

# Package ‘Rcssplot’

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abline

*Add a styled straight line to a plot*


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### Description

This is a wrapper for R's abline function. See R's documentation for `graphics::abline` for further details.

**Usage**

```

abline(
  a = NULL,
  b = NULL,
  h = NULL,
  v = NULL,
  reg = NULL,
  coef = NULL,
  Rcsc = "default",
  Rcscclass = NULL,
  ...
)

```

**Arguments**

a, b	coefficient (intercept and slope) for line
h, v	horizontal, vertical positions for line
reg	an object with a coef method
coef	vector with intercept and slope for line
Rcsc	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via RcscSetDefaultStyle().
Rcscclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of abline()

**Examples**

```

# draw a set of horizontal lines and a vertical line
plot(c(0, 1), c(0, 1), type="n")
abline(h=seq(0, 1, by=0.2))
abline(v=0.8)

```

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arrows

*Add styled arrows to a plot*


---

**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's arrows function. See R's documentation for graphics::arrows for further details.

**Usage**

```

arrows(x0, y0, x1 = x0, y1 = y0, Rcsc = "default", Rcscclass = NULL, ...)

```

**Arguments**

<code>x0, y0</code>	coordinates of <i>*from*</i> endpoint
<code>x1, y1</code>	coordinates of <i>*to*</i> endpoint
<code>Rcss</code>	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via <code>RcssSetDefaultStyle()</code>
<code>Rcssclass</code>	character, style class
<code>...</code>	Further parameters, see documentation of <code>graphics::arrows</code>

**Examples**

```
# draw an arrow
plot(c(0, 1), c(0, 1), type="n")
arrows(0.2, 0.2, x1=0.8, y1=0.5)
```

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<code>axis</code>	<i>Add a styled axis to a plot</i>
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**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's `axis` function. See R's documentation for `graphics::axis` for further details.

**Usage**

```
axis(side, Rcss = "default", Rcssclass = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>side</code>	integer specifying what side of the plot to draw the axis. The codes are 1: bottom, 2: left, 3: top, 4: top. vertices
<code>Rcss</code>	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via <code>RcssSetDefaultStyle()</code>
<code>Rcssclass</code>	sub class of style sheet
<code>...</code>	Further parameters, see documentation of <code>graphics::axis</code>

**Examples**

```
# draw separate axes on an empty plot
plot(c(0, 1), c(0, 1), type="n", axes=FALSE, xlab="x-axis", ylab="")
axis(1)
axis(3)
```

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barplot	<i>Draw a styled barplot</i>
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**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's barplot function. See R's documentation for graphics::barplot for further details.

**Usage**

```
barplot(height, Rcss = "default", Rcssclass = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

height	numeric vector giving bar lengths
Rcss	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via RcssSetDefaultStyle()
Rcssclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of graphics::barplot

**Examples**

```
# draw a complete barplot  
barplot(1:5)
```

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box	<i>Add a styled box around a plot</i>
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**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's box function. See R's documentation for graphics::box for further details.

**Usage**

```
box(which = "plot", Rcss = "default", Rcssclass = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

which	character specifying where to draw a box; see documentation of box()
Rcss	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via RcssSetDefaultStyle()
Rcssclass	sub class of style sheet
...	Further parameters, see documentation of graphics::box

**Examples**

```
# draw a box around an existing plot
plot(c(0, 1), c(0, 1), type="n", frame=FALSE)
box(lwd=3)
```

---

 boxplot

*Draw a styled boxplot*


---

**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's boxplot function. See R's documentation for graphics::boxplot for further details.

**Usage**

```
boxplot(x, Rcsc = "default", Rcscclass = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	data for boxplot; either single numeric vector or a list of numeric vectors; see documentation of boxplot()
Rcsc	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via RcscSetDefaultStyle()
Rcscclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of graphics::boxplot

**Examples**

```
# draw a complete boxplot
dataset <- list(A=rpois(30, 10), B=rpois(30, 20))
boxplot(dataset, col=c("#dd0000", "#dd8888"))
```

