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+.hd *Add Layers to an hd Object*

Description

Implements the + operator for `hd()` objects, mirroring how `ggplot2` builds plots incrementally. Recognised right-hand sides:

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'hd'  
e1 + e2
```

Arguments

`e1` An `hd` object (left-hand side).
`e2` An `hd_geom` or `hd_opts` object (right-hand side).

Details

`hd_geom` **object** Sets the geometry (from any `hd_geom_*`(`)` call). Adding a second geom replaces the first where `highdir` renders one geometry per figure.

`hd_opts` **object** Sets presentation options. Adding a second `hd_opts` replaces the first.

Unknown right-hand sides produce an informative error rather than silently being ignored.

Value

The updated `hd` object (invisibly, so the chain prints once).

Examples

```
df <- data.frame(age = c("18-24", "25-34"), pct = c(42, 55))  
  
# Chain layers  
p <- hd(df, x = "age", y = "pct") +  
  hd_geom_column() +  
  hd_opts(title = "Demo")  
  
# Reuse a partial object with different opts  
base <- hd(df, x = "age", y = "pct") + hd_geom_column()  
base + hd_opts(title = "English title")  
base + hd_opts(title = "Norsk tittel")
```

alco1	<i>Alcohol Consumption Data</i>
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Description

Annual estimates of alcohol consumption, including adjusted mean values, standard errors, and 95% confidence intervals. Includes an alternative unit (adj_enhet) with corresponding uncertainty estimates.

Format

A data frame with 14 rows and 9 variables:

Source

Helsedirektoratet. *Tall om alkohol*. <https://www.helsedirektoratet.no/rapporter/tall-om-alkohol>

alco2	<i>Alcohol Consumption by Gender</i>
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Description

Annual estimates of alcohol consumption stratified by kjønn (gender), including adjusted means, standard errors, and 95% intervals. Also includes an alternative unit (adj_enhet) with uncertainty.

Format

A data frame with 28 rows and 10 variables:

Source

Helsedirektoratet. *Tall om alkohol*. <https://www.helsedirektoratet.no/rapporter/tall-om-alkohol>

geom_args	<i>Show Arguments for a Geometry</i>
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Description

Prints the required and optional . . . arguments accepted by a geometry when used with `hd_make()`. This is the primary discoverability tool for geometry-specific arguments that do not appear in `hd_make()`'s signature.

Usage

```
geom_args(type = NULL)
```

Arguments

`type` Character. Geometry name, e.g. "line", "ranked_bar". If NULL (default), prints a summary for every registered geometry.

Value

A data frame of argument metadata, invisibly. The primary purpose is the side-effect of printing.

Why this exists

`hd_make()` uses . . . for all geometry-specific arguments so its own signature stays clean regardless of how many geometries are registered. The trade-off is that users cannot see available args from `hd_make()` alone. `geom_args()` solves that: it reads the `required_args` and `optional_args` fields registered for each geometry and presents them in a readable table.

Examples

```
geom_args("line")
geom_args("ranked_bar")
geom_args("arearange")
geom_args() # all registered geometries
```

get_palette	<i>Retrieve a Named Palette</i>
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Description

Retrieve a Named Palette

Usage

```
get_palette(name)
```

Arguments

name Character. Palette name (see [list_palettes\(\)](#)).

Value

Character vector of colours, or NULL if not found.

Examples

```
get_palette("hdir")
```

<code>gg_theme</code>	<i>Build a ggplot2 Theme Object</i>
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Description

Constructs a ggplot2 theme by resolving a base theme, then merging colour and font overrides – exactly mirroring what [hd_theme\(\)](#) does for the highcharter backend.

Usage

```
gg_theme(theme = NULL, colors = NULL, font = NULL)
```

Arguments

theme	Character name string, ggplot2 theme object, or NULL. NULL reads from <code>getOption("highdir.gg_theme")</code> .
colors	Character vector, palette name string, or NULL. Resolved colours are stored on the returned object and applied by <code>ggplot_engine()</code> via <code>scale_color_manual / scale_fill_manual</code> . NULL reads from <code>getOption("highdir.colors")</code> .
font	Character or NULL. Font family applied to all text elements via <code>theme(text = element_text(family = font))</code> . NULL reads from <code>getOption("highdir.font")</code> .

Details

Priority for each argument:

- theme: explicit argument > `getOption("highdir.gg_theme")` > "classic"
- colors: explicit argument > `getOption("highdir.colors")` > NULL
- font: explicit argument > `getOption("highdir.font")` > NULL

Called automatically inside `ggplot_engine()`; also useful for applying the package theme to a ggplot built outside highdir.

Built-in name strings and their ggplot2 equivalents:

Name	ggplot2 function
"classic" (default)	<code>theme_classic()</code>

"minimal"	theme_minimal()
"bw"	theme_bw()
"light"	theme_light()
"dark"	theme_dark()
"void"	theme_void()
"grey" / "gray"	theme_grey()

Value

An object of class "hd_gg_theme" - a list with two fields: \$theme (a ggplot2 theme object with font baked in) and \$colors (a resolved character vector or NULL). ggplot_engine() unpacks both. The object can also be added directly to a ggplot with + via the +.gg method (only the theme is applied; colors are handled separately by apply_gg_colors()).

Examples

