# Package 'multipanelfigure'

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<b>Description</b> Tools to create a layout for figures made of multiple panels, and to fill the panels with base, 'lattice', 'ggplot2' and 'ComplexHeatmap' plots, grobs, as well as content from all image formats supported by 'ImageMagick' (accessed through 'magick').
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assert\_is\_multipanelfigure

Check that the input is a multipanelfigure

# Description

Checks that the input is of class multipanelfigure and has the appropriate attributes.

# Usage

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```
assert_is_multipanelfigure(x)
```

# **Arguments**

x Object to check.

#### References

Graumann, J., and Cotton, R.J. (2018). multipanelfigure: Simple Assembly of Multiple Plots and Images into a Compound Figure. Journal of Statistical Software 84. doi: 10.18637/jss.v084.c03

billing2016\_suppfig4e Mass spectrometry intensities by stem cell type and organelle

# Description

This data was used to create Supplementary Figure 4e of Billing 2016 (see references).

#### **Format**

A data frame with 81 rows and the following columns:

**GeneName** A factor with three levels naming genes that have interesting properties.

**Intensity** A numeric vector of positive intensities of proteins corresponding to the genes as determined by mass spectrometry.

**StemCellType** A factor with three levels indicating the type of stem cell experimented on. "ESC" means embryonic stem cell; "ESC-MSC" means mesenchymal stem cell derived from an embryonic stem cell; "BM-MSC" means mesenchymal stem cell derived from bone marrow.

**Organelle** The region of the cell experimented on. "CH" means chromatin, "Cyt" means cytosol, "Nuc" means nucleus.

**Replicate** An integer specifying the experimental replicate.

**Experiment** The interaction of StemCellType, Organelle and Replicate.

#### **Details**

A data frame of genes corresponding to protein intensities as measured by mass spectrometry proteomics experiments on embryonic and mesenchymal stem cells.

#### References

Billing AM, Ben Hamidane H, Dib SS, et al. Comprehensive transcriptomic and proteomic characterization of human mesenchymal stem cells reveals source specific cellular markers. Scientific Reports. 2016;6:21507. doi:10.1038/srep21507.

```
Article text available at: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4746666
Supplementary figures available at: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4746666/bin/srep21507-s1.pdf
```

#### See Also

```
billing2016_suppfig4g
```

```
ggplot2::ggplot(billing2016_suppfig4e, ggplot2::aes(Experiment, Intensity)) +
    ggplot2::geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
    ggplot2::geom_vline(xintercept = seq(3.5, 24.5, 3), linetype = "dotted") +
    ggplot2::facet_wrap(~ GeneName) +
    ggplot2::xlab(NULL) +
    ggplot2::theme(axis.text.x = ggplot2::element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1, size = 4))
```

billing2016\_suppfig4g Mass spectrometry intensities by stem cell type

#### Description

This data was used to create Supplementary Figure 4g of Billing 2016 (see references).

#### **Format**

A matrix with 13 rows and 9 columns. Rows represent genes, columns represent experiments and are split by:

- The type of stem cell experimented on. "ESC" means embryonic stem cell; "ESC-MSC" means mesenchymal stem cell derived from an embryonic stem cell; "BM-MSC" means mesenchymal stem cell derived from bone marrow.
- 2. The experimental replicate.

Values in the matrix are intensities of proteins coresponding to the genes, as measured by mass spectrometry.

#### **Details**

A matrix of log base 10 protein intensities as measured by mass spectrometry proteomics experiments on embryonic and mesenchymal stem cells.

#### References

Billing AM, Ben Hamidane H, Dib SS, et al. Comprehensive transcriptomic and proteomic characterization of human mesenchymal stem cells reveals source specific cellular markers. Scientific Reports. 2016;6:21507. doi:10.1038/srep21507.

