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### Description

Extensions to 'ggplot2' providing low-level debug tools: statistics and geometries reporting data passed to `compute_group()` and `compute_panel()` functions and to geometries. Layer manipulation: functions for deletion, insertion, extraction and reordering of layers of "ggplot" objects. Data manipulation: function for deletion of unused variables from the data object embedded in "ggplot" objects.

### Details

The new facilities for cleanly defining new stats and geoms added to package 'ggplot2' in version 2.0.0 gave origin to this package. I needed tools to help me learn how layers work and to debug the extensions to 'ggplot2' that I was developing. I share them through this package in the hope that they will help other users of 'ggplot2' understand how this this vry popular graphics package works internally.

Extensions provided:

- "Debug" stats and a "debug" geom that print to the console a summary of their data input.
- Functions for inspecting and manipulating the list of layers of a ggplot object.
- Function that drops unused variables from the data embedded in ggplot objects.

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### References

Package 'ggplot2' web site at <http://ggplot2.org/>  
 Package 'ggplot2' documentation at <http://docs.ggplot2.org/>  
 Package 'ggplot2' source code at <https://github.com/hadley/ggplot2>

**See Also**

Useful links:

- <https://www.r4photobiology.info>
- <https://bitbucket.org/aphalo/gginnards>
- Report bugs at <https://bitbucket.org/aphalo/gginnards/issues>

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 delete\_layers

*Layer manipulation*


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**Description**

Delete, move or append one or more layers in a ggplot.

**Usage**

```
delete_layers(x, match_type = NULL, idx = NULL)
```

```
append_layers(x, object, position = "top")
```

```
move_layers(x, match_type = NULL, position = "top", idx = NULL)
```

```
shift_layers(x, match_type = NULL, idx = NULL, shift = 1L)
```

```
which_layers(x, match_type = NULL, idx = NULL)
```

```
extract_layers(x, match_type = NULL, idx = NULL)
```

```
top_layer(x)
```

```
bottom_layer(x)
```

```
num_layers(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	an object of class gg to be operated upon.
match_type	The name of the ggproto object class for the geom(s), position(s) or stat(s) matching that of the layers to be operated upon.
idx	integer vector Index into the list of layers used to select the layers to be operated upon.
object	a ggplot layer created by a geom_ or stat_ function or a list of such layers or an empty list.
position	character or interger, the position of the layer immediately above of which to move or append the moved or appended layers.
shift	integer.

## Details

These functions must be used with care as they select all layers matching the provided geom, position or stat ggproto object class. Layers added with a stat do use a geom, and vice versa.

One and only one of `match_type` and `idx` must be passed a non-null argument.

In plots with several layers, it is possible that more than one layer matches the class name passed to `match_type`. It is also possible to pass a numeric vector with multiple indexes through parameter `idx`. In both cases multiple layers will be operated upon, but their relative positions will remain unchanged.

If a numeric vector with multiple position indexes is supplied as argument for `position`, the top-most position will be used. As indexing in R starts at 1, passing 0 or "bottom" as argument for `position` puts the moved or appended layer(s) behind all other layers (prepends the layer).

## Value

An edited copy of `x` for `delete_layers`, `append_layers` and `move_layers`. An integer vector of indexes giving the positions of the matching layers in the list of layers contained in `x` in the case of `which_layers`.

## Note

The functions described here are not expected to be useful in everyday plotting as one can more easily change the order in which layers are added to a ggplot. However, if one uses high level methods or functions that automatically produce a full plot using 'ggplot2' internally, one may need to add, move or delete layers so as to profit from such canned methods and retain enough flexibility.

## References

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/13407236/remove-a-layer-from-a-ggplot2-chart>

## Examples

```
library(ggplot2)

df <- data.frame(
  gp = factor(rep(letters[1:3], each = 10)),
  y = rnorm(30)
)
p <- ggplot(df, aes(gp, y)) +
  geom_point() +
  stat_summary(fun.data = "mean_se", colour = "red")

p
delete_layers(p, "GeomPoint")
delete_layers(p, "StatSummary")
move_layers(p, "GeomPoint", position = "top")
move_layers(p, "GeomPointrange", position = "bottom")
move_layers(p, "StatSummary", position = "bottom")
move_layers(p, "GeomPointrange", position = 1L)
append_layers(p, geom_line(colour = "orange"), position = "bottom")
```

```
append_layers(p, geom_line(colour = "orange"), position = 1L)
extract_layers(p, "GeomPoint")
which_layers(p, "GeomPoint")
num_layers(p)
top_layer(p)
bottom_layer(p)
num_layers(ggplot())
top_layer(ggplot())
bottom_layer(ggplot())
```

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drop\_vars

*Drop unused variables from data*

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### Description

Automatically remove unused variables from the data object embedded in a gg or ggplot object.

### Usage

```
drop_vars(p, keep.vars = character(), guess.vars = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

p	ggplot Plot object with embedded data.
keep.vars	character Names of unused variables to be kept.
guess.vars	logical Flag indicating whether to find used variables automatically.