```
gg_theme() # session defaults
gg_theme("bw") # theme_bw(), session colors/font
gg_theme("classic", colors = c("#025169", "#7C145C"))
gg_theme("minimal", font = "Source Sans Pro")
gg_theme(ggplot2::theme_bw(base_size = 14), font = "mono")
```

 hd

Initialise a Composable highdir Figure

Description

Creates an hd object that accumulates geometry and presentation layers via +, then renders when printed. This mirrors the way ggplot2 builds plots: data mapping is declared first; visual decisions are added incrementally; nothing is rendered until the object hits the console (or an explicit print() / knit call).

Usage

```
hd(
  data,
  x = NULL,
  y = NULL,
  group = NULL,
  n = NULL,
  colour = NULL,
  backend = getOption("highdir.backend", "highcharter")
)
```

Arguments

data	A data.frame or an <code>hd_spec()</code> object. When an <code>hd_spec</code> is supplied every other mapping argument (<code>x</code> , <code>y</code> , ...) is ignored - the spec carries them already.
x	Character. Column name for the x-axis variable. Ignored when data is an <code>hd_spec</code> .
y	Character. Column name for the y-axis variable. Ignored when data is an <code>hd_spec</code> .
group	Character or NULL. Column used to split data into multiple series. Ignored when data is an <code>hd_spec</code> .
n	Character or NULL. Column of raw counts shown in highcharter tooltips alongside the y value. Ignored when data is an <code>hd_spec</code> .
colour	Character or NULL. ggplot2 colour aesthetic column. Defaults to group when NULL and group is set. Ignored when data is an <code>hd_spec</code> .
backend	Character. Rendering engine - "highcharter" (default, interactive) or "ggplot2" (static), or any engine added with <code>register_backend()</code> . Falls back to <code>getOption("highdir.backend", "highcharter")</code> .

Details

`hd()` accepts either raw data columns **or** an existing `hd_spec()` object. Passing an `hd_spec` is the recommended bridge for code that already constructs specs separately (e.g. in Shiny or a reporting pipeline).

Value

An S3 object of class "hd" with slots:

`$spec` An `hd_spec()` object.

`$geom` NULL until a + `hd_geom_*()` layer is added.

`$opts` An `hd_opts()` object (defaults until overridden).

`$backend` Character. The resolved engine name.

See Also

[hd_geom_column\(\)](#), [hd_geom_line\(\)](#), [hd_geom_arearange\(\)](#), [hd_opts\(\)](#), [hd_make\(\)](#)

Examples

```
df <- data.frame(
  age = rep(c("18-24", "25-34", "35-44", "45-54"), each = 2),
  sex = rep(c("Male", "Female"), 4),
  pct = c(42, 38, 55, 61, 48, 52, 60, 57),
  n = c(120, 115, 200, 210, 180, 175, 160, 155)
)

# Composable style
hd(df, x = "age", y = "pct", group = "sex") +
```

```

    hd_geom_column() +
    hd_opts(title = "Health survey", ylim = c(0, 80))

# Pass an existing hd_spec
spec <- hd_spec(df, x = "age", y = "pct", group = "sex", n = "n")
hd(spec) +
  hd_geom_line(smooth = TRUE) +
  hd_opts(title = "Trend")

# Switch backend per figure
hd(df, x = "age", y = "pct", backend = "ggplot2") +
  hd_geom_column() +
  hd_opts(title = "Static version")

```

hd_add_js

Inject JavaScript into a Highcharts Widget

Description

Appends custom JavaScript to a highchart object via `chart.events.<where>`. Use this for hand-written callbacks and plugins. For Highcharts built-in modules (accessibility, exporting, etc.) use `highcharter::hc_add_dependency()` instead.

Usage

```

hd_add_js(
  hc,
  code = NULL,
  file = NULL,
  plugin = NULL,
  where = c("load", "render")
)

```

Arguments

hc	A highchart object.
code	Character or NULL. Raw JavaScript string.
file	Character or NULL. Path to a .js file to read and inject.
plugin	Character or NULL. Name of a plugin bundled in <code>inst/js/</code> .
where	"load" (default) or "render".

Details

Exactly one of code, file, or plugin must be supplied.

Value

The highchart object with JS injected.

Examples

```
if (interactive()) {  
  spec <- hd_spec(mtcars, "wt", "mpg")  
  fig <- hd_make(spec, "scatter")  
  fig <- hd_add_js(fig, code = "console.log('chart loaded');")  
}
```

hd_app

Launch the highdir Shiny GUI

Description

Opens an interactive browser-based application for building figures with highcharter or ggplot2 without writing R code.

Usage

```
hd_app(return.app = FALSE)
```

Arguments

`return.app` Logical. When deploying to server like Shiny.io to return the app object instead of launching it.

Details

The UI (`inst/app/ui.R`), server (`inst/app/server.R`) and shared setup (`inst/app/global.R`) live in `inst/app/` so the folder can be deployed independently to Shiny Server or shinyapps.io.

Value

Launches a Shiny app; does not return a value.

Features

- Upload datasets in any format supported by **rio** (CSV, XLSX, SPSS, Stata, RDS, ...).
- Choose geometry (column, line, scatter, arearange, pie), backend, axis variables, and group column.
- Set title, subtitle, caption, colour palette, and HC theme.
- Toggle JS hover band per figure.
- Render on demand with the **Draw** button.
- Download as HTML / JSON / PNG (highcharter) or PNG / SVG (ggplot2).
- Copy the equivalent `hd_make()` call from the **R code** tab.

See Also

[hd_make\(\)](#), [hd_spec\(\)](#), [hd_opts\(\)](#), [hd_save\(\)](#)

hd_geom_arearange *Add an Arearange (Confidence Band) Layer*

Description

Geometry layer for ribbon / confidence-interval charts. Unlike the other `hd_geom_*`() functions, `ymin` and `ymax` are **required** named arguments (they map to column names in `spec$data`) rather than optional `...` extras. This makes the contract explicit at the call site instead of burying required information inside `...`

Usage

```
hd_geom_arearange(ymin = NULL, ymax = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>ymin</code>	Character. Column name for the lower bound of the range.
<code>ymax</code>	Character. Column name for the upper bound of the range.
<code>...</code>	Additional optional arguments forwarded to the geom function (e.g. <code>show_line = FALSE</code> , <code>single_colour = "#025169"</code>). Run <code>geom_args("arearange")</code> for the full list.

Value

An S3 object of class "hd_geom" for use with `+.hd`.

Examples

```
# Single series
spec_ar1 <- hd_spec(alco1,
                   x   = "year",
                   y   = "adj_enhet")

opts_ar <- hd_opts(
  title   = "Alcohol consumption with 95% CI",
  subtitle = "Source: Norwegian Directorate of Health",
  ylim    = c(0, 30),
  ylab    = "Number of units alcohol"
)

hd_make(spec_ar1, "arearange", opts_ar,
        ymin = "lower_enhet", ymax = "upper_enhet")

# Static ggplot2 version
hd_make(spec_ar1, "arearange", opts_ar,
```

```

      ymin = "lower_enhet", ymax = "upper_enhet", backend = "ggplot2")

#' # Multi-series with group column
#' # Grouped by kjonn
spec_ar2 <- hd_spec(alco2,
  x      = "year",
  y      = "adj_enhet",
  group  = "kjonn")

hd_make(spec_ar2, "arearange", opts_ar,
  ymin = "lower_enhet", ymax = "upper_enhet")

```

hd_geom_column

Column Geometry Layer for hd Objects

Description

hd_geom_column() creates a column geometry layer that is added to an [hd\(\)](#) object via +. The layer records the geometry type and any geometry-specific arguments; rendering only happens when the hd object is printed.

Usage

```
hd_geom_column(...)
```

Arguments

... Geometry-specific arguments forwarded to [hd_make\(\)](#).

Value

An S3 object of class "hd_geom" for use with +.hd.

Examples

```

survey <- data.frame(
  age_group = rep(c("18-24", "25-34", "35-44", "45-54", "55-64"), each = 2),
  kjonn      = rep(c("Male", "Female"), times = 5),
  pct        = c(42, 38, 55, 61, 48, 52, 60, 57, 65, 70),
  n          = c(120, 115, 200, 210, 180, 175, 160, 155, 140, 145)
)

spec_col <- hd_spec(survey,
  x      = "age_group",
  y      = "pct",
  group  = "kjonn",
  n      = "n")

opts_col <- hd_opts(

```

```

    title   = "Alcohol use by age group and kjonn",
    subtitle = "Source: Norwegian Directorate of Health",
    ylim    = c(0, 100),
    yint    = 20,
    ylab    = "Percentage (%)"
  )

# Interactive (default)
hd_make(spec_col, "column", opts_col)

# Static ggplot2
hd_make(spec_col, "column", opts_col, backend = "ggplot2")

# Composable style
p <- hd(survey, x = "age_group", y = "pct", group = "kjonn")
p2 <- p + hd_geom_column()

# More options
p2 + hd_opts(title = "Health survey", ylim = c(0, 100))

# Pass an existing hd_spec
spec <- hd_spec(survey, x = "age_group", y = "pct", group = "kjonn", n = "n")

hd(spec, backend = "ggplot2") +
  hd_geom_column() +
  hd_opts(title = "Health survey", ylim = c(0, 80))

```

hd_geom_line

Line Geometry Layer for hd Objects

Description

hd_geom_line() creates a line geometry layer that is added to an `hd()` object via `+`. The layer records the geometry type and any geometry-specific arguments; rendering only happens when the hd object is printed.

Usage

```
hd_geom_line(smooth = TRUE, dot_size = 4, line_symbols = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

smooth	Logical. TRUE = spline curves, FALSE = straight segments. Both backends.
dot_size	Numeric. Marker radius in pixels. Both backends.
line_symbols	Character vector. Highcharter only. Per-group marker shapes: "circle", "square", "diamond", "triangle", "triangle-down".
...	Geometry-specific arguments forwarded to <code>hd_make()</code> .

Value

An S3 object of class "hd_geom" for use with `+.hd`.

Examples

```
# Single series - no group column
spec_line1 <- hd_spec(alco1,
  x = "year",
  y = "adj_mean"
)

opts_line <- hd_opts(
  title = "Alcohol consumption over time",
  subtitle = "Source: Norwegian Directorate of Health",
  ylim = c(0, 50),
  ylab = "Litres per capita"
)