```
Article text available at: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4746666
Supplementary figures available at: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4746666/bin/srep21507-s1.pdf
```

#### See Also

```
billing2016_suppfig4e
```

```
color_scale <- grDevices::cm.colors(25)
heatmap(
  billing2016_suppfig4g,
  margins = c(12, 5), col = color_scale,
  cexRow = 0.5, cexCol = 0.4)</pre>
```

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capture\_base\_plot

Capture a base plot

# Description

Capture a plot drawn using base graphics as a grid grob.

#### Usage

```
capture_base_plot(expr)
```

#### **Arguments**

expr

A expression that draws a plot using base graphics.

#### Value

An object of class gTree.

#### Note

A side effect of this function is that plots get drawn twice: once as a base plot, and secondly as a grid plot.

#### References

Graumann, J., and Cotton, R.J. (2018). multipanelfigure: Simple Assembly of Multiple Plots and Images into a Compound Figure. Journal of Statistical Software 84. doi: 10.18637/jss.v084.c03

#### See Also

```
grid.echo, grid.grab
```

```
p <- capture_base_plot(hist(rnorm(1000), seq(-4, 4, 0.2)))
grid::grid.draw(p)
# If the plot takes multiple lines to draw, then wrap the code in braces.
p2 <- capture_base_plot({
   par(las = 1)
    plot(1:5)
    title("One to five")
})
grid::grid.draw(p2)</pre>
```

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fill_panel fill_panel
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# Description

A convenience function adding graphical objects to a gtable constructed by multi\_panel\_figure.

# Usage

```
fill_panel(
  figure,
  panel,
  row = "auto",
  column = "auto",
  label = NULL,
  label_just = c("right", "bottom"),
  panel_clip = c("on", "off", "inherit"),
  scaling = c("none", "stretch", "fit", "shrink"),
  allow_panel_overwriting = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

# Arguments

figure	Object of classes multipanelfigure/ gtable as produced by multi_panel_figure and representing the figure the panel is to be placed in.
panel	Single character object representing URL or path to a bitmap image accessible by ImageMagick as used through magick, a Heatmap or HeatmapList object, a ggplot object, a trellis.object, a gList object or a grob object to be placed in a multipanel figure. See 'Details'.
row	numeric object of length 1 or a range, indicating the row indeces the panel that is to be placed in the figure, or "auto" to automatically pick the row (see details). May be used to define panel spanning (if length(row) > 1; see examples).
column	numeric object of length 1 or a range, indicating the column indeces of the panel that is to be placed in the figure, or "auto" to automatically pick the column (see details). May be used to define panel spanning (if length(column) > 1; see examples).
label	Single character object defining the panel label used for automated annotation.
label_just	Justification for the label within the interpanel spacing grob to the top-left of the panel content grob. Passed to textGrob.
panel_clip	Should the display of panel contents be clipped at the panel borders? See viewport.

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scaling Only used when importing image files. Either "none" to preserve the dimensions

of an image, "stretch" to make it fit the panels, "fit" to shrink or enlarge it so that it fills one dimension of the panels while preserving the height to width ratio, or

"shrink which does the same but won't enlarge it.

allow\_panel\_overwriting

A logical value. If TRUE, overwriting panels is allowed, with a warning. Other-

wise (the default) it will cause an error.

verbose A logical value. Reduces verbosity if FALSE.

.. Additional arguments. Used to deal with deprecated arguments top\_panel,

bottom\_panel, left\_panel and right\_panel.

#### **Details**

Currently supported as panel-representing objects (panel) are

1. ComplexHeatmap Heatmap or HeatmapList objects.

- 2. ggplot2 ggplot objects.
- 3. grid grob, gList, and gTree objects.
- 4. lattice trellis.objects.
- 5. Single character objects representing URLs or paths to image formats accessible by ImageMagick as used through magick, which will be read and placed into panels as requested.

Native resolution is determined from attributes in the file. If the attributes are not present, then the DPI is determined by the the multipanelfigure.defaultdpi global option, or 300 if this has not been set.

