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ggmapcn-package	<i>ggmapcn: China-Focused Mapping Tools with Optional Global Support for ggplot2</i>
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Description

ggmapcn provides lightweight, ready-to-use tools for drawing China and world maps with **ggplot2**. It bundles clean geodata and offers simple, projection-aware helpers for basemaps, graticules, compasses, and scale bars.

Details

Main Features

- **World maps**: `geom_world()` draws a complete global basemap with countries, coastlines, boundaries, and optional ocean fill.
- **China maps**: `geom_mapcn()` and `geom_boundary_cn()` provide provincial, prefecture-level maps and coastlines.
- **Annotation tools**: - `annotation_graticule()` — global graticules with projection-aware labels. - `annotation_scalebar()` — scale bar with automatic units and CRS detection. - `annotation_compass()` — north arrow with several styles.
- **Projection helper**: - `coord_proj()` — specify geographic `'xlim'/'ylim'` in degrees and automatically transform to any projection.
- **Geodata management**: - `check_geodata()` locates bundled world and China datasets and ensures graceful behaviour when data or internet resources are unavailable.

Integration

All functions return standard **ggplot2** layers and work seamlessly with `'sf'` objects, custom projections, and `coord_sf()`.

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See Also

Useful links:

- <https://r imagination.github.io/ggmapcn/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/Rimagination/ggmapcn/issues>

annotation_compass *Add a Spatially-Aware Compass*

Description

`annotation_compass()` adds a compass (north arrow) to a ggplot map. It can align to **grid north** (top of the panel) or **true north** (geographic north). Styles are provided as grobs or functions returning grobs (for example `north_arrow_classic()`, `compass_sinan()`).

Usage

```
annotation_compass(
  mapping = NULL,
  data = NULL,
  ...,
  location = "bl",
  which_north = "grid",
  height = unit(1.5, "cm"),
  width = unit(1.5, "cm"),
  pad_x = unit(0.5, "cm"),
  pad_y = unit(0.5, "cm"),
  rotation = NULL,
  style = north_arrow_classic()
)
```

Arguments

mapping, data	Standard ggplot2 layer arguments (typically unused).
...	Additional parameters passed to the layer (rarely needed).
location	Character; one of "tl", "tr", "bl", "br", indicating top/bottom and left/right placement. Default: "bl".
which_north	Character; "grid" (default) or "true".
height, width	'grid::unit'. Compass box dimensions. Defaults: '1.5 cm'.
pad_x, pad_y	'grid::unit'. Padding from panel edges. Defaults: '0.5 cm'.
rotation	Numeric. Fixed rotation in degrees (counter-clockwise). When supplied, it overrides "grid" / "true" behavior.
style	A grob, 'gList' / 'gTree', or a function returning a grob (for example <code>north_arrow_classic()</code>). Default: <code>north_arrow_classic()</code> .

Details

* `"grid"` north: the compass points straight up in plotting space (no CRS required). * `"true"` north: the compass rotates toward the geographic North Pole using the plot CRS. This requires a valid CRS supplied by `'coord_sf()'` or injected via `'layer$geom_params$crs'`. * A fixed `'rotation'` (degrees counter-clockwise) always overrides the automatic `"grid"` / `"true"` logic. * The layer is annotation-like: it draws once per panel based on the panel bounds.

Value

A ggplot2 layer object.

See Also

[compass-styles]

Examples

```
nc <- sf::st_read(system.file("shape/nc.shp", package = "sf"), quiet = TRUE)

base <- ggplot() +
  geom_sf(data = nc, fill = "grey90") +
  theme_minimal()

# Example 1: Grid north (no CRS required), bottom-left
base + annotation_compass()

# Example 2: Custom style & position (top-left)
base + annotation_compass(location = "tl", style = compass_sinan())

# Example 3: True north (requires a CRS)
base +
  coord_sf(crs = "+proj=lcc +lon_0=-100 +lat_1=33 +lat_2=45") +
  annotation_compass(location = "br", which_north = "true")
```

annotation_graticule *Global graticule annotation for ggplot2 maps*

Description

Draw global latitude-longitude graticules with degree labels as annotation layers for `'ggplot2'` maps. Graticules are constructed in geographic coordinates (EPSG:4326) over a user-defined window (given by `'xlim'`/`'ylim'`, default: the full globe), optionally split at the antimeridian according to the target CRS, and then transformed into the map CRS. Regional maps usually do not need this function and can rely on the default `'coord_sf()'` axes.

Usage

```

annotation_graticule(
  xlim = NULL,
  ylim = NULL,
  crs = "+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84",
  lon_step = 60,
  lat_step = 30,
  line_color = "grey70",
  line_width = 0.3,
  line_type = "dashed",
  label_color = "grey30",
  label_size = 3,
  label_offset = 5,
  label_offset_lon = NULL,
  label_offset_lat = NULL,
  sides = c("left", "bottom"),
  ...
)

```

Arguments

xlim	Numeric vector of length 2 giving the longitude range in degrees as 'c(xmin, xmax)' in longitude-latitude (WGS84, EPSG:4326). Longitudes are interpreted in '[-180, 180]'. If both 'xlim' and 'ylim' are 'NULL' (default), the full globe '(-180, 180)' is used.
ylim	Numeric vector of length 2 giving the latitude range in degrees as 'c(ymin, ymax)' in longitude-latitude (WGS84, EPSG:4326). Latitudes are interpreted in '[-90, 90]'. If both 'xlim' and 'ylim' are 'NULL' (default), the full globe '(-90, 90)' is used.
crs	Target coordinate reference system for the graticule, given as a PROJ string or 'sf::crs' object. This should match the CRS used in your map layers and 'coord_sf()'. The default is a WGS84 longitude- latitude definition.
lon_step	Spacing in degrees between meridians. Default is '60'.
lat_step	Spacing in degrees between parallels. Default is '30'.
line_color	Line colour for graticule lines. Default is '"grey70"'.
line_width	Line width for graticule lines. Default is '0.3'.
line_type	Line type for graticule lines. Default is '"dashed"'.
label_color	Text colour for labels. Default is '"grey30"'.
label_size	Text size for labels, passed to 'ggplot2::geom_text()'. Default is '3'.
label_offset	Common offset applied to all labels, in the units of the target CRS. For geographic CRSs (degrees), this is interpreted as degrees (default '5'). For projected CRSs (e.g. metres), you typically need a much larger value (e.g. '3e5' for Robinson or azimuthal projections).
label_offset_lon	Optional offset applied only to longitude labels. If supplied, this overrides 'label_offset' for longitude labels.

label_offset_lat	Optional offset applied only to latitude labels. If supplied, this overrides 'label_offset' for latitude labels.
sides	Character vector indicating on which sides labels should be drawn. Any combination of "bottom", "top", "left", "right". Default is 'c("left", "bottom")'.
...	Additional arguments forwarded to 'ggplot2::geom_sf()' for the graticule line layer (for example, 'alpha').

