

codeanatomy – Draw Code Anatomy*

Reference

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1 Hints

Usage of this Package can be found in `codeanatomy.usage.pdf` and `codeanatomy.lstlisting.pdf`. This document show only generated reference of commands in this Package.

2 Implementation

2.1 Package Dependencies

```
1 \RequirePackage{expl3}
2 \RequirePackage{xparse}
3 \RequirePackage{tikz}
```

Load necessary TikZ libraries.

```
4 \usetikzlibrary{
```

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```

5   tikzmark
6   ,fit
7   ,arrows.meta
8   ,bending
9   ,shapes
10  ,chains
11  ,backgrounds
12  ,scopes
13  ,decorations
14  ,decorations.pathmorphing
15  }



```

2.2 Setup styles

2.2.1 Colors

Define colors which are used in codeanatomy

```

annotationcolor 
16 \definecolor{annotationcolor}
17     {rgb}{0,0.50002,1} % Blue
bgcmdcolor 
18 \colorlet{bgcmdcolor}{gray} % Grey

```

2.2.2 TikZ styles for code in a Code Anatomy

`anatomy` TikZ style for annotation labels:

```

\tikz{\node(code) [anatomy] at (0,0) {code line 1\code line 2}; }
code line 1
yields code line 2
19 \tikzset{anatomy/.style={%
20     anchor=south west,%
21     inner sep=0,%
22     align=left,%
23     font=\ttfamily
24     }
25 }

```

`code part` TikZ style to mark a piece of code in an anatomy:

```

\tikz{\node(code) [code part] at (0,0) {\let a = 12;}}
yields let a = 12;
26 \tikzset{code part/.style={%
27     rectangle,%
28     draw=annotationcolor,%
29     align=left,%
30     minimum height=1.175em,%
31     inner sep=1.75pt,%
32     outer sep=0.1pt,%
33     font=\ttfamily
34     }
35 }

```

`ignored code part` TikZ style to make a piece of code in an anatomy as not important in currently talking context `\tikz{\node(ignore code) [ignored code part] at (0,0) {/*some comment*/} }`
yields `/*some comment*/`

```

36 \tikzset{ignored code part/.style={%
37   code part,%
38   draw=none,color=bgcmdcolor,%
39   inner sep=0.75pt
40 }
41 }

```

fit extrem TikZ style to mark a piece of multiple line code in an anatomy:

```
\tikz{ \node(c)[fit extrem, fit={(0,0) (0.5,0.975) (1,0)}] {}; }
```



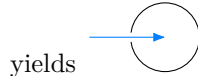
```

42 \tikzset{fit extrem/.style={%
43   rectangle,%
44   draw=annotationcolor,%
45   align=left,%
46   minimum height=1.175em,%
47   inner sep=1.75pt,%
48   outer sep=0.1pt,%
49   font=\ttfamily
50 }
51 }

```

annotation TikZ style of arrows from annotation labels to code parts:

```
\tikz{\draw[] (1,0) circle(3ex); \draw[->,annotation] (0,0) -- (1,0);}
```



```

52 \tikzset{annotation/.style={%
53   preaction={
54     draw=white,%
55     line width=3.5pt,%
56     arrows={-Triangle Cap[]},%
57   },%
58   draw=annotationcolor,%
59   arrows={-Latex[%
60     round,%
61     color=annotationcolor,%
62     fill=annotationcolor
63   ]
64   },
65   shorten >=0.25pt
66 }
67 }

```

code annotation TikZ style for an annotation label [function name](#)

```

68 \tikzset{code annotation/.style={%
69   inner sep=2pt,%
70   text=annotationcolor,%
71   align=center,%
72   font=\sffamily\small
73 }
74 }

```

code grid debug TikZ style to draw debug grid on the background of anatomy

```

75 \tikzset{code grid debug/.style={%
76     step=1.0,%
77     draw=gray!20,%
78     very thin,%
79     on background layer
80 }
81 }

```

2.3 Command used to set code and code anatomy

`\codeBlock` $\{\langle code \rangle\}$

Complete code listing of a Code Anatomy figure is typeset by this command. Whereas $\{\langle code \rangle\}$ is the *formatted* code listing. This command can be used if there are no other packages to typeset code listing in use.

