Writing Reproducible Research Papers with R Markdown

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Who am I?

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How did I use to write?

First, with Stata + Word, I was ...

- frustrated with Word
 - formatting tables, figures, citations, and equations
 - managing references
- tired of switching between programmes/screens
 - o and, worried about making mistakes in between
- paying for programme licences

How did I use to write?

Then, with Stata + R + LaTeX, I was ...

- frustrated with Word
 - formatting tables, figures, citations, and equations
 - managing references
- tired of switching between programmes/screens
 - and, worried about making mistakes in between
- paying for the Stata licence
- converting PDF documents to Word manually
 - coordinating work with co-authors who don't use LaTeX/PDF
 - submitting to journals which don't accept LaTeX/PDF

How do I write now?

Now, with R Markdown, I am ... happy!

- frustrated with Word
 - formatting tables, figures, citations, and equations
 - managing references
- tired of switching between programmes/screens
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R Markdown

- Efficient
 - o write text, cite sources, tidy data, analyse, table, and plot it in one programme/screen
 - re-do one, more, or all of these with ease
 - decrease the possibility of making mistakes in the process
- Flexible
 - output to various formats
 - e.g., HTML, LaTeX, PDF, Word
- Open access/source
 - use for free
 - create documents accessible to anyone with a computer and internet connection
 - benefit from the work of a great community of users/developers

Reproducibilty — Before Publication

- Having written a complete draft
 - with data including re-coded variables, tables, figures, and text with references to specific results (e.g., numbers from summary and/or regression statistics)
- If you and/or your co-authors decide
 - to reverse a re-coded variable to its previous/original measure
 - and/or, to exclude a subgroup of observations from analaysis
- How resource intensive would this revision be?
 - how long would this revision take?
 - how many programmes would be needed for this revision, and how much would they cost?
 - there is an inverse relationship between this resource intensity and reproducibilty

Reproducibilty — After Publication

- After your paper is published, if others, including your future self, would like to test how robust the results are
 - to reversing a re-coded variable to its previous/original measure
 - and/or, to excluding a subgroup of observations from analaysis
- How resource intensive would this test be?
 - how accesible is the data, documentation (how was the variable re-coded in the first place?), and the code?
 - how long would the test take?
 - how many programmes would be needed for this revision, and how much would they cost?
 - there is an inverse relationship between this resource intensity and reproducibilty

The Workshop — Overview

- Two half days, on how to write reproducible research papers with R Markdown
 - ideally, about ten hours
- Based on converting a mock manuscript written in Word to R Markdown
 - plus, improving its reproducibility and version-controlling it
 - with a PDF output in mind
- Designed for researchers with basic knowledge of R programming language
 - does not cover programming with R
 - e.g., writing functions
 - ability to regress, plot, and table in R will be very helpful
 - but not absolutely necessary these skills can be developed after learning R Markdown as well

The Workshop — Contents

Part 1. Getting the Tools Ready

• e.g., downloading course material

Part 2. Introducing R Markdown

• e.g., creating a new document

Part 3. Setting Metadata

• e.g., defining output format

Part 4. Writing Text

• e.g., adding emphasis to text

Part 5. Managing References

• e.g., citing sources

Part 6. Adding Code, Figures, and Tables

• e.g., plotting data

Part 7. Addressing Functionality Gaps

• e.g., adjusting line spacing

Part 8. Using Version Control

• e.g., integrating Git and GitHub

Part 9. Collaborating with Others

• e.g., working simultaneously with co-authors

Part 10. Working on a Real Project

• e.g., converting a work-in-progress of yours

The Workshop — Organisation

- Sit in groups of two
 - participants learn as much from their partner as from instructors
 - switch partners after ever second part
- Type, rather than copy and paste, the code that you will find on these slides
 - typing is a part of the learning process
- When you have a question
 - ask your partner
 - google together
 - o ask me

The Workshop — Organisation — Slides

Slides with this background colour indicate that your action is required, for

- setting the workshop up
 - e.g., downloading course material
- completing the exercises
 - e.g., managing references in R Markdown
 - there are 35 exercises
 - these slides have countdown timers

The Workshop — Organisation — Slides

- Codes and texts that go in R Markdown documents appear as such in a different font, on gray background
 - long codes and texts will have their own line(s)
- Results that come out in output files appear as such in the same font, on green background
 - except very obvious results, such as figures and tables
- Specific sections are highlighted yellow as such for emphasis
 - these could be for anything codes and texts in input, results in output, and/or texts on slides

The Workshop — Aims

- To make you aware what is possible with R Markdown
 - we will cover a large breath of issues, not all of it is for long-term memory
 - o awareness of what is possible, Google, and perseverance are all we need
- To encourage you to convert into R Markdown
 - practice with a mock manuscript (Parts 3–9)
 - start converting a real one (Part 10)

Part 1. Getting the Tools Ready

Course Materials — Download from the Internet

Materials, available at https://github.com/resulumit/rmd_workshop, have the following structure

```
rmd_workshop
    - manuscript
      |- journals.Rmd
      |- references.bib
      |- apa_7th.csl
      |- reproduce_this.pdf
   -data
      |- journals.csv
   |-image
      |- google_scholar.png
    -presentation
      |- rmd_workshop.pdf
```

- reproduce_this.pdf
 - the document, formatted in Word but saved as PDF, that we will re-create with R Markdown
 - randomly generated sentences, with figures and tables from randomly generated dataset*
 - key sections in-need of attention are highlighted

[*] The text, *Lorem ipsum*, is generated with the stringi package (Gagolewski, 2020) while the dataset is created with the fabricatr package (Blair et al., 2019).

- reproduce_this.pdf
 - the document, formatted in Word but saved as PDF, that we will re-create with R Markdown
 - randomly generated sentences, with figures and tables from randomly generated dataset
 - key sections in-need of attention are highlighted
- journals.Rmd
 - the R Markdown document that we will work on
 - includes unformatted text from reproduce_this.pdf to save time
 - major components, such as paragraphs and tables, are numbered and marked in comments to facilitate navigation
- references.bib
 - a BibTeX document with three fabricated references
- apa_7th.csl
 - a Citation Style Language document, with APA (7th Edition) referencing style (Wiernik, 2020)

journals.csv

- a dataset created with the fabricatr package (Blair et al., 2019), imagined to explore the Google Scholar rankings of fictitious journals
- includes the following variables
 - **name**: journals (1090 random titles)
 - **origin**: geographic origins (five continents)
 - **branch**: major discipline of journals (four branches)
 - **since**: time of first publication (years)
 - **h5_index**: H5 Index (integers)
 - **h5_median**: H5 Median (integers)
 - **english**: English (1) *vs.* other-language (0) journals
 - **subfield**: subfield (1) *vs.* generalist (0) journals
 - **issues**: number of issues published per year (integers)

- google_scholar.png
 - a screeenshot image of the Google Scholar homapage
- rmd_workshop.pdf
 - these slides in PDF format
 - HTML version is available at https://resulumit.com/teaching/rmd_workshop.html
 - offers, among others, the ability to scroll across long codes on some slides

Git — Download from the Internet and Install

- For Windows, install 'Git for Windows', downloading from https://gitforwindows.org
 - select 'Git from the command line and also from 3rd-party software'
- For Mac, install 'Git', downloading from https://git-scm.com/downloads

GitHub — Open an Account

Sign up for GitHub at https://github.com

- registering an account is free
- usernames are public
 - either choose an anonymous username (e.g., asdf029348)
 - or choose one carefully it becomes a part of users online presence
- usernames can be changed later

R and RStudio — Download from the Internet and Install

- Download R from https://cloud.r-project.org
 - choose the version for your operating system
- Download RStudio from https://rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download
 - choose the free version

R Packages — Install from within RStudio

- rmarkdown (Allaire et al., 2020), for automating the process of converting R Markdown documents into other formats
- tinytex (Xie, 2020), for PDF outputs
 - alternative: a TeX/LaTeX system installed on your computer
- dplyr (Wickham, 2020a), for data manipulation
 - alternatives: e.g., base, data.table (Dowle & Srinivasan, 2019)
- ggplot2 (Wickham, 2020b), for figures
 - alternatives: e.g., base, plotly (Sievert et al., 2020)
- stargazer (Hlavac, 2018), for tables
 - alternatives: e.g., knitr (Xie, 2020b), kableExtra (Zhu, 2019)

R Project — Create from within RStudio

- RStduio allows for dividing your work with R into separate projects, each with own history etc.
 - this page has more information on why R projects are recommended
- Create a new R project for the existing directory .../rmd_workshop/manucript from the RStudio menu:

```
File -> New Project -> Existing Directory -> Browse ->
.../rmd_workshop/manucript -> Open
```

- Rename the .Rproj file into something more meaningful
 - the default RStudio behaviour is to name the projects after the existing directory
 - but, we don't want all our projects to be named manusript. Rproj

R Markdown Cheat Sheet — Download from the Internet

Downloading process can be imitated from within RStudio

• follow from the RStudio menu

```
Help -> Cheatsheets -> R Markdown Cheat Sheet
```

Other Resources*

- Pandoc User's Guide
 - available at https://pandoc.org/MANUAL.html
- R Markdown: The Definitive Guide (Xie et al., 2019)
 - open access at https://bookdown.org/yihui/rmarkdown
- R for Data Science (Wickham and Grolemund, 2019)
 - open access at https://r4ds.had.co.nz

^[*] During the workshop, R Markdown Cheat Sheet is likely to be more helpful than these resources, which I recommend to be consulted after the workshop.