Details

Graticules are always generated in WGS84 longitude-latitude (EPSG:4326). When a non-zero central meridian ('lon_0') is detected in the target CRS, meridians and parallels can be split at the antimeridian via 'sf::st_break_antimeridian()' before being transformed, which avoids unexpected line wrapping in projections centred away from 0 degrees.

Latitude labels at +/-90 degrees are always omitted. When drawing a full-globe longitude-latitude map with a 0 degree central meridian (that is, when 'xlim' and 'ylim' are both 'NULL' and the CRS is geographic with 'lon_0 = 0'), longitude labels at +/-180 degrees are omitted (the corresponding graticule lines may still be drawn).

Value

A list of two 'ggplot2' layers: a 'geom_sf()' layer for graticule lines and a 'geom_text()' layer for the labels.

Examples

```
library(ggplot2)

# 1. Graticule on a WGS84 world map
ggplot() +
  geom_world() +
  annotation_graticule(
    lon_step = 60,
    lat_step = 30,
    label_offset = 5
  ) +
  coord_sf(crs = "+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84") +
  theme_void()

# 2. Robinson projection centred at 150E
crs_robin_150 <- "+proj=robin +lon_0=150 +datum=WGS84"

ggplot() +
  geom_world(crs = crs_robin_150) +
  annotation_graticule(
    crs = crs_robin_150,
    lon_step = 30,
    lat_step = 15,
    label_offset = 3e5
  )
```

```

) +
coord_sf(crs = crs_robin_150) +
theme_void()

# 3. Regional China map (long-lat) with graticule lines and axis labels
cn_xlim <- c(70, 140)
cn_ylim <- c(0, 60)

ggplot() +
  geom_world() +
  annotation_graticule(
    xlim      = cn_xlim,
    ylim      = cn_ylim,
    crs       = 4326,
    lon_step  = 10,
    lat_step  = 10,
    label_color = NA,    # draw only lines; use axis labels instead
    label_offset = 1,
    label_size  = 3.5
  ) +
  coord_sf(
    xlim = cn_xlim,
    ylim = cn_ylim,
    expand = FALSE
  ) +
  labs(
    x = "Longitude",
    y = "Latitude"
  ) +
  theme_bw()

```

annotation_scalebar *Add a Spatially-Aware Scale Bar*

Description

‘annotation_scalebar()’ adds a projection-aware scale bar to a ggplot map. It reads the map’s CRS (from ‘coord_sf()’ or from the ‘crs’ argument), chooses a readable width and units, and uses robust fallbacks so that the scale bar still draws even when CRS information is limited.

Supported styles: * “segment” – minimal horizontal bar with ticks and labels (default) * “ticks” – baseline with vertical ticks * “bar” – alternating black/white blocks

Usage

```

annotation_scalebar(
  mapping = NULL,
  data = NULL,

```

```

...,
location = "bl",
style = "segment",
fixed_width = NULL,
crs_unit = NULL,
crs = NULL,
display_unit = NULL,
unit_labels = NULL,
width_hint = 0.25,
unit_category = "metric",
bar_cols = c("black", "white"),
line_width = 1,
height = grid::unit(0.25, "cm"),
pad_x = grid::unit(0.25, "cm"),
pad_y = grid::unit(0.25, "cm"),
text_pad = grid::unit(0.15, "cm"),
text_cex = 0.7,
text_face = NULL,
text_family = "",
tick_height = 0.6,
segments = NULL,
label_show = "ends",
minor_tick_height = 0.5,
geographic_mode = c("approx_m", "degrees"),
text_col = "black",
line_col = "black"
)

```

Arguments

mapping, data	Standard ggplot2 layer arguments (typically unused).
...	Additional parameters passed to the layer (rarely needed).
location	Character. One of "bl", "br", "tr", "tl"; placement relative to panel edges. Default: "bl".
style	Character. Scale bar style: "segment" (default), "bar", or "ticks".
fixed_width	Numeric. Bar width in *native CRS units* (for example, meters). Overrides automatic width selection.
crs_unit	Character. CRS units (for example "m", "ft", "o"). Usually auto-detected; set only when auto-detection is not possible.
crs	An [sf::st_crs] object or a PROJ string. Fallback CRS when the plot does not provide one (for example, when not using 'coord_sf()').
display_unit	Character. Display units for labels (for example "m", "km"). Ignored when 'geographic_mode = "degrees"'.
unit_labels	Named character vector for custom unit labels, e.g. 'c(km = "Kilometers", m = "Meters", "o" = "o")'.
width_hint	Numeric in (0, 1]. Target fraction of the panel width used by the bar. Default: '0.25'.

unit_category	Character. "metric" (default) or "imperial". Affects automatic promotion of units (m → km, ft → mi).
bar_cols	Character vector of length two. Fill colours for "bar" style blocks. Default: 'c("black", "white")'.
line_width	Numeric. Line width for outlines and ticks. Default: '1'.
height	[grid::unit]. Bar height. Default: 'unit(0.25, "cm")'.
pad_x, pad_y	[grid::unit]. Padding from panel edges. Default: 'unit(0.25, "cm")'.
text_pad	[grid::unit]. Gap between the bar and text labels. Default: 'unit(0.15, "cm")'.
text_cex, text_face, text_family	Font settings for labels. Defaults: '0.7', 'NULL', ''''.
tick_height	Numeric in [0, 1]. Relative height of interior ticks for "ticks" style. Default: '0.6'.
segments	Integer. For "segment" style, number of major divisions. If 'NULL', an automatic, readable choice is used.
label_show	Which ticks get labels: "ends" (default), "all", "major", a numeric frequency (for example '2'), or a numeric vector of 1-based indices.
minor_tick_height	Numeric in [0, 1]. For "segment" style, relative height of minor ticks. Default: '0'.
geographic_mode	Character, for geographic CRS only: * "approx_m": approximate meters/kilometers (default; warns about approximation). * "degrees": show raw degrees (no metric conversion).
text_col, line_col	Colours for text labels and outlines/ticks. Defaults: "black", "black".

