

Package ‘plotdap’

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Title Easily Visualize Data from 'ERDDAPTM' Servers via the 'rerddap' Package

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Description Easily visualize and animate 'tabledap' and 'griddap' objects obtained via the 'rerddap' package in a simple one-line command, using either base graphics or 'ggplot2' graphics. 'plotdap' handles extracting and reshaping the data, map projections and continental outlines. Optionally the data can be animated through time using the 'gganmiat' package.

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add_ggplot	<i>Add ggplot2 elements to a plotdap object</i>
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Description

add_ggplot allows for plotdap ggplot maps to be modified by further ggplot2 settings

Usage

```
add_ggplot(plot, ...)
```

Arguments

- plot a plotdap object.
- ... arguments passed along to geom_sf() (if method='ggplot2', otherwise ignored).

Value

A plotdap object

Examples

```
p <- plotdap(  
  crs = "+proj=laea +y_0=0 +lon_0=155 +lat_0=-90 +ellps=WGS84 +no_defs")  
p <- add_ggplot(  
  p,  
  ggplot2::theme_bw()  
)
```

add_griddap	<i>Add rerddap::griddap() data to a plotdap map</i>
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Description

add_griddap adds the data from an 'rerddap::griddap()' call to a 'plotdap' map

Usage

```
add_griddap(
  plot,
  grid,
  var,
  fill = "viridis",
  maxpixels = 10000,
  time = mean,
  animate = FALSE,
  cumulative = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

plot	a plotdap object.
grid	a griddap object.
var	a formula defining a variable, or function of variables to visualize.
fill	either a character string of length 1 matching a name in the package cmocean or a vector of color codes. This defines the colorscale used to encode values of var.
maxpixels	integer > 0. Maximum number of cells to use for the plot. If maxpixels < ncell(x), sampleRegular is used before plotting. If gridded=TRUE maxpixels may be ignored to get a larger sample
time	how to resolve multiple time frames. Choose one of the following: • A function to apply to each observation at a particular location (mean is the default). • A character string (of length 1) matching a time value.
animate	whether to animate over the time variable (if it exists). Currently only implemented for method='ggplot2' and requires the gganimate package.
cumulative	- if animation should be cumulative -default FALSE
...	arguments passed along to geom_sf() (if method='ggplot2', otherwise ignored).

Value

A plotdap object

Examples

```
# base plotting tends to be faster,
# but is less extensible plotdap("base")

# actual datasets in data folder to meet execution timings

# murSST <- rerddap::griddap(
#   ' jplMURSST41', latitude = c(35, 40), longitude = c(-125, -120.5),
#   time = c('last', 'last'), fields = 'analysed_sst'
# )

# QMwind <- rerddap::griddap(
#   'erdQMwindmday', time = c('2016-11-16', '2017-01-16'),
#   latitude = c(30, 50), longitude = c(210, 240),
#   fields = 'x_wind'
# )

p <- plotdap(crs = "+proj=robin")
p <- add_griddap(p, murSST, ~analysed_sst)

# p <- plotdap(mapTitle = "Average wind over time")
# p <- add_griddap(p, QMwind, ~x_wind)

# p <- plotdap("base", crs = "+proj=robin")
# p <- add_griddap(p, murSST, ~analysed_sst)

# layer tables on top of grids
require(magrittr)
p <- plotdap("base") %>%
  add_griddap(murSST, ~analysed_sst) %>%
  add_tabledap(sardines, ~subsample_count)

# multiple time periods
p <- plotdap("base", mapTitle = "Average wind over time")
p <- add_griddap(p, QMwind, ~x_wind)
```

add_tabledap

Add rerddap::tabledap data to a plotdap map

Description

add_tabledap adds the data from an 'rerddap::tabledap()' call to a 'plotdap' map

Usage

```
add_tabledap(
  plot,
```

```

    table,
    var,
    color = c("#132B43", "#56B1F7"),
    size = 1.5,
    shape = 19,
    animate = FALSE,
    cumulative = FALSE,
    ...
  )

```

Arguments

plot	a plotdap object.
table	a tabledap object.
var	a formula defining a variable, or function of variables to visualize.
color	either a character string of length 1 matching a name in cmocean or a vector of color codes. This defines the colorscale used to encode values of var.
size	the size of the symbol.
shape	the shape of the symbol. For valid options, see the 'pch' values section on points . <code>plot(0:25, 0:25, pch = 0:25)</code> also gives a quick visual of the majority of possibilities.
animate	whether to animate over the time variable (if it exists). Currently only implemented for <code>method='ggplot2'</code> and requires the <code>gganimate</code> package.
cumulative	- if animation should be cumulative -default FALSE
...	arguments passed along to <code>geom_sf()</code> (if <code>method='ggplot2'</code> , otherwise ignored).

Value

A `plotdap` object

Examples

