A Minimal Book Example

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# 1 About

This is a *sample* book written in **Markdown**. You can use anything that Pandoc’s Markdown supports; for example, a math equation .

## 1.1 Usage

Each **bookdown** chapter is an .Rmd file, and each .Rmd file can contain one (and only one) chapter. A chapter *must* start with a first-level heading: # A good chapter, and can contain one (and only one) first-level heading.

Use second-level and higher headings within chapters like: ## A short section or ### An even shorter section.

The index.Rmd file is required, and is also your first book chapter. It will be the homepage when you render the book.

## 1.2 Render book

You can render the HTML version of this example book without changing anything:

1. Find the **Build** pane in the RStudio IDE, and
2. Click on **Build Book**, then select your output format, or select “All formats” if you’d like to use multiple formats from the same book source files.

Or build the book from the R console:

bookdown::render\_book()

To render this example to PDF as a bookdown::pdf\_book, you’ll need to install XeLaTeX. You are recommended to install TinyTeX (which includes XeLaTeX): <https://yihui.org/tinytex/>.

## 1.3 Preview book

As you work, you may start a local server to live preview this HTML book. This preview will update as you edit the book when you save individual .Rmd files. You can start the server in a work session by using the RStudio add-in “Preview book”, or from the R console:

bookdown::serve\_book()

# 2 Introduction

This is an enhanced Minimal Book Example, highlighting some shortcuts to the publishing process. Also, this example provides some guidance for adapting the Minimal Book Example with tips on changing colour schemes, fonts etc. Most of the original Minimal Book Example has been left in place.Apart from this insertion, the augmented Minimal Book Example tips are provided under the heading: Additional Information.

All chapters start with a first-level heading followed by your chapter title, like the line above. There should be only one first-level heading (#) per .Rmd file.

## 2.1 A section

All chapter sections start with a second-level (##) or higher heading followed by your section title, like the sections above and below here. You can have as many as you want within a chapter.

### An unnumbered section

Chapters and sections are numbered by default. To un-number a heading, add a {.unnumbered} or the shorter {-} at the end of the heading, like in this section.

## 2.2 Additional information

There is information available on the Internet that provides guidance on producing and publishing bookdown artefacts such as books, technical reports, academic papers etc. Here is a shortlist that I found helpful:

* Yihui Xie (2022). [bookdown: Authoring Books and Technical Documents with R Markdown](https://bookdown.org/yihui/bookdown/), CRC Publishing.
* [R for the Rest of Us](https://youtu.be/9i0ElncHGRg)
* [Hosting bookdown in github](https://community.rstudio.com/t/hosting-bookdown-in-github/20427)
* [Bookdown and GitHub Pages](https://youtu.be/RdSmYvbQkhs)
* [SSH Permission Denied (PublicKey) Error on GitHub Solved](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Irj-2tmV0JM)
* Alison Hill (2021). [Day 04: bookdown || rmarkdown + bookdown + GitHub actions + renv + Netlify](https://youtu.be/_ptrgqx2zUs)

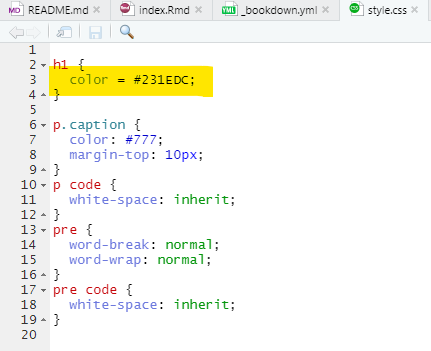
### 2.2.1 Summary of what I learned

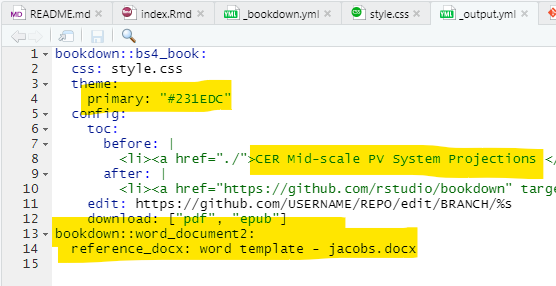
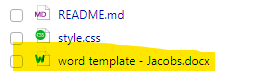
My main focus has been how to:

* Adapt the format of bookdown to produce technical reports.
* Publish on GitHub
* Export to Word since most clients still want a technical report in Word.

My outline here is based on exception, i.e. deviations from what was demonstrated in the shortlist presented above. This reflects gaps in my knowledge, which led to considerable frustration.

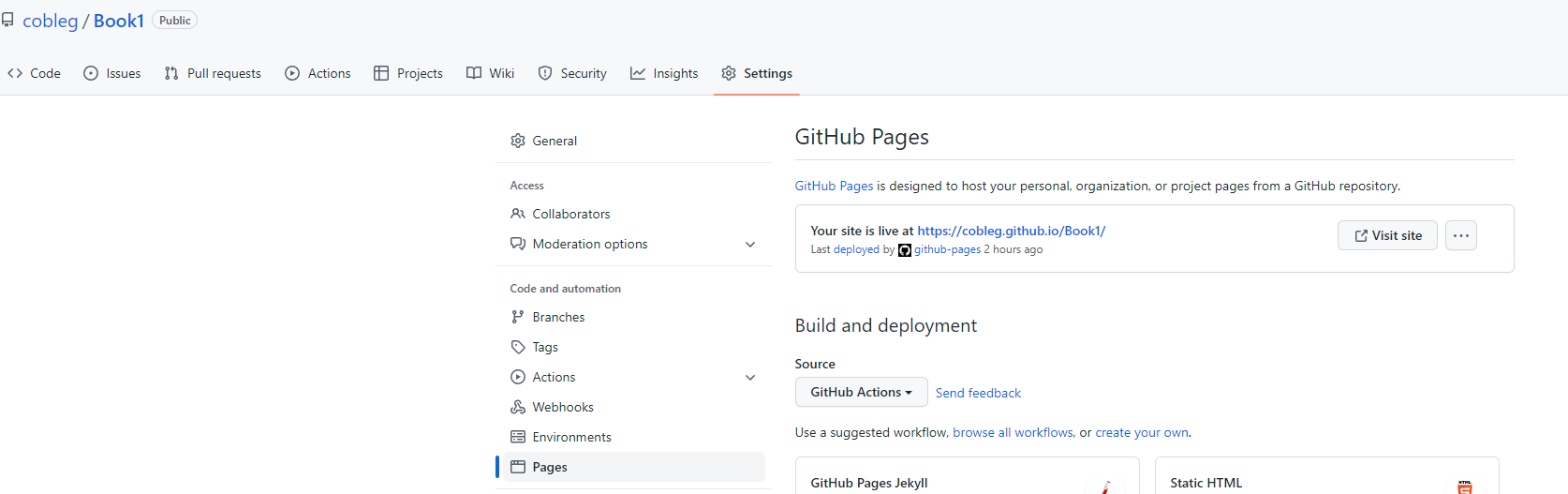
#### 2.2.1.1 Elements related to changing the format of the book

Changing the heading colour in the style.css file 

Additional changes are possible with a change in output type in output.yml, including specifying a Word format.  The image below shows a Word .docx format document with bespoke formatting embedded. This needs to be generated by Pandoc in the first build. [See this note for more information](https://bookdown.org/yihui/rmarkdown-cookbook/word-redoc.html). 

