to name

multiple plots (such as the default value)

width, height The dimensions of the device

units The unit width and height is measured in, in either pixels ('px'), inches

('in'), millimeters ('mm'), or centimeter ('cm').

pointsize The default pointsize of the device in pt. This will in general not have any effect

on grid graphics (including ggplot2) as text size is always set explicitly there.

background The background colour of the device

res The resolution of the device. This setting will govern how device dimensions

given in inches, centimeters, or millimeters will be converted to pixels. Further,

it will be used to scale text sizes and linewidths

scaling A scaling factor to apply to the rendered line width and text size. Useful for

getting the right dimensions at the resolution that you need. If e.g. you need to render a plot at 4000x3000 pixels for it to fit into a layout, but you find that the result appears to small, you can increase the scaling argument to make

everything appear bigger at the same resolution.

snap\_rect Should axis-aligned rectangles drawn with only fill snap to the pixel grid. This

will prevent anti-aliasing artifacts when two rectangles are touching at their bor-

der.

quality An integer between 0 and 100 defining the quality/size tradeoff. Setting this to

100 will result in no compression.

smoothing A smoothing factor to apply before compression, from 0 (no smoothing) to 100

(full smoothing). Can also by FALSE (no smoothing) or TRUE (full smoothing).

method The compression algorithm to use. Either 'slow', 'fast', or 'float'. Default

is 'slow' which works best for most cases. 'fast' should only be used when

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quality is below 97 as it may result in worse performance at high quality settings. 'float' is a legacy options that calculate the compression using floating point precission instead of with integers. It offers no quality benefit and is often much slower.

bg

Same as background for compatibility with old graphic device APIs

#### Note

Smoothing is only applied if ragg has been compiled against a jpeg library that supports smoothing.

## **Examples**

```
file <- tempfile(fileext = '.jpeg')
agg_jpeg(file, quality = 50)
plot(sin, -pi, 2*pi)
dev.off()</pre>
```

agg\_png

Draw to a PNG file

## **Description**

The PNG (Portable Network Graphic) format is one of the most ubiquitous today, due to its versatility and widespread support. It supports transparency as well as both 8 and 16 bit colour. The device uses default compression and filtering and will not use a colour palette as this is less useful for antialiased data. This means that it might be possible to compress the resulting image even more if size is of concern (though the defaults are often very good). In contrast to grDevices::png() the date and time will not be written to the file, meaning that similar plot code will produce identical files (a good feature if used with version control). It will, however, write in the dimensions of the image based on the res argument.

#### Usage

```
agg_png(
  filename = "Rplot%03d.png",
  width = 480,
  height = 480,
  units = "px",
  pointsize = 12,
  background = "white",
  res = 72,
  scaling = 1,
  snap_rect = TRUE,
  bitsize = 8,
  bg
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

filename The name of the file. Follows the same semantics as the file naming in grDevices::png(),

meaning that you can provide a sprintf() compliant string format to name

multiple plots (such as the default value)

width, height The dimensions of the device

units The unit width and height is measured in, in either pixels ('px'), inches

('in'), millimeters ('mm'), or centimeter ('cm').

pointsize The default pointsize of the device in pt. This will in general not have any effect

on grid graphics (including ggplot2) as text size is always set explicitly there.

background The background colour of the device

res The resolution of the device. This setting will govern how device dimensions

given in inches, centimeters, or millimeters will be converted to pixels. Further,

it will be used to scale text sizes and linewidths

scaling A scaling factor to apply to the rendered line width and text size. Useful for

getting the right dimensions at the resolution that you need. If e.g. you need to render a plot at 4000x3000 pixels for it to fit into a layout, but you find that the result appears to small, you can increase the scaling argument to make

everything appear bigger at the same resolution.

snap\_rect Should axis-aligned rectangles drawn with only fill snap to the pixel grid. This

will prevent anti-aliasing artifacts when two rectangles are touching at their bor-

der.

bitsize Should the device record colour as 8 or 16bit

bg Same as background for compatibility with old graphic device APIs

## **Examples**

```
file <- tempfile(fileext = '.png')
agg_png(file)
plot(sin, -pi, 2*pi)
dev.off()</pre>
```

agg\_ppm

Draw to a PPM file

## Description

The PPM (Portable Pixel Map) format defines one of the simplest storage formats available for image data. It is basically a raw 8bit RGB stream with a few bytes of information in the start. It goes without saying, that this file format is horribly inefficient and should only be used if you want to play around with a simple file format, or need a file-based image stream.

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#### Usage

