

## Child document

In general, I find that a single R Markdown file quickly becomes unwieldy. I recommend breaking the document up into multiple “child” documents and sourcing these child documents in a parent document. My child documents generally represent major subsections of the document.

**Just plain text!!**

I prefer to store the parent R Markdown file in a folder labeled “markdown” (rproject/markdown) and the child R Markdown files in a sub-directory of my “markdown” folder called “sections” (rproject/markdown/sections). In the parent file, the child files are sourced within the code chunk header using `child = sections/example.Rmd`. After sourcing all the child chunks, the parent file can be knit (compiled) like a normal R markdown document. The child documents cannot be run in the parent file.