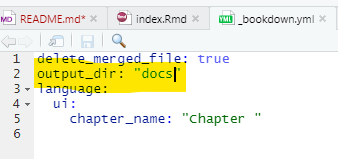
#### 2.2.1.2 Elements related to publishing on GitHub

The pathway deviation on publishing on GitHub was to switch-on GitHub Pages: [Changing the visibility of your GitHub Pages site](https://docs.github.com/en/enterprise-cloud@latest/pages/getting-started-with-github-pages/changing-the-visibility-of-your-github-pages-site)

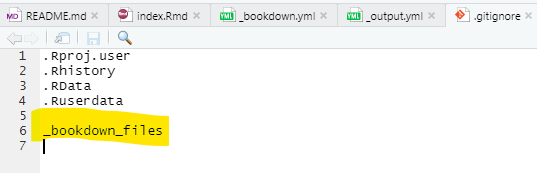


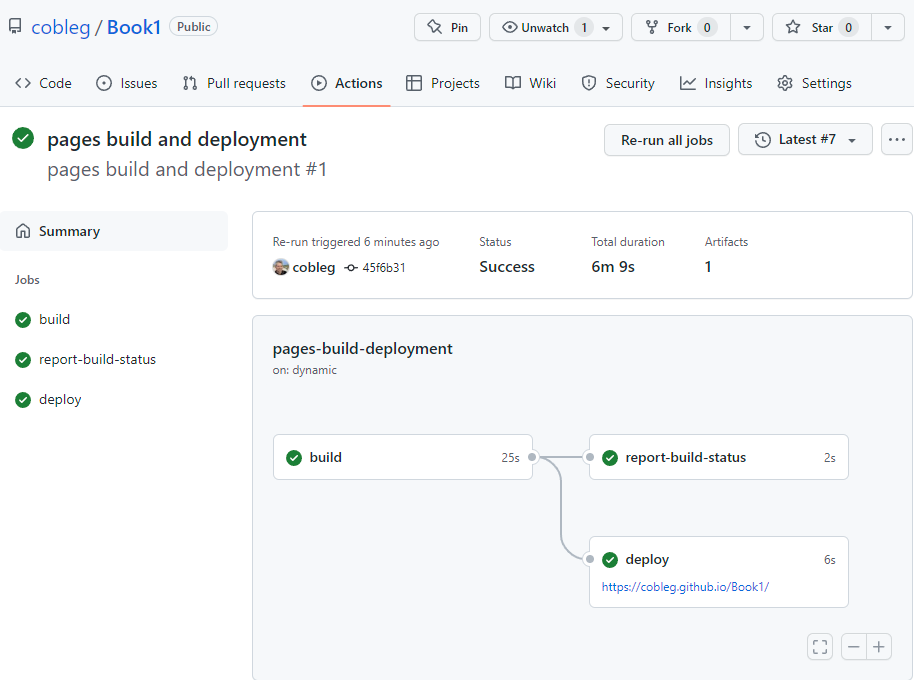
I inserted a line in \_bookdown.yml to define docs as the destination folder for the book being hosted on GitHub.

knitr::include\_graphics(".\\images\\bookdown\_yml insertion.png")



Also inserted a line in the .gitignore file for \_bookdown\_files



After updating the book and re-building, it is necessary to re-run the GitHub Actions job: 

# 3 Cross-references

Cross-references make it easier for your readers to find and link to elements in your book.

## 3.1 Chapters and sub-chapters

There are two steps to cross-reference any heading:

1. Label the heading: # Hello world {#nice-label}.
   * Leave the label off if you like the automated heading generated based on your heading title: for example, # Hello world = # Hello world {#hello-world}.
   * To label an un-numbered heading, use: # Hello world {-#nice-label} or {# Hello world .unnumbered}.
2. Next, reference the labeled heading anywhere in the text using \@ref(nice-label); for example, please see Chapter 3.
   * If you prefer text as the link instead of a numbered reference use: [any text you want can go here](#cross).

## 3.2 Captioned figures and tables

Figures and tables *with captions* can also be cross-referenced from elsewhere in your book using \@ref(fig:chunk-label) and \@ref(tab:chunk-label), respectively.

See Figure 3.1.

par(mar = c(4, 4, .1, .1))  
plot(pressure, type = 'b', pch = 19)



Figure 3.1: Here is a nice figure!

