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Description Native R implementation of 'EDGAR', the Experimental Design Generator and Randomiser. 'EDGAR' was originally developed as a suite of 'Excel' <https://www.microsoft.com/microsoft-365/excel> workbooks by the Biometrics team at Rothamsted Research <http://www.edgarweb.org.uk/>. The algorithms were subsequently re-implemented in the open-source 'Python' <https://www.python.org/> project 'rotsl/edgar' <https://rotsl.github.io/edgar/>, distributed as the 'edgar-design' package on 'PyPI' <https://pypi.org/project/edgar-design/>. This R package is a native R port of that 'Python' implementation: it does not require 'Python', 'reticulate' <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=reticulate>, or any external service at runtime, and provides deterministic, reproducible randomisation for nine experimental designs including alpha designs (Patterson and Williams, 1976) [doi:10.1093/biomet/63.1.83](https://doi.org/10.1093/biomet/63.1.83). Cross-language reproducibility with the 'Python' implementation is achieved by porting the Mersenne Twister seeding implementation from 'CPython' <https://github.com/python/cpython> and the Fisher-Yates shuffle to native R.

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Description

EDGAR - Experimental Design Generator and Randomiser.

Details

A native R implementation of EDGAR. EDGAR originated as Excel workbooks developed by the Biometrics team at Rothamsted Research (<http://www.edgarweb.org.uk/>). The algorithms were subsequently re-implemented in the open-source Python project `rotsl/edgar` (`rotsl/edgar`; <https://rotsl.github.io/edgar/>), distributed as the `edgar-design` package on PyPI (<https://pypi.org/project/edgar-design/>). This R package is a native R port of that Python implementation: it does not require Python, reticulate, or any external service at runtime.

The package provides deterministic, reproducible randomisation for nine experimental designs: `cr_eq`, `cr_uneq`, `rcb`, `rcb_uneq`, `two_factor_rcb`, `latin`, `split_plot`, `variable_blocks`, and `alpha`.

The Mersenne Twister seeding and Fisher-Yates shuffle are ported from CPython so the same integer seed produces the same design in R as in the upstream Python implementation.

Alpha designs follow the methodology described by Patterson and Williams (1976).

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References

Patterson, H.D. & Williams, E.R. (1976). A new class of resolvable incomplete block designs. *Biometrika*, 63(1), 83-92. doi:10.1093/biomet/63.1.83

Biometrics team at Rothamsted Research, EDGAR Excel workbooks, <http://www.edgarweb.org.uk/>
`rotsl/edgar` Python implementation, <https://rotsl.github.io/edgar/>
`edgar-design` on PyPI, <https://pypi.org/project/edgar-design/>

See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/biologyautomation/edgar-r>
- <https://rotsl.github.io/edgar/>
- <http://www.edgarweb.org.uk/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/biologyautomation/edgar-r/issues>

`as.data.frame.edgar_design`

as.data.frame method: returns the underlying rows data frame.

Description

`as.data.frame` method: returns the underlying rows data frame.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'edgar_design'
as.data.frame(x, row.names = NULL, optional = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	An <code>edgar_design</code> object.
<code>row.names</code>	See base::as.data.frame . Unused.
<code>optional</code>	See base::as.data.frame . Unused.
<code>...</code>	Passed on to other methods.

Value

The rows data frame.

`as_layout_frames`

Access the layout view as a list of data frames (one per section), with section names from `layout_section_labels`. Returns `NULL` if the design has no layout.

Description

Access the layout view as a list of data frames (one per section), with section names from `layout_section_labels`. Returns `NULL` if the design has no layout.

Usage

```
as_layout_frames(x)
```

Arguments

`x` An `edgar_design` object (or any object with an `as_layout_frames` method).

Value

A list of data frames, or `NULL`.

design_alpha	<i>Generate an alpha design.</i>
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Description

Generate an alpha design.

