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glass_intensity_slider	<i>Liquid Glass intensity slider (iOS 27-style)</i>
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Description

UI control matching iOS 27 **Settings -> Appearance -> Liquid Glass**: a continuous slider from **Ultra Clear** (0) to **Tinted** (1) that live-updates the glass material without a page reload.

Usage

```
glass_intensity_slider(  
  inputId = "glass_intensity",  
  label = "Liquid Glass",  
  value = NULL,  
  min = 0,  
  max = 1,  
  step = 0.01,  
  min_label = "Ultra Clear",  
  max_label = "Tinted",  
  preview = TRUE,  
  width = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

inputId	The input slot that will be used to access the value.
label	Display label for the control (or NULL for none).
value	Initial intensity in [0, 1]. If NULL, uses the theme default from glass_theme() / the client current intensity.
min, max, step	Range for the underlying range input. Defaults cover the full Ultra Clear -> Tinted spectrum.

min_label, max_label	End-cap captions (iOS uses "Ultra Clear" / "Tinted").
preview	Show three mini glass chips as a live material sample.
width	CSS width (passed to <code>shiny::validateCssUnit()</code>).

Details

The client applies changes immediately via `window.shinyglass.setIntensity()`. The value is also a normal Shiny input (`input[[inputId]]`) so the server can react or persist it. Pair with `glass_theme()` `intensity=` for the starting value, and optionally `observe_glass_intensity()` to push server-driven updates through `update_glass_theme()`.

Value

A Shiny UI tag hierarchy.

Examples

```
if (interactive()) {
  library(shiny)
  library(shinyglass)

  ui <- fluidPage(
    theme = glass_theme(intensity = 0.35),
    glass_theme_toggle(),
    glass_intensity_slider("glass_intensity"),
    plotOutput("p")
  )

  server <- function(input, output, session) {
    observe_glass_theme_toggle(input, session)
    # optional: mirror slider -> server message (client already updates live)
    observe_glass_intensity(input, session, "glass_intensity")
    output$p <- renderPlot(plot(rnorm(100), rnorm(100), pch = 16, col = "#007AFF"))
  }

  shinyApp(ui, server)
}
```

glass_preset_input	<i>Light / dark / auto preset select input</i>
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Description

Drop-in `shiny::selectInput()` for the glass theme preset. The client applies the change **immediately** via `window.shinyglass.setPreset()` (marked with `data-glass-preset-input`), so Light/Dark/Auto works even when custom messages are delayed or rewritten (e.g. on some shinyapps.io hosts). Pair with `observe_glass_preset_input()` so the server stays in sync.

Usage

```
glass_preset_input(
  inputId = "glass_preset",
  label = "Theme preset",
  selected = c("auto", "light", "dark"),
  choices = c(Light = "light", Dark = "dark", `Auto (OS)` = "auto"),
  width = NULL
)
```

Arguments

inputId	The input slot that will be used to access the value.
label	Display label for the control (or NULL for none).
selected	Initially selected mode ("light", "dark", or "auto").
choices	Named character vector of choices. Defaults to Light / Dark / Auto (OS). Names are labels; values must be light, dark, and/or auto.
width	The width of the input (e.g. "100%").

Value

A `shiny::selectInput()` tag (with glass client bindings).

See Also

`observe_glass_preset_input()`, `glass_theme_toggle()`, `update_glass_theme()`

glass_resolved_preset *Resolved light or dark appearance*

Description

When the user picks **Auto**, `input$preset` stays "auto" so checks like `identical(input$preset, "dark")` stay FALSE and plots keep light ink on a dark page. The client publishes the *resolved* appearance as `input$glass_resolved_preset` ("light" or "dark").

Usage

```
glass_resolved_preset(input, default = c("light", "dark"))
```

Arguments

input	The server input object.
default	Fallback if the client has not reported yet ("light" or "dark").

Value

"light" or "dark".

glass_theme

Liquid Glass theme for 'shiny'

Description

Create a `bslib::bs_theme()` styled with a Liquid Glass look: translucent surfaces, backdrop blur, soft depth, and system typography. Pass the result to `theme =` on `fluidPage()`, `navbarPage()`, `bslib::page_sidebar()`, or any other page function that accepts a bslib theme.

Usage

```
glass_theme(
  preset = c("light", "dark", "auto"),
  primary = "#007AFF",
  blur = 36,
  saturation = 200,
  radius = "1.5rem",
  material = c("regular", "clear"),
  intensity = 0.45,
  tint = TRUE,
  specular = TRUE,
  nav_morph = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

preset	"light", "dark", or "auto". "auto" follows prefers-color-scheme and updates when the OS theme changes.
primary	Accent color for buttons, links, and focus rings. Defaults to system blue (#007AFF).
blur	Backdrop blur radius in pixels. Default 36 matches the iOS 27 diffusion-first material.
saturation	Backdrop saturation percentage.
radius	Default border radius for glass surfaces (CSS length). Prefer larger concentric radii (default 1.5rem).
material	"regular" (adaptive, most UI) or "clear" (more transparent; best over media-rich content with bold labels).
intensity	Liquid Glass intensity from 0 (Ultra Clear) to 1 (Tinted), matching iOS 27 Appearance -> Liquid Glass. Default 0.45. Use <code>glass_intensity_slider()</code> for a live control.
tint	Content-aware ambient tint from plots/images (JS).
specular	Pointer-driven specular highlight on glass surfaces (JS).
nav_morph	Compact navbar on scroll down; expand on scroll up (JS).
...	Additional arguments forwarded to <code>bslib::bs_theme()</code> .

