knitpy: dynamic report generation with python

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This is a port of knitr (http://yihui.name/knitr/) and rmarkdown (http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/) to python.

For a complete description of the code format see http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/ and replace rmarkdown.rstudio.com/ and of course use python code blocks...

Examples

Here are some examples:

```
print("Execute some code chunk and show the result")
```

Execute some code chunk and show the result

Codechunks which contain lines without output (e.g. assign the result or comments) will be shown in the same code block:

```
# A comment
text = "All code in the same code block until some output is produced..."
more_text = "...and some more."
print(text)

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print(more_text)
...and some more.
```

Code chunk arguments

You can use different arguments in the codechunk declaration. Using echo=False will not show the code but only the result.

Only the output will be visible as `echo=False`

The next paragraphs explores the code chunk argument results.

If 'hide', knitpy will not display the code's results in the final document. If 'hold', knitpy will delay displaying all output pieces until the end of the chunk. If 'asis', knitpy will pass through results without reformatting them (useful if results return raw HTML, etc.)

results='hold' is not yet implemented.

```
print("Only the input is displayed, not the output")
This is formatted as markdown:
**This text** will be bold...
```

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Using eval=False, one can hide a code chunk completely: it won't be executed and it won't be shown between this text . . .

```
... and this text here!
```

You can also not show codeblocks at all, but they will be run (not included codeblock sets have_run = True):

```
if have_run == True:
    print("'have_run==True': ran the codeblock before this one.")
```

'have_run==True': ran the codeblock before this one.

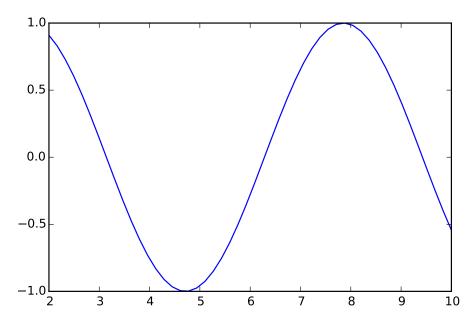
Inline code

You can also include code inline: "m=2" (expected: "m=2")

IPython / Jupyter display framework

The display framework is also supported.

Plots will be included as images and included in the document. The filename of the plot is derived from the chunk label ("sinus" in this case). The code is not shown in this case (echo=False).



If a html or similar thing is displayed via the IPython display framework, it will be included 'as is', meaning that apart from text/plain-only output, everything else will be included without marking it up as output. Knitpy automagically tries to include only formats which are understood by pandoc and the final output format (in some case converting the format to one which the final output can handle).

```
from IPython.core.display import display, HTML
display(HTML("<strong>strong text</strong>"))
```

strong text

It even handles pandas.DataFrames (be aware that not all formatting can be converted into all output formats):

```
import pandas as pd
pd.set_option("display.width", 200)
s = """This is longer text"""
```

```
 df = pd.DataFrame({"a":[1,2,3,4,5],"b":[s,"b","c",s,"e"]}) \\ df
```

	a	b
0	1	This is longer text
1	2	b
2	3	c
3	4	This is longer text
4	5	e

pandas.DataFrame can be represented as text/plain or text/html, but will default to the html version. To force plain text, use either print(df) or set the right pandas option:

```
pd.set_option("display.notebook_repr_html", False)
df
```

```
a b
0 1 This is longer text
1 2 b
2 3 c
3 4 This is longer text
4 5 e
```

```
# set back the display
pd.set_option("display.notebook_repr_html", True)
```

You can also use package like tabulate together with results="asis" or by wrapping it with the appropriate display class:

```
from tabulate import tabulate
from IPython.core.display import display, Markdown
# either print and use `results="asis"`
print(tabulate(df, list(df.columns), tablefmt="simple"))
```

		1
	a	b
0	1	This is longer text
1	2	b
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or use the IPython display framework to publish markdown
Markdown(tabulate(df, list(df.columns), tablefmt="simple"))

	a	b
0	1	This is longer text
1	2	b
2	3	c
3	4	This is longer text
4	5	e

Note that the second version is preferred, as this marks the output with the right mimetype and therefore can be converted—if that's needed—to something which the output format understands!

Unfortunately, html tables have to be tweaked for the final output format as e.g. too width tables spill over the page margin in PDF.

Error handling

Errors in code are shown with a bold error text: