

# Package ‘strata’

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| adhoc | <i>Execute a single stratum or lamina ad hoc by its name</i> |
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## Description

In interactive sessions, `adhoc()` will execute the stratum or lamina that matches the name provided by the user. If multiple matches are found, the user will be prompted to choose which one to execute. If no matches are found, an error will be thrown. `project_path` will default to the current working directory, unless a path is provided by the user.

## Usage

```
adhoc(name, prompt = TRUE, silent = FALSE, project_path = NULL)
```

## Arguments

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <code>name</code>         | Name of stratum or lamina.  |
| <code>prompt</code>       | Prompt user for choice if multiple matches found? Default is TRUE.  |
| <code>silent</code>       | Suppress log messages? If FALSE (the default), log messages will be printed to the console. If TRUE, log messages will be suppressed. |
| <code>project_path</code> | A path to strata project folder.  |

## Value

invisible data frame of execution plan for matched name.

## See Also

Other adhoc: [adhoc\\_lamina\(\)](#), [adhoc\\_stratum\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
tmp <- fs::dir_create(fs::file_temp())
result <- strata::build_quick_strata_project(tmp, 3, 2)
adhoc("stratum_1")
fs::dir_delete(tmp)

## End(Not run)
```

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| adhoc_lamina | <i>Execute a single lamina ad hoc</i> |
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## Description

adhoc\_lamina() will execute *only* the lamina and the code therein contained as specified by lamina\_path with or without log messages.

## Usage

```
adhoc_lamina(lamina_path, silent = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| lamina_path | Path to lamina.   |
| silent      | Suppress log messages? If FALSE (the default), log messages will be printed to the console. If TRUE, log messages will be suppressed. |

## Value

invisible data frame of execution plan.

## See Also

Other adhoc: [adhoc\(\)](#), [adhoc\\_stratum\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
tmp <- fs::dir_create(fs::file_temp())
result <- strata::build_quick_strata_project(tmp, 1, 1)
adhoc_lamina(
  fs::path(tmp, "strata", "stratum_1", "s1_lamina_1"),
)
fs::dir_delete(tmp)
```

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| adhoc_stratum | <i>Execute a single stratum ad hoc</i> |
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### Description

adhoc\_stratum() will execute *only* the stratum, its child laminae and the code therein contained as specified by stratum\_path with or without log messages.

### Usage

```
adhoc_stratum(stratum_path, silent = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| stratum_path | Path to stratum folder  |
| silent       | Suppress log messages? If FALSE (the default), log messages will be printed to the console. If TRUE, log messages will be suppressed. |

### Value

invisible data frame of execution plan.

### See Also

Other adhoc: [adhoc\(\)](#), [adhoc\\_lamina\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
tmp <- fs::dir_create(fs::file_temp())
result <- strata::build_quick_strata_project(tmp, 1, 1)
adhoc_stratum(
  fs::path(tmp, "strata", "stratum_1"),
)
fs::dir_delete(tmp)
```

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| build_lamina | <i>Add a lamina to the project space</i> |
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### Description

Add a lamina to the project space

### Usage

```
build_lamina(lamina_name, stratum_path, order = 1, skip_if_fail = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| lamina_name  | Name of lamina                                 |
| stratum_path | Path to stratum folder                         |
| order        | Execution order, default is 1                  |
| skip_if_fail | Skip this lamina if it fails, default is FALSE |

**Value**

invisibly returns fs::path to lamina

**Examples**

```
tmp <- fs::dir_create(fs::file_temp())
result_stratum_path <- build_stratum("my_stratum_name", tmp)
result_lamina_path <- build_lamina("my_lamina_name", result_stratum_path)
result_lamina_path
fs::dir_delete(tmp)
```

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build\_outlined\_strata\_project

*Build a strata project from an outline dataframe*

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**Description**

Users with a specific idea in mind already can map out the intended project structure in an outline dataframe and use `build_outlined_strata_project()` to build the project using the dataframe as a blueprint.

