

# redoc

## Reversible R Markdown/MS Word documents

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# Introduction: The Problem Scenario

- You are working on a collaborative project within a multidisciplinary team.
- You have produced analyses in R and written up a document using RMarkdown.
- You choose to output to MS Word and share the document.
- A collaborator tells you your work is rubbish and returns the document full of tracked changes and comments.
- You need to make revisions but tracked changes and comments cannot be pulled into RMarkdown.



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Do you R Markdown but have collaborators that Microsoft Word?

==> No: Quit playin. Go to "Yes".

==> Yes: Check out redoc package by @noamross for a bridge between R Markdown and Microsoft Word: [github.com/noamross/redoc](https://github.com/noamross/redoc) #rstats 🖋️ 📄



**noamross/redoc**

Reversible Reproducible Documents. Contribute to noamross/redoc development by creating an account on GitHub.

[github.com](https://github.com)

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Example: nps\_report\_20161216.docx

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- **redoc** is an experimental package created by Noam Ross to enable a two-way RMarkdown ↔ Microsoft Word workflow.
- **Package is in the very early stages and still buggy. It needs a lot of work** (if interested, you can **contribute**).
- Uses **lua filters** so **needs Pandoc v2 (comes with RStudio 1.2)**

Install with

```
source("https://install-github.me/noamross/redoc")
```

- Provides new output format: `rdocx_reversible()`.

```
---  
output:  
  redoc::rdocx_reversible:  
    keep_md: TRUE  
    highlight_outputs: TRUE  
---
```

- Word files created with redoc can be reverted back to `.Rmd`, even if they have been edited.
- Tracked changes and comments added using **Critic Markup**.
- **VERY COOL** but quite complex behind the scenes.

# Critic Markup: The 5 Types

## Addition

{++ ++}

{++added in words appear here++}

## Deletion

{-- --}

{--deleted words appear here--}

## Substitution

{~~ ~> ~~}

{~~sabstatute~>substitute~~}

## Comment

{>> <<}

{>>This is terrible!<<}

## Highlight (for comments)

{== ==}{>> <<}

{==You said==}{>>Like<<}

Formatting changes cannot currently be captured

## DEMO

1. Create `rdocx_reversible()` file<sup>1</sup> using basic RMarkdown template.
2. Insert tracked changes and comments to Word `redoc` file.
3. Use `undoc()` to retrieve `.Rmd` file in different ways.

[1] **Buggy:** For some reason, the `.Rmd` needs at least one addition `{++ ++}`, one subtraction `{-- --}` and one comment `{>> <<}` to knit properly.

# Some Concluding Thoughts

- redoc is probably too buggy to use in it's current state.
- Lacks some features, e.g. tools to bring in all changes as critic markup and then review within RStudio.
- If you do want to use it, couple of strategies that may work reasonably well:
- Use tracked changes that are very likely to be **all** accepted (or rejected I suppose!). **OR**
- Bring in all changes to the .Rmd and use the search function within RStudio to find different types of changes.



**Thanks, Any Questions?**

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