

# rmarkdown :: CHEATSHEET

## What is rmarkdown?



**.Rmd files** • Develop your code and ideas side-by-side in a single document. Run code as individual chunks or as an entire document.

**Dynamic Documents** • Knit together plots, tables, and results with narrative text. Render to a variety of formats like HTML, PDF, MS Word, or MS Powerpoint.

**Reproducible Research** • Upload, link to, or attach your report to share. Anyone can read or run your code to reproduce your work.

## Workflow

- 1 Open a **new .Rmd file** in the RStudio IDE by going to **File > New File > R Markdown**.
- 2 **Embed code** in chunks. Run code by line, by chunk, or all at once.
- 3 **Write text** and add tables, figures, images, and citations. Format with Markdown syntax or the RStudio Visual Markdown Editor.
- 4 **Set output format(s) and options** in the YAML header. Customize themes or add parameters to execute or add interactivity with Shiny.
- 5 **Save and render** the whole document. Knit periodically to preview your work as you write.
- 6 **Share your work!**

## Embed Code with knitr

### CODE CHUNKS

Surround code chunks with ``r`` and ``` or use the Insert Code Chunk button. Add a chunk label and/or chunk options inside the curly braces after `r`.

```
`r` chunk-label, include=FALSE}
summary(mtcars)
`r`
```

### SET GLOBAL OPTIONS

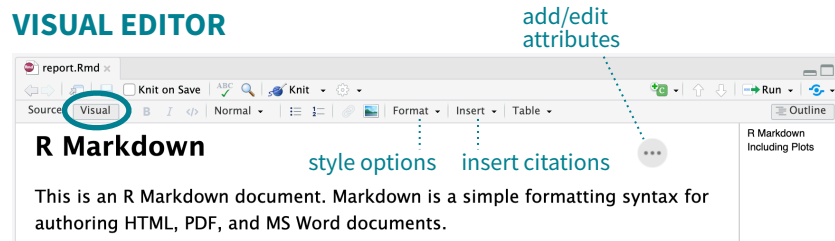
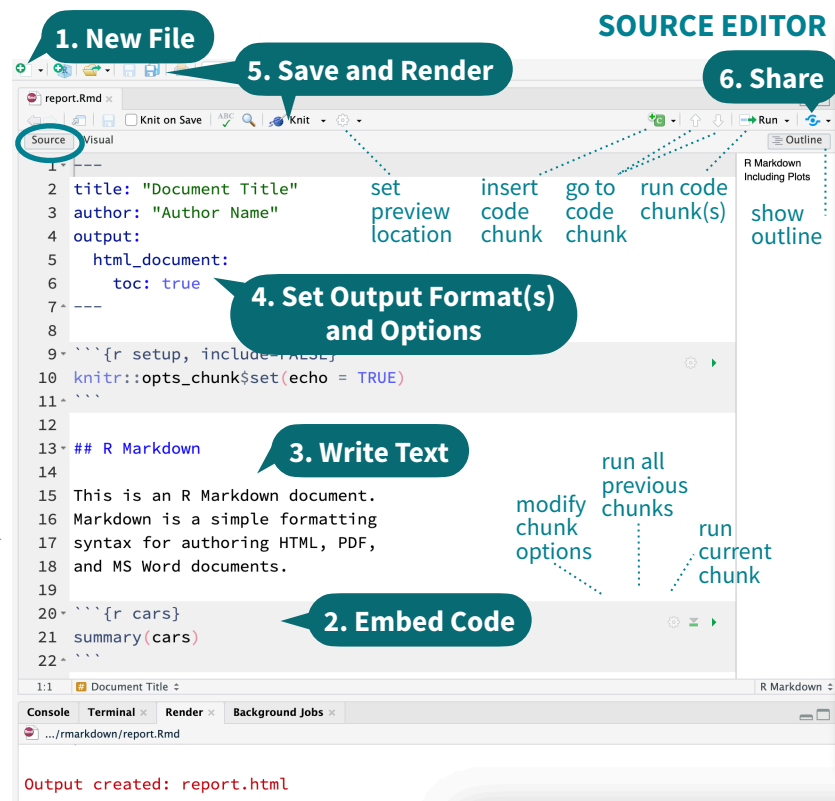
Set options for the entire document in the first chunk.

```
`r` include=FALSE}
knitr::opts_chunk$set(message = FALSE)
`r`
```

### INLINE CODE

Insert ``r` <code>`` into text sections. Code is evaluated at render and results appear as text.