Details

* With a **projected CRS** (for example UTM or AEQD in meters), the scale bar is measured in native map units and is as accurate as the projection. * With a **geographic CRS** (EPSG:4326, degrees), distance depends on latitude. The 'geographic_mode' argument controls how degrees are handled: - "approx_m" (default): approximate meters/kilometers using a great-circle distance at the panel's mid-latitude (a warning is issued). - "degrees": display raw degree units (for example '1°') without converting. * You can override the automatically chosen width with 'fixed_width', which is interpreted in native CRS units.

Value

A ggplot2 layer representing a scale bar.

Examples

```
nc <- sf::st_read(system.file("shape/nc.shp", package = "sf"), quiet = TRUE)

base_plot <- ggplot() +
  geom_sf(data = nc, fill = "grey90") +
```

```

theme_minimal()

# Example 1: Projected CRS with a longer scale bar
base_plot +
  coord_sf(crs = 32617) +
  annotation_scalebar(location = "bl", width_hint = 0.5)

# Example 2: Ticks style, top-right
base_plot +
  coord_sf(crs = 32617) +
  annotation_scalebar(location = "tr", style = "ticks")

# Example 3: Geographic CRS (EPSG:4326), approximate meters (warns)
base_plot +
  coord_sf(crs = 4326) +
  annotation_scalebar(location = "bl", geographic_mode = "approx_m")

# Example 4: Force a 100 km bar with red outlines
base_plot +
  coord_sf(crs = 32617) +
  annotation_scalebar(
    location      = "bl",
    fixed_width   = 100000,
    display_unit  = "km",
    line_col      = "red"
  )

```

basemap_dem

Elevation Map of China Layer for ggplot2

Description

‘basemap_dem’ adds a digital elevation model (DEM) raster map of China as a layer to ggplot2. The function ensures the output map remains rectangular, regardless of the chosen projection. It supports displaying the DEM either within China’s boundary or in a larger rectangular area around China. Users can provide their own DEM data using the ‘data’ parameter, or the default built-in DEM data will be used.

Usage

```

basemap_dem(
  data = NULL,
  crs = NULL,
  within_china = FALSE,
  maxcell = 1e+06,
  na.rm = FALSE,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

data	Optional. A 'terra' raster object for custom DEM data.
crs	Coordinate reference system (CRS) for the projection. Defaults to the CRS of the DEM data. Users can specify other CRS strings (e.g., "EPSG:4326" or custom projections).
within_china	Logical. If 'TRUE', displays only the DEM within China's boundary. If 'FALSE', displays the DEM for a larger rectangular area around China. Default is 'FALSE'.
maxcell	Maximum number of cells for rendering (to improve performance). Defaults to '1e6'.
na.rm	Logical. If 'TRUE', removes missing values. Default is 'FALSE'.
...	Additional parameters passed to 'geom_spatraster'.

Value

A 'ggplot' object containing the elevation map of China as a layer, which can be further customized or plotted.

See Also

[geom_boundary_cn](#)

Examples

```
# Before using the basemap_dem function, make sure the required data files are available.
# The required files are: "gebco_2024_China.tif" and "China_mask.gpkg".
# You can use check_geodata() to download them from GitHub if they are not available locally.

# Check and download the required data files if they are missing
check_geodata(files = c("gebco_2024_China.tif", "China_mask.gpkg"))

# Define the CRS for China (EPSG:4326 is a common global geographic coordinate system)
china_proj <- "+proj=aeqd +lat_0=35 +lon_0=105 +ellps=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs"

# Example 1: Display full rectangular area around China using built-in DEM data
ggplot() +
  basemap_dem(within_china = FALSE) +
  tidyterra::scale_fill_hypso_tint_c(
    palette = "gmt_globe",
    breaks = c(-10000, -5000, 0, 2000, 5000, 8000)
  ) +
  theme_minimal()

# Example 2: Display only China's DEM and boundaries using built-in DEM data
ggplot() +
  basemap_dem(crs = china_proj, within_china = TRUE) +
  geom_boundary_cn(crs = china_proj) +
  tidyterra::scale_fill_hypso_c(
    palette = "dem_print",
    breaks = c(0, 2000, 4000, 6000),
```

```

    limits = c(0, 7000)
  ) +
  labs(fill = "Elevation (m)") +
  theme_minimal()

```

 basemap_vege

Vegetation Map of China Layer for ggplot2

Description

Adds a vegetation raster map of China to a ggplot2 plot, with color-coded vegetation types.

Usage

```

basemap_vege(
  color_table = NULL,
  crs = NULL,
  maxcell = 1e+06,
  use_coltab = TRUE,
  na.rm = FALSE,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

color_table	A data frame containing vegetation types and their corresponding colors. It should have columns "code" (raster values), "type" (vegetation names), and "col" (hex color codes). If NULL, a default color table based on standard vegetation classifications for China is used.
crs	A character string specifying the coordinate reference system for the projection. If NULL, the default projection "+proj=aeqd +lat_0=35 +lon_0=105 +ellps=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs" is applied.
maxcell	An integer indicating the maximum number of cells for rendering to improve performance. Defaults to 1e6.
use_coltab	A logical value indicating whether to use the color table for raster values. Default is TRUE.
na.rm	A logical value indicating whether to remove missing values. Default is FALSE.
...	Additional parameters passed to 'geom_spatraster'.

Value

A ggplot2 layer object representing the vegetation map of China.

References

Zhang X, Sun S, Yong S, et al. (2007). *Vegetation map of the People's Republic of China (1:1000000)*. Geology Publishing House, Beijing.

