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`add_vis_dat_pal` *(Internal) Add a specific palette to a visdat plot*

Description

(Internal) Add a specific palette to a visdat plot

Usage

```
add_vis_dat_pal(vis_plot, palette)
```

Arguments

`vis_plot`	visdat plot created using `vis_gather_`, `vis_extract_value` and `vis_create_`
`palette`	character "default", "qual" or "cb_safe". "default" (the default) provides the stock ggplot scale for separating the colours. "qual" uses an experimental qualitative colour scheme for providing distinct colours for each Type. "cb_safe" is a set of colours that are appropriate for those with colourblindness. "qual" and "cb_safe" are drawn from http://colorbrewer2.org/.

Value

a visdat plot with a particular palette

Examples

```
## Not run:
# see internal use inside vis_guess and vis_dat

## End(Not run)
```

`all_numeric` *(Internal) Are they all numeric columns?*

Description

(Internal) Are they all numeric columns?

Usage

```
all_numeric(x, ...)
```

Arguments

`x`	data.frame
`...`	optional extra inputs

Value

logical - TRUE means that there is a column with numerics, FALSE means that there is a column that is not numeric

Examples

```
## Not run:
all_numeric(airquality) # TRUE
all_numeric(iris) # FALSE

## End(Not run)
```

compare_print *(Internal) A utility function for* vis_compare

Description

compare_print is an internal function that takes creates a dataframe with information about where there are differences in the dataframe. This function is used in vis_compare. It evaluates on the data (df1 == df2) and (currently) replaces the "true" (the same) with "Same" and FALSE with "Different", unless it is missing (coded as NA), in which case it leaves it as NA.

Usage

```
compare_print(x)
```

Arguments

x	a vector

expect_frame *Create a dataframe to help visualise 'expected' values*

Description

Create a dataframe to help visualise 'expected' values

Usage

```
expect_frame(data, expectation)
```

Arguments

data	data.frame
expectation	unquoted conditions or "expectations" to test

Value

data.frames where expectation are true

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Examples

```
## Not run:
dat_test <- tibble::tribble(
            ~x, ~y,
            -1,  "A",
            0,  "B",
            1,  "C"
            )

expect_frame(dat_test,
             ~ .x == -1)

## End(Not run)
```

`expect_guide_label` *(Internal) Label the legend with the percent of missing data*

Description

`miss_guide_label` is an internal function to label the legend of `vis_miss`.

Usage

```
expect_guide_label(x)
```

Arguments

`x`	is a dataframe passed from `vis_miss(x)`.

Value

a `tibble` with two columns `p_miss_lab` and `p_pres_lab`, containing the labels to use for present and missing. A dataframe is returned because I think it is a good style habit compared to a list.

`fingerprint` *Take the fingerprint of a data.frame - find the class or return NA*

Description

`fingerprint` is an internal function that takes the "fingerprint" of a dataframe, and currently replaces the contents (x) with the class of a given object, unless it is missing (coded as `NA`), in which case it leaves it as `NA`. The name "fingerprint" is taken from the csv-fingerprint, of which the package, `visdat`, is based upon

Usage

```
fingerprint(x)
```

Arguments

x	a vector

`gather_cor` *(Internal) create a tidy dataframe of correlations suitable for plotting*

Description

(Internal) create a tidy dataframe of correlations suitable for plotting

Usage

```
gather_cor(data, cor_method = "pearson",
  na_action = "pairwise.complete.obs")
```

Arguments

data	data.frame
cor_method	correlation method to use, from cor: "a character string indicating which correlation coefficient (or covariance) is to be computed. One of "pearson" (default), "kendall", or "spearman": can be abbreviated."
na_action	The method for computing covariances when there are missing values present. This can be "everything", "all.obs", "complete.obs", "na.or.complete", or "pairwise.complete.obs" (default). This option is taken from the cor function argument use.

Value

tidy dataframe of correlations

Examples

```
gather_cor(airquality)
```

guess_type *(Internal) Guess the type of each individual cell in a dataframe*

Description

`vis_guess` uses `guess_type` to guess cell elements, like `fingerprint`.

Usage

```
guess_type(x)
```

Arguments

`x`	is a vector of values you want to guess

Value

a character vector that describes the suspected class. e.g., "10" is an integer, "20.11" is a double, "text" is character, etc.

Examples

```
## Not run:
guess_type(1)

guess_type("x")

guess_type(c("1", "0L"))

purrr::map_df(iris, guess_type)

## End(Not run)
```

label_col_missing_pct *(Internal) Create labels for the columns containing the % missing data*

Description

(Internal) Create labels for the columns containing the % missing data

Usage

```
label_col_missing_pct(x, col_order_index)
```

Arguments

x	data.frame
col_order_index	the order of the columns

Value

data.frame containing the missingness percent down to 0.1 percent

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miss_guide_label *Label the legend with the percent of missing data*

Description

miss_guide_label is an internal function for vis_miss to label the legend.