# Straight segments
hd_make(spec_line1, "line", opts_line, smooth = FALSE)

# Composite example with multiple geoms and custom line symbols
hd(alco2, x = "year", y = "adj_mean", group = "kjonnn", backend = "ggplot2") +
  hd_geom_line(smooth = TRUE, dot_size = 3) +
  hd_opts(title = "Alcohol consumption over time by kjonnn",
    subtitle = "Source: Norwegian Directorate of Health")
```

hd_geom_pie

Pie Geometry Layer for hd Objects

Description

`hd_geom_pie()` creates a pie geometry layer that is added to an `hd()` object via `+`. The layer records the geometry type and any geometry-specific arguments; rendering only happens when the `hd` object is printed.

Usage

```
hd_geom_pie(inner_size = "0%", ...)
```

Arguments

<code>inner_size</code>	A string specifying the inner radius of the pie as a percentage of the total radius. For example, "50%" creates a donut chart with a hole in the middle. The default "0%" creates a standard pie chart. This argument is only applicable to the Highcharts backend; it is ignored by <code>ggplot2</code> since it does not support donut charts.
<code>...</code>	Geometry-specific arguments forwarded to <code>hd_make()</code> .

Value

An S3 object of class "hd_geom" for use with `+.hd`.

Examples

```
# Category share dataset (pie)
drinking_freq <- data.frame(
  category = c("Never", "Rarely", "Monthly", "Weekly", "Daily"),
  pct      = c(18, 25, 30, 20, 7)
)

spec_pie <- hd_spec(drinking_freq,
  x = "category",
  y = "pct"
)

opts_pie <- hd_opts(
  title = "Drinking frequency",
  subtitle = "Source: Norwegian Directorate of Health",
  ylab = "Share (%)"
)

# Donut interactive
hd_make(spec_pie, "pie", opts_pie, inner_size = "50%")

# Composable API style (ggplot2 ignores inner_size)
hd(drinking_freq, x = "category", y = "pct", backend = "ggplot2") +
  hd_geom_pie() +
  hd_opts(
    title = "Drinking frequency",
    subtitle = "Source: Norwegian Directorate of Health"
  )
)
```

hd_geom_ranked_bar *Ranked bar geometry*

Description

Draws a ranked bar chart with smart label placement and optional comparison highlighting. Bars are sorted by value, and labels are placed inside or outside the bar depending on available space. A single category can be highlighted with a contrasting fill colour, and an optional horizontal line can be added to indicate a target or benchmark value.

Usage

```
hd_geom_ranked_bar(
  ascending = TRUE,
  vs = NULL,
```

```

    aim = NULL,
    char_scale = 0.045,
    min_frac = 0.08,
    ...
  )

```

Arguments

ascending	Logical. If TRUE (default) bars are sorted in ascending order of y.
vs	Character string (partial match) identifying one category to highlight with a contrasting fill colour. If omitted all bars use the same colour.
aim	Numeric. Optional horizontal line indicating a target or benchmark value. If NULL (default) no line is drawn.
char_scale	Numeric scaling factor that converts label character-count into axis-range units. Controls how generously space is estimated for each character. Defaults to 0.045; increase (e.g. 0.06006) for larger text sizes, decrease (e.g. 0.03) for smaller ones.
min_frac	Numeric. Minimum fraction of the axis range that a bar must span before its label is considered to fit inside. Acts as a safety floor for very short labels. Defaults to 0.08 (8%).
...	Geometry-specific arguments forwarded to hd_make() .

Value

An S3 object of class "hd_geom" for use with `+.hd`.

See Also

[hd_geom_column\(\)](#), [hd_geom_line\(\)](#), [hd_geom_arearange\(\)](#), [hd_opts\(\)](#), [hd_make\(\)](#)

Examples

```

# Regional health indicator dataset
regions <- data.frame(
  region = c("Oslo", "Viken", "Vestland", "Rogaland",
            "Trondelag", "Innlandet", "Agder",
            "Nordland", "Troms og Finnmark"),
  rate   = c(68.4, 71.2, 87.8, 10.5, 61.3, 6.1, 54.2, 49.8, 42.1),
  n      = c(402, 448, 681, 318, 297, 251, 198, 177, 148)
)

# Declarative API ----
spec_rb <- hd_spec(regions,
  x = "region",
  y = "rate",
  n = "n")

opts_rb <- hd_opts(
  title = "Health indicator by region",

```

```

  subtitle = "Source: Norwegian Directorate of Health",
  ylab     = "Rate per 100 000",
  flip     = TRUE
)

hd_make(spec_rb, "ranked_bar", opts_rb, vs = "Oslo", aim = 63)

# Layered API ----
hd(regions, x = "region", y = "rate", n = "n", backend = "ggplot2") +
  hd_geom_ranked_bar(
    ascending = TRUE,
    vs        = "Oslo",
    aim       = 63,
    char_scale = 0.045,
    min_frac  = 0.08) +
  hd_opts(
    title     = "Health indicator by region",
    subtitle  = "Source: Norwegian Directorate of Health",
    ylab      = "Rate per 100 000",
    flip      = TRUE
  )

```

hd_geom_scatter

Scatter Geometry Layer for hd Objects

Description

hd_geom_scatter() creates a scatter geometry layer that is added to an `hd()` object via `+`. Use `geom_args()` to discover available arguments per geometry, e.g. `geom_args("scatter")` lists `dot_size`.

Usage

```
hd_geom_scatter(dot_size = 4, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>dot_size</code>	Numeric. Size of the points in the scatter plot. Default is 4.
<code>...</code>	Geometry-specific arguments forwarded to <code>hd_make()</code> . <code>@return</code> An S3 object of class "hd_geom" for use with <code>+.hd</code> .

