

# Package ‘laminr’

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connect	<i>Connect to instance</i>
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### Description

Note that prior to connecting to an instance, you need to authenticate with `lamin login`. If no slug is provided, the default instance is loaded, which is set by running `lamin connect <slug>`.

### Usage

```
connect(slug = NULL)
```

### Arguments

slug	The instance slug <code>account_handle/instance_name</code> or URL. If the instance is owned by you, it suffices to pass the instance name. If no slug is provided, the default instance is loaded.
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### Examples

```
## Not run:
# first run 'lamin login' to authenticate
instance <- connect("laminlabs/cellxgene")
instance

## End(Not run)
```

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Field	<i>Field</i>
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### Description

A field in a registry.

### Active bindings

type (character(1))  
The type of the field.

through (list() or NULL)  
The through value of the field.

field\_name (character(1))  
The field name.

registry\_name (character(1))  
The registry name.

column\_name (character(1))  
The column name.

module\_name (character(1))  
The module name.

is\_link\_table (logical(1))  
Whether the field is a link table.

relation\_type (character(1) or NULL)  
The relation type. Can be one of: "one-to-many", "many-to-one", "many-to-many".

related\_field\_name (character(1) or NULL)  
The related field name.

related\_registry\_name (character(1) or NULL)  
The related registry name.

related\_module\_name (character(1) or NULL)  
The related module name.

### Methods

#### Public methods:

- [Field\\$new\(\)](#)
- [Field\\$print\(\)](#)
- [Field\\$to\\_string\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Creates an instance of this R6 class. This class should not be instantiated directly, but rather by connecting to a LaminDB instance using the [connect\(\)](#) function.

*Usage:*

```
Field$new(
  type,
  through,
  field_name,
  registry_name,
  column_name,
  module_name,
  is_link_table,
  relation_type,
  related_field_name,
  related_registry_name,
  related_module_name
)
```

*Arguments:*

**type** The type of the field. Can be one of: "IntegerField", "JSONField", "OneToOneField", "SmallIntegerField", "BigIntegerField", "AutoField", "BigAutoField", "BooleanField", "TextField", "DateTimeField", "ManyToManyField", "CharField", "ForeignKey"

**through** If the relation type is one-to-many, many-to-one, or many-to-many, This value will be a named list with keys 'left\_key', 'right\_key', 'link\_table\_name'.

**field\_name** The name of the field in the registry. Example: "name".

**registry\_name** The name of the registry. Example: "user".

**column\_name** The name of the column in the database. Example: "name".

**module\_name** The name of the module. Example: "core".

**is\_link\_table** Whether the field is a link table.

**relation\_type** The type of relation. Can be NULL or one of: "one-to-one", "many-to-one", "many-to-many".

**related\_field\_name** The name of the related field in the related registry. Example: "name".

**related\_registry\_name** The name of the related registry. Example: "user".

**related\_module\_name** The name of the related module. Example: "core".

**Method print():** Print a Field

*Usage:*

```
Field#print(style = TRUE)
```

*Arguments:*

**style** Logical, whether the output is styled using ANSI codes

**Method to\_string():** Create a string representation of a Field

*Usage:*

```
Field$to_string(style = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

**style** Logical, whether the output is styled using ANSI codes

*Returns:* A `cli::cli_ansi_string` if `style = TRUE` or a character vector

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install_lamindb	<i>Install LaminDB</i>
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## Description

Create a Python environment containing **lamindb** or install **lamindb** into an existing environment.

## Usage

```
install_lamindb(  
  ...,  
  envname = "r-lamindb",  
  extra_packages = NULL,  
  new_env = identical(envname, "r-lamindb")  
)
```

## Arguments

...	Additional arguments passed to <code>reticulate::py_install()</code>
envname	String giving the name of the environment to install packages into
extra_packages	A vector giving the names of additional Python packages to install
new_env	Whether to remove any existing virtualenv with the same name before creating a new one with the requested packages

## Details

See `vignette("setup", package = "laminr")` for further details on setting up a Python environment

## Value

NULL, invisibly

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
install_lamindb()  
  
# Add additional packages to the environment  
install_lamindb(extra_packages = c("bionty", "wetlab"))  
  
# Install into a different environment  
install_lamindb(envname = "your-env")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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Instance

*Instance*

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## Description

Connect to a LaminDB instance using the `connect()` function. The instance object provides access to the modules and registries of the instance.

## Details

Note that by connecting to an instance via `connect()`, you receive a "richer" version of the Instance class documented here, providing direct access to all core registries and additional modules. See the vignette on "Package Architecture" for more information: `vignette("architecture", package = "laminr")`.

## Active bindings

`is_default` (logical(1))  
Whether this is the default instance.

## Methods

### Public methods:

- `Instance$new()`
- `Instance$get_modules()`
- `Instance$get_module()`
- `Instance$get_module_names()`
- `Instance$get_settings()`
- `Instance$get_api()`
- `Instance$get_py_lamin()`
- `Instance$track()`
- `Instance$finish()`
- `Instance$print()`
- `Instance$to_string()`

**Method** `new()`: Creates an instance of this R6 class. This class should not be instantiated directly, but rather by connecting to a LaminDB instance using the `connect()` function.

### Usage:

```
Instance$new(settings, api, schema, is_default, py_lamin)
```

### Arguments:

`settings` The settings for the instance

`api` The API for the instance

`schema` The schema for the instance

`is_default` Logical, whether this is the default instance

py\_lamin A Python lamindb module object

**Method** get\_modules(): Get the modules for the instance.

*Usage:*

Instance\$get\_modules()

*Returns:* A list of [Module](#) objects.

**Method** get\_module(): Get a module by name.

*Usage:*

Instance\$get\_module(module\_name)

*Arguments:*

module\_name The name of the module.

*Returns:* The [Module](#) object.

**Method** get\_module\_names(): Get the names of the modules. Example: c("core", "bionty").

*Usage:*

Instance\$get\_module\_names()

*Returns:* A character vector of module names.

**Method** get\_settings(): Get instance settings.

Note: This method is intended for internal use only and may be removed in the future.

*Usage:*

Instance\$get\_settings()

*Returns:* The settings for the instance.

**Method** get\_api(): Get instance API.

Note: This method is intended for internal use only and may be removed in the future.

*Usage:*

Instance\$get\_api()

*Returns:* The API for the instance.

**Method** get\_py\_lamin(): Get the Python lamindb module

*Usage:*

Instance\$get\_py\_lamin(check = FALSE, what = "This functionality")

*Arguments:*

check Logical, whether to perform checks

what What the python module is being requested for, used in check messages

*Returns:* Python lamindb module.

**Method** track(): Start a run with tracked data lineage

*Usage:*

Instance\$track(transform = NULL, path = NULL)

*Arguments:*

transform UID specifying the data transformation  
path Path to the R script or document to track

*Details:* Calling track() with transform = NULL with return a UID, providing that UID with the same path with start a run

**Method** finish(): Finish a tracked run

*Usage:*

```
Instance$finish()
```

**Method** print(): Print an Instance

*Usage:*

```
Instance$print(style = TRUE)
```

*Arguments:*

style Logical, whether the output is styled using ANSI codes

**Method** to\_string(): Create a string representation of an Instance

*Usage:*

```
Instance$to_string(style = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

style Logical, whether the output is styled using ANSI codes

*Returns:* A cli::cli\_ansi\_string if style = TRUE or a character vector

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
# Connect to an instance  
db <- connect("laminlabs/cellxgene")  
  
# fetch an artifact  
artifact <- db$Artifact$get("MkRm3eUKPwfnAyZMWD9v")  
  
# describe the artifact  
artifact$describe()  
  
# view field  
artifact$id  
  
# load dataset  
artifact$load()  
  
## End(Not run)
```



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lamin_connect	<i>Set the default LaminDB instance</i>
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**Description**

Set the default LaminDB instance by calling `lamin connect` on the command line

**Usage**

```
lamin_connect(slug)
```

**Arguments**

slug                    Slug giving the instance to connect to (<owner>/<name>)

**Examples**

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

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lamin_login	<i>Login to LaminDB</i>
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**Description**

Login as a LaminDB user

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

user                    Handle for the user to login as  
api\_key                 API key for a user

**Details**

Setting user will run `lamin login <user>`. Setting api\_key will set the LAMIN\_API\_KEY environment variable temporarily with `withr::with_envvar()` and run `lamin login`. If neither user or api\_key are set `lamin login` will be run if LAMIN\_API\_KEY is set.

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Module

*Module*

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## Description

A LaminDB module containing one or more registries.

## Active bindings

name (character(1))  
Get the name of the module.

## Methods

### Public methods:

- [Module\\$new\(\)](#)
- [Module\\$get\\_registries\(\)](#)
- [Module\\$get\\_registry\(\)](#)
- [Module\\$get\\_registry\\_names\(\)](#)
- [Module\\$print\(\)](#)
- [Module\\$to\\_string\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Creates an instance of this R6 class. This class should not be instantiated directly, but rather by connecting to a LaminDB instance using the [connect\(\)](#) function.

*Usage:*

