Writing reproducible reports KnitR with R Markdown

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KnitR in a Knutshell

bit.ly/knitrknutshell

Data analysis reports

- ► Figures/tables + email
- ▶ Static L^AT_EX or Word document
- ► Knitr/Sweave + LaTEX → PDF
- ▶ Knitr + Markdown → Web page

What if the data change?

What if you used the wrong version of the data?

KnitR code chunks

Input to knitr:

```
We see that this is an intercross with 'r nind(sug)' individuals. There are 'r nphe(sug)' phenotypes, and genotype data at 'r totmar(sug)' markers across the 'r nchr(sug)' autosomes. The genotype data is quite complete.

'``{r summary_plot, fig.height=8}
plot(sug)

'``
```

Output from knitr:

```
We see that this is an intercross with 163
individuals. There are 6 phenotypes, and genotype
data at 93 markers across the 19
autosomes. The genotype data is quite complete.

""
plot(sug)
""
![plot of chunk summary_plot](RmdFigs/summary_plot.png)
```

html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="em">
<head>
 <meta charset=utf-8"/>
 <title>Example html file</title>
</head>
<body>
<h1>Markdown example</h1>
Vse a bit of <strong>bold</strong> or <em>italics</em>. Use
backticks to indicate <code>code</code> that will be rendered
in monospace.
<u1>
This is part of a list
another item
</body>
</html>
```

CSS

```
ul,ol {
  margin: 0 0 0 35px;
a {
  color: purple;
  text-decoration: none;
  background-color: transparent;
a:hover
  color: purple;
  background: #CAFFFF;
```

Markdown

```
# Markdown example
Use a bit of **bold** or _italics_. Use backticks to indicate
`code` that will be rendered in monospace.
- This is part of a list
- another item
Include blocks of code using three backticks:
x < - rnorm(100)
Or indent four spaces:
   mean(x)
    sd(x)
And it's easy to create links, like to
[Markdown](http://daringfireball.net/projects/markdown/).
```

R Markdown

- R Markdown is a variant of Markdown, developed at RStudio.com
- Markdown + KnitR + extras
- A few extra marks
- ▶ L^AT_EX equations
- ► Bundle images into the final html file

Code chunks, again

```
```{r knitr_options, include=FALSE}
opts_chunk$set(fig.width=12, fig.height=4, fig.path='Figs/',
 warning=FALSE, message=FALSE)
set.seed (53079239)
Preliminaries
Load the R/qtl package using the `library` function:
```{r load_qtl}
library(qtl)
To get help on the read.cross function in R, type one of the
following:
```{r help, eval=FALSE}
help(read.cross)
?read.cross
```

# Chunk options

echo=FALSE Don't include the code

results="hide" Don't include the output

include=FALSE Don't show code or output

eval=FALSE Don't evaluate the code at all

warning=FALSE Don't show R warnings

message=FALSE Don't show R messages

fig.width=# Width of figure

fig.height=# Height of figure

fig.path="Figs/" Path for figure files

There are lots of chunk options.

# Global chunk options

```
creation in the control of the
```

- ► Use global chunk options rather than repeat the same options over and over.
- ► You can override the global values in specific chunks.

## Package options

```
```{r package_options, include=FALSE}
opts_knit$set(progress = TRUE, verbose = TRUE)
```

- ► It's easy to confuse global chunk options with package options.
- I've not used package options.
- ► So focus on opts_chunk\$set() not opts_knit\$set().

In-line code

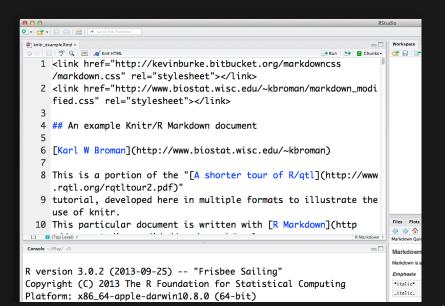
```
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- ► Each bit of in-line code needs to be within one line; they can't span across lines.
- ► I'll often precede a paragraph with a code chunk with include=FALSE, defining various variables, to simplify the in-line code.
- Never hard-code a result or summary statistic again!

Rounding

- ► cor(x,y) might produce 0.8992877, but I want 0.90.
- round(cor(x,y), 2), would give 0.9, but I want 0.90.
- ► You could use sprintf("%.2f", cor(x,y)), but sprintf("%.2f", -0.001) gives -0.00.
- ► Use the myround function in my R/broman package.
- ► myround(cor(x,y), 2) solves both issues.

R Markdown → html, in RStudio



R Markdown \rightarrow html, in R

```
> library(knitr)
> knit("knitr_example.Rmd")
> library(markdown)
> markdownToHTML("knitr_example.md", "knitr_example.html")
```

```
> library(knitr)
> knit2html("knitr_example.Rmd")
```

R Markdown → html, GNU make

```
knitr_example.html: knitr_example.Rmd
R -e 'library(knitr);knit2html("knitr_example.Rmd")'
```

Reproducible knitr documents

- ▶ Don't use absolute paths like ~/Data/blah.csv
- Keep all of the code and data in one directory (and its subdirectories)
- If you must use absolute paths, define the various directories with variables at the top of your document.
- ► Use R --vanilla or perhaps
 R --no-save --no-restore --no-init-file --no-site-file
- Use GNU make to document the construction of the final product (tell future users what to do)
- Include a chunk with sessionInfo() at the end
- ► For simulations, use set.seed in your first chunk.

Controlling figures

```
'``{r test_figure, dev.args=list(pointsize=18)}
x <- rnorm(100)
y <- 2*x + rnorm(100)
plot(x,y)
'``</pre>
```

- ► The default is for KnitR/R Markdown is to use the png() graphics device.
- ▶ Use another graphics device with the chunk option dev.
- Pass arguments to the graphics device via the chunk option dev.args.

Tables

```
'``{r xtable, results="asis"}
library(xtable)
tab <- xtable(coef_tab, digits=c(0, 2, 2, 1, 3))
print(tab, type="html")
'``</pre>
```

Important principles

Modify your desires to match the defaults.

Focus your compulsive behavior on things that matter.