Usage

```
design_alpha(
  experiment_name = "",
  treatment_factor = "Variety",
  repeated_controls = 0L,
  treatment_count = 20L,
  replicate_factor = "Rep",
  reps = 4L,
  block_factor = "Block",
  blocks_per_replicate = 5L,
  unit_label = "Plot",
  treatment_names = NULL,
  control_names = NULL,
  seed = 0L
)
```

Arguments

`experiment_name` Optional experiment name.

`treatment_factor` Treatment column header (default "Variety").

`repeated_controls` Number of repeated controls per block (0..6).

`treatment_count` Number of treatments (20..100).

`replicate_factor` Replicate header (default "Rep").

reps	Number of replicates (2..4).
block_factor	Block header (default "Block").
blocks_per_replicate	Number of blocks per replicate (5..15).
unit_label	Unit column header (default "Plot").
treatment_names	Optional character vector of treatment names.
control_names	Optional character vector of control names. If repeated_controls > 0 and this is NULL, defaults to paste0("C", 1:repeated_controls).
seed	Integer seed.

Value

An edgar_design S3 object.

References

Patterson, H.D. & Williams, E.R. (1976). A new class of resolvable incomplete block designs. *Biometrika*, 63(1), 83-92. doi:10.1093/biomet/63.1.83

Examples

```
res <- design_alpha(treatment_count = 24, reps = 2,
                   blocks_per_replicate = 6, seed = 100)
print(res)
```

design_cr	<i>Generate a cr_eq design.</i>
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Description

Generate a cr_eq design.

Usage

```
design_cr(
  experiment_name = "",
  treatment_factor = "Variety",
  treatment_count = 2L,
  reps_per_treatment = 2L,
  unit_label = "Plot",
  treatment_names = NULL,
  seed = 0L
)
```

Arguments

experiment_name	Optional experiment name (string).
treatment_factor	Treatment column header (default "Variety").
treatment_count	Number of treatments (2..500).
reps_per_treatment	Replicates per treatment (1..100).
unit_label	Unit column header (default "Plot").
treatment_names	Optional character vector of treatment names. Defaults to <code>as.character(1:treatment_count)</code> ; shorter vectors are padded with sequential numbers, matching the upstream behaviour.
seed	Integer seed. Default 0L.

Value

An `edgar_design` S3 object.

Examples

```
res <- design_cr(treatment_count = 4, reps_per_treatment = 2, seed = 42)
print(res)
```

design_cr_unequal	<i>Generate a cr_uneq design.</i>
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Description

Generate a `cr_uneq` design.

Usage

```
design_cr_unequal(
  experiment_name = "",
  treatment_factor = "Variety",
  treatment_count = 2L,
  per_treatment_reps = NULL,
  unit_label = "Plot",
  treatment_names = NULL,
  seed = 0L
)
```

Arguments

experiment_name	Optional experiment name.
treatment_factor	Treatment column header (default "Variety").
treatment_count	Number of treatments (2..500).
per_treatment_reps	Integer vector of length treatment_count with the replication count per treatment. Defaults to rep(2, treatment_count) (NOT a hardcoded [2, 2]).
unit_label	Unit column header (default "Plot").
treatment_names	Optional character vector of treatment names.
seed	Integer seed. Default 0L.

Value

An edgar_design S3 object.

design_info	<i>Convenience wrapper to fetch a design's metadata (for programmatic introspection by tests or downstream packages).</i>
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Description

Convenience wrapper to fetch a design's metadata (for programmatic introspection by tests or downstream packages).

Usage

```
design_info(key)
```

Arguments

key	Design key.
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Value

A list with key, name, description, has_layout, has_blocks, default_params, param_specs.

design_latin	<i>Generate a latin design.</i>
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Description

Generate a latin design.

Usage

```
design_latin(  
  experiment_name = "",  
  treatment_factor = "Variety",  
  treatment_count = 3L,  
  row_factor = "Row",  
  row_count = 3L,  
  column_factor = "Column",  
  column_count = 3L,  
  replicate_factor = "Square",  
  treatment_names = NULL,  
  seed = 0L  
)
```

Arguments

experiment_name	Optional experiment name.
treatment_factor	Treatment column header (default "Variety").
treatment_count	Number of treatments (≥ 2).
row_factor	Row header (default "Row").
row_count	Number of rows. Must be a multiple of treatment_count.
column_factor	Column header (default "Column").
column_count	Number of columns. Must be a multiple of treatment_count.
replicate_factor	Square header (default "Square").
treatment_names	Optional character vector of treatment names.
seed	Integer seed.

