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 add\_sub

*Add annotation underneath a plot*


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### Description

This function can add an arbitrary label or mathematical expression underneath the plot, similar to the `sub` parameter in base R. It is mostly superseded now by the `caption` argument to `ggplot2::labs()`, and it is recommended to use `caption` instead of `add_sub()` whenever possible.

### Usage

```
add_sub(
  plot,
  label,
  x = 0.5,
  y = 0.5,
  hjust = 0.5,
  vjust = 0.5,
  vpadding = grid::unit(1, "lines"),
  fontfamily = "",
  fontface = "plain",
  color = "black",
  size = 14,
  angle = 0,
  lineheight = 0.9,
  colour
)
```

### Arguments

<code>plot</code>	A ggplot object or gtable object derived from a ggplot object.
<code>label</code>	The label with which the plot should be annotated. Can be a plotmath expression.
<code>x</code>	The x position of the label
<code>y</code>	The y position of the label
<code>hjust</code>	Horizontal justification
<code>vjust</code>	Vertical justification
<code>vpadding</code>	Vertical padding. The total vertical space added to the label, given in grid units. By default, this is added equally above and below the label. However, by changing the <code>y</code> and <code>vjust</code> parameters, this can be changed.
<code>fontfamily</code>	The font family
<code>fontface</code>	The font face ("plain", "bold", etc.)
<code>color, colour</code>	Text color

size	Point size of text
angle	Angle at which text is drawn
lineheight	Line height of text

### Details

The exact location where the label is placed is controlled by the parameters `x`, `y`, `hjust`, and `vjust`. By default, all these parameters are set to 0.5, which places the label centered underneath the plot panel. A value of `x = 0` indicates the left boundary of the plot panel and a value of `x = 1` indicates the right boundary. The parameter `hjust` works just as elsewhere in `ggplot2`. Thus, `x = 0`, `hjust = 0` places the label left-justified at the left boundary of the plot panel, `x = 0.5`, `hjust = 0.5` places the label centered underneath the plot panel, and `x = 1`, `hjust = 1` places it right-justified at the right boundary of the plot panel. `x`-values below 0 or above 1 are allowed, and they move the label beyond the limits of the plot panel.

The `y` coordinates are relative to the added vertical space that is introduced underneath the `x`-axis label to place the annotation. A value of `y=0` indicates the bottom-most edge of that space and a value of `y=1` indicates the top-most edge of that space. The total height of the added space is given by the height needed to draw the label plus the value of `vpadding`. Thus, if `y=0`, `vjust=0` then the extra padding is added entirely above the label, if `y=1`, `vjust=1` then the extra padding is added entirely below the label, and if `y=0.5`, `vjust=0.5` (the default) then the extra padding is added equally above and below the label. As is the case with `x`, `y`-values outside the range 0-1 are allowed. In particular, for sufficiently large values of `y`, the label will eventually be located inside the plot panel.

### Value

A `gtable` object holding the modified plot.

### Examples

```
library(ggplot2)
theme_set(theme_half_open())
p1 <- ggplot(mtcars, aes(mpg, disp)) + geom_line(colour = "blue") + background_grid(minor='none')
ggdraw(add_sub(p1, "This is an annotation.\nAnnotations can span multiple lines."))

# You can also do this repeatedly.
p2 <- add_sub(p1, "This formula has no relevance here:", y = 0, vjust = 0)
p3 <- add_sub(p2, expression(paste(a^2+b^2, " = ", c^2)))
ggdraw(p3)

#This code also works with faceted plots:
plot.iris <- ggplot(iris, aes(Sepal.Length, Sepal.Width)) +
  geom_point() + facet_grid(. ~ Species) + stat_smooth(method = "lm") +
  background_grid(major = 'y', minor = "none") + # add thin horizontal lines
  panel_border() # and a border around each panel
p2 <- add_sub(plot.iris, "Annotation underneath a faceted plot, left justified.", x = 0, hjust = 0)
ggdraw(p2)

# Finally, it is possible to move the annotation inside of the plot if desired.
ggdraw(add_sub(p1, "Annotation inside plot", vpadding=grid::unit(0, "lines"),
```

```
y = 6, x = 0.03, hjust = 0))
```

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align\_plots

Align multiple plots vertically and/or horizontally

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### Description

Align the plot area of multiple plots. Inputs are a list of plots plus alignment parameters. Horizontal or vertical alignment or both are possible. In the simplest case the function will align all elements of each plot, but it can handle more complex cases as long as the axis parameter is defined. In this case, alignment is done through a call to [align\\_margin\(\)](#). The function `align_plots` is called by the [plot\\_grid\(\)](#) function and is usually not called directly, though direct calling of the function is useful if plots with multiple y-axes are desired (see example).

### Usage

```
align_plots(
  ...,
  plotlist = NULL,
  align = c("none", "h", "v", "hv"),
  axis = c("none", "l", "r", "t", "b", "lr", "tb", "tblr"),
  greedy = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

...	List of plots to be aligned.
plotlist	(optional) List of plots to display. Alternatively, the plots can be provided individually as the first n arguments of the function <code>align_plots</code> (see <code>plot_grid</code> examples).
align	(optional) Specifies whether graphs in the grid should be horizontally ("h") or vertically ("v") aligned. Options are <code>align="none"</code> (default), "hv" (align in both directions), "h", and "v".
axis	(optional) Specifies whether graphs should be aligned by the left ("l"), right ("r"), top ("t"), or bottom ("b") margins. Options are <code>axis="none"</code> (default), or a string of any combination of "l", "r", "t", and/or "b" in any order (e.g. <code>axis="tblr"</code> or <code>axis="rlbt"</code> for aligning all margins)
greedy	(optional) Defines the alignment policy when alignment axes are specified via the <code>axis</code> option. <code>greedy = TRUE</code> tries to always align by adjusting the outmost margin. <code>greedy = FALSE</code> aligns all columns/rows in the gtable if possible.

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)

p1 <- ggplot(mpg, aes(manufacturer, hwy)) + stat_summary(fun.y="median", geom = "bar") +
  theme_half_open() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1, vjust= 1))
p2 <- ggplot(mpg, aes(manufacturer, displ)) + geom_point(color="red") +
  scale_y_continuous(position = "right") +
  theme_half_open() + theme(axis.text.x = element_blank())

# manually align and plot on top of each other
aligned_plots <- align_plots(p1, p2, align="hv", axis="tblr")

# Note: In most cases two y-axes should not be used, but this example
# illustrates how one could accomplish it.
ggdraw(aligned_plots[[1]]) + draw_plot(aligned_plots[[2]])
```

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as\_grob

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*Convert a base plot or a ggplot2 plot into a grob*


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**Description**

This function does its best attempt to take whatever you provide it and turn it into a grob. It is primarily meant to convert ggplot plots into grobs, but it will also take any grid object (grob), a recorded base R plot, a formula specifying a base R plot, a function that generates a base R plot, or a trellis object.

