

Reproducible science workshop: Module6

Markdown

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Credits

- Garrett Grolemund [RStudio webinar](#)



- Ulrik Lyngs [workshop material](#)



R MARKDOWN

we're getting the BAND BACK TOGETHER.

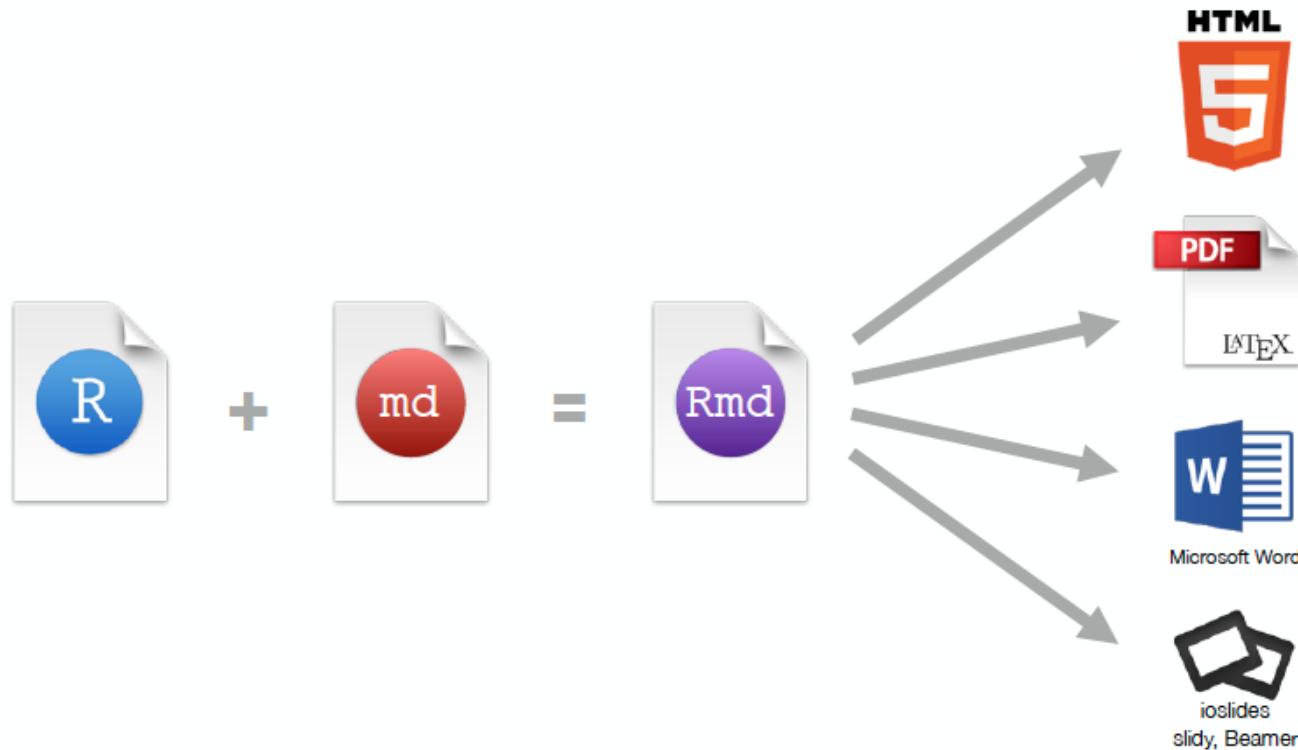


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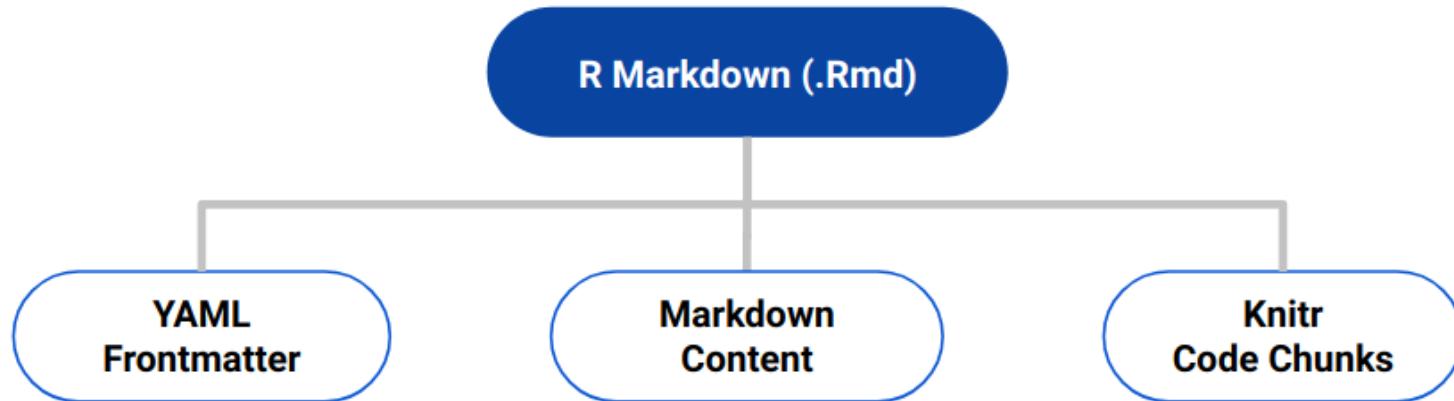
Literate programming

- A programming paradigm introduced by Donald E. Knuth
- Treat program as literature meant to be understandable to human beings
- Makes it easy to comment code, and share your analyses/thoughts with collaborators
- Move away from writing programs in the manner and order imposed by the computer
- Focus instead on the logic and flow of human thought and understanding
- Single document to integrate data analysis (executable code) with textual documentation, linking data, code, and text

R Markdown workflow



Structure of a R Markdown document



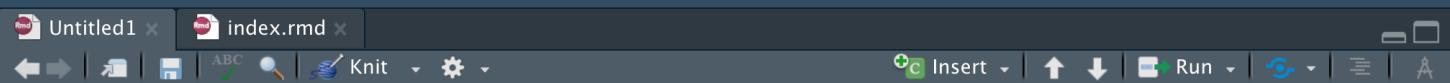
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Demo

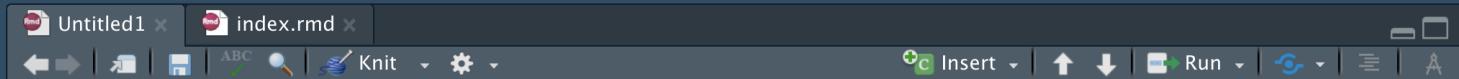
Open RStudio

Create a new Rmd file

Identify 3 components (frontmatter, content, chunks)



