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generate_atom_scene *Build Scene (atoms only)*

Description

Reads an SDF file and extracts the 3D molecule model

Usage

```
generate_atom_scene(  
    model,  
    x = 0,  
    y = 0,  
    z = 0,  
    scale = 1,  
    center = TRUE,  
    pathtrace = TRUE,  
    material = rayrender::glossy,  
    material_vertex = material_list(type = "phong")  
)
```

Arguments

model	Model extracted from a PDB or SDF file.
x	Default '0'. X offset, applied after centering.
y	Default '0'. Y offset, applied after centering.
z	Default '0'. Z offset, applied after centering.
scale	Default '1'. Amount to scale the inter-atom spacing.
center	Default 'TRUE'. Centers the bounding box of the model.
pathtrace	Default 'TRUE'. If 'FALSE', the 'rayvertex' package will be used to render the scene.
material	Default 'rayrender::glossy'. Rayrender material to use when 'pathtrace = TRUE'. Must be either 'glossy', 'diffuse', or 'dielectric'.
material_vertex	Default 'rayvertex::material_list()'. Material to use when 'pathtrace = FALSE'. 'diffuse'/'ambient' colors and 'ambient_intensity' are determined automatically, but all other material properties can be changed.

Value

Rayrender/rayvertex scene containing only the atoms in a molecule/protein.

Examples

```
#Generate a scene with caffeine molecule with just the atoms

get_example_molecule("caffeine") %>%
  read_sdf() %>%
  generate_atom_scene() %>%
  render_model(samples=256, sample_method="sobol_blue")

#Generate a rayvertex scene, using toon shading
shiny_toon_material = rayvertex::material_list(type="toon_phong",
                                              toon_levels=3,
                                              toon_outline_width=0.1)

get_example_molecule("caffeine") %>%
  read_sdf() %>%
  generate_atom_scene(pathtrace=FALSE, material_vertex = shiny_toon_material) %>%
  render_model(background="white")

#Generate a scene with caffeine, reducing the inter-atom spacing
get_example_molecule("caffeine") %>%
  read_sdf() %>%
  generate_atom_scene(scale=0.5) %>%
  render_model(samples=256, sample_method="sobol_blue")
```

generate_bond_scene *Build Scene (bonds only)*

Description

Reads an SDF file and extracts the 3D molecule model

Usage

```
generate_bond_scene(
  model,
  x = 0,
  y = 0,
  z = 0,
  scale = 1,
  center = TRUE,
  force_single_bonds = FALSE,
  pathtrace = TRUE,
  material = rayrender::glossy,
  material_vertex = material_list(diffuse = "grey33", ambient = "grey33", type = "phong",
  ambient_intensity = 0.3)
)
```

Arguments

model	Model extracted from a PDB or SDF file.
x	Default '0'. X offset, applied after centering.
y	Default '0'. Y offset, applied after centering.
z	Default '0'. Z offset, applied after centering.
scale	Default '1'. Amount to scale the interatom spacing.
center	Default 'TRUE'. Centers the bounding box of the model.
force_single_bonds	Default 'FALSE'. Whether to force all bonds to show as a single connection.
pathtrace	Default 'TRUE'. If 'FALSE', the 'rayvertex' package will be used to render the scene.
material	Default 'rayrender::glossy'. Rayrender material to use when 'pathtrace = TRUE'. Must be either 'glossy', 'diffuse', or 'dielectric'.
material_vertex	Default 'material_list(diffuse="grey33",ambient="grey33",type="phong",ambient_intensity=0.3)'. Material to use for the bonds when 'pathtrace = FALSE'.

Value

Rayrender/rayvertex scene containing only the connections between atoms in a molecule/protein.

Examples

```
#Generate a scene with benzene molecule with just the atoms
get_example_molecule("benzene") %>%
  read_sdf() %>%
  generate_bond_scene() %>%
  render_model(lights = "both", samples=256,sample_method="sobol_blue")

#Force single bonds to just show the shape of the molecule
get_example_molecule("benzene") %>%
  read_sdf() %>%
  generate_bond_scene(force_single_bonds = TRUE) %>%
  render_model(lights = "both", samples=256,sample_method="sobol_blue")

#Generate a scene with PFOA, reducing the inter-atom spacing
get_example_molecule("pfoa") %>%
  read_sdf() %>%
  generate_bond_scene(scale=0.3,force_single_bonds = TRUE) %>%
  render_model(lights = "both", samples=256,sample_method="sobol_blue")
```

generate_full_scene *Build Scene (bonds + atoms)*

Description

Reads an SDF file and extracts the 3D molecule model

Usage

```
generate_full_scene(  
  model,  
  x = 0,  
  y = 0,  
  z = 0,  
  scale = 1,  
  center = TRUE,  
  pathtrace = TRUE,  
  force_single_bonds = FALSE,  
  material = rayrender::glossy,  
  material_vertex = material_list(type = "phong")  
)
```

