

Package ‘gdiff’

October 13, 2022

Type Package

Title Graphical Difference Testing

Version 0.2-4

Author Paul Murrell

Maintainer Paul Murrell <paul@stat.auckland.ac.nz>

Description Functions for performing graphical difference testing.
Differences are generated between raster images.
Comparisons can be performed between different package
versions and between different R versions.

Imports grDevices, utils, tools, parallel, magick, pdftools

Suggests gridBezier, grImport, metapost, ssh, stevedore

URL <https://github.com/pmur002/>,
<https://stattech.wordpress.fos.auckland.ac.nz/2020/01/06/2020-01-visual-testing-for-graphics-in-r/>

License GPL (>= 2)

NeedsCompilation no

Repository CRAN

Date/Publication 2022-07-14 11:20:02 UTC

R topics documented:

diffFiles	2
gdiff	3
gdiffCompare	4
gdiffDevice	5
gdiffExamples	6
gdiffExamplesOutput	7
gdiffOutput	8
gdiffPackage	9
gdiffPackageOutput	9
gdiffSession	10
samePDF	11

diffFiles	<i>Names of Files Showing Differences</i>
-----------	---

Description

List all files that show differences between control and test output (as red pixels).

Usage

```
diffFiles(x)
```

Arguments

x A "gdiffComparison" object, as created by [gdiff](#) or [gdiffCompare](#).

Value

A character vector of file names (with paths).

Author(s)

Paul Murrell

See Also

[gdiff](#) and [gdiffCompare](#).

Examples

```
f1 <- function() plot(1)
f2 <- function() plot(2)

result <- gdiff(list(control=f1, test=f2), name="f",
               controlDir=file.path(tempdir(), "Control"),
               testDir=file.path(tempdir(), "Test"),
               compareDir=file.path(tempdir(), "Compare"))

result
diffFiles(result)
```

Description

Generate a set of "control" graphical output files in one directory, a set of "test" graphical output files in another directory, and compare the two sets of output files (possibly generating "compare" graphical output of the differences in a third directory).

Usage

```
gdiff(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'function'
gdiff(x, name=deparse(substitute(x)), ...)
## S3 method for class 'list'
gdiff(x, name, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	Either a function, or a named list of functions (with names <code>control</code> and <code>test</code>).
<code>name</code>	A name to be used for output files.
<code>...</code>	Further arguments, currently including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> controlDir, testDir, compareDir The names of the directories where output is produced. clean A logical indicating whether the output directories should be emptied. Can also be a list of logicals with names <code>control</code>, <code>test</code>, and <code>compare</code>. compare A logical indicating whether to perform the comparison step. device A specification of the graphics device to use for output; see gdiffDevice. Can also be a list of graphics devices. session A specification of the R session to use for output; see gdiffSession. Can also be a list of sessions with names <code>control</code> and <code>test</code>. ncpu How many cpus to employ when generating output.

Value

A "gdiffComparison" object, which is a list containing information about the output files generated and the differences detected.

Author(s)

Paul Murrell

See Also

[gdiffExamples](#), [gdiffPackage](#), [gdiffOutput](#), and [gdiffCompare](#).

Examples

```
f <- function() plot(1)

gdiff(f,
      controlDir=file.path(tempdir(), "Control"),
      testDir=file.path(tempdir(), "Test"),
      compareDir=file.path(tempdir(), "Compare"))
```

gdiffCompare	<i>Compare Control and Test Output</i>
--------------	--

Description

Compare a set of "control" graphical output files in one directory with a set of "test" graphical output files in another directory (possibly generating "compare" graphical output of the differences in a third directory).

Usage

```
gdiffCompare(controlDir, testDir, compareDir, ...)
```

Arguments

controlDir, testDir, compareDir	The names of the directories where output is produced.
...	Further arguments, not currently used.

Value

A "gdiffComparison" object, which is a list containing information about the output files generated and the differences detected.

Author(s)

Paul Murrell

See Also

[gdiff](#), and [gdiffOutput](#).

gdiffDevice *Define a Graphics Device for Generating Output*

Description

Define the device to be used for generating graphical output files. There are several predefined graphical devices, e.g., `pngDevice()`, and further devices can be defined using `gdiffDevice()`.

Usage

```
pngDevice(...)  
pdfDevice(...)  
postscriptDevice(...)  
cairo_pdf_device(suffix=".cairo.pdf", ...)  
  
gdiffDevice(name, suffix=name, open,  
            close=function(dir, name) dev.off())
```

Arguments

name	A name for the device (used by default for naming output files).
suffix	A suffix to be used for output files.
open	A function that opens a graphics device; this should open the device in such a way that multiple pages of graphical output will produce multiple files.
close	A function that closes the graphics device.
...	Further arguments typically used within the function that opens the device.

Value

A "gdiffDevice" object, which may be used as the device argument to `gdiff`.

Author(s)

Paul Murrell

See Also

[gdiff](#).

Examples

