

Package ‘textshaping’

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Title Bindings to the 'HarfBuzz' and 'Fribidi' Libraries for Text Shaping

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Description Provides access to the text shaping functionality in the 'HarfBuzz' library and the bidirectional algorithm in the 'Fribidi' library. 'textshaping' is a low-level utility package mainly for graphic devices that expands upon the font tool-set provided by the 'systemfonts' package.

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get_font_features	<i>Get available OpenType features in a font</i>
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Description

This is a simply functions that returns the available OpenType feature tags for one or more fonts. See [font_feature\(\)](#) for more information on how to use the different feature with a font.

Usage

```
get_font_features(
  family = "",
  italic = FALSE,
  bold = FALSE,
  path = NULL,
  index = 0
)
```

Arguments

family	The name of the font family
italic	logicals indicating the font style
bold	logicals indicating the font style
path, index	path an index of a font file to circumvent lookup based on family and style

Value

A list with an element for each of the input fonts containing the supported feature tags for that font.

Examples

```
# Select a random font on the system
sys_fonts <- systemfonts::system_fonts()
random_font <- sys_fonts$family[sample(nrow(sys_fonts), 1)]

# Get the features
get_font_features(random_font)
```

shape_text	<i>Calculate glyph positions for strings</i>
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Description

[Experimental]

Do basic text shaping of strings. This function will use freetype to calculate advances, doing kerning if possible. It will not perform any font substitution or ligature resolving and will thus be much in line with how the standard graphic devices does text shaping. Inputs are recycled to the length of strings.

Usage

```
shape_text(
  strings,
  id = NULL,
  family = "",
  italic = FALSE,
  bold = FALSE,
  size = 12,
  res = 72,
  lineheight = 1,
  align = "left",
  hjust = 0,
  vjust = 0,
  width = NA,
  tracking = 0,
  indent = 0,
  hanging = 0,
  space_before = 0,
  space_after = 0,
  path = NULL,
  index = 0
)
```

Arguments

strings	A character vector of strings to shape
id	A vector grouping the strings together. If strings share an id the shaping will continue between strings
family	The name of the font family
italic	logicals indicating the font style
bold	logicals indicating the font style
size	The pointsize of the font to use for size related measures
res	The ppi of the size related measures

lineheight	A multiplier for the lineheight
align	Within text box alignment, either 'left', 'center', or 'right'
hjust, vjust	The justification of the textbox surrounding the text
width	The requested width of the string in inches. Setting this to something other than NA will turn on word wrapping.
tracking	Tracking of the glyphs (space adjustment) measured in 1/1000 em.
indent	The indent of the first line in a paragraph measured in inches.
hanging	The indent of the remaining lines in a paragraph measured in inches.
space_before, space_after	The spacing above and below a paragraph, measured in points
path, index	path an index of a font file to circumvent lookup based on family and style

Value

A list with two element: `shape` contains the position of each glyph, relative to the origin in the enclosing textbox. `metrics` contain metrics about the full strings.

`shape` is a data.frame with the following columns:

glyph The glyph as a character

index The index of the glyph in the font file

metric_id The index of the string the glyph is part of (referencing a row in the `metrics` data.frame)

string_id The index of the string the glyph came from (referencing an element in the `strings` input)

x_offset The x offset in pixels from the origin of the textbox

y_offset The y offset in pixels from the origin of the textbox

x_mid The x offset in pixels to the middle of the glyph, measured from the origin of the glyph

`metrics` is a data.frame with the following columns:

string The text the string consist of

width The width of the string

height The height of the string

left_bearing The distance from the left edge of the textbox and the leftmost glyph

right_bearing The distance from the right edge of the textbox and the rightmost glyph

top_bearing The distance from the top edge of the textbox and the topmost glyph

bottom_bearing The distance from the bottom edge of the textbox and the bottommost glyph

left_border The position of the leftmost edge of the textbox related to the origin

top_border The position of the topmost edge of the textbox related to the origin

pen_x The horizontal position of the next glyph after the string

pen_y The vertical position of the next glyph after the string

Examples

```

string <- "This is a long string\nLook; It spans multiple lines\nand all"

# Shape with default settings
shape_text(string)

# Mix styles within the same string
string <- c(
  "This string will have\na ",
  "very large",
  " text style\nin the middle"
)

shape_text(string, id = c(1, 1, 1), size = c(12, 24, 12))

```

text_width

Calculate the width of a string, ignoring new-lines

Description

This is a very simple alternative to [shape_string\(\)](#) that simply calculates the width of strings without taking any newline into account. As such it is suitable to calculate the width of words or lines that has already been splitted by `\n`. Input is recycled to the length of strings.

Usage

```

text_width(
  strings,
  family = "",
  italic = FALSE,
  bold = FALSE,
  size = 12,
  res = 72,
  include_bearing = TRUE,
  path = NULL,
  index = 0
)

```

Arguments

strings	A character vector of strings
family	The name of the font family
italic	logicals indicating the font style
bold	logicals indicating the font style
size	The pointsize of the font to use for size related measures

`res` The ppi of the size related mesures
`include_bearing` Logical, should left and right bearing be included in the string width?
`path, index` path an index of a font file to circumvent lookup based on family and style

Value

A numeric vector giving the width of the strings in pixels. Use the provided `res` value to convert it into absolute values.

Examples

```
strings <- c('A short string', 'A very very looong string')
text_width(strings)
```

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