Language engine for including data in Rmarkdown

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Overview

This document contains a proof of concept for adding data engines to Rmarkdown that would allow placing data directly inside Rmarkdown documents to create completely self-contained Rmarkdown documents. The implementation is based on the idea that `data` chunks will contain the contents of the data files, potentially encoded as text using some encoding method.

Though many types of data chunks are imaginable, I have currently implemented four: `text`, `csv`, `RDS` and a generic type where the `format` chunk option should be a loader function for loading in a file containing the decoded chunk data. For binary data chunks (e.g., `RDS`), the data must be encoded as text before inclusion in the chunk. Two different encodings are currently implemented: `base64` and `gpg`. If the `encoding` chunk option is not supplied, then `base64` is assumed, except for `text` and `csv` for which no encoding (i.e., `asis`) is assumed.

There is also a fifth format option, `file`, which returns a filename with the decoded chunk contents. `encoding` is assumed to be `base64` for this format if not explicitly specified.

I have included helper functions for simplifying encoding and decoding content using the methods described above. Encoding and decoding operations rely on the base64enc and gpg R packages.

Finally, there is an `external.file` chunk option that allows one to specify the filename of an external text file that will be used as chunk contents. This is useful when initially developing a Rmarkdown file with `data` chunks to keep the file small and readable.

The implementation is quite simple, but it works well. One potential drawback is that this could encourage creating Rmarkdown documents with large datasets inside that are unreadable. This could be prevented or discouraged by limiting the size of `data` chunks, perhaps with a chunk option to allow the user to violate size limits if they really want to.

Implementation of language engine

```
# Helper function to decode encoded text
# Returns name of file where decoded text was saved
data_decode = function(code,encoding,options,file=NULL) {
  if (is.null(file))
    file = tempfile()

  switch(
    encoding,
    asis = writeLines(code,file),
    base64 = writeBin(base64enc::base64decode(code),file),
    gpg = {
```

```
      tf = tempfile()
      writeLines(code,tf)
      on.exit(file.remove(tf))
      writeBin(gpg::gpg_decrypt(tf,as_text=FALSE),file)
    },
    stop("Uknown encoding: ",encoding)
  )

  return(file)
}

# Helper function to encode (typically) binary files for inclusion in data chunks
# Silently returns encoded text. Encoded text is also spit out to console for
# copy-n-paste to Rmarkdoum document. This can be surpressed by saving encoded text
# to a file using output argument
data_encode = function(file,encoding,options=list(base64.linewidth=64),output=NULL) {
  code = switch(
    encoding,
    asis = readLines(file),
    base64 = base64enc::base64encode(file,linewidth=options$base64.linewidth),
    gpg = {
      if (is.null(options$receiver))
        stop("Missing GPG receiver. See ?gpg::gpg_encrypt for details.")
      gpg::gpg_encrypt(file,options$receiver,options$signer)
    },
    stop("Uknown encoding: ",encoding)
  )

  if(is.null(output)) {
    cat(code,sep="\n")
  } else {
    writeLines(code,output)
  }

  invisible(code)
}

# Data engine itself
eng_data = function(options) {
  output = ''

  vn = options$output.var
  if (is.null(vn))
    stop("output.var must be supplied in data chunks.")

  code = options$code

  # Option to include external file
  # Useful to keep initial file size small and readable.
  if (!is.null(options$external.file)) {
    if (!is.null(code))
      warning("Non-empty data chunk, but given external.file chunk option. Using external file and igno
```

```
  code = readLines(options$external.file)
}

format = options$format
if (is.null(format))
  format = 'text'

encoding = options$encoding
if (is.null(encoding)) {
  encoding = switch(
    format,
    text = 'asis',
    csv = 'asis',
    RDS = 'base64',
    file = 'base64',
    'base64'
  )
}

encoding.ops = options$encoding.ops
if (is.null(encoding.ops))
  encoding.ops = list()
if (!is.list(encoding.ops))
  stop("encoding.ops should be a list. Got object of class ",class(encoding.ops)[1])

format.ops = options$format.ops
if (is.null(format.ops))
  format.ops = list()
if (!is.list(format.ops))
  stop("format.ops should be a list. Got object of class ",class(format.ops)[1])

# If format=='text', just spit back code, possibly after splitting using a separator
if (is.character(format) && format=='text') {
  orig_code = code
  if (!is.null(format.ops$sep))
    code = do.call(c,strsplit(code,format.ops$sep))

  assign(vn, code, envir = knitr::knit_global())
  return(knitr::engine_output(options,orig_code,output))
}

# In all other cases, decode data first
fn = data_decode(code,encoding,options=encoding.ops,
                 file=format.ops$filename) # Allow writing to specific file

# Except for `file` format, remove data file on exit
if (!is.character(format) || format!='file')
  on.exit(file.remove(fn))

# If character format given, convert to a loader function
if (is.character(format)) {
  format = switch(
    format,
```

```
      csv = read.csv,
      RDS = readRDS,
      file = function(file,...) file, # Return filename
      get(format,mode="function") # Attempt format as function name
    )
  }

  # Load data
  data = do.call(format,c(file=fn,format.ops))

  # Assign to output.var and exit
  assign(vn, data, envir = knitr::knit_global())
  knitr::engine_output(options,code,output)
}

# Add to knitr's list of data engines
knitr::knit_engines$set(data=eng_data)
```

