

# MEET *R* MARKDOWN

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Structure of a Document

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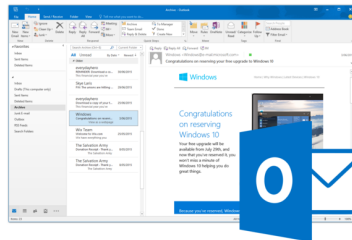
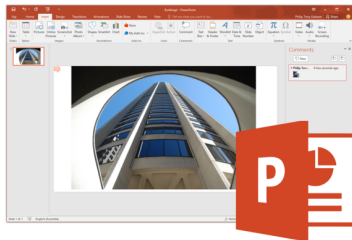
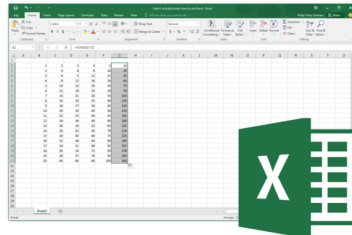
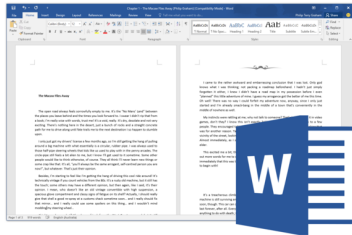
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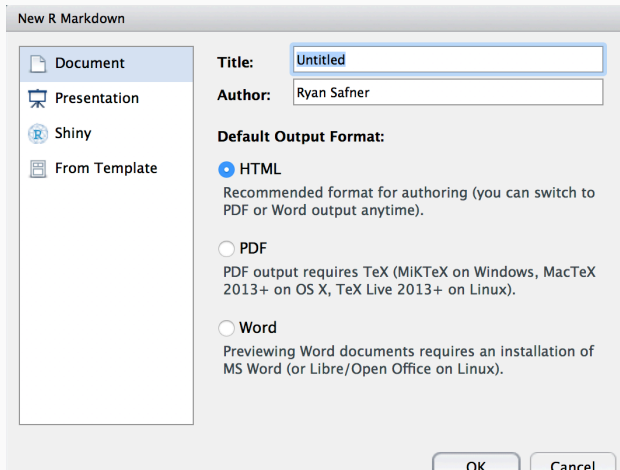
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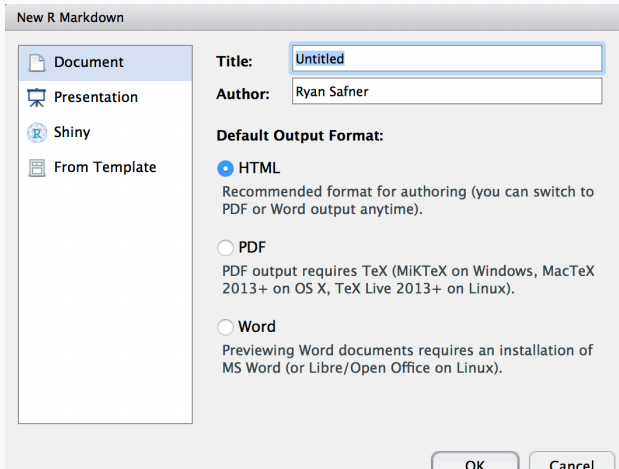
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  - You can choose to name your chunk (for your own reference only) with a comma after `r` in the brackets, and then your name (no spaces!)
  - You can then add additional options (with a comma after `r`), frequently used:
    - `echo=TRUE` or `FALSE`, only displays R outputs if `FALSE`, also displays the code inputted if `TRUE`
    - `eval=TRUE` or `FALSE`, if you want to display your code, but not run it
    - `fig.height` and/or `fig.width` = a number, for displaying figures in documents
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  - See [here](#) for a full list
- If you just want to type code into your document/slides (and not run it), one apostrophe on either side of the code, like `this`

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