Part 3. Introducing R Markdown

R Markdown Document — Create from within RStudio

• Create a new R Markdown document from the RStudio menu:*

```
File -> New File -> R Markdown -> OK
```

• Save your new document:**

```
File -> Save
```

- Observe that
 - the document has been saved to your working directory, and
 - it has the .Rmd extension

[*] This is for demonstration purposes only. Otherwise, we will work with journals.Rmd, which you have already downloaded, to save time.

[**] Alternatively, use the Save button or the keyboard shortcut (e.g., Ctrl + S on Windows). For shortcuts, follow Tools -> Keyboard Shortcuts Help or Tools -> Modify Keyboard Shortcuts...

R Markdown Document — Components

Observe also that the document has three components

• YAML

```
1 - ---
2 title: "Untitled"
3 output: html_document
4 ---
```

R Markdown Document — Components

Observe also that the document has three components

- YAMI.
- text

```
1 * ---
2 title: "Untitled"
3 output: html_document
4 ---
12 * ## R Markdown
13
14 This is an R Markdown document. Markdown is and MS Word documents. For more details on us
15
16 When you click the **Knit** button a document well as the output of any embedded R code chanchunk like this:
```

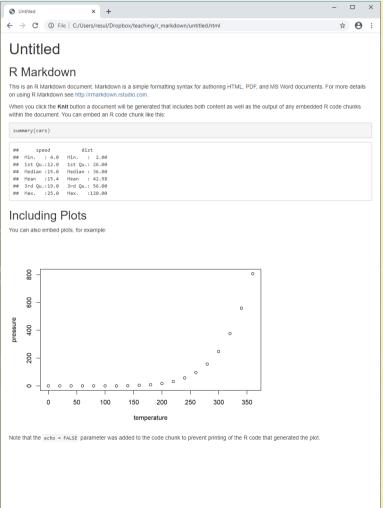
R Markdown Document — Components

Observe also that the document has three components

- YAMI.
- text
- code chunks

R Markdown Document — Compile

- Click the Knit button to compile it, and observe that
 - the output document has the same name as your .Rmd document
- You may want to delete these newly created files, as we will work with journals. Rmd instead to save time.



R Markdown Document — Compilation Process

• When you Knit, the following happens:

```
.Rmd --knitr--> .md --pandoc--> output
```

- knitr* executes the code if there is any, converts the resulting document from .Rmd (R Markdown) into .md (Markdown)
- pandoc** transforms the .md document into your preferred output format(s)
 - e.g., HTML, LaTeX, PDF, Word
- This process is automated by the rmarkdown package

[*] If you had not alrady have the knitr package, it would have been installed together with the rmarkdown package.

[**] RStudio comes with a copy of pandoc (http://pandoc.org), which is not an R package, so that you do not have to install it separately.

R Markdown Document — Notes

- Behind the scenes, each .Rmd file is compiled in its own session, and therefore
 - the code needs to stand alone, for reproducibility reasons
 - you might have already loaded a package and/or imported data elsewhere (e.g., in a separate .R and/or .Rmd file), but even in the same session, these won't be available to a given .Rmd file
- R Markdown can produce more than documents,* including
 - presentations, again with rmarkdown
 - books, with bookdown (Xie, 2020c)
 - websites, with blogdown (Xie, 2020d)

[*] Here we will focus on research papers only. In a separate workshop, I teach how to create professional websites with R Blogdown.

Part 3. Setting Metadata

YAML — Overview

.Rmd documents start* with YAML

- it includes the metadata variables
 - e.g., title, output format
- it is written between a pair of three hyphens -

```
---
title:
output:
---
```

[*] Technically, we can place YAML anywhere in a .Rmd document. However, it is a good practice to start with YAML.

- title and output are the basic variables of YAML
 - variable names are typed in lower case, followed by a colon:
 - the list of available variables, as well as options and sub-options for these variables, depends on the output format
 - Pandoc User's Guide provides a comprehensive documentation
 - R Markdown Cheat Sheet provides a helpful list
- Typical YAML variables for an research paper:

```
title:
author:
date:
bibliography:
csl:
output:
---
```

Variables can take strings

```
title: "Journals: Random Words With Random Data"
output:
---
```

Variables can take strings, options

```
title: "Journals: Random Words With Random Data"
output: pdf_document
---
```

Variables can take strings, options, sub-options

```
title: "Journals: Random Words With Random Data"
output:
    pdf_document:
    keep_tex: true
---
```

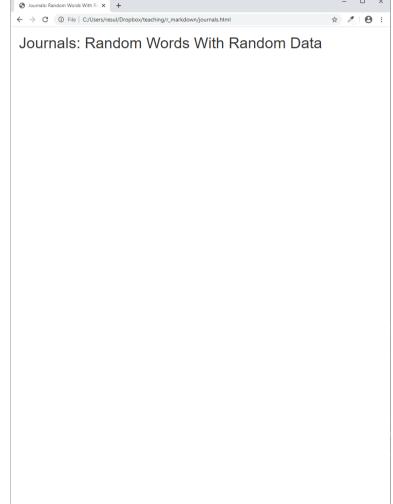
Variables can take strings, options, sub-options, and code

```
title: "Journals: Random Words With Random Data"
date: "r format(Sys.Date(), '%d %B %Y')"
output:
    pdf_document:
        keep_tex: true
```

Documents as output formats include

HTML

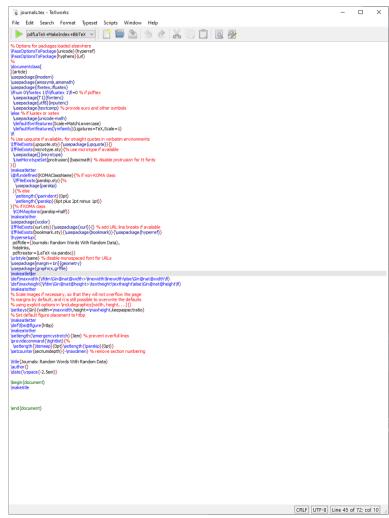
```
title: "Journals: Random Words With Random Data"
output: html_document
---
```



Documents as output formats include

- HTML
- LaTeX

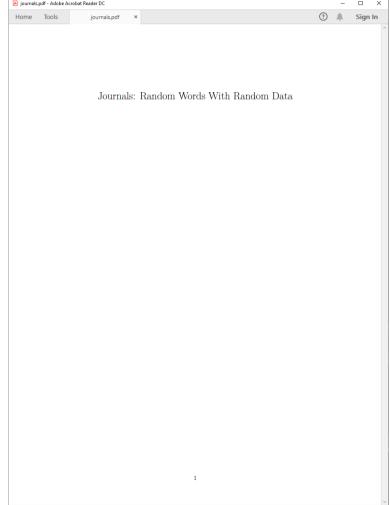
```
title: "Journals: Random Words With Random Data"
output: latex_document
---
```



Documents as output formats include

- HTML
- LaTeX
- PDF

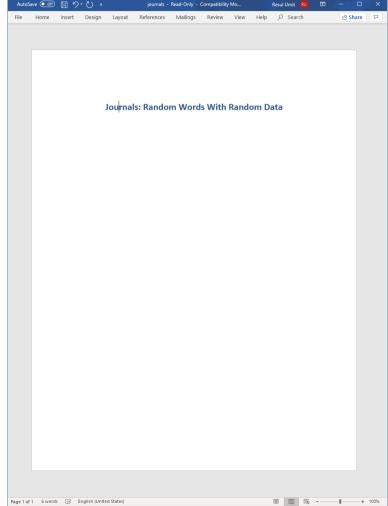
```
title: "Journals: Random Words With Random Da
output: pdf_document
---
```



Documents as output formats include

- HTML
- LaTeX
- PDF
- Word

```
title: "Journals: Random Words With Random Data"
output: word_document
---
```



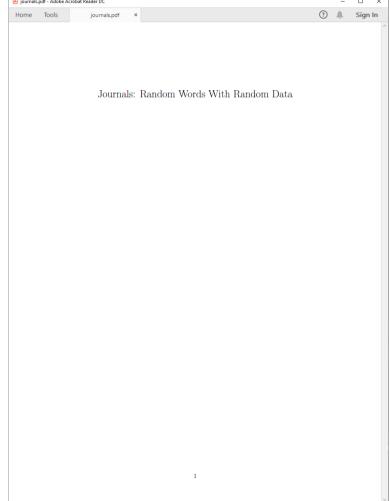
- Documents as output formats
 - html_document
 - latex_document
 - o pdf_document*
 - word_document
 - github_document
 - o md_document
 - odt_document
 - rtf_document

- Presentations as output formats
 - beamer_presentation
 - iosslides_presentation
 - powerpoint_presentation
 - slidy_presentation

^[*] For reasons of simplicity, this workshop focuses on LaTex and/or PDF outputs. Different output formats have slightly different customisations. see Pandoc User's Guide and/or R Markdown Cheat Sheet.