Test of text chunk

Note that `format="text"` is optional as data chunks default to `text` if no format is specified.

```
This is a text.
It has two lines.
```

```
t0
```

```
## [1] "This is a text."   "It has two lines."
```

With separator

```
This is a text.
It has two lines.
```

```
t00
```

```
## [1] "This"   "is"     "a"      "text."  "It"     "has"    "two"    "lines."
```

For numeric input

```
1,2,3,4,5,6
7,8,9
```

```
t000
```

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

```
as.numeric(t000)
```

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

Test of CSV chunk

```
id,res
1,a
2,b
3,c
```

```
t1
```

id	res
1	a
2	b
3	c

Test of RDS chunk with base64 encoding

```
H4sIAAAAAAAAA4vgYmBgYGZgZgNiViCTgTU0xE3XgoGBSRjI
YQLid1CakYGFgRNI8yXn5xYkJpfEZ+aVFKcWosmyJCUWp0LF
eMHiEPofSCfIKgcVBjCw/4BKQ9UIIJnFnJiUDDQR2XjWvMTc
1GKoOiaoIGMijJEEMgUAP3IVTdMAAAA=
```

```
names(t2)
```

```
## [1] "a" "b"
```

```
t2
```

```
## $a
##  [1]  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10
##
## $b
## [1] "abc"
```

Test of GPG encrypted RDS chunk

Import private key for decrypting chunk

Normally, the decryption key would not be included in the Rmarkdown document, but I am doing so here so that code works for all. This will import the test key into your GPG key ring. This test key does not have a password, but most real keys would and the keyring management software would ask you for that password when knitting the document.

First the code for generating and exporting the key. Not evaluated, but keeping around for reference:

```
gpg::gpg_keygen("Test Key","test@test.org")
id = gpg::gpg_list_keys("test@test.org")$id
gpg::gpg_export(id,secret = TRUE)
```

Next the key itself in a `text` chunk.

```
-----BEGIN PGP PRIVATE KEY BLOCK-----

lQVYBF6A3p8BDADcaf7tveXZUpi0IfEpmYrPP8/OSXSh3iBkd5bdTvbq/FwLGIsD
```

dp/dFqAWS+0BqCIMFAtV63FUOG4kXYpkajdl2QU1Hy0aY9F9K0imc5JUM1SEry5F
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HHFkbfgUkiFSFOmb9uyPD0NMldJoLXbv9+LFiU1okglietVcKK7Fyt5xCKcxbtO8

```
kdYJTuWonsWeyC8tz1WBBgDcq6doxs3aFSVeLcZO//WHif+iBYlLFoexmw4irx8e
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Ng9Af4cf3nf9UzesAVbSy1gtvlZIyX0HwtZNVLNJSS4=
=C6UF
-----END PGP PRIVATE KEY BLOCK-----
```

```
tf = tempfile()
writeLines(key,tf)
gpg::gpg_import(tf)
```

```
##      found   imported    secrets signatures    revoked
##          3          1          2          0          0
```

```
file.remove(tf)
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

Data chunk

```
-----BEGIN PGP MESSAGE-----
Version: GnuPG v2

hQGMA9TPonHna5j3AQwAqNofDHURDA3k4I64cahxxO+Nv88ppT0rJ4+9Bbvr1VcC
7fXfudpfb7fj0SRZWagquyBnvu4vAVFsyzvBrvcg4WqW+cgM/m11rTjM/idkoZcl
DuLrkmHnRCuwVftw9hyO+/ghGKW95CQljqksq5rL+ZVjyF3PFXBRMGJXoYo6h2qe
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oH9QuxSp8POmihI53+AbVA==
=WRy/
```

```
-----END PGP MESSAGE-----
```

```
names(t3)
```

```
## [1] "a" "b"
```

```
t3
```

```
## $a
##  [1]  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10
##
## $b
## [1] "abc"
```

Encoding a binary file for incorporation in Rmarkdown

Below I demonstrate how to use the helper function `data_encode` to encode binary files for insertion in `data` chunks.