```

82 \NewDocumentCommand{\codeBlock}{m}%
83   {\node[code] [anatomy] at (0,0) {\#1};}%

```

`\cPart` $[\langle style \rangle] \{\langle node name \rangle\}\{\langle piece of code \rangle\}$

Assign a piece of typeset code –typical in one line– to a TikZ Node, so that it can be annotated.

- $[\langle style \rangle]$ a defined TikZ style to be applied to this node, the style code part is applied to the node per default.
- $\{\langle node name \rangle\}$ is a unique TikZ node name in the `tikzpicture`
- $\{\langle piece of code \rangle\}$ is a single code part to be marked.

```

84 \NewDocumentCommand\cPart{0{code part}mm}
85   {\tikzmarknode[\#1]{\#2}{\#3}}

```

`\iPart` $\{\langle node name \rangle\}\{\langle piece of code \rangle\}$

Assign a piece of typeset code –typical in one line– to a TikZ Node, so that it can be annotated. It does not plot border around the pice of code as `\cPart` does.

- $[\langle style \rangle]$ a defined TikZ style to be applied to this node, the style ignored code part is applied to the node per default.
- $\{\langle node name \rangle\}$ is a unique TikZ node name in the `tikzpicture`
- $\{\langle piece of code \rangle\}$ is a single code part to be marked.

```

86 \NewDocumentCommand{\iPart}{0{ignored code part}mm} %
87   {\tikzmarknode[\#1]{\#2}{\#3}}

```

`\mtPoint` $\{\langle node name \rangle\}$

Marks a point as a **most top** in a Code Block.

```

88 \NewDocumentCommand{\mtPoint}{m}
89   {\tikzmarknode{\#1}{\phantom{\rule[1.8ex]{0.1ex}{0.1ex}}}}

```

`\hmtPoint` $\{\langle node name \rangle\}$

Marks a point as a **heigher most top** point in a Code Block.

```

90 \NewDocumentCommand{\hmtPoint}{m}
91   {\tikzmarknode{\#1}{\phantom{\rule[2.5ex]{0.1ex}{0.1ex}}}}

```

`\mbPoint` $\{\langle node name \rangle\}$
 Marks a point as a **deeper most bottom** point in a Code Block.

```

92 \NewDocumentCommand{\mbPoint}{m}
93   {\tikzmarknode{#1}{\phantom{\rule[-0.55ex]{0.1ex}{0.1ex}}}}

```

`\dmbPoint` $\{\langle node name \rangle\}$
 Marks a point as a **deeper most bottom** point in a Code Block.

```

94 \NewDocumentCommand{\dmbPoint}{m}
95   {\tikzmarknode{#1}{\phantom{\rule[-2ex]{0.1ex}{0.1ex}}}}

```

`\extremPoint` $\{\langle node name \rangle [\langle yshift \rangle] [\langle xshift \rangle] [\langle style \rangle]$
 Create a TikZ Node as reference point for later use in `\fitExtrem`.

- $\{\langle node name \rangle\}$ is the TikZ node name which is used in `\fitExtrem` to reference to this point
- $[\langle yshift \rangle]$ a length, default `0ex` which places this markpoint on the base line, shift this mark point vertical, for positive value over base line, negative value under base line.
- $[\langle xshift \rangle]$ same as $[\langle yshift \rangle]$ but for horizontal direction.
- $[\langle style \rangle]$ is a TikZ style (may be defined by user).

For example:

```

\begin{tikzpicture}[remember picture]
\node(code) [anatomy] at (0,0) {
  \extremPoint{t1}[2ex]Line with some text\extremPoint{br}[-1ex]\
  \extremPoint{t12}other Line with some text\
  some more line\extremPoint{br2}\
};
\fitExtrem{box1}{(t1) (br)}
\fitExtrem{box2}{(t12) (br2)}
\end{tikzpicture}

```

yields

