drposter: Generate Academic Posters in R Markdown and CSS

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Overview

- Template for writing HTML/CSS posters using Rmarkdown
- Same conventions as pandoc presentations (e.g. reveal.js) $^{1-3}$
- Separates content from presentation
- Goal: automatically get consistent spacing from specifications instead of a manual layout



Rmarkdown structure

See also the <source code> and <compiled pdf> for this poster on Github.

title: Title of your document within R Markdown's YAML header
output: drposter::drposter_poster

{.col-3}
Overall document columns (`<h1>`)

Content is organized using headers as sections. Level 1 sections define the overall layout of subblocks. Use the `.col-x` class to use x columns for subblocks.

Another left column block

You can place multiple subblocks within the same overall .col-x, for example to get a 3-column layout like this example code here.

{.col-3}
Individual content blocks (`<h2>`)

Actual content goes within the level 2 blocks, which have two inner columns by default, e.g. for figures.

Most of the markdown commands seem to work, though there are probably still some that are untested.

{.col-3}

Use this div to automatically write your references to a section:

<div id="refs" class="references"></div>

Licensing

3rd party

- R logo⁴: dual-licensed as CC-BY-SA 4.0 or GPL-2 by The R Foundation (2016)
- Fonts under their respective licenses
- Package inspired by reveal.js presentation framework¹ and its R package²

This package

- drposter may be used under different licenses at your option
- Entire R package: GPLv3 (like <R markdown>)
- Files for the <drposter pandoc template>: same conditions as the official <pandoc templates>
- Poster CSS: <CCO public domain>

How to use this package

Installation and updates

- 1. devtools::install_github("bbucior/drposter", dep=FALSE) (or install_local on a downloaded copy) to install/update the package
- 2. In RStudio, you can find the format listed as a template under the "New R Markdown" wizard, or use the command line.
- 3. Template files are cached in drposter_files/ to decouple your poster from the installed package version. Use drposter_update to resync them.

Customizing the template

Avoid modifying drposter_files/

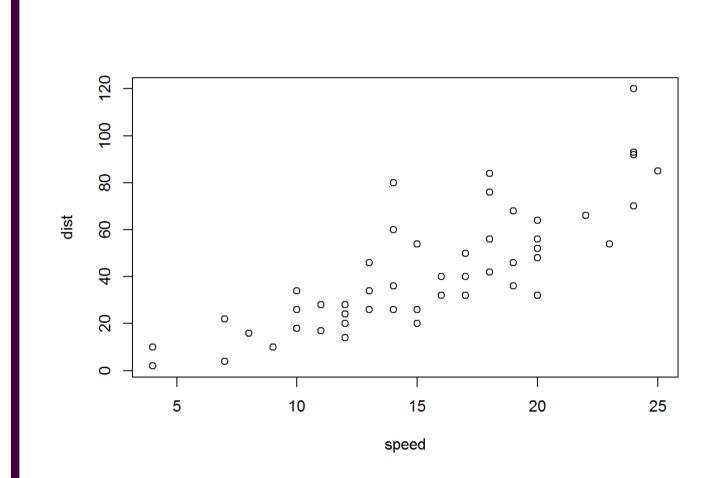
- Indirectly override those rules in your own custom.css or equivalent
- Easier to see and share your changes
- Decouples your modifications from the base drposter styles
- Customize the format of the bibliography^{5,6} using a CSL style⁷

Export

- View and "print as PDF" from Chrome⁸
- Be sure to save a PDF (and possibly html with self_contained: true) to archive your project at the end, in case there are changes in pandoc, rmarkdown, etc.
- You can also render the poster in other formats, such as a github_document or revealjs::revealjs presentation

Reproducible research

Directly include plots



Directly include stats

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| ## | Median :15.0 | Median : 36.00 |
| ## | Mean :15.4 | Mean : 42.98 |
| ## | 3rd Qu.:19.0 | 3rd Qu.: 56.00 |
| ## | Max. :25.0 | Max. :120.00 |
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Customizable themes

Note the features for theming. If you had a special class attached to the .level1 or .slides/theme, you could use a general descendent selector to automatically get theming support, then break up these details into separate theme files.

Default theme

This is an example of the default theme.

Minimalist theme

This is an example of the minimalist theme.

See also

- tikzposter latex template, and its example themes for inspiration
 https://bitbucket.org/surmann/tikzposter/downloads/>
- <Other R markdown templates> with their advantages/disadvantages (pdf compatibility, consistent syntax with flexdashboard, etc.)



Community

For more information, please visit the project page at https://github.com/bbucior/drposter. Feel free to report issues, pull requests, or general comments on Github.

References

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- (1) <http://iab.nakim.se/reveai-js/#/>.
 (2) <https://github.com/rstudio/revealjs>.
- (3) http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/developer_custom_formats.html.
- (4) <https://www.r-project.org/logo/>.
- (5) http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/authoring_bibliographies_and_citations.html.
- (6) https://stackoverflow.com/questions/41532707/include-rmd-appendix-after-references.
- (7) https://github.com/citation-style-language/styles.
- (8). Limited testing shows that Firefox also works, but it doesn't yet apply experimental CSS rules for page size.