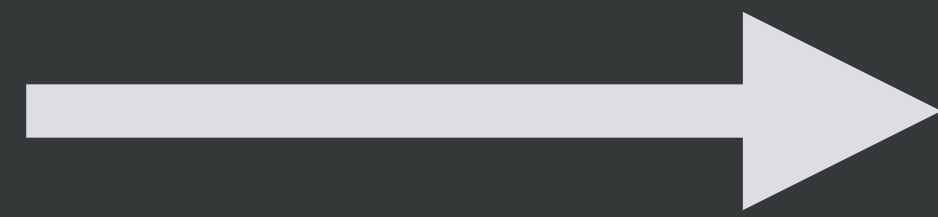


Vignettes and RMarkdown

what you
need to write



what people
like to read

foo.R
foo.Rmd



foo.md
foo.html

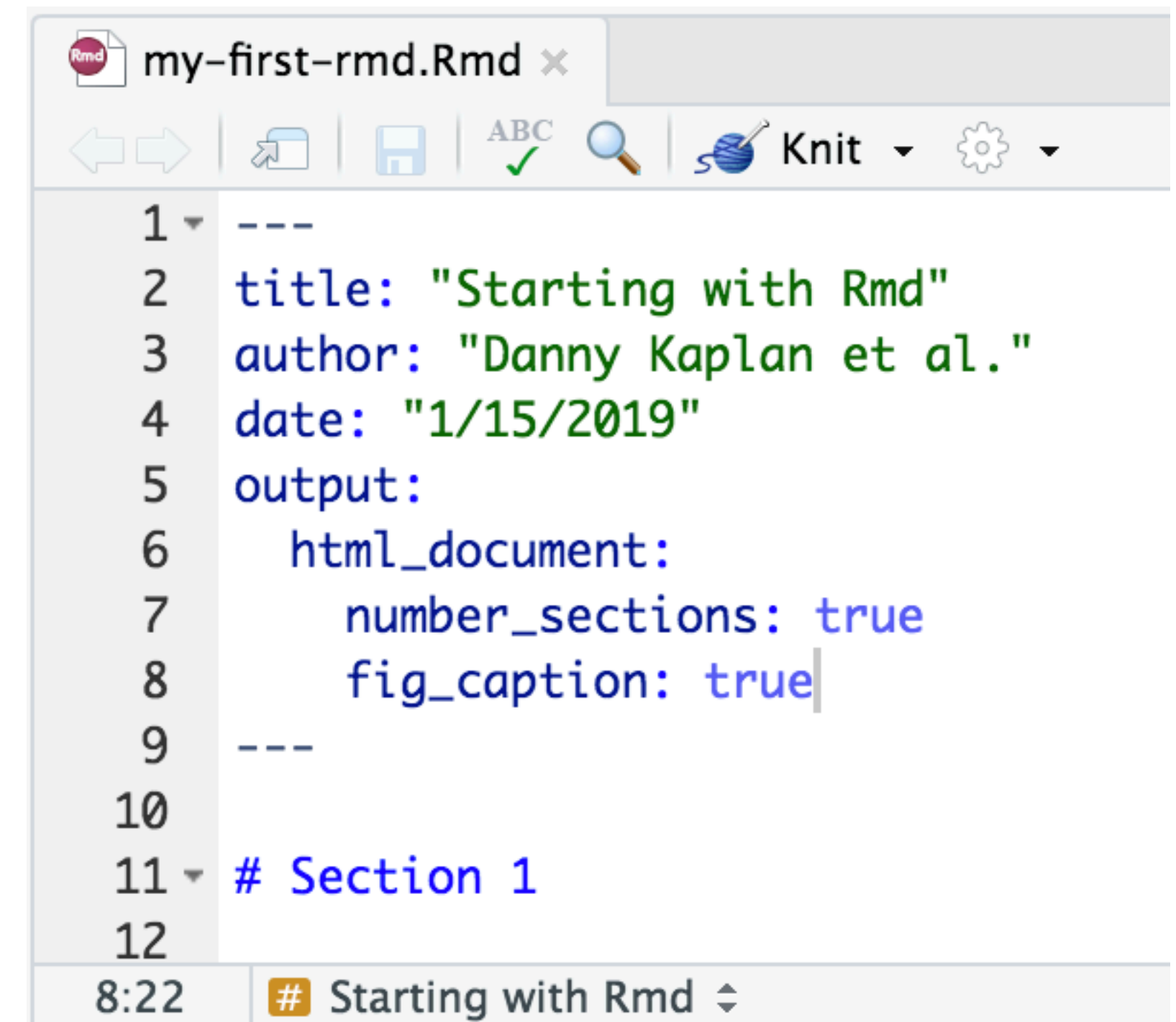
As I've glanced through your `classes` repos, I've seen some... poorly formatted documents. For my sanity (and for good practice toward making vignettes) I'd like you to clean these up.