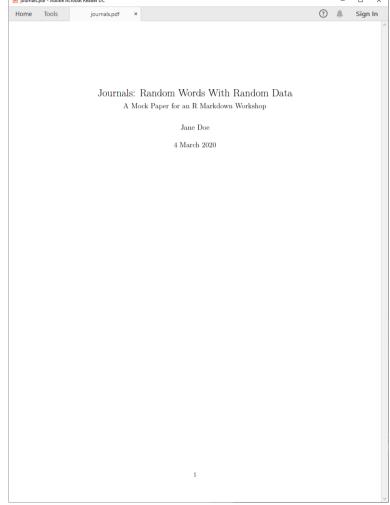
Strings with special characters, such as colon, require quotation marks " or '

```
title: "Journals: Random Words With Random Data"
output: pdf_document
---
```



Quotation marks are optional for strings without special characters

```
title: "Journals: Random Words With Random Data"
subtitle: A Mock Paper for an R Markdown Workshop
author: Jane Doe
date: 4 March 2020
output: pdf_document
---
```



The syntax [^footnotes_go_here] adds footnotes to strings

```
title: "Journals: Random Words With Random Data^[Preliming subtitle: A Mock Paper for an R Markdown Workshop author: "Jane Doe^[Department of Science, University of date: 4 March 2020 output: pdf_document _____
```

The bibliography and csl variables take strings as well

```
title: "Journals: Random Words With Random Data^[Preliminary draft. Please do not cite or circula subtitle: A Mock Paper for an R Markdown Workshop author: "Jane Doe^[Department of Science, University of Random. Email: jane.doe@random.edu. Webstdate: 4 May 2020 bibliography: references.bib csl: apa_7th.csl output: pdf_document ---
```

These strings depend on (a) where the files are located and (b) how they are named

```
bibliography: references/ref_library.bib
csl: "C:/Users/resul/Dropbox/teaching/r_markdown/references/chicago_manual_17.csl"
...
---
```

YAML — Options and Sub-Options

Options can have sub-options

```
title: "Journals: Random Words With Random Data^[Preliming
subtitle: A Mock Paper for an R Markdown Workshop
author: "Jane Doe^[Department of Science, University of
date: 4 March 2020
bibliography: references.bib
csl: apa_7th.csl
output:
    pdf_document:
        keep_tex: true
```



YAML — Options and Sub-Options

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```
title: "Journals: Random Words With Random Da
subtitle: A Mock Paper for an R Markdown Work
author: "Jane Doe^[Department of Science, Uni
date: 4 March 2020
bibliography: references.bib
csl: apa_7th.csl
output:
    pdf_document:
        keep_tex: true
```

Notice that

- this specific setting, highlighted, will create multiple outputs
 - a LaTeX and a PDF document
- all but the last option (i.e., true) takes a colon
- options and sub-options (except the last option, again) are stepwise indented
 - exactly with four spaces
 - the alignment between the colons for pdf_document and keep_tex is coincidental

YAML — R Code

Variables can take code as well

```
title: "Journals: Random Words With Random Data^[Preliming subtitle: A Mock Paper for an R Markdown Workshop author: "Jane Doe^[Department of Science, University of date: "r format(Sys.Date(), '%d %B %Y')" bibliography: references.bib csl: apa_7th.csl output: pdf_document ____
```

YAML — R Code

Variables can take code as well

```
title: "Journals: Random Words With Random Da
subtitle: A Mock Paper for an R Markdown Work
author: "Jane Doe^[Department of Science, Uni
date: "r format(Sys.Date(), '%d %B %Y')"
bibliography: references.bib
csl: apa_7th.csl
output: pdf_document
---
```

Notice that

- such codes can be particularly useful for variables
 - that need frequent updates
 - and that can be automatically updated
 - e.g., date
- there are quotation marks around the code
- we'll cover codes in .Rmd documents later on in the workshop

YAML — R Code

Code and text can be combined in a string

```
title: "Journals: Random Words With Random Data^[Prelimin subtitle: A Mock Paper for an R Markdown Workshop author: "Jane Doe^[Department of Science, University of date: "First version: 4 March 2020. This version: r form bibliography: references.bib csl: apa_7th.csl output: pdf_document ____
```

YAML — Some Further Settings for PDF Outputs

- fontsize
 - the default is 10pt
 - the other options are 11pt and 12pt
- linkcolor, urlcolor, citecolor
 - the default is the colour of the text
 - the other options are white, red, green, blue, cyan, magenta, yellow
- link-citations
 - the default is no
 - the other option is yes a click on an (part of) citation will take the screen to the relevant entry in the list of references

Exercises

- 1) Open journals. Rmd and fill in the YAML variables for the mock paper
 - take cues from reproduce_this.pdf and/or the slides
- 2) Add and set one of the variables mentioned among Some Further Settings for PDF Outputs
 - i.e., fontsize, linkcolor, urlcolor, citecolor, link-citations
- 3) Add and set a completely new variable not covered so far
 - see R Markdown Cheat Sheet
- 4) Knit your journals. Rmd
- 5) Consider tidying your working directory
 - you may wish to delete any trial files you have created so far
 - except, perhaps, journals.pdf, which we will keep re-creating
 - the original documents are journals.Rmd, references.bib, and apa_tth.csl

Part 4. Writing Text

Syntax — Overview

- R Markdown follows the syntax in Pandoc's Markdown
 - for the complete rules of the syntax, see Pandoc User's Guide
 - o for a useful summary of the syntax, see the R Markdown Cheat Sheet

Syntax — Lines

Multiple spaces on a given line are reduced to one

```
This is a sentence followed by four spaces. This is another sentence on the same line.
```

This is a sentence followed by four spaces. This is another sentence on the same line.

Line endings with fewer than two spaces are ignored

```
This is a sentence followed by one space.
This is another sentence on a new line.
```

This is a sentence followed by one space. This is another sentence on a new line.

Syntax — Hard Brakes

Two or more spaces at the end of lines introduce hard brakes, forcing a new line

```
This is a sentence followed by two spaces. This is another sentence on a new line.
```

This is a sentence followed by two spaces. This is another sentence on a new line.

Syntax — Line Blocks

Spaces in lines starting with a vertical line | are kept

```
| a one-space indent
| a five-space indent
| a ten-space indent
```

a one-space indent a five-space indent a ten-space indent

Syntax — Block Quotes

Lines starting with the grater-than sign > introduce block quotes

```
> In God, we trust. All others must bring data.
> --- Anonymous
```

In God, we trust. All others must bring data.

— Anonymous

Syntax — Paragraphs

One or more* blank lines introduce a new paragraph

This is the first sentence of a paragraph as it is preceded by a blank line. This is the second sentence of that paragraph, which is followed by a blank line.

This is the first sentence of a *new paragraph* as it is preceded by a blank line. This is the second sentence of that paragraph, which is followed by a blank line.

This is the first sentence of a paragraph as it is preceded by a blank line. This is the second sentence of that paragraph, which is followed by a blank line.

This is the first sentence of a *new paragraph* as it is preceded by a blank line. This is the second sentence of that paragraph, which is followed by a blank line.

[*] Multiple blank lines between paragraphs reduced to one

Syntax — Comments

Text with the syntax <!-- comments --> is omitted from output

```
<!-- This paragraph needs re-writing -->
This is the first sentence of a paragraph as it is preceded by a blank line. This is the second
```

This is the first sentence of a paragraph as it is preceded by a blank line. This is the second sentence of that paragraph, which is followed by a blank line.

This is the first sentence of a new paragraph <!-- I've removed italics --> as it is preceded by a blank line. This is the second sentence of that paragraph, which is followed by a blank line.

This is the first sentence of a paragraph as it is preceded by a blank line. This is the second sentence of that paragraph, which is followed by a blank line.

This is the first sentence of a new paragraph as it is preceded by a blank line. This is the second sentence of that paragraph, which is followed by a blank line.

Exercises

03:00

- 6) Hard Brakes
 - see reproduce_this.pdf: page 1
 - apply in journals. Rmd: paragraph 1
- 7) Line Blocks / Block Quotes
 - see reproduce_this.pdf: page 1
 - apply in journals. Rmd: block quote, between paragraphs 1 and 2

Syntax — Headers

The number sign # introduces headers; lower levels are created with additional signs — up to total five levels

3.1 Introduction becomes # Introduction becomes 3.1 Introduction Introduction #### Introduction becomes ## 1. Introduction becomes Introduction 1. Introduction ##### Introduction becomes Introduction

Syntax — Emphases

A pair of single asterisk * or underscores _ introduces italics

```
*italics* becomes italics
_italics_ becomes italics as well
```

A pair of double asterisk or underscores introduces bold

```
**bold** becomes bold
__bold__ becomes bold as well
```

These two rules can be combined

```
**_bolditalics_** becomes boldsitalics
_**bolditalics**_ becomes bolditalics as well
```

Syntax — Strikethrough

A pair of double tildes ~ introduces strikethrough

```
~~strikethrough~~ becomes strikethrough
```

Strikethrough can be combined with italics or bold

```
**~~strikebold~~** or __~~strikebold~~__, they both become strikebold

~~**strikebold**~~ or ~~__strikebold__~~, they both become strikebold as well
```

