

# Package ‘rsixel’

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**Title** Encoding and Decoding Sixel Images

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**Description** Provides a native R implementation for encoding and decoding 'sixel' graphics (<<https://vt100.net/docs/vt3xx-gp/chapter14.html>>), and a dedicated 'sixel' graphics device that allows plots to be rendered directly within compatible terminal emulators.

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**imgcat***Create SIXEL escape sequence for image file*

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## Description

Create SIXEL escape sequence for image file. jpeg, png or magick packages are required to read image files. Image with alpha channel will be blended with the specified background color.

## Usage

```
imgcat(
  path,
  ...,
  max.colors = 256,
  iter.max = 10,
  background = "white",
  file = ""
)
```

## Arguments

path	character, path to a image file.
...	other positional arguments will be omitted.
max.colors	integer, max colors of the palette. The maximum is 256. This parameter will be passed to <a href="#">sixelEncode</a> .
iter.max	integer, maximum number of iterations for k-means clustering. This parameter will be passed to <a href="#">sixelEncode</a> .
background	character, background color to blend with for pixel with transparency. Default is "white".
file	A connection, or a character string naming the file to print to. This parameter will be passed to <code>cat</code>

## Value

None (invisible 'NULL').

## Examples

```
imgcat(system.file("img", "Rlogo.jpg", package="jpeg"))
```

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**readSIXEL***Read a SIXEL image*

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## Description

Reads an image from a SIXEL file into a raster array.

## Usage

```
readSIXEL(source)
```

## Arguments

source character, name of the file to read from.

## Value

A raster array with values ranging from 0 to 1. The array has dimensions (height, width, 3) where the third dimension represents the R, G, and B color channels.

## Examples

```
# read a sample file
img <- readSIXEL(system.file("snake.six", package="rsixel"))
```

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**sixel***SIXEL graphics device*

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## Description

A graphics device that outputs SIXEL sequences to the console when closed. This device wraps the png() device and encodes the output as SIXEL.

## Usage

```
sixel(
  file = "",
  width = 480,
  height = 480,
  max.colors = 256,
  iter.max = 10,
  background = "white",
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

<code>file</code>	A connection, or a character string naming the file to print to. This parameter will be passed to <code>cat</code> . Default is "" (stdout).
<code>width</code>	integer, width of the output image in pixels. Default is 480.
<code>height</code>	integer, height of the output image in pixels. Default is 480.
<code>max.colors</code>	integer, max colors of the palette. The maximum is 256. This parameter will be passed to <code>sixelEncode</code> . Default is 256.
<code>iter.max</code>	integer, maximum number of iterations for k-means clustering. This parameter will be passed to <code>sixelEncode</code> . Default is 10.
<code>background</code>	character, background color to blend with for pixel with transparency. Default is "white".
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to <code>png()</code> .

## Value

The device number (invisible).

## Examples

```
sixel()
plot(c(1, 2))
dev.off()
```

`sixelDecode`

*Decode SIXEL escape sequence to image data*

## Description

Parse a SIXEL escape sequence and convert it to a raster array.

## Usage

```
sixelDecode(data)
```

## Arguments

<code>data</code>	character, SIXEL escape sequence.
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## Value

A raster array with values ranging from 0 to 1. The array has dimensions (height, width, 3) where the third dimension represents the R, G, and B color channels.

## Examples

```
# read sixel sequence
sixel_file <- system.file("snake.six", package="rsixel")
sixel_data <- readChar(sixel_file, file.info(sixel_file)$size)
img <- sixelDecode(sixel_data)
```

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sixelEncode

*Create SIXEL escape sequence from image data*

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## Description

Create SIXEL escape sequence from image data. Quantization is done by k-means clustering.

## Usage

```
sixelEncode(image, max.colors = 256, iter.max = 10)
```

## Arguments

image	a three dimensional RGB array with values ranging from 0 to 1.
max.colors	integer, max colors of the palette. The maximum is 256. Default is 256.
iter.max	integer, maximum number of iterations for k-means clustering.

## Value

SIXEL escape sequence

## Examples

```
img <- png::readPNG(system.file("img", "Rlogo.png", package="png"))
cat(sixelEncode(img, 4))
```

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