Your end goal:

- **At least six files**
 - Three should be `.Rmd` files (the business in the front)
 - Three should be GitHub-flavored markdown (the party in the back). The one with spatial stuff can use `eval=FALSE` as a chunk option
- **At least two more commits**
 - Use good commit messages! Some commit messages I would like to see from some of you:
 - “switch headers and text”
 - “add packages to startup chunk”
 - “format list”
 - “knit to `.md`”

Structure of an Rmd file

- ▶ **Minimum requirement:** *File name ends with .Rmd*
- ▶ **A little richer:** *first several lines are YAML markup*
 - *Connect to other systems, e.g. Shiny, blowdown, book down*
 - *Set style and document output format*



The screenshot shows an RStudio editor window with a file named 'my-first-rmd.Rmd'. The editor displays the following content:

```
1 ---  
2 title: "Starting with Rmd"  
3 author: "Danny Kaplan et al."  
4 date: "1/15/2019"  
5 output:  
6   html_document:  
7     number_sections: true  
8     fig_caption: true  
9 ---  
10  
11 # Section 1  
12
```

The RStudio interface includes a toolbar with icons for navigation, saving, and knitting. The status bar at the bottom shows the time as 8:22 and the current section as '# Starting with Rmd'.

Text and headers

- ▶ *Text can be plain text or decorated as `*italic*` or `**bold**`*
- ▶ *Headers use #s*

Header 1

Header 2

Header 3



Markdown Quick Reference

In RStudio: Help ➡ Markdown Quick Reference

Markdown Quick Reference

R Markdown is an easy-to-write plain text format for creating dynamic documents and reports. See [Using R Markdown](#) to learn more.

Emphasis

```
*italic*    **bold**  
_italic_    __bold__
```

Headers

```
# Header 1  
## Header 2  
### Header 3
```

Lists

Unordered List

```
* Item 1  
* Item 2  
  + Item 2a  
  + Item 2b
```



R Markdown :: CHEAT SHEET

What is R Markdown?

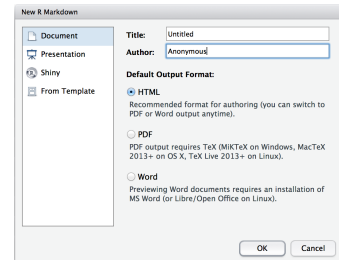


.Rmd files • An R Markdown (.Rmd) file is a record of your research. It contains the code that a scientist needs to reproduce your work along with the narration that a reader needs to understand your work.

