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See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/r-lib/vdiffr>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/r-lib/vdiffr/issues>

collect_cases

Collect cases

Description

These functions are mainly intended for internal use by `manage_cases()`. They are useful to programmatically collect cases.

Usage

```
collect_cases(package = ".", filter = NULL, invert = FALSE)
```

```
collect_new_cases(package = ".")
```

```
collect_mismatched_cases(package = ".")
```

```
collect_orphaned_cases(package = ".")
```

Arguments

- | | |
|---------|---|
| package | Package description, can be path or package name. See <code>devtools::as.package()</code> for more information. |
| filter | If not NULL, only tests with file names matching this regular expression will be executed. Matching be performed on the file name after it has been stripped of "test-" and ".R". |
| invert | should the regexp supplied to filter be inverted? Defaults to FALSE. |

Value

A cases object. `collect_new_cases()`, `collect_mismatched_cases()` and `collect_orphaned_cases()` return a filtered cases object.

See Also

[manage_cases\(\)](#)

expect_doppelganger *Does a figure look like its expected output?*

Description

`expect_doppelganger()` takes a figure to check visually.

- If the figure has yet to be validated, the test is skipped. Call [manage_cases\(\)](#) to validate the new figure, so `vdiffr` knows what to compare against.
- If the test has been validated, `fig` is compared to the validated figure. If the plot differs, a failure is issued (except on CRAN, see section on regression testing below).
Either fix the problem, or call [manage_cases\(\)](#) to validate the new figure appearance.

Usage

```
expect_doppelganger(
  title,
  fig,
  path = NULL,
  ...,
  verbose = NULL,
  writer = write_svg
)
```

Arguments

<code>title</code>	A brief description of what is being tested in the figure. For instance: "Points and lines overlap". If a <code>ggplot2</code> figure doesn't have a title already, <code>title</code> is applied to the figure with <code>ggtitle()</code> . The title is also used as file name for storing SVG (in a sanitized form, with special characters converted to "-").
<code>fig</code>	A figure to test. This can be a <code>ggplot</code> object, a <code>recordedplot</code> , or more generally any object with a <code>print</code> method. For plots that can't be represented as printable objects, you can pass a function. This function must construct the plot and print it.

path	The path where the test case should be stored, relative to the tests/figs/ folder. If NULL (the default), the current testthat context is used to create a subfolder. Supply an empty string "" if you want the figures to be stored in the root folder.
...	Additional arguments passed to <code>testthat::compare()</code> to control specifics of comparison.
verbose	Soft-deprecated. See the debugging section.
writer	A function that takes the plot, a target SVG file, and an optional plot title. It should transform the plot to SVG in a deterministic way and write it to the target file. See <code>write_svg()</code> (the default) for an example.

Regression testing versus Unit testing

Failures to match a validated appearance are only reported when the tests are run locally, on Travis, Appveyor, or any environment where the `Sys.getenv("CI")` or `Sys.getenv("NOT_CRAN")` variables are set. Because `vdiffr` is more of a monitoring than a unit testing tool, it shouldn't cause R CMD check failures on the CRAN machines.

Checking the appearance of a figure is inherently fragile. It is similar to testing for errors by matching exact error messages: these messages are susceptible to change at any time. Similarly, the appearance of plots depends on a lot of upstream code, such as the way margins and spacing are computed. `vdiffr` uses a special `ggplot2` theme that should change very rarely, but there are just too many upstream factors that could cause breakages. For this reason, figure mismatches are not necessarily representative of actual failures.

Visual testing is not an alternative to writing unit tests for the internal data transformations performed during the creation of your figure. It is more of a monitoring tool that allows you to quickly check how the appearance of your figures changes over time, and to manually assess whether changes reflect actual problems in your package.

If you need to override the default `vdiffr` behaviour on CRAN (not recommended) or Travis (for example to run the tests in a particular builds but not others), set the `VDIFFR_RUN_TESTS` environment variable to "true" or "false".

Debugging

It is sometimes difficult to understand the cause of a failure. This usually indicates that the plot is not created deterministically. Potential culprits are:

- Some of the plot components depend on random variation. Try setting a seed.
- The plot depends on some system library. For instance `sf` plots depend on libraries like `GEOS` and `GDAL`. It might not be possible to test these plots with `vdiffr` (which can still be used for manual inspection, add a `testthat::skip()` before the `expect_doppelganger()` call in that case).

To help you understand the causes of a failure, `vdiffr` automatically logs the SVG diff of all failures when run under R CMD check. The log is located in `tests/vdiffr.Rout.fail` and should be displayed on Travis.

You can also set the `VDIFFR_LOG_PATH` environment variable with `Sys.setenv()` to unconditionally (also interactively) log failures in the file pointed by the variable.

