R Markdown Cheat Sheet

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RStudio

.Rmd files

An R Markdown (.Rmd) file is a record of your research. It contains the code that a scientist needs to reproduce your work along with the narration that a reader needs to understand your work.

Reproducible Research

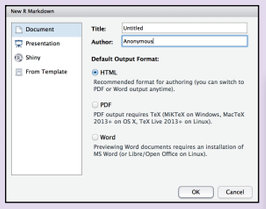
At the click of a button, or the type of a command, you can rerun the code in an R Markdown file to reproduce your work and export the results as a finished report.

Dynamic Documents

You can choose to export the finished report as a html, pdf, MS Word, ODT, RTF, or markdown document; or as a html or pdf based slide show.

Workflow

1 Open a new .Rmd file at File ▸ New File ▸ R Markdown. Use the wizard that opens to pre-populate the file with a template



2 Write document by editing template

3 Knit document to create report Use knit button or **render()** to knit

4 Preview Output in IDE window

5 Publish (optional) to web or server

Synch publish button to accounts at
- rpubs.com,
- shinyapps.io
- RStudio Connect

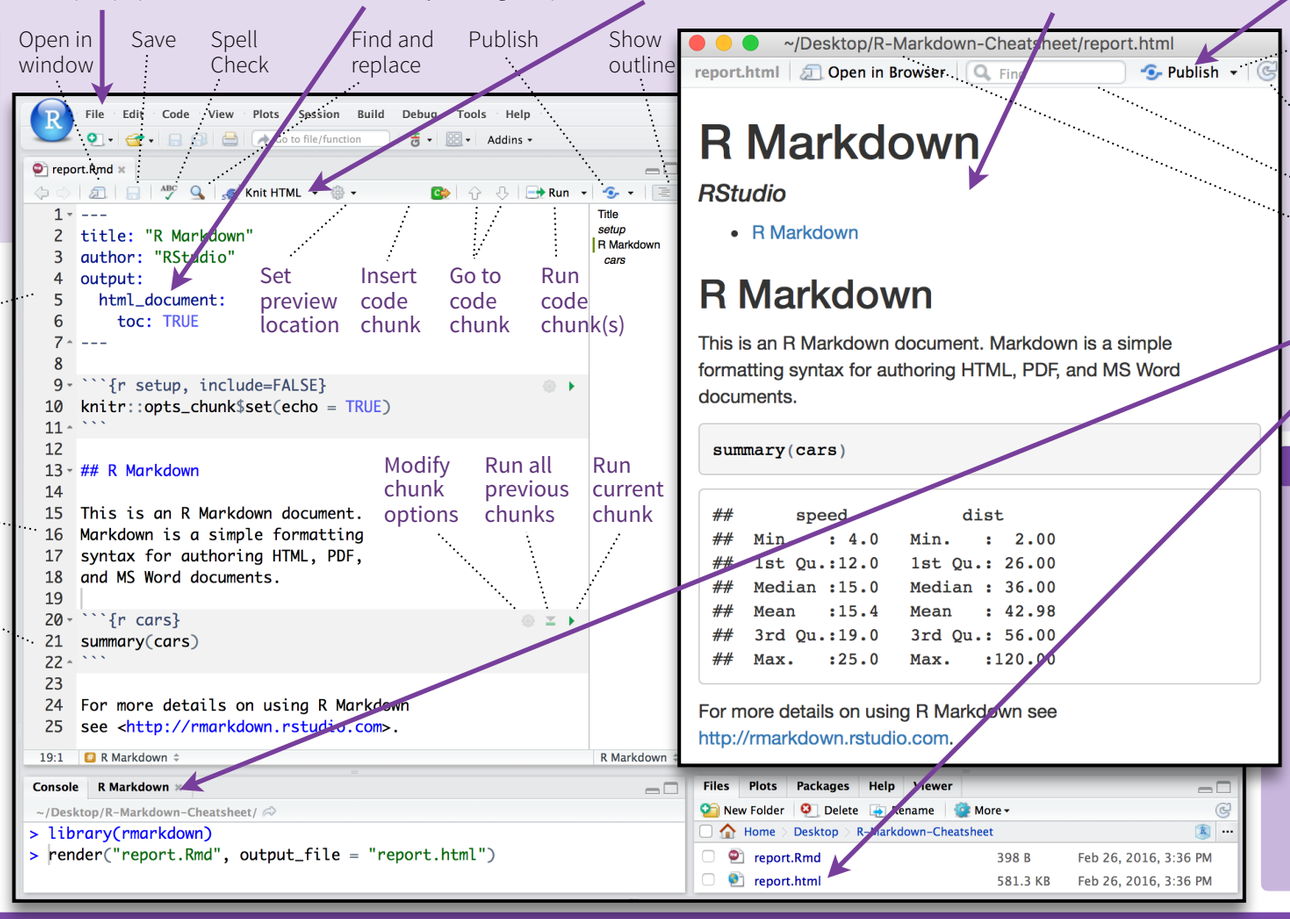
Reload document

Find in document

File path to output document

6 Examine build log in R Markdown console

7 Use output file that is saved alongside .Rmd



.Rmd structure

YAML Header
Optional section of render (e.g. pandoc) options written as key:value pairs (YAML).
- At start of file
- Between lines of ---

Text
Narration formatted with markdown, mixed with:

Code chunks
Chunks of embedded code. Each chunk:
- Begins with ```{r}
- ends with ```

R Markdown will run the code and append the results to the doc.

It will use the location of the .Rmd file as the **working directory**

render()

Use rmarkdown::**render()** to render/knit at cmd line. Important args:

input - file to render

output_format

output_options - List of render options (as in YAML)

output_file

output_dir

params - list of params to use

envir - environment to evaluate code chunks in

encoding - of input file

Interactive Documents

Turn your report into an interactive Shiny document in 4 steps

1. Add **runtime: shiny** to the YAML header.
2. Call Shiny **input** functions to embed input objects.
3. Call Shiny **render** functions to embed reactive output.
4. Render with rmarkdown::**run** or click **Run Document** in RStudio IDE

```
---
output: html_document
runtime: shiny
---

```{r, echo = FALSE}
numericInput("n",
  "How many cars?", 5)

renderTable({
  head(cars, input$n)
})
```
```

How many cars? 5

	speed	dist
1	4.00	2.00
2	4.00	10.00
