

# R Markdown :: CHEAT SHEET

## What is R Markdown?

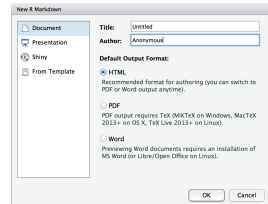


**.Rmd files** • An R Markdown (.Rmd) file is a record of your research. It contains the code that a scientist needs to reproduce your work along with the narration that a reader needs to understand your work.

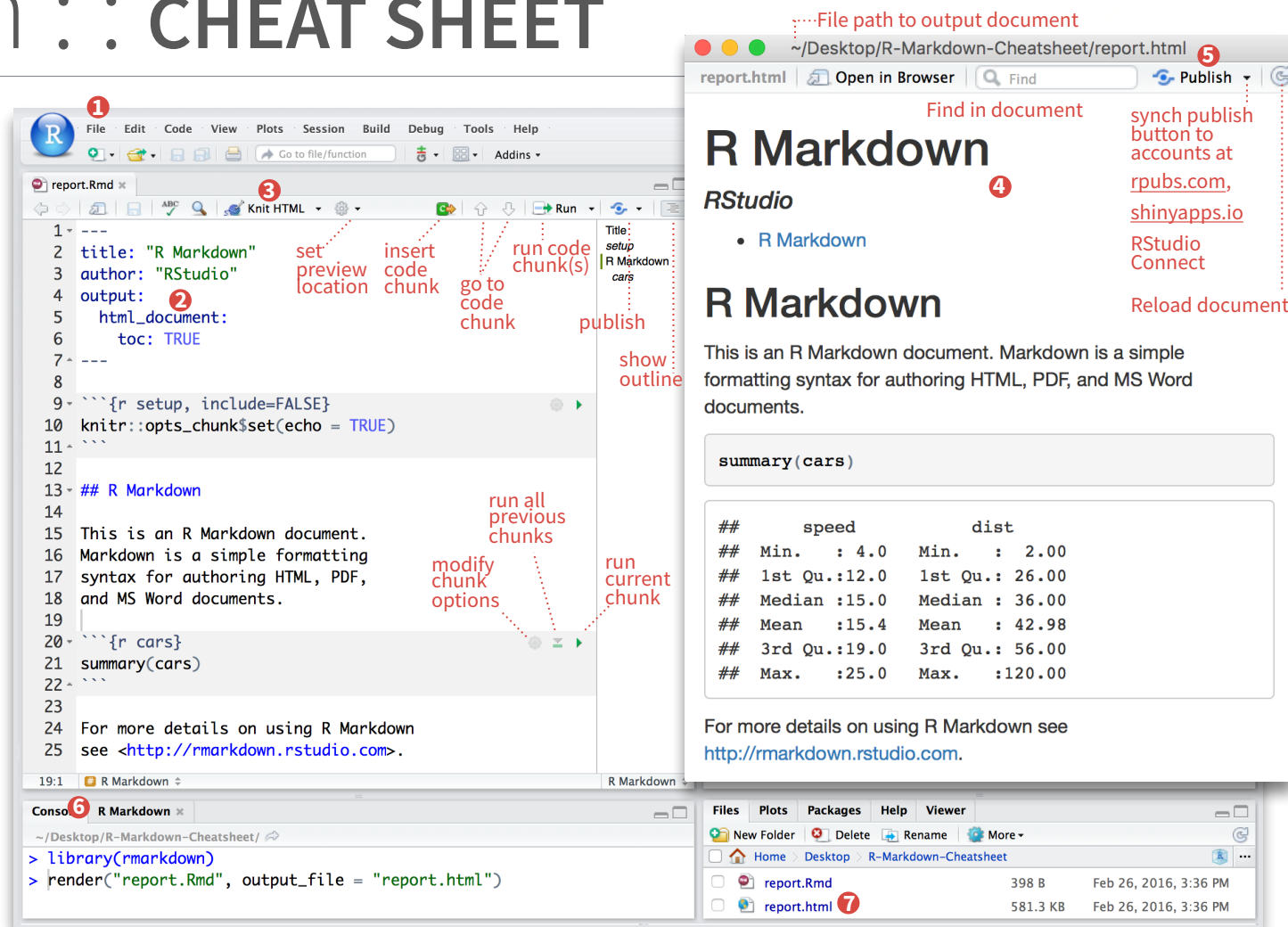
**Reproducible Research** • At the click of a button, or the type of a command, you can rerun the code in an R Markdown file to reproduce your work and export the results as a finished report.

