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dml

Wrap plot instructions for DrawingML plotting in Powerpoint

Description

A simple wrapper to mark the plot instructions as Vector Graphics instructions. It produces an object of class 'dml' with a corresponding method [ph_with](#).

The function enables usage of any R plot with argument code and with ggplot objects with argument ggobj.

Note: the output is a vector graphic, not a native Microsoft Office chart. The underlying data is not embedded in the document.

Usage

```
dml(
  code,
  ggobj = NULL,
  bg = "white",
  fonts = list(),
  pointsize = 12,
  editable = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

code	plotting instructions
ggobj	ggplot object to print. argument code will be ignored if this argument is supplied.
bg, fonts, pointsize, editable	Parameters stored and later passed to dml_pptx by ph_with.dml .
...	unused arguments

background color

When dealing with a `ggplot` object, the `bg` parameter sets the device background but the `ggplot` theme's `plot.background` will typically draw over it. To control the background appearance, set it in the theme instead:

```
theme(
  panel.background = element_rect(fill = "#EFEFEF"),
  plot.background = element_rect(fill = "wheat"))
```

Limitations

The DrawingML format does not support the following R graphics features:

- **Patterns and gradients:** grid patterns (`GridPattern`), linear and radial gradients used as fill are not translated into DrawingML. `ggplot2` will emit a warning when these are used.
- **Rich text (`ggtext/gridtext`):** packages such as `ggtext` render HTML/Markdown into composite grid grobs. The `rvg` device can only capture low-level primitives (text strings, lines, polygons), so the rich formatting (inline images, coloured spans, HTML markup) is lost. Use standard `ggplot2` text functions or apply formatting after export in PowerPoint.
- **Plotmath expressions:** R's graphics engine decomposes `expression()` into individual text primitives before the device sees them. Compound expressions (e.g. `expression("a" * "b")`), superscripts, subscripts) are rendered as separate text boxes, causing vertical misalignment.
- **Clipping paths, masks, compositing and transformations:** these R ≥ 4.1 features have no DrawingML equivalent and are silently ignored.

See Also

[ph_with.dml](#)

Examples

```
anyplot <- dml(code = barplot(1:5, col = 2:6), bg = "wheat")

library(officer)
doc <- read_pptx()
doc <- add_slide(doc, "Title and Content", "Office Theme")
doc <- ph_with(doc, anyplot, location = ph_location_fullsize())
fileout <- tempfile(fileext = ".pptx")
# fileout <- "vg.pptx"
print(doc, target = fileout)
```

dml_pptx

*DrawingML graphic device for Microsoft PowerPoint***Description**

Graphics devices for Microsoft PowerPoint DrawingML format.

Usage

```
dml_pptx(
  file = "Rplots.dml",
  width = 6,
  height = 6,
  offx = 1,
  offy = 1,
  bg = "white",
  fonts = list(),
  pointsize = 12,
  editable = TRUE,
  id = 1L,
  last_rel_id = 1L,
  raster_prefix = "raster_",
  standalone = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

file	the file where output will appear.
height, width	Height and width in inches.
offx, offy	top and left origin of the plot
bg	Default background color for the plot (defaults to "white").
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 families detected by gdtools::font_set_auto() .
Important: fonts are referenced by name in the DrawingML output and are not embedded . The reader of the PowerPoint file must also have the same fonts installed, otherwise Office will substitute them. For maximum portability, prefer fonts bundled with Microsoft Office such as "Arial", "Times New Roman" and "Courier New".	
Fonts must be installed on your system; use gdtools::font_family_exists() to verify availability.	
Example: <code>list(sans = "Arial", serif = "Times New Roman", mono = "Courier New")</code> .	
pointsize	default point size.
editable	should vector graphics elements (points, text, etc.) be editable.

<code>id</code>	specifies a unique identifier (integer) within the slide that will contain the DrawingML instructions.
<code>last_rel_id</code>	specifies the last unique identifier (integer) within relationship file that will be used to reference embedded raster images if any.
<code>raster_prefix</code>	string value used as prefix for png files produced when raster objects are printed on the graphical device.
<code>standalone</code>	produce a standalone drawingml file? If FALSE, omits xml header and namespaces.

See Also

[Devices](#)

Examples

```
dml_pptx(file = tempfile())
plot(1:11, (-5:5)^2, type = "b", main = "Simple Example")
dev.off()
```

dml_xlsx

DrawingML graphic device for Microsoft Excel

Description

Graphics devices for Microsoft Excel DrawingML format.

Usage

```
dml_xlsx(
  file = "Rplots.dml",
  width = 6,
  height = 6,
  offx = 1,
  offy = 1,
  bg = "white",
  fonts = list(),
  pointsize = 12,
  editable = TRUE,
  id = 1L,
  last_rel_id = 1L,
  standalone = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

file	the file where output will appear.
height, width	Height and width in inches.
offx, offy	top and left origin of the plot
bg	Default background color for the plot (defaults to "white").
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 families detected by <code>gdtools:::font_set_auto()</code> . Important: fonts are referenced by name in the DrawingML output and are not embedded . The reader of the Excel file must also have the same fonts installed, otherwise Office will substitute them. For maximum portability, prefer fonts bundled with Microsoft Office such as "Arial", "Times New Roman" and "Courier New". Fonts must be installed on your system; use <code>gdtools:::font_family_exists()</code> to verify availability. Example: <code>list(sans = "Arial", serif = "Times New Roman", mono = "Courier New")</code> .
pointsize	default point size.
editable	should vector graphics elements (points, text, etc.) be editable.
id	specifies a unique identifier (integer) within the sheet that will contain the DrawingML instructions.
last_rel_id	specifies the last unique identifier (integer) within relationship file that will be used to reference embedded raster images if any.
standalone	produce a standalone drawingml file? If FALSE, omits xml header and namespaces.

See Also

[Devices](#)

Examples

```
dml_xlsx(file = tempfile())
plot(1:11, (-5:5)^2, type = "b", main = "Simple Example")
dev.off()
```

ph_with.dml

add a plot output as vector graphics into a PowerPoint object

Description

Produces a vector graphics output from R plot instructions stored in a `dml` object and adds the result in an `rpptx` object produced by [read_pptx](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dml'
ph_with(x, value, location, ...)
```

Arguments

x	a pptx device
value	dml object
location	a location for a placeholder.
...	Arguments to be passed to methods

Examples

```
anyplot <- dml(code = barplot(1:5, col = 2:6), bg = "wheat")

library(officer)
doc <- read_pptx()
doc <- add_slide(doc, "Title and Content", "Office Theme")
doc <- ph_with(doc, anyplot, location = ph_location_fullsize())

fileout <- tempfile(fileext = ".pptx")
print(doc, target = fileout)
```

xl_add_vg

*add a plot output as vector graphics into an Excel object***Description**

Produces a vector graphics output from R plot instructions and adds the result in an Excel sheet.

Usage

```
xl_add_vg(x, sheet, code, left, top, width, height, ...)
```

Arguments

x	an rxlsx object produced by <code>officer::read_xlsx</code>
sheet	sheet label/name
code	plot instructions
left, top	left and top origin of the plot on the sheet in inches.
height, width	Height and width in inches.
...	arguments passed on to <code>dml_xlsx</code> .

Examples

```
library(officer)
my_ws <- read_xlsx()
my_ws <- xl_add_vg(my_ws,
  sheet = "Feuill1",
  code = barplot(1:5, col = 2:6), width = 6, height = 6, left = 1, top = 2
)
fileout <- tempfile(fileext = ".xlsx")
print(my_ws, target = fileout)
```

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