3	7.00	4.00
4	7.00	22.00
5	8.00	16.00

Embed a complete app into your document with shiny::**shinyAppDir()**

** Your report will rendered as a Shiny app, which means you must choose an html output format, like **html_document,** and serve it with an active R Session.*

Embed code with knitr syntax

Inline code

Insert with **`r <code>`**. Results appear as text without code.

```
Built with
`r getRversion()`
```
→ Built with 3.2.3

Code chunks

One or more lines surrounded with **```{r}** and ```. Place chunk options within curly braces, after **r**. Insert with

```
```{r echo=TRUE}
getRversion()
```
```
→
```
getRversion()
[1] '3.2.3'
```

Global options

Set with knitr::**opts_chunk$set()**, e.g.

```
```{r include=FALSE}
knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = TRUE)
```
```

Important chunk options

cache - cache results for future knits (default = FALSE)

cache.path - directory to save cached results in (default = "cache/")

child - file(s) to knit and then include (default = NULL)

collapse - collapse all output into single block (default = FALSE)

comment - prefix for each line of results (default = '##')

dependson - chunk dependencies for caching (default = NULL)

echo - Display code in output document (default = TRUE)

engine - code language used in chunk (default = 'R')

error - Display error messages in doc (TRUE) or stop render when errors occur (FALSE) (default = FALSE)

eval - Run code in chunk (default = TRUE)

fig.align - 'left', 'right', or 'center' (default = 'default')

fig.cap - figure caption as character string (default = NULL)

fig.height, fig.width - Dimensions of plots in inches

highlight - highlight source code (default = TRUE)

include - Include chunk in doc after running (default = TRUE)

message - display code messages in document (default = TRUE)

results (default = 'markup')
'asis' - passthrough results
'hide' - do not display results
'hold' - put all results below all code

tidy - tidy code for display (default = FALSE)

warning - display code warnings in document (default = TRUE)

Options not listed above: R.options, aniopts, autodep, background, cache.comments, cache.lazy, cache.rebuild, cache.vars, dev, dev.args, dpi, engine.opts, engine.path, fig.asp, fig.env, fig.ext, fig.keep, fig.lp, fig.path, fig.pos, fig.process, fig.retina, fig.scap, fig.show, fig.showtext, fig.subcap, interval, out.extra, out.height, out.width, prompt, purl, ref.label, render, size, split, tidy.opts

Parameters

Parameterize your documents to reuse with different inputs (e.g., data sets, values, etc.)