**Usage**

```
as_grob(plot, device = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

plot	The plot to convert
device	A function that creates an appropriate null device. See <a href="#">set_null_device()</a> for details. If set to NULL, will use the cowplot-wide default.

**Examples**

```
library(grid)
x <- 1:10
y <- (1:10)^2

p <- ~plot(x, y)
grid.newpage()
grid.draw(as_grob(p))
```

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as_gtable	<i>Convert plot or other graphics object into a gtable</i>
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### Description

This function does its best attempt to take whatever you provide it and turn it into a gtable. It is primarily meant to convert ggplot plots into gtables, but it will also take any grid object (grob), a recorded R base plot, or a function that generates an R base plot.

### Usage

```
as_gtable(plot)
```

```
plot_to_gtable(plot)
```

### Arguments

plot	The plot or other graphics object to convert into a gtable. Here, plot can be any object handled by <a href="#">as_grob()</a> .
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### Details

To convert ggplot plots, the function needs to use a null graphics device. This can be set with [set\\_null\\_device\(\)](#).

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axis_canvas	<i>Generates a canvas onto which one can draw axis-like objects.</i>
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### Description

This function takes an existing [ggplot2](#) plot and copies one or both of the axis into a new plot. The main idea is to use this in conjunction with [insert\\_xaxis\\_grob\(\)](#) or [insert\\_yaxis\\_grob\(\)](#) to draw custom axis-like objects or margin annotations. Importantly, while this function works for both continuous and discrete scales, notice that discrete scales are converted into continuous scales in the returned axis canvas. The levels of the discrete scale are placed at continuous values of 1, 2, 3, etc. See Examples for an example of how to convert a discrete scale into a continuous scale.

### Usage

```
axis_canvas(  
  plot,  
  axis = "y",  
  data = NULL,  
  mapping = aes(),  
  xlim = NULL,  
  ylim = NULL,  
  coord_flip = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**

plot	The plot defining the x and/or y axis range for the axis canvas.
axis	Specifies which axis to copy from plot. Can be "x", "y", or "xy".
data	(optional) Data to be displayed in this layer.
mapping	(optional) Aesthetic mapping to be used in this layer.
xlim	(optional) Vector of two numbers specifying the limits of the x axis. Ignored if the x axis is copied over from plot.
ylim	(optional) Vector of two numbers specifying the limits of the y axis. Ignored if the y axis is copied over from plot.
coord_flip	(optional) If true, flips the coordinate system and applies x limits to the y axis and vice versa. Useful in combination with <a href="#">ggplot2's coord_flip()</a> function.

**Examples**

```
# annotate line graphs with labels on the right
library(dplyr)
library(tidyr)
library(ggplot2)
theme_set(theme_half_open())
x <- seq(0, 10, .1)
d <- data.frame(x,
                linear = x,
                squared = x*x/5,
                cubed = x*x*x/25) %>%
  gather(fun, y, -x)

pmain <- ggplot(d, aes(x, y, group = fun)) + geom_line() +
  scale_x_continuous(expand = c(0, 0))

paxis <- axis_canvas(pmain, axis = "y") +
  geom_text(data = filter(d, x == max(x)), aes(y = y, label = paste0(" ", fun)),
           x = 0, hjust = 0, vjust = 0.5)
ggdraw(insert_yaxis_grob(pmain, paxis, grid::unit(.25, "null")))

# discrete scale with integrated color legend
pmain <- ggplot(iris, aes(x = Species, y = Sepal.Length, fill = Species)) +
  geom_violin(trim = FALSE) + guides(fill = "none") +
  scale_x_discrete(labels = NULL) +
  theme_minimal()

label_data <- data.frame(x = 1:nlevels(iris$Species),
                        Species = levels(iris$Species))
paxis <- axis_canvas(pmain, axis = "x", data = label_data, mapping = aes(x = x)) +
  geom_tile(aes(fill = Species, y = 0.5), width = 0.9, height = 0.3) +
  geom_text(aes(label = Species, y = 0.5), hjust = 0.5, vjust = 0.5, size = 11/.pt)
ggdraw(insert_xaxis_grob(pmain, paxis, grid::unit(.07, "null"),
                        position = "bottom"))

# add marginal density distributions to plot
```



```

pmain <- ggplot(iris, aes(x=Sepal.Length, y=Sepal.Width, color=Species)) + geom_point()

xdens <- axis_canvas(pmain, axis = "x") +
  geom_density(data=iris, aes(x=Sepal.Length, fill=Species), alpha=0.7, size=.2)

# need to set `coord_flip = TRUE` if you plan to use `coord_flip()`
ydens <- axis_canvas(pmain, axis = "y", coord_flip = TRUE) +
  geom_density(data=iris, aes(x=Sepal.Width, fill=Species), alpha=0.7, size=.2) +
  coord_flip()

p1 <- insert_xaxis_grob(pmain, xdens, grid::unit(.2, "null"), position = "top")
p2 <- insert_yaxis_grob(p1, ydens, grid::unit(.2, "null"), position = "right")
ggdraw(p2)

```

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background\_grid

Add/modify/remove the background grid in a ggplot2 plot

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## Description

This function provides a simple way to set the background grid in ggplot2. It doesn't do anything that can't be done just the same with [theme\(\)](#). However, it simplifies creation of the most commonly needed variations.

## Usage

```

background_grid(
  major = c("xy", "x", "y", "only_minor", "none"),
  minor = c("none", "xy", "x", "y"),
  size.major = 0.5,
  size.minor = 0.2,
  color.major = "grey85",
  color.minor = "grey85",
  colour.major,
  colour.minor
)

```

## Arguments

major	Specifies along which axes you would like to plot major grid lines. Options are "xy", "x", "y", "none".
minor	Specifies along which axes you would like to plot minor grid lines. Options are "xy", "x", "y", "none".
size.major	Size of the major grid lines.
size.minor	Size of the minor grid lines.
color.major, colour.major	Color of the major grid lines.
color.minor, colour.minor	Color of the minor grid lines.

## Details

Note: This function completely overwrites all background grid settings of the current theme. If that is not what you want, you may be better off using `theme()` directly.

## Examples

```
library(ggplot2)

ggplot(iris, aes(Sepal.Length, Sepal.Width)) +
  geom_point() +
  theme_half_open() +
  background_grid()
```

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draw_figure_label	<i>Add a label to a figure</i>
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## Description

The main purpose of this function is to add labels specifying extra information about the figure, such as "Figure 1", or "A" - often useful in cowplots with more than one pane. The function is similar to `draw_plot_label`.