**lattice**-generated trellis.objects are converted to grobs using grid.grabExpr(print(x)), as are Heatmap and HeatmapLists from ComplexHeatmap - the side effects of which with respect to plot formatting are not well studied.

If the row argument is "auto", then the first row with a free panel is used. If the column argument is "auto", then the first column in the row with a free panel is used.

#### Value

Returns the gtable object fed to it (figure) with the addition of the panel.

#### Author(s)

Johannes Graumann, Richard Cotton

#### References

Graumann, J., and Cotton, R.J. (2018). multipanelfigure: Simple Assembly of Multiple Plots and Images into a Compound Figure. Journal of Statistical Software 84. doi: 10.18637/jss.v084.c03

#### See Also

```
gtable, multi_panel_figure
```

fill\_panel

```
# Not testing - slow grid graphics makes CRAN timing excessive
# Create the figure layout
(figure <- multi_panel_figure(</pre>
 width = c(30, 40, 60),
 height = c(40,60,60,60),
 panel_label_type = "upper-roman"))
# Fill the top-left panel using a grob object directly
a_grob <- grid::linesGrob(arrow = grid::arrow())</pre>
figure %<>% fill_panel(a_grob)
# Add a ggplot object directly to the top row, second column.
# The panels are chosen automatically, but you can achieve the same effect
# using column = 2
a_ggplot <- ggplot2::ggplot(mtcars, ggplot2::aes(disp, mpg)) +</pre>
 ggplot2::geom_point()
figure %<>% fill_panel(a_ggplot)
# Bitmap images are added by passing the path to their file.
image_files <- system.file("extdata", package = "multipanelfigure") %>%
 dir(full.names = TRUE) %>%
 magrittr::set_names(basename(.))
# Add the JPEG to the top row, third column
figure %<>% fill_panel(image_files["rhino.jpg"], column = 3)
# Add the PNG to the second and third row, first and second column
figure %<>% fill_panel(
 image_files["Rlogo.png"],
 row = 2:3, column = 1:2)
# Add the TIFF to the second row, third column
figure %<>% fill_panel(
  image_files["unicorn.svg"],
 row = 2, column = 3)
# lattice/trellis plot objects are also added directly
Depth <- lattice::equal.count(quakes$depth, number=4, overlap=0.1)</pre>
a_lattice_plot <- lattice::xyplot(lat ~ long | Depth, data = quakes)
# Add the lattice plot to the third row, third column
figure %<>% fill_panel(
 a_lattice_plot,
 row = 3, column = 3)
# Incorporate a gList object (such as produced by VennDigram)
if(requireNamespace("VennDiagram"))
{
 a_venn_plot <- VennDiagram::draw.pairwise.venn(50, 30, 20, ind = FALSE)</pre>
 # Add the Venn diagram to the fourth row, firstd column
 figure %<>% fill_panel(
   a_venn_plot,
```

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```
row = 4, column = 1)
}
# Incorporate a base plot figure
a_base_plot <- capture_base_plot(</pre>
heatmap(
   cor(USJudgeRatings), Rowv = FALSE, symm = TRUE, col = topo.colors(16),
   distfun = function(c) as.dist(1 - c), keep.dendro = TRUE,
   cexRow = 0.5, cexCol = 0.5))
# Add the heatmap to the fourth row, second column
figure %<>% fill_panel(
  a_base_plot,
  row = 4, column = 2)
# Incorporate a ComplexHeatmap figure
require(ComplexHeatmap)
mat = matrix(rnorm(80, 2), 8, 10)
mat = rbind(mat, matrix(rnorm(40, -2), 4, 10))
rownames(mat) = letters[1:12]
colnames(mat) = letters[1:10]
ht = Heatmap(mat)
a_complex_heatmap <- ht + ht + ht
# Add the ComplexHeatmap to the fourth row, third column
(figure %<>% fill_panel(
  a_complex_heatmap,
  row = 4, column = 3))
```

grob\_dimensions

Convenient Access to grob Dimensions

# **Description**

Convenience functions extracting dimensions from grob objects.

# Usage

