

# Package ‘odiffr’

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**Title** Fast Pixel-by-Pixel Image Comparison Using 'odiff'

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**Description** R bindings to 'odiff', a blazing-fast pixel-by-pixel image comparison tool <<https://github.com/dmtrKovalenko/odiff>>. Supports PNG, JPEG, WEBP, and TIFF with configurable thresholds, antialiasing detection, and region ignoring. Requires system installation of 'odiff'. Ideal for visual regression testing in automated workflows.

**SystemRequirements** odiff (>= 3.0.0) -  
<https://github.com/dmtrKovalenko/odiff>

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compare_images	<i>Compare Two Images</i>
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### Description

High-level function for comparing images with convenient output. Returns a tibble if the tibble package is available, otherwise a data.frame. Accepts file paths or magick-image objects.

### Usage

```
compare_images(
  img1,
  img2,
  diff_output = NULL,
  threshold = 0.1,
  antialiasing = FALSE,
  fail_on_layout = FALSE,
  ignore_regions = NULL,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

img1	Path to the first image, or a magick-image object.
img2	Path to the second image, or a magick-image object.
diff_output	Path for the diff output image (PNG only). Use NULL for no diff output, or TRUE to auto-generate a temporary file path.
threshold	Numeric; color difference threshold between 0.0 and 1.0. Default is 0.1.
antialiasing	Logical; if TRUE, ignore antialiased pixels. Default is FALSE.
fail_on_layout	Logical; if TRUE, fail if images have different dimensions. Default is FALSE.

```
ignore_regions List of regions to ignore during comparison. Use ignore\_region\(\) to create
regions, or pass a data.frame with columns x1, y1, x2, y2.
...
Additional arguments passed to odiff\_run\(\).
```

## Value

A tibble (if available) or data.frame with columns:

**match** Logical; TRUE if images match.  
**reason** Character; comparison result reason.  
**diff\_count** Integer; number of different pixels.  
**diff\_percentage** Numeric; percentage of different pixels.  
**diff\_output** Character; path to diff image, or NA.  
**img1** Character; path to first image.  
**img2** Character; path to second image.

## See Also

[odiff\\_run\(\)](#) for the low-level interface, [ignore\\_region\(\)](#) for creating ignore regions.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Compare two image files
result <- compare_images("baseline.png", "current.png")
result$match

# With diff output
result <- compare_images("baseline.png", "current.png", diff_output = TRUE)
result$diff_output

# Compare magick-image objects (requires magick package)
library(magick)
img1 <- image_read("baseline.png")
img2 <- image_read("current.png")
result <- compare_images(img1, img2)

# Ignore specific regions
result <- compare_images("baseline.png", "current.png",
                        ignore_regions = list(
                            ignore_region(0, 0, 100, 50),    # Header
                            ignore_region(0, 500, 800, 600)  # Footer
                        ))
## End(Not run)
```

**compare\_images\_batch    *Compare Multiple Image Pairs***

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## Description

Compare multiple pairs of images in batch. Useful for visual regression testing across many screenshots.

## Usage

```
compare_images_batch(pairs, diff_dir = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>pairs</code>	A data.frame with columns <code>img1</code> and <code>img2</code> containing file paths, or a list of named lists with <code>img1</code> and <code>img2</code> elements.
<code>diff_dir</code>	Directory to save diff images. If <code>NULL</code> , no diff images are created. If provided, diff images are named based on the input file names.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">compare_images()</a> .

## Value

A tibble (if available) or data.frame with one row per comparison, containing all columns from [compare\\_images\(\)](#) plus a `pair_id` column.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Create a data frame of image pairs
pairs <- data.frame(
  img1 = c("baseline/page1.png", "baseline/page2.png"),
  img2 = c("current/page1.png", "current/page2.png")
)

# Compare all pairs
results <- compare_images_batch(pairs, diff_dir = "diffs/")

# Check which comparisons failed
results[!results$match, ]

## End(Not run)
```

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**find\_odiff***Find the odiff Binary*

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**Description**

Locates the odiff executable using a priority-based search:

1. User-specified path via options(odiffr.path = "...")
2. System PATH (Sys.which("odiff"))
3. Cached binary from odiffr\_update()

**Usage**

```
find_odiff()
```

**Value**

Character string with the absolute path to the odiff executable.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
find_odiff()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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**ignore\_region***Create an Ignore Region*

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**Description**

Helper function to create a region specification for use with [odiff\\_run\(\)](#) and [compare\\_images\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
ignore_region(x1, y1, x2, y2)
```

**Arguments**

x1	Integer; x-coordinate of the top-left corner.
y1	Integer; y-coordinate of the top-left corner.
x2	Integer; x-coordinate of the bottom-right corner.
y2	Integer; y-coordinate of the bottom-right corner.

**Value**

A list with components  $x1$ ,  $y1$ ,  $x2$ ,  $y2$ .

**Examples**

```
# Create a region to ignore
region <- ignore_region(10, 10, 100, 50)

# Use with odiffr_run
## Not run:
result <- odiffr_run("img1.png", "img2.png",
                      ignore_regions = list(region))

