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add_panel	<i>Dockview Panel Operations</i>
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Description

Functions to dynamically manipulate panels in a dockview instance.

Usage

```
add_panel(dock, panel, ...)

remove_panel(dock, id)

set_panel_title(dock, id, title)

select_panel(dock, id)

move_panel(dock, id, position = NULL, group = NULL, index = NULL)

move_group(dock, from, to, position = NULL)

move_group2(dock, from, to, position = NULL)
```

Arguments

dock	Dock proxy object created with dock_view_proxy() .
panel	A panel object (for add_panel). See panel for parameters.
...	Additional options (currently unused).
id	Panel ID (character string).

title	New panel title.
position	Panel/group position: one of "left", "right", "top", "bottom", "center".
group	ID of a panel that belongs to the target group (for move_panel).
index	Panel index within a group (for move_panel).
from	Source group/panel ID (for move operations).
to	Destination group/panel ID (for move operations).

Details

- `set_panel_title()`: Sets the title of a panel dynamically.
- `add_panel()`: Adds a new panel to the dockview
- `remove_panel()`: Removes an existing panel
- `select_panel()`: Selects/focuses a specific panel
- `move_panel()`: Moves a panel to a new position
- `move_group()`: Moves a group using group IDs
- `move_group2()`: Moves a group using panel IDs

Value

All functions return the dock proxy object invisibly, allowing for method chaining.

See Also

[panel\(\)](#)

default_add_tab_callback

Default add tab callback

Description

An example of a JavaScript function that can be used as a default when adding a new tab/panel.

Usage

```
default_add_tab_callback()
```

Value

An object of class JS_EVAL representing the JavaScript callback.

default_remove_tab_callback	<i>Default remove tab callback</i>
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Description

An example of a JavaScript function that can be used as a default when removing a tab/panel.

Usage

```
default_remove_tab_callback()
```

Value

An object of class JS_EVAL representing the JavaScript callback.

dockViewOutput	<i>Shiny bindings for dock_view</i>
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Description

Output and render functions for using dock_view within Shiny applications and interactive Rmd documents.

Usage

```
dockViewOutput(outputId, width = "100%", height = "400px")
dock_view_output(outputId, width = "100%", height = "400px")
renderDockView(expr, env = parent.frame(), quoted = FALSE)
render_dock_view(expr, env = parent.frame(), quoted = FALSE)
```

Arguments

outputId	output variable to read from
width, height	Must be a valid CSS unit (like '100%', '400px', 'auto') or a number, which will be coerced to a string and have 'px' appended.
expr	An expression that generates a dock_view
env	The environment in which to evaluate expr.
quoted	Is expr a quoted expression (with quote())? This is useful if you want to save an expression in a variable.

Value

`dockViewOutput` and `dock_view_output` return a Shiny output function that can be used in the UI definition. `renderDockView` and `render_dock_view` return a Shiny render function that can be used in the server definition to render a `dock_view` element.

<code>dock_view</code>	<i>Create a dock view widget</i>
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Description

Creates an interactive dock view widget that enables flexible layout management with draggable, resizable, and dockable panels. This is a wrapper around the `dockview.dev` JavaScript library, providing a powerful interface for creating IDE-like layouts in Shiny applications or R Markdown documents.

Usage

```
dock_view(
  panels = list(),
  ...,
  theme = c("light-spaced", "light", "abyss", "abyss-spaced", "dark", "vs", "dracula",
            "replit"),
  add_tab = new_add_tab_plugin(),
  width = NULL,
  height = NULL,
  elementId = NULL
)
```

Arguments

<code>panels</code>	An unnamed list of <code>panel()</code> .
<code>...</code>	Other options. See https://dockview.dev/docs/api/dockview/options/ .
<code>theme</code>	Theme. One of <code>c("abyss", "dark", "light", "vs", "dracula", "replit")</code> .
<code>add_tab</code>	Globally controls the add tab behavior. List with <code>enable</code> and <code>callback</code> . <code>enable</code> is a boolean, default to <code>FALSE</code> and <code>callback</code> is a JavaScript function passed with JS . See <code>default_add_tab_callback()</code> . By default, the callback sets a Shiny input <code>input[["<dock_ID>-panel-to-add"]] so you can create observers with custom logic.</code>
<code>width</code>	Widget width.
<code>height</code>	Widget height.
<code>elementId</code>	When used outside Shiny.

Value

An HTML widget object.

Examples in Shinylive**example-1** [Open in Shinylive](#)

dock_view_plugins *Create dock view plugins*

Description

Create plugins to enable additional functionality in dock view interfaces. Currently supports "add_tab" and "remove_tab" plugins.

Usage

```
new_dock_view_plugin(type, ...)

## S3 method for class 'add_tab'
new_dock_view_plugin(type, enable = FALSE, callback = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'remove_tab'
new_dock_view_plugin(type, enable = FALSE, callback = NULL, mode = "auto", ...)

new_add_tab_plugin(enable = FALSE, callback = NULL, ...)

new_remove_tab_plugin(enable = FALSE, callback = NULL, mode = "auto", ...)
```

Arguments

type	Character string specifying the plugin type.
...	Additional plugin configuration arguments.
enable	Logical, whether the plugin functionality is enabled.
callback	Optional JavaScript function. If NULL and enable = TRUE, a default callback is used.
mode	For remove_tab plugins only. One of "auto" or "manual".

Value

A dock view plugin object of class add_tab or remove_tab, depending on the chosen 'type'.

