

# Package ‘oxcAAR’

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| Boundary | <i>Returns the Oxcal code for a Boundary</i> |
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### Description

Boundary returns the OxCal code for a Boundary. For details concerning the Oxcal simulation please consult the help page of Oxcal.

### Usage

```
Boundary(names)
```

### Arguments

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| names | a optional vector of names for the resulting Phases dates. If given, for each name a boundary is returned. If not given, one Boundary without name is returned. |
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### Value

a string containing the respective Oxcal code

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| calcurve_plot | <i>Plots calibrated dates on the calibration curve</i> |
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**Description**

Plots calibrated dates on the calibration curve

**Usage**

```
calcurve_plot(
  x,
  dates_sigma_ranges = NULL,
  uncal_range = TRUE,
  cal_range = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| x                  | an object of class <code>oxcAARCalibratedDate</code> or <code>oxcAARCalibratedDatesList</code> |
| dates_sigma_ranges | character. The sigma range used for the error bars ("two_sigma", "one_sigma" or "three_sigma") |
| uncal_range        | logical. If TRUE (default), the plot contains error bars for the the uncalibrated age          |
| cal_range          | logical. If TRUE (default), the plot contains error bars for the the calibrated age            |

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| executeOxcalScript | <i>Executes an Oxcal Script</i> |
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**Description**

Takes an Oxcal Script, hands it over to oxcal and receives the output that is read from the output file

**Usage**

```
executeOxcalScript(oxcal_script)
```

**Arguments**

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| oxcal_script | A string containing the Oxcal commands that should be processed. |
|--------------|--|

**Value**

The path to the js output file

**Author(s)**

Martin Hinz

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| get_bp | <i>get bp values (ages)</i> |
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**Description**

queries values from date objects

**Usage**`get_bp(x)`

## Default S3 method:

`get_bp(x)`

## S3 method for class 'oxcAARCalibratedDate'

`get_bp(x)`

## S3 method for class 'oxcAARCalibratedDatesList'

`get_bp(x)`**Arguments**`x` an object of class `oxcAARCalibratedDate` or `oxcAARCalibratedDatesList`**Value**

an integer or a numeric vector

**See Also**Other getter functions: [get\\_cal\\_curve\(\)](#), [get\\_name\(\)](#), [get\\_posterior\\_probabilities\(\)](#), [get\\_posterior\\_sigma\\_ranges\(\)](#), [get\\_raw\\_probabilities\(\)](#), [get\\_sigma\\_ranges\(\)](#), [get\\_std\(\)](#)**Examples**

```
## Not run:
x <- oxcalCalibrate(c(5000, 4500, 3000), c(20, 50, 60))
get_bp(x)
y <- oxcalCalibrate(5000, 20)[[1]]
get_bp(y)

## End(Not run)
```

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|               |                                    |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| get_cal_curve | <i>get calibration curve names</i> |
|---------------|------------------------------------|

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## Description

queries values from date objects

## Usage

```
get_cal_curve(x)
```

```
## Default S3 method:
```

```
get_cal_curve(x)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'oxcAARCalibratedDate'
```

```
get_cal_curve(x)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'oxcAARCalibratedDatesList'
```

```
get_cal_curve(x)
```

## Arguments

x an object of class `oxcAARCalibratedDate` or `oxcAARCalibratedDatesList`

## Value

a string or a character vector

## See Also

Other getter functions: [get\\_bp\(\)](#), [get\\_name\(\)](#), [get\\_posterior\\_probabilities\(\)](#), [get\\_posterior\\_sigma\\_ranges\(\)](#), [get\\_raw\\_probabilities\(\)](#), [get\\_sigma\\_ranges\(\)](#), [get\\_std\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
x <- oxcalCalibrate(c(5000, 4500, 3000), c(20, 50, 60))  
get_cal_curve(x)  
y <- oxcalCalibrate(5000, 20)[[1]]  
get_cal_curve(y)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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|----------|-----------------------------|
| get_name | <i>get names (labcodes)</i> |
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## Description

queries values from date objects

## Usage

```
get_name(x)

