R Markdown

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Introduction

R Markdown is built into RStudio and allows you to create documents like HTML, PDF, and Word documents from R. With R Markdown, you can embed R code into your documents.

Why use R Markdown?

- ▶ Turn work in R into more accessible formats
- ▶ Incorporate R code and R plots into documents
- R Markdown documents are reproducible the source code gets rerun every time a document is generated, so if data change or source code changes, the output in the document will change with it.

Getting Started

- Create a new R Markdown file in RStudio by going to File > New File > R Markdown...
- Click the "presentation" tab
- ► Enter a title, author, and select what kind of slideshow you ultimately want (this can all be changed later)

Getting Started

The beginning of an R Markdown file looks like this: ---

title: "Air Quality"

author: "JHU"

date: "May 17, 2016" output: html document

--- The new document you've created will contain example text and code below this – delete it for a fresh start.

Making Your First Slide

- ► Title your first slide using two # signs: ## Insert Title Here
- ► To make a slide without a title, use three asterisks: ***
- ➤ You can add subheadings with more # signs: ### Subheading or #### Smaller Subheading
- ► To add a new slide, just add another Title: ## New Slide Title

Adding Text

- ▶ Add bullet points to a slide using a hyphen followed by a space:
 - bullet point
- Add sub-points using four spaces and a plus sign: + sub-point
- ► Add an ordered list by typing the number/letter: 1. first point a) sub-sub-point
- ▶ Add bullet points that appear one by one (on click) with: >iterated bullet point

Formatting Text

Text	Code in R Markdown			
plain text	plain text			
italics	*italics*			
bold	**bold**			
link	[link](http://www.jhsph.edu)			
verbatim code	'code here'			

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This is a chunk of R code in R Markdown: "'{r}
head(airquality) "'
```

The code gets run, and both the input and output are displayed.

head(airquality)

##		Ozone	Solar.R	Wind	Temp	Month	Day
##	1	41	190	7.4	67	5	1
##	2	36	118	8.0	72	5	2
##	3	12	149	12.6	74	5	3
##	4	18	313	11.5	62	5	4
##	5	NA	NA	14.3	56	5	5
##	6	28	NA	14.9	66	5	6

To hide the input code, use echo=FALSE. "'{r, echo=FALSE} head(airquality) "'

```
##
    Ozone Solar.R Wind Temp Month Day
      41
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## 1
                     67
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## 2
      36
            118 8.0 72
                           5
    12 149 12.6 74
                           5
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## 5
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             NA 14.3
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             NA 14.9
                           5
                              6
## 6
      28
                     66
```

This can be useful for showing plots.

To show the input code only, use eval=FALSE. "'{r, eval=FALSE} head(airquality) "'

head(airquality)

To run the code without showing input or output, use include=FALSE. "'{r, include=FALSE} library(ggplot2) "'

Generating Slideshows

- Click the Knit button at the top of the R Markdown document to generate your new document.
 - ► You may be asked to install required packages if you don't already have them installed hit "Yes" and RStudio will install them for you
- ▶ You can change the type of document generated by changing the output line in the header, or by selecting an output from the **Knit** button's pull-down menu.

Generating Slideshows

- HTML: two options with different looks
 - output: ioslides_presentation
 - ▶ output: slidy_presentation
- ▶ PDF: output: beamer_presentation
- Note: You can specify multiple outputs at the beginning of the R Markdown file if you will need to generate multiple filetypes.

PDFs and LaTeX

- ➤ To knit a PDF slideshow, you will need to install LaTeX on your computer
- ► LaTeX is a typesetting system that is needed to convert R Markdown into formatted text for PDFs

Downloading and Installing LaTeX

- ► LaTeX is free
- ► LaTeX takes up a lot of space (almost ~2.6 GB download and takes up ~5 GB when installed)
- Visit https://www.tug.org/begin.html to download LaTeX for your operating system
- Depending on your internet connection, it may take a while to download due to its size

Conclusion

For more information about R Markdown visit http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/