

Reproducible Reporting Using R Markdown



Case

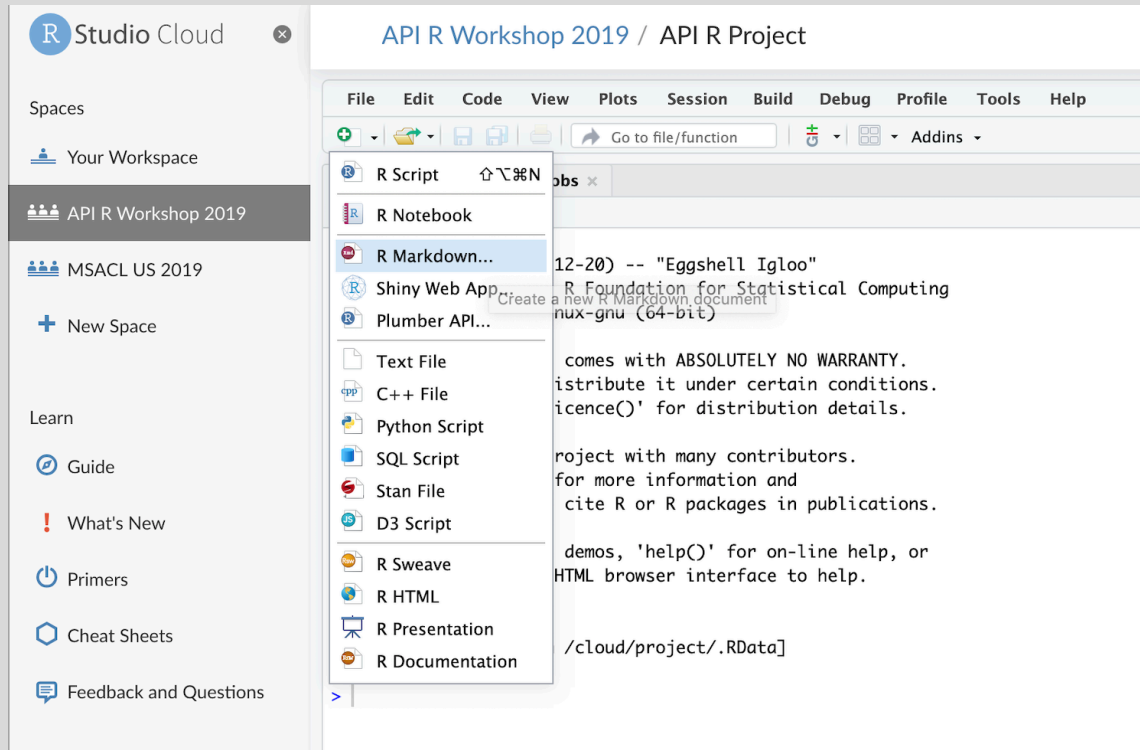
- 37 y/o M informatician with PMH of email overload disorder
- Request from informatics staff:

“Please provide detailed data from your 2 year old analysis of total departmental effort spent performing test cancellations for a SBAR calling out the need to invest effort in duplicate checking rules for the ongoing EHR implementation project”
- Multiple poorly commented scripts titled analysis_1.R, analysis_2.R, etc.
- Consider the above scenario, but with someone else performing the original analysis
- Would it be less work to start from scratch and rewrite the analysis?

Why integrate your analysis and documentation in one place?

1. It will be easier for you to understand what you did when you come back to it 1 year later.
2. It will be easier for anyone to understand what you did.
3. Communication to yourself and others will help you think more about your code and improve it.

Your Turn



- Open a new R Markdown document within RStudio Cloud
- Enter a Title and Author and leave the output format as HTML
- Explore the document and buttons within the document
- “Knit” the document and save the file

When you click the ****Knit**** button a document will be generated that includes both content as well as the output of any embedded R code chunks within the document. You can embed an R code chunk like this:

```
```${r cars}
summary(cars)
```
```