## Default S3 method:
get_name(x)

## S3 method for class 'oxcAARCalibratedDate'
get_name(x)

## S3 method for class 'oxcAARCalibratedDatesList'
get_name(x)
```

## Arguments

x an object of class `oxcAARCalibratedDate` or `oxcAARCalibratedDatesList`

## Value

a string or a character vector

## See Also

Other getter functions: [get\\_bp\(\)](#), [get\\_cal\\_curve\(\)](#), [get\\_posterior\\_probabilities\(\)](#), [get\\_posterior\\_sigma\\_ranges\(\)](#), [get\\_raw\\_probabilities\(\)](#), [get\\_sigma\\_ranges\(\)](#), [get\\_std\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
x <- oxcalCalibrate(c(5000, 4500, 3000), c(20, 50, 60))
get_name(x)
y <- oxcalCalibrate(5000, 20)[[1]]
get_name(y)

## End(Not run)
```

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`get_posterior_probabilities`  
*get posterior raw probabilities*

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### **Description**

queries values from date objects

### **Usage**

```
get_posterior_probabilities(x)

## Default S3 method:
get_posterior_probabilities(x)

## S3 method for class 'oxcAARCalibratedDate'
get_posterior_probabilities(x)

## S3 method for class 'oxcAARCalibratedDatesList'
get_posterior_probabilities(x)
```

### **Arguments**

x                    an object of class `oxcAARCalibratedDate` or `oxcAARCalibratedDatesList`

### **Value**

a list of three `data.frames` or a list of those lists

### **See Also**

Other getter functions: [get\\_bp\(\)](#), [get\\_cal\\_curve\(\)](#), [get\\_name\(\)](#), [get\\_posterior\\_sigma\\_ranges\(\)](#), [get\\_raw\\_probabilities\(\)](#), [get\\_sigma\\_ranges\(\)](#), [get\\_std\(\)](#)

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`get_posterior_sigma_ranges`  
*get posterior sigma ranges*

---

### **Description**

queries values from date objects

**Usage**

```
get_posterior_sigma_ranges(x)

## Default S3 method:
get_posterior_sigma_ranges(x)

## S3 method for class 'oxcAARCalibratedDate'
get_posterior_sigma_ranges(x)

## S3 method for class 'oxcAARCalibratedDatesList'
get_posterior_sigma_ranges(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    an object of class `oxcAARCalibratedDate` or `oxcAARCalibratedDatesList`

**Value**

a list of three data.frames or a list of those lists

**See Also**

Other getter functions: [get\\_bp\(\)](#), [get\\_cal\\_curve\(\)](#), [get\\_name\(\)](#), [get\\_posterior\\_probabilities\(\)](#), [get\\_raw\\_probabilities\(\)](#), [get\\_sigma\\_ranges\(\)](#), [get\\_std\(\)](#)

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`get_raw_probabilities`   *get raw probabilities*

---

**Description**

queries values from date objects

**Usage**

```
get_raw_probabilities(x)

## Default S3 method:
get_raw_probabilities(x)

## S3 method for class 'oxcAARCalibratedDate'
get_raw_probabilities(x)

## S3 method for class 'oxcAARCalibratedDatesList'
get_raw_probabilities(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    an object of class `oxcAARCalibratedDate` or `oxcAARCalibratedDatesList`



**Value**

a data.frame or a list of data.frames

**See Also**

Other getter functions: [get\\_bp\(\)](#), [get\\_cal\\_curve\(\)](#), [get\\_name\(\)](#), [get\\_posterior\\_probabilities\(\)](#), [get\\_posterior\\_sigma\\_ranges\(\)](#), [get\\_sigma\\_ranges\(\)](#), [get\\_std\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
x <- oxcalCalibrate(c(5000, 4500, 3000), c(20, 50, 60))  
get_raw_probabilities(x)  
y <- oxcalCalibrate(5000, 20)[[1]]  
get_raw_probabilities(y)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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*get\_sigma\_ranges*      *get sigma ranges*

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**Description**

queries values from date objects

**Usage**

```
get_sigma_ranges(x)  
  
## Default S3 method:  
get_sigma_ranges(x)  
  
## S3 method for class 'oxcAARCalibratedDate'  
get_sigma_ranges(x)  
  
## S3 method for class 'oxcAARCalibratedDatesList'  
get_sigma_ranges(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    an object of class *oxcAARCalibratedDate* or *oxcAARCalibratedDatesList*

**Value**

a list of three data.frames or a list of those lists

**See Also**

Other getter functions: [get\\_bp\(\)](#), [get\\_cal\\_curve\(\)](#), [get\\_name\(\)](#), [get\\_posterior\\_probabilities\(\)](#), [get\\_posterior\\_sigma\\_ranges\(\)](#), [get\\_raw\\_probabilities\(\)](#), [get\\_std\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
x <- oxcalCalibrate(c(5000, 4500, 3000), c(20, 50, 60))
get_sigma_ranges(x)
y <- oxcalCalibrate(5000, 20)[[1]]
get_sigma_ranges(y)

## End(Not run)
```