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4 date: "10/24/2020"  
5 output: html_document  
6 ---  
7  
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10```  
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chunk like this:  
17  
18 ```{r cars}  
19 summary(cars)  
20```  
21  
22 ## Including Plots  
23  
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25  
26 ```{r pressure, echo=FALSE}  
27 plot(pressure)  
28```  
29  
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R code that generated the plot
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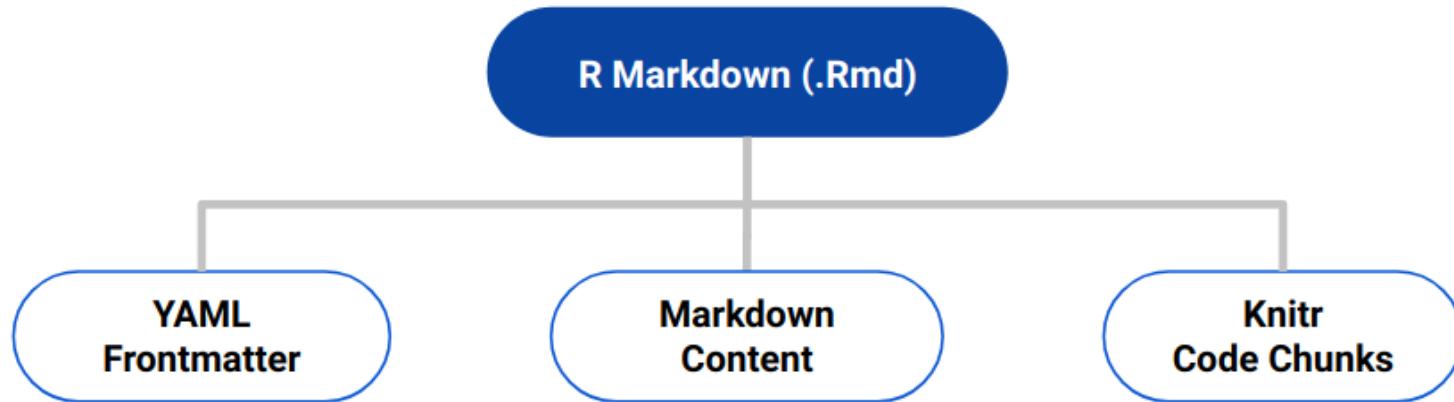
Front matter

Chunk

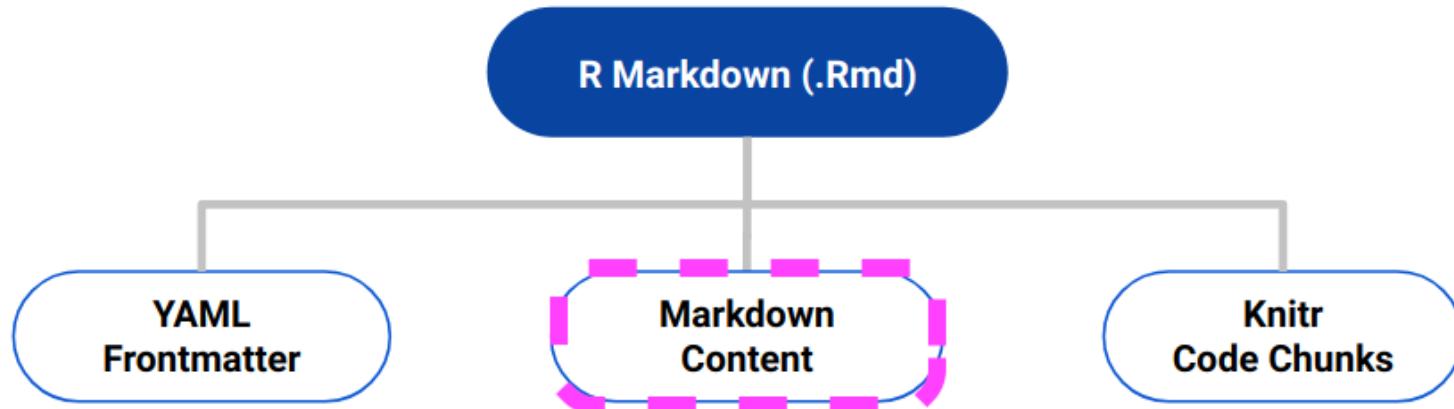
Content

Chunk

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Format your text with Markdown

What is Markdown?

- A way to write stuff
- Mostly plain words, with some formating

```
# Say Hello  
To my little  
friend, markdown.
```

Markdown is

- * easy to use
- * simple
- * fun?



Say Hello

To my little friend, markdown.
Markdown is

- *easy* to use
- **simple**
- fun?

Websites that use Markdown

- GitHub <https://github.com/>
- StackOverflow <https://stackoverflow.com/>
- HackMD <https://hackmd.io>
- Many more

Headers

- Use # to create headers
- Multiple #'s create lower level headers

```
# Header 1  
## Header 2  
### Header 3  
#### Header 4  
##### Header 5  
##### Header 6
```



Header 1
Header 2
Header 3
Header 4
Header 5
Header 6

Text

- Text is rendered as plain text

Add two spaces at
the end of a line to
start a new line

```
Text
_italics_
__bold__
`code`
```



Text
italics
bold
`code`

Lists

- Use asterisks to make bullet points
- Use numbers to make numbered lists
- Use 4 spaces or 1 tab for indentation

Bullets

- * bullet 1
- * bullet 2

Numbered list

1. item 1
2. item 2



Bullets

- bullet 1
- bullet 2

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Hyperlinks

- To add a hyperlink, put your text between brackets
- Then place the URL between parentheses

This is a
[link](www.git.com).

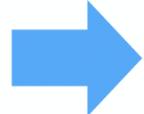


This is a link.

Equations

- Write equations with Latex syntax

According to
Einstein,
 $E=mc^2$



According to
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Equation blocks

According to Einstein,

$\$\$E=mc^{\{2\}}\$\$$



According to Einstein,

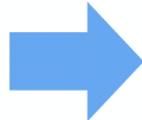
$$E = mc^2$$

Images

- Use a link preceded by an ! to insert an image
- The link text should be
 - a URL if the image is hosted online
 - a file path if the image is saved on your computer

``

The RStudio logo.