```
*~~strikeitalitcs~~* or _~~strikeitalitcs~~_, they both become strikeitalites
~~*strikeitalitcs*~~ or ~~_strikeitalitcs_~~, they both become strikeitalites as well
```

Exercises

03:00

8) Headers

- see reproduce_this.pdf: pages 1 to 11
 11 headers, Abstract to References
- apply in journals.Rmd

9) Emphases

- see reproduce_this.pdf: pages 1 and 2bold and italics
- apply in journals.Rmd: paragraph 2

Syntax — Links — Internal*

You can link text to section headers in the same document

[Conclusion] (#conclusion) becomes Conclusion, and a click takes the screen to that section

Multi-word headers need hyphenation

[Literature Review] (#literature-review) becomes Literature Review, and it works only if the second part is hyphenated

[*] We will cover links to references, figures, and tables later on.

Syntax — Links — External

You can link text to URLs

```
[click here](https://resulumit.com/) becomes click here
<https://resulumit.com> becomes https://resulumit.com

[https://resulumit.com](https://resulumit.com/) becomes https://resulumit.com as well
```

You can also link text to email addresses

```
[email me] (mailto:resul.umit@unilu.ch) * becomes email me
<resul.umit@unilu.ch> becomes resul.umit@unilu.ch
```

[*] Notice the prefix mailto: in the second part of the construct

Exercises

03:00

- 10) Links Internal
 - see reproduce_this.pdf: page 2
 - the link to the Literature Review section
 - apply in journals. Rmd: paragraph 4
- 11) Links External
 - see reproduce_this.pdf: page 1
 - email and website links in one of the footnotes
 - apply in journals. Rmd: title page items

Syntax — Equations

Inline equations go between a pair of single dollar signs \$\frac{\\$}{}\$ — with no space between the signs and the equation itself

$$E = mc^{2}$$
 becomes $E = mc^{2}$

Block equations go in between a pair of double dollar signs — with or without spaces, it works

$$E = mc^2$$

$$E = mc_2$$

Syntax — Footnotes — Inline Notes

```
For inline footnotes, use the <code>^[footnote]</code> syntax

Jane Doe^[Corresponding author.] becomes Jane Doe<sup>1</sup>
```

Notice that

- the caret sign <mark>^ comes before</mark> the left square bracket [
- this syntax works in YAML as well as in text
 - footnotes in YAML get symbols, in text they get numbers

[1] Corresponding author.

Syntax — Footnotes — Notes with Identifiers

An alternative is to use the [^identifier] syntax, with identifiers defined elsewhere in the same document

```
Dr Doe holds a PhD in rock science.[^defence_date]
[^defence_date]: She defended her thesis in 2017.
```

Dr Doe holds a PhD in rock science.¹

Notice that

- the caret sign comes after the left square bracket
- this syntax works in text, but not in YAML

[1] She defended her thesis in 2017.

Exercises

03:00

12) Equations

- see reproduce_this.pdf: page 7
- apply in journals. Rmd: paragraph 22; block equation, between paragraphs 22 and 23

13) Footnotes

- see reproduce_this.pdf: page 2
- apply in journals. Rmd: paragraph 3

Syntax — Lists

Lines starting with asterisk * as well as plus + or minus - signs introduce lists

- books
- articles
- reports
 - books
 - articles
 - reports

Syntax — Lists — Nesting

Lists can be nested within each other, with indentation

```
+ books
+ articles
- published
- under review
+ revised and resubmitted
- work in progress
```

- books
- articles
 - published
 - under review
 - revised and resubmitted
 - work in progress

Syntax — Lists — Numbering

List items can be numbered

```
1. books
2. articles
    - published
    - under review
     + revised and resubmitted
     - work in progress
```

- 1. books
- 2. articles
 - published
 - under review
 - revised and resubmitted
 - work in progress

Syntax — Dashes

Two hyphens grouped together introduce an en-dash

-- becomes -

Three hyphens grouped together introduce an em-dash

--- becomes —

Syntax — Sub- and Super-scripts

A pair of tildes introduces subscript

CO~2~ becomes CO₂

A pair of carets introduces subscript

R^2^ becomes R²

Syntax — Sub- and Super-scripts

A pair of tildes introduces subscript

CO~2~ becomes CO₂

A pair of carets introduces subscript

R^2^ becomes R²

Notice that

• the syntax here (Markdown-based) is different than the one for equations (LaTeX-based)

Exercises

03:00

14) Lists

- see reproduce_this.pdf: page 3
- apply in journals. Rmd: list, between paragraphs 10 and 11

15) Dashes

- see reproduce_this.pdf: page 2
- apply in journals. Rmd: paragraph 6

16) Sub- and Super-scripts

- see reproduce_this.pdf: page 2
- apply in journals.Rmd: paragraph 5

Part 5. Managing References

References — Bibliography Database

- References are defined in .bib files
 - they follow the BibTeX format

- pandoc looks for a .bib file, and for the definitions therein, to process citations
 - .bib files are specified with the bibliography variable in YAML

- pandoc can process a citation only if there is a linked entry in the .bib file
 - but not all entries have to be cited

```
B C:/Users/resul/Dropbox/teaching/r_markdown - RStudio Source Editor
     @article{bennett2015.
        author={Bennett, Stephanie},
        journal={Journal of Bone},
       pages={3--35},
       title={Bowl with a tennis ball}.
       author={Delgado, Timand and Perry, Rosemary},
17
18
       publisher={Press & Presser}
     @incollection{gilbert2019,
27
28
29
30
31
       publisher={Antman}
```

References — Bibliography Database — Entries

- A BibTeX entry consists of three elements
 - a type
 - e.g., @article
 - a citation-key
 - e.g., bennett2015
 - a number of tags
 - e.g., title, author
- Different tags are available for different reference types
 - some tags are required, others are optional

```
1 @article{bennett2015,
2  title={Peanut butter and jelly},
3  author={Bennett, Stephanie},
4  journal={Journal of Bone},
5  year={2015}
6  volume={1},
7  number={12},
8  pages={3--35},
9
```

References — Bibliography Database — Entries

- One could create entries by hand
 - this requires knowing the BibTeX format, entry types, tags, and related information about references to be cited
 - this is not efficient
- A good alternative Google Scholar, which provides BibTeX entries
 - follow cite -> BibTex and copy
 - o paste into .bib, edit if necessary, and save
- Some publishers and journals provide BibTeX entries on their website as well

References — Style

- Reference styles are defined in .csl files
 - files for different styles are available at https://www.zotero.org/styles

- pandoc looks for a .csl file, and for the styles therein, to style citations and references
 - .csl files are specified with the csl variable in YAML
 - o if unspecified, it uses a Chicago author-date format
- .csl files affect the style only in outputs
 - no matter which the style is used, the citation syntax in .Rmd documents is the same

```
B C:/Users/resul/Dropbox/teaching/r_markdown - RStudio Source Editor
     <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
      <style xmlns="http://purl.org/net/xbiblio/csl" class="in-text" version="1.0"</pre>
      demote-non-dropping-particle="never">
          <title>American Psychological Association 6th edition (no ampersand)</title>
          <title-short>APA</title-short>
          <id>http://www.zotero.org/styles/apa-no-ampersand</id>
          <link href="http://www.zotero.org/styles/apa-no-ampersand" rel="self"/>
          <link href="http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/" rel="documen</pre>
          <link href="http://biblioteca.blanquerna.edu/ca/com-trobar-informaci%C3%B3</pre>
      /com-citar/american-psicological-association-apa" rel="documentation"/>
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           <category field="psychology"/>
           <category field="generic-base"/>
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          <rights license="http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/">This work
      is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 3.0 License</rights>
        </info>
        <locale xml:lang="en">
            <term name="editortranslator" form="short">
              <single>ed. &amp; trans.</single>
              <multiple>eds. &amp; trans.</multiple>
            <term name="translator" form="short">trans.</term>
          </terms>
        </locale>
        <macro name="container-contributors">
            <if type="chapter paper-conference entry-dictionary entry-encyclopedia"</pre>
               <group delimiter=", ">
                <names variable="container-author" delimiter=", ">
                  <name and="text" initialize-with=". " delimiter=". "/>
```

References — In-text Citation Syntax

All citations keys take the 'at' sign @, square brackets and/or minus signs introduce variation

```
[@bennett2015] becomes (Bennett, 2015)
@bennett2015 becomes Bennett (2015)
[-@bennett2015] becomes (2015)
-@bennett2015 becomes 2015
[@bennett2015 35] becomes (Bennett, 2015, p. 35)
[@bennett2015 33-35] becomes (Bennett, 2015, pp. 33-35)
[@bennett2015, ch. 1] becomes (Bennett, 2015, ch. 1)
[@bennett2015; @gilbert2019] becomes (Bennett, 2015; Gilbert, 2019)
[see @bennett2015, for details] becomes (see Bennett, 2015, for details)
@bennett2015 [33-35] becomes Bennett (2015, pp. 33-35)
```

Citations — Reference List

The list of references is inserted after the last line of the document, with no section header.

• ending your .Rmd documents with a header for the list of references

This is the last sentence of the manuscript.

References

This is the last sentence of the manuscript.

References

Bennett, S. (2015). Peanut butter and jelly. *Journal of Bone*, 1(12), 3–35.

Gilbert, T. (2019). Turning wine into water. In M. Albert (Ed.), *The book of ground* (pp. 124–142). New York: Antman.

References — Internal Links

For internal links from in-text citations to the reference list, set link-citations: yes in YAML

- a click on these links take the screen to the relevant entry in the list
- the linkcolor variable make these links explicit
 - this is not necessary for the links to work