```
agg_ppm(
  filename = "Rplot%03d.ppm",
  width = 480,
  height = 480,
  units = "px",
  pointsize = 12,
  background = "white",
  res = 72,
  scaling = 1,
  snap_rect = TRUE,
  bg
)
```

#### **Arguments**

filename The name of the file. Follows the same semantics as the file naming in grDevices::png(),

meaning that you can provide a sprintf() compliant string format to name

multiple plots (such as the default value)

width, height The dimensions of the device

units The unit width and height is measured in, in either pixels ('px'), inches

('in'), millimeters ('mm'), or centimeter ('cm').

pointsize The default pointsize of the device in pt. This will in general not have any effect

on grid graphics (including ggplot2) as text size is always set explicitly there.

background The background colour of the device

res The resolution of the device. This setting will govern how device dimensions

given in inches, centimeters, or millimeters will be converted to pixels. Further,

it will be used to scale text sizes and linewidths

scaling A scaling factor to apply to the rendered line width and text size. Useful for

getting the right dimensions at the resolution that you need. If e.g. you need to render a plot at 4000x3000 pixels for it to fit into a layout, but you find that the result appears to small, you can increase the scaling argument to make

everything appear bigger at the same resolution.

snap\_rect Should axis-aligned rectangles drawn with only fill snap to the pixel grid. This

will prevent anti-aliasing artifacts when two rectangles are touching at their bor-

der.

bg Same as background for compatibility with old graphic device APIs

#### **Examples**

```
file <- tempfile(fileext = '.ppm')
agg_ppm(file)
plot(sin, -pi, 2*pi)
dev.off()</pre>
```

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Draw to a TIFF file

#### **Description**

The TIFF (Tagged Image File Format) format is a very versatile raster image storage format that supports 8 and 16bit colour mode, true transparency, as well as a range of other features not relevant to drawing from R (e.g. support for different colour spaces). The storage mode of the image data is not fixed and different compression modes are possible, in contrast to PNGs one-approach-fits-all. The default (uncompressed) will result in much larger files than PNG, and in general PNG is a better format for many of the graphic types produced in R. Still, TIFF has its purposes and sometimes this file format is explicitly requested.

## Usage

```
agg_tiff(
  filename = "Rplot%03d.tiff",
  width = 480,
  height = 480,
  units = "px",
  pointsize = 12,
  background = "white",
  res = 72,
  scaling = 1,
  snap_rect = TRUE,
  compression = "none",
  bitsize = 8,
  bg
)
```

#### **Arguments**

filename	The name of the file. Follows the same semantics as the file naming in grDevices::png(), meaning that you can provide a sprintf() compliant string format to name multiple plots (such as the default value)
width, height	The dimensions of the device
units	The unit width and height is measured in, in either pixels ('px'), inches ('in'), millimeters ('mm'), or centimeter ('cm').
pointsize	The default pointsize of the device in pt. This will in general not have any effect on grid graphics (including ggplot2) as text size is always set explicitly there.
background	The background colour of the device
res	The resolution of the device. This setting will govern how device dimensions given in inches, centimeters, or millimeters will be converted to pixels. Further, it will be used to scale text sizes and linewidths

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A scaling factor to apply to the rendered line width and text size. Useful for scaling getting the right dimensions at the resolution that you need. If e.g. you need to render a plot at 4000x3000 pixels for it to fit into a layout, but you find that the result appears to small, you can increase the scaling argument to make everything appear bigger at the same resolution. snap\_rect Should axis-aligned rectangles drawn with only fill snap to the pixel grid. This will prevent anti-aliasing artifacts when two rectangles are touching at their border. compression The compression type to use for the image data. The standard options from the grDevices::tiff() function are available under the same name. bitsize Should the device record colour as 8 or 16bit Same as background for compatibility with old graphic device APIs bg

#### **Transparency**

TIFF have support for true transparency, meaning that the pixel colour is stored in pre-multiplied form. This is in contrast to pixels being stored in plain format, where the alpha values more function as a mask. The utility of this is not always that important, but it is one of the benefits of TIFF over PNG so it should be noted.

#### Note

'jpeg' compression is only available if ragg is compiled with a version of libtiff where jpeg support has been turned on.

## **Examples**

```
file <- tempfile(fileext = '.tiff')
# Use jpeg compression
agg_tiff(file, compression = 'lzw+p')
plot(sin, -pi, 2*pi)
dev.off()</pre>
```

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