The RStudio logo.

Tables

header A	header B
data	data

Table:title

- A bit of a hassle...
- Use a [generator of Tables for Markdown](#)
- Wait for next section to learn how to generate tables from R

R Markdown Reference Guide

<https://rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/rmarkdown-reference.pdf>



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Contents:

1. **Markdown Syntax**
2. Knitr chunk options
3. Pandoc options

Syntax

Plain text

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

italics and _italics_

bold and __bold__

superscript^{^2^}

~~strikethrough~~

[link] (www.rstudio.com)

Header 1

Header 2

Becomes

Plain text

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

italics and *italics*

bold and **bold**

superscript²

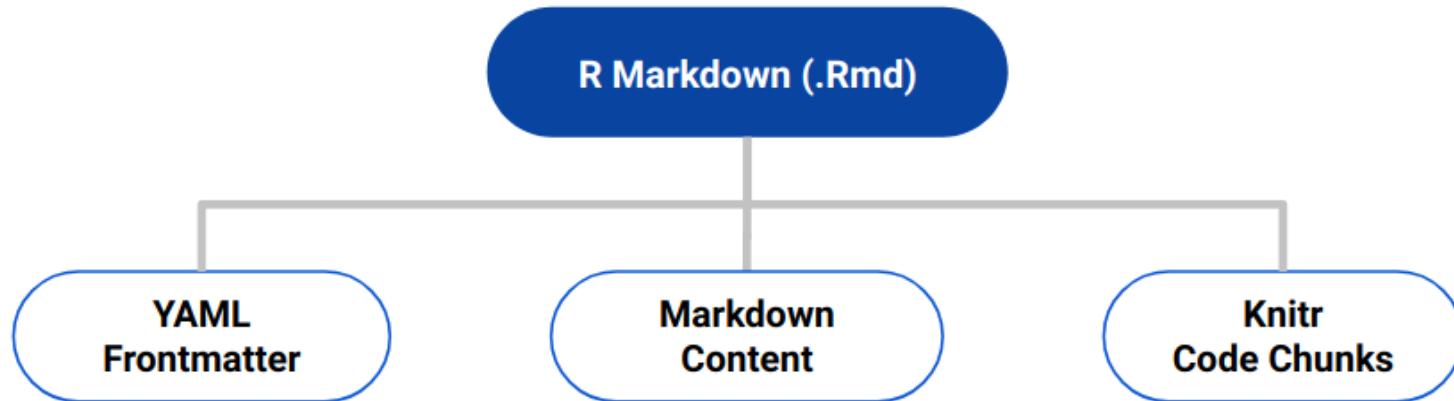
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link

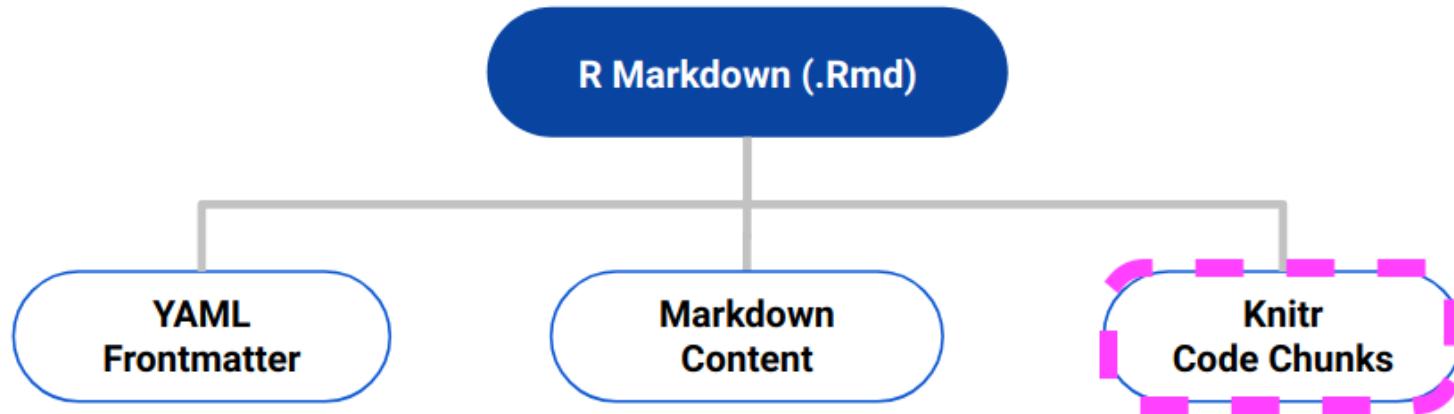
Header 1

Header 2

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Code, figures and tables

Embed code

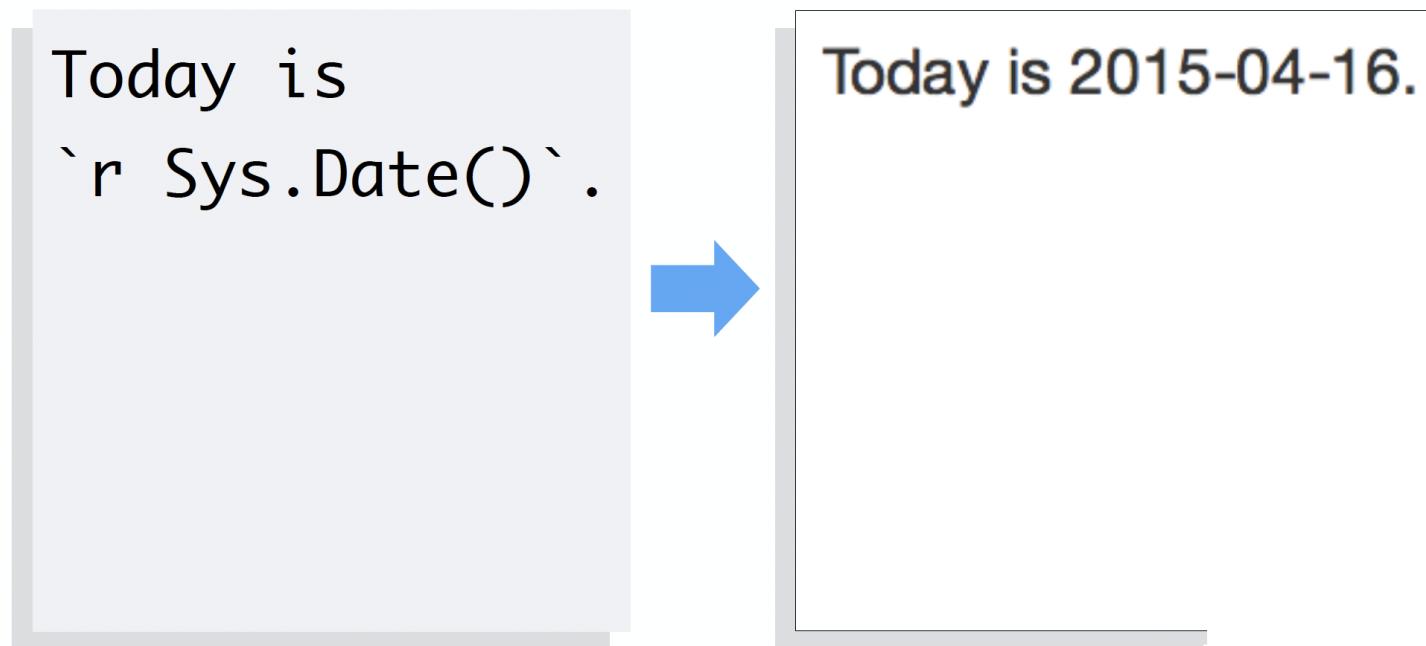
- Insert chunk of R code
- R Markdown runs code and includes results.

```
```{r}  
some code
```