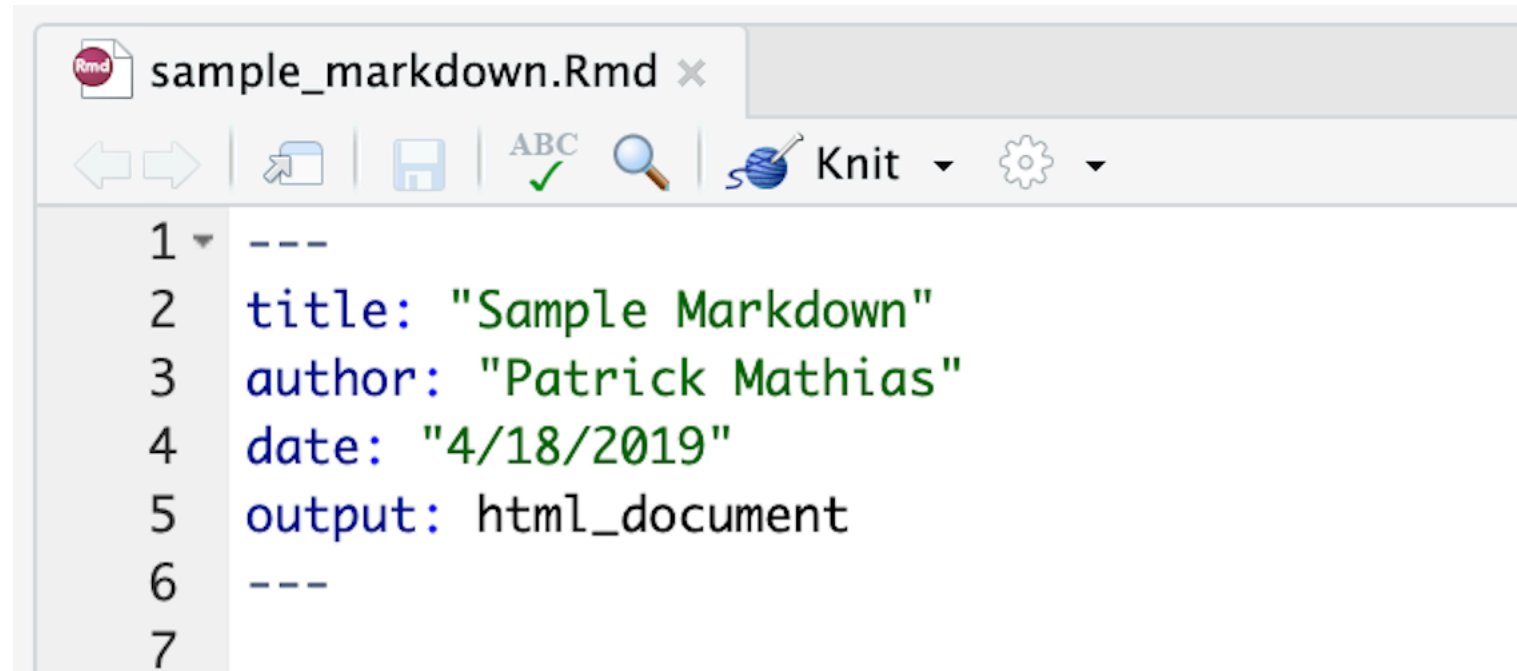
Including Plots



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Header

- Separated from document by ---
- Includes metadata about document
- YAML format
 - Field name: Data



The screenshot shows an RStudio editor window with a file named 'sample_markdown.Rmd'. The editor displays a YAML header in green text, which is separated from the rest of the document by three dashes (---). The header includes the following metadata:

```
1 ---  
2 title: "Sample Markdown"  
3 author: "Patrick Mathias"  
4 date: "4/18/2019"  
5 output: html_document  
6 ---  
7
```

Text

```
11
12 ▾ ## R Markdown
13
14 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 see <http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com>.
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- Uses markdown syntax
- # for headers
 - # for level 1
 - ## for level 2
- 1 asterisk for *italics* (*italics*)
- 2 asterisks for **bold** (**bold**)
- Hyphens for bullet points

Code chunks

Open/close

Language

Name of chunk

Run chunk

