Reproducible dynamic documents with Rmarkdown

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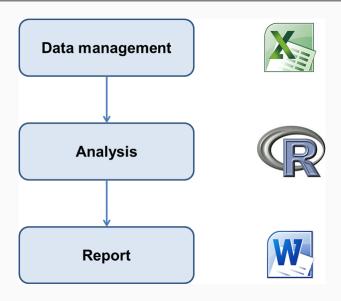
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A typical research workflow

- 1. Prepare data (spreadsheet)
- 2. Analyse data (R)
- 3. Write report/paper (Word)
- 4. Start the email attachments nightmare...



This workflow is broken



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- How did you do this? What analysis is behind this figure? Did you account for ...?
- What dataset was used? Which individuals were left out? Where is the clean dataset?
- Oops, there is an error in the data. Can you repeat the analysis? And update figures/tables in Word!

Manual copy-paste is tedious & problematic

'Transcribing numbers from stats software by hand was the largest source of errors'

(Eubank 2016)



≗ Follow

My rule of thumb: every analysis you do on a dataset will have to be redone 10–15 times before publication. Plan accordingly. #Rstats

Your **closest collaborator** is you 6 months ago, and you don't respond to emails.

(P. Wilson)

Even you will struggle to reproduce
your own results from a few weeks/months ago.

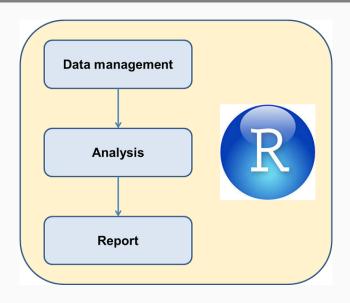
Writing reproducible manuscripts is hard

Revising non-reproducible manuscripts is even harder

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Also, please note that because rev#1 asked to re-calculate effect sizes (...) we need to change every single number in the main text.

Dynamic reports

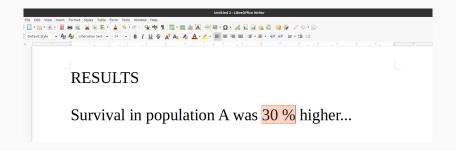


Rmarkdown documents

- · Fully reproducible (trace all results inc. tables and plots)
- · Dynamic (regenerate with 1 click)
- · Multiple outputs:
 - · documents (HTML, Word, PDF)
 - · presentations (HTML, PDF, PowerPoint)
 - · books
 - · websites...



Where does this value come from?



Dynamic documents with Rmarkdown

Rmarkdown:

Survival in population A was $r surv.diff \$ % higher

Output:

Survival in population A was 30 % higher

Dynamic documents with Rmarkdown

```
mydata <- read.csv('data.txt')</pre>
```

Rmarkdown:

We measured `r nrow(mydata)` individuals

Output:

We measured 100 individuals

Much better than copy-paste!

Rmarkdown: code (R, Python, etc) + text (Markdown)

title: "Does sunshine make people happy?" author: "FRS" output: word_document	Metadata (YAML)
## Introduction It is well known that individual well-being can be influenced by climatic condition ## Methods	ns. Text (Markdown)
<pre>"" {r echo=FALSE} ## Read data data <- read.table("data.txt", header = TRUE) # Fit linear model model <- lm(happiness ~ sunshine, data = data)</pre>	Code (R, Python)
We collected data on `r $nrow(data)$ ` individuals and fitted a linear model.	

Code chunk options

```
'''{r echo=FALSE, eval=TRUE, cache=TRUE, fig.height=3}
plot(iris)
'''
https://yihui.org/knitr/options/
```

Code chunk options

```
'''{r}
#| echo = FALSE
#| eval = TRUE
#| fig.cap = 'My figure caption'
plot(iris)
'''
```

Naming chunks helps debugging

```
processing file: test.Rmd
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Error in eval(predvars, data, env) : object 'specie' not found
Calls: <Anonymous> ... plot.formula -> eval -> eval -> <Anonymous> -> eval -> eval
Execution halted
```

Naming chunks helps navigating long docs

```
1 -
  2 title: "My Analysis"
  3 author: "FRS"
  4 output: html_document
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     This is an R Markdown document. Markdown is a simple
      My Analysis
                         for authoring HTML, PDF, and MS Word
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                        re details on using R Markdown see
      Chunk 2: read.data
                        .rstudio.com>.
      Chunk 3: plot
 12
11:60
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```

Naming chunks: figure files take chunk name

- unnamed-chunk-1-1.png
- unnamed-chunk-1-2.png
- unnamed-chunk-1-3.png
- unnamed-chunk-1-4.png

¡Not only R! Python, Julia, C++, SQL, Stan, etc

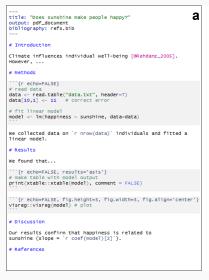
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                                                       "stan"
                                                                   "stata"
[49] "targets"
                 "tikz"
                              "verbatim"
                                          "zsh"
```

Markdown: easy text formatting

```
# Header
## Subheader
*italic*
**bold**
[a link](https://example.com)
Handy: https://thinkr-open.github.io/remedy/
Or use Visual Markdown Editor
```

Regenerate Word/PDF/HTML with one click



Does sunshine make people happy?

