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| agg_capture | <i>Draw to a buffer that can be accessed directly</i> |
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### Description

Usually the point of using a graphic device is to create a file or show the graphic on the screen. A few times we need the image data for further processing in R, and instead of writing it to a file and then reading it back into R the ‘agg\_capture()’ device lets you get the image data directly from the buffer. In contrast to the other devices this device returns a function, that when called will return the current state of the buffer.

### Usage

```
agg_capture(
  width = 480,
  height = 480,
  units = "px",
  pointsize = 12,
  background = "white",
  res = 72,
  scaling = 1,
  bg
)
```

### Arguments

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| width      | The dimensions of the device   |
| height     | The dimensions of the device   |
| units      | The unit ‘width’ and ‘height’ is measured in, in either pixels (‘px’), inches (‘in’), millimeters (‘mm’), or centimeter (‘cm’).  |
| pointsize  | The default pointsize of the device in pt  |
| background | The background colour of the device  |
| res        | The resolution of the device. This setting will govern how device dimensions given in inches, centimeters, or millimeters will be converted to pixels. Further, it will be used to scale text sizes and linewidths |
| scaling    | A scaling factor to apply to the rendered line width and text size. Useful for getting the right dimensions at the resolution that you need.   |
| bg         | Same as ‘background’ for compatibility with old graphic device APIs  |

**Value**

A function that when called returns the current state of the buffer. The return value of the function depends on the 'native' argument. If 'FALSE' (default) the return value is a 'matrix' of colour values and if 'TRUE' the return value is a 'nativeRaster' object.

**Examples**

```
cap <- agg_capture()
plot(1:10, 1:10)

# Get the plot as a matrix
raster <- cap()

# Get the plot as a nativeRaster
raster_n <- cap(native = TRUE)

dev.off()

# Look at the output
plot(as.raster(raster))
```

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agg\_jpeg

*Draw to a JPEG file*

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**Description**

The JPEG file format is a lossy compressed file format developed in particular for digital photography. The format is not particularly well-suited for line drawings and text of the type normally associated with statistical plots as the compression algorithm creates noticeable artefacts. It is, however, great for saving image data, e.g. heightmaps etc. Thus, for standard plots, it would be better to use [agg\_png()], but for plots that includes a high degree of raster image rendering this device will result in smaller plots with very little quality degradation.

**Usage**

```
agg_jpeg(
  filename = "Rplot%03d.jpeg",
  width = 480,
  height = 480,
  units = "px",
  pointsize = 12,
  background = "white",
  res = 72,
  scaling = 1,
  quality = 75,
  smoothing = FALSE,
  method = "slow",
```

```
    bg
  )
```

### Arguments

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| filename   | The name of the file. Follows the same semantics as the file naming in [grDevices::png()], meaning that you can provide a [sprintf()] compliant string format to name multiple plots (such as the default value)   |
| width      | The dimensions of the device   |
| height     | The dimensions of the device   |
| units      | The unit 'width' and 'height' is measured in, in either pixels ('px'), inches ('in'), millimeters ('mm'), or centimeter ('cm').  |
| pointsize  | The default pointsize of the device in pt  |
| background | The background colour of the device  |
| res        | The resolution of the device. This setting will govern how device dimensions given in inches, centimeters, or millimeters will be converted to pixels. Further, it will be used to scale text sizes and linewidths   |
| scaling    | A scaling factor to apply to the rendered line width and text size. Useful for getting the right dimensions at the resolution that you need.   |
| quality    | An integer between '0' and '100' defining the quality/size tradeoff. Setting this to '100' will result in no compression.  |
| smoothing  | A smoothing factor to apply before compression, from '0' (no smoothing) to '100' (full smoothing). Can also be 'FALSE' (no smoothing) or 'TRUE' (full smoothing).  |
| method     | The compression algorithm to use. Either 'slow', 'fast', or 'float'. Default is 'slow' which works best for most cases. 'fast' should only be used when quality is below '97' as it may result in worse performance at high quality settings. 'float' is a legacy options that calculate the compression using floating point precision instead of with integers. It offers no quality benefit and is often much slower. |
| bg         | Same as 'background' for compatibility with old graphic device APIs  |

### Note

Smoothing is only applied if ragg has been compiled against a jpeg library that supports smoothing.

### Examples

```
file <- tempfile(fileext = '.jpeg')
agg_jpeg(file, quality = 50)
plot(sin, -pi, 2*pi)
dev.off()
```

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`agg_png`*Draw to a PNG file*

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### Description

The PNG (Portable Network Graphic) format is one of the most ubiquitous today, due to its versatility and widespread support. It supports transparency as well as both 8 and 16 bit colour. The device uses default compression and filtering and will not use a colour palette as this is less useful for antialiased data. This means that it might be possible to compress the resulting image even more if size is of concern (though the defaults are often very good). In contrast to `[grDevices::png()]` the date and time will not be written to the file, meaning that similar plot code will produce identical files (a good feature if used with version control). It will, however, write in the dimensions of the image based on the `'res'` argument.