Arguments

model	Model extracted from a PDB or SDF file.
x	Default '0'. X offset, applied after centering.
y	Default '0'. Y offset, applied after centering.
z	Default '0'. Z offset, applied after centering.
scale	Default '1'. Amount to scale the interatom spacing.
center	Default 'TRUE'. Centers the bounding box of the model.
pathtrace	Default 'TRUE'. If 'FALSE', the 'rayvertex' package will be used to render the scene.
force_single_bonds	Default 'FALSE'. Whether to force all bonds to show as a single connection.
material	Default 'rayrender::glossy'. Rayrender material to use when 'pathtrace = TRUE'. Must be either 'glossy', 'diffuse', or 'dielectric'.
material_vertex	Default 'rayvertex::material_list()'. Material to use when 'pathtrace = FALSE'. 'diffuse'/'ambient' colors and 'ambient_intensity' are determined automatically, but all other material properties can be changed.

Value

Rayrender/rayvertex scene

Examples

```
# Generate a scene with caffeine molecule

get_example_molecule("caffeine") %>%
  read_sdf() %>%
  generate_full_scene() %>%
  render_model(samples=256, sample_method="sobol_blue")

#Generate a rayvertex scene with a custom material
get_example_molecule("caffeine") %>%
  read_sdf() %>%
  generate_full_scene(pathtrace=FALSE, material_vertex=rayvertex::material_list(type="phong")) %>%
  render_model(background="grey33")

#Generate a rayvertex scene, using toon shading
shiny_toon_material = rayvertex::material_list(type="toon_phong",
                                              toon_levels=3,
                                              toon_outline_width=0.1)

get_example_molecule("caffeine") %>%
  read_sdf() %>%
  generate_full_scene(pathtrace=FALSE, material_vertex=shiny_toon_material) %>%
  render_model(background="grey66")

# Generate a scene with morphine, increasing the inter-atom spacing
get_example_molecule("tubocurarine_chloride") %>%
  read_sdf() %>%
  generate_full_scene(scale=1.5) %>%
  render_model(samples=256, sample_method="sobol_blue")

# Force bonds to appear as a single link (to focus purely on the shape of the molecule)
get_example_molecule("tubocurarine_chloride") %>%
  read_sdf() %>%
  generate_full_scene(force_single_bonds = TRUE) %>%
  render_model(samples=256, sample_method="sobol_blue")
```

get_example_molecule *Get Example Molecule*

Description

Loads the structure of the built-in molecules. All SDF files obtained from Pubchem. txt extension only included to pass R CHECK.

Usage

```
get_example_molecule(molecule)
```

Arguments

molecule One of the built-in SDF files. These are "benzene", "buckyball", "caffeine", "capsaicin", "cinnamaldehyde", "geraniol", "luciferin", "morphine", "penicillin", "pfoa", "skatole", "tubocurarine_chloride".

Value

List giving the atom locations and the connections between atoms.

Examples

```
get_example_molecule("benzene")
get_example_molecule("cinnamaldehyde")
get_example_molecule("geraniol")
```

get_molecule	<i>Get Molecule</i>
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Description

Loads the structure of a molecule by fetching an SDF file from Pubchem, which can be piped to generate_full_scene

Usage

```
get_molecule(molecule)
```

Arguments

molecule A character variable of a compound name or a numeric variable of an official compound ID

Value

List giving the atom locations and the connections between atoms.

Examples

```
if(run_documentation()) {
  get_molecule("caffeine") %>%
  generate_full_scene() %>%
  render_model()
}
if(run_documentation()) {
  #estradiol (aka estrogen)
  get_molecule(5757) %>%
  generate_full_scene() %>%
  render_model()
}
```

```
if(run_documentation()) {
  get_molecule("testosterone") %>%
    generate_full_scene() %>%
    render_model()
}
if(run_documentation()) {
  get_molecule("aspirin") %>%
    generate_full_scene() %>%
    render_model()
}
if(run_documentation()) {
  get_molecule("rutamide") %>%
    generate_full_scene() %>%
    render_model()
}
if(run_documentation()) {
  #If the 3D SDF doesn't exist, this function will pull the 2D SDF and inform the user
  get_molecule("cyanocobalamin") %>%
    generate_full_scene() %>%
    render_model()
}
```

read_pdb

Read PDB File

Description

Reads an PDB file and extracts the atom locations and bonds (does not include any other structural information currently). This pulls out ATOM and HETAHM records by default, along with available connections.