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Introduction

Climate influences individual well-being (Rehdanz and Maddison 2005). However, . . .

Methods

We collected data on 100 individuals and fitted a linear model.

Results

We found that...

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(>[t])
(Intercept)	-0.0986	0.4271	-0.23	0.8180
sunshine	0.0101	0.0004	23.75	0.0000



Discussion

Our results confirm that happiness is related to sunshine (slope = 0.0100652).

References

Rehdanz, Katrin, and David Maddison. 2005. "Climate and Happiness." Ecological Economics 52 (1). Elsevier BV: 111-25. doi:10.1016/j.ecolecon.2004.06.015.

Spotted error in the data? No problem!

- Make changes in Rmarkdown document
- · Click Knit in Rstudio
- Report will update automatically!

Why Rmarkdown?





Darren_Dahly

- 1. Start using R Markdown to generate reports of your data analyses.
- 2. If the data changes, rerun the report with a click of the mouse.
- 3. Take 3 days off of work.
- 4. On the 4th day, tell your collaborators that the re-analysis is complete.
- 5. Be hailed as a hero.

https://community.rstudio.com/t/convince-me-to-start-using-r-markdown/1636/12

Your turn

Create, edit and share Rmarkdown document

File > New File > Rmarkdown

Write text

Insert code chunks

Change chunk options (echo, eval, etc)

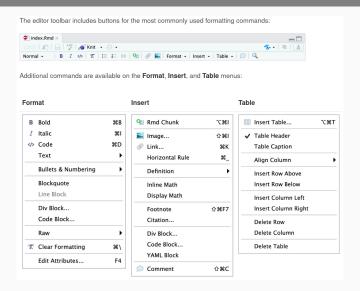
HTML/Word/PDF output

PDF generation requires LaTeX

```
library('tinytex')
install_tinytex()
```

Rmarkdown bells and whistles

'Visual Rmarkdown': Rmd as in word processor



https://rstudio.github.io/visual-markdown-editing

Automatic table generation

model <- lm(happiness ~ sunshine, data = mydata)
xtable(model)</pre>

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-0.0652	0.4265	-0.15	0.8789
sunshine	0.0100	0.0004	23.68	0.0000

Many alternatives: gtsummary, modelsummary, huxtable, etc

equatiomatic describes model structure

We fitted a linear model:

```
library('equatiomatic')
model <- lm(happiness ~ sunshine, data = mydata)
extract_eq(model)</pre>
```

$$happiness = \alpha + \beta_1(sunshine) + \epsilon$$
 (1)

Models that describe themselves!

```
library('report')
model <- lm(happiness ~ sunshine, data = mydata)
report(model)</pre>
```

We fitted a linear model (estimated using OLS) to predict happiness with sunshine (formula: happiness \sim sunshine). The model explains a statistically significant and substantial proportion of variance (R2 = 0.85, F(1, 98) = 560.90, p < .001, adj. R2 = 0.85). The model's intercept, corresponding to sunshine = 0, is at -0.07 (95% CI [-0.91, 0.78], t(98) = -0.15, p = 0.879). Within this model:

The effect of sunshine is statistically significant and positive (beta = 0.01, 95% CI [9.18e-03, 0.01], t(98) = 23.68,
 p < .001; Std. beta = 0.92, 95% CI [0.85, 1.00])

Standardized parameters were obtained by fitting the model on a standardized version of the dataset. 95% Confidence Intervals (CIs) and p-values were computed using a Wald t-distribution approximation.

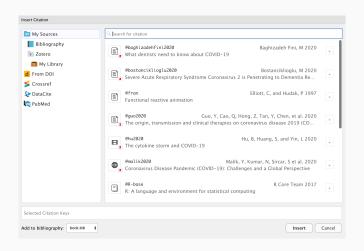
Insert equations with LaTeX

Using LaTeX:

$$y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

Mathpix: https://github.com/jonocarroll/mathpix

Citing bibliography



https://rstudio.github.io/visual-markdown-editing/#/citations

Using BibTeX file with references

```
title: "My awesome Rmd"
output: html_document
bibliography: references.bib
```