```
```
```

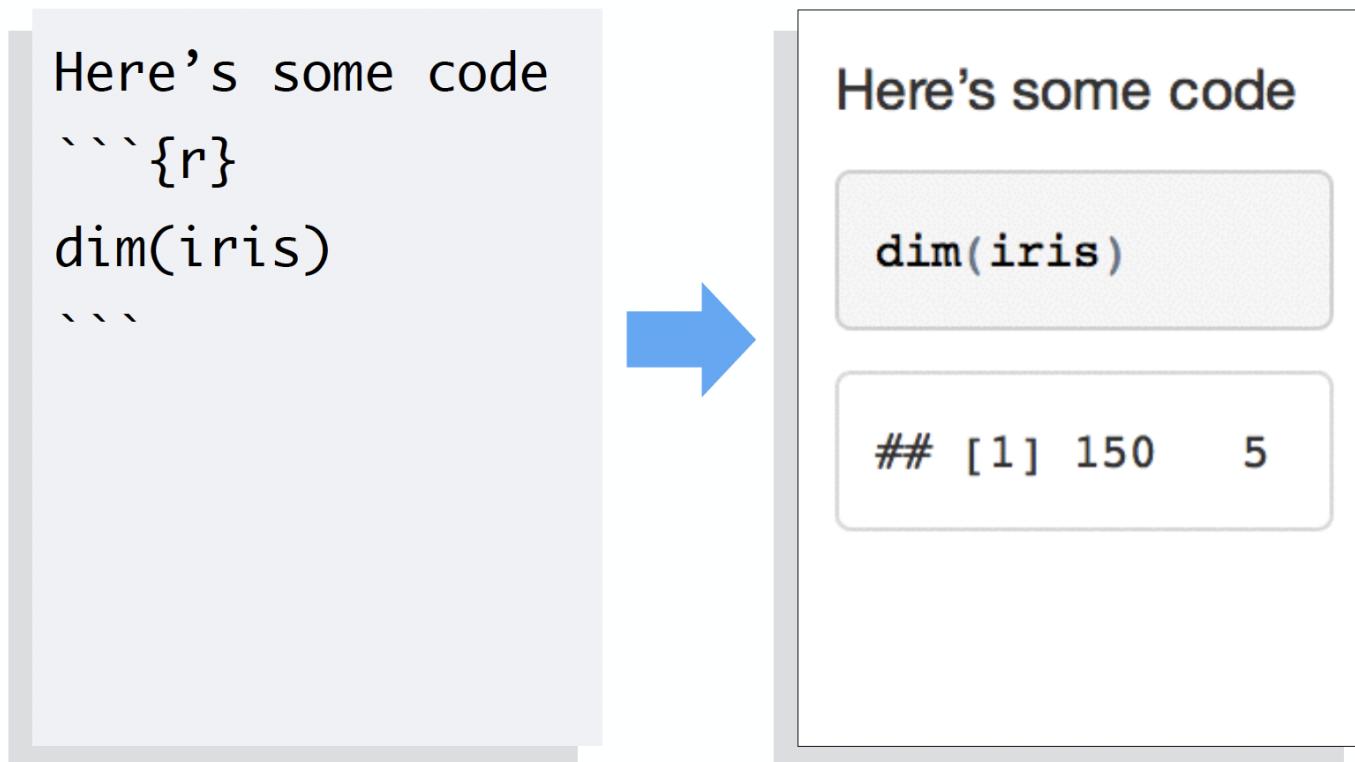
Inline code

- Place code in a sentence with
- R Markdown replaces code with results



Chunk options

- By default, R markdown includes both code and results



echo

- Add options between brackets after r.
- echo = FALSE hides code.

```
Here's some code  
```{r echo=FALSE}  
dim(iris)
```
```



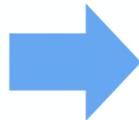
Here's some code

```
## [1] 150    5
```

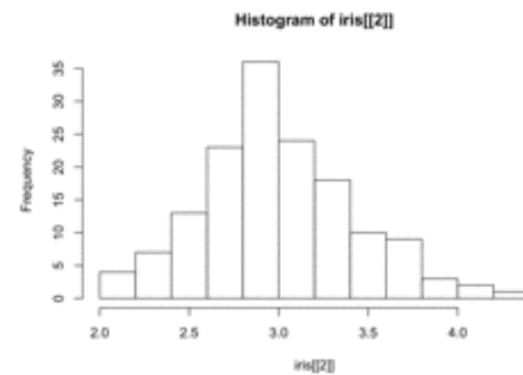
echo

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```
Here's a plot  
```{r echo=FALSE}  
hist(iris[[2]])
```
```



Here's a plot

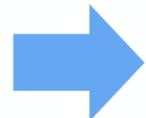


eval

- eval = FALSE prevents code from being run
- No results is displayed, only code

Here's some code

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dim(iris)
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fig.height, fig.width

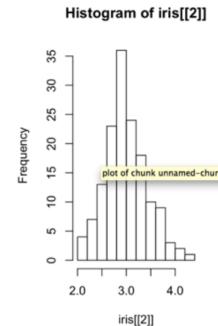
- Specify dimension of plots (in inches) with `fig.width` and `fig.height`
- Separate multiple arguments with commas.

Here's a plot

