R Markdown Cheat Sheet

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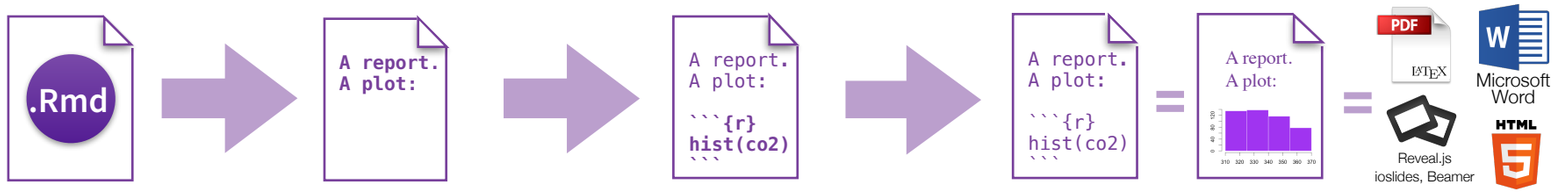
1. Workflow R Markdown is a format for writing reproducible, dynamic reports with R. Use it to embed R code and results into slideshows, pdfs, html documents, Word files and more. To make a report:

i. Open - Open a file that uses the .Rmd extension.

ii. Write - Write content with the easy to use R Markdown syntax

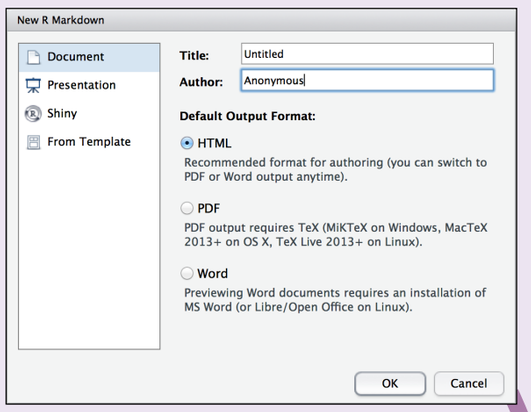
iii. Embed - Embed R code that creates output to include in the report

iv. Render - Replace R code with its output and transform the report into a slideshow, pdf, html or ms Word file.



2. Open File Start by saving a text file with the extension .Rmd, or open an RStudio Rmd template

- In the menu bar, click **File ▶ New File ▶ R Markdown…**
- A window will open. Select the class of output you would like to make with your .Rmd file
- Select the specific type of output to make with the radio buttons (you can change this later)
- Click OK



4. Choose Output Write a YAML header that explains what type of document to build from your R Markdown file.

YAML

A YAML header is a set of key: value pairs at the start of your file. Begin and end the header with a line of three dashes (- - -)

```
---
title: "Untitled"
author: "Anonymous"
output: html_document
---

This is the start of my
report. The above is metadata
saved in a YAML header.
```

The RStudio template writes the YAML header for you

The output value determines which type of file R will build from your .Rmd file (in Step 6)

output: html_document	html file (web page)
output: pdf_document	pdf document
output: word_document	Microsoft Word .docx
output: beamer_presentation	beamer slideshow (pdf)
output: ioslides_presentation	ioslides slideshow (html)

3. Markdown Next, write your report in plain text. Use markdown syntax to describe how to format text in the final report.

syntax

```
Plain text
End a line with two spaces to start a new paragraph.
*italics* and _italics_
**bold** and __bold__
superscript^2^
~~strikethrough~~
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# Header 1

## Header 2

### Header 3

#### Header 4

##### Header 5

###### Header 6

endash: --
emdash: ---
ellipsis: ...
inline equation: $A = \pi*r^{2}$
image: ![](path/to/smallorb.png)

horizontal rule (or slide break):

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> block quote

* unordered list
* item 2
    + sub-item 1
    + sub-item 2

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5. Embed Code Use knitr syntax to embed R code into your report. R will run the code and include the results when you render your report.

inline code

Surround code with back ticks and r.
R replaces inline code with its results.