Examples

```
# Example1: Check and load the vegetation raster map

# Make sure the required raster data is available
check_geodata(files = c("vege_1km_projected.tif"))

# Once the data is checked or downloaded, add the vegetation raster to a ggplot
ggplot() +
  basemap_vege() +
  theme_minimal()

# Example2: Customize color table
custom_colors <- data.frame(
  code = 0:11,
  type = c(
    "Non-vegetated", "Needleleaf forest", "Needleleaf and broadleaf mixed forest",
    "Broadleaf forest", "Scrub", "Desert", "Steppe", "Grassland",
    "Meadow", "Swamp", "Alpine vegetation", "Cultivated vegetation"
  ),
  col = c(
    "#8D99B3", "#97B555", "#34BF36", "#9ACE30", "#2EC6C9", "#E5CE0E",
    "#5BB1ED", "#6494EF", "#7AB9CB", "#D97A80", "#B87701", "#FEB780"
  )
)
ggplot() +
  basemap_vege(color_table = custom_colors) +
  labs(fill = "Vegetation type group") +
  theme_minimal()
```

check_geodata

Check and retrieve required geodata files

Description

Ensures that external geospatial data files required by **ggmapcn** are available locally. Existing files are reused when `overwrite = FALSE`; missing files are downloaded from remote mirrors when possible. If all mirrors fail (for example, due to network restrictions), the function fails gracefully by returning NA for the affected files without raising warnings or errors, in line with CRAN policy.

Usage

```
check_geodata(
  files = NULL,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  quiet = FALSE,
  max_retries = 3,
  mirrors = NULL,
  use_checksum = TRUE,
```

```

    checksums = NULL,
    resume = TRUE,
    local_dirs = NULL
  )

```

Arguments

<code>files</code>	Character vector of file names. If <code>NULL</code> , all known files are processed.
<code>overwrite</code>	Logical; if <code>TRUE</code> , forces re-download even when a non-empty file already exists.
<code>quiet</code>	Logical; if <code>TRUE</code> , suppresses progress output and messages.
<code>max_retries</code>	Integer; number of retry attempts per file and mirror.
<code>mirrors</code>	Character vector of base URLs ending with <code>/</code> . If <code>NULL</code> , package defaults are used.
<code>use_checksum</code>	Logical; if <code>TRUE</code> , verifies SHA-256 checksums when available.
<code>checksums</code>	Optional named character vector of SHA-256 digests. If <code>NULL</code> , defaults derived from <code>known_files()</code> are used.
<code>resume</code>	Logical; whether to attempt HTTP range resume for partially downloaded <code>.part</code> files.
<code>local_dirs</code>	Character vector of directories to search prior to any download attempt.

Details

Because CRAN enforces strict limits on package size, several large datasets are hosted externally rather than bundled in the package. `check_geodata()` locates or retrieves these files using the following priority:

1. user-specified `local_dirs`
2. the package `extdata` directory
3. the per-user cache directory via `tools::R_user_dir("ggmapcn", "data")`

High-level mapping functions such as `geom_mapcn()` and `geom_world()` call `check_geodata()` internally, so most users do not need to invoke it directly. However, running it explicitly can be useful to pre-fetch or verify required files.

On networks that cannot reliably access `cdn.jsdelivr.net` or `raw.githubusercontent.com`, downloads may time out and the corresponding entries in the returned vector will be `NA`. In such cases, users may manually download the required files from the data repository and place them into a directory supplied through `local_dirs`, the package `extdata` directory, or the user cache directory so that downloads are skipped.

Note: recent versions of `geom_world()` use the following world datasets: `world_countries.rda`, `world_coastlines.rda`, and `world_boundaries.rda`. The legacy `world.rda` file is no longer used.

Value

A character vector of absolute file paths. Any file that cannot be obtained is returned as `NA`.

Examples

```
# Ensure that all default datasets are available (downloads only if needed)
check_geodata()

# Datasets used by geom_world()
check_geodata(c(
  "world_countries.rda",
  "world_coastlines.rda",
  "world_boundaries.rda"
))

# China administrative boundaries
check_geodata(c("China_sheng.rda", "China_shi.rda", "China_xian.rda"))

# Reuse files manually placed in the working directory
check_geodata("world_countries.rda", local_dirs = getwd())
```

coord_proj	<i>Coordinate System with Geographic Limits Automatically Transformed to a Projection</i>
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Description

‘coord_proj()’ extends [ggplot2::coord_sf()] by allowing users to specify map limits (‘xlim’, ‘ylim’) in geographic coordinates (longitude/latitude, WGS84). These limits are automatically transformed into the target projected CRS, ensuring that maps display the intended region correctly under any projection.

Usage

```
coord_proj(
  crs = NULL,
  xlim = NULL,
  ylim = NULL,
  expand = TRUE,
  default_crs = "EPSG:4326",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

crs	Character string or object specifying the output coordinate reference system (e.g., "EPSG:3857", "+proj=robin", or an 'sf::crs' object). **Required** .
xlim	Numeric vector of length 2. Longitude limits in degrees (WGS84).
ylim	Numeric vector of length 2. Latitude limits in degrees (WGS84).
expand	Logical. Passed to [ggplot2::coord_sf()]. Default is 'TRUE'.

default_crs Character or object. The CRS of the input ‘xlim’ and ‘ylim’. Default is “‘EPSG:4326” (WGS84).
 ... Additional arguments passed to [ggplot2::coord_sf()].

Details

This wrapper is particularly useful because [ggplot2::coord_sf()] interprets ‘xlim’ and ‘ylim’ as *projected* coordinates (in the units of the target CRS). Passing longitude/latitude directly to ‘coord_sf()’ results in incorrect map extents unless the output CRS is also WGS84.

‘coord_proj()’ provides a safe, projection-aware workflow that calculates the bounding box in WGS84, transforms it to the target CRS, and passes the new limits to ‘coord_sf()’.

Value

A ‘CoordSf’ object (specifically a result of ‘coord_sf()’) with automatically transformed limits.

See Also

* [ggplot2::coord_sf()] for the underlying function. * [geom_world()] for the basemap layer.

Examples

```
library(ggplot2)

# Example 1: China (AEQD projection) with geographic limits
china_proj <- "+proj=aeqd +lat_0=35 +lon_0=105 +ellps=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs"

ggplot() +
  geom_world(crs = china_proj) +
  coord_proj(
    crs = china_proj,
    xlim = c(60, 140),
    ylim = c(-10, 50)
  ) +
  theme_minimal()

