

Objective

This is an exploration of ‘out-of-the-box’ tables in Quarto. We compare the available packages to see which minimal effort tables one can produce in HTML and PDF output. Quarto uses a different formatting for [cross-referencing](#) which may cause some packages trouble. Please note that this is primarily an implementation of packages discussed in the [RMarkdown Cookbook](#).

To showcase the different tables we use the [palmerpenguins](#) data - because who doesn’t love penguins? It is by design that I used a dataset with too many columns to fit a single page. HTML output generally resolves the issues by creating slider divs, whereas PDF output at times struggles in unexpected ways. I believe it is good to see where issues may arise with ‘out-of-the-box’ solutions.