```
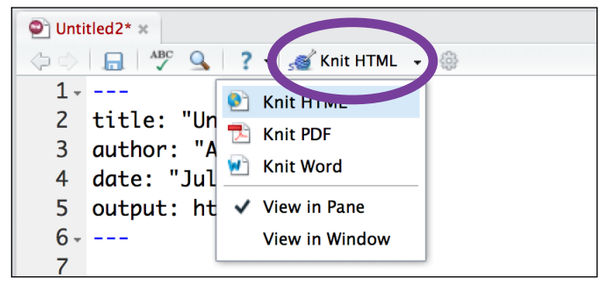
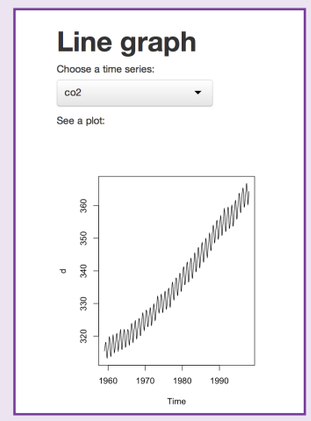
Two plus two
equals `r 2 + 2`.
```

▶ Two plus two equals 4.

code chunks

Start a chunk with ```{r}.
End a chunk with ```

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

▶ Here's some code

```
dim(iris)
```

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

display options

Use knitr options to style the output of a chunk.
Place options in brackets above the chunk.

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

▶ Here's some code

```
dim(iris)
```

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

▶ Here's some code

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

option	default	effect
eval	TRUE	Whether to evaluate the code and include its results
echo	TRUE	Whether to display code along with its results
warning	TRUE	Whether to display warnings
error	FALSE	Whether to display errors
message	TRUE	Whether to display messages
tidy	FALSE	Whether to reformat code in a tidy way when displaying it
results	"markup"	"markup", "asis", "hold", or "hide"
cache	FALSE	Whether to cache results for future renders
comment	"##"	Comment character to preface results with
fig.width	7	Width in inches for plots created in chunk
fig.height	7	Height in inches for plots created in chunk

For more details visit yihui.name/knitr/

6. Render Use your .Rmd file as a blueprint to build a finished report.

Render your report in one of two ways

1. Run **rmarkdown::render("<file path>")**
2. Click the **knit HTML** button at the top of the RStudio scripts pane



When you render, R will

- execute each embedded code chunk and insert the results into your report
- build a new version of your report in the output file type
- open a preview of the output file in the viewer pane
- save the output file in your working directory

7. Interactive Docs Turn your report into an interactive Shiny document in 3 steps

1 Add **runtime: shiny** to the YAML header

```
---
title: "Line graph"
output: html_document
runtime: shiny
---
```

2 In the code chunks, add Shiny **input** functions to embed widgets. Add Shiny **render** functions to embed reactive output

```
---
title: "Line graph"
output: html_document
runtime: shiny
---

Choose a time series:
```{r echo = FALSE}
selectInput("data", "",
  c("co2", "lh"))
```
See a plot:
```{r echo = FALSE}
renderPlot({
  d <- get(input$data)
  plot(d)
})
```
```

3 Render with **rmarkdown::run** or click **Run Document** in RStudio



* *Note: your report will be a Shiny app, which means you must choose an html output format, like* ***html_document*** *(for an interactive report) or* ***ioslides_presentation*** *(for an interactive slideshow).*

8. Publish Share your report where users can visit it online

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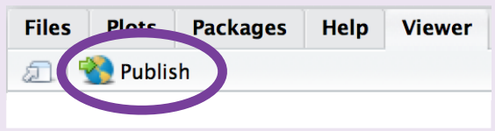
Share non-interactive documents on RStudio's free R Markdown publishing site
www.rpubs.com

ShinyApps.io

Host an interactive document on RStudio's server. Free and paid options
www.shinyapps.io

Click the "Publish" button in the RStudio preview window to publish to rpubs.com with one click.



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