

Parametrise your report

Instructions

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This exercise builds on the previous exercises where you learnt to [create a simple MS Word report](#) and to [add dynamic elements to your report](#) . Mastering these two exercises is essential for successfully completing the current exercise.

1 Objectives

- If you have generated the MS Word report with dynamic elements as instructed in [Exercise 4](#), continue working on the same Quarto notebook you already modified. Otherwise, download the files `df1.RData`, `df2.RData`, `exercise5.qmd`, `swisstph_template.docx`, and `my_biblio.bib` using the links provided on the right-hand side of this page. For simplicity, please put these two files under the same folder and open the Quarto notebook in RStudio.
- Complete each of the following tasks and render the document after each task or set of tasks to track your progress.

2 Use Quarto in a terminal

- ☐ Render your MS Word report using the RStudio Terminal;

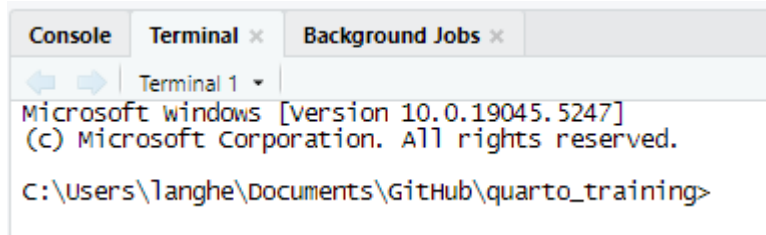
```
quarto render exercise5.qmd
```

- ☐ Change the output filename when rendering the report;

```
quarto render exercise5.qmd --out exercise5_report1.docx
```

Tip

- You can access the RStudio terminal in the **Terminal** tab immediately to the right of the **Console** tab:



3 Parametrise your report

- ☐ Adjust the report to focus on data for the year 2022 only ;
- ☐ You were unfortunately provided with a previous erroneous version of the dataset. Update the report to use the dataset stored in `df2.RData` instead of the one stored in `df1.RData` ;
- ☐ Render 3 reports (1 report with `df2.RData` for the full outbreak period, 1 report with `df1.RData` for year 2021 only, 1 report with `df2.RData` for year 2021 only) adapting the following command which needs to be run in a terminal (ensure your working directory is the one where your Quarto document is stored and all file paths are correct).

```
quarto render exercise5.qmd --out exercise5_report_df1.docx -P dataset:df1.RData
```

Tip

- See [Quarto documentation about parameters](#)
- See [Quarto documentation about rendering outputs using different parameters](#)

! Discussion question

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using R within Quarto compared to using R scripts.