"Built with ``r` getRversion()``" --> "Built with 4.1.0"



### OPTION DEFAULT EFFECTS

<b>echo</b>	TRUE	display code in output document
<b>error</b>	FALSE	TRUE (display error messages in doc) FALSE (stop render when error occurs)
<b>eval</b>	TRUE	run code in chunk
<b>include</b>	TRUE	include chunk in doc after running
<b>message</b>	TRUE	display code messages in document
<b>warning</b>	TRUE	display code warnings in document
<b>results</b>	"markup"	"asis" (passthrough results) "hide" (don't display results) "hold" (put all results below all code)
<b>fig.align</b>	"default"	"left", "right", or "center"
<b>fig.alt</b>	NULL	alt text for a figure
<b>fig.cap</b>	NULL	figure caption as a character string
<b>fig.path</b>	"figure/"	prefix for generating figure file paths
<b>fig.width &amp; fig.height</b>	7	plot dimensions in inches
<b>collapse</b>	FALSE	rescales output width, e.g. "75%", "300px"
<b>comment</b>	FALSE	collapse all sources & output into a single block
<b>child</b>	TRUE	prefix for each line of results
<b>purl</b>	TRUE	files(s) to knit and then include include or exclude a code chunk when extracting source code with knitr::purl()

See more options and defaults by running `str(knitr::opts_chunk$get())`

### RENDERED OUTPUT



## Insert Citations

Create citations from a bibliography file, a Zotero library, or from DOI references.

### BUILD YOUR BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Add BibTeX or CSL bibliographies to the YAML header.

```
title: "My Document"
bibliography: references.bib
link-citations: TRUE
```

- If Zotero is installed locally, your main library will automatically be available.
- Add citations by DOI by searching "from DOI" in the **Insert Citation** dialog.

### INSERT CITATIONS

- Access the **Insert Citations** dialog in the Visual Editor by clicking the **@** symbol in the toolbar or by clicking **Insert > Citation**.
- Add citations with markdown syntax by typing `[@cite]` or `@cite`.

## Insert Tables

Output data frames as tables using `kable(data, caption)`.

```
`r`
data <- faithful[1:4, ]
knitr::kable(data,
  caption = "Table with kable")
`r`
```

eruptions	waiting
3.600	79
1.800	54
3.333	74
2.283	62

Other table packages include **flextable**, **gt**, and **kableExtra**.

## Write with Markdown

The syntax on the left renders as the output on the right.

Plain text.

End a line with two spaces to start a new paragraph.

Also end with a backslash to make a new line.

\*italics\* and \*\*bold\*\*

superscript^2^/subscript~2~

~~strikethrough~~

escaped: \* \_ \

endash: --, emdash: ---

# Header 1

## Header 2

...

##### Header 6

- unordered list

- item 2  
- item 2a (indent 1 tab)  
- item 2b

1. ordered list

2. item 2  
- item 2a (indent 1 tab)  
- item 2b

<link url>

[This is a link.](link url)

[This is another link][id].

At the end of the document:

[id]: link url

![Caption](image.png)  
or ![Caption][id2]

At the end of the document:

[id2]: image.png

`verbatim code`

...

multiple lines  
of verbatim code

> block quotes

equation:  $e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0$

equation block:  
$$E = mc^2$$

horizontal rule:

---

Right	Left	Default	Center
12	12	12	12
123	123	123	123
1	1	1	1

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<http://www.posit.co/>

This is a link.

This is another link.



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### HTML Tabsets

```
## Results {tabset}
### Plots
text
```

```
### Tables
more text
```

### Results

Plots

Tables

text





# Set Output Formats and their Options in YAML

Use the document's YAML header to set an **output format** and customize it with **output options**.

```
---
title: "My Document"
author: "Author Name"
output:
  html_document:
    toc: TRUE
---
```

Indent format 2 characters,  
indent options 4 characters

OUTPUT FORMAT	CREATES
html_document	.html
pdf_document*	.pdf
word_document	Microsoft Word (.docx)
powerpoint_presentation	Microsoft Powerpoint (.pptx)
odt_document	OpenDocument Text
rtf_document	Rich Text Format
md_document	Markdown
github_document	Markdown for Github
ioslides_presentation	ioslides HTML slides
slidy_presentation	Slidy HTML slides
beamer_presentation*	Beamer slides
* Requires LaTeX, use <code>tinytex::install_tinytex()</code>	
Also see <code>flexdashboard</code> , <code>bookdown</code> , <code>distill</code> , and <code>blogdown</code> .	

IMPORTANT OPTIONS	DESCRIPTION	HTML	PDF	MS Word	MS PPT
anchor_sections	Show section anchors on mouse hover (TRUE or FALSE)	X			
citation_package	The LaTeX package to process citations ("default", "natbib", "biblatex")		X		
code_download	Give readers an option to download the .Rmd source code (TRUE or FALSE)	X			
code_folding	Let readers to toggle the display of R code ("none", "hide", or "show")	X			
css	CSS or SCSS file to use to style document (e.g. "style.css")	X			
dev	Graphics device to use for figure output (e.g. "png", "pdf")	X	X		
df_print	Method for printing data frames ("default", "kable", "tibble", "paged")	X	X	X	X
fig_caption	Should figures be rendered with captions (TRUE or FALSE)	X	X	X	X
highlight	Syntax highlighting ("tango", "pygments", "kate", "zenburn", "textmate")	X	X	X	
includes	File of content to place in doc ("in_header", "before_body", "after_body")	X	X		
keep_md	Keep the Markdown .md file generated by knitting (TRUE or FALSE)	X	X	X	X
keep_tex	Keep the intermediate TEX file used to convert to PDF (TRUE or FALSE)	X			
latex_engine	LaTeX engine for producing PDF output ("pdflatex", "xelatex", or "lualatex")	X			
reference_docx/_doc	docx/pptx file containing styles to copy in the output (e.g. "file.docx", "file.pptx")		X	X	
theme	Theme options (see Bootswatch and Custom Themes below)	X			
toc	Add a table of contents at start of document (TRUE or FALSE)	X	X	X	X
toc_depth	The lowest level of headings to add to table of contents (e.g. 2, 3)	X	X	X	X
toc_float	Float the table of contents to the left of the main document content (TRUE or FALSE)	X			