Details

Light and dark surface tokens are compiled into dual CSS custom-property packs. Switching preset at runtime (via `update_glass_theme()` or `preset = "auto"`) updates `document.documentElement.dataset.glass` without recompiling Sass or reloading the page. Accent color can also be updated live with `update_glass_theme(primary=)` (CSS variables).

Value

A `bslib::bs_theme()` object suitable for 'shiny' page functions.

Examples

```
theme <- glass_theme()
dark <- glass_theme(preset = "dark", primary = "#BF5AF2")
auto <- glass_theme(preset = "auto", tint = FALSE)
clear <- glass_theme(material = "clear")

if (interactive()) {
  library(shiny)

  ui <- fluidPage(
    theme = glass_theme(preset = "auto"),
    titlePanel("Liquid Glass"),
    glass_theme_toggle(),
    selectInput("color", "Color", c("Blue", "Purple", "Orange")),
    plotOutput("plot")
  )

  server <- function(input, output, session) {
    # Client onclick already switches; keep session in sync:
    observe_glass_theme_toggle(input, session)
  }

  shinyApp(ui, server)
}
```

glass_theme_toggle	<i>Light / dark / auto theme toggle buttons</i>
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Description

Drop-in button group for switching the glass preset. Each button sets the preset on the client immediately (`window.shinyglass.setPreset`) and also has a 'shiny' input id so `observe_glass_theme_toggle()` can keep the server in sync (important on hosts that rewrite custom messages).

Usage

```
glass_theme_toggle(
  inputId = "glass_toggle",
  selected = c("auto", "light", "dark"),
  labels = c(light = "Light", dark = "Dark", auto = "Auto (OS)"),
  class = "glass-theme-toggle"
)
```

Arguments

inputId	Base id. Buttons are {inputId}_light, {inputId}_dark, and {inputId}_auto.
selected	Initially highlighted mode ("light", "dark", or "auto"). Cosmetic only; the page theme still comes from glass_theme() .
labels	Named character vector for button labels. Names must be light, dark, and/or auto.
class	Extra CSS classes for the wrapper.

Value

An [htmltools::tag\(\)](#) button group.

See Also

[observe_glass_theme_toggle\(\)](#), [update_glass_theme\(\)](#)

observe_glass_intensity

Keep session intensity in sync with [glass_intensity_slider\(\)](#)

Description

The slider already updates glass live on the client. This observer optionally echoes the value through [update_glass_theme\(\)](#) so other clients / server state stay aligned.

Usage

```
observe_glass_intensity(input, session, inputId = "glass_intensity")
```

Arguments

input	The server input object.
session	A Shiny session object.
inputId	Input id of the intensity slider.

Value

An [shiny::observeEvent\(\)](#) observer (invisibly).

`observe_glass_preset_input`*Observe `glass_preset_input()` on the server*

Description

Wires a preset select to `update_glass_theme()` so session state stays aligned with the client (the client already applied the preset live).

Usage

```
observe_glass_preset_input(input, session, inputId = "glass_preset")
```

Arguments

<code>input</code>	The server input object.
<code>session</code>	The server session object.
<code>inputId</code>	Same id passed to <code>glass_preset_input()</code> .

Value

An `shiny::observeEvent()` observer (invisibly).

`observe_glass_theme_toggle`*Observe `glass_theme_toggle()` buttons on the server*

Description

Wires the three toggle inputs to `update_glass_theme()` so session state stays aligned with the client (needed on some hosts that rewrite 'shiny' messaging).

Usage

```
observe_glass_theme_toggle(input, session, inputId = "glass_toggle")
```

Arguments

<code>input</code>	The server input object.
<code>session</code>	The server session object.
<code>inputId</code>	Same base id passed to <code>glass_theme_toggle()</code> .

Value

NULL, invisibly. Called for side effects (registers observers).

update_glass_theme	<i>Update glass theme options in a running app</i>
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Description

Send a message to the browser to change the Liquid Glass preset, accent color, intensity, or content-tint behavior without reloading the page. Requires a page that used [glass_theme\(\)](#) (so shiny-glass.js is loaded).

Usage

```
update_glass_theme(  
  session,  
  preset = NULL,  
  tint = NULL,  
  primary = NULL,  
  intensity = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

session	A Shiny session object (usually the session argument of the server function).
preset	Optional. "light", "dark", or "auto".
tint	Optional logical. Enable or disable content-aware ambient tint.
primary	Optional accent color (hex like "#AF52DE" or rgb()).
intensity	Optional numeric in [0, 1]: Ultra Clear (0) to Tinted (1).

Details

primary updates CSS variables (--bs-primary, --bs-primary-rgb, --glass-primary) so buttons, checks, and other accent surfaces follow the new color. Sass-baked one-off colors may not all switch until a full reload. intensity updates fill/blur along the Ultra Clear to Tinted spectrum (see [glass_intensity_slider\(\)](#)).

Value

session, invisibly.

Examples

```
if (interactive()) {  
  library(shiny)  
  library(shinyglass)  
  
  ui <- fluidPage(  
    theme = glass_theme(),  
    glass_theme_toggle(),  
  )  
}
```

```
    selectInput("accent", "Accent", c("#007AFF", "#AF52DE", "#FF9500"))
  )

  server <- function(input, output, session) {
    observe_glass_theme_toggle(input, session)
    observeEvent(input$accent, {
      update_glass_theme(session, primary = input$accent)
    }, ignoreInit = TRUE)
  }

  shinyApp(ui, server)
}
```

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