# Example 2: Zooming into a specific region
# Even though the map is projected (Robinson), we specify limits in Lat/Lon
crs_robin <- "+proj=robin +lon_0=0 +datum=WGS84"

ggplot() +
  geom_world(crs = crs_robin) +
  coord_proj(
    crs = crs_robin,
    xlim = c(-20, 50), # Focus on Africa/Europe
    ylim = c(-40, 40)
  ) +
  theme_minimal()
```

geom_boundary_cn *Plot Boundaries of China*

Description

Draw China's administrative boundaries and optional map decorations (compass and scale bar). Each boundary category (mainland, coastline, provinces, etc.) can be styled independently. The boundary data are reprojected to the specified CRS before plotting.

Usage

```
geom_boundary_cn(
  crs = "+proj=aeqd +lat_0=35 +lon_0=105 +ellps=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs",
  compass = FALSE,
  scale = FALSE,
  mainland_color = "black",
  mainland_size = 0.2,
  mainland_linetype = "solid",
  coastline_color = "blue",
  coastline_size = 0.1,
  coastline_linetype = "solid",
  ten_segment_line_color = "black",
  ten_segment_line_size = 0.2,
  ten_segment_line_linetype = "solid",
  SAR_boundary_color = "grey40",
  SAR_boundary_size = 0.1,
  SAR_boundary_linetype = "dashed",
  undefined_boundary_color = "black",
  undefined_boundary_size = 0.2,
  undefined_boundary_linetype = "dotdash",
  province_color = "transparent",
  province_size = 0.1,
  province_linetype = "solid",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

crs	Character or 'sf::crs'. Target coordinate reference system for plotting. Defaults to an azimuthal equidistant projection centered on China ('+proj=aeqd +lat_0=35 +lon_0=105 +ellps=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs').
compass	Logical. If 'TRUE', add a compass pointing to true north in the top-left corner. Default: 'FALSE'.
scale	Logical. If 'TRUE', add a scale bar in the bottom-left corner. Default: 'FALSE'.
mainland_color	Character. Line color for the mainland boundary. Default: "black".
mainland_size	Numeric. Line width for the mainland boundary. Default: '0.2'.

mainland_linetype Character. Line type for the mainland boundary. Default: "solid".

coastline_color Character. Line color for coastlines. Default: "blue".

coastline_size Numeric. Line width for coastlines. Default: '0.1'.

coastline_linetype Character. Line type for coastlines. Default: "solid".

ten_segment_line_color Character. Line color for the South China Sea ten-segment line. Default: "black".

ten_segment_line_size Numeric. Line width for the ten-segment line. Default: '0.2'.

ten_segment_line_linetype Character. Line type for the ten-segment line. Default: "solid".

SAR_boundary_color Character. Line color for Hong Kong and Macau SAR boundaries. Default: "grey40".

SAR_boundary_size Numeric. Line width for SAR boundaries. Default: '0.1'.

SAR_boundary_linetype Character. Line type for SAR boundaries. Default: "dashed".

undefined_boundary_color Character. Line color for undefined or disputed boundaries. Default: "black".

undefined_boundary_size Numeric. Line width for undefined boundaries. Default: '0.2'.

undefined_boundary_linetype Character. Line type for undefined boundaries. Default: "dotted".

province_color Character. Line color for provincial boundaries. Default: "transparent".

province_size Numeric. Line width for provincial boundaries. Default: '0.1'.

province_linetype Character. Line type for provincial boundaries. Default: "solid".

... Additional arguments passed to 'ggplot2::geom_sf()' (e.g., 'alpha').

Value

A list of 'ggplot2' layers. If the boundary dataset cannot be obtained, an empty list is returned.

Examples

```
# Example 1: Basic China map
ggplot() +
  geom_boundary_cn() +
  theme_minimal()

# Example 2: Add compass and scale bar (easy mode)
ggplot() +
  geom_boundary_cn(compass = TRUE, scale = TRUE) +
```

```

theme_minimal()

# Example 3: Custom styling
ggplot() +
  geom_boundary_cn(
    coastline_color = "steelblue",
    province_color = "grey70",
    province_linetype = "dashed"
  ) +
  theme_minimal()

# Example 4: Advanced usage with a custom projected CRS (Albers)
albers_cn <- "+proj=aea +lat_1=25 +lat_2=47 +lat_0=0 +lon_0=105 +datum=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs"

ggplot() +
  geom_boundary_cn(crs = albers_cn) +
  annotation_compass(location = "tl", which_north = "true") +
  annotation_scalebar(location = "bl", fixed_width = 500000, display_unit = "km") +
  coord_sf(crs = albers_cn) +
  theme_minimal()

```

geom_buffer_cn

Plot Buffered Layers for China's Boundary

Description

Creates a ggplot2 layer for displaying buffered areas around China's boundaries, including both the mainland boundary and the ten-segment line. Buffers with user-defined distances are generated around each boundary, providing flexibility in projection and appearance.

Usage

```

geom_buffer_cn(
  mainland_dist = 20000,
  ten_line_dist = NULL,
  crs = "+proj=aeqd +lat_0=35 +lon_0=105 +ellps=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs",
  color = NA,
  fill = "#D2D5EB",
  ...
)

```

Arguments

mainland_dist Numeric. The buffer distance (in meters) for the mainland boundary.

ten_line_dist Numeric. The buffer distance (in meters) for each segment of the ten-segment line. If not specified, it defaults to the same value as 'mainland_dist'.

crs	Character. The coordinate reference system (CRS) for the projection. Defaults to "+proj=aeqd +lat_0=35 +lon_0=105 +ellps=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs". Users can specify other CRS strings (e.g., "+proj=merc" for Mercator).
color	Character. The border color for the buffer area. Default is 'NA' (transparent).
fill	Character. The fill color for the buffer area. Default is "#D2D5EB".
...	Additional parameters passed to 'geom_sf'.

Value

A ggplot2 layer displaying buffered areas around China's boundaries, with customizable buffer distances for the mainland boundary and the ten-segment line, using the specified projection.