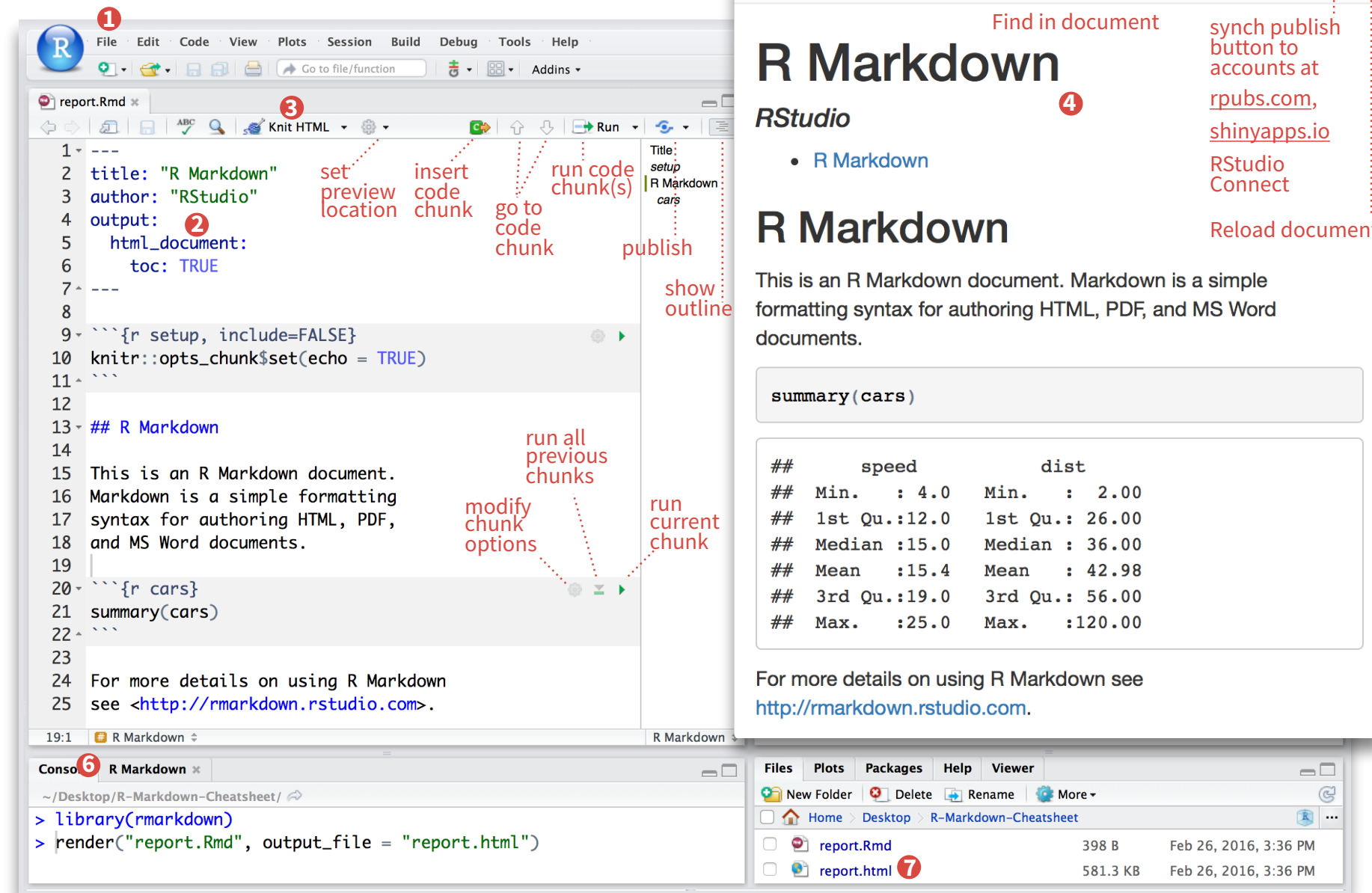
Reproducible Research • At the click of a button, or the type of a command, you can rerun the code in an R Markdown file to reproduce your work and export the results as a finished report.

Dynamic Documents • You can choose to export the finished report in a variety of formats, including html, pdf, MS Word, or RTF documents; html or pdf based slides, Notebooks, and more.

Workflow



- 1 **Open a new .Rmd file** at File ► New File ► R Markdown. Use the wizard that opens to pre-populate the file with a template
- 2 **Write document** by editing template
- 3 **Knit document to create report**; use knit button or `render()` to knit
- 4 **Preview Output** in IDE window
- 5 **Publish** (optional) to web server
- 6 **Examine build log** in R Markdown console
- 7 **Use output file** that is saved along side .Rmd



render

Use `rmarkdown::render()` to render/knit at cmd line. Important args:

input - file to render
output_format

output_options - List of render options (as in YAML)

output_file
output_dir

params - list of params to use

envir - environment to evaluate code chunks in

encoding - of input file

Embed code with knitr syntax

INLINE CODE

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

Built with ``r getRversion()`` ➔ Built with 3.2.3

CODE CHUNKS

One or more lines surrounded with ````\{r\}` and `````. Place chunk options within curly braces, after `r`. Insert with

```
```\{r echo=TRUE\}  
getRversion()
```
```

```
getRversion()  
## [1] '3.2.3'
```

GLOBAL OPTIONS

Set with `knitr::opts_chunk$set()`, e.g.

```
```\{r include=FALSE\}  
knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = TRUE)
```
```

IMPORTANT CHUNK OPTIONS

cache - cache results for future knits (default = FALSE)

cache.path - directory to save cached results in (default = "cache/")

child - file(s) to knit and then include (default = NULL)

collapse - collapse all output into single block (default = FALSE)

comment - prefix for each line of results (default = '##')

dependson - chunk dependencies for caching (default = NULL)

echo - Display code in output document (default = TRUE)

engine - code language used in chunk (default = 'R')

error - Display error messages in doc (TRUE) or stop render when errors occur (FALSE) (default = FALSE)

eval - Run code in chunk (default = TRUE)

fig.align - 'left', 'right', or 'center' (default = 'default')

fig.cap - figure caption as character string (default = NULL)

fig.height, fig.width - Dimensions of plots in inches

highlight - highlight source code (default = TRUE)

include - Include chunk in doc after running (default = TRUE)

message - display code messages in document (default = TRUE)

results (default = 'markup')

'asis' - passthrough results

'hide' - do not display results

'hold' - put all results below all code

tidy - tidy code for display (default = FALSE)

warning - display code warnings in document (default = TRUE)

.rmd Structure

rmarkdown

YAML Header

Optional section of render (e.g. pandoc) options written as key:value pairs (YAML).