```
17  
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19 summary(cars)  
20 ```  
21
```

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Yo Sample Markdown s, for example:

Chunk 1: setup

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pl Chunk 2: cars

Chunk 3: pressure FALSE` parameter was ad

2:1 # Sample Markdown

Console Terminal x Jobs x

/cloud/project/ ↗

R version 3.5.2 (2018-12-20) -- "Eggshell Talon"

Your Turn

- Insert a code chunk into white space within your open R Markdown document using:
 - Windows: CTRL+ALT+i
 - Mac: COMMAND+OPTION+i
- Add the following to your new code chunk:
`mean(c(10, 20, 30))`
- Execute using shortcuts:
 - Windows: CTRL+SHIFT+ENTER
 - Mac: COMMAND+SHIFT+ENTER
- Include the following within any text area (white space) and knit:
``r mean(c(10, 20, 30))``

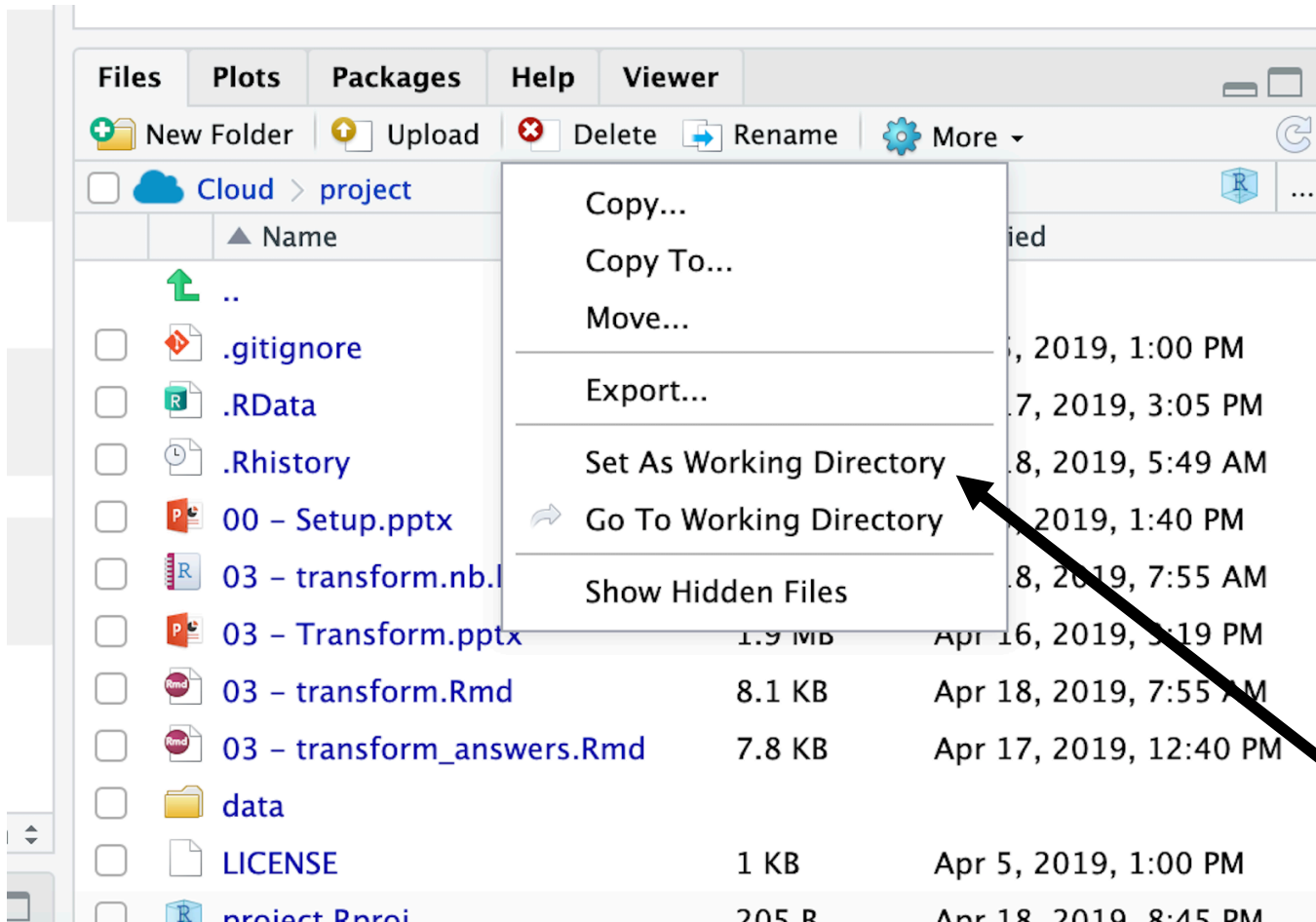
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Working with R Markdown for this course

- Each lesson has an R Markdown file
 - Executable examples
 - Exercises
- Files used as “notebooks”: can document, execute, and iterate
- Best practice: work from notebook rather than console

Open “02 – Report.Rmd” and run the setup chunk.

Where am I? Your working directory



- Navigate folder and file structure on your computer from Rstudio
- `getwd()` function will tell you which folder you're in
- `setwd()` to set a new working directory

Can navigate folders and set working directory with this menu

Reading comma separated or tab delimited files



```
read_csv("data/test_menu.csv")
```

File type
(csv, tsv,
delim for
non-
standard
delimiters)

File path (if
file in a
folder
within
working
directory)

File name

Reading Excel files



File
name