Value

An edgar_design S3 object.

design_rcb	<i>Generate an rcb design.</i>
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Description

Generate an rcb design.

Usage

```
design_rcb(
  experiment_name = "",
  treatment_factor = "Variety",
  treatment_count = 2L,
  block_factor = "Block",
  block_count = 2L,
  unit_label = "Plot",
  treatment_names = NULL,
  seed = 0L
)
```

Arguments

experiment_name	Optional experiment name (string).
treatment_factor	Treatment column header (default "Variety").
treatment_count	Number of treatments (2..500).
block_factor	Block column header (default "Block").
block_count	Number of blocks (1..100).
unit_label	Unit column header (default "Plot").
treatment_names	Optional character vector of treatment names. Defaults to <code>as.character(1:treatment_count)</code> ; shorter vectors are padded with sequential numbers, matching the upstream behaviour.
seed	Integer seed. Default 0L.

Value

An `edgar_design` S3 object.

Examples

```
res <- design_rcb(treatment_count = 4, block_count = 3, seed = 42)
print(res)
```

design_rcb_unequal	<i>Generate an rcb_uneq design.</i>
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Description

Generate an rcb_uneq design.

Usage

```
design_rcb_unequal(
  experiment_name = "",
  treatment_factor = "Variety",
  treatment_count = 2L,
  block_factor = "Block",
  block_count = 2L,
  unit_label = "Plot",
  reps_per_treatment_per_block = NULL,
  treatment_names = NULL,
  seed = 0L
)
```

Arguments

experiment_name	Optional experiment name (string).
treatment_factor	Treatment column header (default "Variety").
treatment_count	Number of treatments (2..500).
block_factor	Block column header (default "Block").
block_count	Number of blocks (1..100).
unit_label	Unit column header (default "Plot").
reps_per_treatment_per_block	Integer vector of length treatment_count. Each entry is the number of times the corresponding treatment appears within each block. Defaults to rep(2, treatment_count).
treatment_names	Optional character vector of treatment names. Defaults to as.character(1:treatment_count); shorter vectors are padded with sequential numbers, matching the upstream behaviour.
seed	Integer seed. Default 0L.

Value

An edgar_design S3 object.

design_split_plot	<i>Generate a split_plot design.</i>
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Description

Generate a split_plot design.

Usage

```
design_split_plot(
  experiment_name = "",
  block_factor = "Block",
  block_count = 2L,
  main_unit_label = "Main plot",
  main_treatment_factor = "MainTreat",
  main_treatment_count = 2L,
  sub_unit_label = "Sub-plot",
  sub_treatment_factor = "SubTreat",
  sub_treatment_count = 2L,
  main_treatment_names = NULL,
  sub_treatment_names = NULL,
  seed = 0L
)
```

Arguments

experiment_name	Optional experiment name.
block_factor	Block column header (default "Block").
block_count	Number of blocks (1..100).
main_unit_label	Whole-plot column header (default "Main plot").
main_treatment_factor	Main treatment header (default "MainTreat").
main_treatment_count	Number of main treatments (2..100).
sub_unit_label	Sub-plot column header (default "Sub-plot").
sub_treatment_factor	Sub-treatment header (default "SubTreat").
sub_treatment_count	Number of sub-treatments (2..100).
main_treatment_names	Optional character vector of main treatment names.
sub_treatment_names	Optional character vector of sub-treatment names.
seed	Integer seed.

Value

An edgar_design S3 object.

design_two_factor_rcb *Generate a two_factor_rcb design.*

Description

Generate a two_factor_rcb design.