```
```{r echo=FALSE, fig.width=3, fig.height=5}
hist(iris[[2]])
```
```



Here's a plot



message

message= TRUE

- message = TRUE allows messages to appear in output

```
library(ape)
```

```
##  
## Attaching package: 'ape'  
  
## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':  
##  
##     where
```

message

message= FALSE

- message = FALSE prevents messages appearing in output

```
library(ape)
```

message

- message = FALSE prevents messages from appearing in output

```
Here's some code  
```{r message=FALSE}  
library(forecast)
```
```



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Default chunk options

- Repeating chunk options can be painful
- If you have `echo = FALSE` in every single chunk, how to set the default chunk option to `echo = FALSE` ?
- Use `knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = FALSE)`
- You may overwrite the default for each chunk
- For chunk options, check out <https://yihui.name/knitr/options/>

Cache time-consuming code chunks

- When you time-consuming calculations (simulations, Bayes stuff), and/or a looooong document
- Use `cache = TRUE` in all chunks or the chunk that takes long to compile
- Skip execution if executed before and nothing has changed since then
- If you do modifications to the cached chunk(s), previous cache will be automatically invalidated, and new cache is built

Including tables

```
# cars is a built-in-to-R data set of cars
# and their stopping distances
cars %>%
  head(5) %>%
  knitr::kable(format = "html", caption = "A kable table")
```

| A kable
table | |
|------------------|------|
| speed | dist |
| 4 | 2 |
| 4 | 10 |
| 7 | 4 |
| 7 | 22 |
| 8 | 16 |

- The `kable` package is often used with the `kableExtra` package
- A number of other packages are available for making pretty tables, see rmarkdown.rstudio.com

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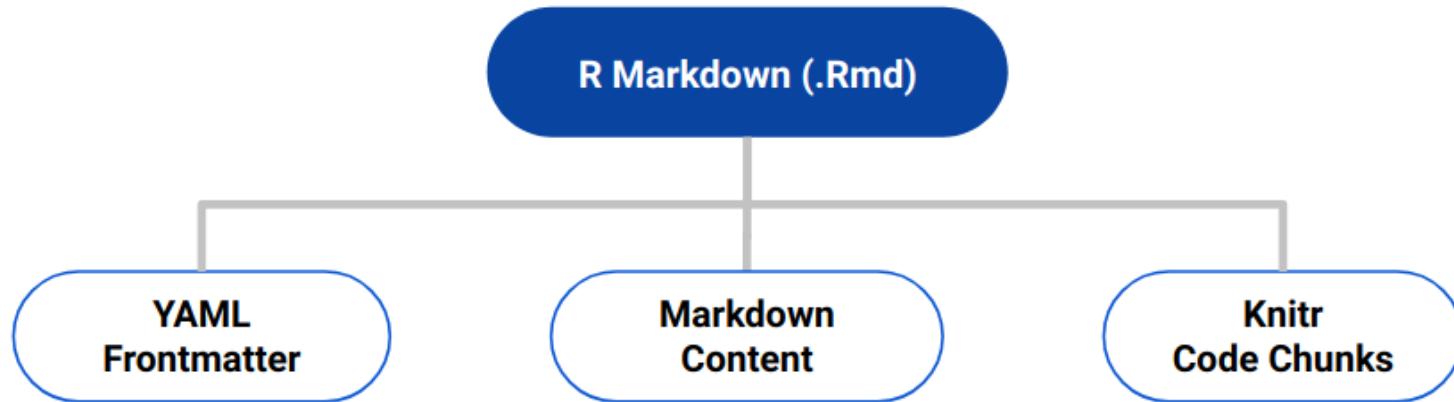
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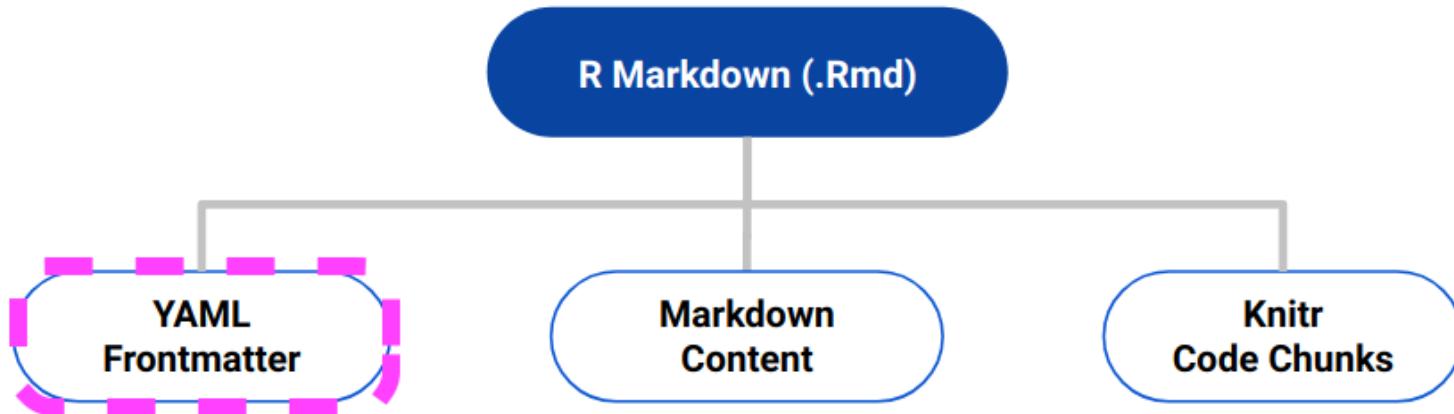
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| Syntax | Becomes |
|---|---|
| <p>Make a code chunk with three back ticks followed by an r in braces. End the chunk with three back ticks:</p> <pre>```{r} paste("Hello", "World!") ```</pre> | <p>Make a code chunk with three back ticks followed by an r in braces. End the chunk with three back ticks:</p> <pre>paste("Hello", "World!")</pre>
<pre>## [1] "Hello World!"</pre> |
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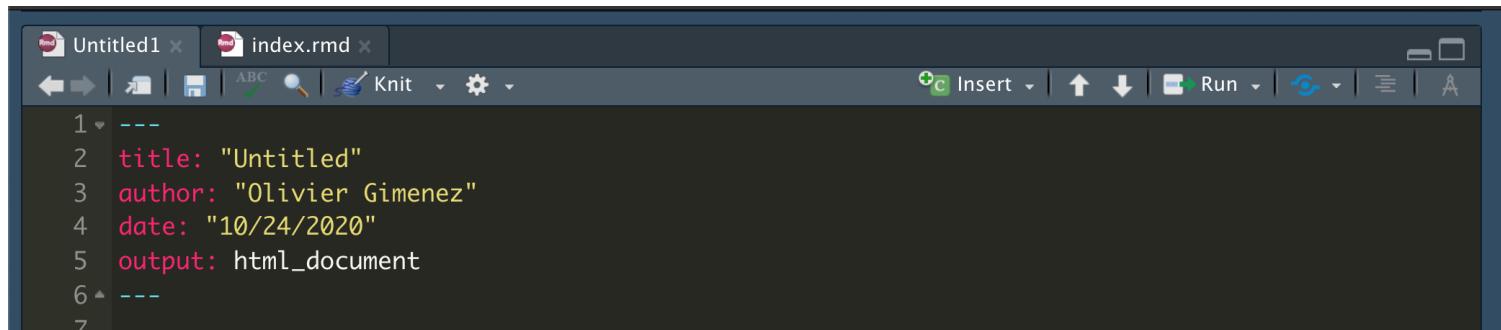


YAML Yet Another Markup Language

YAML in brief

- Contains the metadata of the document
- Starts and ends by three dashes
- Comes first in the document

Simplest example



The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with two tabs open: "Untitled1" and "index.rmd". The "index.rmd" tab is active. The code in the editor is:

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4 date: "10/24/2020"  
5 output: html_document  
6 ---  
7
```