```
Module$new(instance, api, module_name, module_schema)
```

*Arguments:*

instance The instance the module belongs to.

api The API for the instance.

module\_name The name of the module.

module\_schema The schema of the module.

**Method** `get_registries()`: Get the registries in the module.

*Usage:*

```
Module$get_registries()
```

*Returns:* A list of [Registry](#) objects.

**Method** `get_registry()`: Get a registry by name.

*Usage:*

```
Module$get_registry(registry_name)
```

*Arguments:*

registry\_name The name of the registry.

*Returns:* A [Registry](#) object.

**Method** `get_registry_names()`: Get the names of the registries in the module. E.g. `c("User", "Artifact")`.

*Usage:*

`Module$get_registry_names()`

*Returns:* A character vector of registry names.

**Method** `print()`: Print a Module

*Usage:*

`Module$print(style = TRUE)`

*Arguments:*

`style` Logical, whether the output is styled using ANSI codes.

**Method** `to_string()`: Create a string representation of a Module

*Usage:*

`Module$to_string(style = FALSE)`

*Arguments:*

`style` Logical, whether the output is styled using ANSI codes

*Returns:* A `cli::cli_ansi_string` if `style = TRUE` or a character vector

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Record

*Record*

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## Description

A record from a registry.

## Methods

### Public methods:

- [Record\\$new\(\)](#)
- [Record\\$delete\(\)](#)
- [Record\\$print\(\)](#)
- [Record\\$to\\_string\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Creates an instance of this R6 class. This class should not be instantiated directly, but rather by connecting to a LaminDB instance using the [connect\(\)](#) function.

*Usage:*

`Record$new(instance, registry, api, data)`

*Arguments:*

`instance` The instance the record belongs to.

`registry` The registry the record belongs to.

`api` The API for the instance.

data The data for the record.

**Method delete():** Delete a Record

*Usage:*

Record\$delete(verbose = FALSE)

*Arguments:*

verbose Whether to print details of the API call

*Returns:* TRUE invisibly if the deletion is successful

**Method print():** Print a Record

*Usage:*

Record\$print(style = TRUE)

*Arguments:*

style Logical, whether the output is styled using ANSI codes

**Method to\_string():** Create a string representation of a Record

*Usage:*

Record\$to\_string(style = FALSE)

*Arguments:*

style Logical, whether the output is styled using ANSI codes

*Returns:* A `cli::cli_ansi_string` if `style = TRUE` or a character vector

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Registry

*Registry*

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## Description

A registry in a module.

## Active bindings

module ([Module](#))

The instance the registry belongs to.

name (character(1))

The API for the instance.

class\_name (character(1))

The class name for the registry.

is\_link\_table (logical(1))

Whether the registry is a link table.

**Methods****Public methods:**

- `Registry$new()`
- `Registry$get()`
- `Registry$df()`
- `Registry$from_df()`
- `Registry$from_path()`
- `Registry$from_anndata()`
- `Registry$get_fields()`
- `Registry$get_field()`
- `Registry$get_field_names()`
- `Registry$get_record_class()`
- `Registry$get_temporary_record_class()`
- `Registry$print()`
- `Registry$to_string()`

**Method** `new()`: Creates an instance of this R6 class. This class should not be instantiated directly, but rather by connecting to a LaminDB instance using the `connect()` function.

*Usage:*

```
Registry$new(instance, module, api, registry_name, registry_schema)
```

*Arguments:*

`instance` The instance the registry belongs to.

`module` The module the registry belongs to.

`api` The API for the instance.

`registry_name` The name of the registry.

`registry_schema` The schema for the registry.

**Method** `get()`: Get a record by ID or UID.

*Usage:*

```
Registry$get(id_or_uid, include_foreign_keys = FALSE, verbose = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

`id_or_uid` The ID or UID of the record.

`include_foreign_keys` Logical, whether to include foreign keys in the record.

`verbose` Logical, whether to print verbose output.

*Returns:* A `Record` object.