Usage

```
design_two_factor_rcb(
  experiment_name = "",
  factor_a = "Treatment1",
  factor_a_count = 2L,
  factor_b = "Treatment2",
  factor_b_count = 2L,
  block_factor = "Block",
  block_count = 2L,
  unit_label = "Plot",
  factor_a_names = NULL,
  factor_b_names = NULL,
  seed = 0L
)
```

Arguments

experiment_name	Optional experiment name.
factor_a	Header for factor A (default "Treatment1").
factor_a_count	Number of levels of factor A (2..100).
factor_b	Header for factor B (default "Treatment2").
factor_b_count	Number of levels of factor B (2..100).
block_factor	Block column header (default "Block").
block_count	Number of blocks (1..100).
unit_label	Unit column header (default "Plot").
factor_a_names	Optional character vector of factor A level names.
factor_b_names	Optional character vector of factor B level names.
seed	Integer seed.

Value

An edgar_design S3 object.

design_variable_blocks

Generate a variable_blocks design.

Description

Generate a variable_blocks design.

Usage

```
design_variable_blocks(
  experiment_name = "",
  treatment_factor = "Variety",
  treatment_count = 2L,
  replicates = 2L,
  block_factor = "Block",
  block_count = 2L,
  unit_label = "Plot",
  treatment_names = NULL,
  control_flags = NULL,
  block_sizes = NULL,
  seed = 0L
)
```

Arguments

experiment_name	Optional experiment name.
treatment_factor	Treatment column header (default "Variety").
treatment_count	Number of treatments (2..500).
replicates	Number of replicates per treatment (1..100).
block_factor	Block column header (default "Block").
block_count	Number of blocks (1..100).
unit_label	Unit column header (default "Plot").
treatment_names	Optional character vector of treatment names.
control_flags	Optional logical vector of length treatment_count. TRUE marks a control treatment, which is placed in every block.
block_sizes	Optional integer vector of block sizes. Defaults to evenly distributing treatment_count * replicates across block_count, with any remainder distributed to the first blocks.
seed	Integer seed.

Value

An edgar_design S3 object.

edgar_py_random	<i>Constructor: returns an environment that owns the MT state. Pass by reference lets genrand_uint32 advance the state without copying.</i>
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Description

Constructor: returns an environment that owns the MT state. Pass by reference lets genrand_uint32 advance the state without copying.

Usage

```
edgar_py_random(seed)
```

Arguments

seed	Integer (or numeric coercible to one). Negative seeds are silently treated as their absolute value, matching CPython's behaviour where random.Random(-1) and random.Random(1) produce identical streams.
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Value

An environment with \$state (numeric vector of 624 uint32s) and \$index (1-based pointer into \$state).

generate_design	<i>Public dispatcher: generate a design by key.</i>
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Description

Public dispatcher: generate a design by key.

Usage

```
generate_design(type, ..., seed = 0L)
```

Arguments

type	Design key (cr_eq, cr_uneq, rcb, rcb_uneq, two_factor_rcb, latin, split_plot, variable_blocks, alpha).
...	Design-specific parameters. Forwarded to the design function.
seed	Integer seed. Default 0L. Same seed produces the same design, byte-identical to the upstream Python implementation.

Value

An edgar_design S3 object.

Examples

```
res <- generate_design("rcb", treatment_count = 4, block_count = 3, seed = 42)
print(res)
```

has_layout	<i>Whether the design carries a layout view.</i>
------------	--

Description

Whether the design carries a layout view.

Usage

```
has_layout(x)
```

Arguments

x An edgar_design object (or any object with a has_layout method).

Value

Logical.

list_designs	<i>List all registered designs with their metadata.</i>
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Description

List all registered designs with their metadata.

Usage

```
list_designs()
```

Value

A data frame with columns key, name, has_layout, has_blocks. The full info lists are stored in the attribute "info".

Examples

```
list_designs()
```

make_rng	Create a fresh seeded RNG.
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Description

Create a fresh seeded RNG.