Value

An S3 object of class "hd_geom" for use with `+.hd`.

Examples

```
# Basic scatter plot - layered API
hd(mtcars, x = "wt", y = "mpg", backend = "ggplot2") +
  hd_geom_scatter() +
  hd_opts(title = "Scatter Plot of mtcars")

# Basic scatter plot - declarative API
car <- hd_spec(mtcars, x = "wt", y = "mpg")
opt <- hd_opts(title = "Scatter Plot of mtcars")
hd_make(car, type = "scatter")
```

 hd_geom_stacked_column

Stacked Column Geometry Layer

Description

Create a stacked column geometry layer for hd objects. Each stack is a facet (sub-panel) containing one or more series. The stack argument specifies the column in the data that defines the stacks. The group aesthetic in hd_spec() defines the series within each stack. The stacking argument controls how the stacks are rendered: "normal" (default) stacks values on top of each other, while "percent" stacks values as percentages of the total stack height.

Usage

```
hd_geom_stacked_column(stack, stacking = c("normal", "percent"), ...)
```

Arguments

stack	Character. Column name for the stack variable. Each unique value in this column creates a separate stack (facet) containing all series with that stack value. Required.
stacking	Character. Stacking mode for the column geometry. One of "normal" (default) or "percent". See Highcharts documentation for details: https://api.highcharts.com/highcharts/plotOptions
...	Additional optional arguments forwarded to the geom function (e.g. show_line = FALSE, single_colour = "#025169"). Run geom_args("arearange") for the full list.

Value

An S3 object of class "hd_geom" for use with +.hd.

Examples

```

# Example data: medal counts for four countries across three medal types
olympics <- data.frame(
  Country = rep(c("Norway", "Germany", "United States", "Canada"), each = 3),
  Continent = rep(c("Europe", "Europe", "North America", "North America"), each = 3),
  Medal = rep(c("Gold", "Silver", "Bronze"), times = 4),
  Count = c(148, 133, 124, 102, 98, 65, 113, 122, 95, 77, 72, 80)
)

# Define Specification and Options
spec_st <- hd_spec(olympics,
  x = "Medal",
  y = "Count",
  group = "Country"
)

opts_st <- hd_opts(
  title = "Olympic Games all-time medal table, grouped by continent",
  subtitle = "Source: Olympics",
  ylab = "Count medals"
)

# Interactive - stacks are separated by continent
hd_make(spec_st, "stacked_column", opts_st, stack = "Continent")

# Static ggplot2 - stacks are separated by continent
hd(spec_st, backend = "ggplot2") +
  hd_geom_stacked_column(stack = "Continent") +
  hd_opts(title = "Olympic Games all-time medal table, grouped by continent", ylab = "Count medals")

```

hd_make

*Build a Figure from a Specification***Description**

Renders a `hd_spec` and `hd_opts` pair using the selected backend and geometry. This is the central function of the package - everything else feeds into or flows out of `hd_make()`.

Usage

```

hd_make(
  spec,
  type = "column",
  opts = NULL,
  backend = "highcharter",
  use_js = TRUE,
  module = FALSE,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

spec	A hd_spec object from hd_spec() .
type	Character. Geometry name - one of list_geoms() : "column", "line", "scatter", "arearange", "pie", or any custom geometry added with register_geom() .
opts	A hd_opts object or NULL (uses all defaults). Controls title, subtitle, caption, ylim, yint, flip, per-figure colours, and highcharter theme.
backend	Character. Rendering engine - "highcharter" (default, interactive) or "ggplot2" (static), or any engine added with register_backend() .
use_js	Logical. When TRUE (default) injects a hover-band <code>htmlwidgets::JS()</code> callback via <code>point.events.mouseOver/Out</code> . Tooltips, accessibility module, and all other Highcharts declarative features are always present. Set FALSE for clean, no-custom-JS widgets. Ignored by the ggplot2 backend.
module	Use available modules js from CDN https://api.highcharts.com/highcharts/
...	Extra arguments forwarded to the geometry function. Required arguments (e.g. <code>ymin</code> , <code>ymax</code> for "arearange") must be supplied here.

Value

A highchart widget (highcharter backend) or ggplot object (ggplot2 backend), invisibly wrapped so knitr/Shiny render it automatically.

Workflow

```
spec <- hd_spec(df, x = "age", y = "pct", group = "sex", n = "n")
opts <- hd_opts(title = "Health survey", ylim = c(0, 80))

hd_make(spec, "column", opts) # highcharter (default)
hd_make(spec, "column", opts, backend = "ggplot2") # static ggplot2
hd_make(spec, "line", opts, smooth = TRUE) # smooth spline
hd_make(spec, "pie", opts) # pie / donut
```

See Also

[hd_spec\(\)](#), [hd_opts\(\)](#), [hd_save\(\)](#), [hd_set_theme\(\)](#), [list_geoms\(\)](#), [list_backends\(\)](#), [hd_app\(\)](#)

Examples

