

# Package ‘laminr’

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`get_current_lamin_instance`  
*Get current LaminDB instance*

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### Description

Get the currently connected LaminDB instance

### Usage

`get_current_lamin_instance()`

### Details

This is done via a system call to `lamin` settings to avoid importing Python `lamindb`

### Value

The slug of the current LaminDB instance, or NULL invisibly if no instance is found

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`get_current_lamin_user`  
*Get current LaminDB user*

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### Description

Get the currently logged in LaminDB user

### Usage

`get_current_lamin_user()`

## Details

This is done via a system call to `lamin settings` to avoid importing Python `lamindb`

## Value

The handle of the current LaminDB user, or NULL invisibly if no user is found

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<code>import_module</code>	<i>Import Python modules</i>
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## Description

This function can be used to import **LaminDB** Python modules with additional checks and nicer error messages.

## Usage

```
import_module(module, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>module</code>	The name of the Python module to import
<code>...</code>	Arguments passed on to <code>require_module</code>
<code>options</code>	A vector of defined optional dependencies for the module that is being required
<code>version</code>	A string specifying the version of the module to require
<code>source</code>	A source for the module requirement, for example <code>git+https://github.com/owner/module.g</code>
<code>python_version</code>	A string defining the Python version to require. Passed to <code>reticulate::py_require()</code>

## Details

Python dependencies are set using `require_module()` before importing the module and used to create an ephemeral environment unless another environment is found (see `vignette("versions", package = "reticulate")`).

## Value

An object representing a Python package

## See Also

- `require_module()` and `reticulate::py_require()` for defining Python dependencies
- `vignette("versions", package = "reticulate")` for setting the Python environment to use (or online [here](#))

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Import lamindb to start interacting with an instance
ln <- import_module("lamindb")

# Import lamindb with optional dependencies
ln <- import_module("lamindb", options = c("bionty", "wetlab"))

# Import other LaminDB modules
bt <- import_module("bionty")
wl <- import_module("wetlab")
cc <- import_module("clinicore")

# Import any Python module
np <- import_module("numpy")

## End(Not run)
```

**lamin\_connect**      *Connect to a LaminDB instance*

## Description

Connect to a LaminDB instance by calling `lamin_connect` on the command line

## Usage

```
lamin_connect(instance)
```

## Arguments

instance	Either a slug giving the instance to connect to (<owner>/<name>) or an instance URL ( <a href="https://lamin.ai/owner/name">https://lamin.ai/owner/name</a> )
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## Details

Running this will set the LaminDB auto-connect option to True so you auto-connect to `instance` when importing Python `lamindb`.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
lamin_connect("laminlabs/cellxgene")

## End(Not run)
```

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`lamin_delete`*LaminDB delete*

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### Description

Delete a LaminDB entity. Currently only supports instances.

### Usage

```
lamin_delete(instance, force = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

instance	Identifier for the instance to delete (e.g. "owner/name")
force	Whether to force deletion without asking for confirmation

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
lamin_init("to-delete")  
lamin_delete("to-delete")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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`lamin_disconnect`*Disconnect from a LaminDB instance*

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### Description

Disconnect from the current LaminDB instance by calling `lamin_connect` on the command line

### Usage

```
lamin_disconnect()
```

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
lamin_disconnect()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

<code>lamin_init</code>	<i>Initialise LaminDB</i>
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## Description

Initialise a new LaminDB instance

## Usage

```
lamin_init(storage, name = NULL, db = NULL, modules = NULL)

lamin_init_temp(
  name = "laminr-temp",
  db = NULL,
  modules = NULL,
  add_timestamp = TRUE,
  envir = parent.frame()
)
```

## Arguments

<code>storage</code>	A local directory, AWS S3 bucket or Google Cloud Storage bucket
<code>name</code>	A name for the instance
<code>db</code>	A Postgres database connection URL, use NULL for SQLite.
<code>modules</code>	A vector of modules to include (e.g. "bionty")
<code>add_timestamp</code>	Whether to append a timestamp to name to make it unique
<code>envir</code>	An environment passed to <code>withr::defer()</code>

## Details

For `lamin_init_temp()`, a time stamp is appended to name (if `add_timestamp = TRUE`) and then a new instance is initialised with `lamin_init()` using a temporary directory. A `lamin_delete()` call is registered as an exit handler with `withr::defer()` to clean up the instance when `envir` finishes.