Usage

```
read_pdb(filename, atom = TRUE, nsr = TRUE)
```

Arguments

filename	Path to the PDB file.
atom	Default 'TRUE'. Whether to pull out standard residue (ATOM) records.
nsr	Default 'TRUE'. Whether to pull out nonstandard residue (HETAHM) records.

Value

List giving the atom locations.

Examples

```
#This assumes a hypothetical PDB file in your working directory:
if(file.exists("3nir.pdb")) {
  read_pdb("3nir.pdb") %>%
    generate_full_scene() %>%
    render_model()
}
```

read_sdf	<i>Read SDF File</i>
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Description

Reads an SDF file and extracts the 3D molecule model

Usage

```
read_sdf(filename)
```

Arguments

filename Filename to the sdf file.

Value

List giving the atom locations and the connections between atoms.

Examples

```
#This assumes a hypothetical SDF file in your working directory:
if(file.exists("molecule.sdf")) {
  read_pdb("molecule.sdf") %>%
    generate_full_scene() %>%
    render_model()
}
```

render_model	<i>Render Molecule Model</i>
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Description

Automatically plots the molecule with a camera position and field of view that includes the full model. For more control over the scene, pass the scene to 'rayrender::render_scene()' or 'rayvertex::rasterize_scene()' and specify the camera position manually. Note: spheres and cylinders in the scene are used to automatically compute the field of view of the scene—if rendering with rayrender, adding additional sphere (e.g. with 'rayrender::generate_ground()') will change this calculation. Use 'rayrender::render_scene()' instead if this is a problem.

Usage

```
render_model(
  scene,
  fov = NULL,
  angle = c(0, 0, 0),
  order_rotation = c(1, 2, 3),
  lights = "top",
  lightintensity = 80,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

scene	'rayrender' scene of molecule model.
fov	Default 'NULL', automatically calculated. Camera field of view.
angle	Default 'c(0,0,0)'. Degrees to rotate the model around the X, Y, and Z axes. If this is a single number, it will be taken as the Y axis rotation.
order_rotation	Default 'c(1,2,3)'. What order to apply the rotations specified in 'angle'.
lights	Default 'top'. If 'none', removes all lights. If 'bottom', lights scene with light underneath model. If 'both', adds lights both above and below model. This can also be a matrix of light information generated with 'rayvertex'.
lightintensity	Default '80'. Light intensity for pathtraced scenes.
...	Other arguments to pass to 'rayrender::render_scene()' or 'rayvertex::rasterize_scene()'

Value

Rendered image

Examples

```
# Generate a scene with caffeine molecule with just the atoms

get_example_molecule("caffeine") %>%
  read_sdf() %>%
  generate_full_scene() %>%
  render_model(samples=256, sample_method="sobol_blue")

#Light the example from below as well
get_example_molecule("caffeine") %>%
  read_sdf() %>%
  generate_full_scene() %>%
  render_model(lights = "both", samples=256, sample_method="sobol_blue")

#Generate a scene with penicillin, increasing the number of samples and the width/height
#for a higher quality render.
get_example_molecule("penicillin") %>%
  read_sdf() %>%
  generate_full_scene() %>%
```

```
render_model(lights = "both", samples=256, width=800, height=800, sample_method="sobol_blue")

#Render the scene with rayvertex and custom lights
get_example_molecule("penicillin") %>%
  read_sdf() %>%
  generate_full_scene(pathtrace=FALSE) %>%
  render_model(width=800, height=800, background="grey66",
               lights = rayvertex::directional_light(c(0.2,1,1)))

#Rotate the molecule 30 degrees around the y axis, and the 30 degrees around the z axis
get_example_molecule("penicillin") %>%
  read_sdf() %>%
  generate_full_scene() %>%
  render_model(lights = "both", samples=256, width=800, height=800,
               angle=c(0,30,30), sample_method="sobol_blue")

#Add a checkered plane underneath, using rayrender::add_object and rayrender::xz_rect().
#We also pass a value to `clamp_value` to minimize fireflies (bright spots).
library(rayrender)
get_example_molecule("skatole") %>%
  read_sdf() %>%
  generate_full_scene() %>%
  add_object(xz_rect(xwidth=1000, zwidth=1000, y=-4,
                    material=diffuse(color="#330000", checkercolor="#770000"))) %>%
  render_model(samples=256, width=800, height=800, clamp_value=10,
               sample_method="sobol_blue")
```

run_documentation

Run Documentation

Description

This function determines if the examples are being run in pkgdown. It is not meant to be called by the user.

Usage

```
run_documentation()
```

Value

Boolean value.

Examples

```
# See if the documentation should be run.
run_documentation()
```

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