At start of file

Between lines of ---

Text

Narration formatted with markdown, mixed with:

Code Chunks

Chunks of embedded code. Each chunk:

Begins with ````\{r\}`

ends with `````

R Markdown will run the code and append the results to the doc.

It will use the location of the .Rmd file as the **working directory**

Parameters

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

1. **Add parameters** • Create and set parameters in the header as sub-values of params

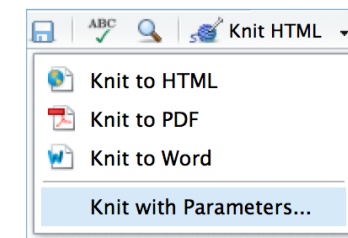
```
---  
params:  
  n: 100  
  d: !r Sys.Date()  
---
```

2. **Call parameters** • Call parameter values in code as `params$name`

Today's date is ``r params$d``

3. **Set parameters** • Set values with Knit with parameters or the params argument of `render()`:

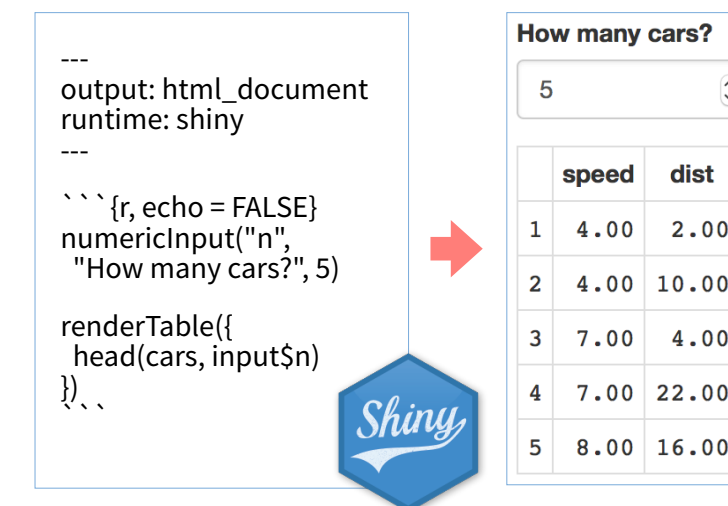
```
render("doc.Rmd", params = list(n = 1,  
d = as.Date("2015-01-01")))
```



