Package ‘BrowserVizDemo’

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BrowserVizDemo: Interactive R/browser plotting

Description

An early, simple example of how to create useful interactive graphics in a class derived from BrowserViz. This package could evolve to be a drop-in replacement for the R base "plot" function, for plotting xy values. It has the additional virtue of full interactivity on the plotting surface, which is here an HTML5/d3 canvas. Manually selected points on that canvas, for example, can be queried in R. This may facilitate exploratory data analysis.
BrowserVizDemoClass

Usage

BrowserVizDemo(portRange, host="localhost", title="BrowserVizDemo", quiet=TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'BrowserVizDemoClass'
plot(obj, x, y)
## S4 method for signature 'BrowserVizDemoClass'
getSelection(obj)

Arguments

obj The BrowserVizDemoClass object returned by the class constructor.
x A numeric vector, the x-coordinates of the points to plot.
y A numeric vector, the y-coordinates of the points to plot.
portRange One or more consecutive integers in the range 1025-65535. A typical choice
is 9000:9024. The BrowserViz class constructor will try these one at a time in
succession until a free port is found and the connection to your web browser is
established. If no open ports are found in the supplied range, an error is reported.
host Nearly always left to its default value, "localhost" but included as a parameter
supporting remote computers for future flexibility.
title The constructor creates a new window (or a new tab, depending on how you web
browser is configured). This title is displayed at the top of the window or tab.
quiet Trace and tracking messages are written to the R console if this variable is set to
FALSE.

Methods

In the code snippets below, obj is an instance of the BrowserVizDemoClass.

BrowserVizDemo(portRange, host="localhost", title="BrowserVizDemo", quiet=TRUE, browserFile=NA)
Constructs a BrowserVizDemo object. Among the several actions included are: your default
webbrowser browses to the uri of a minimal http server embedded in BrowserVizDemo; the
browserFile is returned to the browser; the websocket connection is initialized on both ends,
and the lowest numbered port in portRange.

plot(obj, x, y): Draws an interactive xy plot in your browser window, with labeled axes, and
the surface scaled to the x and y coordinates. In time this method will mimic the rich behavior
of the base R plot method, and all of its optional parameters.

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Examples

library(BrowserVizDemo)

plotter <- BrowserVizDemo(4000:4024)

## make sure everything is ready to use
while(!ready(plotter)) Sys.sleep(0.1)

## plot a simple set of x-y paris
plot(plotter, 1:10, (1:10)^2)

## learn which port we are using
port(plotter)

## illustrate a "low level" call. This detail is usually hidden from
## the user, implemented and contained (in the case of this example)
## in a getWindowTitle(plotter) method call. This level of detail
## reveals what goes on behind the scenes.

msg <- list(cmd="getWindowTitle", status="request", callback="handleResponse", payload="")
send(plotter, msg)
while(!browserResponseReady(plotter)) Sys.sleep(0.1)
getBrowserResponse(plotter)

## a simpler user-level approach:
getBrowserWindowTitle(plotter)

## set and get the windowTitle
setBrowserWindowTitle(plotter, "new title")
getBrowserWindowTitle(plotter)

## BrowserVizDemo provides another information method which, like the others, will apply
## and maybe be of some use to derived classes
getBrowserWindowSize(plotter)

## finally, you should close BrowserVizDemo when you are done, returning
## the port for use by other applications.
closeWebSocket(plotter)
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