

# Package: SticsOnR (via r-universe)

June 2, 2026

**Type** Package

**Title** Manage STICS Simulations Running the Executable or JavaStics,

**Version** 1.3.0

**Date** 2025-03-20

**Description** Running simulations with the 'STICS' crop model. Different ways of performing simulations are available and based on three use-cases: 1/ Calling 'JavaStics' command line to run simulations on given situations. 'JavaStics' handles text files generation from 'XML' files; 2/ Calling the model 'fortran' executable directly. Text files must be produced beforehand; and 3/ Calling the model 'fortran' executable through a wrapper. It can handle distributed runs over the machine CPUs and returns simulated output data. The wrapper also provides a concise manner for running simulations using custom parameter values and allows to chain simulations for successive situations.

**License** LGPL (>= 3)

**URL** <https://github.com/SticsRPacks/SticsOnR>,  
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4443130>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/SticsRPacks/SticsOnR/issues>

**Depends** R (>= 3.6.0)

**Imports** cli, crayon (>= 1.3.4), doParallel, dplyr, foreach, magrittr, parallel, rstudioapi, stats, tibble, tidyr, SticsRFiles (>= 1.1.3), semver

**Suggests** covr, knitr, rmarkdown, spelling, testthat

**VignetteBuilder** knitr

**ByteCompile** true

**Encoding** UTF-8

**Language** en-US

**Roxygen** list(markdown = TRUE)

**RoxygenNote** 7.3.3

**Config/pak/sysreqs** libicu-dev libxml2-dev libxslt-dev libssl-dev

**Repository** https://pecanproject.r-universe.dev

**Date/Publication** 2026-04-03 12:23:06 UTC

**RemoteUrl** https://github.com/SticsRPacks/SticsOnR

**RemoteRef** HEAD

**RemoteSha** bfc45b0c0823244422ed29b3da38f0dc9cf15d8f

## Contents

get_version_number . . . . .	2
run_javastics . . . . .	3
run_stics . . . . .	4
stics_wrapper . . . . .	5
stics_wrapper_options . . . . .	7

<b>Index</b>	<b>12</b>
--------------	-----------

---

get_version_number	<i>Get STICS executable version number, or string, or hash</i>
--------------------	--

---

## Description

Get STICS executable version number, or string, or hash

## Usage

```
get_version_number(exe_path, numeric = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

exe_path	executable file path
numeric	Logical, TRUE (default) to return a numeric version as a semver class vector, or FALSE to return a character string with the version

## Value

a smvr class vector if numeric = TRUE (default), or a character string if numeric = FALSE, with an attribute "date" if the version date is provided in the system command output. Or a hash string if the system command output contains a hash.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_version_number("path/to/stics_exe")
get_version_number("path/to/stics_exe", numeric = FALSE)

## End(Not run)
```

---

run\_javastics

*Running one or several usms from a javastics workspace*


---

**Description**

This function uses basically Stics through his JavaStics command line interface

**Usage**

```
run_javastics(
  javastics,
  workspace = NULL,
  usm = NULL,
  keep_history = TRUE,
  optim = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  stics_exe = "modulostics",
  java_cmd = "java"
)
```

**Arguments**

javastics	Path of JavaStics
workspace	Path of a JavaStics workspace
usm	Vector of USM names. Optional, if provided, the function runs only the given USMs. If not provided, the function runs all the USMs included in workspace.
keep_history	Logical value (optional) to keep a copy of history file use TRUE (default), FALSE otherwise
optim	Logical value (optional), TRUE to force code_optim value to 1, FALSE otherwise (default)
verbose	Logical value for displaying information while running
stics_exe	The name, executable or path of the stics executable to use (optional, default to "modulostics", see details)
java_cmd	The java virtual machine command name or executable path

**Details**

stics\_exe may be :

1. a model name pointing to a stics executable as done in JavaStics, e.g. "modulostics" for stics\_modulo.exe, the standard version of the model shipping with JavaStics;
2. a stics executable file available from the bin folder in JavaStics, e.g. "stics\_modulo.exe";
3. a path to a stics executable file, eg. "C:/Users/username/Desktop/stics.exe". NB: this file cannot be named stics\_modulo.exe because it is the name of the standard STICS shipping with JavaStics (overwriting is not allowed).