```
df <- data.frame(
  age = rep(c("18-24", "25-34", "35-44", "45-54"), each = 2),
  sex = rep(c("Male", "Female"), 4),
  pct = c(42, 38, 55, 61, 48, 52, 60, 57),
  n = c(120, 115, 200, 210, 180, 175, 160, 155)
)

spec <- hd_spec(df, x = "age", y = "pct", group = "sex", n = "n")

opts <- hd_opts(title = "Health survey results",
  subtitle = "Source: FHI 2024",
```

```

ylim      = c(0, 80))

# -- Interactive charts (highcharter) -----
hd_make(spec, "column", opts)
hd_make(spec, "line",  opts, smooth = TRUE)
hd_make(spec, "line",  opts, smooth = FALSE, dot_size = 6)
hd_make(spec, "scatter")

# Pie chart - group is ignored; x = label, y = value
pie_df    <- data.frame(category = c("A", "B", "C", "D"),
                        value    = c(35, 25, 20, 20))
pie_spec  <- hd_spec(pie_df, x = "category", y = "value")
pie_opts  <- hd_opts(title = "Share by category")
hd_make(pie_spec, "pie", pie_opts)
hd_make(pie_spec, "pie", pie_opts, inner_size = "50%") # donut

# Arearange - requires ymin + ymax in ...
df2      <- cbind(df, lo = df$pct - 5, hi = df$pct + 5)
spec2    <- hd_spec(df2, "age", "pct", group = "sex")
hd_make(spec2, "arearange", opts, ymin = "lo", ymax = "hi")

# -- Disable JS hover band -----
hd_make(spec, "column", opts, use_js = FALSE)

# -- Static ggplot2 versions -----
hd_make(spec, "column",  opts, backend = "ggplot2")
hd_make(spec, "line",    opts, backend = "ggplot2")
hd_make(spec, "scatter", opts, backend = "ggplot2")
hd_make(pie_spec, "pie", pie_opts, backend = "ggplot2")

# -- Reuse spec with different presentation -----
opts_no  <- hd_opts(title = "Helseundersøkelse", subtitle = "Alle aldre")
hd_make(spec, "column", opts_no)

# -- Save outputs -----
hd_save(hd_make(spec, "column", opts),          "column.html")
hd_save(hd_make(spec, "column", opts, backend="ggplot2"), "column.png")

```

hd_opts

Create Figure Presentation Options

Description

Defines the **visual presentation** of a figure independently from the data mapping. Pass the result as the `opts` argument of `hd_make()`, or omit it to accept all defaults.

Usage

```
hd_opts(
  title = NULL,
  subtitle = NULL,
  caption = NULL,
  description = NULL,
  xlab = " ",
  ylab = " ",
  ylim = NULL,
  yint = 10,
  ysuffix = NULL,
  xtick_labels = NULL,
  decimals = NULL,
  flip = FALSE,
  colors = NULL,
  hc_theme = NULL,
  gg_theme = NULL
)
```

Arguments

title	Character or NULL. Chart title.
subtitle	Character or NULL. Subtitle. Highcharter default: "Kilde: Navn av kilder".
caption	Character or NULL. Caption text displayed below the figure (highcharter only). This is a visible footnote, distinct from description which is read only by assistive technology.
description	Character or NULL. Invisible accessibility description of the figure intended for screen readers and other assistive technology. highcharter Passed to <code>hc_accessibility(description = ...)</code> . Requires the accessibility module, which <code>highdir</code> loads automatically. Screen readers announce this text when the user focuses the chart. ggplot2 Set as the alt label via <code>labs(alt = ...)</code> , available since <code>ggplot2 3.3.0</code> . Rendered as an HTML <code>alt</code> attribute when the plot is saved to SVG or included in an R Markdown / Quarto document with <code>fig.alt</code> support. Write a concise one- or two-sentence summary of what the figure shows, including the key trend or comparison, so the information is equally accessible to users who cannot see the chart. Example: "Bar chart showing alcohol use by age group. Use is highest in the 45-54 age group at 65% and lowest in 18-24 at 42%."
xlab	Character or NULL. X-axis label. " " (default) Use the x column name from <code>hd_spec()</code> . NULL Hide the x-axis label completely. any string Use that string as the label.
ylab	Character or NULL. Y-axis label. Same rules as <code>xlab</code> .
ylim	Numeric vector of length 2 or NULL. Fixed y-axis limits, e.g. <code>c(0, 100)</code> .

yint	Positive numeric. Y-axis tick interval. Default 10.
ysuffix	Character or NULL. String appended to every y-axis tick label, e.g. "%" or " km". NULL shows no suffix.
xtick_labels	Character or NULL. Column name supplying custom x-axis tick labels when the plotted x-values are numeric but the displayed labels should come from another column. Highcharter only. Note: Highcharts indexes categories from 0, not 1.
decimals	Integer or NULL. Number of decimal places to round the y-values to before rendering. Applied to the data via <code>check_decimals()</code> in <code>hd_make()</code> . NULL leaves values unchanged.
flip	Logical. Invert axes (horizontal bars / inverted chart). Default FALSE.
colors	Character vector, palette name string, or NULL. Per-figure colour override; takes precedence over <code>hd_set_theme()</code> .
hc_theme	Character or NULL. Per-figure highcharter theme name; takes precedence over <code>hd_set_theme()</code> . See <code>hd_theme()</code> for valid names.
gg_theme	Character name string, ggplot2 theme object, or NULL. Per-figure ggplot2 theme; takes precedence over <code>hd_set_theme()</code> . Name strings: "classic" (default), "minimal", "bw", "light", "dark", "void", "grey". Or pass a ggplot2::theme_*() object directly, e.g. <code>ggplot2::theme_bw(base_size = 14)</code> .

Details

Because `opts` are separate from `hd_spec()`, the same data mapping can be rendered with multiple styles without repetition:

```
spec    <- hd_spec(df, "age", "pct", group = "sex")
opts_en <- hd_opts(title = "Health survey",  subtitle = "All ages")
opts_no <- hd_opts(title = "Helseundersøkelse", subtitle = "Alle aldre")

hd_make(spec, "column", opts_en)
hd_make(spec, "column", opts_no)
```

Value

An S3 object of class "hd_opts".

See Also

[hd_spec\(\)](#), [hd_make\(\)](#), [hd_set_theme\(\)](#)

Examples

```
opts <- hd_opts(
  title      = "Health survey results",
  subtitle   = "Source: FHI 2024",
  caption    = "Tall om helse",
  description = paste(
    "Grouped bar chart showing alcohol use by age group and sex.",
    "Use is highest in the 45-54 age group at 65% for women."
```

```

),
ylim      = c(0, 100),
yint      = 20,
colors    = c("#025169", "#7C145C")
)
opts

```

hd_save

Save a Figure to Disk

Description

Exports a highchart or ggplot figure produced by `hd_make()` to a file. The output format is inferred from the file extension unless `type` is supplied explicitly.

Usage

```

hd_save(
  fig,
  file,
  type = "auto",
  width = 8,
  height = 5,
  dpi = 300,
  selfcontained = TRUE,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

<code>fig</code>	A highchart or ggplot object (output of <code>hd_make()</code>).
<code>file</code>	Character. Output path including extension.
<code>type</code>	"auto" (infer from extension) or an explicit format string. Default: "auto".
<code>width</code>	Numeric. Width in inches (ggplot2). Default: 8.
<code>height</code>	Numeric. Height in inches (ggplot2). Default: 5.
<code>dpi</code>	Numeric. Raster resolution for ggplot2. Default: 300.
<code>selfcontained</code>	Logical. Embed all JS/CSS in the HTML file. Default: TRUE.
<code>...</code>	Passed to <code>ggplot2::ggsave()</code> for ggplot2 figures.

Details

Backend	Supported formats
highcharter	html, json
ggplot2	png, svg, pdf, jpeg, jpg, tiff, bmp, eps

To export a highcharter figure as an image, either save as html and screenshot in a browser, or re-render with backend = "ggplot2" in `hd_make()` and save as png.

Value

file, invisibly.

 hd_set_theme

Set Package-Wide Style Defaults

Description

Configures the default theme, colour palette, font, and optional JavaScript plugins for all figures produced with `hd_make()` in the current R session. Call once at the top of a script or in .Rprofile.

Usage

```
hd_set_theme(
  hc_theme = NULL,
  gg_theme = NULL,
  colors = NULL,
  font = NULL,
  js_plugins = NULL
)
```

Arguments

hc_theme	Character or NULL. Built-in highcharter theme name: one of "default", "smp1", "economist", "darkunica", "gridlight", "bloom", "flat", "flatdark", "ggplot2".
gg_theme	Character, ggplot2 theme object, or NULL. Controls the ggplot2 backend appearance. Built-in name strings: "minimal" (default), "classic", "bw", "light", "dark", "void", "grey". Alternatively pass any ggplot2::theme_*() object directly for full control, e.g. ggplot2::theme_bw(base_size = 14).
colors	Character vector, palette name, or NULL. Applied to all figures in the session. See <code>register_palette()</code> .
font	Character or NULL. Font family name, e.g. "Source Sans Pro".
js_plugins	Character vector or NULL. Names of bundled JS plugins (files in inst/js/) injected into every highcharter figure. Use <code>character(0)</code> to clear all plugins.

Details

Per-figure overrides are provided via `hd_opts()`, which always take precedence over these session defaults.

Value

The previous option values invisibly; pass to `options()` to restore.

See Also

`hd_opts()` for per-figure overrides

Examples

```
hd_set_theme(hc_theme = "economist", gg_theme = "classic",
             colors = c("#025169", "#7C145C", "#C68803"))
# Reset
hd_set_theme(hc_theme = "default", gg_theme = "minimal", colors = NULL)
```

hd_spec

Create a Figure Data Specification

Description

Defines the **data mapping** for a figure - which columns map to x, y, group, and count - independently of any visual presentation choices. Pass the result to `hd_make()` together with an optional `hd_opts()` object.