Interactive Documents

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

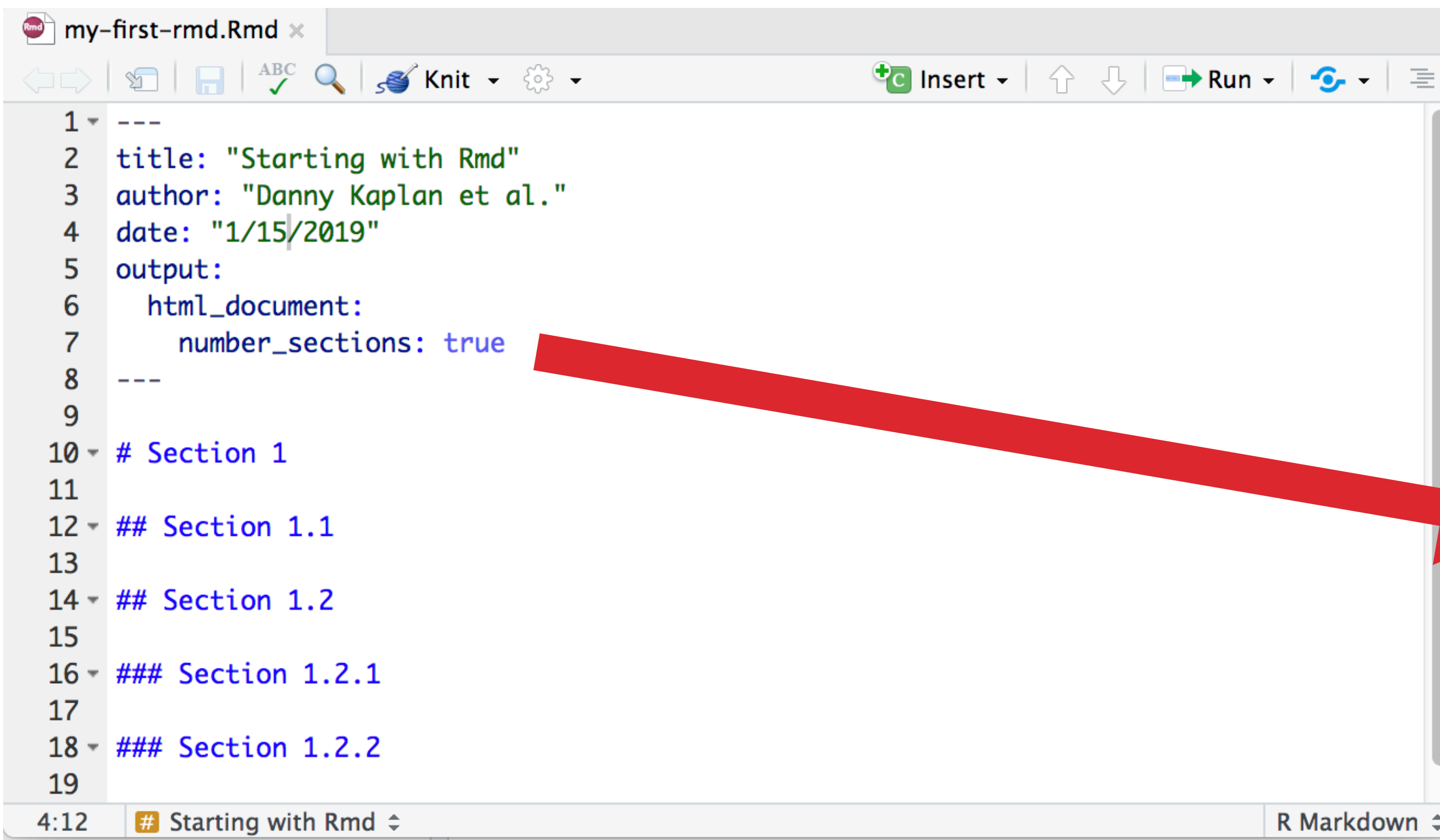


Embed a complete app into your document with `shiny::shinyAppDir()`