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 cairo\_pdf

*Create a styled cairo\_pdf figure*


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**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's cairo\_pdf function. See R's documentation for grDevices::cairo\_pdf for further details

**Usage**

```
cairo_pdf(filename, Rcsc = "default", Rcscclass = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

filename	character string with file name
Rcss	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via RcssSetDefaultStyle()
Rcssclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of grDevices::pdf

**Details**

Note this uses styles from 'pdf' css selectors

**Examples**

```
# send content of graphics to a pdf file
# to run this, un-comment the pdf() and dev.off() lines
# cairo_pdf(file="example-file.pdf")
barplot(1:5)
# dev.off()
```

---

contour

*Draw a styled contour*


---

**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's contour function. See R's documentation for graphics::contour for further details.

**Usage**

```
contour(
  x = seq(0, 1, length.out = nrow(z)),
  y = seq(0, 1, length.out = ncol(z)),
  z,
  Rcss = "default",
  Rcssclass = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

x	numeric vector; locations of grid lines
y	numeric vector; locations of grid lines
z	matrix of values
Rcss	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via RcssSetDefaultStyle()
Rcssclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of graphics::contour

**Examples**

```
# draw a complete contour plot
dataset <- outer(1:10, 1:10)
contour(z=dataset)
```

---

ctext

*Write styled text into a plot corner*


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**Description**

This can be suitable for placing a label in a multi-panel figure. Note the automatic placement does not work when a plot is generated with logarithmic scales.

**Usage**

```
ctext(
  label,
  x = NULL,
  y = NULL,
  adj = NULL,
  cex = NULL,
  Rcss = "default",
  Rcssclass = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

label	character, text for corner label
x, y	numeric, positions for manual placement
adj	numeric of length 2, argument adj for text
cex	numeric, argument cex for text
Rcss	style sheet object
Rcssclass	character, style class
...	additional argument, passed to text()

**Examples**

```
plot(1:10, 1:10)
ctext("A")
```



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grid	<i>#' Draw a styled grid</i>
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**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's grid function. See R's documentation for `graphics::grid` for further details.

**Usage**

```
grid(Rcss = "default", Rcssclass = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

Rcss	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via <code>RcssSetDefaultStyle()</code>
Rcssclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of <code>graphics::grid</code>

**Examples**

```
# add a grid to an existing plot
plot(c(0, 10), c(0, 10), type="n", xaxs="i", yaxs="i", las=1)
grid(nx=10, ny=5, col="#777777")
```

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hist	<i>Draw a styled histogram</i>
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**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's hist function. See R's documentation for `graphics::hist` for further details.

**Usage**

```
hist(x, Rcss = "default", Rcssclass = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	numeric vector
Rcss	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via <code>RcssSetDefaultStyle()</code>
Rcssclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of <code>graphics::hist</code>

## Examples

```
# draw a complete histogram
dataset <- rpois(400, 6)
hist(dataset, breaks=seq(0, max(dataset)))
# only obtain the bin counts, without plotting
histdata <- hist(dataset, breaks=seq(0, 2+max(dataset), by=2), plot=FALSE)
histdata
```

---

jpeg

*Create a styled jpg figure*

---

## Description

This is a wrapper for R's jpeg function. See R's documentation for `grDevices::jpeg` for further details

## Usage

```
jpeg(file, Rcss = "default", Rcssclass = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

file	character string with file name
Rcss	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via <code>RcssSetDefaultStyle()</code>
Rcssclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of <code>grDevices::jpeg</code>

## Examples

```
# send content of graphics to a jpg file
# to run this, un-comment the jpeg() and dev.off() lines
# jpeg(file="example-file.jpg")
barplot(1:5)
# dev.off()
```

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legend	<i>Add a styled legend to aplot</i>
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**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's legend function. See R's documentation for graphics::legend for further details.