```
---
bibliography: references.bib
csl: apa_7th.csl
link-citations: yes
linkcolor: blue
---
```

Exercises

07:30

- 17) Add an entry to references.bib for the following book
 - R Markdown: The Definitive Guide by Xie and co-authors
- 18) Reproduce the citations and reference list in the mock paper
 - see reproduce_this.pdf: pages 3 and 11
 - apply in journals. Rmd: paragraph 7 to 9
- 19) Change reference style
 - download your .csl file for your favourite style from https://www.zotero.org/styles
 - update the YAML variable
- 20) Link the citations to the reference list

Part 6. Adding Code, Figures, and Tables

Code, in and outside Chunks

Code — Overview

Most codes go inside code chunks

• e.g., code that imports and cleans data, and/or produces tables and/or figures

Codes can also go in line with text

• .e.g., code that result in a single statistic

```
The average H5 Index for the journals in the dataset is `r mean(df$h5_index)`.
```

Code Chunks — Overview

- Code chunks are delimitted spaces between a pair of three backticks
 - below is an empty chunk for R code

```
```{r}
```

- r is an option of the chunk, indicating that the code in the chunk above should be run by R
  - it could have been python, which we will not cover in this workshop
  - options go in a pair of curly brackets, on the same line with the first delimiter
- Chunks can be placed anywhere in .Rmd documents
  - their output, if there is any, might float around text to avoid breaking across pages

#### Code Chunks — Labels

It is recommended to label the code chunks, which are otherwise automatically numbered

- informative labels can be helpful for navigating through error messages as well as filenames of plots and cache
  - in the example below, the chunk is labelled as data\_import
- but note that duplicate labels lead to an error during compilation

```
```{r, data_import}

df <- read_csv("data/journals.csv")
...</pre>
```

Code Chunks — Options

- Code chunks take options, listed on the same line with the first delimitter, in curly brackets
 - avoid spaces around the equal sign = between option tags and values
 - such spaces might lead to errors
 - in the example below, the chunk is labelled as setup, and and the include option is set to FALSE
 - with this option and value, nothing from this chunk will be included in the output document

```
```{r, setup, include=FALSE}
...
```

- The list of options is available at <a href="https://yihui.org/knitr/options">https://yihui.org/knitr/options</a>
  - R Markdown Cheat Sheet provides a helpful list as well

### Code Chunks — Options — Defaults

#### Options have default values

- e.g., for echo, the default is TRUE
  - echo: should the source code printed in the output? yes
- therefore the following two chunks have the same function

```
```{r}
...

```{r, echo=TRUE}
...
```

### Code Chunks — Options — Defaults

This chunk prints two things in the output document — (a) the code and (b) the head of the data frame

```
```{r}
head(df)
...
```

```
head(df)
```

```
##
                                branch h5_index h5_median english subfield issues age
                       origin
                name
     Journal of Bears Americas Physical
                                            73
                                                                               61
      Journal of Moon
                         Asia
                               Social
                                                    106
                                                                              64
  3 Journal of Lumber Americas Physical
                                           72
                                                    100
                                                                            8 30
## 4 Journal of Houses
                       Europe Social
                                           72
                                                    102
                                                                            8 38
                                                                            5 33
## 5 Journal of Water
                       Europe
                               Social
                                            70
                                                    100
## 6 Journal of Jeans Americas Physical
                                            69
                                                    101
                                                                               64
```

Code Chunks — Options

Setting echo=FALSE prevents the code from being displayed in the output document

```
'``{r, echo=FALSE}
head(df)
...
```

This chunk therefore prints one thing in the output document — the head of the data frame

```
##
                    origin
                            branch h5_index h5_median english subfield issues age
               name
   Journal of Bears Americas Physical
                                       73
                                               97
                                                                       61
     Journal of Moon
                            Social
                      Asia
                                       72
                                              106
                                                                    6 64
                                                        1 8 30
0 8 38
0 5 33
  3 Journal of Lumber Americas Physical
                                  72
                                              100
                                       72
## 4 Journal of Houses
                    Europe Social
                                              102
                                                              0 5 33
## 5 Journal of Water Europe Social
                                       70
                                              100
                                                                    5 64
## 6 Journal of Jeans Americas Physical
                                       69
                                              101
```

Prevent the result(s) of the source code from being displayed in the output document

```
'``{r, results="hide"}
head(df)
...
```

This chunk therefore prints one thing in the output document — the source code

```
head(df)
```

Setting results="asis" passes the results as they are produced by the code. In creating tables for PDF output with the stargazer package,* it is a must.

Cache results for future compilations

```
```{r ... cache=TRUE}
```

Prevent R from running the code in the chunk altogether

```
```{r ... eval=FALSE}
...
```

Prevent messages and/or warnings from being displayed in the output

```
```{r ... error=FALSE, message=FALSE, warning=FALSE}
```

Define the actual dimensions of figures, in inches

```
```{r ... fig.height=6, fig.width=9}
...
```

Define the size of figures in the output document, with out.width and/or out.height

```
```{r ... out.width="50%"}
```

Define the alignment of figures — left, right, or center

```
```{r ... fig.align="center"}
...
```

Define captions for figures

```
```{r ... fig.caption="A Scatter Plot"}
...
```

Set the resolution for figures

```
```{r ... dpi=300}
...
```

Set extra options, such as angle, that output format would accept for figures

```
```{r ... <mark>out.extra="angle=45"</mark>}
```

#### Code Chunks — The Setup Chunk

It is recommended to use the first code chunk for general setup, where you can

- define your own defaults for chunk options, with knitr::opts\_chunk\$set()
   avoids repeating chunk options
- load the necessary packages
- import raw data

```
'``{r, setup, include=FALSE}

chunk option defaults
knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo=FALSE, message=FALSE)

packages
library(dplyr)
library(ggplot2)
library(stargazer)

data
df_raw <- read.csv("journals.csv")</pre>
```

#### Code Chunks — The Data Chunk

I recommend using the second chunk for the main operations\* on raw data

- e.g., for data cleaning and other transformations
- some minor transformations could be left to lower chunks
  - e.g., capitalizing variable names for figures

<sup>[\*]</sup> I will be using the pipe operator <mark>%>%</mark> and other functions from the dplyr package for such operations in the following slides.

#### Code Chunks — The Data Chunk

Transform subfield and english into factor variables

• despite being numeric — i.e., 0s and 1s — they are meant to be categorical variables

#### Code Chunks — The Data Chunk

Create a new variable age, based on the existing variable since, to be used in regression models later on

Drop the since variable, so that it won't appear in our summary statistics table later on

#### Inline Code — Overview

Code can also be incorporated in text, with the `r ` syntax

- unline chunks, these do not take options
- the output document will display the result of the code
  - in the exact place of the source code
- the result of the code will have the same formatting with the text

#### Inline Code — Examples

```
If we multiply _pi_ by 5, we get `r pi * 5`.
```

If we multiply *pi* by 5, we get 15.7079633.

```
The average H5 Index for the journals in the dataset is `r mean(df$h5_index)`, which would round to `r round(mean(df$h5_index), digits = 1)`.
```

The average H5 Index for the journals in the dataset is 26.3611366, which would round to 26.4.

```
__Only `r nrow(subset(df, english == 0))` journals__ in the dataset are published in a language other than English.
```

Only 113 journals in the dataset are published in a language other than English.

#### **Exercises**

07:30

#### 21) Introduce a setup chunk

- define one or more defaults chunk options, with knitr::opts\_chunk\$set()
- load the packages that we will need dplyr, ggplot2, and stargazer
- import raw data

#### 22) Introduce a data chunk

- transform subfield and english into factors
- create a new variable age, based on since
- drop since from the data frame

#### 23) Inline Code

- see reproduce\_this.pdf: page 6
  - i.e., 1091 observations
- apply in journals. Rmd: paragraph 21
  - hint: use the nrow function

# Figures

The syntax ![Figure Caption] (figure.extension) embeds images, and/or figures produced elsewhere,\* into .Rmd documents

- similar to the link syntax, only this time it is preceded by an exclamation mark!
- goes outside code chunks, on a new line
- simple, but not very customisable

[\*] Ideally, reproducible papers should produce their own images with data and code. However, there might be situations where this is not possible.

![A screenshot of the Google Scholar homepage](../image/google\_scholar.png)



Figure 1: A screenshot of the Google Scholar homepage.

Figures are numbered automatically

![A screenshot of the Google Scholar homepage](../image/google\_scholar.png)



Figure 1: A screenshot of the Google Scholar homepage.

The syntax can accept width or height attributes as follows

[A screenshot of the Google Scholar homepage](../image/google\_scholar.png) { width=40% }

Google Scholar

Articles Case law

Stand on the shoulders of giants

Figure 1: A screenshot of the Google Scholar homepage.

