

# rmarkdown :: CHEAT SHEET

## What is rmarkdown?



**.Rmd files** • Develop your code and ideas side by side in a single document. Run code as individual chunks or as an entire document.

**Dynamic Documents** • Knit together plots, tables, and results with narrative text. Render to a variety of formats like HTML, PDF, MS Word, or MS Powerpoint.

**Reproducible Research** • Upload, link to, or attach your report to share. Anyone can read or run your code to reproduce your work.

## Workflow

- 1 Open a **new .Rmd file** in the RStudio IDE by going to **File > New File > R Markdown**.
- 2 **Embed code** in chunks. Run code by line, by chunk, or all at once.
- 3 **Write text** and add tables, figures, images, and citations. Format with Markdown syntax or the RStudio Visual Markdown Editor.
- 4 **Set output format(s) and options** in the YAML header. Add parameters to execute or add interactivity with Shiny.
- 5 **Save and render** the whole document. Knit periodically to preview your work as you write.
- 6 **Share your work!**

## Embed Code with knitr

### CODE CHUNKS

Surround code chunks with ````{r}` and `````. Or use the Insert Code Chunk button.

Add chunk options or a chunk label after **r**, within the curly braces.

```
```{r chunk-label, include=FALSE}
summary(mtcars)
```
```

### SET GLOBAL OPTIONS

Set options for the entire document in the first chunk.

```
```{r include=FALSE}
knitr::opts_chunk$set(message = FALSE)
```
```

### INLINE CODE

Insert ``r <code>`` into text sections. Results appear as text without code.

"Built with ``r getRversion()``" --> "Built with 4.1.0"



## SOURCE EDITOR

1. New File

2. Embed Code

3. Write Text

4. Set Output Options

5. Save and Render

6. Share

Annotations: set preview location, insert code chunk, go to code chunk, run code chunk(s), show outline, modify chunk options, run all previous chunks, run current chunk.

## VISUAL EDITOR

Annotations: insert citations, style options, add/edit attributes.

| OPTION    | DEFAULT   | CREATES   |
|-----------|-----------|---|
| echo      | TRUE      | display code in output document   |
| error     | FALSE     | TRUE (display error messages in doc)<br>FALSE (stop render when error occurs)   |
| eval      | TRUE      | run code in chunk   |
| include   | TRUE      | include chunk in doc after running  |
| message   | TRUE      | display code messages in document   |
| warning   | TRUE      | display code warnings in document   |
| results   | "markup"  | "asis" (passthrough results)<br>"hide" (don't display results)<br>"hold" (put all results below all code)<br>"left", "right", or "center" |
| fig.align | "default" | alt text for a figure   |
| fig.alt   | NULL      | figure caption as a character string  |
| fig.cap   | NULL      | prefix for generating figure file paths   |
| fig.path  | "figure/" | output width, e.g. "75%", "300px"   |
| out.width | FALSE     | collapse all sources & output into a single block   |
| collapse  | FALSE     | prefix for each line of results   |
| comment   | "###"     | files(s) to knit and then include   |
| child     | NULL      | include or exclude a code chunk when extracting source code with knitr::purl()  |
| purl      | TRUE      | a character vector of chunk names that the current chunk inherits   |
| ref.label | NULL      | See more options and defaults by running <code>str(knitr::opts_chunk\$get())</code>   |

## RENDERED OUTPUT

Annotations: File path to output document, Find in document, Publish to rpubs.com, shinyapps.io, RStudio Connect, Reload document.

## Insert Citations

Create citations from a bibliography file, a Zotero library, or from DOI references.

1. Add BibTeX or CSL bibliographies to the YAML header.

```
---
title: "My Document"
bibliography: references.bib
link-citations: TRUE
---
```

2. If Zotero is installed locally, your main library will automatically be available.
3. Add citations by DOI by searching "from DOI" in the **Insert Citation** dialog.

Access the **Insert Citations** dialog in the Visual Editor by clicking the **@** symbol in the toolbar or by clicking **Insert > Citation**. Add citations with markdown syntax by typing **[@cite]** or **@cite**.