## End(Not run)
```

<code>odiffr_cache_path</code>	<i>Get Cache Directory Path</i>
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**Description**

Returns the path to the odiffr cache directory where downloaded binaries are stored.

**Usage**

```
odiffr_cache_path()
```

**Value**

Character string with the path to the cache directory.

**Examples**

```
odiffr_cache_path()
```

<code>odiffr_clear_cache</code>	<i>Clear the odiffr Cache</i>
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**Description**

Removes all cached binaries downloaded by `odiffr_update()`.

**Usage**

```
odiffr_clear_cache()
```

**Value**

Invisibly returns TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
odiffr_clear_cache()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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odiffr\_update

*Download Latest odiff Binary*

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**Description**

Downloads the odiff binary from GitHub releases to the user's cache directory. The downloaded binary will be used by `find_odiff()` if no system-wide installation or user-specified path is found.

**Usage**

```
odiffr_update(version = "latest", force = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

version	Character string specifying the version to download. Use "latest" (default) to download the most recent release, or specify a version tag like "v4.1.2".
force	Logical; if TRUE, re-download even if the binary already exists in the cache. Default is FALSE.

**Value**

Character string with the path to the downloaded binary.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
# Download latest version  
odiffr_update()  
  
# Download specific version  
odiffr_update(version = "v4.1.2")  
  
# Force re-download  
odiffr_update(force = TRUE)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

**odiff\_available**      *Check if odiff is Available*

### Description

Check if odiff is Available

### Usage

```
odiff_available()
```

### Value

Logical TRUE if odiff is found and executable, FALSE otherwise.

### Examples

```
odiff_available()
```

**odiff\_info**      *Display odiff Configuration Information*

### Description

Display odiff Configuration Information

### Usage

```
odiff_info()
```

### Value

A list with components:

- os** Operating system (darwin, linux, windows)
- arch** Architecture (arm64, x64)
- path** Path to the odiff binary
- version** odiff version string
- source** Source of the binary (option, system, cached)

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
odiff_info()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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**odiff\_run** *Run odiff Command (Low-Level)*

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**Description**

Direct wrapper around the odiff CLI with zero external dependencies. Returns a structured list with comparison results.

**Usage**

```
odiff_run(  
  img1,  
  img2,  
  diff_output = NULL,  
  threshold = 0.1,  
  antialiasing = FALSE,  
  fail_on_layout = FALSE,  
  diff_mask = FALSE,  
  diff_overlay = NULL,  
  diff_color = NULL,  
  diff_lines = FALSE,  
  reduce_ram = FALSE,  
  ignore_regions = NULL,  
  timeout = 60  
)
```

**Arguments**

img1	Character; path to the first (baseline) image file.
img2	Character; path to the second (comparison) image file.
diff_output	Character or NULL; optional path for the diff output image. Must have .png extension. If NULL, no diff image is created.
threshold	Numeric; color difference threshold between 0.0 and 1.0. Lower values are more precise. Default is 0.1.
antialiasing	Logical; if TRUE, ignore antialiased pixels. Default is FALSE.
fail_on_layout	Logical; if TRUE, fail immediately if images have different dimensions. Default is FALSE.
diff_mask	Logical; if TRUE, output only the changed pixels in the diff image. Default is FALSE.
diff_overlay	Logical or numeric; if TRUE or a number between 0 and 1, add a white shaded overlay to the diff image for easier reading. Default is NULL (no overlay).
diff_color	Character; hex color for highlighting differences (e.g., "#FF0000"). Default is NULL (uses odiff default, red).
diff_lines	Logical; if TRUE, include line numbers containing different pixels in the output. Default is FALSE.

<code>reduce_ram</code>	Logical; if TRUE, use less memory but run slower. Useful for very large images. Default is FALSE.
<code>ignore_regions</code>	A list of regions to ignore during comparison. Each region should be a list with x1, y1, x2, y2 components, or use <code>ignore_region()</code> to create them. Can also be a data.frame with these columns.
<code>timeout</code>	Numeric; timeout in seconds for the odiff process. Default is 60.

## Value

A list with the following components:

**match** Logical; TRUE if images match, FALSE otherwise.

**reason** Character; one of "match", "pixel-diff", "layout-diff", or "error".

**diff\_count** Integer; number of different pixels, or NA.

**diff\_percentage** Numeric; percentage of different pixels, or NA.

**diff\_lines** Integer vector of line numbers with differences, or NULL.

**exit\_code** Integer; odiff exit code (0 = match, 21 = layout diff, 22 = pixel diff).

**stdout** Character; raw stdout output.

**stderr** Character; raw stderr output.

**img1** Character; path to first image.

**img2** Character; path to second image.

**diff\_output** Character or NULL; path to diff image if created.

**duration** Numeric; time elapsed in seconds.

#### See Also

`compare_images()` for a higher-level interface, `ignore_region()` for creating ignore regions.

## Examples

```
)  
## End(Not run)
```

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odiff_version	<i>Get odiff Version</i>
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**Description**

Get odiff Version

**Usage**

```
odiff_version()
```

**Value**

Character string with the odiff version, or NA\_character\_ if unavailable.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
odiff_version()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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