### Usage

```
agg_png(  
  filename = "Rplot%03d.png",  
  width = 480,  
  height = 480,  
  units = "px",  
  pointsize = 12,  
  background = "white",  
  res = 72,  
  scaling = 1,  
  bitsize = 8,  
  bg  
)
```

### Arguments

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <code>filename</code>   | The name of the file. Follows the same semantics as the file naming in <code>[grDevices::png()]</code> , meaning that you can provide a <code>[sprintf()]</code> compliant string format to name multiple plots (such as the default value) |
| <code>width</code>      | The dimensions of the device  |
| <code>height</code>     | The dimensions of the device  |
| <code>units</code>      | The unit <code>'width'</code> and <code>'height'</code> is measured in, in either pixels ( <code>'px'</code> ), inches ( <code>'in'</code> ), millimeters ( <code>'mm'</code> ), or centimeter ( <code>'cm'</code> ).                       |
| <code>pointsize</code>  | The default pointsize of the device in pt   |
| <code>background</code> | The background colour of the device   |
| <code>res</code>        | The resolution of the device. This setting will govern how device dimensions given in inches, centimeters, or millimeters will be converted to pixels. Further, it will be used to scale text sizes and linewidths                          |
| <code>scaling</code>    | A scaling factor to apply to the rendered line width and text size. Useful for getting the right dimensions at the resolution that you need.  |

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| bitsize | Should the device record colour as 8 or 16bit                       |
| bg      | Same as ‘background’ for compatibility with old graphic device APIs |

### Examples

```
file <- tempfile(fileext = '.png')
agg_png(file)
plot(sin, -pi, 2*pi)
dev.off()
```

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| agg_ppm | <i>Draw to a PPM file</i> |
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### Description

The PPM (Portable Pixel Map) format defines one of the simplest storage formats available for image data. It is basically a raw 8bit RGB stream with a few bytes of information in the start. It goes without saying, that this file format is horribly inefficient and should only be used if you want to play around with a simple file format, or need a file-based image stream.

### Usage

```
agg_ppm(
  filename = "Rplot%03d.ppm",
  width = 480,
  height = 480,
  units = "px",
  pointsize = 12,
  background = "white",
  res = 72,
  scaling = 1,
  bg
)
```

### Arguments

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| filename      | The name of the file. Follows the same semantics as the file naming in [grDevices::png()], meaning that you can provide a [sprintf()] compliant string format to name multiple plots (such as the default value) |
| width, height | The dimensions of the device   |
| units         | The unit ‘width’ and ‘height’ is measured in, in either pixels (‘px’), inches (‘in’), millimeters (‘mm’), or centimeter (‘cm’).  |
| pointsize     | The default pointsize of the device in pt  |
| background    | The background colour of the device  |

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| res     | The resolution of the device. This setting will govern how device dimensions given in inches, centimeters, or millimeters will be converted to pixels. Further, it will be used to scale text sizes and linewidths |
| scaling | A scaling factor to apply to the rendered line width and text size. Useful for getting the right dimensions at the resolution that you need.   |
| bg      | Same as 'background' for compatibility with old graphic device APIs  |

### Examples

```
file <- tempfile(fileext = '.ppm')
agg_ppm(file)
plot(sin, -pi, 2*pi)
dev.off()
```

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agg\_tiff

*Draw to a TIFF file*

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### Description

The TIFF (Tagged Image File Format) format is a very versatile raster image storage format that supports 8 and 16bit colour mode, true transparency, as well as a range of other features not relevant to drawing from R (e.g. support for different colour spaces). The storage mode of the image data is not fixed and different compression modes are possible, in contrast to PNGs one-approach-fits-all. The default (uncompressed) will result in much larger files than PNG, and in general PNG is a better format for many of the graphic types produced in R. Still, TIFF has its purposes and sometimes this file format is explicitly requested.

### Usage

```
agg_tiff(
  filename = "Rplot%03d.tiff",
  width = 480,
  height = 480,
  units = "px",
  pointsize = 12,
  background = "white",
  res = 72,
  scaling = 1,
  compression = "none",
  bitsize = 8,
  bg
)
```

**Arguments**

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| filename    | The name of the file. Follows the same semantics as the file naming in [grDevices::png()], meaning that you can provide a [sprintf()] compliant string format to name multiple plots (such as the default value)   |
| width       | The dimensions of the device   |
| height      | The dimensions of the device   |
| units       | The unit 'width' and 'height' is measured in, in either pixels ('px'), inches ('in'), millimeters ('mm'), or centimeter ('cm').  |
| pointsize   | The default pointsize of the device in pt  |
| background  | The background colour of the device  |
| res         | The resolution of the device. This setting will govern how device dimensions given in inches, centimeters, or millimeters will be converted to pixels. Further, it will be used to scale text sizes and linewidths |
| scaling     | A scaling factor to apply to the rendered line width and text size. Useful for getting the right dimensions at the resolution that you need.   |
| compression | The compression type to use for the image data. The standard options from the [grDevices::tiff()] function are available under the same name.  |
| bitsize     | Should the device record colour as 8 or 16bit  |
| bg          | Same as 'background' for compatibility with old graphic device APIs  |

**Transparency**

TIFF have support for true transparency, meaning that the pixel colour is stored in pre-multiplied form. This is in contrast to pixels being stored in plain format, where the alpha values more function as a mask. The utility of this is not always that important, but it is one of the benefits of TIFF over PNG so it should be noted.

**Note**

'jpeg' compression is only available if ragg is compiled with a version of 'libtiff' where jpeg support has been turned on.

**Examples**

```
file <- tempfile(fileext = '.tiff')
# Use jpeg compression
agg_tiff(file, compression = 'lzw+p')
plot(sin, -pi, 2*pi)
dev.off()
```



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