```
figure_width(grob, unit_to = "mm")
figure_height(grob, unit_to = "mm")
```

#### **Arguments**

grob A grob object for which dimensions are to be retrieved.
unit\_to A single character string representing a valid **grid-unit**.

#### Value

Single numeric objects are returned.

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#### Author(s)

Johannes Graumann

#### References

Graumann, J., and Cotton, R.J. (2018). multipanelfigure: Simple Assembly of Multiple Plots and Images into a Compound Figure. Journal of Statistical Software 84. doi: 10.18637/jss.v084.c03

#### See Also

```
multi_panel_figure, save_multi_panel_figure
```

#### **Examples**

```
# Get dimensions of a grid grob
a_circle <- grid::circleGrob(x = 15, y = 30, r = 15, default.unit = "mm")
figure_height(a_circle)
figure_width(a_circle)
# Use the unit_to arg to convert units
figure_height(a_circle, unit_to = "in")
figure_width(a_circle, unit_to = "cm")
# Get dimensions of a multi-panel figure
figure <- multi_panel_figure(width = 55, height = 55, rows = 2, columns = 2)
figure_height(figure)
figure_width(figure)
# ggsave defaults to measuring dimensions in inches
width <- figure_width(figure, unit_to = "in")</pre>
height <- figure_height(figure, unit_to = "in")</pre>
tmp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".png")</pre>
ggplot2::ggsave(
 tmp_file, gtable::gtable_show_layout(figure),
 width = width, height = height
)
# Not testing due to use of external software
utils::browseURL(tmp_file)
```

images

**Images** 

# **Description**

A TIFF photograph of Farouq the cat in a washing machine. CC-BY-SA 4.0 Richard Cotton, 2014.

# **Format**

An image file.

#### **Details**

A JPEG photograph of a greater one-horned rhinoceros (Rhinoceros unicornis) taken in Kaziranga National Park, Assam, India. CC-BY-SA 4.0 Janette Cotton, 2016.

An SVG picture of a fat, pink winged unicorn. CC-BY-SA 4.0 Sara Lendal, 2016.

A PNG of the R logo. CC-BY-SA 4.0 The R Foundation, 2016.

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    figure <- multi_panel_figure(
        width = c(60, 40, 40), height = c(40, 40, 40)
)
image_files <- system.file("extdata", package = "multipanelfigure") %>%
        dir(full.names = TRUE) %>%
        setNames(basename(.))
figure %>%
    fill_panel(image_files["farouq.tiff"]) %>%
    fill_panel(image_files["unicorn.svg"], column = 2:3) %>%
    fill_panel(image_files["rhino.jpg"], row = 2:3) %>%
    fill_panel(image_files["Rlogo.png"], column = 2:3, row = 2:3)
```

multipanelfigure-deprecated

Superceded objects in multipanelfigure

#### **Description**

Functions that are no longer used or have been superceded by functions with underscore-separated names.

# Usage

```
addPanel( figure, ... )
capturebaseplot( ... )
multipanelfigure( ... )
simplegrobheight( ... )
simplegrobwidth( ... )
```

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#### **Arguments**

figure Object of classes multipanelfigure/gtable as produced by multi\_panel\_figure and representing the figure the panel is to be placed in.

... Arguments to functions you shouldn't use.

```
multi_panel_figure multi_panel_figure
```

# **Description**

A convenience function building gtable-based infrastructure for the assembly of multipanel figures

#### Usage

#### Arguments

width	<pre>numeric or link[grid]{unit} defining the width(s) of the resulting gtable</pre>
	if length(width) == 1 or individual column widths. Units depends on unit

if length(width) == 1 or individual column widths. Units depends on unit if not provided as unit object. The default 'auto' sets the parameter to the width of the currently used device. See 'Details' for dependent and interfering

parameters.

columns Single numeric defining the number of columns in the resulting gtable. See

'Details' for dependent and interfering parameters.

height numeric or link[grid]{unit} defining the height of the resulting gtable if

length(height) == 1 or individual row heights.nits depends on unit if not provided as unit object. The default 'auto' sets the parameter to the height of the currently used device. See 'Details' for dependent and interfering parameters.

rows Single numeric defining the number of rows in the resulting gtable. See 'De-

tails' for dependent and interfering parameters.