## Insert Tables

Convert data frames to output as tables using **kable(data, caption)**.

```
```{r}
data <- faithful[1:4, ]
knitr::kable(data,
  caption = "Table with kable")
```
```

Other table packages include flextable, gt, and kableExtra.

| Table with kable |         |
|------------------|---------|
| eruptions        | waiting |
| 3.600            | 79      |
| 1.800            | 54      |
| 3.333            | 74      |
| 2.283            | 62      |

## Write with Markdown

Write with syntax on the left to create effect on right (after render)

Plain text.

End a line with two spaces to start a new paragraph.

Also end with a backslash to make a new line.

\*italics\* and \*\*bold\*\*

superscript<sup>2</sup>/subscript<sub>2</sub>

~~strikethrough~~

escaped: \\* \\_ \\

endash: --, emdash: ---

# Header 1

## Header 2

...

##### Header 6

- unordered list

- item 2  
- item 2a (indent 2 tabs)  
- item 2b

1. ordered list

2. item 2  
- item 2a (indent 2 tabs)  
- item 2b

<link url>

[This is a link.](link url)

[This is another link.][id].

At the end of the document:

[id]: link url

![Caption](image.png)

or ![Caption][id2]

At the end of the document:

[id2]: image.png

`verbatim code`

multiple lines

of verbatim code

> block quotes

equation:  $A = \pi * r^2$

equation block:

$$E = mc^2$$

horizontal rule:

---

Right | Left | Default | Center |

-----|-----|-----|-----|

12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |

123 | 123 | 123 | 123 |

1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

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<http://www.rstudio.com/>

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**HTML Tabsets**  
# Results {tabset}  
## Plots text  
text  
  
## Tables  
more text

Results

Plots

Tables

text



# Set Output Formats and their Options with YAML

Use the document's YAML header to set an **output format** and customize it with **output options**.

```
---
title: "My Document"
author: "Author Name"
output:
  html_document:
    toc: TRUE
---
```

Indent values 1 tab,  
options 2 tabs

| Output Format  | Creates                         |
|--|---------------------------------|
| html_document  | .html                           |
| pdf_document*  | .pdf (requires LaTeX*)          |
| word_document  | Microsoft Word (.docx)          |
| powerpoint_presentation  | Microsoft Powerpoint (.pptx)    |
| odt_document   | OpenDocument Text               |
| rtf_document   | Rich Text Format                |
| md_document  | Markdown                        |
| github_document  | markdown for Github             |
| ioslides_presentation  | ioslides HTML slides            |
| slidy_presentation   | slidy HTML slides               |
| beamer_presentation*   | Beamer slides (requires LaTeX*) |
| * Requires LaTeX, use <code>tinytex::install_tinytex()</code>  |                                 |
| Also see <code>flexdashboard</code> , <code>bookdown</code> , <code>distill</code> , and <code>blogdown</code> . |                                 |

| IMPORTANT OPTIONS   | DESCRIPTION  | HTML | PDF | MS Word | MS PPT |
|---------------------|--|------|-----|---------|--------|
| anchor_sections     | Show section anchors on mouse hover (TRUE or FALSE)                                    | X    |     |         |        |
| citation_package    | The LaTeX package to process citations ("default", "natbib", "biblatex")               |      | X   |         |        |
| code_download       | Give readers an option to download the .Rmd source code (TRUE or FALSE)                | X    |     |         |        |
| code_folding        | Let readers to toggle the display of R code ("none", "hide", or "show")                | X    |     |         |        |
| css                 | CSS or SCSS file to use to style document (e.g. "style.css")                           | X    |     |         |        |
| dev                 | Graphics device to use for figure output (e.g. "png", "pdf")                           | X    | X   |         |        |
| df_print            | Method for printing data frames ("default", "kable", "tibble", "paged")                | X    | X   | X       | X      |
| fig_caption         | Should figures be rendered with captions (TRUE or FALSE)                               | X    | X   | X       | X      |
| highlight           | Syntax highlighting ("tango", "pygments", "kate", "zenburn", "textmate")               | X    | X   | X       |        |
| includes            | File of content to place in doc ("in_header", "before_body", "after_body")             | X    | X   |         |        |
| keep_md             | Keep the markdown .md file generated by knitting (TRUE or FALSE)                       | X    | X   | X       | X      |
| keep_tex            | Keep the intermediate tex file used to convert to PDF (TRUE or FALSE)                  |      | X   |         |        |
| latex_engine        | LaTeX engine for producing PDF output ("pdflatex", "xelatex", or "lualatex")           |      | X   |         |        |
| theme               | Theme options (see Bootswatch and Custom Themes below)                                 | X    |     |         |        |
| toc                 | Add a table of contents at start of document (TRUE or FALSE)                           | X    | X   | X       | X      |
| toc_depth           | The lowest level of headings to add to table of contents (e.g. 2, 3)                   | X    | X   | X       | X      |
| toc_float           | Float the table of contents to the left of the main document content (TRUE or FALSE)   | X    |     |         |        |
| reference_docx/_doc | docx/pptx file containing styles to copy in the output (e.g. "file.docx", "file.pptx") |      |     | X       | X      |