```

# base plotting tends to be faster,
# but is less extensible plotdap("base")

# test datasets in data folder to meet execution timings
# code given to extract the data

sardines <- rerddap::tabledap(
  'FRDCPSTrawlLHHaulCatch',
  fields = c('latitude', 'longitude', 'time', 'scientific_name', 'subsample_count'),
  'time>=2010-01-01', 'time<=2012-01-01',
  'scientific_name="Sardinops sagax"'
)

```

```

p <- plotdap()
p1 <- add_tabledap(p, sardines, ~subsample_count)
p2 <- add_tabledap(p, sardines, ~log2(subsample_count))

# using base R plotting
p <- plotdap("base")
p <- add_tabledap(p, sardines, ~subsample_count)

# robinson projection
p <- plotdap(crs = "+proj=robin")
p <- add_tabledap(p, sardines, ~subsample_count)

```

bbox_set	<i>change bounding box in plotdap object</i>
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Description

bbox_set changes the bounding box in an plotdap object. Particularly needed if using gganimate::animate()

Usage

```
bbox_set(plotobj, xlim, ylim)
```

Arguments

plotobj	valid plotdap object
xlim	new x-values of the bounding box
ylim	new y-values of the bounding box

Value

a plotdap object

Examples

```

p <- plotdap()
p <- add_tabledap(p, sardines, ~subsample_count)
xlim = c(-125, -115)
ylim <- c(30., 50.)
p <- bbox_set(p, xlim, ylim)

```

murSST

*murSST Data***Description**

pre-Download of murSST in ‘add_griddap()’ example so that example can run within CRAN Time limits

Usage

```
murSST
```

Format

An object of class `griddap_nc` (inherits from `nc`, `data.frame`) with 0 rows and 2 columns.

Details

obtained using the ‘rerddap’ command `murSST <- griddap( 'jplMURSST41', latitude = c(22, 51), longitude = c(-140, -105), time = c('last', 'last'), fields = 'analysed_sst' )`

plotdap

*Visualize rerddap data***Description**

Visualize data returned from rerddap servers. Use `plotdap()` to initialize a plot, specify the plotting method (specifically, ‘base’ or ‘ggplot2’), and set some global options/parameters. Then use `add_tabledap()` and/or `add_griddap()` to add "layers" of actual data to be visualized.

Usage

```
plotdap(
  method = c("ggplot2", "base"),
  mapData = maps::map("world", plot = FALSE, fill = TRUE),
  crs = NULL,
  datum = sf::st_crs(4326),
  mapTitle = NULL,
  mapFill = "gray80",
  mapColor = "gray90",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>method</code>	the plotting method. Currently <code>ggplot2</code> and base plotting are supported.
<code>mapData</code>	an object coercable to an <code>sf</code> object via <code>st_as_sf()</code> .
<code>crs</code>	a coordinate reference system: integer with the epsg code, or character with proj4string.
<code>datum</code>	crs that provides datum to use when generating graticules. Set to <code>NULL</code> to hide the graticule.
<code>mapTitle</code>	a title for the map.
<code>mapFill</code>	fill used for the map.
<code>mapColor</code>	color used to draw boundaries of the map.
<code>...</code>	arguments passed along to <code>geom_sf()</code> (if <code>method='ggplot2'</code> , otherwise ignored).

Details

The "ggplot2" method is slower than "base" (especially for high-res grids/rasters), but is more flexible/extensible. Additional `ggplot2` layers, as well as scale defaults, labels, theming, etc. may be modified via the `add_ggplot()` function. See the mapping vignette for an introduction and overview of `rerddap`'s visualization methods – `browseVignettes(package = "rerddap")`.

Value

A `plotdap` object

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See Also

`tabledap()`, `griddap()`

Examples

```
# base plotting tends to be faster (especially for grids),  
# but is less extensible plotdap("base")
```

```
plotdap()  
plotdap("base")
```

print.ggplotdap	<i>Print a ggplot plotdap object</i>
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Description

Print a ggplot plotdap object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ggplotdap'  
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	a ggplotdap object
...	currently unused

print.plotdap	<i>Print a plotdap object</i>
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Description

Print a plotdap object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'plotdap'  
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	a plotdap object
...	currently unused

QMwind

QMwind Data

Description

pre-Download of QMwind in ‘add_griddap()’ example so that example can run within CRAN Time limits

Usage

QMwind

Format

An object of class griddap_nc (inherits from nc, data.frame) with 0 rows and 2 columns.

Details

obtained using the ‘rerddap’ command `wind <- griddap('erdQMwindmday', time = c('2016-11-16', '2017-01-16'), latitude = c(30, 50), longitude = c(210, 240), fields = 'x_wind')`

sardines

sardine Data

Description

pre-Download of sardine data in ‘add_tabledap()’ example so that example can run within CRAN Time limits

Usage

sardines

Format

An object of class tabledap (inherits from data.frame) with 56 rows and 5 columns.

Details

obtained using the ‘rerddap’ command `sardines <- tabledap('FRDCPSTrawlLHHaulCatch', fields = c('latitude', 'longitude', 'time', 'scientific_name', 'subsample_count'), 'time>=2010-01-01', 'time<=2012-01-01', 'scientific_name="Sardinops sagax")`

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