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row\_spacing numeric or #' unit defining the amount of white space automatically inserted

between row panels. Defaults to 5 mm unless explicitly given, in which case the value may depend on the unit parameter. Recycled to the number of rows.

column\_spacing numeric or unit defining the amount of white space automatically inserted be-

tween column panels. Defaults to 5 mm unless explicitly given, in which case the value may depends on the unit parameter. Recycled to the number of columns.

unit Single character object defining the unit of all dimensions defined. Must sat-

isfy grid:::valid.units.

figure\_name Single character object defining the name of the resulting gtable.

panel\_label\_type

A string specifying the marker style for the panel labels used for automated

annotation. Defaults to uppercase Latin letters.

... Argument to accommodate deprecated arguments widths and heights.

#### **Details**

The gtable may be constructed in two ways:

- 1. Based on explicit width/height definitions for individual panels.
- 2. Based on total figure/gtable dimensions given by width and height together with the number of columns and rows requested.

The function automatically inserts whitespace of width column\_spacing before column panels (and of height row\_spacing before row panels), which has to be considered for the total dimensions of the resulting gtable. Width of the gtable in the former case, for example may be calculated

$$W[total] = sum(width) + length(width) * column_spacing$$

while width of resulting panels in the latter table construction approach may be calculated

$$W[panel] = (width - columns * column_spacing)/columns$$

width, height, column\_spacing and row\_spacing may be defined numerically or as unit objects.

Earlier implementations used parameters widhts and heights as synonyms for width and height with length greater than one. These parameters have been deprecated. They continue to work, but produce a warning.

The two approaches to gtable construction require interdepending parameter sets:

**Individual definition of panel dimensions:** Requires width and height of lengths corresponding to the number of columns/rows requested. Excludes the use of columns and rows.

**Definition of global** gtable/figure dimensions: Requires width, columns, height and rows of length 1.

### Value

Returns an object of class multipanelfigure as well as gtable object with the following additional attributes:

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multipanelfigure.panelsFree: A logical matrix with the dimensions of the gtable indicating occupancy of the panels in the table.

multipanelfigure.panellabelsfree: A character vector indicative of the panel\_labels still available.

multipanelfigure.unit: A single character object storing the corresponding value given during object creation.

#### Author(s)

Johannes Graumann

#### References

Graumann, J., and Cotton, R.J. (2018). multipanelfigure: Simple Assembly of Multiple Plots and Images into a Compound Figure. Journal of Statistical Software 84. doi: 10.18637/jss.v084.c03

#### See Also

fill\_panel for more examples of filling panels figure\_width for inspecting figure dimensions capture\_base\_plot for including plots created using base graphics gtable for the underlying structure of a figure

```
## Not run:
# Figure construction based on the dimensions of the current device
figure1 <- multi_panel_figure(</pre>
  columns = 2,
   rows = 2,
   figure_name = "figure1")
# With no panels, printing shows the layout
figure1
# Figure construction based on overall dimensions
figure2 <- multi_panel_figure(</pre>
   width = 100,
   columns = 4,
   height = 90,
   rows = 6,
   figure_name = "figure2")
# Still no panels ...
figure2
# Figure construction based on individual panel dimensions
(figure3 <- multi_panel_figure(</pre>
   width = c(40,30),
   height = c(40,60),
   row\_spacing = c(5, 1),
   column\_spacing = c(0, 10),
```