Examples

```
# Plot buffers with specified distances for mainland and ten-segment line
ggplot() +
  geom_buffer_cn(
    mainland_dist = 10000,
    ten_line_dist = 5000
  ) +
  theme_minimal()
```

geom_loc

Visualize Spatial Point Data

Description

'geom_loc' is a wrapper around `ggplot2::geom_sf()` designed for visualizing spatial point data. It supports both sf objects and tabular data frames with longitude and latitude columns, automatically transforming them into the specified coordinate reference system (CRS).

Usage

```
geom_loc(
  data,
  lon = NULL,
  lat = NULL,
  crs = "+proj=aeqd +lat_0=35 +lon_0=105 +ellps=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs",
  mapping = ggplot2::aes(),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	A data frame, tibble, or <code>sf</code> object containing spatial point data.
<code>lon</code>	A character string. The name of the longitude column in <code>data</code> (required if <code>data</code> is tabular).
<code>lat</code>	A character string. The name of the latitude column in <code>data</code> (required if <code>data</code> is tabular).
<code>crs</code>	A character string. The target coordinate reference system (CRS) for the data. Defaults to <code>"+proj=aeqd +lat_0=35 +lon_0=105 +ellps=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs"</code> .
<code>mapping</code>	Aesthetic mappings created by <code>ggplot2::aes()</code> , such as <code>color</code> or <code>size</code> .
<code>...</code>	Additional parameters passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_sf()</code> , such as <code>size</code> , <code>alpha</code> , or <code>color</code> .

Details

This function simplifies the process of visualizing spatial data in `ggplot2` by automatically handling CRS transformations and providing an interface for both `sf` and tabular data. If the input is a tabular data frame, it will be converted to an `sf` object using the specified longitude and latitude columns.

See `ggplot2::geom_sf()` for details on additional parameters and aesthetics.

Value

A `ggplot2` layer for visualizing spatial point data, either from an `'sf'` object or a tabular data frame with longitude and latitude columns, after transforming the data to the specified coordinate reference system (CRS).

See Also

[geom_boundary_cn](#)

Examples

```
# Generate a random dataset with latitude and longitude
set.seed(123)
data_sim <- data.frame(
  Longitude = runif(100, 80, 120),
  Latitude = runif(100, 28, 40),
  Category = sample(c("Type A", "Type B", "Type C"), 100, replace = TRUE)
)

# Visualize the data with China's boundaries
ggplot() +
  geom_boundary_cn() +
  geom_loc(
    data = data_sim, lon = "Longitude", lat = "Latitude",
    mapping = aes(color = Category), size = 1, alpha = 0.7
  ) +
  theme_minimal()
```

Description

'geom_mapcn()' draws China's administrative units with a simple, opinionated interface. When 'data' is 'NULL', it loads packaged map data for the requested administrative level, optionally applies attribute-based filtering, removes internal clipping rows, and reprojects the layer to the target CRS.

In typical use, 'geom_mapcn()' is combined with 'geom_boundary_cn()' to draw coastlines, national borders, and other boundary features on top of the administrative polygons.

Usage

```
geom_mapcn(
  data = NULL,
  admin_level = "province",
  crs = "+proj=aeqd +lat_0=35 +lon_0=105 +ellps=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs",
  color = "black",
  fill = "white",
  linewidth = 0.1,
  filter_attribute = NULL,
  filter = NULL,
  mapping = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

data	An 'sf' object with geometries to draw. If 'NULL', the function loads the packaged dataset corresponding to 'admin_level'.
admin_level	Administrative level to plot. One of "province" (default), "city", or "county". These map to packaged files 'China_sheng.rda', 'China_shi.rda', and 'China_xian.rda', respectively.
crs	Coordinate reference system used for plotting. Defaults to an azimuthal equidistant projection centered on China: "+proj=aeqd +lat_0=35 +lon_0=105 +ellps=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs". Accepts PROJ strings or EPSG codes (e.g., "EPSG:4326").
color	Border color for polygons. Default "black".
fill	Fill color for polygons. Default "white".
linewidth	Border line width. Default '0.1'. For older 'ggplot2' versions, use 'size' instead of 'linewidth'.
filter_attribute	Optional name of an attribute column used to filter features (e.g., "name_en").

filter	Optional character vector of values to keep in ‘filter_attribute’ (e.g., ‘c("Beijing", "Shanghai")’). If supplied together with ‘filter_attribute’, features are subsetted accordingly. If no features remain after filtering, an error is thrown.
mapping	Optional aesthetics mapping passed to ‘ggplot2::geom_sf()’. This is useful when additional aesthetics (e.g., ‘fill’) should be mapped from columns in ‘data’.
...	Additional arguments forwarded to ‘ggplot2::geom_sf()’.

Details

If ‘data’ is ‘NULL’, ‘geom_mapcn()’ selects one of the packaged datasets:

```
* ‘admin_level = "province"’ → ‘China_sheng.rda’ * ‘admin_level = "city"’ → ‘China_shi.rda’ *
‘admin_level = "county"’ → ‘China_xian.rda’
```

The file is ensured to exist locally via ‘check_geodata()’, which may reuse an existing copy in the package ‘extdata’ directory or user cache, or download it from the external repository when necessary. The ‘.rda’ file is then loaded from the resolved path, and the main ‘sf’ object is extracted.

A special row labelled “Boundary Line” (used for technical clipping) is removed automatically when present. Attribute-based filtering can be applied using ‘filter_attribute’ and ‘filter’ before reprojecting to the target CRS.

Value

A ‘ggplot2’ layer that can be added to a plot.