Usage

```
miss_guide_label(x)
```

Arguments

x	is a dataframe passed from vis_miss(x).

Value

a tibble with two columns p_miss_lab and p_pres_lab, containing the labels to use for present and missing. A dataframe is returned because I think it is a good style habit compared to a list.

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test_if_dataframe *Test if input is a data.frame*

Description

Test if input is a data.frame

Usage

```
test_if_dataframe(x)
```

Arguments

x	object

Value

an error if input (x) is not a data.frame

Examples

```
## Not run:
# success
test_if_dataframe(airquality)
#fail
test_if_dataframe(AirPassengers)

## End(Not run)
```

`typical_data` *A small toy dataset of imaginary people*

Description

A dataset containing information about some randomly generated people, created using the excellent `wakefield` package. It is created as deliberately messy dataset.

Usage

```
typical_data
```

Format

A data frame with 5000 rows and 11 variables:

ID Unique identifier for each individual, a sequential character vector of zero-padded identification numbers (IDs). see ?wakefield::id

Race Race for each individual, "Black", "White", "Hispanic", "Asian", "Other", "Bi-Racial", "Native", and "Hawaiin", see ?wakefield::race

Age Age of each individual, see ?wakefield::age

Sex Male or female, see ?wakefield::sex

Height(cm) Height in centimeters, see ?wakefield::height

IQ vector of intelligence quotients (IQ), see ?wakefield::iq

Smokes whether or not this person smokes, see ?wakefield::smokes

Income Yearly income in dollars, see ?wakefield::income

Died Whether or not this person has died yet., see ?wakefield::died

`typical_data_large` *A small toy dataset of imaginary people*

Description

A wider dataset than `typical_data` containing information about some randomly generated people, created using the excellent `wakefield` package. It is created as deliberately odd / eclectic dataset.

Usage

```
typical_data_large
```

Format

A data frame with 300 rows and 49 variables:

Age Age of each individual, see ?wakefield::age for more info

Animal A vector of animals, see ?wakefield::animal

Answer A vector of "Yes" or "No"

Area A vector of living areas "Suburban", "Urban", "Rural"

Car names of cars - see ?mtcars

Children vector of number of children - see ?wakefield::children

Coin character vector of "heads" and "tails"

Color vector of vectors from "colors()"

Date vector of "important" dates for an individual

Death TRUE / FALSE for whether this person died

Dice 6 sided dice result

DNA vector of GATC nucleobases

DOB birth dates

Dummy a 0/1 dummy var

Education education attainment level

Employment employee status

Eye eye colour

Grade percent grades

Grade_Level favorite school grade

Group control or treatment

hair hair colours - "brown", "black", "blonde", or "red"

Height height in cm

Income yearly income

Browser choice of internet browser

IQ intelligence quotient

Language random language of the world

Level levels between 1 and 4

Likert likert response - "strongly agree", "agree", and so on

Lorem_Ipsum lorem ipsum text

Marital marital status- "married", "divorced", "widowed", "separated", etc

Military miliary branch they are in

Month their favorite month

Name their name

Normal a random normal number

Political their favorite political party

Race their race

Religion their religion

SAT their SAT score

Sentence an uttered sentence

Sex_1 sex of their first child

Sex_2 sex of their second child

Smokes do they smoke

Speed their median speed travelled in a car

State the last state they visited in the USA

String a random string they smashed out on the keyboard

Upper the last key they hit in upper case

Valid TRUE FALSE answer to a question

Year significant year to that individuals

Zip a zip code they have visited

`visdat` *visdat*

Description

visdat is a package that helps with the preliminary visualisation of data. visdat makes it easy to visualise your whole dataset so that you can visually identify problems.

See Also

It's main functions are:

- vis_dat()
- vis_miss()
- vis_guess()
- vis_compare()
- vis_expect()

Learn more about visdat at www.njtierney.com/visdat/articles/using_visdat.html

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vis_compare *Visually compare two dataframes and see where they are different.*

Description

vis_compare, like the other vis_* families, gives an at-a-glance ggplot of a dataset, but in this case, hones in on visualising **two** different dataframes of the same dimension, so it takes two dataframes as arguments.

Usage

```
vis_compare(df1, df2)
```

Arguments

df1	The first dataframe to compare
df2	The second dataframe to compare to the first.

Value

ggplot2 object displaying which values in each data frame are present in each other, and which are not.