**Usage**

```
legend(x, y = NULL, legend, Rcss = "default", Rcssclass = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x, y	position of the legend
legend	character vector with labels (text appears in the legend)
Rcss	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via RcssSetDefault-Style()
Rcssclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of graphics::legend

**Examples**

```
# add a legend to an existing plot
plot(1:8, 1:8, col=rep(c(1,2), each=4), pch=19)
legend(7, 3, c("A", "B"), pch=19, col=1:2)
```

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lines	<i>Add styled line segments to a plot</i>
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**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's lines function. See R's documentation for graphics::lines for further details.

**Usage**

```
lines(x, y = NULL, Rcss = "default", Rcssclass = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x, y	coordinates for start and end points for lines
Rcss	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via RcssSetDefault-Style()
Rcssclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of graphics::lines

**Examples**

```
# add lines to an existing plot area
plot(c(0, 10), c(0, 10), type="n")
lines(c(1,8), c(2, 2), lwd=3, col="black")
lines(c(1, 7, NA, 4, 9), c(1, 6, NA, 1, 3), lwd=1, col="blue")
lines(c(8, 3), c(7, 9), lwd=3, lty=2, col="red")
```

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matplot

*Add styled line segments to a plot*


---

**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's matplot function. See R's documentation for `graphics::matplot` for further details.

**Usage**

```
matplot(x, y, Rcsc = "default", Rcscclass = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x, y</code>	vectors or matrices of data for plotting. The number of rows should match. If one of them are missing, the other is taken as y and an x vector of 1:n is used. Missing values (NAs) are allowed.
<code>Rcsc</code>	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via <code>RcscSetDefaultStyle()</code>
<code>Rcscclass</code>	character, style class
<code>...</code>	Further parameters, see documentation of <code>graphics::lines</code>

**Examples**

```
# draw scatter based on column in a matrix
dataset = cbind(A=rnorm(20), B=rnorm(20))
matplot(dataset)
```

---

mtext	<i>Write styled text into a plot margin</i>
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---

**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's mtext function. See R's documentation for graphics::mtext for further details.

**Usage**

```
mtext(text, Rcsc = "default", Rcscclass = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

text	characters to print on the plot
Rcsc	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via RcscSetDefaultStyle()
Rcscclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of graphics::mtext

**Examples**

```
# draw text into a margin
plot(c(0, 1), c(0, 1), type="n", xlab="", ylab="")
mtext(side=1, "bottom x-axis label", line=2.5)
mtext(side=2, "left y-axis label", line=2.5)
mtext(side=3, "top x-axis label")
mtext(side=4, "right y-axis label")
```

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par	<i>Set styled parameters for base graphics</i>
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---

**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's par function. See R's documentation for graphics::par for further details.

**Usage**

```
par(Rcsc = "default", Rcscclass = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

Rcsc	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via RcscSetDefaultStyle()
Rcscclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of graphics::par

**Examples**

```
# set properties for plot
par(ps=8, mar=c(3, 8, 3, 1))
plot(c(0, 1), c(0, 1), type="n", frame=FALSE)
text(rep(0.5, 2), c(0.2, 0.5), c("abc", "def"))
par(ps=12)
text(0.5, 0.8, "xyz")
```

---

parplot *combination of par and plot*

---

**Description**

The sequence of `par()` and `plot()` occurs so frequently that it a shortcut is helpful.

**Usage**

```
parplot(x, y, Rcss = "default", Rcssclass = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x, y</code>	coordinates for points on the plot
<code>Rcss</code>	style sheet object, leave "default" to use a style defined via <code>RcssDefaultStyle()</code>
<code>Rcssclass</code>	character, style class
<code>...</code>	Further parameters, passed to <code>plot()</code>

**Examples**

```
parplot(x=1:4, y=c(1,3,2,4))
```

---

pdf *Create a styled pdf figure*

---

**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's `pdf` function. See R's documentation for `grDevices::pdf` for further details

**Usage**

```
pdf(file, Rcss = "default", Rcssclass = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

file	character string with file name
Rcss	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via RcssSetDefaultStyle()
Rcssclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of grDevices::pdf

**Examples**

```
# send content of graphics to a pdf file
# to run this, un-comment the pdf() and dev.off() lines
# png(file="example-file.pdf")
barplot(1:5)
# dev.off()
```

---

plot

---

*Create a styled plot*


---

**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's plot function. See R's documentation for graphics::plot for further details.

**Usage**

