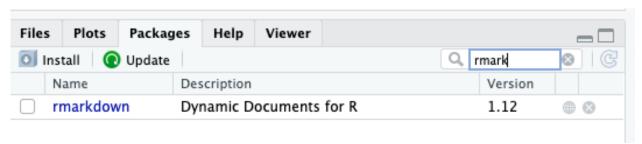
Step 1: Search your installed packages for rmarkdown. Delete any version besides version 1.12.



When you are done with this step there should only be one version of the rmarkdown package installed and it should be version 1.12



Step 2: Close out of your current R session by clicking the red "power" button in the upper right-hand corner of your screen. (Don't worry about saving anything it prompts you for, your documents are saved automatically.)



Step 3: Start a new R session by clicking on the new session button. Your previously opened documents will open automatically.



Step 4: Knit the template file and jump for joy! Otherwise proceed to Step 5.

Step 5: I really hope no one ends up here but if it still doesn't work for some reason, let me know ASAP.