The interface includes a toolbar with icons for back, forward, search, and knit, along with standard window controls.

Output formats

Untitled

Olivier Gimenez

10/25/2020

R Markdown

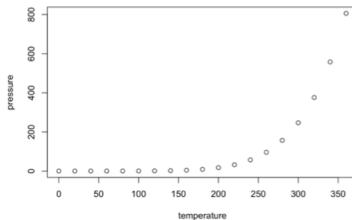
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Including Plots



html

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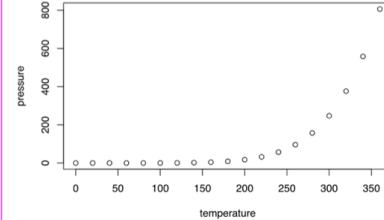
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pdf

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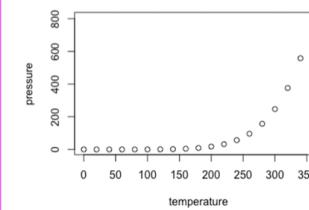
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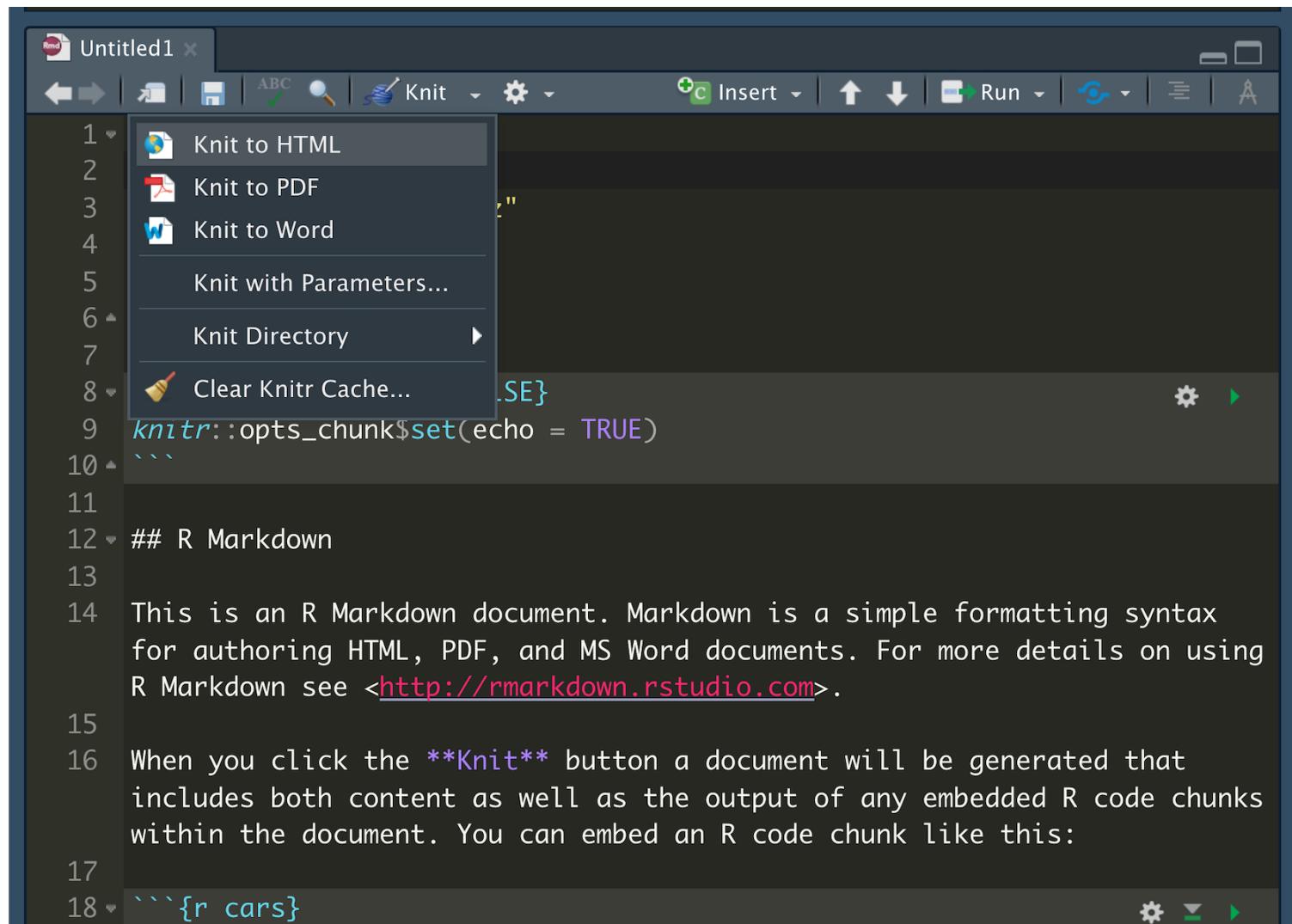


docx

Knit



Output formats



The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the title bar "Untitled1". The "Knit" button in the toolbar is highlighted. A dropdown menu is open under the "Knit" button, listing options: "Knit to HTML", "Knit to PDF", "Knit to Word", "Knit with Parameters...", "Knit Directory", and "Clear Knitr Cache...". The "Knit to HTML" option is currently selected. Below the menu, the R Markdown code editor displays the following content:

