

# Quarto Macchiato

Layering R, Python (+ Javascript)  
like a Pro

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**RCAFE**



— Javascript

— Python

— R

— Quarto



# Why Quarto?

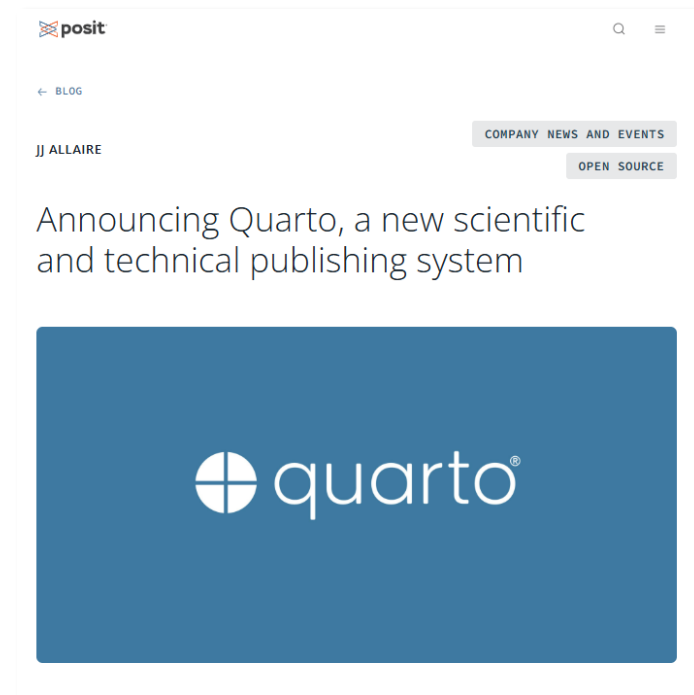
# What is Quarto?

An open-source scientific and technical publishing system to create

- Dynamic documents
- Reports
- Presentations
- Websites

using R, Python, and more.

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# Isn't it just like R Markdown?

## Same

- Builds on R Markdown & Pandoc
- Almost exactly the same functionality (outputs, syntax, ..)

= can render R Markdown files without any changes

## ... but different

- **Has multiple engines** (Knitr, Jupyter, Javascript) to support R, Python, Javascript, Julia, etc.
- Code in the **IDE of your choice** (R Studio, VS Code, Jupyter notebook)
- Exists outside the R ecosystem

# Should I switch from R Markdown?

## It depends

**vs** If you like working in other code editors

 If you work in python and want to publish a static website easily

**+** If you want to combine multiple languages in the same environment

 If you want to learn a cool new tool





Setup aka the  
boring bit ....

# What you need to install

## Publishing system



[Install from Quarto.org](https://quarto.org)

## Languages



Install via Company Portal  
(see [user guide](#))

## IDE

VS  
Code



or



Install via Company Portal  
(see [user guide](#))



# Two ways to combine R + Python in Quarto

**Base**



R



Python

**Engine**



Knitr



Jupyter

**Libraries**



Reticulate



rpy2



Markdown



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Demo time

# Demo script

## Full script on Github

<https://github.com/HFAnalyticsLab/data-viz-tools/tree/main/presentations/Quarto-demo>

```
1  ---
2  title: "R and Python love story in Quarto"
3  format:
4    html:
5      code-fold: true
6      self-contained: true
7  execute:
8    eval: true
9    warning: false
10 engine: knitr
11 ---
12
13 Combining R and Python code. Here via R using Knitr engine + reticulate library.
14
15 ## Setup
16
17 ```{r}
18 #library(reticulate)
19 #reticulate::conda_list() #to print conda environments
20 #use_condaenv("310_data_viz")
21 ```
22
23 ## Load data in R and convert to pandas dataframe
24
25 ```{r}
26 #R code
27 #library(readr)
28 #penguins <- read_csv("penguins_short.csv")
29
30 #convert to dataframe for python
31 #py_penguins <- r_to_py(penguins)
32 ```
33
34 ## Add column in python
35
36 ```{python}
37 #Python code
38 #import pandas as pd
39
40 #print dataframe
41 #r.py_penguins
```





Links + resources

# Further resources

Official Quarto documentation

<https://quarto.org/>

Quarto tricks

<https://www.productive-r-workflow.com/quarto-tricks>

Combining R and Python with Reticulate and Quarto

<https://nrennie.rbind.io/blog/combining-r-and-python-with-reticulate-and-quarto/>

What is the best practice for combining Python and R in Quarto

<https://github.com/quarto-dev/quarto-cli/discussions/3408>

Collection of resources, tutorials and guides for Quarto

<https://github.com/mcanouil/awesome-quarto#official-documentation--quickstarts>