**Method** `df()`: Get a data frame summarising records in the registry

*Usage:*

```
Registry$df(limit = 100, verbose = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

`limit` Maximum number of records to return

`verbose` Boolean, whether to print progress messages

*Returns:* A data.frame containing the available records

**Method** `from_df()`: Create a record from a data frame

*Usage:*

```
Registry$from_df(dataframe, key = NULL, description = NULL, run = NULL)
```

*Arguments:*

`dataframe` The data.frame to create a record from

`key` A relative path within the default storage

`description` A string describing the record

`run` A Run object that creates the record

*Details:* Creating records is only possible for the default instance, requires the Python lamindb module and is only implemented for the core Artifact registry.

*Returns:* A TemporaryRecord object containing the new record. This is not saved to the database until `temp_record$save()` is called.

**Method** `from_path()`: Create a record from a path

*Usage:*

```
Registry$from_path(path, key = NULL, description = NULL, run = NULL)
```

*Arguments:*

`path` Path to create a record from

`key` A relative path within the default storage

`description` A string describing the record

`run` A Run object that creates the record

*Details:* Creating records is only possible for the default instance, requires the Python lamindb module and is only implemented for the core Artifact registry.

*Returns:* A TemporaryRecord object containing the new record. This is not saved to the database until `temp_record$save()` is called.

**Method** `from_anndata()`: Create a record from an AnnData

*Usage:*

```
Registry$from_anndata(adata, key = NULL, description = NULL, run = NULL)
```

*Arguments:*

`adata` The `anndata::AnnData` object to create a record from

`key` A relative path within the default storage

`description` A string describing the record

`run` A Run object that creates the record

*Details:* Creating records is only possible for the default instance, requires the Python lamindb module and is only implemented for the core Artifact registry.

*Returns:* A TemporaryRecord object containing the new record. This is not saved to the database until `temp_record$save()` is called.

**Method** `get_fields()`: Get the fields in the registry.

*Usage:*

```
Registry$get_fields()
```

*Returns:* A list of [Field](#) objects.

**Method** `get_field()`: Get a field by name.

*Usage:*

```
Registry$get_field(field_name)
```

*Arguments:*

`field_name` The name of the field.

*Returns:* A [Field](#) object.

**Method** `get_field_names()`: Get the field names in the registry.

*Usage:*

```
Registry$get_field_names()
```

*Returns:* A character vector of field names.

**Method** `get_record_class()`: Get the record class for the registry.

Note: This method is intended for internal use only and may be removed in the future.

*Usage:*

```
Registry$get_record_class()
```

*Returns:* A [Record](#) class.

**Method** `get_temporary_record_class()`: Get the temporary record class for the registry.

Note: This method is intended for internal use only and may be removed in the future.

*Usage:*

```
Registry$get_temporary_record_class()
```

*Returns:* A `TemporaryRecord` class.

**Method** `print()`: Print a Registry

*Usage:*

```
Registry$print(style = TRUE)
```

*Arguments:*

`style` Logical, whether the output is styled using ANSI codes

*Returns:* A character vector

**Method** `to_string()`: Create a string representation of a Registry

*Usage:*

```
Registry$to_string(style = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

`style` Logical, whether the output is styled using ANSI codes

*Returns:* A `cli::cli_ansi_string` if `style = TRUE` or a character vector

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 RelatedRecords

*RelatedRecords*


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## Description

A container for accessing records with a one-to-many or many-to-many relationship.

## Methods

### Public methods:

- [RelatedRecords\\$new\(\)](#)
- [RelatedRecords\\$df\(\)](#)
- [RelatedRecords\\$print\(\)](#)
- [RelatedRecords\\$to\\_string\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Creates an instance of this R6 class. This class should not be instantiated directly, but rather by connecting to a LaminDB instance using the `connect()` function.

*Usage:*

```
RelatedRecords$new(instance, registry, field, related_to, api)
```

*Arguments:*

`instance` The instance the records list belongs to.

`registry` The registry the records list belongs to.

`field` The field associated with the records list.

`related_to` ID or UID of the parent that records are related to.

`api` The API for the instance.

**Method** `df()`: Get a data frame summarising records in the registry

*Usage:*

```
RelatedRecords$df(limit = 100, verbose = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

`limit` Maximum number of records to return

`verbose` Boolean, whether to print progress messages

*Returns:* A data.frame containing the available records

**Method** `print()`: Print a RelatedRecords

*Usage:*

```
RelatedRecords$print(style = TRUE)
```

*Arguments:*

`style` Logical, whether the output is styled using ANSI codes

**Method** `to_string()`: Create a string representation of a RelatedRecords

*Usage:*



`RelatedRecords$to_string(style = FALSE)`

*Arguments:*

`style` Logical, whether the output is styled using ANSI codes

*Returns:* A `cli::cli_ansi_string` if `style = TRUE` or a character vector

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