

# Manuscripts in Rmarkdown

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5. Continue asking questions and sharing tips in the Rmarkdown repository [issues page](#) on GitHub

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**Rmarkdown** (2012) is free software with a **relatively low learning curve** in which authors write in plain text and can easily integrate R analyses, citations, and tables or figures.



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Bumpus' data included 72 sparrows that lived and 64 sparrows that died. The mean total length of living sparrows was 158.71 mm, and the mean total length of dead sparrows was 160.48 mm.

## Complex figures and tables directly in Rmarkdown

sex	surv	totlen	wingext	wgt	head	humer	femur
male	alive	154	241	24.5	31.2	0.687	0.668
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male	alive	155	243	26.9	30.6	0.733	0.704
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male	alive	156	247	24.1	31.5	0.715	0.706
male	alive	161	253	26.5	31.8	0.780	0.743
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male	alive	159	247	24.2	31.4	0.728	0.718
male	alive	158	247	23.6	29.8	0.703	0.673
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**You do not need to learn everything at once for Rmarkdown to be useful. If you get stuck or cannot figure out how to do something, you can just knit a DOCX and work from there.**

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## R Markdown

This is an R Markdown document. Markdown is a simple formatting syntax for authoring HTML, PDF, and MS Word documents. For more details on using R Markdown

## Copy and paste an abstract, then knit

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**Now find the 'Knit' button on the toolbar**





# Notes and what to do next

Example [manuscript](#) available on GitHub, and how to write it to create a manuscript quality [PDF](#), [HTML](#), or [DOCX](#).

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See the notes above for a full walkthrough on how to write a manuscript in Rmarkdown.

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