**Usage**

```
build_outlined_strata_project(outline)
```

**Arguments**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| outline | A data frame with the following columns: <code>project_path</code> , <code>stratum_name</code> , <code>stratum_order</code> , <code>lamina_name</code> , <code>lamina_order</code> , <code>skip_if_fail</code> . |
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**Value**

invisible dataframe of the survey of the strata project.

## Outline

The outline dataframe should have the following columns:

- `project_path`: The path to the project.
- `stratum_name`: The name of the stratum.
- `stratum_order`: The order of the stratum.
- `lamina_name`: The name of the lamina.
- `lamina_order`: The order of the lamina within the stratum.
- `skip_if_fail`: A logical indicating if the lamina should be skipped if it fails.

Each row of the outline dataframe represents a stratum and lamina combination to be created in the project. A Placeholder R script will be created in each lamina directory to help remind the user to replace it with their own code.

There can only be those 6 columns, and there can be no missing values in the dataframe. The `stratum_name` and `stratum_order` columns must contain unique values.

## Examples

```
tmp <- fs::dir_create(fs::file_temp())
outline <- tibble::tibble(
  project_path = tmp,
  stratum_name = c("test1", "test2"),
  stratum_order = c(1, 2),
  lamina_name = c("lamina1", "lamina1"),
  lamina_order = c(1, 2),
  skip_if_fail = FALSE
)
result <- build_outlined_strata_project(outline)
dplyr::glimpse(result)
main(tmp)
fs::dir_delete(tmp)
```

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`build_quick_strata_project`

*Quickly build strata project with minimal input and standard names*

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## Description

`build_quick_strata_project` will create a project with the specified number of strata - `num_strata`, with the specified number of laminae

- `num_laminae_per` per stratum. The strata and laminae will be named `stratum_1`, `stratum_2`, etc. and `s1_lamina_1`, `s1_lamina_2`, etc.

## Usage

```
build_quick_strata_project(project_path, num_strata = 1, num_laminae_per = 1)
```

**Arguments**

project\_path    A path to strata project folder.  
 num\_strata      Number of strata to create.  
 num\_laminae\_per  
                   Number of laminae to create per stratum.

**Value**

invisible dataframe of the survey of the strata project.

**Examples**

```
tmp <- fs::dir_create(fs::file_temp())
result <- build_quick_strata_project(tmp, 2, 2)
dplyr::glimpse(result)
main(tmp)
fs::dir_delete(tmp)
```

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|---------------|---|
| build_stratum | <i>Add a stratum to the project space</i> |
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**Description**

Add a stratum to the project space

**Usage**

```
build_stratum(stratum_name, project_path, order = 1)
```

**Arguments**

stratum\_name    Name of stratum  
 project\_path    A path to strata project folder.  
 order            Execution order, default is 1

**Value**

invisibly returns fs::path to stratum

**Examples**

```
tmp <- fs::dir_create(fs::file_temp())
result <- build_stratum("my_stratum_name", tmp)
result
fs::dir_delete(tmp)
```

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edit\_toml

*Edit a toml file by providing a dataframe replacement*


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### Description

Users can use `edit_toml()` to edit a toml file (should they opt not to use a text editor) by providing a dataframe of the desired contents. The function will check the dataframe for validity and then rewrite the toml file using the dataframe as a blueprint.

### Usage

```
edit_toml(original_toml_path, new_toml_dataframe)
```

### Arguments

`original_toml_path`

Path to the original toml file.

`new_toml_dataframe`

Dataframe of the new toml file contents with the following columns: type, name, order, skip\_if\_fail, created.

### Value

invisible original toml file path to toml file

`new_toml_dataframe`

`edit_toml()` will check the dataframe for the following columns:

- `type`: The type of the toml file, a character that is either "strata" or "laminae"
- `name`: The character string that is the name of the stratum or lamina
- `order`: The numeric order of the stratum or lamina
- `skip_if_fail`: (if type == laminae) A logical indicating if the lamina should be skipped if it fails
- `created`: A valid date that is the day the stratum or lamina was created

Unexpected columns will be dropped, and `edit_toml()` will warn the user. If there are any missing columns, `edit_toml()` will return an error, stop and inform the user what is missing.