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|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <code>get_std</code> | <i>get std values (standard deviations)</i> |
|----------------------|---|

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**Description**

queries values from date objects

**Usage**

```
get_std(x)

## Default S3 method:
get_std(x)

## S3 method for class 'oxcAARCalibratedDate'
get_std(x)

## S3 method for class 'oxcAARCalibratedDatesList'
get_std(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x` an object of class `oxcAARCalibratedDate` or `oxcAARCalibratedDatesList`

**Value**

an integer or a numeric vector

**See Also**

Other getter functions: [get\\_bp\(\)](#), [get\\_cal\\_curve\(\)](#), [get\\_name\(\)](#), [get\\_posterior\\_probabilities\(\)](#), [get\\_posterior\\_sigma\\_ranges\(\)](#), [get\\_raw\\_probabilities\(\)](#), [get\\_sigma\\_ranges\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
x <- oxcalCalibrate(c(5000, 4500, 3000), c(20, 50, 60))
get_std(x)
y <- oxcalCalibrate(5000, 20)[[1]]
get_std(y)

## End(Not run)
```

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get\_tidy\_oxcalresult *tidy output*

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**Description**

Transforms oxcalAAR output to a tidy data format. See <http://vita.had.co.nz/papers/tidy-data.html> and <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=broom>

**Usage**

```
get_tidy_oxcalresult(x)

## Default S3 method:
get_tidy_oxcalresult(x)

## S3 method for class 'oxcalAARCalibratedDate'
get_tidy_oxcalresult(x)

## S3 method for class 'oxcalAARCalibratedDatesList'
get_tidy_oxcalresult(x)
```

**Arguments**

x an object of class oxcalAARCalibratedDate or oxcalAARCalibratedDatesList

**Value**

a data.frame (with list columns)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
x <- oxcalCalibrate(c(5000, 4500, 3000), c(20, 50, 60))
get_tidy_oxcalresult(x)
y <- oxcalCalibrate(5000, 20)[[1]]
get_tidy_oxcalresult(y)

## End(Not run)
```

is.oxcAARCalibratedDate

*Checks if a variable is of class oxcAARCalibratedDate*

---

**Description**

Checks if a variable is of class oxcAARCalibratedDate

**Usage**

is.oxcAARCalibratedDate(x)

**Arguments**

x                    a variable

**Value**

true if x is a oxcAARCalibratedDate, false otherwise

---

is.oxcAARCalibratedDatesList

*Checks if a variable is of class oxcAARCalibratedDatesList*

---

**Description**

Checks if a variable is of class oxcAARCalibratedDatesList

**Usage**

is.oxcAARCalibratedDatesList(x)

**Arguments**

x                    a variable

**Value**

true if x is a oxcAARCalibratedDatesList, false otherwise

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 oxcAARCalibratedDate *oxcAAR Calibrated Dates Object*


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### Description

The function `oxcAARCalibratedDate` is used to create an object for a calibrated date.

### Usage

```
oxcAARCalibratedDate(
  name,
  type,
  bp,
  std,
  cal_curve,
  sigma_ranges,
  raw_probabilities,
  posterior_probabilities = NA,
  posterior_sigma_ranges = NA
)
```

### Arguments

|                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| <code>name</code>                    | a string giving the name of the date (usually the lab number)  |
| <code>type</code>                    | a string giving the type of the date in OxCal terminology ("R_Date", "R_Simulate", ...)  |
| <code>bp</code>                      | a integer giving the BP value for the date   |
| <code>std</code>                     | a integer giving the standard deviation for the date   |
| <code>cal_curve</code>               | a list containing information about the calibration curve (name, resolution, bp, bc, sigma)  |
| <code>sigma_ranges</code>            | a list of three elements (one, two, three sigma), each a data frame with start, end and probability giving                                 |
| <code>raw_probabilities</code>       | a data frame of dates and the related probabilities for each date  |
| <code>posterior_probabilities</code> | a data frame of dates and the related posterior probabilities for each date  |
| <code>posterior_sigma_ranges</code>  | a list of three elements (one, two, three sigma), each a data frame with start, end and probability giving for the posterior probabilities |

### Value

an object of the class 'oxcAARCalibratedDate'

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oxcAARCalibratedDatesList  
*oxcAAR Calibrated Dates List*

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**Description**

A List of [oxcAARCalibratedDate](#)

**Value**

an object of the class 'oxcAARCalibratedDatesList'

---

oxcalCalibrate      *Calibrates a 14C date using oxcal*

---

**Description**

Calibrates a 14C date using oxcal

**Usage**