## Usage

```
draw_figure_label(
  label,
  position = c("top.left", "top", "top.right", "bottom.left", "bottom", "bottom.right"),
  size,
  fontface,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

label	Label to be drawn
position	Position of the label, can be one of "top.left", "top", "top.right", "bottom.left", "bottom", "bottom.right". Default is "top.left"
size	(optional) Size of the label to be drawn. Default is the text size of the current theme
fontface	(optional) Font face of the label to be drawn. Default is the font face of the current theme
...	other arguments passed to <code>draw_plot_label</code>

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**See Also**[draw\\_plot\\_label](#)**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)
df <- data.frame(
  x = 1:10, y1 = 1:10, y2 = (1:10)^2, y3 = (1:10)^3, y4 = (1:10)^4
)

p1 <- ggplot(df, aes(x, y1)) + geom_point()
p2 <- ggplot(df, aes(x, y2)) + geom_point()
p3 <- ggplot(df, aes(x, y3)) + geom_point()
p4 <- ggplot(df, aes(x, y4)) + geom_point()

# Create a simple grid
p <- plot_grid(p1, p2, p3, p4, align = 'hv')

# Default font size and position
p + draw_figure_label(label = "Figure 1")

# Different position and font size
p + draw_figure_label(label = "Figure 1", position = "bottom.right", size = 10)

# Using bold font face
p + draw_figure_label(label = "Figure 1", fontface = "bold")

# Making the label red and slanted
p + draw_figure_label(label = "Figure 1", angle = -45, colour = "red")

# Labeling an individual plot
ggdraw(p2) + draw_figure_label(label = "Figure 1", position = "bottom.right", size = 10)
```

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draw\_grob

*Draw a grob.*

---

**Description**

Places an arbitrary grob somewhere onto the drawing canvas. By default, coordinates run from 0 to 1, and the point (0, 0) is in the lower left corner of the canvas.

**Usage**

```
draw_grob(
  grob,
  x = 0,
  y = 0,
  width = 1,
```

```

height = 1,
scale = 1,
clip = "inherit",
hjust = 0,
vjust = 0,
halign = 0.5,
valign = 0.5
)

```

### Arguments

grob	The grob to place.
x	The x location of the grob. (Left side if hjust = 0.)
y	The y location of the grob. (Bottom side if vjust = 0.)
width	Width of the grob.
height	Height of the grob.
scale	Scales the grob relative to the rectangle defined by x, y, width, height. A setting of scale = 1 indicates no scaling.
clip	Set to "on" to clip the grob or "inherit" to not clip. Note that clipping doesn't always work as expected, due to limitations of the grid graphics system.
hjust, vjust	Horizontal and vertical justification relative to x.
halign, valign	Horizontal and vertical justification of the grob inside the box.

### Examples

```

# A grid grob (here a blue circle)
g <- grid::circleGrob(gp = grid::gpar(fill = "blue"))
# place into the middle of the plotting area, at a scale of 50%
ggdraw() + draw_grob(g, scale = 0.5)

```

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draw\_image

*Draw an image*

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### Description

Places an image somewhere onto the drawing canvas. By default, coordinates run from 0 to 1, and the point (0, 0) is in the lower left corner of the canvas. Requires the magick package to work, and fails gracefully if that package is not installed.

**Usage**

```
draw_image(
  image,
  x = 0,
  y = 0,
  width = 1,
  height = 1,
  scale = 1,
  clip = "inherit",
  interpolate = TRUE,
  hjust = 0,
  vjust = 0,
  halign = 0.5,
  valign = 0.5
)
```

**Arguments**

image	The image to place. Can be a file path, a URL, or a raw vector with image data, as in <code>magick::image_read()</code> . Can also be an image previously created by <code>magick::image_read()</code> and related functions.
x	The x location of the image. (Left side if <code>hjust = 0</code> .)
y	The y location of the image. (Bottom side if <code>vjust = 0</code> .)
width	Width of the image.
height	Height of the image.
scale	Scales the image relative to the rectangle defined by <code>x</code> , <code>y</code> , <code>width</code> , <code>height</code> . A setting of <code>scale = 1</code> indicates no scaling.
clip	Set to "on" to clip the image relative to the box into which it is draw (useful for <code>scale &gt; 1</code> ). Note that clipping doesn't always work as expected, due to limitations of the grid graphics system.
interpolate	A logical value indicating whether to linearly interpolate the image (the alternative is to use nearest-neighbour interpolation, which gives a more blocky result).
hjust, vjust	Horizontal and vertical justification relative to <code>x</code> .
halign, valign	Horizontal and vertical justification of the image inside the box.

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)

# Use image as plot background
p <- ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, fill = Species)) +
  geom_density(alpha = 0.7) +
  scale_y_continuous(expand = expansion(mult = c(0, 0.05))) +
  theme_half_open(12)

logo_file <- system.file("extdata", "logo.png", package = "cowplot")
```

```

ggdraw() +
  draw_image(
    logo_file, scale = .7
  ) +
  draw_plot(p)

# Place in lower right corner
ggdraw() +
  draw_image(
    logo_file, scale = .3, x = 1,
    hjust = 1, halign = 1, valign = 0
  ) +
  draw_plot(p)

## Not run:

# Make grid with plot and image
cow_file <- system.file("extdata", "cow.jpg", package = "cowplot")
p2 <- ggdraw() + draw_image(cow_file, scale = 0.9)
plot_grid(
  p + theme(legend.position = c(1, 1), legend.justification = c(1, 1)),
  p2,
  labels = "AUTO"
)

# Manipulate images and draw in plot coordinates
if (requireNamespace("magick", quietly = TRUE)){
  img <- magick::image_transparent(
    magick::image_read(logo_file),
    color = "white"
  )
  img2 <- magick::image_negate(img)
  ggplot(data.frame(x = 1:3, y = 1:3), aes(x, y)) +
    geom_point(size = 3) +
    geom_abline(slope = 1, intercept = 0, linetype = 2, color = "blue") +
    draw_image(img , x = 1, y = 1, scale = .9) +
    draw_image(img2, x = 2, y = 2, scale = .9)
}

## End(Not run)

```

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draw\_label

*Draw a text label or mathematical expression.*


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### Description

This function can draw either a character string or mathematical expression at the given coordinates. It works both on top of ggdraw and directly with ggplot, depending on which coordinate system is desired (see examples).

**Usage**

```
draw_label(  
  label,  
  x = 0.5,  
  y = 0.5,  
  hjust = 0.5,  
  vjust = 0.5,  
  fontfamily = "",  
  fontface = "plain",  
  color = "black",  
  size = 14,  
  angle = 0,  
  lineheight = 0.9,  
  alpha = 1,  
  colour  
)
```

**Arguments**

label	String or plotmath expression to be drawn.
x	The x location (origin) of the label.
y	The y location (origin) of the label.
hjust	Horizontal justification. Default = 0.5 (centered on x). 0 = flush-left at x, 1 = flush-right.
vjust	Vertical justification. Default = 0.5 (centered on y). 0 = baseline at y, 1 = ascender at y.
fontfamily	The font family
fontface	The font face ("plain", "bold", etc.)
color, colour	Text color
size	Point size of text
angle	Angle at which text is drawn
lineheight	Line height of text
alpha	The alpha value of the text

**Details**

By default, the x and y coordinates specify the center of the text box. Set `hjust = 0`, `vjust = 0` to specify the lower left corner, and other values of `hjust` and `vjust` for any other relative location you want to specify.

**See Also**

[ggdraw](#)

**Examples**