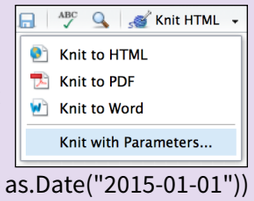
1 Add parameters
Create and set parameters in the header as sub-values of **params**

```
---
params:
  n: 100
  d: !r Sys.Date()
---
```
Indent 2 spaces

2 Call parameters
Call parameter values in code as **params$<name>**

```
Today's date
is `r params$d`
```

3 Set parameters
Set values wth **Knit with parameters** or the params argument of render():



render("doc.Rmd",
params = list(n = 1, d = as.Date("2015-01-01"))

Pandoc's Markdown

Write with syntax on the left to create effect on right (after render)

```
Plain text
End a line with two spaces
to start a new paragraph.
*italics* and **bold**
`verbatim code`
sub/superscript^2^~2~
~~strikethrough~~
escaped: \* \_ \\
endash: --, emdash: ---
equation: $A = \pi*r^{2}$
equation block:

$$E = mc^{2}$$

> block quote

# Header1  {#anchor}

## Header 2  {#css_id}

### Header 3  {.css_class}

#### Header 4

##### Header 5

###### Header 6

<!--Text comment-->

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<em>HTML ignored in pdfs</em>

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[link](www.rstudio.com)
Jump to [Header 1](#anchor)
image:

![Caption](smallorb.png)

* unordered list
    + sub-item 1
    + sub-item 2
        - sub-sub-item 1

* item 2

    Continued (indent 4 spaces)

1. ordered list
2. item 2
        i) sub-item 1
          A.  sub-sub-item 1

(@)  A list whose numbering
continues after

(@)  an interruption

Term 1

:   Definition 1

| Right | Left | Default | Center |
|------:|:-----|---------|:------:|
|   12  |  12  |    12   |   12   |
|  123  |  123 |   123   |  123   |
|    1  |    1 |     1   |    1   |

- slide bullet 1
- slide bullet 2

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horizontal rule/slide break:

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A footnote [^1]

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123	123	123	123
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Set render options with YAML

When you render, R Markdown
1. runs the R code, embeds results and text into .md file with knitr
2. then converts the .md file into the finished format with pandoc

Set a document's default output format in the YAML header:

```
---
output: html_document
---

# Body
```

output value	creates
html_document	html
pdf_document	pdf (requires Tex)
word_document	Microsoft Word (.docx)
odt_document	OpenDocument Text
rtf_document	Rich Text Format
md_document	Markdown
github_document	Github compatible markdown
ioslides_presentation	ioslides HTML slides
slidy_presentation	slidy HTML slides
beamer_presentation	Beamer pdf slides (requires Tex)

Customize output with sub-options (listed at right):

```
---
output:
  html_document:
    code_folding: hide
    toc_float: TRUE
---

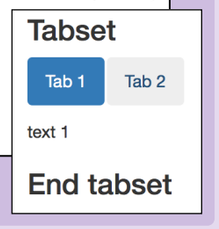
# Body
```

Indent 2 spaces · Indent 4 spaces

html tabsets

Use .tabset css class to place sub-headers into tabs