See Also

vis_miss() vis_dat() vis_guess() vis_expect() vis_cor()

Examples

```
# make a new dataset of iris that contains some NA values
aq_diff <- airquality
aq_diff[1:10, 1:2] <- NA
vis_compare(airquality, aq_diff)
```

vis_cor *Visualise correlations amongst variables in your data as a heatmap*

Description

Visualise correlations amongst variables in your data as a heatmap

Usage

```
vis_cor(data, cor_method = "pearson",
  na_action = "pairwise.complete.obs", ...)
```

Arguments

data	data.frame
cor_method	correlation method to use, from cor: "a character string indicating which correlation coefficient (or covariance) is to be computed. One of "pearson" (default), "kendall", or "spearman": can be abbreviated."
na_action	The method for computing covariances when there are missing values present. This can be "everything", "all.obs", "complete.obs", "na.or.complete", or "pairwise.complete.obs" (default). This option is taken from the cor function argument use.
...	extra arguments you may want to pass to cor

Value

ggplot2 object

Examples

```
vis_cor(airquality)
## Not run:
vis_cor(mtcars)
vis_cor(iris)

## End(Not run)
```

vis_create_ *(Internal) Create a boilerplate for visualisations of the* vis_ *family*

Description

(Internal) Create a boilerplate for visualisations of the vis_ family

Usage

```
vis_create_(x)
```

Arguments

x	a dataframe in longformat as transformed by vis_gather_ and vis_extract_value.

Value

a ggplot object

vis_dat *Visualises a data.frame to tell you what it contains.*

Description

vis_dat gives you an at-a-glance ggplot object of what is inside a dataframe. Cells are coloured according to what class they are and whether the values are missing. As vis_dat returns a ggplot object, it is very easy to customize and change labels, and customize the plot

Usage

```
vis_dat(x, sort_type = TRUE, palette = "default",
  warn_large_data = TRUE, large_data_size = 9e+05)
```

Arguments

x	a data.frame object
sort_type	logical TRUE/FALSE. When TRUE (default), it sorts by the type in the column to make it easier to see what is in the data
palette	character "default", "qual" or "cb_safe". "default" (the default) provides the stock ggplot scale for separating the colours. "qual" uses an experimental qualitative colour scheme for providing distinct colours for each Type. "cb_safe" is a set of colours that are appropriate for those with colourblindness. "qual" and "cb_safe" are drawn from http://colorbrewer2.org/.
warn_large_data	logical - warn if there is large data? Default is TRUE see note for more details
large_data_size	integer default is 900000, this can be changed. See note for more details

Value

ggplot2 object displaying the type of values in the data frame and the position of any missing values.

Note

Some datasets might be too large to plot, sometimes creating a blank plot - if this happens, I would recommend downsampling the data, either looking at the first 1,000 rows or by taking a random sample. This means that you won't get the same "look" at the data, but it is better than a blank plot! See example code for suggestions on doing this.

See Also

vis_miss() vis_guess() vis_expect() vis_cor() vis_compare()

Examples

```
vis_dat(airquality)

## Not run:
# experimental colourblind safe palette
vis_dat(airquality, palette = "cb_safe")
vis_dat(airquality, palette = "qual")

# if you have a large dataset, you might want to try downsampling:
library(nycflight13)
library(dplyr)
flights %>%
  sample_n(1000) %>%
  vis_dat()

flights %>%
  slice(1:1000) %>%
  vis_dat()


## End(Not run)
```

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vis_expect *Visualise whether a value is in a data frame*

Description

vis_expect visualises certain conditions or values in your data. For example, If you are not sure whether to expect -1 in your data, you could write: vis_expect(data, ~.x == -1), and you can see if there are times where the values in your data are equal to -1. You could also, for example, explore a set of bad strings, or possible NA values and visualise where they are using vis_expect(data,

`~.x %in% bad_strings)` where `bad_strings` is a character vector containing bad strings like `N A` `N/A` etc.

Usage

```
vis_expect(data, expectation, show_perc = TRUE)
```

Arguments

`data`	a data.frame
`expectation`	a formula following the syntax: `~.x {condition}`. For example, writing `~.x < 20` would mean "where a variable value is less than 20, replace with NA", and `~.x %in% {vector}` would mean "where a variable has values that are in that vector".
`show_perc`	logical. TRUE now adds in the % of expectations are TRUE or FALSE in the whole dataset into the legend. Default value is TRUE.