```
saveRDS(t2,"test.RDS")
```

base64

```
data_encode("test.RDS","base64")
```

```
## H4sIAAAAAAAAA4vgYmBgYGZgZgNiViCTgTU0xE3XgoGBSRjIYQLid1CakYGFgRNI
## 8yXn5xYkJpfEZ+aVFKcWosmyJCUWp0LFeMHiEPofSCfIKgcVBjCw/4BKQ9UIIJnF
## nJiUDDQR2XjWvMTc1GKoOiaoIGMijJEEMgUAP3IVTdMAAAA=
```

GPG

```
id = gpg::gpg_list_keys("test@test.org")$id
data_encode("test.RDS","gpg",options=list(receiver=id))
```

```
## -----BEGIN PGP MESSAGE-----
## Version: GnuPG v2
##
## hQGMA9TPonHna5j3AQv9EzE21QyL0l+Pv6d6SR6Sn+7/mNGcmA+/7MKaBAb0Lpoa
## mPXUUnATSN8cFi7iztaTRSJZDUqmO0jhWXCmzX0AbqB9q0wToQsdj935ReQEzjRV
## bn1xg1lmzKvR95gy4IMimGb+Q3p/OTttTNtVHbWk5cn15cEh0+NseT7xb/HZyLFX
## eYKO+6PKdzjBsdimFGZmUKnJu14gCBvsKcESyog0L/92OZ3lCNePBgRCwfNN87I3
## AXc83u74/COewpF8Wyxp2YI7UmC2OjOpWnbc1vEKu+v8l8LtVQCAkbPxkrkLkbzh
## vnZn5L8rWZbJs7+sAyQ94SmzQU2fEa7uvS8kdE+I7GQWo+z8Qlx4zGJpb8hP4tlM
## Jhm2XKsqaRB9ZWjVGkokKVEYJXned/u7fMmMoo7sou5ML+EUuvGs2nVZHljGF9A7
## KEcCZZJ0r5o7j2N9PfAAs2W/YwXv2F1r2XSedZRLEU4LmlgjyF29C467rO7IQXHu
## FQHg7W6vDhWqKN6DLdac0r8B3QHLpbh0EL9bJSA8GJKe1tbLLAberRcPrJEXXdvM
## jWwE+xfVt/FtYhBl+jsTvCD1L5ZW1Esa/cEl5jsH4P8E1olkoFuCBSZyBSEQbATn
## zX+9AIBf8vvPbtu+v1IHc3UJsmTu1uuLv0liGe24XlMRL0n/GUr4YME+CoHecILt
## Ew1NNVF60XXGq6uPkK8GWPqPfNOz7WWLA3IU3AZ/Xhr4kp/IRSYlroznnfOeSHhS
## wle98dbqc6unc251EvkmBg==
## =/5su
## -----END PGP MESSAGE-----
```

GPG saving to file

```
id = gpg::gpg_list_keys("test@test.org")$id
data_encode("test.RDS","gpg",options=list(receiver=id),output="test.gpg")
cat(readLines("test.gpg"),sep="\n")
```