Usage

```
make_rng(seed = 0L)
```

Arguments

seed	Integer seed. Negative seeds behave as in CPython (the absolute value is used internally).
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Value

An environment usable with `seeded_shuffle()`, `seeded_sample()`, `seeded_randint()`.

new_edgar_design	Constructor: build an edgar_design S3 object.
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Description

Constructor: build an edgar_design S3 object.

Usage

```
new_edgar_design(  
  design_name,  
  parameters,  
  seed,  
  rows,  
  layout = NULL,  
  layout_headers = NULL,  
  layout_section_labels = NULL,  
  warnings = character(),  
  generated_at = Sys.time()  
)
```

Arguments

design_name	Character design name (e.g. "Randomised complete block design").
parameters	Named list of input parameters.
seed	Integer seed used.
rows	A data frame, or a list of named lists coercible by <code>edgar_rows_to_dataframe()</code> .
layout	Nested layout view (sections x rows x cells), or NULL.
layout_headers	Per-section column headers, or NULL.
layout_section_labels	Section labels, or NULL.
warnings	Character vector of soft warnings.
generated_at	POSIXct timestamp; defaults to <code>Sys.time()</code> .

Value

An `edgar_design` S3 object.

<code>print.edgar_design</code>	<i>print method for <code>edgar_design</code>. Mirrors the upstream CLI summary.</i>
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Description

`print` method for `edgar_design`. Mirrors the upstream CLI summary.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'edgar_design'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An <code>edgar_design</code> object.
...	Unused.

Value

Invisible x.

```
propose_alpha_structures
```

*Propose viable alpha design structures for a given treatment count.
Mirrors the upstream Python choose_design(treatment_count)
helper.*

Description

Returns a data frame with columns `s`, `k`, `blocks_per_replicate`, `plots_per_block`, `min_treatments`, `max_treatments` for every feasible (`s`, `k`) combination, where:

- `s` ranges from 5 to 15 (number of blocks per replicate)
- `k = ceil(v / s)` (actual plots per block)
- `min_treatments = 4 * s`
- `max_treatments = s * MAX_K[s]` from the rotation table

Usage

```
propose_alpha_structures(treatment_count)
```

```
choose_design(treatment_count)
```

Arguments

```
treatment_count
```

Number of treatments (must be ≥ 20 for alpha).

Value

A data frame. Empty if no feasible structures exist.

References

Patterson, H.D. & Williams, E.R. (1976). *Biometrika*, 63(1), 83-92. doi:10.1093/biomet/63.1.83

```
register_design
```

Register a design.

Description

Register a design.

Usage

```

register_design(
    key,
    name,
    description,
    has_layout,
    has_blocks,
    default_params,
    param_specs,
    func,
    validate
)

```

Arguments

key	Design key (e.g. "cr_eq").
name	Human-readable design name.
description	One-paragraph description.
has_layout	Logical: does the design carry a layout view?
has_blocks	Logical: does the design have a block factor?
default_params	Named list of default parameters.
param_specs	List of parameter specifications (for documentation).
func	The design-generating function.
validate	The validation function for this design.

Value

Invisible TRUE; the function is registered for side effect.

seeded_randint	<i>Return a random integer between a and b inclusive.</i>
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Description

Return a random integer between a and b inclusive.

Usage

```
seeded_randint(rng, a, b)
```

Arguments

rng	An RNG returned by make_rng().
a	Lower bound (integer).
b	Upper bound (integer).

Value

An integer.

seeded_sample	<i>Return k random items from items, without replacement.</i>
---------------	---

Description

Return k random items from items, without replacement.

Usage

```
seeded_sample(rng, items, k)
```

Arguments

rng	An RNG returned by make_rng().
items	An atomic vector.
k	Number of items to draw.

Value

A new vector of length k.

seeded_shuffle	<i>Return a new vector with items shuffled by rng.</i>
----------------	--

Description

The input is not modified. Mirrors CPython's random.shuffle() so the same seed produces the same permutation as the upstream Python implementation.

Usage

```
seeded_shuffle(rng, items)
```

Arguments

rng	An RNG returned by make_rng().
items	An atomic vector (character, integer, numeric, logical).