**Value**

A list in which each element contains: usm "name", "error" status (logical) and an output "message" (JavaStics commandline execution output)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
run_javastics("/path/to/JavaSTICS/folder", "example")
run_javastics("/path/to/JavaSTICS/folder", "/path/to/workspace")
run_javastics("/path/to/JavaSTICS/folder", "example", c("wheat", "pea"))
run_javastics("/path/to/JavaSTICS/folder", usm = c("wheat", "pea"))
run_javastics("/path/to/JavaSTICS/folder",
  usm = c("wheat", "pea"), optim = TRUE
)

## End(Not run)
```

---

run_stics	<i>Running usm(s) from a/several directory(ies) or a/several subdirectory(ies) named with usm name</i>
-----------	--

---

**Description**

This function uses Stics directly through a system call

**Usage**

```
run_stics(stics_exe, workspace, usm = NULL, check = TRUE, verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

stics_exe	Path of Stics the executable file
workspace	Path of the workspace containing the Stics (txt) input files
usm	Vector of USM names. Optional, if provided, the function runs only the given USMs. If not provided, the function runs all the USMs included in workspace.

check	Logical, T for checking the model executable, F otherwise
verbose	Logical value (optional), TRUE to display usms names, FALSE otherwise (default)

### Value

A list with usm names and execution error status

### Examples

```
## Not run:

# Specifying individual usm directories
run_stics("/home/username/bin/Stics", "/home/username/Work/SticsInputsDir")
run_stics("/home/username/bin/Stics", c(
  "/home/username/Work/SticsInputsDir1",
  "/home/username/Work/SticsInputsDir2"
))

# Specifying a parent directory of usms directories
# running one or several usms
run_stics(
  "/home/username/bin/Stics",
  "/home/username/Work/SticsInputsRootDir", "wheat"
)
run_stics(
  "/home/username/bin/Stics", "/home/username/Work/SticsInputsRootDir",
  c("wheat", "maize")
)
# running all usms
run_stics(
  "/home/username/bin/Stics", "/home/username/Work/SticsInputsRootDir",
)

## End(Not run)
```

---

stics_wrapper	<i>Running usm(s) from txt input files stored in one directory per situation, simulated results are returned in a list</i>
---------------	--

---

### Description

This function uses Stics directly through a system call, can force Stics input parameters with values given in arguments.

**Usage**

```

stics_wrapper(
  model_options,
  param_values = NULL,
  situation = NULL,
  var = NULL,
  dates = NULL,
  sit_var_dates_mask = NULL
)

```

**Arguments**

- model\_options** List containing any information needed by the model. In the case of Stics: javastics (or/and stics\_exe) and workspace the path of the directory containing the Stics input data for each USM (one folder per USM where Stics input files are stored in txt format). See `stics_wrapper_options()` for more information.
- param\_values** (optional) a named vector or a tibble that contains values of Stics input parameters to use in the simulations. Should have one named column per parameter. An optional column named `situation` containing the name of the situations (USMs for Stics) allows to define different values of the parameters for different situations. If `param_values` is not provided, the simulations will be performed using the parameters values defined in the Stics input files referenced in `model_options` argument. **WARNING:** up to now, for intercrop situations, plant parameter(s) defined in `param_values` is(are) only associated to the main crop.
- situation** (optional) vector of situations (USMs) names for which results must be returned. Results for all simulated situations are returned if not provided.
- var** (optional) vector of variables names for which results must be returned. If not provided, it returns the results for all simulated variables that were already listed in the `var.mod` (i.e. from the last simulation).
- dates** (optional) vector of dates (POSIXct) for which results must be returned. Results for all dates simulated are returned if not provided. If required dates varies between situations, use `sit_var_dates_mask` argument
- sit\_var\_dates\_mask** (optional) List of situations: a named list containing a mask for variables and dates for which simulated values should be returned. Typically a list containing the observations to which simulations should be compared as provided by `SticsRFiles::get_obs`

**Value**

A list containing simulated values (`sim_list`: a list of tibbles (one element per situation) and an error code (`error`) indicating if at least one simulation ended with an error.

**See Also**

`stics_wrapper_options()` for more information on how to provide `model_options`.

**Examples**

```

## Not run:

# Specifying the JavaStics folder
javastics <- "/path/to/JavaSTICS/folder"

# Setting the input data folder path, root directory of the usms directories
data_path <- "/path/to/usms/subdirs/root"

# Setting the mandatory simulations options
sim_options <- stics_wrapper_options(
  javastics = javastics,
  workspace = data_path
)

# Running all the usms that have a corresponding input folder in data_path
results <- stics_wrapper(sim_options)

# Running a sublist of usm
usms_list <- c("wheat", "pea", "maize")
results <- stics_wrapper(sim_options, situation = usms_list)

# Applying a single parameter values vector for the sublist of usms
param_values <- c(0.002, 50)
names(param_values) <- c("dlaimax", "durvieF")
results <- stics_wrapper(
  model_options = sim_options,
  situation = usms_list, param_values = param_values
)

# Applying different values of the parameters for the usms
# Let's run usm wheat with c(dlaimax=0.001, durvieF=50),
# usm pea with c(dlaimax=0.001, durvieF=60),
# and usm maize with c(dlaimax=0.001, durvieF=70)
param_values <- data.frame(
  Situation = c("wheat", "pea", "maize"),
  dlaimax = c(0.001, 0.001, 0.001),
  durvieF = c(50, 60, 70)
)
results <- stics_wrapper(
  model_options = sim_options,
  param_values = param_values, situation = c("wheat", "pea", "maize")
)

## End(Not run)

```

**Description**

This function returns a default options list if called with no arguments, or a pre-formatted model option list with checks on the inputs.