Examples

```
# 1. Basic provincial map (recommended: combine with geom_boundary_cn)
ggplot() +
  geom_mapcn() +
  geom_boundary_cn() +
  theme_minimal()

# 2. City-level map with custom fill and boundaries
ggplot() +
  geom_mapcn(
    admin_level = "city",
    fill = "grey95",
    color = "grey60"
  ) +
  geom_boundary_cn(province_color = "grey40") +
  theme_bw()

# 3. Filter by attribute (e.g., English names) and highlight selected provinces
ggplot() +
  geom_mapcn(
    filter_attribute = "name_en",
    filter = c("Beijing", "Shanghai"),
    fill = "tomato"
  ) +
  geom_boundary_cn() +
  theme_minimal()
```

```
# 4. Use a different projection (e.g., Albers equal-area)
albers_cn <- "+proj=aea +lat_1=25 +lat_2=47 +lat_0=0 +lon_0=105 +datum=WGS84"

ggplot() +
  geom_mapcn(crs = albers_cn, linewidth = 0.3) +
  geom_boundary_cn(crs = albers_cn) +
  coord_sf(crs = albers_cn) +
  theme_minimal()
```

geom_world

Convenient Global Basemap Layer for ggplot2

Description

'geom_world()' draws a styled global basemap using bundled country polygons, coastlines, and administrative boundary data. It automatically handles antimeridian splitting and CRS transformation, and supports optional country filtering for focused maps.

Usage

```
geom_world(
  crs = 4326,
  filter_attribute = "SOC",
  filter = NULL,
  show_ocean = TRUE,
  show_admin_boundaries = TRUE,
  show_frame = FALSE,
  ocean_fill = "#c7e8fb",
  frame_color = "black",
  frame_size = 0.2,
  frame_linetype = "solid",
  country_fill = "grey90",
  country_boundary_color = "transparent",
  country_boundary_size = 0.1,
  country_boundary_linetype = "solid",
  coastline_color = "#26ace7",
  coastline_size = 0.1,
  coastline_linetype = "solid",
  international_boundary_color = "grey20",
  international_boundary_size = 0.1,
  international_boundary_linetype = "solid",
  regional_boundary_color = "grey20",
  regional_boundary_size = 0.1,
  regional_boundary_linetype = "dashed",
  undefined_boundary_color = "grey20",
  undefined_boundary_size = 0.1,
```

```

    undefined_boundary_linetype = "longdash",
    military_boundary_color = "grey20",
    military_boundary_size = 0.1,
    military_boundary_linetype = "dotted",
    ...
)

```

Arguments

<code>crs</code>	Coordinate reference system for the basemap. Accepts a numeric EPSG code, a PROJ string, or an [sf::crs] object. The default is '4326' (WGS84).
<code>filter_attribute</code>	Name of the column in the 'countries' dataset used for filtering. Default '"SOC"'.
<code>filter</code>	Character vector specifying which values of 'filter_attribute' to retain. If 'NULL' (default), no filtering is applied. When non-'NULL', only the selected countries are drawn, and the ocean, coastlines, administrative boundaries, and frame are omitted.
<code>show_ocean</code>	Logical; draw an ocean background polygon. Default 'TRUE'. Ignored when 'filter' is not 'NULL'.
<code>show_admin_boundaries</code>	Logical; draw administrative and political boundaries (international, regional, undefined/disputed, and military demarcation lines). Default 'TRUE'. Ignored when 'filter' is not 'NULL'.
<code>show_frame</code>	Logical; draw an outer frame following the projected outline of the world. Default 'FALSE'. Ignored when 'filter' is not 'NULL'.
<code>ocean_fill</code>	Fill color for the ocean polygon. Default '"#c7e8fb"'.
<code>frame_color</code>	Color of the outer frame line. Default '"grey20"'.
<code>frame_size</code>	Line width of the outer frame. Default '0.1'.
<code>frame_linetype</code>	Line type of the outer frame. Default '"solid"'.
<code>country_fill</code>	Fill color for country polygons. Default '"grey90"'.
<code>country_boundary_color</code>	Color of country boundary outlines. Default '"transparent"'.
<code>country_boundary_size</code>	Width of country boundary outlines. Default '0.1'.
<code>country_boundary_linetype</code>	Line type of country boundaries. Default '"solid"'.
<code>coastline_color</code>	Color of the coastline layer. Default '"#26ace7"'.
<code>coastline_size</code>	Line width of coastlines. Default '0.1'.
<code>coastline_linetype</code>	Line type of coastlines. Default '"solid"'.
<code>international_boundary_color</code>	Color for international boundary lines. Default '"grey20"'.
<code>international_boundary_size</code>	Width for international boundaries. Default '0.1'.

```

international_boundary_linetype
    Line type for international boundaries. Default "solid".
regional_boundary_color
    Color for regional boundaries (e.g. states). Default "grey20".
regional_boundary_size
    Width for regional boundaries. Default '0.1'.
regional_boundary_linetype
    Line type for regional boundaries. Default "dashed".
undefined_boundary_color
    Color for undefined or disputed boundaries. Default "grey20".
undefined_boundary_size
    Width for undefined boundaries. Default '0.1'.
undefined_boundary_linetype
    Line type for undefined boundaries. Default "longdash".
military_boundary_color
    Color for military demarcation lines. Default "grey20".
military_boundary_size
    Width for military demarcation lines. Default '0.1'.
military_boundary_linetype
    Line type for military demarcation lines. Default "dotted".
...
    Additional arguments passed to [ggplot2::geom_sf()] for the country polygons
    layer.

```

Details

This function supersedes early development versions that required users to supply their own map data.

The current implementation:

- Always uses bundled world map data (countries, coastlines, boundaries).
- Exposes dedicated arguments for ocean fill, coastlines, and administrative boundaries.
- Builds a projection-aware global outline for the ocean/frame layer. For **geographic CRSs** (including those with a shifted central meridian, e.g., '+lon_0=150'), it creates a seamless rectangular bounding box directly in the target CRS to avoid topological splitting artifacts (vertical lines). For **projected CRSs** (e.g., Robinson, Mollweide), it computes the convex hull of the projected graticule.

Value

A list of [ggplot2] layers representing the world map (or a filtered subset), ready to be added to a ggplot.

Examples

```

library(ggplot2)

# 1. Simple World Map (WGS84)
ggplot() +
  geom_world() +

```

```

theme_void()

# 2. Pacific-Centered View (Shifted LongLat)
crs_longlat_150 <- "+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84 +lon_0=150"
ggplot() +
  geom_world(crs = crs_longlat_150, show_frame = TRUE, show_ocean = FALSE) +
  theme_void()

# 3. Robinson Projection (Projected CRS)
crs_robin <- "+proj=robin +lon_0=0 +datum=WGS84"
ggplot() +
  geom_world(crs = crs_robin, show_frame = TRUE) +
  theme_void()

# 4. Without administrative boundaries
ggplot() +
  geom_world(show_admin_boundaries = FALSE) +
  theme_minimal()

# 5. Highlighting specific countries (China)
ggplot() +
  geom_world(country_fill = "grey95") +
  geom_world(
    filter_attribute = "SOC",
    filter = "CHN",
    country_fill = "red",
    country_boundary_color = "black"
  ) +
  theme_void()

```

north_arrow_classic *Classic North Arrow Style (Minimal)*

Description

A collection of style constructors that return ‘grid’ grobs for use with ‘annotation_compass(style = ...)’. These styles provide different visual appearances for a compass or north arrow drawn as an annotation.