Don’t miss Table 3.1.

knitr::kable(  
 head(pressure, 10), caption = 'Here is a nice table!',  
 booktabs = TRUE  
)

Table 3.1: Here is a nice table!

| temperature | pressure |
| --- | --- |
| 0 | 0.0002 |
| 20 | 0.0012 |
| 40 | 0.0060 |
| 60 | 0.0300 |
| 80 | 0.0900 |
| 100 | 0.2700 |
| 120 | 0.7500 |
| 140 | 1.8500 |
| 160 | 4.2000 |
| 180 | 8.8000 |

# 4 Parts

You can add parts to organize one or more book chapters together. Parts can be inserted at the top of an .Rmd file, before the first-level chapter heading in that same file.

Add a numbered part: # (PART) Act one {-} (followed by # A chapter)

Add an unnumbered part: # (PART\\*) Act one {-} (followed by # A chapter)

Add an appendix as a special kind of un-numbered part: # (APPENDIX) Other stuff {-} (followed by # A chapter). Chapters in an appendix are prepended with letters instead of numbers.

# 5 Footnotes and citations

## 5.1 Footnotes

Footnotes are put inside the square brackets after a caret ^[]. Like this one [[1]](#footnote-68).

## 5.2 Citations

Reference items in your bibliography file(s) using @key.

For example, we are using the **bookdown** package ([Xie 2022](#ref-R-bookdown)) (check out the last code chunk in index.Rmd to see how this citation key was added) in this sample book, which was built on top of R Markdown and **knitr** ([Xie 2015](#ref-xie2015)) (this citation was added manually in an external file book.bib). Note that the .bib files need to be listed in the index.Rmd with the YAML bibliography key.

The RStudio Visual Markdown Editor can also make it easier to insert citations: <https://rstudio.github.io/visual-markdown-editing/#/citations>

# 6 Blocks

## 6.1 Equations

Here is an equation.

You may refer to using \@ref(eq:binom), like see Equation (6.1).

## 6.2 Theorems and proofs

Labeled theorems can be referenced in text using \@ref(thm:tri), for example, check out this smart theorem ??.

For a right triangle, if denotes the *length* of the hypotenuse and and denote the lengths of the **other** two sides, we have

Read more here <https://bookdown.org/yihui/bookdown/markdown-extensions-by-bookdown.html>.

## 6.3 Callout blocks

The R Markdown Cookbook provides more help on how to use custom blocks to design your own callouts: <https://bookdown.org/yihui/rmarkdown-cookbook/custom-blocks.html>

# 7 Sharing your book

## 7.1 Publishing

HTML books can be published online, see: <https://bookdown.org/yihui/bookdown/publishing.html>

## 7.2 404 pages

By default, users will be directed to a 404 page if they try to access a webpage that cannot be found. If you’d like to customize your 404 page instead of using the default, you may add either a \_404.Rmd or \_404.md file to your project root and use code and/or Markdown syntax.

## 7.3 Metadata for sharing

Bookdown HTML books will provide HTML metadata for social sharing on platforms like Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn, using information you provide in the index.Rmd YAML. To setup, set the url for your book and the path to your cover-image file. Your book’s title and description are also used.

This gitbook uses the same social sharing data across all chapters in your book- all links shared will look the same.

Specify your book’s source repository on GitHub using the edit key under the configuration options in the \_output.yml file, which allows users to suggest an edit by linking to a chapter’s source file.

Read more about the features of this output format here:

<https://pkgs.rstudio.com/bookdown/reference/gitbook.html>

Or use:

?bookdown::gitbook

Xie, Yihui. 2015. *Dynamic Documents with R and Knitr*. 2nd ed. Boca Raton, Florida: Chapman; Hall/CRC. <http://yihui.org/knitr/>.

———. 2022. *Bookdown: Authoring Books and Technical Documents with r Markdown*. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=bookdown>.

1. This is a footnote. [↑](#footnote-ref-68)