```
f <- function() plot(1)  
  
gdiff(f, device=pdfDevice(),  
      controlDir=file.path(tempdir(), "Control"),  
      testDir=file.path(tempdir(), "Test"),  
      compareDir=file.path(tempdir(), "Compare"))
```

`gdiffExamples`*Generate and Compare Control and Test Output for Function Examples*

Description

Generate a set of "control" graphical output files in one directory, a set of "test" graphical output files in another directory, and compare the two sets of output files (possibly generating "compare" graphical output of the differences in a third directory).

Usage

```
gdiffExamples(fun, ...)
## S3 method for class 'function'
gdiffExamples(fun, name=NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
gdiffExamples(fun, name=fun, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>fun</code>	Either a function or the name of a function.
<code>name</code>	A name to be used for output files.
<code>...</code>	Further arguments; see gdiff .

Value

A "gdiffComparison" object, which is a list containing information about the output files generated and the differences detected.

Author(s)

Paul Murrell

See Also

[gdiff](#) and [gdiffPackage](#).

Examples

```
gdiffExamples(plot,
              controlDir=file.path(tempdir(), "Control"),
              testDir=file.path(tempdir(), "Test"),
              compareDir=file.path(tempdir(), "Compare"))
```

gdiffExamplesOutput *Generate Output Files from Function Examples*

Description

Generate a set of graphical output files by running the examples from the help page for a function.

Usage

```
gdiffExamplesOutput(fun, dir, ...)  
## S3 method for class 'function'  
gdiffExamplesOutput(fun, dir, name=NULL, ...)  
## S3 method for class 'character'  
gdiffExamplesOutput(fun, dir, name=fun, ...)
```

Arguments

fun	Either a function or the name of a function.
dir	The name of a directory in which to create output files.
name	A name to be used for output files.
...	Further arguments; see gdiffOutput .

Value

A character vector containing the names (and paths) of all output files that were generated.

Author(s)

Paul Murrell

See Also

[gdiffOutput](#) and [gdiffPackageOutput](#).

Examples

```
gdiffExamplesOutput(plot, dir=file.path(tempdir(), "Control"))
```

gdiffOutput

*Generate Graphical Output***Description**

Generate a set of graphical output files.

Usage

```
gdiffOutput(x, dir, ...)
## S3 method for class 'function'
gdiffOutput(x, dir, name=deparse(substitute(x)), ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A function.
<code>dir</code>	The name of a directory in which to create output files.
<code>name</code>	A name to be used for output files.
<code>...</code>	Further arguments, currently including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clean A logical indicating whether the output directories should be emptied. Can also be a list of logicals with names <code>control</code>, <code>test</code>, and <code>compare</code>. device A specification of the graphics device to use for output; see gdiffDevice. Can also be a list of graphics devices. session A specification of the R session to use for output; see gdiffSession. Can also be a list of sessions with names <code>control</code> and <code>test</code>. ncpu How many cpus to employ when generating output.

Value

A character vector containing the names (and paths) of all output files that were generated.

Author(s)

Paul Murrell

See Also

[gdiffExamplesOutput](#), [gdiffPackageOutput](#), and [gdiff](#).

Examples

```
f <- function() plot(1)

gdiffOutput(f, dir=file.path(tempdir(), "Control"))
```

gdiffPackage*Generate and Compare Control and Test Output for a Package*

Description

Generate a set of "control" graphical output files in one directory, a set of "test" graphical output files in another directory, and compare the two sets of output files (possibly generating "compare" graphical output of the differences in a third directory).

Usage

```
gdiffPackage(pkg, ...)
```

Arguments

pkg	The name of a package.
...	Further arguments; see gdiff .

Value

A "gdiffComparison" object, which is a list containing information about the output files generated and the differences detected.

Author(s)

Paul Murrell

See Also

[gdiff](#) and [gdiffExamples](#).

gdiffPackageOutput*Generate Output Files from Function Package*

Description

Generate a set of graphical output files by running the examples from the help page for a function.

Usage

```
gdiffPackageOutput(pkg, dir, ...)
```

Arguments

pkg	The name of a package.
dir	The name of a directory in which to create output files.
...	Further arguments; see gdiffOutput .

Value

A character vector containing the names (and paths) of all output files that were generated.

Author(s)

Paul Murrell

See Also

[gdiffOutput](#) and [gdiffExamplesOutput](#).

gdiffSession

Define an R Session for Generating Output

Description

Define the R session to be used for generating graphical output files. There are several predefined sessions, e.g., `currentSession()`, and further sessions can be defined using `gdiffSession()`.

Usage