Value

A new vector of the same type and length, shuffled.

total_units	<i>Total number of experimental units.</i>
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Description

Total number of experimental units.

Usage

```
total_units(x)
```

Arguments

x	An edgar_design object (or any object with a total_units method).
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Value

An integer.

validate_design	<i>Public dispatcher: validate design parameters by key.</i>
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Description

Runs the design's validator against the supplied parameters. Returns a list with valid (logical), warnings (character vector). Hard validation failures raise an edgar_validation_error condition.

Usage

```
validate_design(type, ...)
```

Arguments

type	Design key.
...	Design-specific parameters.

Value

A list with elements valid (TRUE on success) and warnings (character vector, possibly empty).

```
validate_treatment_count
```

Validate treatment counts. Mirrors validate_treatment_count.

Description

Validate treatment counts. Mirrors validate_treatment_count.

Usage

```
validate_treatment_count(value, min_val = 2L, max_val = 500L, context = "")
```

Arguments

value	Integer. Number of treatments.
min_val	Minimum (default 2).
max_val	Maximum (default 500).
context	Optional context string for the error message.

Value

Invisible TRUE; otherwise raises an `edgar_validation_error`.

with_edgar_seed	<i>Run a block of code with an isolated seeded RNG, restoring the caller's <code>.Random.seed</code> afterwards. This is the safety net for any internal code that calls base R <code>sample()</code> or <code>runif()</code> directly; the <code>make_rng()</code> / <code>seeded_shuffle()</code> path does not touch the global state, so this wrapper is provided for completeness and for users who want to call base R sampling under a known seed.</i>
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Description

Run a block of code with an isolated seeded RNG, restoring the caller's `.Random.seed` afterwards. This is the safety net for any internal code that calls base R `sample()` or `runif()` directly; the `make_rng()` / `seeded_shuffle()` path does not touch the global state, so this wrapper is provided for completeness and for users who want to call base R sampling under a known seed.

Usage

```
with_edgar_seed(seed, expr)
```

Arguments

seed	Integer seed.
expr	R expression to evaluate.

Value

The value of `expr`.

<code>write_edgar_csv</code>	<i>Write a design to a CSV file.</i>
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Description

The CSV format matches the upstream Python exporter: a metadata header block (Edgar II, Experiment:, Designed:, Seed:), a blank row, the column header row, and the data rows. Uses `\r\n` line terminators and `QUOTE_MINIMAL` quoting to match.

Usage

```
write_edgar_csv(result, file = "", include_header = TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>result</code>	An <code>edgar_design</code> object.
<code>file</code>	Path to write to. Use <code>""</code> or <code>NULL</code> to return the CSV as a character scalar.
<code>include_header</code>	Whether to include the metadata header block.

Value

The CSV string (invisibly if `file` is given).

<code>write_edgar_json</code>	<i>Write a design to a JSON file (or return as a string).</i>
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Description

The JSON structure mirrors the upstream Python exporter: top-level fields `design_name`, `parameters`, `seed`, `generated_at` (ISO 8601), `total_units`, `rows`, `warnings`, and (if the design has a layout) `layout`, `layout_headers`, `layout_section_labels`.

Usage

```
write_edgar_json(result, file = "", pretty = TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>result</code>	An <code>edgar_design</code> object.
<code>file</code>	Path to write to. Use <code>""</code> or <code>NULL</code> to return the JSON string.
<code>pretty</code>	Pretty-print with 2-space indent.

Details

Requires the jsonlite package (in Suggests).

Value

The JSON string (invisibly if file is given).

write_edgar_xlsx	<i>Write a design to an XLSX file.</i>
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Description

Requires the openxlsx package (in Suggests). The workbook contains a Design, list sheet with metadata and the row view, optionally a Design, layout sheet with the layout sections, and a Parameters sheet with the design parameters.

Usage

```
write_edgar_xlsx(result, file)
```

Arguments

result	An edgar_design object.
file	Path to write to.

Value

Invisibly file.

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