If there are duplicates in the order than strata will rewrite the order using its best guess.

### usage

Users using this function will likely want to combine some of the other helpers in strata. This may look something like this:

- User runs `survey_tomls()` to find all the toml files in the project



- User runs `view_toml()` to view the contents of the toml file and saves to an object, like `original_toml` or similar
- User edits the `original_toml` object to their liking and saves as a new object, like `new_toml`.
- User runs `edit_toml()` with the path to the original toml and `new_toml` objects and can then use `view_toml()` to confirm the changes.

### Examples

```
tmp <- fs::dir_create(fs::file_temp())
strata::build_quick_strata_project(tmp, 2, 3)
original_toml_path <- survey_tomls(tmp)[[1]]
original_toml <- view_toml(original_toml_path)
original_toml
new_toml <- original_toml |>
  dplyr::mutate(
    created = as.Date("2021-01-01")
  )
new_toml_path <- edit_toml(original_toml_path, new_toml)
view_toml(new_toml_path)
fs::dir_delete(tmp)
```

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log\_error

*Wrapper around log\_message for ERROR messages in the log*

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### Description

`log_error()` does *not* stop the execution of the script, but it does print the message to stderr.

### Usage

```
log_error(message)
```

### Arguments

`message`            A string containing a message to log.

### Value

A message printed to stderr and an invisible character string copy of the entire log error message.

### See Also

Other log: [log\\_message\(\)](#), [log\\_total\\_time\(\)](#), [survey\\_log\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
log_error("This is an error message")
```

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| log_message | <i>Send a standardized log message to stdout or stderr</i> |
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### Description

log\_message() does *not* stop the execution of the script, regardless of the level of the message, and whether or not it prints to STDOUT or STDERR.

### Usage

```
log_message(message, level = "INFO", out_or_err = "OUT")
```

### Arguments

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| message    | A string containing a message to log.  |
| level      | The level of the message (e.g. INFO, WARNING, ERROR), defaults to "INFO" but will accept any string. |
| out_or_err | Send log output to stdout or stderr, choices are "OUT" or "ERR" and the defaults is "OUT".           |

### Value

A message printed to stdout or stderr and an invisible character string copy of the entire log message.

### See Also

Other log: [log\\_error\(\)](#), [log\\_total\\_time\(\)](#), [survey\\_log\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
log_message("This is an info message", "INFO", "OUT")
log_message("This is an error message", "ERROR", "ERR")
log_message("This is a warning message", "WARNING", "OUT")
```

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| log_total_time | <i>Print time difference in a standard message for logging purposes</i> |
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### Description

Print time difference in a standard message for logging purposes

### Usage

```
log_total_time(begin, end)
```

**Arguments**

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| begin | A data-time object, signifying the beginning of a process |
| end   | A data-time object, signifying the end of a process       |

**Value**

A numeric value of the time difference in seconds

**See Also**

Other log: [log\\_error\(\)](#), [log\\_message\(\)](#), [survey\\_log\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
begin <- Sys.time()
# do something
end <- Sys.time() + 999
log_total_time(begin, end)
```

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main

*Execute entire strata project*

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**Description**

`main()` will read the `.toml` files inside the `project_path` and begin sourcing the `strata` and `laminae` in the order specified by the user, with or without logging messages.

When a strata project is created `main.R` is added to the project root. This script houses `main()`, and this file is the entry point to the project and should be the target for automation. However, `main()` can be called from anywhere, and users can opt to not use `main.R` at all.

**Usage**

```
main(project_path, silent = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| project_path | A path to strata project folder.  |
| silent       | Suppress log messages? If FALSE (the default), log messages will be printed to the console. If TRUE, log messages will be suppressed. |

**Value**

invisible execution plan.