```
currentSession(libPaths=NULL)
localSession(libPaths=NULL,
             Rpath=file.path(R.home("bin"), "Rscript"),
             ...)
remoteSession(remote, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
remoteSession(remote, libPaths=NULL, Rpath="Rscript", ...)
## S3 method for class 'cluster'
remoteSession(remote, libPaths=NULL, user=NULL, ...)
dockerSession(image, volumes=NULL, env=NULL, network="bridge",
             libPaths=NULL, Rpath="Rscript", ...)

gdiffSession(class, ...)
gdiffGenerateOutput(codeFun, dir, device, clean, ncpu)
```

Arguments

<code>libPaths</code>	One or more paths to installed R packages.
<code>Rpath</code>	A path to an Rscript binary.
<code>remote</code>	Either the name of a host or a cluster object (as produced by <code>parallel::makeCluster()</code>).
<code>user</code>	A user name.
<code>image</code>	The name of a Docker image.
<code>volumes</code>	A character vector of volumes to mount on the container (of the form <code>/path/on/host:/path/on/container</code>).

env	A character vector of environment variable settings for the container (of the form VAR=value).
network	A character vector describing the network connection for the container.
class	A unique class for a new type of R session.
...	Further arguments for future methods.
codeFun, dir, device, clean, ncpu	Arguments passed to generateOutput methods that can be passed on to gdiffGenerateOutput.

Details

When defining a new session, `gdiffSession()` is just used to establish a new class. The important thing to do is to provide a `generateOutput` method for that class. Typically, this method will call `gdiffGenerateOutput()`.

Value

A "gdiffSession" object, which may be used as the `session` argument to `gdiff`.

Author(s)

Paul Murrell

See Also

[gdiff](#).

Examples

```
f <- function() plot(1)

gdiff(f, session=currentSession(),
      controlDir=file.path(tempdir(), "Control"),
      testDir=file.path(tempdir(), "Test"),
      compareDir=file.path(tempdir(), "Compare"))
```

samePDF

Compare Two PDF Files

Description

Check whether two PDF files have the same content, ignoring some details like creation time and modification time.

Usage

```
samePDF(file1, file2)
```

Arguments

file1, file2 Names of PDF files to compare.

Details

This function will compare any two files, byte by byte, but if a file is a PDF file that was generated by R, it will discard the file header, which may contain differences that do not matter, such as the creation date.

Value

A logical value.

Author(s)

Paul Murrell

Examples

```
f1 <- tempfile(fileext=".pdf")
f2 <- tempfile(fileext=".pdf")
pdf(f1)
plot(1)
dev.off()
pdf(f2)
plot(2)
dev.off()
samePDF(f1, f1)
samePDF(f1, f2)
```

Index

* **dplot**

- diffFiles, [2](#)
- gdiff, [3](#)
- gdiffCompare, [4](#)
- gdiffDevice, [5](#)
- gdiffExamples, [6](#)
- gdiffExamplesOutput, [7](#)
- gdiffOutput, [8](#)
- gdiffPackage, [9](#)
- gdiffPackageOutput, [9](#)
- gdiffSession, [10](#)
- samePDF, [11](#)

* **visual testing**

- diffFiles, [2](#)
- gdiff, [3](#)
- gdiffCompare, [4](#)
- gdiffDevice, [5](#)
- gdiffExamples, [6](#)
- gdiffExamplesOutput, [7](#)
- gdiffOutput, [8](#)
- gdiffPackage, [9](#)
- gdiffPackageOutput, [9](#)
- gdiffSession, [10](#)
- samePDF, [11](#)

cairo_pdf_device (gdiffDevice), [5](#)
currentSession (gdiffSession), [10](#)

diffFiles, [2](#)
dockerSession (gdiffSession), [10](#)

gdiff, [2, 3, 4–6, 8, 9, 11](#)
gdiffCompare, [2, 3, 4](#)
gdiffDevice, [3, 5, 8](#)
gdiffExamples, [3, 6, 9](#)
gdiffExamplesOutput, [7, 8, 10](#)
gdiffGenerateOutput (gdiffSession), [10](#)
gdiffOutput, [3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10](#)
gdiffPackage, [3, 6, 9](#)
gdiffPackageOutput, [7, 8, 9](#)

gdiffSession, [3, 8, 10](#)

localSession (gdiffSession), [10](#)

pdfDevice (gdiffDevice), [5](#)
pngDevice (gdiffDevice), [5](#)
postscriptDevice (gdiffDevice), [5](#)

remoteSession (gdiffSession), [10](#)

samePDF, [11](#)