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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 <a href="#">dock_view_proxy()</a> .
panel	A panel object (for <code>add_panel</code> ). See <a href="#">panel</a> 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\(\)](#)

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default\_add\_tab\_callback

*Default add tab callback*

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### 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.

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default\_remove\_tab\_callback  
*Default remove tab callback*

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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.

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dock\_view                      *Create a dock view widget*

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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**

panels	An unnamed list of <code>panel()</code> .
...	Other options. See <a href="https://dockview.dev/docs/api/dockview/options/">https://dockview.dev/docs/api/dockview/options/</a> .
theme	Theme. One of <code>c("abyss", "dark", "light", "vs", "dracula", "replit")</code> .

add_tab	Globally controls the add tab behavior. List with enable and callback. Enable is a boolean, default to FALSE and callback is a JavaScript function passed with JS. See <code>default_add_tab_callback()</code> . By default, the callback sets a Shiny input <code>input[["&lt;dock_ID&gt;_panel-to-add"]]</code> so you can create observers with custom logic.
width	Widget width.
height	Widget height.
elementId	When used outside Shiny.

**Value**

An HTML widget object.

**Examples in Shinylive**

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

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dock\_view\_plugins      *Create dock view plugins*

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**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
```

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`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**

<code>id</code>	Character string matching the ID of the dockview instance to be modified.
<code>data</code>	Unused parameter (for future compatibility).
<code>session</code>	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.

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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

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

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<code>get_dock</code>	<i>get dock</i>
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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 <a href="#">dock_view_proxy()</a> .
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.

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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.

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is\_dock\_view\_plugin    *Check if object is a dock view plugin of specific type*

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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.

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is\_remove\_tab\_plugin    *Check if object is a remove tab plugin*

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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.

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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

<code>id</code>	Panel unique id.
<code>title</code>	Panel title.
<code>content</code>	Panel content. Can be a list of Shiny tags.
<code>active</code>	Is active?
<code>remove</code>	List with two fields: <code>enable</code> and <code>mode</code> . <code>enable</code> is a boolean and <code>mode</code> is one of <code>manual</code> , <code>auto</code> (default to <code>auto</code> ). In <code>auto</code> 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 <code>manual</code> so you can explicitly call <code>remove_panel()</code> and perform other tasks. On the server side, a shiny input is available <code>input[["&lt;dock_ID&gt;_panel-to-remove"]]</code> so you can create observers with custom logic.
<code>style</code>	List of CSS style attributes to apply to the panel content. See defaults
<code>...</code>	Other options passed to the API. See <a href="https://dockview.dev/docs/api/dockview/panelApi/">https://dockview.dev/docs/api/dockview/panelApi/</a> . If you pass <code>position</code> , it must be a list with 2 fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>referencePanel</code>: reference panel id.</li> <li><code>direction</code>: one of <code>above</code>, <code>below</code>, <code>left</code>, <code>right</code> or <code>within</code> (<code>above</code>, <code>below</code>, <code>left</code>, <code>right</code> put the panel in a new group, while <code>within</code> puts the panel after its reference panel in the same group). <code>position</code> is relative to the reference panel target.</li> </ul>

**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.

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<code>update_dock_view</code>	<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**

<code>dock</code>	Dock proxy created with <code>dock_view_proxy()</code> .
<code>options</code>	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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