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Appearance and style

- In HTML output, you can use theme or a custom .css style sheet
- theme options (bootswatch.com) : “cerulean”, “journal”, “flatly”, “darkly”, “readable”, “spacelab”, “united”, “cosmo”, “lumen”, “paper”, “sandstone”, “simplex”, “yeti”
- You may also use LaTeX templates with R Markdown, and write [reproducible scientific paper](#)
- You can also [use Word templates in R Markdown](#) (see also [this short video](#))

Managing bibliography

1. Put references in a plain text file with the extension **.bib**, in **BibTex** format (People's advice: use [Zotero](#), my own advice use [Mendeley](#))

```
@article{Shea2014,
  author = {Shea, Nicholas and Boldt, Annika},
  journal = {Trends in Cognitive Sciences},
  pages = {186–193},
  title = {{Supra-personal cognitive control}},
  volume = {18},
  year = {2014},
  doi = {10.1016/j.tics.2014.01.006},
}
```

2. Reference this file in your YAML header

```
---
title: "Citation test"
bibliography: example.bib
output: html_document
---
```

Citations

3. In your text, citations go inside brackets and separated by semicolons

This...

Blah blah [@Shea2014;
@Lottridge2012].

turns into this...

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Blah blah [see @Shea2014, pp. 33-35;
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- Add e.g `csl: my-style.csl` in the YAML header to change to other formats
- Browse through and download styles at zotero.org/styles

Citations

For an easy way to insert citations, try the `citr` RStudio add-in.

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| word_document | author: "John Doe" | output: | output: pdf_document | output: |
| md_document | date: "May 1, 2015" | html_document: | fontsize: 11pt | slidy_presentation: |
| ioslides_presentation | output: md_document | toc: true | geometry: margin=1in | incremental: true |
| slidy_presentation | --- | toc_depth: 2 | --- | runtime: shiny |
| beamer_presentation | --- | --- | --- | --- |

Rmarkdown

TEXT. CODE. OUTPUT.
(GET IT TOGETHER, PEOPLE.)



What else can we reproduce with R Markdown?

Let's have a tour

R Markdown from R Studio

Gallery

Check out the range of outputs and formats you can create using R Markdown.

Documents

With R Markdown, you write a single .Rmd file and then use it to render finished output in a variety of forms:

Great NYT Interactive -- Now Reusable with rCharts

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A Pandoc Markdown Article Starter and Template*

Steven Y. Miller | [Connecticut](#)

This document generates an article in R Markdown, aspire for its benefits, and presents a sample manuscript template intended for its academic audience. I include basic syntax in R Markdown and a minimal working example of how the `knitr::knit()` function can be utilized within R with the `knitr` package.

[Knitr](#) [pandoc](#), [knitr](#), [rmarkdown](#), [knit](#)

Introduction

Academic writing, especially in political science, is an oxymoron. The American Journal of Political Theory (AJPT) demands a rigorously “drier than water” academic style while academic scholars are notoriously scrappy in publications as the journal must hand over the raw code and data that produced the results shown in the manuscripts. The *Journal of American Politics* (JAP) then reproduces the code from the manuscripts. Pending successful publication, the manuscript receives rejected publication. The JAP’s critique of the state of this institution, and it is probably the most aggressive, requires political scientists, but other journals in one field have lagged; the print *Daily Review* is a notable exception (DRAFT) remains. Thus, as a bare minimum, requires uploading code. Some journals have mandated published articles have online appendices hosted by the author or its services like GitHub.

Here are workflow suggestions to the LaTeX contribution as well. Political science, for the



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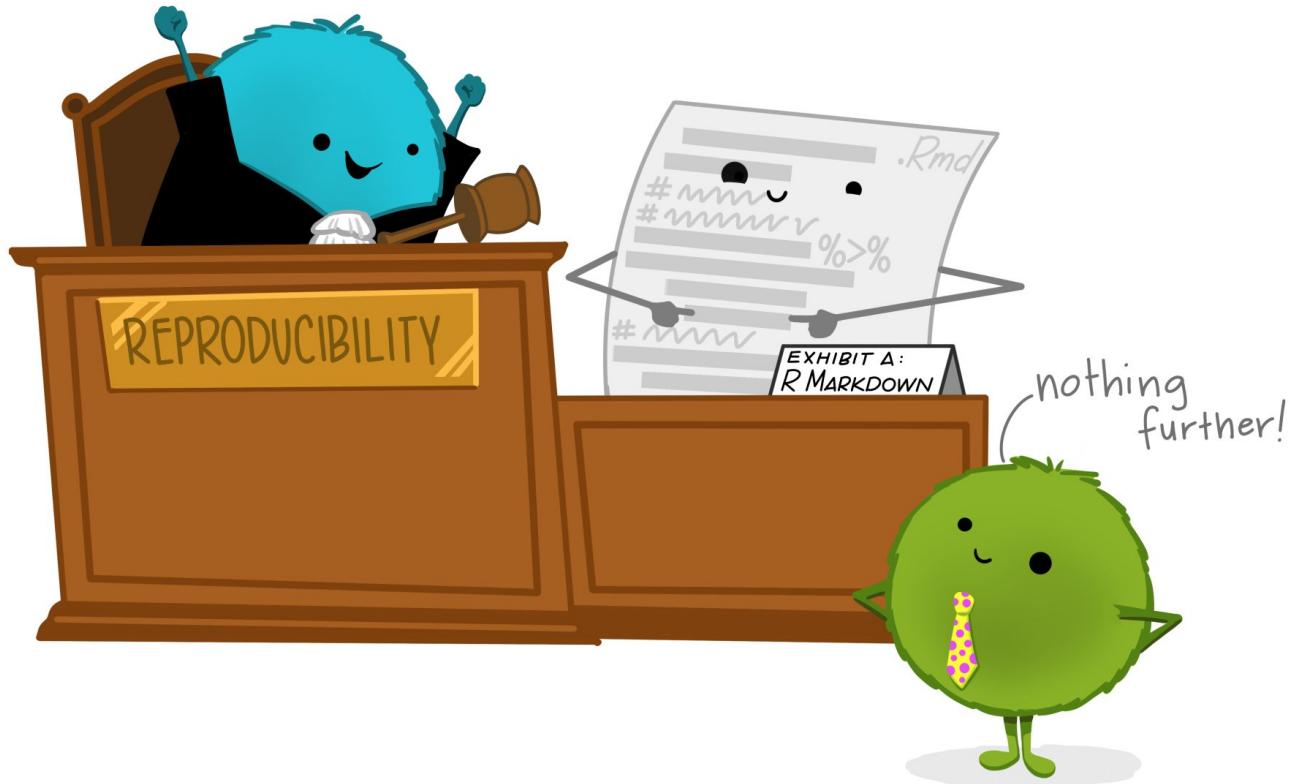
R Markdown gallery <https://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/gallery.html>