Use `?<output format>` to see all of a format's options, e.g. `?html_document`

## Render

When you render a document, rmarkdown:

1. Runs the code and embeds results and text into an .md file with knitr.
2. Converts the .md file into the output format with Pandoc.



**Save**, then **Knit** to preview the document output. The resulting HTML/PDF/MS Word/etc. document will be created and saved in the same directory as the .Rmd file.

Use `rmarkdown::render()` to render/knit in the R console. See `?render` for available options.

## Share

**Publish on Posit Connect**

to share R Markdown documents securely, schedule automatic updates, and interact with parameters in real-time. [posit.co/products/enterprise/connect](https://posit.co/products/enterprise/connect).



## More Header Options

### PARAMETERS

Parameterize your documents to reuse with new inputs (e.g., data, values, etc.).

1. **Add parameters** in the header as sub-values of params.

```
---
params:
  state: "hawaii"
---
```
2. **Call parameters** in code using `params$<name>`.

```
```{r}
data <- df[, params$state]
summary(data)
```
```
3. **Set parameters** with Knit with Parameters or the params argument of `render()`.

### REUSABLE TEMPLATES

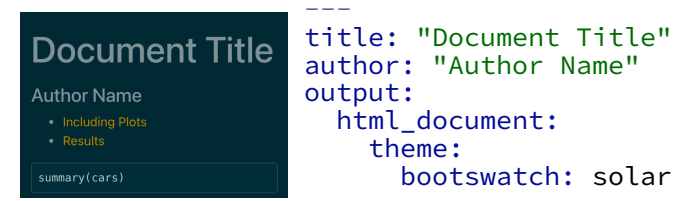
1. **Create a new package** with a `inst/rmarkdown/templates` directory.
2. **Add a folder** containing **template.yaml** (below) and **skeleton.Rmd** (template contents).

```
---
name: "My Template"
---
```
3. **Install** the package to access template by going to **File > New R Markdown > From Template**.

### BOOTSWATCH THEMES

Customize HTML documents with Bootswatch themes from the **bslib** package using the theme output option.

Use `bslib::bootswatch_themes()` to list available themes.



### CUSTOM THEMES

Customize individual HTML elements using bslib variables. Use `?bs_theme` to see more variables.

```
---
output:
  html_document:
    theme:
      bg: "#121212"
      fg: "#E4E4E4"
      base_font:
        google: "Prompt"
---
```

More on **bslib** at [pkgs.rstudio.com/bslib/](https://pkgs.rstudio.com/bslib/).

### STYLING WITH CSS AND SCSS

Add CSS and SCSS to your document by adding a path to a file with the **css** option in the YAML header.

```
---
title: "My Document"
author: "Author Name"
output:
  html_document:
    css: "style.css"
---
```

Apply CSS styling by writing HTML tags directly or:

- Use markdown to apply style attributes inline.

**Bracketed Span**  
A `[green]{.my-color}` word.

A **green** word.

**Fenced Div**  
`:: { .my-color }`  
All of these words are green.

All of these words are green.

- Use the Visual Editor. Go to **Format > Div/Span** and add CSS styling directly with Edit Attributes.

`.my-css-tag`

This is a div with some text in it.

### INTERACTIVITY

Turn your report into an interactive Shiny document in 4 steps:

1. Add **runtime: shiny** to the YAML header.
2. Call Shiny input functions to embed input objects.
3. Call Shiny render functions to embed reactive output.
4. Render with `rmarkdown::run()` or click **Run Document** in RStudio IDE.

```
---
output: html_document
runtime: shiny
---
```

```
```{r, echo = FALSE}
numericInput("n",
  "How many cars?", 5)

renderTable({
  head(cars, input$n)
})
```

How many cars?		
	5	
	speed	dist
1	4.00	2.00
2	4.00	10.00
3	7.00	4.00
4	7.00	22.00
5	8.00	16.00

Also see Shiny Prerendered for better performance. [rmarkdown.rstudio.com/authoring\\_shiny\\_prerendered](https://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/authoring_shiny_prerendered).

Embed a complete app into your document with `shiny::shinyAppDir()`. More at [bookdown.org/yihui/rmarkdown/shiny-embedded.html](https://bookdown.org/yihui/rmarkdown/shiny-embedded.html).

