# RMARKDOWN - MANUSCRIPT WORKFLOW REVISITED

Using RStudio to Write Theses, Paper, and Presentations



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## Why use Rmarkdown?

Using Rmarkdown for your research comes with a multitude of advantages:

- Entire workflow in one program (RStudio)
- Research and reports reproducible at the click of one button
- **Combines** R functionality and LATEX formatting (if desired)
- Consistent formatting
- Clear presentation of code
- **Dynamic documents** (you can generate various output document types)
- Applicable for almost all document types you may desire as an output (e.g. manuscripts, presentations, posters, etc.)

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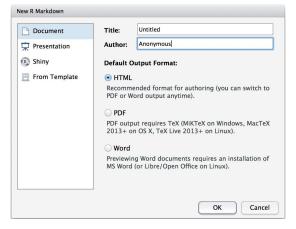
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## Rmarkdown Worflow

In the file menu of RStudio, click: File  $\rightarrow$  New File  $\rightarrow$  R Markdown



Write and edit the document and compile by knitting.

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## YAML Header

#### A non-exhaustive list of YAML specifiers:

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subtitle	A subheading for your work
author	You and co-workers (if applicable)
date	Date of delivery or presentation
output	Whether to create html, pdf, or presentation
includes	Packages and auxiliary files
documentclass	LATEX document class (if applicable)
classoption	LATEX document option (if applicable)
fontsize	Base font size throughout document

## **Text**

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## Code Chunks

R Code chunks are started with ```{r} and ended with ```. Chunks are supplied with optional arguments within the {} brackets. A non-exhaustive list of **chunk options**:

Option	Function
name	A name for the chunk, these have to be individual
eval	TRUE if code in chunk should be executed
include	TRUE if chunk should be run but not included in final
	document
echo	TRUE if code will be displayed
tidy	TRUE if code should be displayed according to tidy
	formatting rules
cache	TRUE if cache for chunk is to be stored for faster
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#### In-Line Code

In-line code can be used to display code output alongside plain text. This is done as follows:

```
# establish and R object to reference in-line
Answer <- 42
```

Then, you write `r Answer` and receive the output 42.

This is especially useful when wanting to generate reports that may be re-evaluated using different analyses or novel data sets as results may change.

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## Setting Code Up

Basic options for coding chunks and kitting options should be defined at the beginning of the Rmarkdown document:

This chunk should usually be set to include = FALSE to run the code but not show any of it.

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## **Text Tables**

Rmarkdown is capable of generating tables through plain text inputs:

```
Table Header | Second Header
----- | ------
Table Cell | Cell 2
Cell 3 | Cell 4
```

#### turns into:

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# kable Tables I

The kable functionality in Rmarkdown enables us to generate appealing Large MTEXstyled tables directly via R coding:

Code chunks which generate kable tables need an additional argument:

```
results = 'asis'.
```

# kable Tables II

Table 5: Short Description - Long Description

	First two columns		Last two columns	
	C1	C2	C3	C4
R1	1	6	11	16
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R4	4	9	14	19
R5	5	10	15	20

It is obvious how this way of table generation **enables reproducible research** as this tables can be directly generated from data and analyses outputs.

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