```

96 \NewDocumentCommand{\extremPoint}{m 0{0ex} 0{0.1ex} 0{ } }
97   {\tikzmarknode[#4]{#1}{\phantom{\rule[#2]{#3}{0.1ex}}}}

```

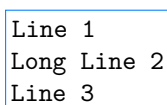
`\fitExtrem` $\{\langle node name \rangle\}\{\langle extrem points \rangle\}$
 Create a rectangle box over given extrem points defined by `*Point`{}

- $\{\langle node name \rangle\}$ is a unique TikZ node name in the current anatomy
- $\{\langle extrem points \rangle\}$ is a list of TikZ node name created by `*Point`, each name is surrounded by `()`.

Example:

```
\begin{tikzpicture}[remember picture]
\node[code] [anatomy] at (0,0) {
\mtPoint{left}Line 1\\
Long Line 2\extremPoint{right}\\
Line 3\mbPoint{bottom}
};
\fitExtrem{box} { (left) (bottom) (right) }
\end{tikzpicture}
```

yields



```
98 \NewDocumentCommand{\fitExtrem}{mm}
99   {\node(#1)[fit extrem,fit={#2}]{};}
```

`\bgcode` *{(piece of code)}*

Typeset a piece of code in color `bgcmdcolor`. For example

```
\tikz{\codeBlock{let a := 12\bgcode{;}}}
```

yields `let a := 12;`

```
100 \NewDocumentCommand{\bgcode}{m}{\textcolor{bgcmdcolor}{#1}}
```

`\ptab` Produce a horizontal space of 4 small characters `h` respective 1 small character `h`
`\phspace` for example: `\tikz{\codeBlock{a\ptab{b}}` yields `a b`

```
101 \NewDocumentCommand{\ptab}{-}{\phantom{hhhh}}
```

```
102 \NewDocumentCommand{\phspace}{-}{\phantom{h}}
```

`\codeAnnotation` *{(node name)}(coordinate){(label text)}*

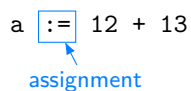
Typeset Annotation labels for a code part.

- *{(node name)}* is a unique TikZ node name in the `tikzpicture`,
- *(coordinate)* is the coordinate of the annotation label, surrounded by a `()`,
- *{(label text)}* text content to be typeset.

For example:

```
\begin{tikzpicture}[remember picture]
\codeBlock{a \cPart{a}{:=} 12 + 13}
\codeAnnotation{codeLabel} (1,-0.5) {assignment}
\draw[->,annotation] (codeLabel) -- (a);
\end{tikzpicture}
```

yields



```
103 \NewDocumentCommand{\codeAnnotation}{m r() m } %
104   {\node(#1)[code annotation] at (#2) {#3}; }
```

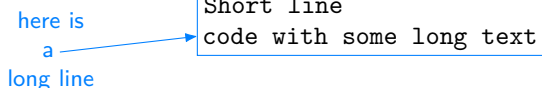
3 Known Bugs

~~Arrows color~~ Arrows appear in some cases with mysterious color. I don't know why!

For example:

```
\begin{tikzpicture}[remember picture]
\node[code] [anatomy] at (0,0) {
\hmtPoint{a}Short line\
code with some long text\extremPoint{b}[-0.5ex]
};
\fitExtrem{1}{(a) (b)}
\codeAnnotation{n} (-2,0){here is
a\extremPoint{point}[0.75ex] [0.5ex]
long line}
\draw[->, annotation] (point) -- (1);
\end{tikzpicture}
```

yields



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v0.2-Alpha

General: This package does not load `xcolor` anymore. It relies on `tikz`, that `tikz` loads `xcolor` in a way that `codeanatomy` can define RGB color

v0.4-Alpha

General: Set `fill` to `annotationcolor` explicit for arrow style

v0.4-Beta

General: Add new TikZ Style `ignored code part`

Add option `[__codedoc_meta:n style]` to `cPart`

Add option `[__codedoc_meta:n style]` to `iPart`