### Warning!

The current implementation drops variables only from the default data object. Data objects within layers are not modified.

### Note

This function is under development and not yet thoroughly tested! It is a demonstration of how one can manipulate the internals of ggplot objects. This function may stop working after some future update to the 'ggplot2' package.

Rather than using this function after creating the ggplot object it may be more efficient to extract the variables of interest and pass a data frame containing only these to the ggplot() constructor.

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)

p <- ggplot(mpg, aes(factor(year), (cty + hwy) / 2)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  facet_grid(. ~ class)
p

p.dp <- drop_vars(p)
p.dp

object.size(p)
object.size(p.dp)

names(p$data)
names(p.dp$data)
```

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geom\_debug

*Geom which prints input data to console*


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**Description**

The debug geom is used to print to the console a summary of the data being received by geoms as input data data frame.

**Usage**

```
geom_debug(mapping = NULL, data = NULL, stat = "identity",
  summary.fun = tibble::as_tibble, summary.fun.args = list(),
  print.fun = print, print.fun.args = list(), position = "identity",
  na.rm = FALSE, show.legend = FALSE, inherit.aes = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

mapping	Set of aesthetic mappings created by <a href="#">aes</a> or <a href="#">aes_</a> . If specified and <code>inherit.aes = TRUE</code> (the default), is combined with the default mapping at the top level of the plot. You only need to supply mapping if there isn't a mapping defined for the plot.
data	A data frame. If specified, overrides the default data frame defined at the top level of the plot.
stat	The statistical transformation to use on the data for this layer, as a string.
summary.fun	A function used to print the data object received as input.
summary.fun.args	A list of additional arguments to be passed to <code>summary.fun</code> .
print.fun	A function used to print the value returned by <code>summary.fun</code> .
print.fun.args	A list of additional arguments to be passed to <code>print.fun</code> .

position	Position adjustment, either as a string, or the result of a call to a position adjustment function.
na.rm	If FALSE (the default), removes missing values with a warning. If TRUE silently removes missing values.
show.legend	logical. Should this layer be included in the legends? NA, the default, includes if any aesthetics are mapped. FALSE never includes, and TRUE always includes.
inherit.aes	If FALSE, overrides the default aesthetics, rather than combining with them. This is most useful for helper functions that define both data and aesthetics and shouldn't inherit behaviour from the default plot specification, e.g. <a href="#">borders</a> .
...	other arguments passed on to <a href="#">layer</a> . There are three types of arguments you can use here: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aesthetics: to set an aesthetic to a fixed value, like <code>color = "red"</code> or <code>size = 3</code>.</li> <li>• Other arguments to the layer, for example you override the default stat associated with the layer.</li> <li>• Other arguments passed on to the stat.</li> </ul>

### Details

It can be useful when debugging the code of statistics or to learn how the stats and geoms work in 'ggplot2' (>= 2.0.0).

### Note

This `_geom_` is very unusual in that it does not produce visible graphic output. It only returns a `grid::grid_null()` grob (graphical object).

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geom_null	<i>A null geom or 'non-op' geom.</i>
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### Description

The null geom can be used to silence graphic output from a stat, such as `stat_debug_group()` and `stat_debug_panel()` defined in this same package. No visible graphical output is returned. An invisible `grid::grid_null()` grob is returned instead.

### Usage

```
geom_null(mapping = NULL, data = NULL, stat = "identity",
  position = "identity", na.rm = FALSE, show.legend = FALSE,
  inherit.aes = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

mapping	Set of aesthetic mappings created by <code>aes</code> or <code>aes_</code> . If specified and <code>inherit.aes = TRUE</code> (the default), is combined with the default mapping at the top level of the plot. You only need to supply mapping if there isn't a mapping defined for the plot.
data	A data frame. If specified, overrides the default data frame defined at the top level of the plot.
stat	The statistical transformation to use on the data for this layer, as a string.
position	Position adjustment, either as a string, or the result of a call to a position adjustment function.
na.rm	If FALSE (the default), removes missing values with a warning. If TRUE silently removes missing values.
show.legend	logical. Should this layer be included in the legends? NA, the default, includes if any aesthetics are mapped. FALSE never includes, and TRUE always includes.
inherit.aes	If FALSE, overrides the default aesthetics, rather than combining with them. This is most useful for helper functions that define both data and aesthetics and shouldn't inherit behaviour from the default plot specification, e.g. <code>borders</code> .
...	other arguments passed on to <code>layer</code> . There are three types of arguments you can use here: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aesthetics: to set an aesthetic to a fixed value, like <code>color = "red"</code> or <code>size = 3</code>.</li> <li>• Other arguments to the layer, for example you override the default <code>stat</code> associated with the layer.</li> <li>• Other arguments passed on to the <code>stat</code>.</li> </ul>

**Note**

This `_geom_` is very unusual in that it does not produce visible graphic output. It only returns a `grid::grid_null()` grob (graphical object).

Although this geom accepts for consistency all the same parameters as normal geoms, these have no effect on the output, except for `show.legend`.

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stat\_debug\_group

*Print to console data received by the compute group function.*


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**Description**

`stat_debug` reports all distinct values in `group` and `PANEL`, and `nrow`, `ncol` and the names of the columns or variables, and the class of `x` and `y` for each group in a `ggplot` as passed to the `compute_group` function in the `ggproto` object.



**Usage**