```
plot(x, y, Rcss = "default", Rcssclass = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x, y	coordinates for points on the plot
Rcss	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via RcssSetDefaultStyle()
Rcssclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of graphics::plot

**Examples**

```
# draw a new empty plot area - unit square
plot(c(0, 1), c(0, 1), type="n", xlab="", ylab="")
# draw a plot area, automatically add some points
plot(runif(20), rpois(20, 100))
```

---

png *Create a styled png figure*

---

### Description

This is a wrapper for R's png function. See R's documentation for grDevices::png for further details.

### Usage

```
png(file, Rcss = "default", Rcssclass = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

file	character string with file name
Rcss	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via RcssSetDefaultStyle()
Rcssclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of grDevices::png

### Examples

```
# send content of graphics to a png file
# to run this, un-comment the png() and dev.off() lines
# png(file="example-file.png")
barplot(1:5)
# dev.off()
```

---

points *Add styled points to a plot*

---

### Description

This is a wrapper for R's points function. See R's documentation for graphics::points for further details.

### Usage

```
points(x, y = NULL, Rcss = "default", Rcssclass = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

x, y	coordinates for points on the plot
Rcss	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via RcssSetDefaultStyle()
Rcssclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of graphics::points



**Examples**

```
# draw a set of points onto an existing plot
plot(c(0, 1), c(0, 1), type="n")
points(runif(10), runif(10))
points(runif(10), runif(10), col="blue", pch=19)
```

---

polygon	<i>Draw a styled polygon on a plot</i>
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---

**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's polygon function. See R's documentation for `graphics::polygon` for further details.

**Usage**

```
polygon(x, y = NULL, Rcscs = "default", Rcscsclass = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x, y</code>	coordinates for polygon vertices
<code>Rcscs</code>	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via <code>RcscsSetDefaultStyle()</code>
<code>Rcscsclass</code>	character, style class
<code>...</code>	Further parameters, see documentation of <code>graphics::polygon</code>

**Examples**

```
# draw a multi-sided shape on an existing plot
plot(c(0, 10), c(0, 10), type="n", xlab="", ylab="")
polygon(c(1, 4, 7, 7, 1), c(1, 1, 4, 8, 8), col="blue")
```

---

print.Rcscs	<i>Show basic information about an Rcscs object</i>
-------------	---

---

**Description**

Display selectors encoded in an Rcscs object. For more detailed information about the object, see function `printRcscs()`

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'Rcscs'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    style sheet object  
 ...                  Further parameters are ignored

**Examples**

```
# define a custom style, display it
custom.style <- Rcss(text="points { cex: 2; }")
custom.style
```

---

printRcss                    *Display properties encoded in an Rcss object*

---

**Description**

Display properties encoded in an Rcss object, including any subclasses.

**Usage**

```
printRcss(Rcss, selector = NULL, verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

Rcss                  style sheet object  
 selector             character string with name of selector to print  
 verbose              logical. If TRUE, function prints all information about the selector, including subclasses. If FALSE, function omits detailed information about subclasses.

**Examples**

```
# define a custom style
custom.style <- Rcss(text="points { pch:2; } points.A { pch: 3; }")

# printing details for a selector, concise and verbose
printRcss(custom.style, "points")
printRcss(custom.style, "points", verbose=TRUE)
```

---

**Rcss***Create an Rcss style object*

---

**Description**

Creates a style sheet object using definition specified in an Rcss file. When a file is not specified, creates a base object without any styling.