Websites

- Use package `blogdown` <https://bookdown.org/yihui/blogdown/>
- Customize with Hugo <https://themes.gohugo.io/>
- Deploy via GitHub pages or Netlify
- See a video tutorial [here](#)

Reproducibility and collective work

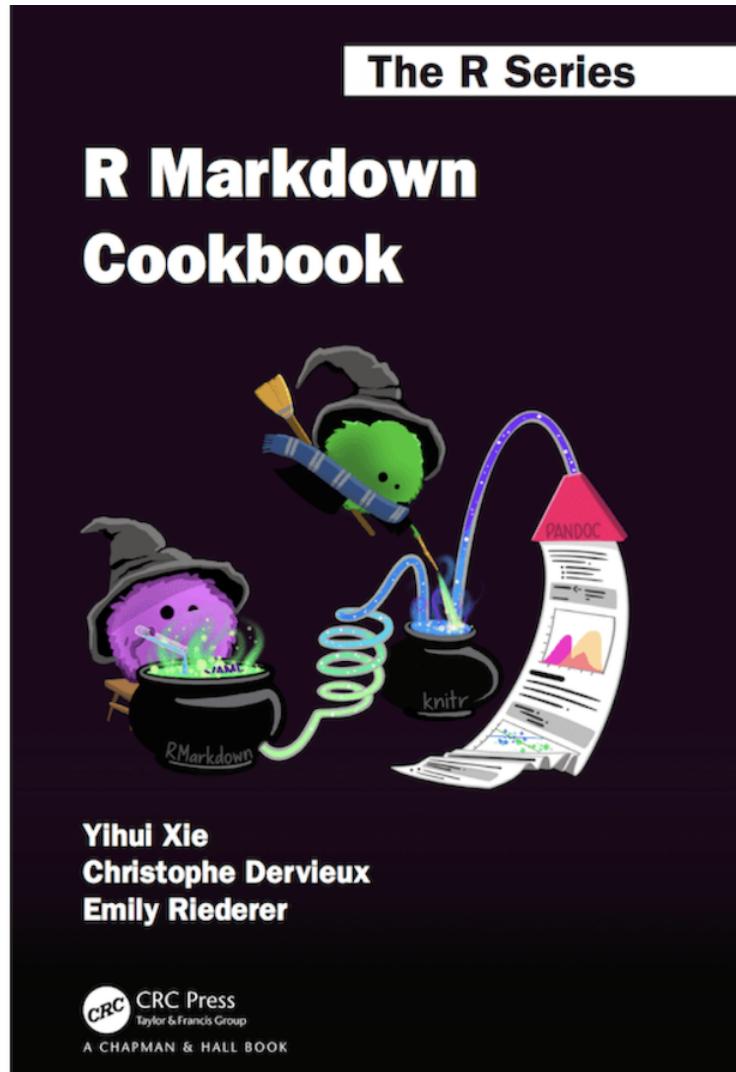
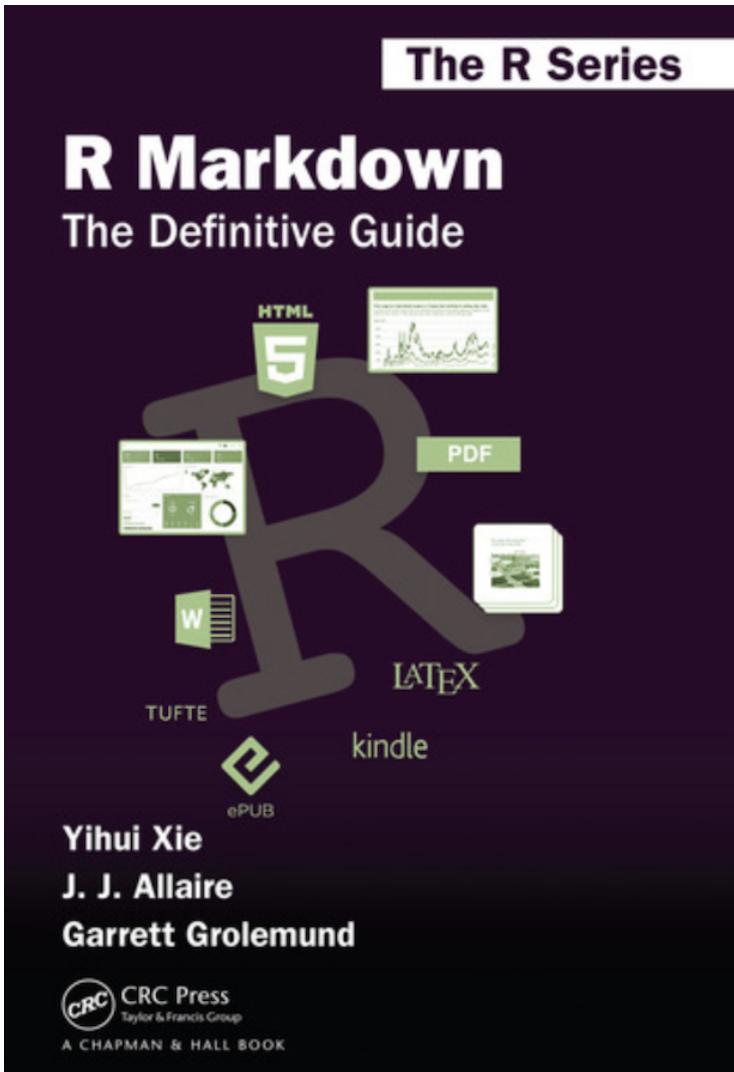
- How to work with Word using `redoc`: generate a Word document, revise the Word document, and convert the revised Word document back to R Markdown
- How to collaborate on Rmd documents with [Google Drive](#).



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To go further

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Thank you for listening!

Any questions now or email me at dossa@xtbg.org.cn

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