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ICO Workshop R & RStudio

Part 2

Markdown & Quarto

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1. What is markdown?

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Markdown

- 'low end' text editor system
- make content that can be read on different systems
- mainly easy way to generate **html** files
- you write in 'plain text' and an interpreter generates an nice edited version

Basic syntax

Element	Markdown Syntax
Heading	# H1 ## H2 ### H3
Bold	**bold text**
Italic	*italicized text*
Blockquote	> blockquote
Ordered List	1. First item 2. Second item 3. Third item
Unordered List	- First item - Second item - Third item
Code	`code`
Horizontal Rule	
Link	[title](https://www.example.com)
Image	![alt text](image.jpg)

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Extension

Element	Markdown Syntax
Table	Syntax Description
Fenced Code Block	"firstName": "John", "lostName": "Smith", "age": 25)
Footnote	Here's a sentence with a footnote. [^1] [^1]: This is the footnote.
Heading ID	### My Great Heading {#custom-id}
Definition List	term : definition
Strikethrough	~~The world is flat.~~
Task List	[x] Write the press release[] Update the website[] Contact the media

2. Integrating Markdown and R code

Rmarkdown & Quarto

Two roads with the same destination, but...

Rmarkdown

- developed 10 years ago by RStudio company
 an R package
 only works in RStudio

- · still supported but no major advances in development
- generates pdf, html and word-docs

- · recently developed by RStudio company
- stand alone software
 integrates with RStudio but also with other software
- cross-language platform (python, Julia, Observable, ...)
 all new cool new stuff will be implemented in Quarto

- generates pdf, html, word, open-office, ppt, ePub, Observable JS, Jira Wiki, websites, online books, etc
 CEO of RStudio company anounced the development of an online editing application (like google docs)

How Quarto works...



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Quarto info

If you want to learn more about Quarto, a lot of information is available at

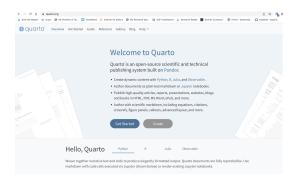
https://quarto.org/docs/guide/

AND

there are great extensions!

see: https://quarto.org/docs/extensions/

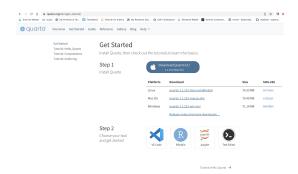
Installing Quarto



Click on GET STARTED

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Installing Quarto



Choose the correct version for your pc

Install the software and restart RStudio

Check the installation

You should see the option to open a new "Quarto document" in RStudio

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3. Creating a basic Quarto document

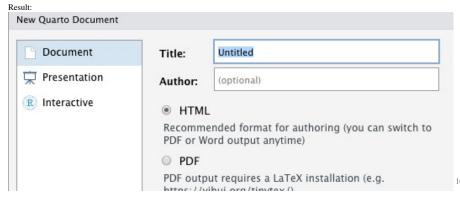
A first basic hands-on exploration of Quarto



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Open a New File

Click on File
Choose New File
Choose Quarto Document...

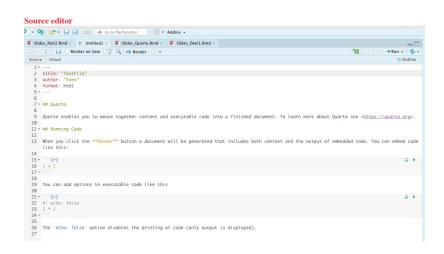


Fill in some basic info

- Fill in a title and an author
- Click on Create

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Two different views



Two parts of a Quarto document

YAMI

```
title: "TestFile"
author: "Sven"
format: html
```

To set some of the parameters (aka Metadata)

our narrative

Titles +

text +

code +

output + tables +

figures (generated by code) +

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Code chunks

All R-code can be written in Code chunks

While constructing your Quarto document you can RUN code chunks

Click the green arrow (top-right corner of code chunk)



As a result you get the output printed in your Quarto document

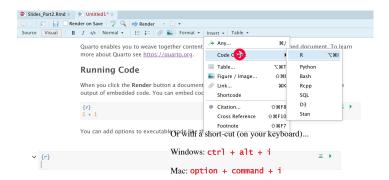


Code chunks

ATTENTION!: The order of code chunks do matter. If you want to run all the code in the code chunks before a certain code chunk, you can click on the button aside of the green arrow (downward green arrow)