```

library(ggplot2)

# setup plot and a label (regression description)
p <- ggplot(mtcars, aes(displ, mpg)) +
  geom_line(color = "blue") +
  theme_half_open() +
  background_grid(minor = 'none')
out <- cor.test(mtcars$displ, mtcars$mpg, method = 'sp', exact = FALSE)
label <- substitute(
  paste("Spearman ", rho, " = ", estimate, ", P = ", pvalue),
  list(estimate = signif(out$estimate, 2), pvalue = signif(out$p.value, 2))
)

# Add label to plot, centered on {x,y} (in data coordinates)
p + draw_label(label, x = 300, y = 32)
# Add label to plot in data coordinates, flush-left at x, baseline at y.
p + draw_label(label, x = 100, y = 30, hjust = 0, vjust = 0)

# Add labels via ggdraw. Uses ggdraw coordinates.
# ggdraw coordinates default to xlim = c(0, 1), ylim = c(0, 1).
ggdraw(p) +
  draw_label("centered on 70% of x range,\n90% of y range", x = 0.7, y = 0.9)

ggdraw(p) +
  draw_label("bottom left at (0, 0)", x = 0, y = 0, hjust = 0, vjust = 0) +
  draw_label("top right at (1, 1)", x = 1, y = 1, hjust = 1, vjust = 1) +
  draw_label("centered on (0.5, 0.5)", x = 0.5, y = 0.5, hjust = 0.5, vjust = 0.5)

```

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draw\_line

*Draw a line from connected points*


---

**Description**

Provide a sequence of x values and accompanying y values to draw a line on a plot.

**Usage**

```
draw_line(x, y, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	Vector of x coordinates.
y	Vector of y coordinates.
...	geom_path parameters such as colour, alpha, size, etc.

**Details**

This is a convenience function, providing a wrapper around ggplot2's geom\_path.



**See Also**[geom\\_path](#), [ggdraw](#)**Examples**

```
ggdraw() +
  draw_line(
    x = c(0.2, 0.7, 0.7, 0.3),
    y = c(0.1, 0.3, 0.9, 0.8),
    color = "blue", size = 2
  )
```

draw\_plot

*Draw a (sub)plot.***Description**

Places a plot somewhere onto the drawing canvas. By default, coordinates run from 0 to 1, and the point (0, 0) is in the lower left corner of the canvas.

**Usage**

```
draw_plot(
  plot,
  x = 0,
  y = 0,
  width = 1,
  height = 1,
  scale = 1,
  hjust = 0,
  vjust = 0,
  halign = 0.5,
  valign = 0.5
)
```

**Arguments**

plot	The plot to place. Can be a ggplot2 plot, an arbitrary grob or gtable, or a recorded base-R plot, as in <a href="#">as_grob()</a> .
x	The x location of the plot. (Left side if hjust = 0.)
y	The y location of the plot. (Bottom side if vjust = 0.)
width	Width of the plot.
height	Height of the plot.
scale	Scales the grob relative to the rectangle defined by x, y, width, height. A setting of scale = 1 indicates no scaling.
hjust, vjust	Horizontal and vertical justification relative to x.
halign, valign	Horizontal and vertical justification of the plot inside the box.

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)

# make a plot
p <- ggplot(data.frame(x = 1:3, y = 1:3), aes(x, y)) +
  geom_point()
# draw into the top-right corner of a larger plot area
ggdraw() + draw_plot(p, .6, .6, .4, .4)
```

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draw_plot_label	<i>Add a label to a plot</i>
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**Description**

This function adds a plot label to the upper left corner of a graph (or an arbitrarily specified position). It takes all the same parameters as `draw_text()`, but has defaults that make it convenient to label graphs with letters A, B, C, etc. Just like `draw_text()`, it can handle vectors of labels with associated coordinates.

**Usage**

```
draw_plot_label(
  label,
  x = 0,
  y = 1,
  hjust = -0.5,
  vjust = 1.5,
  size = 16,
  fontface = "bold",
  family = NULL,
  color = NULL,
  colour,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

label	String (or vector of strings) to be drawn as the label.
x	The x position (or vector thereof) of the label(s).
y	The y position (or vector thereof) of the label(s).
hjust	Horizontal adjustment.
vjust	Vertical adjustment.
size	Font size of the label to be drawn.
fontface	Font face of the label to be drawn.

family	(optional) Font family of the plot labels. If not provided, is taken from the current theme.
color, colour	(optional) Color of the plot labels. If not provided, is taken from the current theme.
...	Other arguments to be handed to draw_text.

---

draw_text	<i>Draw multiple text-strings in one go.</i>
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## Description

This is a convenience function to plot multiple pieces of text at the same time. It cannot handle mathematical expressions, though. For those, use `draw_label`.

## Usage

```
draw_text(text, x = 0.5, y = 0.5, size = 14, hjust = 0.5, vjust = 0.5, ...)
```

## Arguments

text	A vector of Character (not expressions) specifying the string(s) to be written.
x	Vector of x coordinates.
y	Vector of y coordinates.
size	Font size of the text to be drawn.
hjust	(default = 0.5)
vjust	(default = 0.5)
...	Style parameters, such as colour, alpha, angle, size, etc.

## Details

Note that font sizes are scaled by a factor of 2.85, so sizes agree with those of the theme. This is different from `geom_text` in `ggplot2`.

By default, the x and y coordinates specify the center of the text box. Set `hjust = 0`, `vjust = 0` to specify the lower left corner, and other values of `hjust` and `vjust` for any other relative location you want to specify.

For a full list of ... options, see [geom\\_label](#).

## See Also

[draw\\_label](#)

## Examples

```
# Draw onto a 1*1 drawing surface
ggdraw() + draw_text("Hello World!", x = 0.5, y = 0.5)
#
# Adorn a plot from the Anscombe data set of "identical" data.
library(ggplot2)

p <- ggplot(anscombe, aes(x1, y1)) + geom_point() + geom_smooth()
three_strings <- c("Hello World!", "to be or not to be", "over and out")
p + draw_text(three_strings, x = 8:10, y = 5:7, hjust = 0)
```

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get\_legend

*Retrieve the legend of a plot*

---

## Description

This function extracts just the legend from a ggplot

## Usage

```
get_legend(plot)
```

## Arguments

plot            A ggplot or gtable from which to retrieve the legend

## Value

A gtable object holding just the legend or NULL if there is no legend.