**Usage**

```
Rcss(file = NULL, text = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

file	filename containing Rcss definitions. If set to NULL, function returns a basic Rcss object. If multiple files, function reads each one and produces a joint style.
text	character, a string with Rcss

**Details**

See also related functions `RcssGetDefaultStyle()` and `RcssOverload()`.

**Value**

Rcss object

**Examples**

```
# define a custom style
custom.style <- Rcss(text="plot { pch:19; col: 2 }")

# display the custom style
printRcss(custom.style, "plot")

# use the custom style in a chart
plot(1:4, 1:4, Rcss=custom.style)
```

---

RcssChange

*Modify an Rcss style sheet object*


---

**Description**

Creates a new Rcss style sheet object from the input, modifying one or more properties.

**Usage**

```
RcssChange(
  selector,
  propertylist = NULL,
  property = NULL,
  value = NULL,
  Rcssclass = NULL,
  Rcss = "default"
)
```

**Arguments**

selector	name of one selector ("text", "plot", "axis", etc.)
propertylist	list with property/value pairs to update
property	name of a single property. This is only used when propertylist is set to NULL
value	new values associated with property above. This is only used propertylist is set to NULL
Rcssclass	subclass of style sheet. Leave NULL to change base property. Provide one character value to edit one subclass. Provide a vector to edit a subclass of a ...
Rcss	style sheet object

**Value**

always returns an Rcss object. Note: when changing the default style, this will return a new style without actually affecting the default style. To change how the default works in practice, assign this return value to RcssDefaultStyle

**Examples**

```
style1 <- Rcss(text="points { cex: 1; pch: 19; }")
printRcss("points", Rcss=style1, verbose=TRUE)
style2 <- RcssChange("points", list(cex=2), Rcss=style1)
printRcss("points", Rcss=style2, verbose=TRUE)
```

---

RcssChangePropertyValue

*Modify an Rcss style sheet object*

---

## Description

Creates a new Rcss style sheet object from the input, modifying one or more properties.

## Usage

```
RcssChangePropertyValue(  
  Rcss,  
  selector,  
  Rcssclass = NULL,  
  propertylist = NULL,  
  property = NULL,  
  value = NULL  
)
```

## Arguments

Rcss	style sheet object
selector	name of one selector ("text", "plot", "axis", etc.)
Rcssclass	subclass of style sheet. Leave NULL to change base property. Provide one character value to edit one subclass. Provide a vector to edit a subclass of a ...
propertylist	list with property/value pairs to update
property	name of a single property. This is only used when propertylist is set to NULL
value	new values associated with property above. This is only used propertylist is set to NULL

## Details

Equivalent to RcssChange: use RcssChange instead

## Examples

```
# use RcssChange instead
```

---

RcssCompulsoryClass     *Vector holding set a compulsory Rcssclass*

---

**Description**

These style class (or classes) are applied in all functions of the Rcss family.

**Usage**

RcssCompulsoryClass

**Format**

An object of class NULL of length 0.

---

RcssDefaultStyle     *Default Rcssplot style sheet*

---

**Description**

This style sheet will be applied in all functions of the Rcss family.

**Usage**

RcssDefaultStyle

**Format**

An object of class NULL of length 0.

---

RcssGetCompulsoryClass  
                                   *Get current state of compulsory Rcssclass*

---

**Description**

Fetches the value of the RcssCompulsoryClass object defined in parent environments.

**Usage**

RcssGetCompulsoryClass(Rcssclass = NULL)

**Arguments**

**Rcssclass** character vector, set of additional compulsory classes. When NULL, function returns the current set of compulsory classes defined in parent environments. When non-NULL, functions returns the concatenation of the current set and new set.

**Examples**

```
# retrieve the current compulsory class
class.null <- RcssGetCompulsoryClass()

# augment the current compulsory class with more labels
class.A <- RcssGetCompulsoryClass("A")
class.A
class.B <- RcssGetCompulsoryClass("B")
class.B

# when the object RcssCompulsoryClass is set, this augments a vector
RcssCompulsoryClass <- c("X", "Y")
class.XYZ <- RcssGetCompulsoryClass("Z")
class.XYZ
```

---

RcssGetDefaultStyle    *Get default Rcssplot style object*

---

**Description**

Fetches the value of the RcssDefaultStyle object defined in parent environments.

**Usage**

```
RcssGetDefaultStyle(Rcss = "default")
```

**Arguments**

**Rcss** Rcss object, replacement default style object. When set to "default", the function returns a copy of the default object defined in parent environment. When set to Rcss object, the function ignores the default and returns the set object back.

**Examples**