**.toml files**

There are two types of .toml files that `main()` will read:

- `.strata.toml` - a singular file inside the `<project_path>/strata` folder
- `.laminae.toml` - a file inside each `<project_path>/strata/<stratum_name>` folder

These files are created by the `strata` functions and are used to determine primarily the order of execution for the `strata` and `laminae`. Anything not referenced by a .toml will be ignored by `main()` and other functions such as `survey_strata()`, `adhoc_stratum()`, and `adhoc_lamina()`. Users can safely add other folders and files in the project root, and even within the subfolders and they will be ignored, unless users have code known by a .toml that references them.

Users can use the functions `survey_tomls()` and `[view_toml()]` to find and view the .toml files in their project.

`[view_toml()]`: `R:view_toml()`

**Examples**

```
tmp <- fs::dir_create(fs::file_temp())
result <- strata::build_quick_strata_project(tmp, 1, 1)
main(tmp)
fs::dir_delete(tmp)
```

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survey\_log

*Return the log contents of a strata log file as a tibble*

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**Description**

If users decide to pipe the results of `main()` or any of the logging-related functions into a log file, the contents of log file can be parsed and stored in a tibble using `survey_log()`. *Only* the messages from the `log_*()` functions will be parsed, all other output from the code will be ignored.

**Usage**

```
survey_log(log_path)
```

**Arguments**

`log_path`      Path to the log file

**Value**

A tibble of the contents of the log file

**See Also**

Other survey: `survey_strata()`, `survey_tomls()`

Other log: `log_error()`, `log_message()`, `log_total_time()`

## Examples

```
tmp <- fs::dir_create(fs::file_temp())
log <- fs::file_create(fs::path(tmp, "main.log"))
fake_log_message <- log_message("example message")
cat(fake_log_message, file = log)
survey_log(log)
fs::dir_delete(tmp)
```

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survey\_strata

*Survey the layout and execution order of a strata project*

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## Description

survey\_strata() will examine the .tomls in project\_path provided and return a dataframe with the following information about the project:

- stratum\_name: the name of the stratum
- lamina\_name: the name of the lamina
- execution\_order: the order in which the stratum-lamina-code combination will be executed
- script\_name: the name of the script to be executed
- script\_path: the path to the script

This is based on the contents of the .toml files, everything else is "invisible" inside the strata project.

## Usage

```
survey_strata(project_path)
```

## Arguments

project\_path    A path to strata project folder.

## Value

dataframe housing the layout of your project based on the .tomls.

## See Also

Other survey: [survey\\_log\(\)](#), [survey\\_tomls\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
tmp <- fs::dir_create(fs::file_temp())
build_quick_strata_project(tmp, 2, 2)
survey_strata(tmp)
fs::dir_delete(tmp)
```

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| survey_tomls | <i>Find all the strata-based toml files in a strata project</i> |
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**Description**

Find all the strata-based toml files in a strata project

**Usage**

```
survey_tomls(project_path)
```

**Arguments**

project\_path    A path to strata project folder.

**Value**

an fs\_path object of all toml files.

**See Also**

Other survey: [survey\\_log\(\)](#), [survey\\_strata\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
tmp <- fs::dir_create(fs::file_temp())
strata::build_quick_strata_project(tmp, 2, 3)
survey_tomls(tmp)
fs::dir_delete(tmp)
```

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| view_toml | <i>View the contents of a toml file as a dataframe</i> |
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**Description**

View the contents of a toml file as a dataframe

**Usage**

```
view_toml(toml_path)
```

**Arguments**

toml\_path        Path to the toml file

**Value**

a dataframe of the toml file contents.

**Examples**

```
tmp <- fs::dir_create(fs::file_temp())
strata::build_quick_strata_project(tmp, 2, 3)
proj_tomls <- survey_tomls(tmp)
purrr::map(proj_tomls, view_toml)
fs::dir_delete(tmp)
```

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