## Examples

```
library(ggplot2)
theme_set(theme_half_open())

p1 <- ggplot(mtcars, aes(mpg, disp)) + geom_line()
plot.mpg <- ggplot(mpg, aes(x = cty, y = hwy, colour = factor(cyl))) + geom_point(size=2.5)
# Note that these cannot be aligned vertically due to the legend in the plot.mpg
ggdraw(plot_grid(p1, plot.mpg, ncol=1, align='v'))

legend <- get_legend(plot.mpg)
plot.mpg <- plot.mpg + theme(legend.position='none')
# Now plots are aligned vertically with the legend to the right
ggdraw(plot_grid(plot_grid(p1, plot.mpg, ncol=1, align='v'),
  plot_grid(NULL, legend, ncol=1),
  rel_widths=c(1, 0.2)))
```

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get_panel	<i>Retrieve the panel or part of a panel of a plot</i>
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**Description**

get\_panel() extracts just the main panel from a ggplot or a specified panel in a faceted plot. get\_panel\_component() extracts components from the panel, such as geoms.

**Usage**

```
get_panel(plot, panel = NULL, return_all = FALSE)

get_panel_component(panel, pattern)
```

**Arguments**

plot	A ggplot or gtable from which to retrieve the panel
panel	An integer indicating which panel to pull. ggplot orders panels column-wise, so this is in order from the top left down.
return_all	If there is more than one panel, should all be returned as a list? Default is FALSE.
pattern	the name of the component

**Value**

A gtable object holding the panel(s) or a grob of the component

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)

p <- ggplot(mpg, aes(displ, cty)) + geom_point()
plot_panel <- get_panel(p)
ggdraw(plot_panel)

ggdraw(get_panel_component(plot_panel, "geom_point"))
```

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get_plot_component	<i>Get plot components</i>
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**Description**

Extract plot components from a ggplot or gtable. get\_plot\_component() extracts grobs or a list of grobs. plot\_component\_names() provides the names of the components in the plot. plot\_components() returns all components as a list.

**Usage**

```
get_plot_component(plot, pattern, return_all = FALSE)

plot_component_names(plot)

plot_components(plot)
```

**Arguments**

plot	A ggplot or gtable to extract from.
pattern	The name of the component.
return_all	If there is more than one component, should all be returned as a list? Default is FALSE.

**Value**

A grob or list of grobs (`get_plot_component()`, `plot_components()`) or a character vector (`plot_component_names()`)

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)

p <- ggplot(mpg, aes(displ, cty)) + geom_point()
ggdraw(get_plot_component(p, "ylab-1"))
```

---

get\_title

*Get plot titles*

---

**Description**

These functions extract just the titles from a ggplot. `get_title()` pulls the title, while `get_subtitle()` pulls the subtitle.

**Usage**

```
get_title(plot)

get_subtitle(plot)
```

**Arguments**

plot	A ggplot or gtable.
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**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)

p <- ggplot(mpg, aes(displ, cty)) +
  geom_point() +
  labs(
    title = "Plot title",
    subtitle = "Plot subtitle"
  )
ggdraw(get_title(p))
ggdraw(get_subtitle(p))
```

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get\_y\_axis

*Get plot axes*

---

**Description**

These functions extract just the axes from a ggplot. `get_y_axis()` pulls the y-axis, while `get_x_axis()` pulls the x-axis.

**Usage**

```
get_y_axis(plot, position = c("left", "right"))

get_x_axis(plot, position = c("bottom", "top"))
```

**Arguments**

<code>plot</code>	A ggplot or gtable.
<code>position</code>	Which side of the plot is the axis on? For the x-axis, this can be "top" or "bottom", and for the y-axis, it can be "left" or "right".

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)

p <- ggplot(mpg, aes(displ, cty)) +
  geom_point()

ggdraw(get_y_axis(p))
p <- p + scale_x_continuous(position = "top")
ggdraw(get_x_axis(p, position = "top"))
```

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ggdraw	<i>Set up a drawing layer on top of a ggplot</i>
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**Description**

Set up a drawing layer on top of a ggplot.

**Usage**

```
ggdraw(plot = NULL, xlim = c(0, 1), ylim = c(0, 1), clip = "off")
```

**Arguments**

plot	The plot to use as a starting point. Can be a ggplot2 plot, an arbitrary grob or gtable, or a recorded base-R plot, as in <a href="#">as_grob()</a> .
xlim	The x-axis limits for the drawing layer.
ylim	The y-axis limits for the drawing layer.
clip	Should drawing be clipped to the set limits? The default is no ("off").

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)

p <- ggplot(mpg, aes(displ, cty)) +
  geom_point() +
  theme_minimal_grid()
ggdraw(p) + draw_label("Draft", colour = "#80404080", size = 120, angle = 45)
```

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ggsave2	<i>Cowplot reimplement of ggsave().</i>
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**Description**

This function behaves just like [ggsave\(\)](#) from ggplot2. The main difference is that by default it doesn't use the Dingbats font for pdf output. The Dingbats font causes problems with some pdf readers.

**Usage**

```
ggsave2(
  filename,
  plot = ggplot2::last_plot(),
  device = NULL,
  path = NULL,
  scale = 1,
```



```

width = NA,
height = NA,
units = c("in", "cm", "mm"),
dpi = 300,
limitsize = TRUE,
...
)

```

### Arguments

filename	Filename of the plot.
plot	Plot to save, defaults to last plot displayed.
device	Device to use, automatically extract from file name extension.
path	Path to save plot to (if you just want to set path and not filename).
scale	Scaling factor.
width	Width (defaults to the width of current plotting window).
height	Height (defaults to the height of current plotting window).
units	Units for width and height when either one is explicitly specified (in, cm, or mm).
dpi	DPI to use for raster graphics.
limitsize	When TRUE (the default), ggsave2() will not save images larger than 50x50 inches, to prevent the common error of specifying dimensions in pixels.
...	Other arguments to be handed to the plot device.

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`gtable_remove_grobs` *Remove named elements from gtable*

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### Description

Remove named elements from gtable

### Usage

```
gtable_remove_grobs(table, names, ...)
```

### Arguments

table	The table from which grobs should be removed
names	A character vector of the grob names (as listed in <code>table\$layout</code> ) that should be removed
...	Other parameters passed through to <code>gtable_filter</code> .

---

`gtable_squash_cols`     *Set the width of given columns to 0.*

---

**Description**

Set the width of given columns to 0.

**Usage**

```
gtable_squash_cols(table, cols)
```

**Arguments**

`table`             The gtable on which to operate  
`cols`               Numerical vector indicating the columns whose width should be set to zero.

---

`gtable_squash_rows`     *Set the height of given rows to 0.*

---

**Description**

Set the height of given rows to 0.

**Usage**

```
gtable_squash_rows(table, rows)
```

**Arguments**

`table`             The gtable on which to operate  
`rows`               Numerical vector indicating the rows whose heights should be set to zero.

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insert\_xaxis\_grob      *Insert an axis-like grob on either side of a plot panel in a [ggplot2](#) plot.*

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### Description

The function `insert_xaxis_grob()` inserts a grob at the top or bottom of the plot panel in a [ggplot2](#) plot.

### Usage

