

# Knitting an RMarkdown document

- Knitting is the process of converting an RMarkdown document into a more visually-pleasant format like a PDF or an HTML page.
- When you knit, the program first executes the various R-chunks<sup>1</sup> and replaces them with their output in the document.
- Then it processes the markdown<sup>2</sup> instructions (sections, emphasis, lists etc) and produces a resulting HTML or PDF document.
- If you encounter any errors during the knitting process, there are two likely candidates:
  - There is something wrong with your preamble<sup>3</sup> settings
  - You have somehow broken one of the R-chunks<sup>4</sup> and it has spilled into the text around it.
- You can control where the output of the knitting process resides by changing the RStudio global settings<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>[RChunks.html](#)

<sup>2</sup>[markdown.html](#)

<sup>3</sup>[rmarkdownSettings.html](#)

<sup>4</sup>[RChunks.html](#)

<sup>5</sup>[globalSettings.html](#)