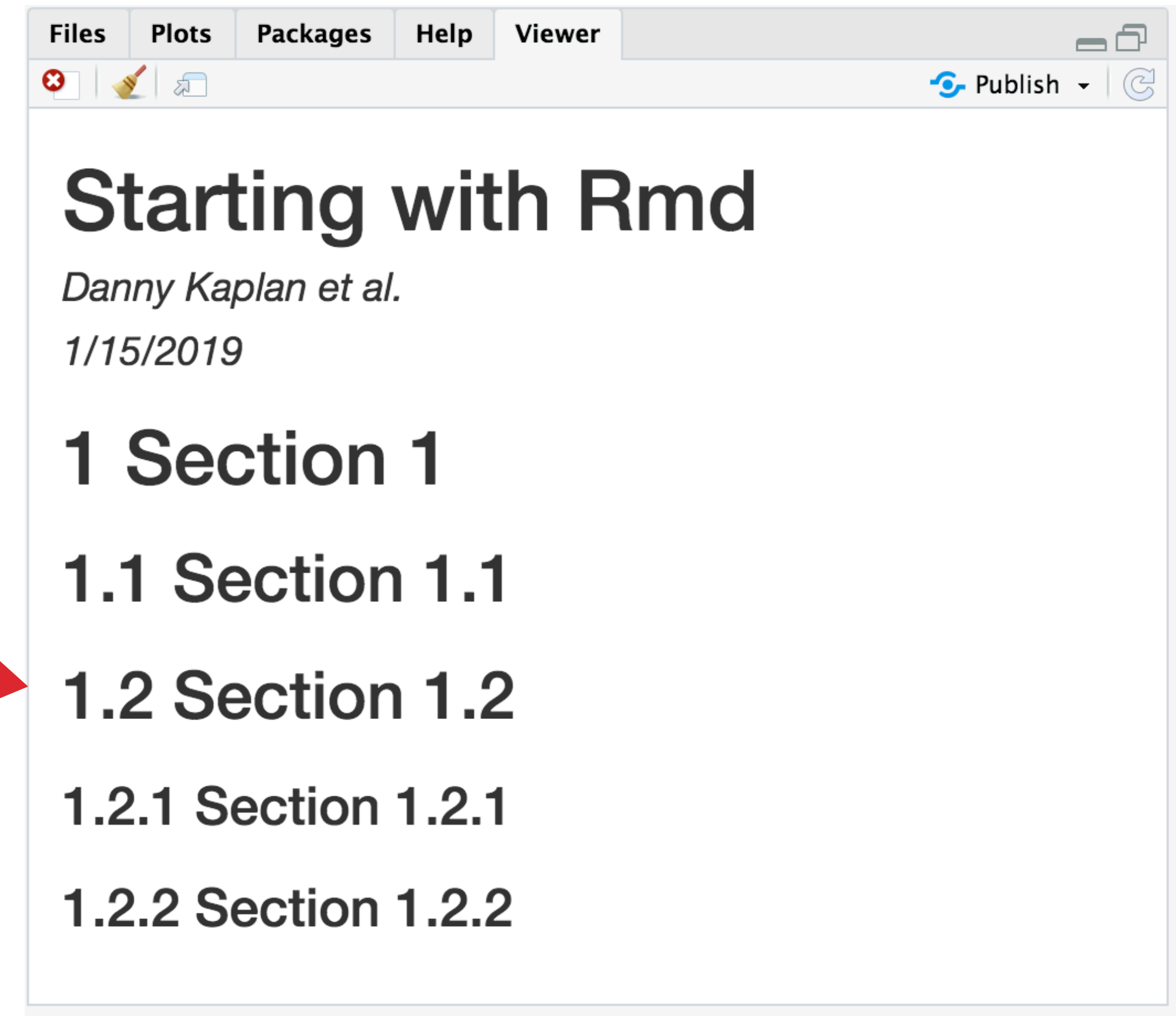
NOTE: Your report will be rendered as a Shiny app, which means you must choose an html output format, like **html_document**, and serve it with an active R Session.