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Adding a new code chunk



Code chunk options

You can add options to executable code like this



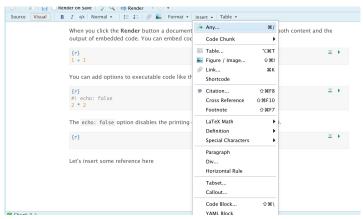
- \bullet #| include: false /rightarrow code and output (result) are hidden but code is executed
- #| echo: false: only results are printed, code is hidden
- #| message: false hides messages coming from R related to running the code
- #| warning: false hides warnings coming from running the code
- #| error: false hides error messages coming rom running the code
- #| fig.cap = "..." adds a caption for a figure created

More detailed information: https://yihui.org/knitr/options/

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Inserting references

You can easily insert citations and references



Inserting references

If you work with $\underline{\text{Zotero}}$ there is an easy integration! ($\underline{\text{https://www.zotero.org/}}$)

Search references based on DOI

Easy to find and insert citations of R packages installed on your computer

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Inserting a callout

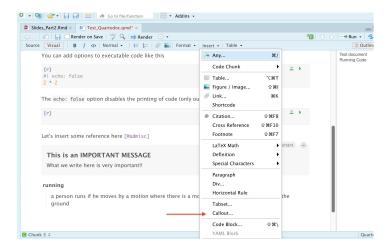
To highlight some specific piece of text you can use a callout

It will generate something like this in your final html document:

This is a tip

Use callout boxes to highlight important messages for your readers...

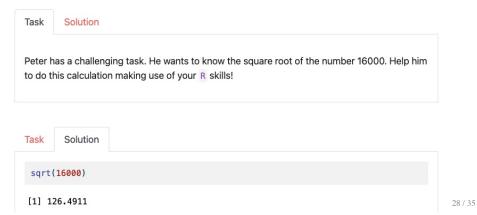
Inserting a callout



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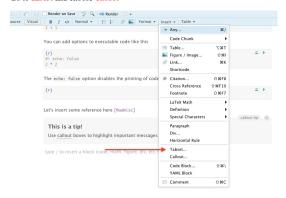
Adding a Tabset

In an html file you can also add Tabsets... They look like this in the resulting html file:



Adding a Tabset

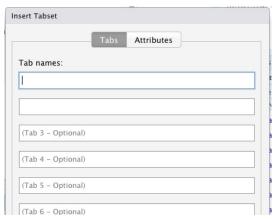
Go to Insert and choose Tabset



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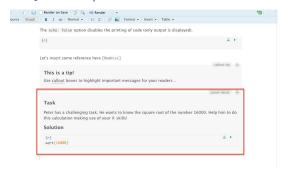
Adding a Tabset

This opens the following menu:



Adding a Tabset

In the Quarto document you now have a section to make content for each tab in the Tabset:



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Changing your theme

If you don't like the formatting of the rendered html file, there are some other themes that can be used!

 $See: \underline{https://quarto.org/docs/output-formats/html-themes.html}$

This is something you can tweak in the YAML of the file

For instance, let's choose the formatting according to the <code>journal</code> theme

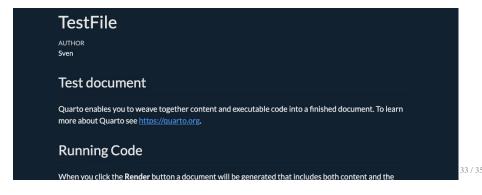


Changing your theme

Let's try another one: superhero!

This one is clearly different from the default theme.

Of course, if you feel adventurous you can build your own theme (e.g., to meet the branding of your university)



Tweaking your theme in the YAML

Some elements of formatting can be easily added in the YAML

See https://quarto.org/docs/output-formats/html-basics.html

For instance, let's also add a table of contents (toc) that contains all headers up till level 3

```
title: "TestFile"
author: "Sven"
format:
html:
theme: journal
toc: true
toc-level: 3

toc contains H1, H2 and H3 level titles
bibliography: references.bib
```

TestFile AUTHOR

Table of contents
Test document
Running Code

Code folding

By default all the code is shown for code chunks that have not set the option #| echo: false

This behaviour can be changed in the YAML by introducing the code-fold: true option

```
title: "TestFile"
author: "Sven"
format:
html:
theme: journal
toc: true
toc-level: 3
code-fold: true
code-summary: "Show me the code"
bibliography: references.bib

---
```