Format bibliography for any journal

```
title: "Does sunshine make people happy?"
author: "FRS"
output: word_document
bibliography: myrefs.bib
csl: ecology-letters.csl
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Thousands of Citation Styles:

https://www.zotero.org/styles

https://github.com/citation-style-language/styles

Rmarkdown templates

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- rmdTemplates
- pagedreport
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My cool paper written in Rmarkdown

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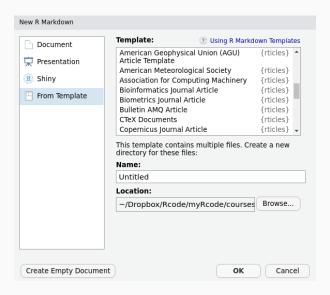
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Accessing Rmd templates



Revise writing style: gramr

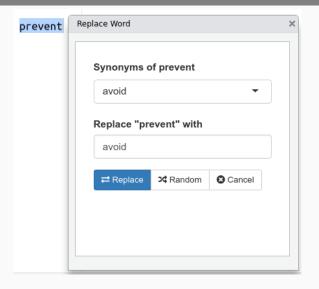


https://github.com/ropenscilabs/gramr

Spell and grammar checking

https://github.com/nevrome/wellspell.addin

Find synonyms



https://github.com/gadenbuie/synamyn

Word count and readability

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Word count	107	104
Character count	604	603
Sentence count	10	Not available
Reading time	0.5 minutes	0.5 minutes

https://github.com/benmarwick/wordcountaddin

Automated reproducibility checks

https://github.com/brandmaier/reproducibleRchunks

```
15 - ## Some Computation
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17 Here is a computation:
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19 - \{reproducibleR} addition\}
20 my_sum <- x + 1
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• Xmy sum: REPRODUCTION FAILED Fingerprints are not identical.

BOOKDOWN

Write HTML, PDF, ePub, and Kindle books with R Markdown

The **bookdown** package is an <u>open-source R package</u> that facilitates writing books and long-form articles/reports with R Markdown. Features include:

- · Generate printer-ready books and ebooks from R Markdown documents.
- A markup language easier to learn than LaTeX, and to write elements such as section headers, lists, quotes, figures, tables, and citations.
- . Multiple choices of output formats: PDF, LaTeX, HTML, EPUB, and Word.
- · Possibility of including dynamic graphics and interactive applications (HTML widgets and Shiny apps).
- Support a wide range of languages: R, C/C++, Python, Fortran, Julia, Shell scripts, and SOL, etc.
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- Integrated with the RStudio IDE.
- · One-click publishing to https://bookdown.org.



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Presentation Ninja

with xaringan

Yihui Xie

RStudio, PBC

https://slides.yihui.org/xaringan/

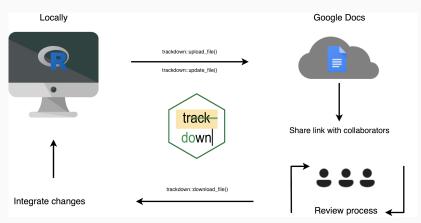
Parameterised reports

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````{r}
 @ × >
library(palmerpenguins)
data("penguins")
mydata <- subset(penguins, species == params$sp)</pre>
plot(mydata$bill_length_mm, mydata$bill_depth_mm,
 main = paste0("Species: ", params$sp))
 Species: Adelie
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 16
 mydata$bill length mm
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#### Render thousands of individual reports from Rmd template

## Collaborative writing

- · GitHub, GitLab, etc
- · Google Docs (trackdown)
- redoc



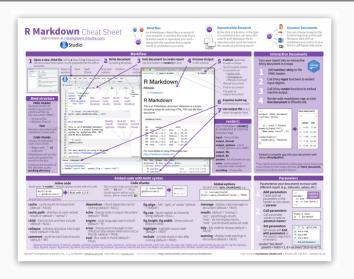
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#### Rmarkdown website

#### http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/

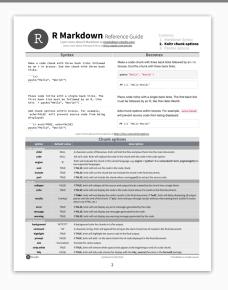


#### Rmarkdown cheat sheet



https://www.rstudio.org/links/r\_markdown\_cheat\_sheet

#### Rmarkdown reference guide



https://github.com/rstudio/cheatsheets/blob/main/old/pdfs/rmarkdown-reference.pdf

#### R Markdown: The Definitive Guide

by Yihui Xie, J. J. Allaire, Garrett Grolemund

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core R Markdown developers that provides a comprehensive and accurate reference to the R Markdown ecosystem. With R Markdown, you can easily create reproducible data analysis reports, presentations, dashboards, interactive applications, books, dissertations, websites, and journal articles, while enjoying the

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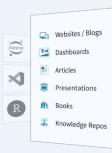
#### Quarto: 2nd generation Rmarkdown

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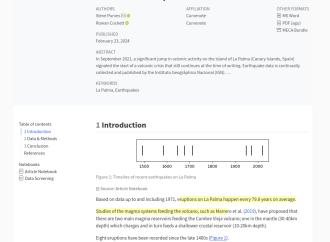
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#### Quarto manuscripts



Data and methods are discussed in Section 2.

La Palma Earthquakes

https://quarto-ext.github.io/manuscript-template-jupyter/

#### **Hundreds of Quarto extensions**

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https://m.canouil.dev/quarto-extensions/
Journal templates:
https://quarto.org/docs/extensions/listing-journals.html
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### Your turn

#### Your turn

- Try visual markdown editor
- Add bibliography
- Try templates (rticles, rmdTemplates)
- Parameterised reports (e.g. different iris or penguin species)