```
# Tabset {.tabset .tabset-fade .tabset-pills}
## Tab 1
text 1
## Tab 2
text 2
### End tabset
```



sub-option	description	html	pdf	word	odt	rtf	md	github	ioslides	slidy	beamer
citation_package	The LaTeX package to process citations, `natbib`, `biblatex` or none		X				X				X
code_folding	Let readers to toggle the display of R code, `"none"`, `"hide"`, or `"show"`	X									
colortheme	Beamer color theme to use										X
css	CSS file to use to style document	X							X	X	
dev	Graphics device to use for figure output (e.g. `"png"`)	X	X				X	X	X	X	X
duration	Add a countdown timer (in minutes) to footer of slides									X	
fig_caption	Should figures be rendered with captions?	X	X	X	X				X	X	X
fig_height, fig_width	Default figure height and width (in inches) for document	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
highlight	Syntax highlighting: `"tango"`, `"pygments"`, `"kate"`,`"zenburn"`, `"textmate"`	X	X	X						X	X
includes	File of content to place in document (`in_header`, `before_body`, `after_body`)	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X
incremental	Should bullets appear one at a time (on presenter mouse clicks)?								X	X	X
keep_md	Save a copy of .md file that contains knitr output	X		X	X	X			X	X	
keep_tex	Save a copy of .tex file that contains knitr output		X								X
latex_engine	Engine to render latex, `"pdflatex"`, `"xelatex"`, or `"lualatex"`		X								X
lib_dir	Directory of dependency files to use (Bootstrap, MathJax, etc.)	X							X	X	
mathjax	Set to `local` or a URL to use a local/URL version of MathJax to render	X							X	X	
md_extensions	Markdown extensions to add to default definition or R Markdown	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
number_sections	Add section numbering to headers	X	X								
pandoc_args	Additional arguments to pass to Pandoc	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
preserve_yaml	Preserve YAML front matter in final document?						X				
reference_docx	docx file whose styles should be copied when producing docx output			X							
self_contained	Embed dependencies into the doc	X							X	X	
slide_level	The lowest heading level that defines individual slides										X
smaller	Use the smaller font size in the presentation?								X		
smart	Convert straight quotes to curly, dashes to em-dashes, … to ellipses, etc.	X							X	X	
template	Pandoc template to use when rendering file	X	X		X					X	X
theme	Bootswatch or Beamer theme to use for page	X									X
toc	Add a table of contents at start of document	X	X	X		X	X	X			X
toc_depth	The lowest level of headings to add to table of contents	X	X	X		X	X	X			
toc_float	Float the table of contents to the left of the main content	X									

Options not listed: extra_dependencies, fig_crop, fig_retina, font_adjustment, font_theme, footer, logo, html_preview, reference_odt, transition, variant, widescreen

Create a Reusable template

1. **Create a new package** with a inst/rmarkdown/templates directory
2. In the directory, **Place a folder** that contains:
    - **template.yaml** (see below)
    - **skeleton.Rmd** (contents of the template)
    - any supporting files
3. **Install the package**
4. **Access template** in wizard at File ▶ New File ▶ R Markdown

template.yaml

```
---
name: My Template
---
```

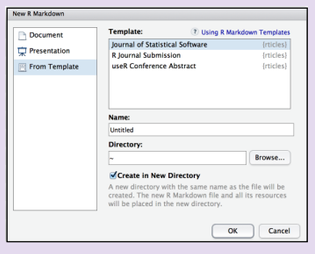


Table suggestions

Several functions format R data into tables

Table with kable

eruptions	waiting
3.600	79
1.800	54
3.333	74
2.283	62

	eruptions	waiting
1	3.60	79.00
2	1.80	54.00
3	3.33	74.00
4	2.28	62.00

Table with xtable

Table with stargazer

	eruptions	waiting
1	3.600	79
2	1.800	54
3	3.333	74
4	2.283	62

data <- faithful[1:4,]

```
```{r results = 'asis'}
knitr::kable(data, caption = "Table with kable")
```
```

```
```{r results = "asis"}
print(xtable::xtable(data, caption = "Table with xtable"),
  type = "html", html.table.attributes = "border=0"))
```
```

```
```{r results = "asis"}
stargazer::stargazer(data, type = "html",
  title = "Table with stargazer")
```
```

Learn more in the **stargazer, xtable,** and **knitr** packages.

Citations and Bibliographies

Create citations with .bib, .bibtex, .copac, .enl, .json, .medline, .mods, .ris, .wos, and .xml files

1. **Set bibliography file** and CSL 1.0 Style file (optional) in the YAML header

```
---
bibliography: refs.bib
csl: style.csl
---
```

2. **Use citation keys in text**

```
Smith cited [@smith04].
Smith cited without author [-@smith04].
@smith04 cited in line.
```

3. **Render.** Bibliography will be added to end of document

Smith cited (Joe Smith 2004).
Smith cited without author (2004).
Joe Smith (2004) cited in line.