Examples

```

if (FALSE) { # Not run

library("ggplot2")

test_that("plots have known output", {
  disp_hist_base <- function() hist(mtcars$disp)
  expect_doppelganger("disp-histogram-base", disp_hist_base)

  disp_hist_ggplot <- ggplot(mtcars, aes(dis)) + geom_histogram()
  expect_doppelganger("disp-histogram-ggplot", disp_hist_ggplot)
})

}

```

htmlwidgets

HTML Widgets for graphical comparison

Description

These widgets can be used at the console and embedded in a R Markdown document or Shiny application.

Usage

```

widget_toggle(before, after, ..., width = NULL, height = NULL)

widget_slide(before, after, ..., width = NULL, height = NULL)

widget_diff(before, after, ..., width = NULL, height = NULL)

widget_toggle(before, after, ..., width = NULL, height = NULL)

widget_slide(before, after, ..., width = NULL, height = NULL)

widget_diff(before, after, ..., width = NULL, height = NULL)

```

Arguments

before	The picture that is taken as reference.
after	The picture against which the reference is compared.
...	Unused. Meant for collecting unknown arguments and allow widget extensions.
width	Fixed width for widget (in css units). The default is NULL, which results in intelligent automatic sizing based on the widget's container.
height	Fixed height for widget (in css units). The default is NULL, which results in intelligent automatic sizing based on the widget's container.

Details

The regular versions take plots or functions as before and after arguments (see [expect_doppelganger\(\)](#) for details). The versions suffixed with underscores take HTML image sources. These can be paths to SVG files or inlined SVG images. Currently, `widget_diff_()` is compatible only with inlined images.

Examples

```
p1 <- function() hist(mtcars$disp)
p2 <- function() hist(mtcars$drat)

# You can also call these functions in a R Markdown document or
# in a Shiny application:
widget_toggle(p1, p2)
widget_slide(p1, p2)
widget_diff(p1, p2)
```

`last_collection_error` *Print last error that occurred during collection*

Description

Print last error that occurred during collection

Usage

```
last_collection_error()
```

`manage_cases` *Manage visual test cases with a Shiny app*

Description

Manage visual test cases with a Shiny app

Usage

```
manage_cases(
  package = ".",
  filter = NULL,
  invert = FALSE,
  ...,
  options = list()
)
```

Arguments

package	Package description, can be path or package name. See devtools::as.package() for more information.
filter	If not NULL, only tests with file names matching this regular expression will be executed. Matching be performed on the file name after it has been stripped of "test-" and ".R".
invert	should the regexp supplied to filter be inverted? Defaults to FALSE.
...	Unused.
options	Named options that should be passed to the runApp call (these can be any of the following: "port", "launch.browser", "host", "quiet", "display.mode" and "test.mode"). You can also specify width and height parameters which provide a hint to the embedding environment about the ideal height/width for the app.

See Also

[vdiffRAddin\(\)](#), [collect_cases\(\)](#), and [validate_cases\(\)](#)

shinybindings

Shiny bindings for graphical comparison widgets

Description

Output and render functions for using the Toggle, Slide and Diff widgets within Shiny applications and interactive Rmd documents. Used in [manage_cases\(\)](#).

Usage

```
toggleOutput(outputId, width = "100%", height = "400px")
```

```
renderToggle(expr, env = parent.frame(), quoted = FALSE)
```

```
slideOutput(outputId, width = "100%", height = "400px")
```

```
slideTransition(expr, env = parent.frame(), quoted = FALSE)
```

```
diffOutput(outputId, width = "100%", height = "400px")
```

```
diffTransition(expr, env = parent.frame(), quoted = FALSE)
```

Arguments

outputId	Output variable to read from.
width, height	Must be a valid CSS unit (like "100%", "400px", "auto") or a number, which will be coerced to a string and have "px" appended.

expr	An expression that generates a comparison widget.
env	The environment in which to evaluate expr.
quoted	Is expr a quoted expression (with <code>quote()</code>)? This is useful if you want to save an expression in a variable.

validate_cases	<i>Cases validation</i>
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Description

These functions are mainly intended for internal use by `manage_cases()`. They are useful to programmatically validate cases or delete orphaned cases.

Usage

```
validate_cases(cases = collect_new_cases())
delete_orphaned_cases(cases = collect_orphaned_cases())
```

Arguments

cases A cases object returned by one of the collecting functions such as `collect_cases()`.

See Also

[manage_cases\(\)](#)

vdiffrAddin	<i>RStudio Addin for managing visual cases</i>
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Description

The package is detected by looking for the currently active project, then for the current folder if no project is active.

Usage

```
vdiffrAddin()
```

See Also

[manage_cases\(\)](#), [collect_cases\(\)](#), and [validate_cases\(\)](#)

`write_svg`*Default SVG writer*

Description

This is the default SVG writer for vdiff test cases. It uses embedded versions of [svglite](#), [harfbuzz](#), and the Liberation and Symbola fonts in order to create deterministic SVGs.

Usage

```
write_svg(plot, file, title = "")
```

Arguments

<code>plot</code>	A plot object to convert to SVG. Can be a <code>ggplot2</code> object, a recorded plot , or any object with a print() method.
<code>file</code>	The file to write the SVG to.
<code>title</code>	An optional title for the test case.

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