The knitr package offers a capable alternative with the include\_graphics() function

- this goes inside code chunks
  - use the function with the double-colon operator ::
    - e.g., knitr::include\_graphics("figure.extension")
- this is more customisable, through the use of code chunks
  - size is defined with the out.width or out.hight options
    - rather than fig.height and/or fig.width

The knitr package offers a capable alternative with the include\_graphics() function

```
```{r, screenshot, echo=FALSE, fig.cap="A screenshot of the Google Scholar homepage."}
knitr::include_graphics("../figures/google_scholar.png")
...
```





Figure 1: A screenshot of the Google Scholar homepage.

Size is defined with the chunk options out.width or out.hight

```
```{r ... out.width="40%"}
knitr::include_graphics("../figures/google_scholar.png")
```
```



Figure 1: A screenshot of the Google Scholar homepage.

Most other chunk options are common with figures plotted within R Markdown, such as fig.align

```
```{r ... fig.align="center"}
knitr::include_graphics("../figures/google_scholar.png")
...
```



Figure 1: A screenshot of the Google Scholar homepage.

#### **Exercises**

# 03:00

#### 24) Images

- see reproduce\_this.pdf: figure 1 on page 10
- apply in journals. Rmd: figure 1, between paragraphs 19 and 20

#### Figures — ggplot2 — Overview

- A powerful package for visualising data
- Used widely, not only by academics, but also by large corporations such as the New York Times
- A huge amount is written on this package. See, for example,
  - the package documentation
  - this book by its creator Hadley Wickham
  - this reference page
  - this webinar by one of its authors, Thomas Lin Pedersen
  - these futher extensions, maintained by the ggplot2 community
- Among its alternatives are the base and plotly packages

## Figures — ggplot2 — Basics

- 1) The ggplot function and the data argument
  - specify a data frame in the main ggplot function

```
ggplot(data = df)
```

- 2) The mapping aesthetics, or aes; most importantly, the variable(s) that we want to plot
  - specify as an additional argument in the same ggplot function

```
ggplot(data = df, mapping = aes(x = h5_median, y = h5_index, color = subfield)
```

- 3) The geometric objects, or geom; the visual representations
  - specify, after a plus sign +, as an additional function

Put the code in a chunk, and give it a caption

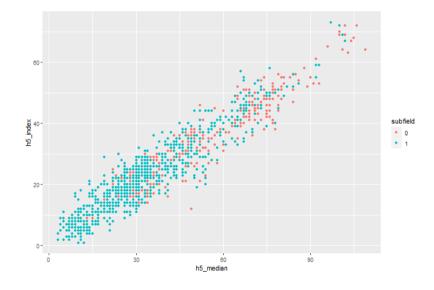


Figure 1. A scatterplot of journal metrics.

Add facets for subgroups, e.g., branch

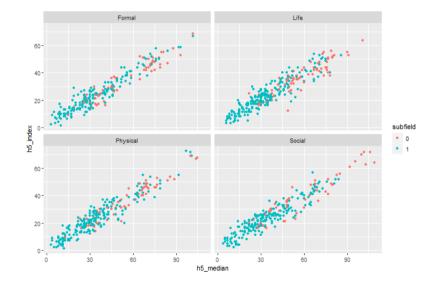


Figure 1. A scatterplot of journal metrics.

Scale the colour to improve the legend

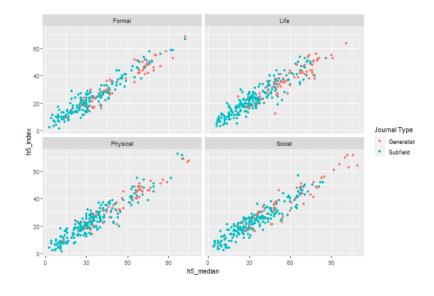


Figure 1. A scatterplot of journal metrics.

#### Change the theme

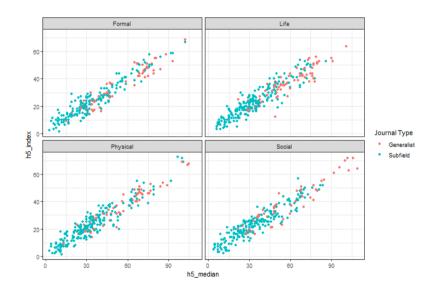


Figure 1. A scatterplot of journal metrics.

Improve the axis labels, e.g., with capital first letters

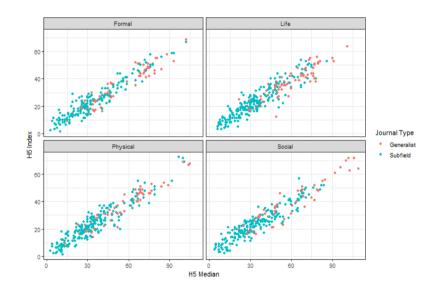


Figure 1. A scatterplot of journal metrics.

### Figures — ggplot2 — Notes

geom\_point is one of many geoms avilable

- see this https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference for other options, including
  - geom\_bar for bar charts
  - geom\_boxplot for box and whiskers plots

#### **Exercises**

# 10:00

#### 25) Barplot

- see reproduce\_this.pdf: figure 2 on page 7
- apply in journals. Rmd: figure 2, between paragraphs 21 and 22

#### 26) Scatterplot

- see reproduce\_this.pdf: figure 3 on page 9
- apply in journals.Rmd: figure 3, between paragraphs 27 and 28

# **Tables**

The following syntax, outside code chunks, introduces tables that pandoc can recognise

First Column	Second Column
First cell Second cell Third cell	Second cell

First Column	Second Column
First cell	First cell
Second cell	Second cell
Third cell	Third cell

The position of headers, relative to their line underneath, defines column alignments

Left-Aligned	Centered
First cell	First cell
Second cell	Second cell
Third cell	Third cell

Left-Aligned	Centered
First cell	First cell
Second cell	Second cell
Third cell	Third cell

A line starting with a colon, placed before or after tables, introduces captions

Centered	Right-Aligned	
First cell Second cell Third cell	First cell Second cell Third cell	
: A hand-made	table with R Markdown	

Table 1: A hand-made table with R Markdown

Centered	Right-Aligned
First cell	First cell
Second cell	Second cell
Third cell	Third cell

The caption line itself needs to be surrounded by empty lines

Centered	Right-Aligned	
First cell Second cell Third cell	First cell Second cell Third cell	
: A hand-made	table with R Markdown	

Table 1: A hand-made table with R Markdown

Centered	Right-Aligned
First cell	First cell
Second cell	Second cell
Third cell	Third cell

Tables are numbered automatically

: A hand-made tab	le with R Markdown
Centered	Right-Aligned
First cell Second cell Third cell	First cell Second cell Third cell

Table 1: A hand-made table with R Markdown

Centered	Right-Aligned
First cell	First cell
Second cell	Second cell
Third cell	Third cell

Grid tables, with the following syntax, can handle complex cells with multiple lines and/or lists

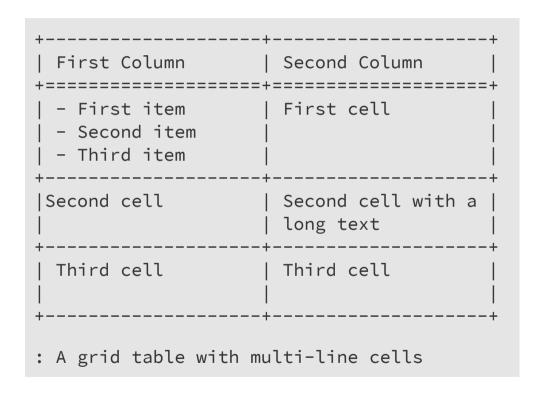


Table 1: A grid table with multi-line cells

First Column	Second Column
- First item - Second item - Third item	First cell
Second cell	Second cell with a long text
Third cell	Third cell

Grid tables can be aligned as well, with colons at the boundaries of the header separator\*

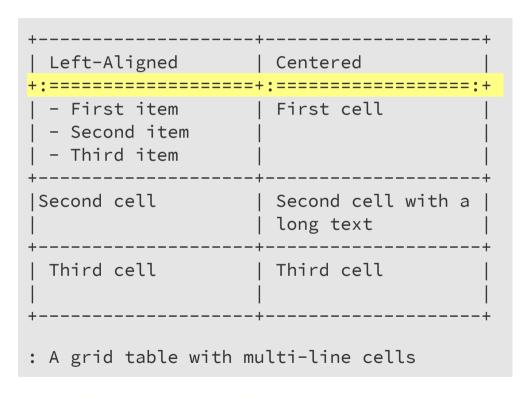


Table 1: A grid table with multi-line cells

Left-Aligned	Centered
<ul><li>First item</li><li>Second item</li><li>Third item</li></ul>	First cell
Second cell	Second cell with a long text
Third cell	Third cell

<sup>[\*]</sup> Use := for left-aligned, :=: for centered, =: for right-aligned columns.