The `lamin_init_temp()` function is mostly for internal use and in most cases users will want `lamin_init()`.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
lamin_init("mydata", modules = c("bionty", "wetlab"))

## End(Not run)
```

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<code>lamin_login</code>	<i>Log into LaminDB</i>
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**Description**

Log in as a LaminDB user

**Usage**

```
lamin_login(user = NULL, api_key = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>user</code>	Handle for the user to login as
<code>api_key</code>	API key for a user

**Details**

Depending on the input, one of these commands will be run (in this order):

1. If `user` is set then `lamin login <user>`
2. Else if `api_key` is set then set the `LAMIN_API_KEY` environment variable temporarily with `withr::with_envvar()` and run `lamin login`
3. Else if there is a stored user handle run `lamin login <handle>`
4. Else if the `LAMIN_API_KEY` environment variable is set run `lamin login`

Otherwise, exit with an error

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<code>lamin_logout</code>	<i>Log out of LaminDB</i>
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**Description**

Log out of LaminDB

**Usage**

```
lamin_logout()
```

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lamin_save	<i>Save to a LaminDB instance</i>
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### Description

Save a file or folder to a LaminDB instance by calling `lamin save` on the command line

### Usage

```
lamin_save(filepath, key = NULL, description = NULL, registry = NULL)
```

### Arguments

<code>filepath</code>	Path to the file or folder to save
<code>key</code>	The key for the saved item
<code>description</code>	The description for the saved item
<code>registry</code>	The registry for the saved item

### Details

See `lamin save --help` for details of what database entries are created for different file types

### Examples

```
## Not run:
my_file <- tempfile()
lamin_save(my_file)

## End(Not run)
```

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require_module	<i>Require a Python module</i>
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### Description

This function can be used to require that Python modules are available for **laminr** with additional checks and nicer error messages.

### Usage

```
require_module(
  module,
  options = NULL,
  version = NULL,
  source = NULL,
  python_version = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

module	The name of the Python module to require
options	A vector of defined optional dependencies for the module that is being required
version	A string specifying the version of the module to require
source	A source for the module requirement, for example <code>git+https://github.com/owner/module.git</code>
python_version	A string defining the Python version to require. Passed to <code>reticulate::py_require()</code>

## Details

Python dependencies are set using `reticulate::py_require()`. If a connection to Python is already initialized and the requested module is already in the list of requirements then a further call to `reticulate::py_require()` will not be made to avoid errors/warnings. This means that required versions etc. need to be set before Python is initialized.

### Arguments:

- Setting `options = c("opt1", "opt2")` results in `"module[opt1,opt2]"`
- Setting `version = ">=1.0.0"` results in `"module>=1.0.0"`
- Setting `source = "my_source"` results in `"module @ my_source"`
- Setting all of the above results in `"module[opt1,opt2]>=1.0.0 @ my_source"`

## Value

The result of `reticulate::py_require`

## See Also

[reticulate::py\\_require\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
# Require lamindb  
require_module("lamindb")  
  
# Require a specific version of lamindb  
require_module("lamindb", version = ">=1.2")  
  
# Require require lamindb with options  
require_module("lamindb", options = c("bionty", "wetlab"))  
  
# Require the development version of lamindb from GitHub  
require_module("lamindb", source = "git+https://github.com/laminlabs/lamindb.git")  
  
# Require lamindb with a specific Python version  
require_module("lamindb", python_version = "3.12")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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