Usage

```
hd_spec(data, x, y, group = NULL, n = NULL, colour = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	A <code>data.frame</code> containing all referenced columns.
<code>x</code>	Character. Column name for the x-axis variable.
<code>y</code>	Character. Column name for the y-axis variable (typically a percentage or count).
<code>group</code>	Character or <code>NULL</code> . Column used to split data into multiple series.
<code>n</code>	Character or <code>NULL</code> . Column of raw counts shown in highcharter tooltips alongside the y value. Ignored by <code>ggplot2</code> .
<code>colour</code>	Character or <code>NULL</code> . <code>ggplot2</code> colour aesthetic column. Defaults to <code>group</code> when <code>NULL</code> and <code>group</code> is set.

Value

An S3 object of class "hd_spec".

See Also

[hd_opts\(\)](#), [hd_make\(\)](#)

Examples

```
df <- data.frame(
  age = rep(c("18-24", "25-34", "35-44", "45-54"), each = 2),
  sex = rep(c("Male", "Female"), 4),
  pct = c(42, 38, 55, 61, 48, 52, 60, 57),
  n = c(120, 115, 200, 210, 180, 175, 160, 155)
)

spec <- hd_spec(df, x = "age", y = "pct", group = "sex", n = "n")
spec
```

hd_theme

Build a Highcharts Theme Object

Description

Constructs a highcharter theme by merging a named base theme with colour and font overrides from the current [hd_set_theme\(\)](#) session defaults and any per-figure opts.

Usage

```
hd_theme(name = NULL, colors = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

name	Character or NULL. Theme name; NULL reads from <code>getOption("highdir.hc_theme")</code> .
colors	Character vector or NULL. Colour override for this call.
...	Named arguments forwarded to highcharter::hc_theme() as extra overrides on top of the base theme.

Details

Called automatically inside the highcharter engine; useful when you want to apply a theme to a highchart built outside highdir.

Value

A highcharter theme object (`hc_theme`).

Examples

```
if(interactive()) {  
  t <- hd_theme("darkunica")  
  highcharter::highchart() |> highcharter::hc_add_theme(t)  
}
```

list_backends	<i>List Registered Backends</i>
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Description

List Registered Backends

Usage

```
list_backends()
```

Value

Character vector of registered backend names.

list_geoms	<i>List Registered Geometries</i>
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Description

List Registered Geometries

Usage

```
list_geoms()
```

Value

Character vector of registered geometry names.

list_palettes	<i>List Registered Palettes</i>
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Description

List Registered Palettes

Usage

```
list_palettes()
```

Value

Character vector of registered palette names.

Examples

```
list_palettes()
```

print.hd	<i>Render an hd Object</i>
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Description

Printing an `hd()` object triggers rendering. The geometry type and any geometry-specific parameters are extracted from the stored `hd_geom` layer; presentation options from the `hd_opts` layer; the backend from the `$backend` slot. All of these are forwarded to `hd_make()`, which performs the actual rendering via the registered engine.

Usage

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

Arguments

x	An hd object.
...	Ignored; present for S3 consistency.

Details

You rarely need to call `print.hd()` directly since R calls it automatically when the object appears at the top level, in knitr/Quarto chunks, or in Shiny `renderHighchart()` / `renderPlot()` blocks.

Value

The rendered output (a highchart widget or a ggplot object), invisibly.

register_backend	<i>Register a Rendering Backend and used when loding in zzz.R file</i>
------------------	--

Description

Register a Rendering Backend and used when loding in zzz.R file

Usage

```
register_backend(name, engine)
```

Arguments

name	Character. Unique backend identifier (e.g. "ggplot2").
engine	Function.

Value

name, invisibly.

register_geom	<i>Register a Geometry</i>
---------------	----------------------------

Description

Adds a geometry to the registry. The `optional_args` field is the key mechanism for user discoverability: it is what `geom_args()` prints, what the Shiny app reads to build dynamic UI, and what automated documentation can harvest without parsing source code.

Usage

```
register_geom(
  name,
  ggplot_fun = NULL,
  highcharter_fun = NULL,
  required_args = list(),
  optional_args = list(),
  is_map_geom = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

name	Character. Unique geometry identifier.
ggplot_fun	Function or NULL.
highcharter_fun	Function or NULL.
required_args	Named list of list(default, desc). Args that MUST be supplied via ... in hd_make(). Validation fails if any are missing.
optional_args	Named list of list(default, desc). Args that MAY be supplied and have a sensible default when omitted. These are purely informational from the registry's perspective - the geom function applies the defaults itself via geom_params\$key % % default.
is_map_geom	Logical. Bypasses base_fig() in both engines.

Details

Structure of optional_args: A named list where each element is itself a list with two fields: default - the value used when the arg is not supplied (may be NULL) desc - a short human-readable description (shown by geom_args())

Example:

```
optional_args = list(
  smooth = list(default = TRUE, desc = "Spline smoothing (logical)"),
  dot_size = list(default = 4, desc = "Marker radius in px (numeric)")
)
```

Value

name, invisibly.

register_palette	<i>Register a Named Colour Palette</i>
------------------	--

Description

Adds a named palette to the highdir palette registry so it can be referenced by name wherever colours are accepted (e.g. hd_opts(colors = "my_palette")). This function is evaluated when loading a file in zzz.R file.

Usage

```
register_palette(name, colors)
```

Arguments

name	Character. Unique palette identifier.
colors	Non-empty character vector of CSS/hex colour strings.

Details

Built-in palettes registered at package load time:

Name	Description
"hdir"	Helsedirektoratet 10-colour brand palette
"hdir2"	2-colour teal / purple pair

Value

name, invisibly.

Examples

```
register_palette("blues", c("#084594", "#2171b5", "#4292c6", "#6baed6"))  
get_palette("blues")
```

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