

Package ‘ggfittext’

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altitudes	<i>Some craft and their altitudes</i>
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Description

Some craft and their altitudes

Usage

altitudes

Format

A data frame with 4 rows and 2 variables:

- craft** the name of the craft
- altitude** the craft’s normal cruising altitude in metres

animals	<i>Some animals and their attributes</i>
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Description

Some animals and their attributes

Usage

animals

Format

A data frame with 6 rows and 4 variables:

- animal** the name of the animal
- type** the type of animal
- flies** whether the animal can fly
- mass** the average mass of the animal in grams

animals_rich*Some animals and their attributes, in rich text*

Description

Some animals and their attributes, in rich text

Usage

```
animals_rich
```

Format

A data frame with 6 rows and 4 variables:

animal the name of the animal, in rich text

type the type of animal

flies whether the animal can fly

mass the average mass of the animal in grams

beverages*The compositions of some espresso-based beverages*

Description

The compositions of some espresso-based beverages

Usage

```
beverages
```

Format

A data frame with 6 rows and 3 variables:

beverage the name of the beverage

ingredient the ingredient

proportion the proportion of a cup to fill with the ingredient

beverages_rich	<i>The compositions of some espresso-based beverages, in rich text</i>
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Description

The compositions of some espresso-based beverages, in rich text

Usage

```
beverages_rich
```

Format

A data frame with 6 rows and 3 variables:

beverage the name of the beverage

ingredient the ingredient, in rich text

proportion the proportion of a cup to fill with the ingredient

geom_bar_text	<i>A 'ggplot2' geom to fit text inside a box</i>
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Description

geom_fit_text() shrinks, grows and wraps text to fit inside a defined box. geom_bar_text() is a convenience wrapper around geom_fit_text() for labelling bar plots generated with geom_col() and geom_bar().