Usage

```

north_arrow_classic(
  fill = c("white", "black"),
  line_col = "black",
  line_width = 2,
  text_col = "black",
  text_size = 12,

```

```
    text_face = "plain",
    text_family = ""
)

compass_sinan(
  line_col = "black",
  square_pad = 0.1,
  ring_outer = 0.35,
  ring_ratio = 0.65,
  labels = c("N", "E", "S", "W"),
  text_size = 12,
  text_face = "plain",
  text_family = "",
  text_col = "black",
  label_offset = 0.05,
  spoon_fill = "black",
  spoon_col = "black",
  spoon_scale = 0.8,
  inner_fill = "lightgrey",
  square_width = 2,
  outer_width = 2,
  inner_width = 1,
  spoon_width = 1
)

north_arrow_classic(
  fill = c("white", "black"),
  line_col = "black",
  line_width = 2,
  text_col = "black",
  text_size = 12,
  text_face = "plain",
  text_family = ""
)

north_arrow_solid(
  fill = "black",
  line_col = "black",
  line_width = 1,
  text_col = "black",
  text_size = 12,
  text_face = "plain",
  text_family = ""
)

compass_rose_simple(
  fill = c("white", "black"),
  line_col = "black",
```

```
    line_width = 1,
    sharpness = 0.7,
    text_col = "black",
    text_size = 12,
    text_face = "plain",
    text_family = ""
)

compass_rose_classic(
  fill = c("white", "black"),
  line_col = "black",
  line_width = 1.5,
  sharpness = 0.6,
  text_col = "black",
  text_size = 12,
  text_face = "plain",
  text_family = ""
)

compass_rose_circle(
  fill = "white",
  line_col = "black",
  line_width = 3,
  text_col = "black",
  text_size = 12,
  text_face = "plain",
  text_family = ""
)

compass_guiding_fish(
  size = 1,
  ring_ratio = 0.2,
  ring_width = 2,
  n_seg = 16,
  fish_col = "black",
  fish_shift = -0.03,
  text_col = "black",
  text_size = 12,
  text_face = "plain",
  text_family = ""
)

compass_sinan(
  line_col = "black",
  square_pad = 0.1,
  ring_outer = 0.35,
  ring_ratio = 0.65,
  labels = c("N", "E", "S", "W"),
```

```

text_size = 12,
text_face = "plain",
text_family = "",
text_col = "black",
label_offset = 0.05,
spoon_fill = "black",
spoon_col = "black",
spoon_scale = 0.8,
inner_fill = "lightgrey",
square_width = 2,
outer_width = 2,
inner_width = 1,
spoon_width = 1
)

```

Arguments

fill	Fill color(s) for polygons. Vectorized for alternating fills in some styles.
line_col	Stroke color for outlines.
line_width	Stroke width for outlines (numeric).
text_col	Text color for labels.
text_size	Text font size for labels (points).
text_face	Text font face (e.g., "plain", "bold").
text_family	Text font family.
square_pad	Padding around the outer square (Sinan style), fraction of box side.
ring_outer	Outer ring radius (Sinan style), expressed in npc units (0..1).
ring_ratio	Inner/outer radius ratio for ringed styles (0 < value < 1).
labels	Character vector of cardinal labels, usually 'c("N","E","S","W")'.
label_offset	Label offset from the square edges (Sinan style), npc units.
spoon_fill	Fill color for spoon glyph (Sinan style).
spoon_col	Stroke color for spoon glyph (Sinan style).
spoon_scale	Scale factor for spoon glyph (Sinan style).
inner_fill	Fill color for inner disk (Sinan style).
square_width, outer_width, inner_width, spoon_width	Stroke widths for respective elements in Sinan style.
sharpness	Controls star-point sharpness in rose styles, numeric in [0, 1].
size	Global size scaler (used by some styles).
ring_width	Stroke width of ring outlines (numeric).
n_seg	Number of ring segments (integer).
fish_col	Fill color for fish shape (guiding fish style).
fish_shift	Vertical shift for fish shape (guiding fish style).

Details

Exported constructors documented under this topic:

- north_arrow_classic()
- north_arrow_solid()
- compass_rose_simple()
- compass_rose_classic()
- compass_rose_circle()
- compass_guiding_fish()
- compass_sinan()

Each constructor returns a grob ready to be passed to `annotation_compass(style = ...)`. All styles include an "N" (or cardinal labels) to indicate north.

Value

A 'grid' graphical object (grob).

See Also

[`annotation_compass`] for adding the compass to a ggplot.

Examples

```
# Standalone preview
grid::grid.newpage(); grid::grid.draw(north_arrow_classic())
grid::grid.newpage(); grid::grid.draw(north_arrow_solid())
grid::grid.newpage(); grid::grid.draw(compass_rose_simple())
grid::grid.newpage(); grid::grid.draw(compass_rose_classic())
grid::grid.newpage(); grid::grid.draw(compass_rose_circle())
grid::grid.newpage(); grid::grid.draw(compass_guiding_fish())
grid::grid.newpage(); grid::grid.draw(compass_sinan())

# Use in ggplot

if (requireNamespace("ggplot2", quietly = TRUE) &&
    requireNamespace("sf", quietly = TRUE)) {
  nc <- sf::st_read(system.file("shape/nc.shp", package = "sf"), quiet = TRUE)
  p <- ggplot2::ggplot() +
    ggplot2::geom_sf(data = nc, fill = "grey90") +
    ggplot2::theme_minimal()

  p + annotation_compass(location = "tr", style = north_arrow_classic())
  p + annotation_compass(location = "bl", style = compass_sinan())
}
```

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