```
## -----BEGIN PGP MESSAGE-----
## Version: GnuPG v2
##
## hQGMA9TPonHna5j3AQwAmvaqr4PDTicuaT1UUFd+9IcIGt9iHCCd8SD4vL7mMS1m
## gPM8jKQ/mIFL8WDVbcSOLZMf4KYcDRB8w9V6SOPcUQhwgEDJwHdhxlXFCZJEzbGg
## mwJTRrXMslp9YHXfAHqyPHRYFZ8HgTbcVZduQTOUxcOOcVI8APZZo3UMFnJKE/DY
## 9Zd7ofCWFDVQWG7YPO92ukzUDMIz6oRqQuOFZnRTFxcppPvfyuP8FiAz2esXlXmO
## lCPZQuteWt7Aqj0Q0RlvSpDSra/IkZAuAvrgKMJ8+NB5xzYiIQOtpv5JhCi2qAMn
## AnEdG2MA63b+bvWZCJZQwAbrHlC3L5ce+aG40UFFncjLIcQe/1KPEOs3Oc4yW1dj
## Y8USITenufdwMtHR+bmqbJGmv25z1YmDEiib4oRSRAi/fZGsHE2RGlgXZHKpevHA
## tlMT2KQFBv1pLEdc7U4p2siWj2Hzce95hIPr7dYO3ikY/M8mBs/q5tuPpibOJzzd
## jgD5wOYIssGM/cZl0YUI0r8B1DaqEtp5YftvL9W7rQwAcFo9iBbl/0FTbPmYDb+j
## BwtL/XN7vocn9RXpzUT7rYm4HytVlseAKeyZM7HLsotptke2pjnpJwqZmo+nq+KT
## rq7H2WvV+S6PDLh4MzY2IhPVe0biStUEBGy0SdXC3Kvr9OScShW7dw34ftWa4M/d
## 9bCuOc0uazfw5/Kb02l3M51Nwb8pYaCzcvIA+3WDXyS8xA+Hh4yRsKurenMKPL8e
## KbBFq4quS+F/aV6c/uotuQ==
## =aUUG
## -----END PGP MESSAGE-----
```

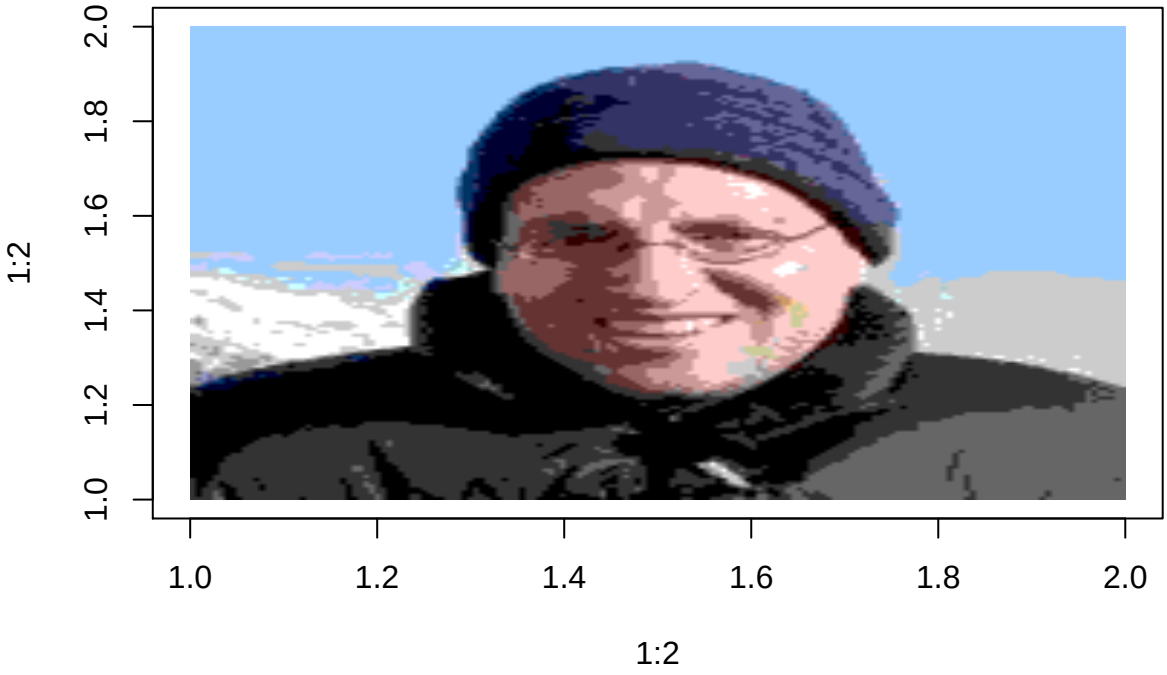
```
file.remove("test.gpg")
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

Test of arbitrary binary format with loader function

Note that `echo=FALSE` is quite important here. *Perhaps I should force this on all data chunks?*

```
plot(1:2,1:2,type="n")
rasterImage(img,1,1,2,2)
```



Test of file data chunk

`file` data chunks return the output filename to the variable named in `output.var`. If `format.ops` does not contain an element `filename`, then a temporary file is used.

Figure 1: Test image file

Note: Knitting will fail if `imgfn` points to a temporary file as the temporary file will be deleted before document passes through pandoc.

Test using external file

When initially creating a document, it can be practical to store data in external files to keep the document itself small and readable. The `external.file` chunk option allows one to achieve this. The `external.file` must be the filename of a file containing text exactly as it would be incorporated into a `data` chunk (i.e., with encoding for binary files).

```
This is from an external file.
```

```
ext
```

```
## [1] "This is from an external file."
```

Remove imported key

I am cleaning up by removing the imported GPG key. The keyring management software may ask you about this before doing it.

```
id = gpg::gpg_list_keys("test@test.org")$id
gpg::gpg_delete(id,secret=TRUE)
```

```
## [1] "EACC4867456E20ED"
```