R Markdown Manual for EGAP NRG Metaketa III

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1 What is Markdown

R Markdown is a format for making documents within R using a plain text format. When compiled, these text formats end up looking like nice, formatted PDFs. You can use Markdown on Windows and Mac OSX, and you can also edit the file in an ordinary text editor.

This document briefly explains how to edit documents in this format using either RStudio or various text editors. It also provides basic information on syntax.

2 Option I: Working in R and R Studio

Before getting started, please make sure you have the latest versions of R and RStudio installed on your machine. (R is a statistical application program and RStudio is a nice GUI shell to access R. Most users use them together but they are separate programs.)

You can download the latest version of R (for Windows or Mac OSX) by clicking [here].

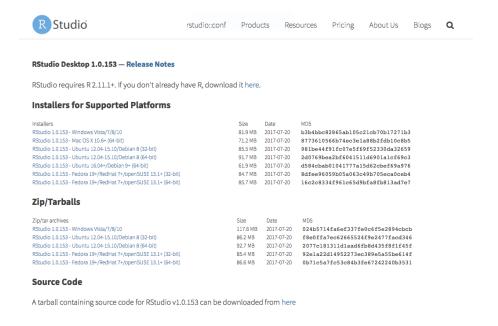
Download and Install R

Precompiled binary distributions of the base system and contributed packages, Windows and Mac users most likely want one of these versions of R:

• Download R for Linux
• Download R for (Mac) OS X
• Download R for Windows

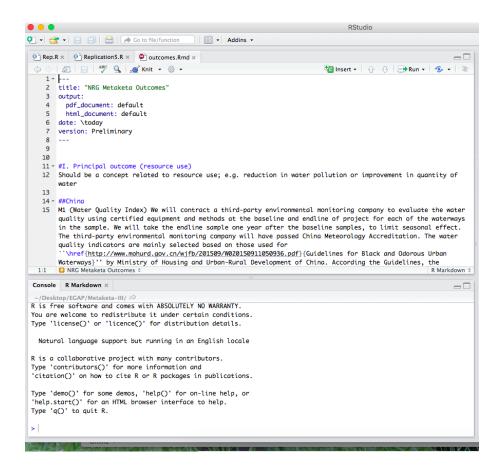
R is part of many Linux distributions, you should check with your Linux package management system in addition to the link above.

You can download the latest version of RStudio by clicking [here]. Just download the latest version for your operating system and install.



2.1 Editing .Rmd documents in RStudio

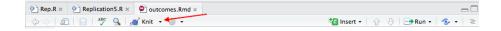
You can open any document with a .Rmd file extension with RStudio. I have opened "outcomes.Rmd" found in the "harmonization_docs" folder.



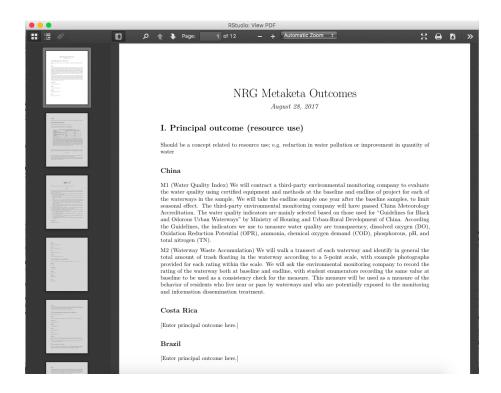
You can now edit the text directly in the R Studio window. For syntax, please see the "Syntax" section in this .pdf.

When finished editing, simply save your changes.

To format the document and produce .pdf output, you click on the "knit" button in the top toolbar. The first time you do this, it is likely that RStudio will ask you to load a few packages — just click "OK" here.

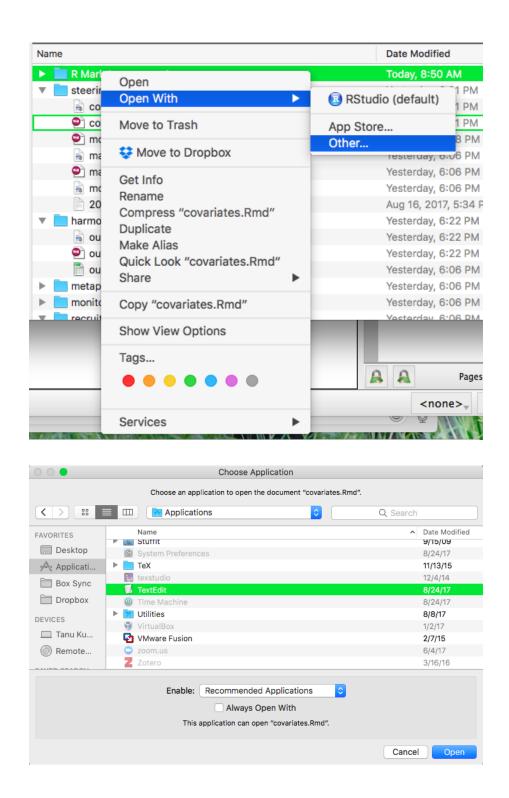


After a few moments, RStudio will provide you a preview of the .pdf document in a separate window.



3 Option II: Editing .Rmd documents with an ordinary text editor

You can also edit .Rmd documents with a standard text editor. To do so, simply open any document that has an .Rmd file extension with a text editor. Some text editor programs include TextEdit (comes installed on Mac), Notepad (comes installed on Windows), Atom (install by clicking [here]), and Brackets (install by clicking [here]). Simply ask your machine to open the .Rmd file with any one of these programs. You will not be able to preview the .pdf when you edit from an ordinary text editor, but all of your changes will be saved.



You should see a text version of a document open. You can edit this document and save it. For syntax, please see the "Syntax" section in this document.

4 Markdown Syntax

Markdown is designed to be lightweight to use, and the documents that we are collaborating on all use very basic Markdown syntax. In fact, if you don't want to learn any Markdown syntax, you don't have to. Just type in whatever you want to say in the appropriate location. Or take a look at how something else is formatted and reuse what you see there.

R Markdown is designed to have syntax that is intuitive to write and read in its plain text format. Some basic rules are below. You shouldn't need much more than these, but if you are curious, you can see some more syntax rules [here].

4.1 Manual line breaks

End a line with two or more spaces:

Roses are red, Violets are blue.

You can also end a line with two line spaces:

Roses are red

Violets are blue

4.2 Emphasis

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

4.3 Headers

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

4.4 Lists

4.4.1 Unordered lists

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

The output will look as follows:

- Item 1
- Item 2
 - Item 2a
 - Item 2b

Unordered lists can also be made using "-" and "+":

- Item 1 - Item 2 - Item 3 - Item 3a - Item 3b
- + Item 1 + Item 2 + Item 3 + Item 3a + Item 3b

4.4.2 Ordered lists

```
1. Item 1
2. Item 2
3. Item 3
  * Item 3a
  * Item 3b
```

The output will look as follows:

- 1. Item 1
- 2. Item 2
- Item 3
 - Item 3a
 - Item 3b

4.5 Comments

Comments are notes to coauthors or yourself within the document. They will not be visible in the formatted .pdf version.

<!--- Comment text here-->

4.6 Markdown and LaTex

Markdown integrates relatively painlessly with LaTex. If you use standard LaTex commands, such as \textbf, \textit, or the \itemize environment, Markdown can interpret them properly and format your material accordingly.