```
oxcalCalibrate(bp, std, names = 1:length(bp))
```

**Arguments**

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| bp    | A vector containing the bp dates of the measurements            |
| std   | A vector containing the standard deviations of the measurements |
| names | The names of the measurements, usually the Laboratory numbers   |

**Value**

An object of class [oxcAARCalibratedDatesList](#)

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|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| oxcalSimulate | <i>Simulates 14C dates using oxcal</i> |
|---------------|--|

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**Description**

Simulates 14C dates using oxcal

**Usage**

```
oxcalSimulate(c_date, std, names = 1:length(c_date))
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| c_date | A vector containing the calendar dates to be simulated              |
| std    | A vector containing the standard deviations for the simulated dates |
| names  | The names of the measurements, usually the Laboratory numbers       |

**Value**

An object of class [oxcAARCalibratedDatesList](#)

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|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| oxcalSumSim | <i>Sum calibration for simulated dates</i> |
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**Description**

Sum calibration for simulated dates

**Usage**

```
oxcalSumSim(  
  timeframe_begin,  
  timeframe_end,  
  n,  
  stds,  
  date_distribution = c("equidist", "uniform")  
)
```

**Arguments**

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| timeframe_begin, timeframe_end | beginning and end of the time frame for which dates should be simulated   |
| n                              | the number of dates that should be simulated  |
| stds                           | either one standard deviation for all dates or a vector of standard deviations with length n                                  |
| date_distribution              | a character string indicating which method should be used to distribute the dates in the given time frame, can be abbreviated |

**Details**

The dates can be distributed using one of the following methods: 'equidist' distributed the n dates within the time frame with equal distance, 'uniform' random samples n dates from the given time interval with uniform distribution

**Value**

A list containing the following components:

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| dates             | the dates for the simulated sum calibration         |
| probabilities     | the probabilities for the simulated sum calibration |
| date_distribution | the distribution method used for the dates          |

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 oxcal\_Sum

*Wraps an Oxcal string into a Oxcal sum function*


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**Description**

Wraps an Oxcal string into a Oxcal sum function

**Usage**

```
oxcal_Sum(oxcal_string, name = "Sum")
```

**Arguments**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| oxcal_string | The Oxcal script that should be wrapped           |
| name         | The name attribute for the resulting sum function |

**Value**

A new oxcal script as string



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parseFullOxcalOutput *Parses an Oxcal Output File completely into R*

---

**Description**

Takes the output of Oxcal as vector of strings (one string per line) and parse it as list.

**Usage**

```
parseFullOxcalOutput(output)
```

**Arguments**

output            The output of Oxcal as vector of strings (one string per line).

**Value**

A list containing all informations provided by Oxcal as list.

---

parseOxcalOutput        *Parses an Oxcal Output File into R*

---

**Description**

Takes the output of Oxcal as vector of strings (one string per line) and parse it as list.

**Usage**

```
parseOxcalOutput(result, first = FALSE, only.R_Date = T)
```

**Arguments**

result            The output of Oxcal as vector of strings (one string per line).  
first             Return the first date only  
only.R\_Date      Return the informations for R\_Dates

**Value**

A list containing all informations provided by Oxcal as list.

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|       |   |
|-------|---|
| Phase | <i>Returns the Oxcal code for Phase</i> |
|-------|---|

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### Description

Phase takes a set of R\_Dates as vectors, and returns a bit of oxcal code that can be used to feed it into oxcal. In this code the R\_Dates are encapsulated in an OxCal Phases, one Phase for each string. For details concerning the Oxcal simulation please consult the help page of Oxcal.

### Usage

```
Phase(r_dates_strings, names = "")
```

### Arguments

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| r_dates_strings | a vector containing strings of OxCal code, usually consisting of R_Date commands, but any other code strings might be used that can be interpreted by OxCal within a Phase |
| names           | a optional vector of names for the resulting Phases  |

### Value

a string containing the respective Oxcal code

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|                 |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| quickSetupOxcal | <i>Quick OxCal setup</i> |
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### Description

Downloads the latest version of Oxcal and sets the executable path correctly

### Usage

```
quickSetupOxcal(os = Sys.info()["sysname"], path = tempdir())
```

### Arguments

|      |  |
|------|--|
| os   | The operating system of the workstation. Default: automatic determination.<br>Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Linux</b></li> <li>• Windows</li> <li>• Darwin</li> </ul> |
| path | The path to the directory where Oxcal is or should be stored. Default: "tempdir()". I recommend thought to install it permanently.   |