```
# retrieve the current default style
style.now <- RcssGetDefaultStyle()
```

---

RcssGetPropertyValue *Extract a value for an Rcss property*

---

### Description

Extract a value for a property from an Rcss style sheet object. Returns a list with two items. "Defined" is a boolean that indicates the property is defined in the style sheet. "Value" gives the actual value of the property.

### Usage

```
RcssGetPropertyValue(Rcss, selector, property, Rcssclass = NULL)
```

### Arguments

Rcss	style sheet object
selector	name of selector of interest (e.g. "plot", "axis", "text", etc.)
property	name of property of interest (e.g. "col", "pch", etc.)
Rcssclass	subclass of style sheet

### Details

Equivalent to RcssProperty; use RcssProperty instead.

### Examples

```
# use RcssProperty or RcssValue instead
```

---

RcssGetPropertyValueOrDefault  
*Extract a value for an Rcss property*

---

### Description

If the requested property is defined within an Rcss object, this function will return the associated value. If the property is not defined, the function returns a default value that can be passed into the function and is set NULL otherwise. See also RcssGetPropertyValue().

### Usage

```
RcssGetPropertyValueOrDefault(  
  Rcss,  
  selector,  
  property,  
  default = NULL,  
  Rcssclass = NULL  
)
```



**Arguments**

Rcss	style sheet object
selector	name of selector of interest (e.g. "plot", "axis", "text", etc.)
property	name of property of interest (e.g. "col", "pch", etc.)
default	value to return if the desired property is not defined in Rcss
Rcssclass	subclass of style sheet

**Details**

Equivalent to RcssValue(); use RcssValue() instead

**Examples**

```
# use RcssValue instead
```

---

RcssOverload

*Overloads base graphics functions by their Rcssplot wrappers*


---

**Description**

Rcssplot graphics functions have 'Rcss' prefixes, e.g Rcsstext(). This function can be invoked to overload base-graphics functions by their Rcss wrappers. i.e. After executing this function, you can execute e.g. text() and automatically use the Rcss capabilities.

**Usage**

```
RcssOverload()
```

**Details**

Warning: this function creates masking objects in your current environment for many base-graphics functions. See documentation for details.

**Examples**

```
# this function is deprecated - do not use it
suppressWarnings(RcssOverload())
```

---

RcssProperty                      *Extract information about property and its value*

---

### Description

Extract information about property and its value

### Usage

```
RcssProperty(selector, property, Rcssclass = NULL, Rcss = "default")
```

### Arguments

selector	character, name of selector, e.g. 'points'
property	character, name of property, e.g. 'col'
Rcssclass	character or vector, subclass in Rcss
Rcss	Rcss object

### Value

list with two ites. Component "defined" is a boolean that indicates whether the property is defined in the style. Component "value" gives the actual value associated to the property.

### Examples

```
style1 <- Rcss(text="points { cex: 2; }")
# cex is defined, col is not defined
RcssProperty("points", "cex", Rcss=style1)
RcssProperty("points", "col", Rcss=style1)
```

---

RcssValue                      *Extracts a value from an Rcss object*

---

### Description

If the selector and property are defined in the Rcss object, this function will return the value stored in the Rcss object. Otherwise, the function will return a default value. See also related functions `RcssGetPropertyValueOrDefault`, which is the same, except that `RcssValue` is shorter to write and takes the Rcss object as its last argument.

**Usage**

```
RcssValue(
  selector,
  property,
  default = NULL,
  Rcscssclass = NULL,
  Rcss = "default"
)
```

**Arguments**

selector	character, name of selector, e.g. 'points'
property	character, name of property to get, e.g. 'col'
default	value to return if selector/property are not defined
Rcscssclass	character or vector, subclass in Rcss
Rcss	Rcss object

**Value**

a value from the Rcss object

**Examples**

```
style1 <- Rcss(text="custom { key: 100 }")
RcssValue("custom", "key", default=1, Rcss=style1)
RcssValue("custom", "key2", default=0, Rcss=style1)
```

---

RcssWatch

*development tool for adjusting Rcss and R graphics code*


---

**Description**

This is a macro script that loads R code and a default Rcss style, and then executes a function. This process is repeated indefinitely.

**Usage**