#### **Exercises**

# 05:00

#### 27) Markdown Tables

- see reproduce\_this.pdf: table 1 on page 4
- apply in journals. Rmd: table 1, between paragraphs 11 and 12

### Tables—stargazer—Overview

- A capable package for creating tables to present
  - data in columns and rows
  - descriptive/summary statistics
  - regression models
- Used widely by academics
- Creates LaTeX code, HTML/CSS code, and ASCII text to be knitted
- A lot is written on this package. See, for example,
  - the package documentation
  - this vignette by its author Marek Hlavac
  - this tutorial by Jake Russ

### Tables—stargazer—Notes

- We must
  - set the chunk option results="asis" for chunks with stargazer tables
  - change the argument type in the stargazer() function for different output formats accordingly
    - e.g., the default type = "latex" is for LaTeX and PDF, type = "html" for HTML
- It is currently not quite possible to knit stargazer code into tables in Word documents
  - stargazer tables will not appear in Word documents automatically
  - workarounds available
    - knit to HTML as well as Word, copy the tables from HTML to Word
    - knit to PDF as well as Word, open PDF as Word, and copy the tables accross
- stargazer tables might look slightly different in different output formats
  - on the following slides, they will have the HTML look

## Tables—stargazer—Basics

- The stargazer() function
  - this is probably the only fuction you will ever use from this package
    - but it accepts many, many arguments to customise tables
- The data argument of that function, with two main options
  - 1. a data frame for data or summary statistics tables
    - e.g., df, here coming from df <- read\_csv(journals.csv)</pre>
  - 2. one or more regression models for regression tables
    - e.g., lm1, here coming from lm1 <- lm(h5\_index ~ issues, data = df)

### Tables—stargazer—Data Tables

Table the first four rows of the dataset

```
```{r data_table, echo=FALSE, results="asis"}
stargazer(data = head(df, n = 4), type = "latex", summary = FALSE)
```
```

Notice the options of the chunk and the arguments of the function

- with echo=FALSE, the code will not be displayed in the output document
- with results="asis", knitr will pass through results without reformatting them
  - these results are produced in LaTeX, due to type = "latex"
  - they should remain LaTeX because our outcome document is PDF, converted from LaTeX
- with summary = FALSE, the table will present the data, not its descriptive statistics

### Tables — stargazer — Data Tables

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```
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stargazer(data = head(df, n = 4), type = "latex", summary = FALSE)
```
```

% Table created by stargazer v.5.2.2 by Marek Hlavac, Harvard University. E-mail: hlavac at fas.harvard.edu % Date and time: Fri, Apr 10, 2020 - 12:31:21

Table 1:

|   | name              | origin   | branch   | h5_index | h5_median | english | subfield | issues | age |
|---|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|---------|----------|--------|-----|
| 1 | Journal of Bears  | Americas | Physical | 73       | 97        | 1       | 1        | 7      | 61  |
| 2 | Journal of Moon   | Asia     | Social   | 72       | 106       | 1       | 0        | 6      | 64  |
| 3 | Journal of Lumber | Americas | Physical | 72       | 100       | 1       | 1        | 8      | 30  |
| 4 | Journal of Houses | Europe   | Social   | 72       | 102       | 1       | 0        | 8      | 38  |

## Tables — stargazer — Data Tables

Set header = FALSE to remove the note preceding tables

```
```{r data_table, echo=FALSE, results="asis"}
stargazer(data = head(df, n = 4), type = "latex", summary = FALSE, header = FALSE)
...
```

Table 1:

	name	origin	branch	h5_index	h5_median	english	subfield	issues	age
1	Journal of Bears	Americas	Physical	73	97	1	1	7	61
2	Journal of Moon	Asia	Social	72	106	1	0	6	64
3	Journal of Lumber	Americas	Physical	72	100	1	1	8	30
4	Journal of Houses	Europe	Social	72	102	1	0	8	38

Tables — stargazer — Data Tables

Define a caption with the title argument

Table 1: First four rows of the dataset

	name	origin	branch	h5_index	h5_median	english	subfield	issues	age
1	Journal of Bears	Americas	Physical	73	97	1	1	7	61
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3	Journal of Lumber	Americas	Physical	72	100	1	1	8	30
4	Journal of Houses	Europe	Social	72	102	1	0	8	38

Create a table of summary statistics instead, for the complete dataset

Table 1: Descriptive statistics

Statistic	N	Mean	St. Dev.	Min	Pctl(25)	Pctl(75)	Max
h5_index	1,091	26.361	13.814	1	17	35	73
h5_median	1,091	39.400	21.272	3	25	52	109
issues	1,091	4.676	1.786	1	3	6	12
age	1,091	42.902	26.370	1	23	56	158

Keep only a selection of statistics

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Omit a selection of statistics for the same effect

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Flip the table

Table	1: Descri	ptive	statistics

Statistic	h5_index	h5_median	issues	age
N	1,091	1,091	1,091	1,091
Mean	26.361	39.400	4.676	42.902
St. Dev.	13.814	21.272	1.786	26.370
Min	1	3	1	1
Max	73	109	12	158

Exercises

05:00

- 28) Summary Statistics Tables
 - see reproduce_this.pdf: table 2 on page 8
 - apply in journals. Rmd: table 2, between paragraphs 23 and 24

Create a table of regression models instead

	Dependent variable:
	h5_index
subfield1	-12.926***
	(0.896)
Constant	36.171***
	(0.781)
Observations	1,091
\mathbb{R}^2	0.160
Adjusted R ²	0.160
Residual Std. Error	12.665 (df = 1089)
F Statistic	207.926*** (df = 1; 1089)
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Models can also be estimated outside the function first

- 1 1			- 1.
Table	1: Res	gression	Results

	Dependent variable:
	h5_index
issues	1.913***
	(0.227)
Constant	17.415***
	(1.137)
Observations	1,091
\mathbb{R}^2	0.061
Adjusted R ²	0.060
Residual Std. Error	13.391 (df = 1089)
F Statistic	70.959*** (df = 1; 1089)
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Keep only a selection of statistics

Table 1: Regression Results		
	Dependent variable:	
	h5_index	
issues	1.913***	
	(0.227)	
Constant	17.415***	
	(1.137)	
Observations	1,091	
\mathbb{R}^2	0.061	
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01	

Display multiple models in the same table

Table 1: Regression Results			
	Dependent variable:		
	h5_index		
	(1)	(2)	
issues	1.913***	1.424***	
	(0.227)	(0.212)	
english1		17.262***	
		(1.244)	
Constant	17.415***	4.226***	
	(1.137)	(1.415)	
Observations	1,091	1,091	
\mathbb{R}^2	0.061	0.202	
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01		

Change variable labels

Table 1: Regression Results			
	Dependent variable:		
	H5 Index		
	(1)	(2)	
Issues	1.913***	1.424***	
	(0.227)	(0.212)	
English		17.262***	
		(1.244)	
Constant	17.415***	4.226***	
	(1.137)	(1.415)	
Observations	1,091	1,091	
\mathbb{R}^2	0.061	0.202	
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01		

Change significance levels

	Dependent variable:	
	H5 Index	
	(1)	(2)
Issues	1.913***	1.424***
	(0.227)	(0.212)
English		17.262***
		(1.244)
Constant	17.415***	4.226**
	(1.137)	(1.415)
Observations	1,091	1,091
\mathbb{R}^2	0.061	0.202
Note:	*p<0.05; **p<0	.01; ***p<0.001

Label the table for in-text reference

	Dependent variable:	
	H5 Index	
	(1)	(2)
Issues	1.913***	1.424***
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English		17.262***
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Constant	17.415***	4.226**
	(1.137)	(1.415)
Observations	1,091	1,091
\mathbb{R}^2	0.061	0.202
Note:	*p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p<0.001	

Exercises

07:30

- 29) Regression Tables
 - see reproduce_this.pdf: table 3 on page 10
 - apply in journals. Rmd: table 3, between paragraphs 30 and 31

Tables—stargazer—Referring to Tables

Refer to tables themselves with the \autoref{table_label} syntax

```
\autoref{regression_results} provides results from two OLS models.
```

Table 1 provides results from two OLS models.

Refer to specific results within tables with inline code

```
In Model 1, the coefficient for _Issues_ is
`r round(coef(summary(lm1))["issues", "Estimate"], digits = 2)`.
```

In Model 1, the coefficient for *Issues* is 1.91.

Exercises

05:00

- 30) Referring to Tables
 - see reproduce_this.pdf: pages 7 and 9
 - apply in journals. Rmd: paragraph 23 and 29

Part 7. Addressing Functionality Gaps

Functionality Gaps

- Not everything is possible to achieve with R Markdown syntax, code chunks, and/or code
 - e.g., centering text
- Workarounds available through inclusion of other languages and/or syntaxes in .Rmd documents
 - e.g., incorporating HTML or LaTeX code into R Markdown
 - workarounds might be output specific
 - e.g., LaTeX-based workarounds may work only for LaTeX and PDF outputs
- There are no exclusive list of gaps or workarounds
 - these are gap- or problem-specific
 - after writing a few manuscripts with R Markdown, you will have addressed most typical gaps in your workflow

Functionality Gaps — Examples

Problem:

There is no chunk option for figures labels. Without these, we cannot refer to figures with a link within text.

Solution:

Insert a LaTeX label into the fig.caption option, and use the \autoref{figure_caption} syntax in text

```
\autoref{scatter_plot} visualises the relationship between the two journal metrics.

```{r ... fig.caption = "A Scatter Plot \\label{scatter_plot}"}

ggplot(data = df) +
 geom_point(...

```
```

Figure 1 visualises the relationship between the two journal metrics.

Functionality Gaps — Examples

Problem:

Markdown tables do not have labels, which would otherwise allow us to refer to them in text

Solution:

Insert a LaTeX label after the table caption, and use the \autoref{table_caption} syntax in text

```
See \autoref{handmade_table} for further details.