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```
figure_name = "figure3"))
# A more involved example including filling and printing to device ...
# Make a simple ggplot object to fill panels
ggp <- ggplot2::ggplot(mtcars, ggplot2::aes(wt, mpg)) +</pre>
 ggplot2::geom_point()
# Fill panels
# ggplots and lattice plot objects are added directly
# The default position is the top-left panel
figure3 <- fill_panel(figure3, ggp)</pre>
# Raster images are added by passing the path to their file
jpg <- system.file("extdata/rhino.jpg", package = "multipanelfigure")</pre>
figure3 <- fill_panel(figure3, jpg, column = 2)</pre>
# Plots can take up multiple panels
figure3 <- fill_panel(figure3, ggp, row = 2, column = 1:2)</pre>
# Plot to appropriately sized png device
tmpFile <- tempfile(fileext = ".png")</pre>
ggplot2::ggsave(
 tmpFile, figure3,
 width = figure_width(figure3, "in"),
 height = figure_height(figure3, "in"))
 paste0("Now have a look at '",tmpFile,"' - nicely sized PNG output."))
\donttest{ # Not testing due to use of external software
utils::browseURL(tmpFile)
## End(Not run)
```

print.multipanelfigure

Print a multi-panel figure

# Description

Prints and object of class multipanelfigure.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'multipanelfigure'
print(x, newpage = TRUE, ...)
```

# Arguments

An object of class multipanelfigure.
 newpage Logical. If TRUE, a new device page is opened before drawing.
 Passed from other print methods.

#### Value

The input x is invisibly returned, but the method is mostly invoked for the side effect of printing the plot to the current device.

#### References

Graumann, J., and Cotton, R.J. (2018). multipanelfigure: Simple Assembly of Multiple Plots and Images into a Compound Figure. Journal of Statistical Software 84. doi: 10.18637/jss.v084.c03

#### **Examples**

```
p <- lattice::xyplot(dist ~ speed, cars)
figure <- multi_panel_figure(
  width = 100, height = 100,
  rows = 1, columns = 1
)
# With no panels, printing shows the layout
print(figure)
figure <- fill_panel(figure, p)
# After a panel is added, printing shows the plot.
print(figure) # shows plot</pre>
```

```
save_multi_panel_figure
save_multi_panel_figure
```

#### **Description**

A convenience function wrapping ggsave from **ggplot2** for easy saving of gtable objects constructed by multi\_panel\_figure taking into account the table's dimensions.

# Usage

```
save_multi_panel_figure(figure, filename, dpi = 300, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

figure	$Object \ of \ classes \ multipanel \ figure/\ gtable\ as\ produced\ by\ multi\_panel\_figure.$
filename	Single character object representing file name/path to create on disk.
dpi	Single numeric indicating the plot resolution. Applies only to raster output types.
	Other arguments passed to ggsave.

#### **Details**

Plot dimensions are determined using figure\_height and figure\_width.

```
The Device type to use is guessed from the filename extension. Currently supported are "eps", "ps", "tex" (pictex), "pdf", "jpeg", "tiff", "png", "bmp", "svg" or "wmf" (windows only).
```

%>%

#### Author(s)

Johannes Graumann

#### References

Graumann, J., and Cotton, R.J. (2018). multipanelfigure: Simple Assembly of Multiple Plots and Images into a Compound Figure. Journal of Statistical Software 84. doi: 10.18637/jss.v084.c03

#### See Also

```
ggsave, figure_width, figure_height
```

# **Examples**

```
# Create the figure layout
(figure <- multi_panel_figure(</pre>
 width = c(30, 40, 60),
 height = c(40,60,60,60),
 panel_label_type = "upper-roman"))
# Fill the top-left panel using a grob object directly
a_grob <- grid::linesGrob(arrow = grid::arrow())</pre>
figure %<>% fill_panel(a_grob)
## Not run:
# Save the figure
figure %>%
 save_multi_panel_figure(
    filename = paste0(
    tempfile(),
    ".png"))
## End(Not run)
```

%>%

magrittr forward-pipe operator

# **Description**

See %>%.

%<>%

magrittr compound assignment pipe operator

# **Description**

See %<>%.

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