

# 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. Customize themes or 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 a chunk label and/or chunk options inside the curly braces after `r`.

```
```{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)
```
```

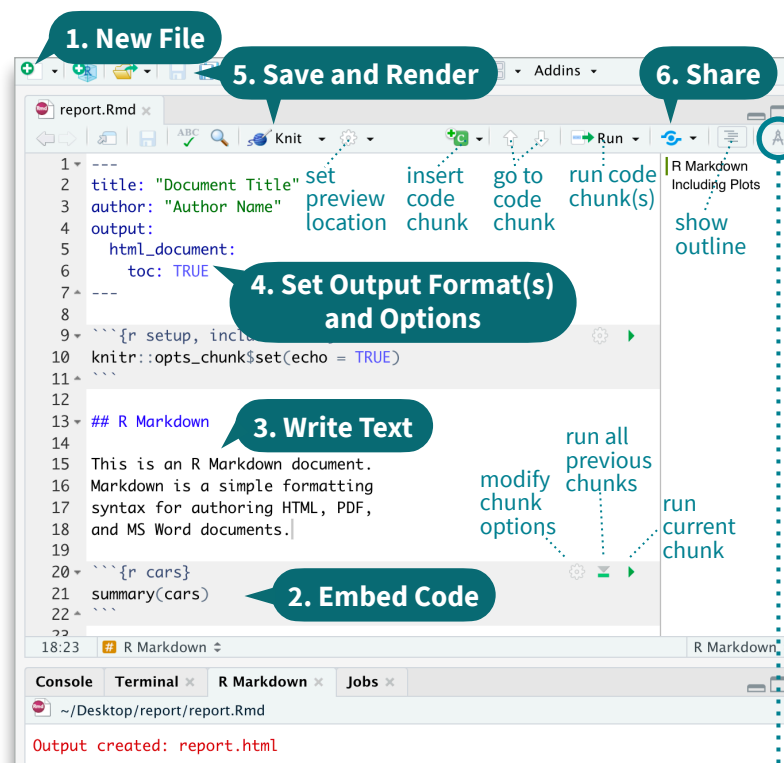
### INLINE CODE

Insert ``r <code>`` into text sections. Code is evaluated at render and results appear as text.

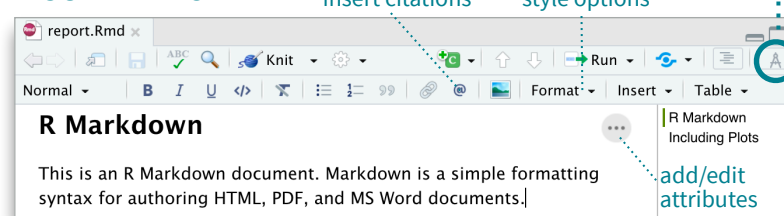
"Built with ``r getRversion()``" -> "Built with 4.1.0"