Value

a ggplot2 object

See Also

`vis_miss()` `vis_dat()` `vis_guess()` `vis_cor()` `vis_compare()`

Examples

```
dat_test <- tibble::tribble(
            ~x, ~y,
            -1,  "A",
            0,  "B",
            1,  "C",
            NA, NA
            )

vis_expect(dat_test, ~.x == -1)

## Not run:
vis_expect(airquality, ~.x == 5.1)

# explore some common NA strings

common_nas <- c(
"NA",
"N A",
"N/A",
"na",
"n a",
"n/a"
)
```

```
dat_ms <- tibble::tribble(~x,  ~y,    ~z,
                          1,   "A",   -100,
                          3,   "N/A", -99,
                          NA,  NA,    -98,
                          "N A", "E",   -101,
                          "na", "F",   -1)

vis_expect(dat_ms, ~.x %in% common_nas)


## End(Not run)
```

`vis_extract_value_` *(Internal) Add values of each row as a column*

Description

This adds information about each row, so that when called by plotly, the values are made visible on hover. Warnings are suppressed because `tidyr` gives a warning about type coercion, which is fine.

Usage

```
vis_extract_value_(x)
```

Arguments

`x`	dataframe created from `vis_gather_`

Value

the x dataframe with the added column `value`.

`vis_gather_` *(Internal) Gather rows into a format appropriate for grid visualisation*

Description

(Internal) Gather rows into a format appropriate for grid visualisation

Usage

```
vis_gather_(x)
```

Arguments

`x`	a dataframe

Value

data.frame gathered to have columns "variables", "valueType", and a row id called "rows".

`vis_guess` *Visualise type guess in a data.frame*

Description

`vis_guess` visualises the class of every single individual cell in a dataframe and displays it as ggplot object, similar to `vis_dat`. Cells are coloured according to what class they are and whether the values are missing. `vis_guess` estimates the class of individual elements using `readr::guess_parser`. It may be currently slow on larger datasets.

Usage

```
vis_guess(x, palette = "default")
```

Arguments

`x`	a data.frame
`palette`	character "default", "qual" or "cb_safe". "default" (the default) provides the stock ggplot scale for separating the colours. "qual" uses an experimental qualitative colour scheme for providing distinct colours for each Type. "cb_safe" is a set of colours that are appropriate for those with colourblindness. "qual" and "cb_safe" are drawn from http://colorbrewer2.org/.

Value

`ggplot2` object displaying the guess of the type of values in the data frame and the position of any missing values.

See Also

`vis_miss()` `vis_dat()` `vis_expect()` `vis_cor()` `vis_compare()`

Examples

```
messy_vector <- c(TRUE,
                  "TRUE",
                  "T",
                  "01/01/01",
                  "01/01/2001",
                  NA,
                  NaN,
                  "NA",
                  "Na",
                  "na",
```

```
                  "10",
                  10,
                  "10.1",
                  10.1,
                  "abc",
                  "$%TG")
set.seed(1114)
messy_df <- data.frame(var1 = messy_vector,
                       var2 = sample(messy_vector),
                       var3 = sample(messy_vector))
vis_guess(messy_df)
```

`vis_miss` *Visualise a data.frame to display missingness.*

Description

`vis_miss` provides an at-a-glance ggplot of the missingness inside a dataframe, colouring cells according to missingness, where black indicates a missing cell and grey indicates a present cell. As it returns a ggplot object, it is very easy to customize and change labels.

Usage

```
vis_miss(x, cluster = FALSE, sort_miss = FALSE, show_perc = TRUE,
  show_perc_col = TRUE, large_data_size = 9e+05,
  warn_large_data = TRUE)
```

Arguments

`x`	a data.frame
`cluster`	logical. TRUE specifies that you want to use hierarchical clustering (mcquitty method) to arrange rows according to missingness. FALSE specifies that you want to leave it as is. Default value is FALSE.
`sort_miss`	logical. TRUE arranges the columns in order of missingness. Default value is FALSE.
`show_perc`	logical. TRUE now adds in the % of missing/complete data in the whole dataset into the legend. Default value is TRUE.
`show_perc_col`	logical. TRUE adds in the % missing data in a given column into the x axis. Can be disabled with FALSE. Default value is TRUE.
`large_data_size`	integer default is 900000, this can be changed. See note for more details
`warn_large_data`	logical - warn if there is large data? Default is TRUE see note for more details

Value

`ggplot2` object displaying the position of missing values in the dataframe, and the percentage of values missing and present.

Note

Some datasets might be too large to plot, sometimes creating a blank plot - if this happens, I would recommend downsampling the data, either looking at the first 1,000 rows or by taking a random sample. This means that you won't get the same "look" at the data, but it is better than a blank plot! See example code for suggestions on doing this.

See Also

vis_dat() vis_guess() vis_expect() vis_cor() vis_compare()

Examples

```
vis_miss(airquality)

## Not run:
vis_miss(airquality, cluster = TRUE)

vis_miss(airquality, sort_miss = TRUE)

# if you have a large dataset, you might want to try downsampling:
library(nycflight13)
library(dplyr)
flights %>%
  sample_n(1000) %>%
  vis_miss()

flights %>%
  slice(1:1000) %>%
  vis_miss()


## End(Not run)
```

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