```
read_excel("data/excel_file.xlsx",  
           sheet = 1)
```

Specify
sheet by
number or
"name"

Can also extract arbitrary
rows and columns using
"range = " argument

Your Turn

Find and import the orders data set and view the data

| order_id | patient_id | description | proc_code | order_class_c_desc | lab_status_c | lab_status_c_desc | order_status_c | order_status_c_desc |
|----------|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 19766 | 511388 | PROTHROMBIN
TIME | PRO | Normal | | | 4 | Canceled |
| 88444 | 511388 | BASIC METABOLIC
PANEL | BMP | Normal | | | 4 | Canceled |
| 40477 | 508061 | THYROID
STIMULATING
HORMONE | TSH | Normal | | 3 Final result | 5 | Completed |
| 97641 | 508061 | T4, FREE | T4FR | Normal | | 3 Final result | 5 | Completed |
| 99868 | 505646 | COMPREHENSIVE
METABOLIC PANEL | COMP | Normal | | 3 Final result | 5 | Completed |

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View a quick summary

- `summary()` function outputs quick statistical summaries for numerical and timestamp fields
- Provides limited data (only a count) for character fields
- Will provide counts of different categories for factor fields (categorical)

Create a one variable table

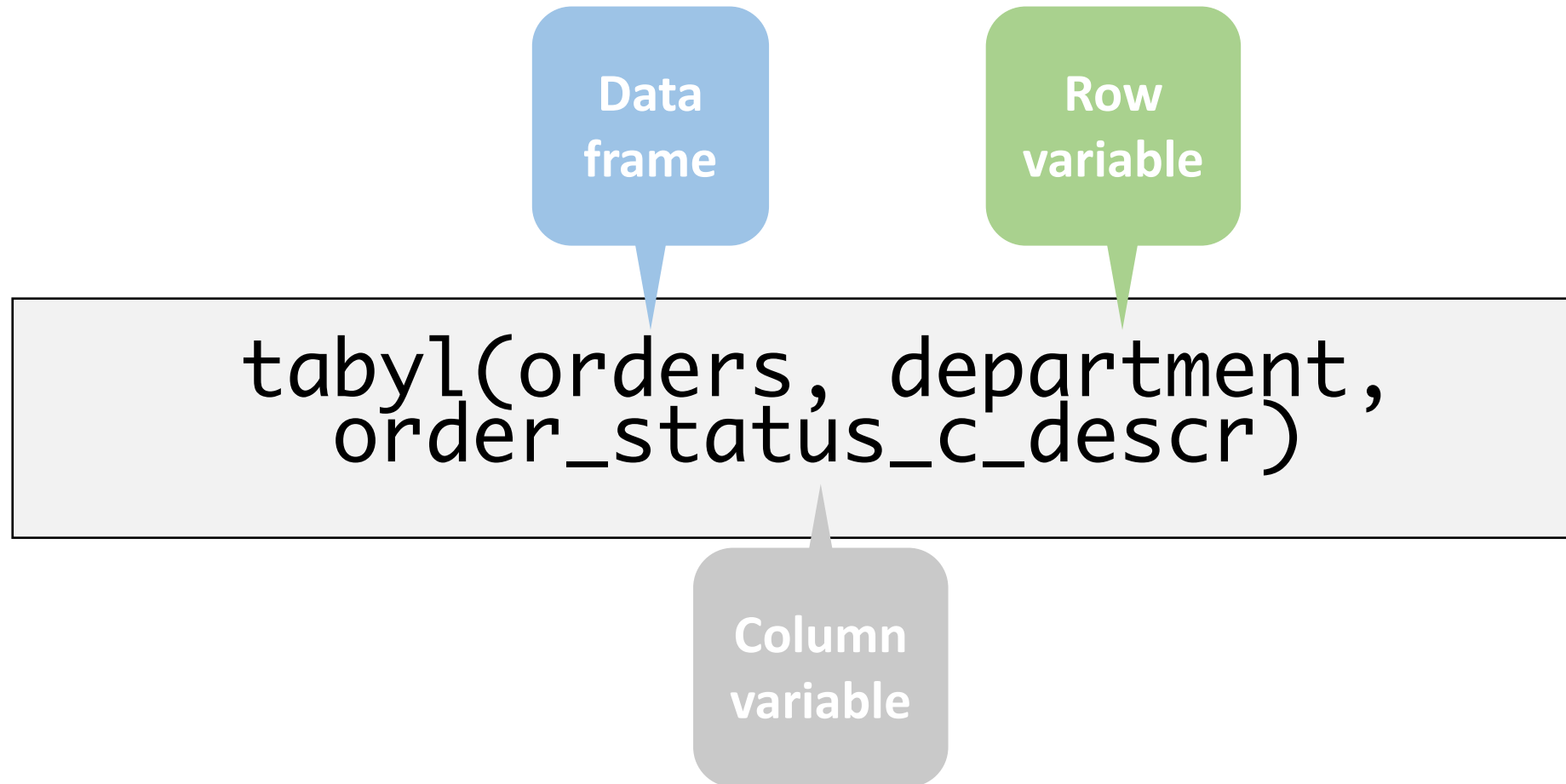
Data
frame

Row
variable

```
tabyl(orders, department)
```

Two variable tables can help answer simple questions quickly

Which clinic cancelled the highest number of lab orders?



Your Turn

Which 3 departments ordered the highest number of labs using “Provider Preference Lists”?

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Outline

- Create a new markdown document
- R Markdown structure
- Open up lesson Rmd
- Demo loading file from Rmd – cover working directory
- Exercise: load orders file
- Plots
- Knit other file types