Numbered sections



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8 ---
9
10 # Section 1
11
12 ## Section 1.1
13
14 ## Section 1.2
15
16 ### Section 1.2.1
17
18 ### Section 1.2.2
19
```



Files Plots Packages Help Viewer

Starting with Rmd

Danny Kaplan et al.

1/15/2019

1 Section 1

1.1 Section 1.1

1.2 Section 1.2

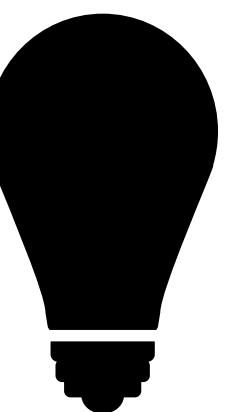
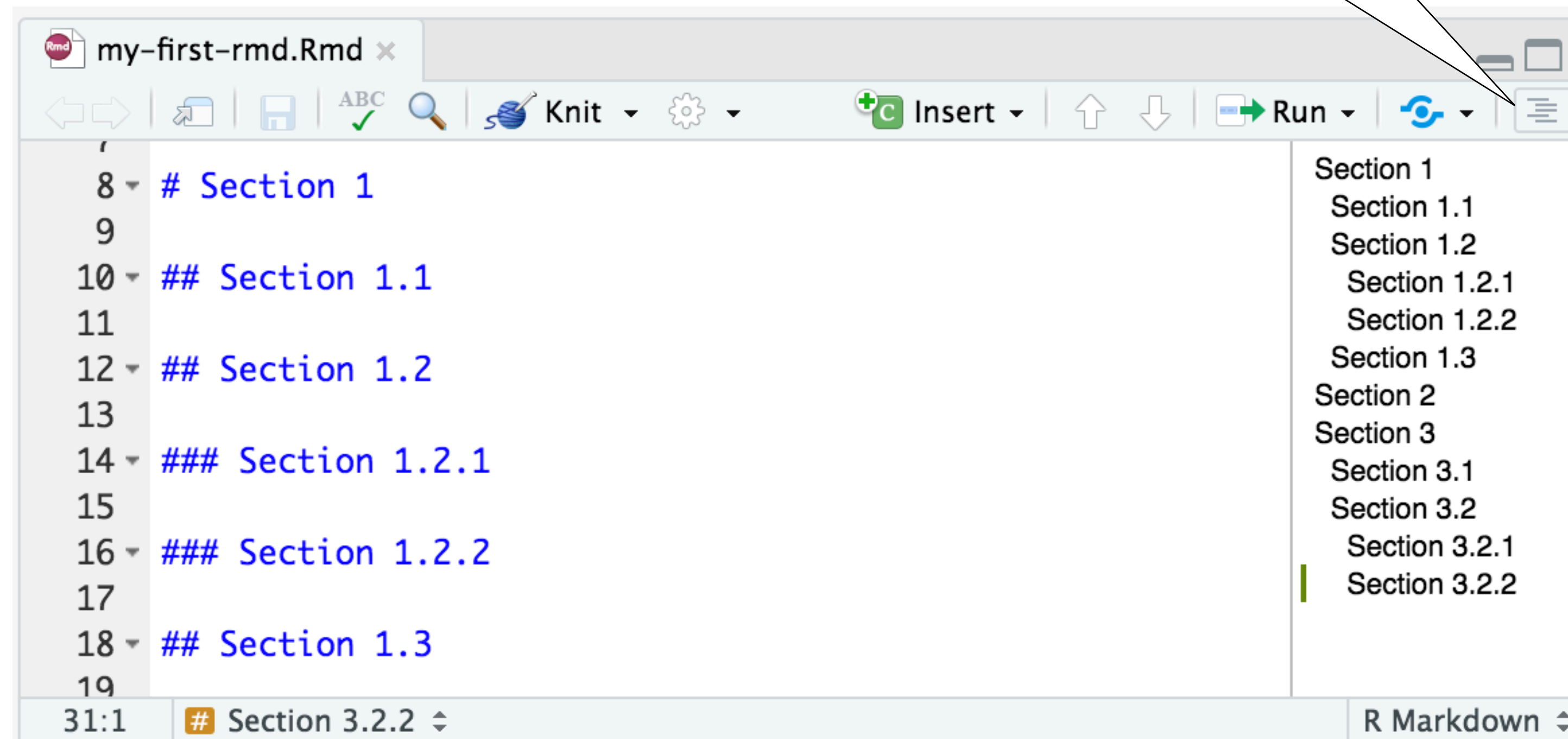
1.2.1 Section 1.2.1

1.2.2 Section 1.2.2



Tips

Show / hide
document
outline



Links

- ▶ *A link can be a plain http address or can underlie a phrase:*
 - <http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/>
 - [R Markdown website](<http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/>)
- ▶ *Long URLs with, e.g. query parameters, work just as well.*



Images

► *Including an image is very similar to hyperlinking*

► *Images can be on the web:*

! [RStudio logo] (<https://www.rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/rmarkdown.png>)

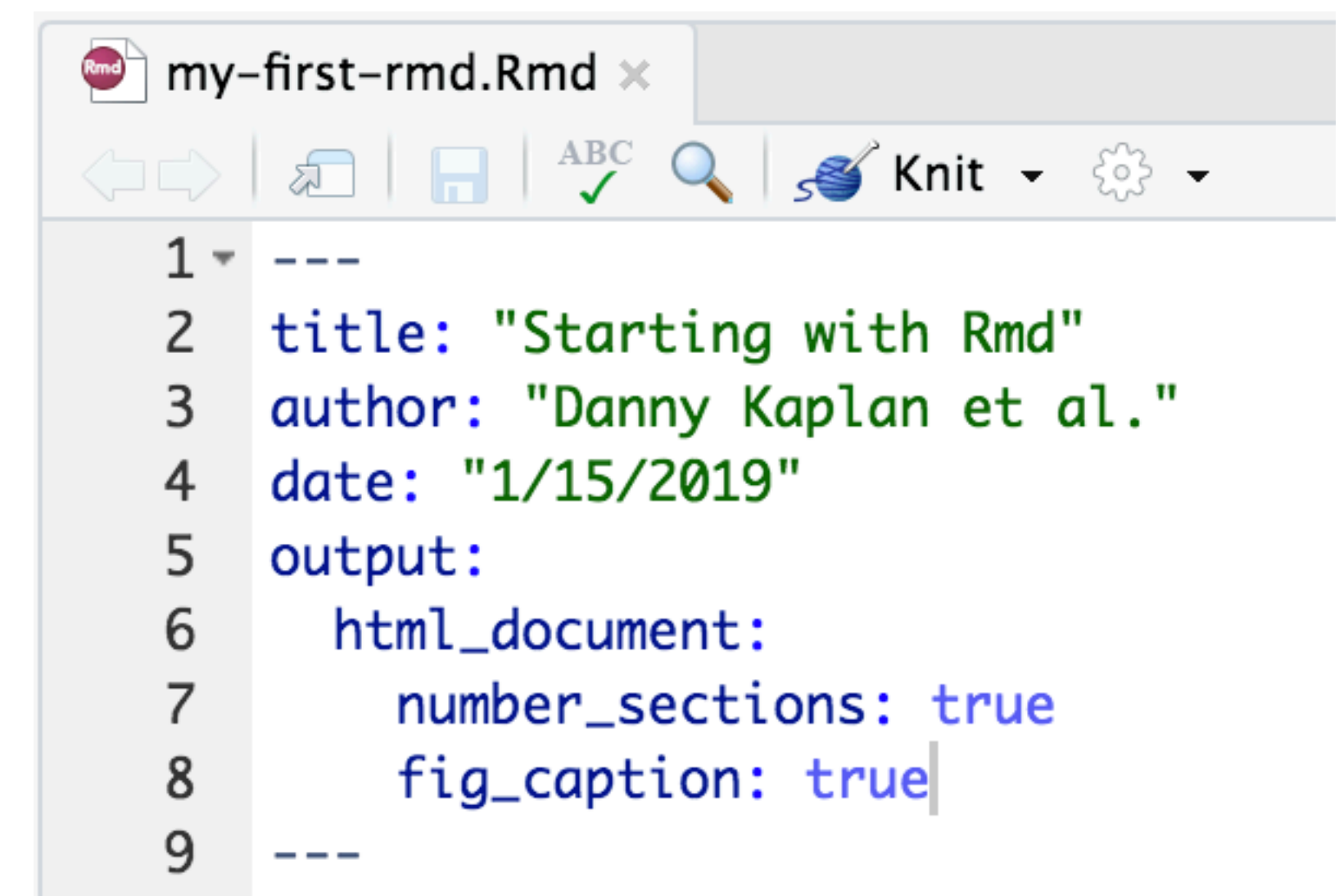
► *Or they can be locally stored, e.g. in a directory "images"*

! [RStudio logo] (images/rmarkdown.png)

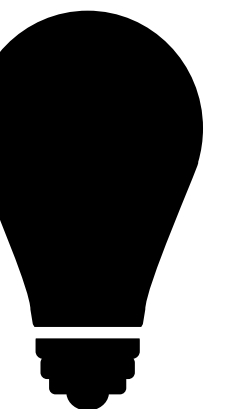


Tips

- ▶ *To improve the accessibility of your document, always add alt text to your images.*
- ▶ *To print the alt text underneath the image as a caption,*
 - *use `fig_caption: true` in the YAML,*
 - *make sure there is a line break before the figure call.*



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```



Reference style links and images

► *Links*

- A [linked phrase][id]
- *At the bottom of the document:* [id]: <http://example.com/> "Title"

► *Images*

- ![alt text][id]