```
stat_debug_group(mapping = NULL, data = NULL, geom = "null",
  summary.fun = tibble::as_tibble, summary.fun.args = list(),
  position = "identity", na.rm = FALSE, show.legend = FALSE,
  inherit.aes = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

mapping	The aesthetic mapping, usually constructed with <a href="#">aes</a> or <a href="#">aes_</a> . Only needs to be set at the layer level if you are overriding the plot defaults.
data	A layer specific dataset - only needed if you want to override the plot defaults.
geom	The geometric object to use display the data
summary.fun	A function used to print the data object received as input.
summary.fun.args	A list.
position	The position adjustment to use for overlapping points on this layer
na.rm	a logical value indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the computation proceeds.
show.legend	logical. Should this layer be included in the legends? NA, the default, includes if any aesthetics are mapped. FALSE never includes, and TRUE always includes.
inherit.aes	If FALSE, overrides the default aesthetics, rather than combining with them. This is most useful for helper functions that define both data and aesthetics and shouldn't inherit behaviour from the default plot specification, e.g. <a href="#">borders</a> .
...	other arguments passed on to <a href="#">layer</a> . This can include aesthetics whose values you want to set, not map. See <a href="#">layer</a> for more details.

**Computed variables**

<b>x</b>	x at centre of range
<b>y</b>	y at centre of range
<b>nrow</b>	nrow() of data object
<b>ncol</b>	ncol() of data object
<b>colnames</b>	colnames() of data object
<b>colclasses</b>	class() of x and y columns in data object
<b>group</b>	all distinct values in group as passed in data object
<b>PANEL</b>	all distinct values in PANEL as passed in data object

**See Also**

Other diagnosis functions: [stat\\_debug\\_panel](#)

## Examples

```
library(ggplot2)
my.df <- data.frame(x = rep(1:10, 2),
                    y = rep(c(1,2), c(10,10)),
                    group = rep(c("A","B"), c(10,10)))
ggplot(my.df, aes(x,y)) + geom_point() + stat_debug_group()
ggplot(my.df, aes(x,y, colour = group)) + geom_point() + stat_debug_group()
ggplot(my.df, aes(x,y)) + geom_point() + facet_wrap(~group) + stat_debug_group()
```

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stat_debug_panel	<i>Print to console data received by the compute panel function.</i>
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## Description

stat\_debug reports all distinct values in group and PANEL, and nrow, ncol and the names of the columns or variables, and the class of x and y for each panel in a ggplot as passed to the compute\_panel function in the ggproto object.

## Usage

```
stat_debug_panel(mapping = NULL, data = NULL, geom = "null",
                 summary.fun = tibble::as_tibble, summary.fun.args = list(),
                 position = "identity", na.rm = FALSE, show.legend = FALSE,
                 inherit.aes = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

mapping	The aesthetic mapping, usually constructed with <a href="#">aes</a> or <a href="#">aes_</a> . Only needs to be set at the layer level if you are overriding the plot defaults.
data	A layer specific dataset - only needed if you want to override the plot defaults.
geom	The geometric object to use display the data
summary.fun	A function used to print the data object received as input.
summary.fun.args	A list.
position	The position adjustment to use for overlapping points on this layer
na.rm	a logical value indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the computation proceeds.
show.legend	logical. Should this layer be included in the legends? NA, the default, includes if any aesthetics are mapped. FALSE never includes, and TRUE always includes.
inherit.aes	If FALSE, overrides the default aesthetics, rather than combining with them. This is most useful for helper functions that define both data and aesthetics and shouldn't inherit behaviour from the default plot specification, e.g. <a href="#">borders</a> .
...	other arguments passed on to <a href="#">layer</a> . This can include aesthetics whose values you want to set, not map. See <a href="#">layer</a> for more details.

**Computed variables**

**x** x at centre of range

**y** y at centre of range

**nrow** nrow() of data object

**ncol** ncol() of data object

**colnames** colnames() of data object

**colclasses** class() of x and y columns in data object

**group** all distinct values in group as passed in data object

**PANEL** all distinct values in PANEL as passed in data object

**See Also**

Other diagnosis functions: [stat\\_debug\\_group](#)

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)
my.df <- data.frame(x = rep(1:10, 2),
                   y = rep(c(1,2), c(10,10)),
                   group = rep(c("A", "B"), c(10,10)))
ggplot(my.df, aes(x,y)) + geom_point() + stat_debug_panel()
ggplot(my.df, aes(x,y, colour = group)) + geom_point() + stat_debug_panel()
ggplot(my.df, aes(x,y)) + geom_point() + facet_wrap(~group) + stat_debug_panel()
```

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