```
insert_xaxis_grob(  
  plot,  
  grob,  
  height = grid::unit(0.2, "null"),  
  position = c("top", "bottom"),  
  clip = "on"  
)  
  
insert_yaxis_grob(  
  plot,  
  grob,  
  width = grid::unit(0.2, "null"),  
  position = c("right", "left"),  
  clip = "on"  
)
```

### Arguments

plot	The plot into which the grob will be inserted.
grob	The grob to insert. This will generally have been obtained via <a href="#">get_panel()</a> from a <a href="#">ggplot2</a> object, in particular one generated with <a href="#">axis_canvas()</a> . If a <a href="#">ggplot2</a> plot is provided instead of a grob, then <a href="#">get_panel()</a> is called to extract the panel grob.
height	The height of the grob, in grid units. Used by <code>insert_xaxis_grob()</code> .
position	The position of the grob. Can be "right" or "left" for <code>insert_yaxis_grob()</code> and "top" or "bottom" for <code>insert_xaxis_grob()</code> .
clip	Set to "off" to turn off clipping of the inserted grob.
width	The width of the grob, in grid units. Used by <code>insert_yaxis_grob()</code> .

### Details

For usage examples, see [axis\\_canvas\(\)](#).

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panel_border	<i>Add/remove the panel border in a ggplot2 plot</i>
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### Description

This function provides a simple way to modify the panel border in ggplot2. It doesn't do anything that can't be done just the same with theme(). However, it saves some typing.

### Usage

```
panel_border(color = "grey85", size = 1, linetype = 1, remove = FALSE, colour)
```

### Arguments

color, colour	The color of the border.
size	Size. Needs to be twice as large as desired outcome when panel clipping is on (the default).
linetype	Line type.
remove	If TRUE, removes the current panel border.

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plot_grid	<i>Arrange multiple plots into a grid</i>
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### Description

Arrange multiple plots into a grid.

### Usage

```
plot_grid(
  ...,
  plotlist = NULL,
  align = c("none", "h", "v", "hv"),
  axis = c("none", "l", "r", "t", "b", "lr", "tb", "tblr"),
  nrow = NULL,
  ncol = NULL,
  rel_widths = 1,
  rel_heights = 1,
  labels = NULL,
  label_size = 14,
  label_fontfamily = NULL,
  label_fontface = "bold",
  label_colour = NULL,
  label_x = 0,
```

```

    label_y = 1,
    hjust = -0.5,
    vjust = 1.5,
    scale = 1,
    greedy = TRUE,
    byrow = TRUE,
    cols = NULL,
    rows = NULL
  )

```

## Arguments

...	List of plots to be arranged into the grid. The plots can be any objects that the function <code>as_gtable()</code> can handle (see also examples).
plotlist	(optional) List of plots to display. Alternatively, the plots can be provided individually as the first <code>n</code> arguments of the function <code>plot_grid</code> (see examples).
align	(optional) Specifies whether graphs in the grid should be horizontally ("h") or vertically ("v") aligned. Options are "none" (default), "hv" (align in both directions), "h", and "v".
axis	(optional) Specifies whether graphs should be aligned by the left ("l"), right ("r"), top ("t"), or bottom ("b") margins. Options are "none" (default), or a string of any combination of l, r, t, and b in any order (e.g. "tblr" or "rlbt" for aligning all margins). Must be specified if any of the graphs are complex (e.g. faceted) and alignment is specified and desired. See <code>align_plots()</code> for details.
nrow	(optional) Number of rows in the plot grid.
ncol	(optional) Number of columns in the plot grid.
rel_widths	(optional) Numerical vector of relative columns widths. For example, in a two-column grid, <code>rel_widths = c(2, 1)</code> would make the first column twice as wide as the second column.
rel_heights	(optional) Numerical vector of relative rows heights. Works just as <code>rel_widths</code> does, but for rows rather than columns.
labels	(optional) List of labels to be added to the plots. You can also set <code>labels="AUTO"</code> to auto-generate upper-case labels or <code>labels="auto"</code> to auto-generate lower-case labels.
label_size	(optional) Numerical value indicating the label size. Default is 14.
label_fontfamily	(optional) Font family of the plot labels. If not provided, is taken from the current theme.
label_fontface	(optional) Font face of the plot labels. Default is "bold".
label_colour	(optional) Color of the plot labels. If not provided, is taken from the current theme.
label_x	(optional) Single value or vector of x positions for plot labels, relative to each subplot. Defaults to 0 for all labels. (Each label is placed all the way to the left of each plot.)

label_y	(optional) Single value or vector of y positions for plot labels, relative to each subplot. Defaults to 1 for all labels. (Each label is placed all the way to the top of each plot.)
hjust	Adjusts the horizontal position of each label. More negative values move the label further to the right on the plot canvas. Can be a single value (applied to all labels) or a vector of values (one for each label). Default is -0.5.
vjust	Adjusts the vertical position of each label. More positive values move the label further down on the plot canvas. Can be a single value (applied to all labels) or a vector of values (one for each label). Default is 1.5.
scale	Individual number or vector of numbers greater than 0. Enables you to scale the size of all or select plots. Usually it's preferable to set margins instead of using scale, but scale can sometimes be more powerful.
greedy	(optional) How should margins be adjusted during alignment. See <a href="#">align_plots()</a> for details.
byrow	Logical value indicating if the plots should be arranged by row (default) or by column.
cols	Deprecated. Use ncol.
rows	Deprecated. Use nrow.

## Examples

```
library(ggplot2)

df <- data.frame(
  x = 1:10, y1 = 1:10, y2 = (1:10)^2, y3 = (1:10)^3, y4 = (1:10)^4
)

p1 <- ggplot(df, aes(x, y1)) + geom_point()
p2 <- ggplot(df, aes(x, y2)) + geom_point()
p3 <- ggplot(df, aes(x, y3)) + geom_point()
p4 <- ggplot(df, aes(x, y4)) + geom_point()
p5 <- ggplot(mpg, aes(as.factor(year), hwy)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  facet_wrap(~class, scales = "free_y")

# simple grid
plot_grid(p1, p2, p3, p4)

# simple grid with labels and aligned plots
plot_grid(
  p1, p2, p3, p4,
  labels = c('A', 'B', 'C', 'D'),
  align="hv"
)

# manually setting the number of rows, auto-generate upper-case labels
plot_grid(p1, p2, p3,
  nrow = 3,
  labels = "AUTO",
  label_size = 12,
```

```
    align = "v"
  )

# making rows and columns of different widths/heights
plot_grid(
  p1, p2, p3, p4,
  align = 'hv',
  rel_heights = c(2,1),
  rel_widths = c(1,2)
)

# aligning complex plots in a grid
plot_grid(
  p1, p5,
  align = "h", axis = "b", nrow = 1, rel_widths = c(1, 2)
)

# more examples

#' # missing plots in some grid locations, auto-generate lower-case labels
plot_grid(
  p1, NULL, NULL, p2, p3, NULL,
  ncol = 2,
  labels = "auto",
  label_size = 12,
  align = "v"
)

# can arrange plots on the grid by column as well as by row.
plot_grid(
  p1, NULL, p2, NULL, p3,
  ncol = 2,
  byrow = TRUE
)