```
RcssWatch(f, files = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

f	function or character of function name, executed at each iteration
files	character, paths to R and Rcss files
...	other arguments, passed to function f

## Examples

```
# Note: the examples below draw a charat once and exit.
# To enable quick re-drawing, RcssWatch must be provided with file paths

# draw and redraw a bar plot
RcssWatch(plot, x=1:4, y=1:4)

# alternative syntax, using a function name as a string
custom.barplot <- function(x=1:4, main="") { barplot(x, main=main) }
RcssWatch("custom.barplot", main="Custom")

# for more interesting behavior, specify a files with styles and R source
```

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rect	<i>Draw styled rectangles on a plot</i>
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---

## Description

This is a wrapper for R's rect function. See R's documentation for graphics::rect for further details.

## Usage

```
rect(xleft, ybottom, xright, ytop, Rcss = "default", Rcssclass = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

xleft, ybottom, xright, ytop	vector of coordinates for rectangles' vertices
Rcss	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via RcssSetDefaultStyle()
Rcssclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of graphics::rect

## Examples

```
# draw rectangles on an existing plot
plot(c(0, 10), c(0, 10), type="n", xlab="", ylab="")
rect(4.5, 1, 5.5, 3)
rect(c(1, 7.5), c(6, 6), c(2.5, 9), c(8, 8))
```

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stripchart	<i>Draw styled strip chart</i>
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**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's stripchart function. See R's documentation for graphics::stripchart for further details.

**Usage**

```
stripchart(x, Rcss = "default", Rcssclass = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	list of numeric vectors
Rcss	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via RcssSetDefaultStyle()
Rcssclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of graphics::stripchart

**Examples**

```
# draw a complete strip-chart plot
dataset <- list(A=c(1,9,3,8), B=c(3,4,2,9,2), C=rpois(8, 10))
stripchart(dataset)
stripchart(dataset, method="jitter", vertical=TRUE, pch=19)
```

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svg	<i>Create a styled svg figure</i>
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**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's svg function. See R's documentation for grDevices::svg for further details

**Usage**

```
svg(filename, Rcss = "default", Rcssclass = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

filename	character string with file name
Rcss	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via RcssSetDefaultStyle()
Rcssclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of grDevices::svg

**Examples**

```
# send content of graphics to a pdf file
# to run this, un-comment the pdf() and dev.off() lines
# svg(file="example-file.svg")
barplot(1:5)
# dev.off()
```

---

text	<i>Add styled text to a plot</i>
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---

**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's text function. See R's documentation for graphics::text for further details.

**Usage**

```
text(
  x,
  y = NULL,
  labels = seq_along(x),
  Rcss = "default",
  Rcssclass = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

x, y	coordinates where to write labels
labels	characters to print on the plot
Rcss	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via RcssSetDefaultStyle()
Rcssclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of graphics::text

**Examples**

```
# add text to an existing plot
plot(c(0, 1), c(0, 1), type="n")
text(0.1, 0.1, "A")
text(c(0.2, 0.7), c(0.8, 0.6), c("B", "C"))
```

---

title	<i>Add styled annotation to a plot</i>
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---

**Description**

This is a wrapper for R's title function. See R's documentation for `graphics::title` for further details.

**Usage**

```
title(  
  main = NULL,  
  sub = NULL,  
  xlab = NULL,  
  ylab = NULL,  
  Rcsc = "default",  
  Rcscclass = NULL,  
  ...  
)
```

**Arguments**

main	plot title
sub	plot sub title
xlab, ylab	labels on axes
Rcsc	style sheet object. Leave "default" to use a style defined via <code>RcscSetDefaultStyle()</code>
Rcscclass	character, style class
...	Further parameters, see documentation of <code>graphics::title</code>

**Examples**

```
# add a title  
plot(c(0, 1), c(0, 1), type="n", xlab="", ylab="")  
title("This is the title")  
title(sub="This is a bottom title")
```

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