- *At the bottom of the document:* [id]: figures/img.png "Title"

► *Useful if you'll be linking to the same target/image multiple times throughout the document*



Math text

► *If you already know some LaTeX, you're good to go*

► *Equations can be inline:*

- `$\bar{x} \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}})$`

• Equations can be inline: $\bar{x} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$

► *And equations can be centered in a new line:*

`$$\bar{x} \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}})$$`

• And equations can be centered in a new line:

$$\bar{x} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

Tables

- ▶ *Tables are often a bit of a pain...*
- ▶ *Dashes separate the header row from content cells, and pipes separate the columns*
- ▶ *Colons can be used to align columns*

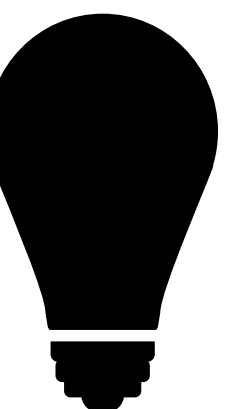
```
Column A	Column B	Column C
left	center	right
aligned	aligned	aligned
text	text	text
```



| Column A | Column B | Column C |
|----------|----------|----------|
| left | center | right |
| aligned | aligned | aligned |
| text | text | text |

Tips

- ▶ *The outer pipes (|) on a Markdown table are optional.*
- ▶ *You don't need to make the raw Markdown line up prettily.*
- ▶ *You can use inline Markdown within tables.*
- ▶ *For complicated tables, use R packages e.g. kable & kableExtra*



Tips

- ▶ *Keep your text to max ~80 characters across, especially if you use a version control system (like git)*
- ▶ *Starting a list? Leave an empty line before the first item on your list*
- ▶ *Need to test out bits of markdown code without knitting the entire document, use another document with bits and pieces of code to test out*