**Usage**

```
stics_wrapper_options(
  javastics = NULL,
  stics_exe = "modulostics",
  workspace = NULL,
  parallel = FALSE,
  cores = NA,
  time_display = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  force = FALSE,
  successive = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

javastics	Path of JavaStics. Optional, needed if stics_exe is not provided, or if stics_exe relates to an exe in the javastics path (see details)
stics_exe	The name, executable or path of the stics executable to use (optional, default to "modulostics", see details)
workspace	Path of the workspace containing the Stics (txt) input files or path of a single directory containing one sub-folder per USM (named as the USM names) with Stics (txt) input files in them.
parallel	Boolean. Is the computation to be done in parallel ?
cores	Number of cores to use for parallel computation.
time_display	Display time
verbose	Logical value (optional), TRUE to display informations during execution, FALSE otherwise (default)
force	Boolean. Don't check javastics, stics_exe and workspace (default to FALSE, see details)
successive	List of vectors containing the names of the UMSs to consider as successive (e.g. list(c("usm1.1","usm1.2"),c("usm2.1","usm2.2"))) defines 2 successions usm1.1->usm1.2 and usm2.1->usm2.2)
...	Add further arguments set the options list values

**Details**

stics\_exe may be :

1. a model name pointing to a stics executable as done in JavaStics, e.g. "modulostics" for stics\_modulo.exe, the standard version of the model shipping with JavaStics;

2. a stics executable file available from the bin folder in JavaStics, e.g. "stics\_modulo.exe";
3. a path to a stics executable file, eg. "C:/Users/username/Desktop/stics.exe".

javastics must be provided for case (1) and (2).

If force=TRUE, checks are not done for javastics, stics\_exe and workspace. In this case, they are returned as is, and will be checked (and potentially updated to match the right stics executable) only at execution of stics\_wrapper(). This option is used for portability, when e.g. stics\_wrapper\_options() outputs are sent to a remote.

## Value

A list containing Stics model stics\_wrapper options

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Getting simulations options and defaults values for the stics_wrapper
# function

stics_wrapper_options()

#> $javastics
#> [1] "unknown"
#>
#> $stics_exe
#> [1] "modulostics"
#>
#> $workspace
#> [1] "unknown"
#>
#> $parallel
#> [1] FALSE
#>
#> $cores
#> [1] NA
#>
#> $time_display
#> [1] FALSE
#>
#> $verbose
#> [1] TRUE
#>
#> $force
#> [1] FALSE

# Setting mandatory simulations options
javastics <- "path/to/javastics"
data_path <- "path/to/data_directory"
sim_options <- stics_wrapper_options(
  javastics = javastics,
  workspace = data_path
)
```

```
# Changing default values (e.g. parallel):
sim_options <- stics_wrapper_options(
  javastics = javastics,
  workspace = data_path,
  parallel = TRUE
)

#> $javastics
#> [1] "path/to/JavaSTICS-v85"
#>
#> $stics_exe
#> [1] "path/to/JavaSTICS-v85/bin/stics_modulo.exe"
#>
#> $workspace
#> [1] "path/to/data"
#>
#> $parallel
#> [1] TRUE
#>
#> $cores
#> [1] NA
#>
#> $time_display
#> [1] FALSE
#>
#> $verbose
#> [1] TRUE
#>
#> $force
#> [1] FALSE

# Using the `force` argument to keep the inputs as is:
sim_options <- stics_wrapper_options(
  javastics = javastics,
  workspace = data_path,
  force = TRUE
)

#> $javastics
#> [1] "path/to/JavaSTICS-v85"
#>
#> $stics_exe
#> [1] "modulostics"
#>
#> $workspace
#> [1] "path/to/data"
#>
#> $parallel
#> [1] FALSE
#>
#> $cores
#> [1] NA
```

```
#>
#> $time_display
#> [1] FALSE
#>
#> $verbose
#> [1] TRUE
#>
#> $force
#> [1] TRUE

# This will be checked and modified by a `do.call()` in `stics_wrapper()`:
do.call(stics_wrapper_options, model_options)

#> $javastics
#> [1] "path/to/JavaSTICS-v85"
#>
#> $stics_exe
#> [1] "path/to/JavaSTICS-v85/bin/stics_modulo.exe"
#>
#> $workspace
#> [1] "path/to/data"
#>
#> $parallel
#> [1] FALSE
#>
#> $cores
#> [1] NA
#>
#> $time_display
#> [1] FALSE
#>
#> $verbose
#> [1] TRUE
#>
#> $force
#> [1] FALSE

# Note the `stics_exe` path that was modified and checked to the path were
# it was found.

## End(Not run)
```

# Index

`get_version_number`, [2](#)  
`run_javastics`, [3](#)  
`run_stics`, [4](#)  
`stics_wrapper`, [5](#)  
`stics_wrapper_options`, [7](#)