

***F1000Research* Software Tool Article Template**

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USING R MARKDOWN

Some examples of commonly used markdown syntax are listed below, to help you get started.

Cross-references

For portability between different output formats, use the syntax introduced by *bookdown*, such as `(\#label)` for labels and `\@ref(label)` for cross-references. The following sections provide examples of referencing tables, figures, and equations.

Citations

You can include references in a standard Bibtex file. The name of this file is given in the header of the markdown document (in our case it is *sample.bib*). References to entries in the Bibtex file are made using square brackets and use an @ plus the key for the entry you are referencing [`@Smith:2012qr`]. You can combine multiple entries by separating them with a semi-colon [`@Smith:2012qr; @Smith:2013jd`].

Code chunks

You can embed an R code chunk like this:

```
x <- 1:10
x
```

```
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```

If you specify a figure caption to a code chunk using the chunk option `fig.cap`, the plot will be automatically labeled and numbered. The figure label is generated from the label of the code chunk by prefixing it with `fig:`, e.g., see Figure 1.

```
plot(x)
```

Tables

Markdown syntax tends to lack some of the more sophisticated formatting features available in LaTeX, so you may need to edit the tables later to get the desired format.

Table 1. Caption to table.

First name	Last Name	Grade
John	Doe	7.5
Richard	Miles	2

Just like figures, tables with captions will also be numbered and can be referenced. Captions are entered as a paragraph beginning with the string "Table:" (or just ":"), which may appear either before or after the table. A label for the table should appear in the beginning of the caption in the form of `(\#tab:label)`, e.g., see Table 2.

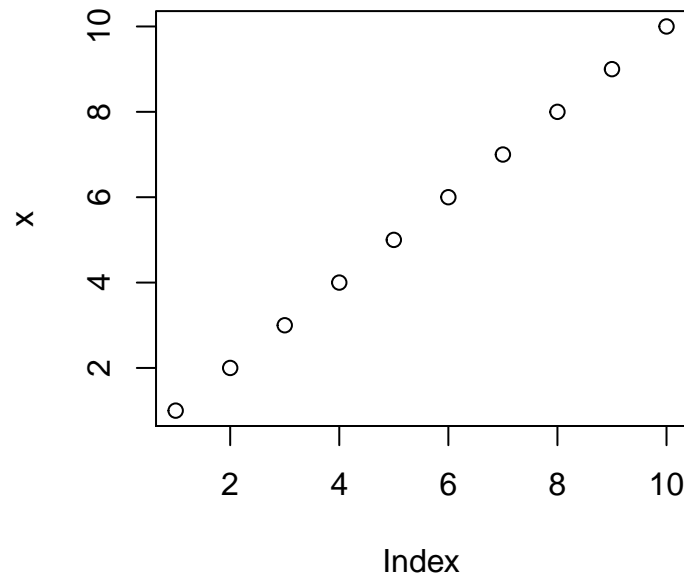


Figure 1. A caption to our sample plot.

Table 2. A table with text justification.

First name	Last Name	Grade
John	Doe	7.5
Richard	Miles	2

Figures

You can include static figures (i.e. no generated by code) using the `include_graphics()` function from the **knitr** package, in a standard code chunk.

```
knitr::include_graphics('frog.jpg')
```

You can again use the `fig.cap` option to provide the figure caption, and reference the image based on the code chunk label. You can also use options such as `fig.align` and `fig.width` to adjust the position and size of the image within the final document, e.g. Figure 2 is a frog.

Alternatively, you can use the standard markdown syntax like so:

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Mathematics

You can use LaTeX syntax to typeset mathematical expressions. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables with $E[X_i] = \mu$ and $\text{Var}[X_i] = \sigma^2 < \infty$, and let

$$S_n = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

denote their mean. Then as n approaches infinity, the random variables $\sqrt{n}(S_n - \mu)$ converge in distribution to a normal $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$.

To number and refer to equations, put them in the equation environments and assign labels to them, as for Equation (1).

$$f(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \quad (1)$$



Figure 2. Your figure legend goes here; it should be succinct, while still explaining all symbols and abbreviations.

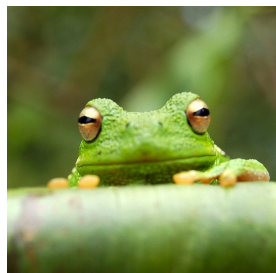


Figure 3. This is a smaller version of the same picture, inserted using the standard markdown syntax

Lists

You can make ordered lists

1. Like this,
2. and like this.

or bullet points

- Like this,
 - and like this.
- Use indentation
 - * for sub-items