Applications of R for research

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Chapter 1

$BIOL8700_setup_2022$

The goal of BIOL8700_setup_2022 is to setup and generate documents using RStudio, RMarkdown and github

What is special about using README.Rmd instead of just README.md? You can include R chunks like so:

You'll still need to render README.Rmd regularly, to keep README.md up-to-date. devtools::build_readme() is handy for this. You could also use GitHub Actions to re-render README.Rmd every time you push. An example workflow can be found here: https://github.com/r-lib/actions/tree/v1/examples.

1.1 Results

You can also embed plots, code and data in an RMarkdown document. The core results of this repository are as follows:

In that case, don't forget to commit and push the resulting figure files, so they display on GitHub.

1.2 RStudio project file

• https://r4ds.had.co.nz/workflow-projects.html # About

This is a *sample* book written in **Markdown**. You can use anything that Pandoc's Markdown supports; for example, a math equation $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$.

1.3 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.

1.4 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/.

1.5 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()
```

This week we are going to set up our projects ready for Terry Newmans sample/survey design session next week.

This will involve:

1.6 RMarkdown reports

We shouls all know what these are and how to render a report in RMarkdown. This week we will produce a Rmarkdown report for your question ready to add data and other sampling design using a simple word, html or pdf template.

```
library(rmarkdown)
library(rticles)
```

```
library(bookdown)
library(bookdownplus)
```

What does this tell us about how RProjects and other funky things work?

3. Data import

- 4. Data visualisation
- 5. Tidyverse approach
- 6. ggplot

Tasks ready for next week:

- 1. Outcome and predictor variables
- 2. Other studies with same sampling design
- 3. Other reference material.
- 4. Read a cool sampling design/issue paper

Watch this short (ish video) as a summary of what you should understand so far.

The references for a bookdown or rmarkdown file can be included using the following information in the yml header of the index file.

1.7 Manual references