Use `?<output format>` to see all of a format's options, e.g. `?html_document`

## Render

When you render, rmarkdown:

1. Runs the R code, embeds results and text into an .md file with knitr
2. Then converts the .md file into the finished format with pandoc



**Save**, then **Knit** to preview the document output. The resulting HTML/PDF/MS Word/etc document will be created and saved in the same directory as the .Rmd file.

Use `rmarkdown::render()` to render/knit in the R console. See `?render` for available options.

## Share

**Publish on RStudio Connect**, to share R Markdown documents securely, schedule automatic updates, and interact with parameters in real time. [www.rstudio.com/products/connect/](http://www.rstudio.com/products/connect/)



## More Header Options

### PARAMETERS

Parameterize your documents to reuse with new inputs (e.g., data, values, etc.)

1. **Add parameters** in the header as sub-values of params.

```
---
params:
  state: "hawaii"
---
```
2. **Call parameters** in code using `params$<name>`.

```
```{r}
data <- df[, params$state]
summary(data)
```
```
3. **Set parameters** with Knit with parameters or the params argument of `render()`.

### REUSABLE TEMPLATES

1. **Create a new package** with a `inst/rmarkdown/templates` directory
2. **Add a folder** containing **template.yaml** (below) and **skeleton.Rmd** (template contents)

```
---
name: "My Template"
---
```
3. **Install** the package to access template by going to **File > New R Markdown > From Template**

### BOOTSWATCH THEMES

Customize HTML documents with Bootswatch themes from the **bslib** package using the theme output option.

Use `bslib::bootswatch_themes()` to list available themes.



### CUSTOM THEMES

Customize individual HTML elements using bslib variables. Use `?bs_theme` to see more variables.

```
---
output:
  html_document:
    theme:
      bg: "#121212"
      fg: "#E4E4E4"
      base_font:
        google: "Prompt"
---
```

More on **bslib** at [pkgs.rstudio.com/bslib/](https://pkgs.rstudio.com/bslib/).

### STYLING WITH CSS and SCSS

Add CSS and SCSS to your document by adding a file to the header options using the **css** option.

```
---
title: "My Document"
author: "Author Name"
output:
  html_document:
    css: "style.css"
---
```

Apply CSS styling by writing HTML tags directly or

1. Add bracketed spans or fenced divs.

**Bracketed Span**  
A `[green]{.my-color}` word.

A green word.

**Fenced Div**  
`=== {my-color}`  
All of these words  
are green.  
`===`

All of these words  
are green.

2. Or go to **Format > Div/Span** in the Visual Editor. Add CSS styling directly with Edit Attributes.

`.my-css-tag`

This is a div with some text in it.

### INTERACTIVITY

Turn your report into an interactive Shiny document in 4 steps

1. Add **runtime: shiny\_prerendered** to the YAML header.
2. Call Shiny input functions to embed input objects.
3. Call Shiny render functions to embed reactive output.
4. Render with `rmarkdown::run()` or click Run Document in RStudio IDE

```
---
output: html_document
runtime: shiny_prerendered
---
```

```
```{r, echo = FALSE}
numericInput("n",
  "How many cars?", 5)

renderTable({
  head(cars, input$n)
})
```

How many cars?		
<input type="text" value="5"/>		
	speed	dist
1	4.00	2.00
2	4.00	10.00
3	7.00	4.00
4	7.00	22.00
5	8.00	16.00

Call `bslib::bs_themer()` in any code chunk to customize theme options.

Embed a complete app into your document with `shiny::shinyAppDir()`. More at [bookdown.org/yihui/rmarkdown/shiny-embedded.html](https://bookdown.org/yihui/rmarkdown/shiny-embedded.html).