# can align top of plotting area as well as bottom
plot_grid(
  p1, p5,
  align = "h", axis = "tb",
  nrow = 1, rel_widths = c(1, 2)
)

# other types of plots not generated with ggplot
p6 <- ~{
  par(
    mar = c(3, 3, 1, 1),
    mgp = c(2, 1, 0)
  )
  plot(sqrt)
}

p7 <- function() {
  par(
```

```

    mar = c(2, 2, 1, 1),
    mgp = c(2, 1, 0)
  )
  image(volcano)
}
p8 <- grid::circleGrob()

plot_grid(p1, p6, p7, p8, labels = "AUTO", scale = c(1, .9, .9, .7))

```

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png\_null\_device      *Null devices*

---

### Description

Null devices to be used when rendering graphics in the background. See [set\\_null\\_device\(\)](#) for details.

### Usage

```

png_null_device(width, height)

pdf_null_device(width, height)

cairo_null_device(width, height)

agg_null_device(width, height)

```

### Arguments

width	Device width in inch
height	Device height in inch

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rectangle\_key\_glyph      *Create customizable legend key glyphs*

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### Description

These functions create customizable legend key glyphs, such as filled rectangles or circles.



**Usage**

```
rectangle_key_glyph(
  colour = NA,
  fill = fill,
  alpha = alpha,
  size = size,
  linetype = linetype,
  padding = unit(c(0, 0, 0, 0), "pt"),
  color
)

circle_key_glyph(
  colour = NA,
  fill = fill,
  alpha = alpha,
  size = size,
  linetype = linetype,
  padding = unit(c(0, 0, 0, 0), "pt"),
  color
)
```

**Arguments**

colour, color	Unquoted name of the aesthetic to use for the outline color, usually colour, color, or fill. Can also be a color constant, e.g. "red".
fill	Unquoted name of the aesthetic to use for the fill color, usually colour, color, or fill. Can also be a color constant, e.g. "red".
alpha	Unquoted name of the aesthetic to use for alpha, usually alpha. Can also be a numerical constant, e.g. 0.5.
size	Unquoted name of the aesthetic to use for the line thickness of the outline, usually size. Can also be a numerical constant, e.g. 0.5.
linetype	Unquoted name of the aesthetic to use for the line type of the outline, usually linetype. Can also be a constant, e.g. 2.
padding	Unit vector with four elements specifying the top, right, bottom, and left padding from the edges of the legend key to the edges of the key glyph.

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)

set.seed(1233)
df <- data.frame(
  x = sample(letters[1:2], 10, TRUE),
  y = rnorm(10)
)

ggplot(df, aes(x, y, color = x)) +
  geom_boxplot(
```

```

    key_glyph = rectangle_key_glyph(fill = color, padding = margin(3, 3, 3, 3))
  )

ggplot(df, aes(x, y, color = x)) +
  geom_boxplot(
    key_glyph = circle_key_glyph(
      fill = color,
      color = "black", linetype = 3, size = 0.3,
      padding = margin(2, 2, 2, 2)
    )
  )
)

```

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save\_plot

*Alternative to ggsave(), with better support for multi-figure plots.*


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### Description

This function replaces the standard `ggsave()` function for saving a plot into a file. It has several advantages over `ggsave()`. First, it uses default sizes that work well with the `cowplot` theme, so that frequently a plot size does not have to be explicitly specified. Second, it acknowledges that one often first develops individual plots and then combines them into multi-plot figures, and it makes it easy—in combination with `plot_grid()`—to carry out this workflow. Finally, it makes it easy to adjust the aspect ratio of the figure, which is frequently necessary to accommodate plots with or without figure legend.

### Usage

```

save_plot(
  filename,
  plot,
  ncol = 1,
  nrow = 1,
  base_height = 3.71,
  base_asp = 1.618,
  base_width = NULL,
  ...,
  cols,
  rows,
  base_aspect_ratio,
  width,
  height
)

```

### Arguments

filename	Name of the plot file to generate.
plot	Plot to save.

ncol	Number of subplot columns.
nrow	Number of subplot rows.
base_height	The height (in inches) of the plot or of one sub-plot if nrow or ncol > 1. Default is 3.71.
base_asp	The aspect ratio (width/height) of the plot or of one sub-plot if nrow or ncol > 1. This argument is used if base_width = NULL or if base_height = NULL; if both width and height are provided then the aspect ratio is ignored. The default is 1.618 (the golden ratio), which works well for figures with a legend.
base_width	The width (in inches) of the plot or of one sub-plot if nrow or ncol > 1. Default is NULL, which means that the width is calculated from base_height and base_aspect_ratio.
...	Other arguments to be handed to <code>ggsave2()</code> .
cols	Deprecated. Use ncol.
rows	Deprecated. Use nrow.
base_aspect_ratio	Deprecated. Use base_asp.
width	Deprecated. Don't use.
height	Deprecated. Don't use.

## Details

The key idea for this function is that plots are often grids, with sup-plots at the individual grid locations. Therefore, for this function we specify a base width and aspect ratio that apply to one sup-plot, and we then specify how many rows and columns of subplots we have. This means that if we have code that can save a single figure, it is trivial to adapt this code to save a combination of multiple comparable figures. See examples for details.

## Examples

```
library(ggplot2)

# save a single plot with a legend
p1 <- ggplot(mpg, aes(x = cty, y = hwy, color = factor(cyl))) +
  geom_point(size = 2) +
  theme_half_open()

file1 <- tempfile("file1", fileext = ".png")
file2 <- tempfile("file2", fileext = ".png")
save_plot(file1, p1)
# same as file1 but determine base_width given base_height
save_plot(file2, p1, base_height = NULL, base_width = 6)

# save a single plot without legend, adjust aspect ratio
x <- (1:100)/10
p3 <- ggplot(data.frame(x = x, y = x*sin(x)), aes(x, y)) +
  geom_line() +
  theme_minimal_hgrid()
file3 <- tempfile("file3", fileext = ".pdf")
```

```
save_plot(file3, p3, base_asp = 1.1)

# now combine with a second plot and save
p3b <- ggplot(data.frame(x = x, y = cos(x)+x), aes(x, y)) +
  geom_line() +
  theme_minimal_hgrid()
p4 <- plot_grid(p3, p3b, labels = "AUTO")
file4 <- tempfile("file4", fileext = ".pdf")
save_plot(file4, p4, ncol = 2, base_asp = 1.1)
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set_null_device	<i>Sets the null graphics device</i>
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### Description

The function `as_grob()` needs to open a graphics device to render ggplot objects into grid graphics objects. Unfortunately, there is no universally reliable graphics device available in R that always works. Therefore, this function allows you to switch out the null device.

### Usage

```
set_null_device(null_device)
```

### Arguments

`null_device` Either a string that defines the null device ("pdf", "png", "cairo", "agg") or a function that returns a new graphics device.

### Details

You need to be aware that some graphics devices cause side effects when used as null devices. If you use an interactive device as null device, you may see an empty plot window pop up. Similarly, if you use a graphics device that writes a file, then you may find temporary files associated with the device. The default null device, pdf(NULL), does not cause these side effects. However, it has other limitations. For example, on OS X, it cannot use all the fonts that are available on the system. The ragg device can use all fonts, but it will create temporary files.

### See Also

Available null devices are: `pdf_null_device()`, `png_null_device()`, `cairo_null_device()`, `agg_null_device()`

**Examples**

```
set_null_device("png") # set the png null device

# create a jpeg null device
jpeg_null_device <- function(width, height) {
  jpeg(
    filename = tempfile(pattern = "jpeg_null_plot", fileext = ".jpg"),
    width = width, height = height, units = "in", res = 96
  )
  dev.control("enable")
}
set_null_device(jpeg_null_device)
```

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stamp

*Stamp plots with a label, such as good, bad, or ugly.*

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**Description**

Stamp plots with a label, such as good, bad, or ugly.

**Usage**

```
stamp(
  p,
  label,
  color = "black",
  alpha = 1,
  vjust = 1.1,
  hjust = 1,
  size = 14,
  family = "",
  fontface = "bold",
  clip = "on",
  colour
)

stamp_good(p, ...)

stamp_bad(p, ...)

stamp_wrong(p, ...)

stamp_ugly(p, ...)
```

**Arguments**

p                    The plot to stamp

label	The text label used for the stamp
color, colour	The color of the stamp
alpha	Transparency level of the stamp
hjust, vjust	Horizontal and vertical adjustment of the label
size	Font size
family	Font family
fontface	Font face
clip	Should figure be clipped (default is "on")
...	Arguments handed off to stamp().

### Examples

```
library(ggplot2)

p <- ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
  geom_point(aes(color = factor(Petal.Width)))

stamp_bad(p + guides(color = "none"))
stamp_ugly(p)
```

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theme_cowplot	<i>Create the default cowplot theme</i>
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### Description

The default cowplot theme, with a simple half-open frame and no grid. This theme used to be set by default after loading the cowplot package, but this is no longer the case.

### Usage

```
theme_cowplot(
  font_size = 14,
  font_family = "",
  line_size = 0.5,
  rel_small = 12/14,
  rel_tiny = 11/14,
  rel_large = 16/14
)

theme_half_open(
  font_size = 14,
  font_family = "",
  line_size = 0.5,
  rel_small = 12/14,
  rel_tiny = 11/14,
  rel_large = 16/14
)
```

**Arguments**

font_size	Overall font size.
font_family	Font family for plot title, axis titles and labels, legend texts, etc.
line_size	Line size for axis lines.
rel_small	Relative size of small text (e.g., axis tick labels)
rel_tiny	Relative size of tiny text (e.g., caption)
rel_large	Relative size of large text (e.g., title)

**Details**

Both theme\_cowplot() and theme\_half\_open() provide exactly the same styling.

**Value**

The theme.

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)

ggplot(mtcars, aes(displ, mpg)) +
  geom_point() +
  theme_cowplot(font_size = 12)
```

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theme_map	<i>Create a theme for map plotting</i>
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**Description**

The theme created by this function is useful for plotting maps with cowplot default sizing.

**Usage**

```
theme_map(
  font_size = 14,
  font_family = "",
  line_size = 0.5,
  rel_small = 12/14,
  rel_tiny = 11/14,
  rel_large = 16/14
)
```

**Arguments**

font_size	Overall font size. Default is 14.
font_family	Base font family.
line_size	Line size for axis lines.
rel_small	Relative size of small text (e.g., axis tick labels)
rel_tiny	Relative size of tiny text (e.g., caption)
rel_large	Relative size of large text (e.g., title)

**Value**

The theme.

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)
library(maps)

usa_data = map_data("usa")
ggplot(usa_data, aes(long, lat, fill = region)) +
  geom_polygon() + theme_map()
ggplot(usa_data, aes(long, lat, fill = region)) +
  facet_wrap(~region, scales = "free") +
  geom_polygon() + theme_map()
```

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theme\_minimal\_grid     *Minimalistic themes with grids*

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**Description**

Three minimalistic themes that provide either a full grid, a horizontal grid, or a vertical grid. Similar to [theme\\_minimal\(\)](#), but with some stylistic differences. Most importantly, these themes do not draw minor grid lines. Also, font sizes are coordinated with [theme\\_half\\_open\(\)](#) and with the defaults in the [save\\_plot\(\)](#) function.

**Usage**

```
theme_minimal_grid(
  font_size = 14,
  font_family = "",
  line_size = 0.5,
  rel_small = 12/14,
  rel_tiny = 11/14,
  rel_large = 16/14,
  color = "grey85",
  colour
)
```



```
theme_minimal_vgrid(  
  font_size = 14,  
  font_family = "",  
  line_size = 0.5,  
  rel_small = 12/14,  
  rel_tiny = 11/14,  
  rel_large = 16/14,  
  color = "grey85",  
  colour  
)  
  
theme_minimal_hgrid(  
  font_size = 14,  
  font_family = "",  
  line_size = 0.5,  
  rel_small = 12/14,  
  rel_tiny = 11/14,  
  rel_large = 16/14,  
  color = "grey85",  
  colour  
)
```

### Arguments

font_size	Overall font size.
font_family	Font family for plot title, axis titles and labels, legend texts, etc.
line_size	Line size for grid lines.
rel_small	Relative size of small text (e.g., axis tick labels)
rel_tiny	Relative size of tiny text (e.g., caption)
rel_large	Relative size of large text (e.g., title)
color, colour	Color of grid lines.

### Details

theme\_minimal\_grid() provides a minimal grid theme. theme\_minimal\_hgrid() strips down this theme even further and draws only horizontal lines, and theme\_minimal\_vgrid() does the same for vertical lines.

### Examples

```
library(ggplot2)  
  
# theme_minimal_grid()  
ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, color = Species)) +  
  geom_point() + theme_minimal_grid()  
  
# theme_minimal_hgrid()
```

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = carb)) +  
  geom_bar(fill = "lightblue") +  
  scale_y_continuous(limits = c(0, 11.5), expand = c(0, 0)) +  
  theme_minimal_hgrid()  
  
# theme_minimal_vgrid()  
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = carb)) +  
  geom_bar(fill = "lightblue") +  
  scale_y_continuous(limits = c(0, 11.5), expand = c(0, 0)) +  
  coord_flip() +  
  theme_minimal_vgrid()
```

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theme_nothing	<i>Create a completely empty theme</i>
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## Description

The theme created by this function shows nothing but the plot panel.

## Usage

```
theme_nothing(font_size = 14, font_family = "", rel_small = 12/14)
```

## Arguments

font_size	Overall font size. Default is 14.
font_family	Base font family.
rel_small	Relative size of small text

## Value

The theme.

## Examples

```
library(ggplot2)  
  
ggplot(mtcars, aes(displacement, mpg, color = cyl)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  theme_nothing()
```

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