: A hand-made table with R Markdown \label{handmade_table}

+-----+
| Left-Aligned | Centered |
...
```

See Table 1 for further details.

Exercises

05:00

- 31) Referring to Figures
 - see reproduce_this.pdf: pages 6 and 9
 - apply in journals. Rmd: paragraphs 19, 21, and 27
- 32) Referring to Markdown Tables
 - see reproduce_this.pdf: page 4
 - apply in journals. Rmd: paragraph 11

Functionality Gaps — Examples

Problem:

R Markdown adds the list of references to the end of documents. This might be undesirable for some manuscripts, for example those with an appendix. Similarly, some journals require tables and figures to be added after references.

Solution:

Define where exactly the list of references should appear with the HMTL code <div id ="refs">

```
# References
<div id = "refs"></div>
# Appendix
```

Functionality Gaps — Examples

Problem:

R Markdown produces outputs with single-line-spaced text while we might prefer or be required (e.g., by journal submission rules) to double-space our manuscripts.

Solution:

Use the doublespacing command from the LaTeX package setspace (Carlisle et al., 2011)

- because the command comes from a package, we need to add it to YAML with header-includes
- including commands in YAML ensures they are applied throught the output*

```
---
header-includes:
- \usepackage{setspace}\doublespacing
```

[*] This can be reversed anywhere in text, with the singlespacing command.

Exercises

02:00

33) Line Spacing

- introduce 1.5 spacing to the manuscript
 - hint: the command is called onehalfspacing
- except for the Abstract, which should be single spaced

Functionality Gaps — Examples

Problem:

Pages, tables, figures etc. are numbered continuously across an output. We might prefer or be required (e.g., by journal submission rules) to change this behaviour, for example for appendices.

Solution:

Use the setcounter in combination with the renewcommand command, outside code chunks

```
\setcounter{page}{1}
\renewcommand*{\thepage}{A\arabic{page}}

\setcounter{table}{0}
\renewcommand*{\thetable}{A\arabic{table}}

\setcounter{figure}{0}
\renewcommand*{\thefigure}{A\arabic{figure}}}
```

Part 8. Using Version Control

Version Control

- Research papers have many versions before publication
 - typically written over a long period of time, in numerous sittings
 - at the end of every sitting, esentially a different version of the same manuscript is created*

[*] They also often written by multiple authors, increasing the number of versions created. Here I assume projects are single-authored, leaving the topic of collaboration to the next section — Part 9.

Version Control

- Research papers have many versions before publication
 - typically written over a long period of time, in numerous sittings
 - o at the end of every sitting, esentially a different version of the same manuscript is created
- With many versions created over time, possibly on different computers, there emerges at least two challenges
 - keeping track of changes and versions
 - communicating these changes between computers
- We all version control, in different ways, such as
 - edit, rename, save
 - use applications or websites such as Dropbox, Google Docs, Overleaf
 - use distributed version control systems such as Git and GitHub

Version Control — Manual Attempts

Typically, hand-made attemps to version control lead to cluttered folders

```
manuscript
|
|- journals_FINAL_19MAY.Rmd
|- journals_FINAL.Rmd
|- journals_26APRIL_newlit.Rmd

***

- journals.Rproj
|- references.bib
|- apa_7th.csl
```

Version Control — Git and GitHub — Definitions

- Git
 - a software that keeps track of versions of a set of files
 - it is local, the records are kept on your computer
- GitHub
 - a hosting service, or a website, that can keep the records
 - it is like Dropbox, but specifically structured to keep records with Git
- Repository, or repo
 - o a set of files whose records are kept together, by Git and/or on GitHub
 - o it is like a folder, which can keep files and other folders containing files

Version Control — Git and GitHub — Definitions

- To commit
 - to take a snaphot of, to version a repository
 - o it is like saving a new version of all changed files in your folder with a new name
 - o it is local, the records are kept on your computer unless you push
- To push
 - to move the records from Git to GitHub, from your computer to online
 - it is like uploading (the new versions of) your files to a website,
 - it also involves merging, if this not the first push
- To pull
 - to move the updated records from GitHub to your computer
 - o it is like downloading a zipped folder of files, and merging with the ones on your computer

Version Control — Git and GitHub

Version control with Git and GitHub requires

- 1. initial setup, done once*
 - unless for a new computer or, if ever, a new GitHub account
 - a bit technical, but worth the hussle
- 2. project setup, repeated for every paper
 - shorter, less complicated

[*] We have started this process already, in Part 1 of the workshop, by downloading and installing Git and signing up for GitHub.

Version Control — Git — Inital Setup

- 1) Enable version control with RStudio
 - from the RStudio menu, follow:
 - Tools -> Global Options -> Git/SNV -> Enable version control interface for RStudio projects
 - RStudio will likely find Git automatically. In case it cannot, Git is likely to be at
 - ∘ c:/Program Files/Git/bin/git.exe on Windows
 - /usr/local/git/bin/git on Mac

Version Control — Git — Inital Setup

- 2) Set Git Bash as your shell (Windows-only step)
 - from the RStudio menu, follow:

```
Tools -> Global Options -> Terminal -> New terminals open with: Git Bash
```

Version Control — Git — Inital Setup

- 3) Introduce yourself to Git
 - from the RStudio menu, follow:

```
Tools -> Terminal -> New Terminal
```

• Enter the following lines in the Terminal, with the email address that you have used to sign up for GitHub

```
git config --global user.name "YOUR NAME" git config --global user.email "YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS" git config --global --list
```

Version Control — Git and Github — Project Setup

- 1) Initiate local version control with Git
 - from the RStudio menu, follow:

```
Tools -> Version Control -> Project Setup... -> Version Control System -> Git
```

Version Control — Git and Github — Project Setup

- 2) Create a new GitHub repository
 - on GitHub, follow:

```
Repositories -> New -> Repository name (e.g., "rwd_workshop") -> Public -> Create repository
```

- observe that
 - repository URLs have the following structure: https://github.com/USER_NAME/REPOSITORY_NAME
 - this is the address to view the repository online
 - for use in the Terminal, the address gets the .git extension
 - e.g., https://github.com/USER_NAME/REPOSITORY_NAME.git

Version Control — Git and Github — Project Setup

- 3) Push an existing repository
 - from the RStudio menu, follow:
 - Tools -> Terminal -> New Terminal
 - enter the following lines in the Terminal, with your username and repository name

```
git remote add origin https://github.com/USER_NAME/REPOSITORY_NAME.git
git push -u origin master
```

- observe that
 - now there is now a Git tab in RStudio, documenting the differences between you local repository and the one on GitHub. When you change a file, it will appear here.
 - your files now include a .gitignore file,
 - this is where you can list files and/or folders to be excluded from being tracked

Version Control — Git and Github — Workflow

- 1) Edit and save one or more files under version control
 - e.g., delete the first sentence of the abstract, and save
- 2) Commit and Push
 - under the Git tab on RStudio, find the list of files edited
 - these will have M, for modified, as Status
 - tick Staged* for one or more files that you would like to commit
 - enter a Commit message that summarises the edits
 - click Commit to create a record of the new version locally to your computer
 - click Close -> Push to push the version to GitHub

[*] To stage is to add files to be comitted. It allows us to commit one or more files together or separately.

Version Control — Git and Github — . gitignore

- .gitignore specifies which file(s) and/or folder(s) should be excluded from version control
 - a set of files and directories are ignored by default see your .gitignore file
- There might be good reasons to ignore some files, including files
 - that contain information that we do not want others to see
 - e.g., personal API keys
 - that we do not have the right to share with others
 - e.g., secondary data with user agreements otherwise
 - that we (re-)create automatically as outputs
 - e.g., journals.pdf, as opposed to journals.Rmd
- See the documentation at https://git-scm.com/docs/gitignore for further details

Version Control — Git and Github — . gitignore

Ignore a specific file in a specific folder, relative to the root directory

/manuscript/journals.pdf

Ignore a specific file in any folder

journals.pdf

Ignore all files with a spefic extension

*.pdf

Ignore a specific folder

/literature/

Version Control — Git and Github — . gitignore — Notes

- There are many other pattern formats
 - see the documentation at https://git-scm.com/docs/gitignore
- Starting to ignore a file or folder that is already being tracked requires clearing the cache
 - after changing and saving .gitignore, enter the following line in the Terminal
 - with your speficic /path/to/file

```
git rm --cached /path/to/file
```

- Following command clears all cache
 - might be useful after changes to .gitignore that involves several files or folders
 - but should be used with care, on an otherwise up-to-date repository

```
git rm -r --cached .
```

Exercises

- 34) Reproducibility and Version Control
 - imagine that, after producing all these tables and figures, and writing up your results, you have decided to exclude journals from Oceania from analysis
 - hint: use the filter function in the data chunk
 - create a new version of the manuscript
 - comit and push to GitHub

35) Gitignore

- stop tracking journals.pdf
 - change .gitignore
 - remove journals.pdf from cache
 - comit and push to GitHub

Part 9. Collaborating with Others



Part 10. Working on a Real Project

Real Project

- Consider converting a real project to R Markdown
 - now, in the remainder of the workshop
- Choose an existing project, preferably
 - single-authored
 - o at an early stage
 - but one that you will be working on in the very near future
- Ask me for help
 - with no more slides to go through, I will now focus on individual coaching

Thank You!

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