**Author(s)**

Clemens Schmid

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
  quickSetupOxcal()

## End(Not run)
```

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|-----------------|--|
| readOxcalOutput | <i>Reads the content of the Oxcal js output file</i> |
|-----------------|--|

---

**Description**

Reads the content of the Oxcal js output file as vector of strings for each line.

**Usage**

```
readOxcalOutput(output_file)
```

**Arguments**

output\_file     The path to a Oxcal js output file.

**Value**

The content of the Oxcal js output file as vector of strings for each line.

**Author(s)**

Martin Hinz

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|        |  |
|--------|--|
| R_Date | <i>Returns the Oxcal code for the calibration of 14C dates</i> |
|--------|--|

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**Description**

R\_Date takes names, BP dates and standard deviation for those dates as vectors, and returns a bit of oxcal code that can be used to feed it into oxcal. For details concerning the Oxcal calibration please consult the help page of Oxcal.

**Usage**

```
R_Date(names, r_dates, stds)
```

**Arguments**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| names   | a vector of names for the dates                                      |
| r_dates | a vector containing the BP dates that should be calibrated           |
| stds    | a vector containing the standard deviation that should be calibrated |

**Value**

a string containing the respective Oxcal code

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|            |   |
|------------|---|
| R_Simulate | <i>Returns the Oxcal code for the simulation of 14C dates</i> |
|------------|---|

---

**Description**

R\_Simulate takes names, calendar dates and standard deviation for those dates as vectors, and returns a bit of oxcal code that can be used to feed it into oxcal. For details concerning the Oxcal simulation please consult the help page of Oxcal.

**Usage**

```
R_Simulate(c_dates, stds, names = 1:length(c_dates))
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| c_dates | a vector containing the calendar dates that should be simulated     |
| stds    | a vector containing the standard deviation that should be simulated |
| names   | a vector of names for the resulting simulated dates                 |

**Value**

a string containing the respective Oxcal code

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|          |  |
|----------|--|
| Sequence | <i>Returns the Oxcal code for Sequence</i> |
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**Description**

Sequence takes a set of Phases or R\_Dates as vectors, and returns a bit of oxcal code that can be used to feed it into OxCal. In this code the Phases and/or R\_Dates are encapsulated in an OxCal Phases, one Phase for each string. For details concerning the Oxcal simulation please consult the help page of Oxcal.

**Usage**

```
Sequence(sequence_elements, names = "")
```

**Arguments**

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| sequence_elements | a vector containing strings of OxCal code, usually consisting of Phase or R_Date commands, but any other code strings might be used that can be interpreted by OxCal within a Sequence |
| names             | a optional vector of names for the resulting Sequences   |

**Value**

a string containing the respective Oxcal code

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setOxcalExecutablePath

*Setting the Oxcal program path for further use*

---

**Description**

Stores the path to the oxcal executable it in internally for other functions.

**Usage**

```
setOxcalExecutablePath(path)
```

**Arguments**

|      |                                  |
|------|----------------------------------|
| path | The path to the Oxcal executable |
|------|----------------------------------|

**Author(s)**

Martin Hinz

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
connectOxcal('/home/martin/Documents/scripte/OxCal/bin/OxCalLinux')

## End(Not run)
```

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wrap\_in\_boundaries      *Wrap OxCal commands in Boundary commands*

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**Description**

wrap\_in\_boundaries takes a set of Phases or R\_Dates as vectors, and returns a bit of oxcal code that can be used to feed it into OxCal. In this code the Phases and/or R\_Dates are interleaved and wrapped in OxCal Boundaries, the number of Boundaries is equal to the number of strings + 1. The resulting string starts with a boundary, than the OxCal strings from the vector are interleaved with Boundary commands. For details concerning the Oxcal simulation please consult the help page of Oxcal.

**Usage**

```
wrap_in_boundaries(phases_strings, boundary_names = NA)
```

**Arguments**

phases\_strings a vector containing strings of OxCal code, usually consisting of Phase or R\_Date commands, but any other code strings might be used that can be interpreted by OxCal inbetween a Boundary

boundary\_names a optional vector of names for the resulting Boundaries (length of phases\_strings + 1). If not given, the boundaries are named with consecutive numbers.

**Value**

a string containing the respective Oxcal code

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