Usage

```
geom_bar_text(
  mapping = NULL,
  data = NULL,
  stat = "identity",
  position = "identity",
  na.rm = FALSE,
  show.legend = NA,
  inherit.aes = TRUE,
  padding.x = grid::unit(1, "mm"),
  padding.y = grid::unit(1, "mm"),
  min.size = 8,
  place = NULL,
  outside = NULL,
  grow = FALSE,
  reflow = FALSE,
```

```

    hjust = NULL,
    vjust = NULL,
    fullheight = NULL,
    width = NULL,
    height = NULL,
    formatter = NULL,
    contrast = NULL,
    rich = FALSE,
    ...
)

geom_fit_text(
  mapping = NULL,
  data = NULL,
  stat = "identity",
  position = "identity",
  na.rm = FALSE,
  show.legend = NA,
  inherit.aes = TRUE,
  padding.x = grid::unit(1, "mm"),
  padding.y = grid::unit(1, "mm"),
  min.size = 4,
  place = "centre",
  outside = FALSE,
  grow = FALSE,
  reflow = FALSE,
  hjust = NULL,
  vjust = NULL,
  fullheight = NULL,
  width = NULL,
  height = NULL,
  formatter = NULL,
  contrast = FALSE,
  flip = FALSE,
  rich = FALSE,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

mapping	ggplot2::aes() object as standard in 'ggplot2'. Note that aesthetics specifying the box must be provided. See Details.
data, stat, position, na.rm, show.legend, inherit.aes, ...	Standard geom arguments as for ggplot2::geom_text().
padding.x, padding.y	Horizontal and vertical padding around the text, expressed in grid::unit() objects. Both default to 1 mm.
min.size	Minimum font size, in points. Text smaller than this, whether as supplied or

	after being shrunk to fit the box, will be hidden. Defaults to 4 pt (8 pt for <code>geom_bar_text()</code>).
place	Where inside the box to place the text. Default is 'centre'; other options are 'topleft', 'top', 'topright', 'right', 'bottomright', 'bottom', 'bottomleft', 'left', and 'center'/'middle' which are both synonyms for 'centre'. For <code>geom_bar_text()</code> , will be set heuristically if not specified.
outside	If TRUE, text placed in one of 'top', 'right', 'bottom' or 'left' that would need to be shrunk smaller than <code>min.size</code> to fit the box will be drawn outside the box if possible. This is mostly useful for drawing text inside bar/column geoms. Defaults to TRUE for <code>position = "identity"</code> when using <code>geom_bar_text()</code> , otherwise FALSE.
grow	If TRUE, text will be grown as well as shrunk to fill the box. Defaults to FALSE.
reflow	If TRUE, text will be reflowed (wrapped) to better fit the box. Defaults to FALSE.
hjust, vjust	Horizontal and vertical justification of the text. <code>vjust</code> defaults to 0.5. <code>hjust</code> defaults to 0.5, except for left placements ('left', 'topleft' and 'bottomleft'), where it defaults to 0, and right placements, where it defaults to 1.
fullheight	If TRUE, descenders will be counted when resizing and placing text; if FALSE, only the x-height and ascenders will be counted. The main use for this option is for aligning text at the baseline (FALSE) or preventing descenders from spilling outside the box (TRUE). By default this is set automatically depending on <code>grow</code> .
width, height	When using <code>x</code> and/or <code>y</code> aesthetics, these set the width and/or height of the box. These should be either <code>grid::unit()</code> objects or numeric values on the <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> scales.
formatter	A function that will be applied to the text before it is drawn. This is useful when using <code>geom_fit_text()</code> in contexts involving interpolated variables, such as with the 'gganimate' package. <code>formatter</code> will be applied serially to each element in the label column, so it does not need to be a vectorised function.
contrast	If TRUE and in combination with a <code>fill</code> aesthetic, the colour of the text will be inverted for better contrast against dark background fills. FALSE by default for <code>geom_fit_text()</code> , set heuristically for <code>geom_bar_text()</code> .
rich	If TRUE, text will be formatted with markdown and HTML markup as implemented by <code>gridtext::richtext_grob()</code> . FALSE by default. Rich text cannot be drawn in polar coordinates. Please note that rich text support is experimental and breaking changes are likely.
flip	If TRUE, when in polar coordinates 'upside-down' text will be flipped the 'right way up', to enhance readability.

Details

Except where noted, `geom_fit_text()` behaves more or less like `ggplot2::geom_text()`.

There are three ways to define the box in which you want the text to be drawn. The extents of the box on the `x` and `y` axes are independent, so any combination of these methods can be used:

1. If the `x` and/or `y` aesthetics are used to set the location of the box, the width and/or height will be set automatically based on the spacing between values on the axis, following the method used by `ggplot2::geom_boxplot()`.

2. Alternatively, if `x` and/or `y` aesthetics are used, the width and/or height of the box can be overridden with a `'width'` and/or `'height'` argument. These should be `grid::unit()` objects; if not, they will be assumed to use the native axis scale.
3. The boundaries of the box can be set using the aesthetics `'xmin'` and `'xmax'`, and/or `'ymin'` and `'ymax'`.

If the text is too big for the box, it will be shrunk to fit the box. With `grow = TRUE`, the text will be made to fill the box completely whether that requires shrinking or growing.

`reflow = TRUE` will cause the text to be reflowed (wrapped) to better fit in the box. If the text cannot be made to fit by reflowing alone, it will be reflowed then shrunk to fit the box. Existing line breaks in the text will be respected when reflowing.

`geom_fit_text()` includes experimental support for drawing text in polar coordinates (by adding `coord_polar()` to the plot), however not all features are available when doing so.

Aesthetics

- `label` (required)
- (`xmin` AND `xmax`) OR `x` (required)
- (`ymin` AND `ymax`) OR `y` (required)
- `alpha`
- `angle`
- `colour`
- `family`
- `fill` (with `contrast = TRUE`, used to select a contrasting text colour)
- `fontface`
- `lineheight`
- `size` (in points; note that this differs from `ggplot2::geom_text()`, which expresses size in mm)

`geom_bar_text()` requires only the `x` and `y` aesthetics, which are used to infer the extent of the bar. If no `label` aesthetic is provided, the bar's value (`y`, or `x` for flipped bars) will be used as the label.

Examples

```
ggplot2::ggplot(ggplot2::presidential, ggplot2::aes(ymin = start, ymax = end,  
  label = name, x = party)) +  
  geom_fit_text(grow = TRUE)
```

gold

Robert Frost's poem Nothing Gold Can Stay (1923)

Description

Robert Frost's poem *Nothing Gold Can Stay* (1923)

Usage

gold

Format

A data frame with 8 rows and 6 variables:

line a line from the poem

xmin the xmin coordinate with which to draw the line

xmax the xmax coordinate with which to draw the line

ymin the ymin coordinate with which to draw the line

ymax the ymax coordinate with which to draw the line

linenumber the line number

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