Examples

```
# Add tab plugin
new_dock_view_plugin("add_tab", enable = TRUE)
new_add_tab_plugin(enable = TRUE) # convenience function

# Remove tab plugin
new_dock_view_plugin("remove_tab", enable = TRUE, mode = "auto")
new_remove_tab_plugin(enable = TRUE, mode = "manual") # convenience function
```

dock_view_proxy	Create a proxy object to modify an existing dockview instance
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Description

This function creates a proxy object that can be used to update an existing dockview instance after it has been rendered in the UI. The proxy allows for server-side modifications of the graph without completely re-rendering it.

Usage

```
dock_view_proxy(id, data = NULL, session = getDefaultReactiveDomain())
```

Arguments

id	Character string matching the ID of the dockview instance to be modified.
data	Unused parameter (for future compatibility).
session	The Shiny session object within which the graph exists. By default, this uses the current reactive domain.

Value

A proxy object of class "dock_view_proxy" that can be used with dockview proxy methods such as add_panel(), remove_panel(), etc. It contains:

- id: The ID of the dockview instance.
- session: The Shiny session object.

get_dock	get dock
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Description

- get dock
- get dock panels
- get dock panels ids
- get dock active group
- get dock grid
- get dock groups
- get dock groups ids
- get dock groups panels
- get active views
- get active panel
- save a dock
- restore a dock

Usage

```
get_dock(dock)

get_panels(dock)

get_panels_ids(dock)

get_active_group(dock)

get_grid(dock)

get_groups(dock)

get_groups_ids(dock)

get_groups_panels(dock)

get_active_views(dock)

get_active_panel(dock)

save_dock(dock)

restore_dock(dock, data)
```

Arguments

dock	Dock proxy created with <code>dock_view_proxy()</code> .
data	Data representing a serialised dock object.

Value

`get_dock` returns a list of 3 elements:

- `grid`: a list representing the dock layout.
- `panels`: a list having the same structure as `panel()` composing the dock.
- `activeGroup`: the current active group (a string).

Each other function allows to deep dive into the returned value of `get_dock()`. `get_panels()` returns the `panels` element of `get_dock()`. `get_panels_ids()` returns a character vector containing all panel ids from `get_panels()`. `get_active_group()` extracts the `activeGroup` component of `get_dock()` as a string. `get_active_views()` is a convenience function that returns the active view in each group. `get_active_panel()` is a convenience function that returns the active panel in the active group. `get_grid()` returns the `grid` element of `get_dock()` which is a list. `get_groups()` returns a list of panel groups from `get_grid()`. `get_groups_ids()` returns a character vector of groups ids from `get_groups()`. `get_groups_panels()` returns a list of character vector containing the ids of each panel within each group. `save_dock()` and `restore_dock()` are used for their side effect to allow to respectively serialise and restore a dock object.

Note

Only works with server side functions like [add_panel](#). Don't call it from the UI.

is_add_tab_plugin	<i>Check if object is an add tab plugin</i>
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Description

Check if object is an add tab plugin

Usage

```
is_add_tab_plugin(x)
```

Arguments

x	An object to test.
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Value

Logical value.

is_dock_view_plugin	<i>Check if object is a dock view plugin of specific type</i>
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Description

Check if object is a dock view plugin of specific type

Usage

```
is_dock_view_plugin(x, type)
```

Arguments

x	An object to test.
type	Character string specifying plugin type ("add_tab" or "remove_tab").

Value

Logical value indicating whether the object is the specified plugin type.

is_remove_tab_plugin	<i>Check if object is a remove tab plugin</i>
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Description

Check if object is a remove tab plugin

Usage

```
is_remove_tab_plugin(x)
```

Arguments

x	An object to test.
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Value

Logical value.

panel	<i>Dock panel</i>
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Description

Create a panel for use within a `dock_view()` widget. Panels are the main container components that can be docked, dragged, resized, and arranged within the dockview interface.

Usage

```
panel(  
  id,  
  title,  
  content,  
  active = TRUE,  
  remove = new_remove_tab_plugin(),  
  style = list(padding = "10px", overflow = "auto", height = "100%", margin = "10px"),  
  ...  
)
```

Arguments

id	Panel unique id.
title	Panel title.
content	Panel content. Can be a list of Shiny tags.
active	Is active?
remove	List with two fields: enable and mode. Enable is a boolean and mode is one of manual, auto (default to auto). In auto mode, dockview JS removes the panel when it is closed and all its content. If you need more control over the panel removal, set it to manual so you can explicitly call <code>remove_panel()</code> and perform other tasks. On the server side, a shiny input is available <code>input[["<dock_ID>_panel-to-remove"]]</code> so you can create observers with custom logic.
style	List of CSS style attributes to apply to the panel content. See defaults
...	Other options passed to the API. See https://dockview.dev/docs/api/dockview/panelApi/ . If you pass position, it must be a list with 2 fields: • referencePanel: reference panel id. • direction: one of above, below, left, right or within (above, below, left, right put the panel in a new group, while within puts the panel after its reference panel in the same group). Position is relative to the reference panel target.

Value

A list representing a panel object to be consumed by `dock_view`:

- id: unique panel id (string).
- title: panel title (string).
- content: panel content (`shiny.tag.list` or single `shiny.tag`).
- active: whether the panel is active or not (boolean).
- ...: extra parameters to pass to the API.

update_dock_view	<i>Update options for dockview instance</i>
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Description

This does not rerender the widget, just update options like global theme.

Usage

```
update_dock_view(dock, options)
```

Arguments

dock	Dock proxy created with <code>dock_view_proxy()</code> .
options	List of options for the <code>dock_view</code> instance.

Value

This function is called for its side effect. It sends a message to JavaScript through the current websocket connection, leveraging the shiny session object.

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