## SOURCE EDITOR



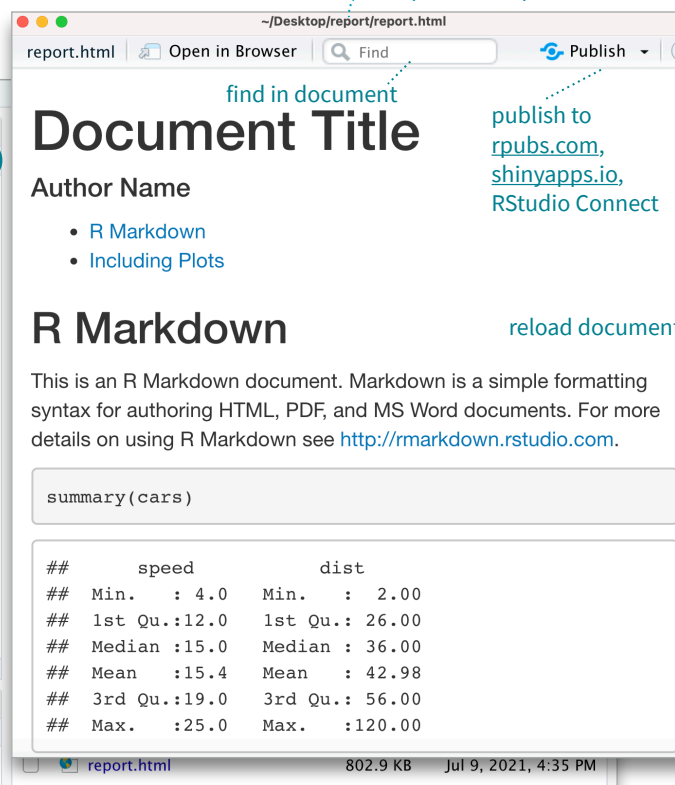
## VISUAL EDITOR



| OPTION                 | DEFAULT   | EFFECTS   |
|------------------------|-----------|---|
| 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)           |
| fig.align              | "default" | "left", "right", or "center"  |
| fig.alt                | NULL      | alt text for a figure   |
| fig.cap                | NULL      | figure caption as a character string  |
| fig.path               | "figure/" | prefix for generating figure file paths   |
| fig.width & fig.height | 7         | plot dimensions in inches   |
| collapse               | FALSE     | rescales output width, e.g. "75%", "300px"  |
| comment                | "###"     | collapse all sources & output into a single block   |
| child                  | NULL      | prefix for each line of results   |
| purl                   | TRUE      | files(s) to knit and then include<br>include or exclude a code chunk when extracting source code with knitr::purl() |

See more options and defaults by running `str(knitr::opts_chunk$get())`

## RENDERED OUTPUT



## Insert Citations

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

### BUILD YOUR BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Add BibTeX or CSL bibliographies to the YAML header.

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

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

### INSERT CITATIONS

- 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

Output data frames as tables using `kable(data, caption)`.

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

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

Other table packages include **flextable**, **gt**, and **kableExtra**.

## Write with Markdown

The syntax on the left renders as the output on the right.

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 1 tab)
  - item 2b
1. ordered list
  2. item 2
  - item 2a (indent 1 tab)
  - 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:  $e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0$   
equation block:  
$$E = mc^2$$

horizontal rule:  
---

| Right | Left | Default | Center |
|-------|------|---------|--------|
| 12    | 12   | 12      | 12     |
| 123   | 123  | 123     | 123    |
| 1     | 1    | 1       | 1      |


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

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

Plots  
Tables  
text





# Set Output Formats and their Options in 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 format 2 characters,  
indent options 4 characters

| OUTPUT FORMAT  | CREATES                      |
|--|------------------------------|
| html_document  | .html                        |
| pdf_document*  | .pdf                         |
| 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, 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    |     |         |        |
| reference_docx/_doc | docx/pptx file containing styles to copy in the output (e.g. "file.docx", "file.pptx") |      | X   | 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    |     |         |        |

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

## Render

When you render a document, rmarkdown:

1. Runs the code and embeds results and text into an .md file with knitr.
2. Converts the .md file into the output 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/](https://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

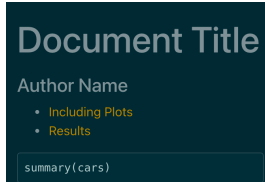
1. **Create a new package** with a `inst/rmarkdown/templates` directory.
2. **Add a folder** containing **template.yaml** (below) and **skeleton.Rmd** (template contents).

```
---
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.



```
---
title: "Document Title"
author: "Author Name"
output:
  html_document:
    theme:
      bootswatch: solar
---
```

### 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 path to a file with the **css** option in the YAML header.

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

Apply CSS styling by writing HTML tags directly or:

- Use markdown to apply style attributes inline.

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

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

A green word.

All of these words are green.

- Use the Visual Editor. Go to **Format > Div/Span** and 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** 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
---
```

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

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



How many cars?		
	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

Also see Shiny Prerendered for better performance. [rmarkdown.rstudio.com/authoring\\_shiny\\_prerendered](https://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/authoring_shiny_prerendered)

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).