**Dynamic Documents** • You can choose to export the finished report in a variety of formats, including html, pdf, MS Word, or RTF documents; html or pdf based slides, Notebooks, and more.

## Workflow



- 1 **Open a new .Rmd file** at File ► New File ► R Markdown. Use the wizard that opens to pre-populate the file with a template
- 2 **Write document** by editing template
- 3 **Knit document to create report**; use knit button or `render()` to knit
- 4 **Preview Output** in IDE window
- 5 **Publish** (optional) to web server
- 6 **Examine build log** in R Markdown console
- 7 **Use output file** that is saved along side .Rmd



## render

Use `rmarkdown::render()` to render/knit at cmd line. Important args:

**input** - file to render  
**output\_format**

**output\_options** - List of render options (as in YAML)

**output\_file**  
**output\_dir**

**params** - list of params to use

**envir** - environment to evaluate code chunks in

**encoding** - of input file

## Embed code with knitr syntax

### INLINE CODE

Insert with ``r <code>``. Results appear as text without code.

Built with ``r getRversion()`` ➔ Built with 3.2.3

### CODE CHUNKS

One or more lines surrounded with ````${r}````. Place chunk options within curly braces, after `r`. Insert with

```
```${r}echo=TRUE`  
getRversion()  
```${r}```
```

```
getRversion()  
## [1] '3.2.3'
```

### GLOBAL OPTIONS

Set with `knitr::opts_chunk$set()`, e.g.

```
```${r}include=FALSE`  
knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = TRUE)  
```${r}```
```

### IMPORTANT CHUNK OPTIONS

**cache** - cache results for future knits (default = FALSE)

**cache.path** - directory to save cached results in (default = "cache/")

**child** - file(s) to knit and then include (default = NULL)

**collapse** - collapse all output into single block (default = FALSE)

**comment** - prefix for each line of results (default = '##')

**dependson** - chunk dependencies for caching (default = NULL)

**echo** - Display code in output document (default = TRUE)

**engine** - code language used in chunk (default = 'R')

**error** - Display error messages in doc (TRUE) or stop render when errors occur (FALSE) (default = FALSE)

**eval** - Run code in chunk (default = TRUE)

**fig.align** - 'left', 'right', or 'center' (default = 'default')

**fig.cap** - figure caption as character string (default = NULL)

**fig.height**, **fig.width** - Dimensions of plots in inches

**highlight** - highlight source code (default = TRUE)

**include** - Include chunk in doc after running (default = TRUE)

**message** - display code messages in document (default = TRUE)

**results** (default = 'markup')  
'asis' - passthrough results

'hide' - do not display results

'hold' - put all results below all code

**tidy** - tidy code for display (default = FALSE)

**warning** - display code warnings in document (default = TRUE)

Options not listed above: `R.options`, `aniopts`, `autodep`, `background`, `cache.comments`, `cache.lazy`, `cache.rebuild`, `cache.vars`, `dev`, `dev.args`, `dpi`, `engine.opts`, `engine.path`, `fig.asp`, `fig.env`, `fig.ext`, `fig.keep`, `fig.lp`, `fig.path`, `fig.pos`, `fig.process`, `fig.retina`, `fig.scap`, `fig.show`, `fig.showtext`, `fig.subcap`, `interval`, `out.extra`, `out.height`, `out.width`, `prompt`, `purl`, `ref.label`, `render`, `size`, `split`, `tidy.opts`



## .rmd Structure

rmarkdown

### YAML Header

Optional section of render (e.g. pandoc) options written as key:value pairs (YAML).

At start of file

Between lines of ---

### Text

Narration formatted with markdown, mixed with:

### Code Chunks

Chunks of embedded code. Each chunk:

Begins with ````${r}````

ends with ````${r}````

R Markdown will run the code and append the results to the doc.

It will use the location of the .Rmd file as the **working directory**

## Parameters

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

```
---  
params:  
  n: 100  
  d: !r Sys.Date()  
---
```

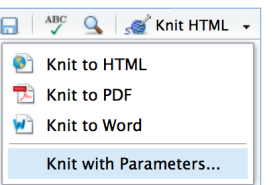
1. **Add parameters** • Create and set parameters in the header as sub-values of params

2. **Call parameters** • Call parameter values in code as `params$<name>`

3. **Set parameters** • Set values with Knit with parameters or the params argument of `render()`:

```
render("doc.Rmd", params = list(n = 1,  
d = as.Date("2015-01-01")))
```

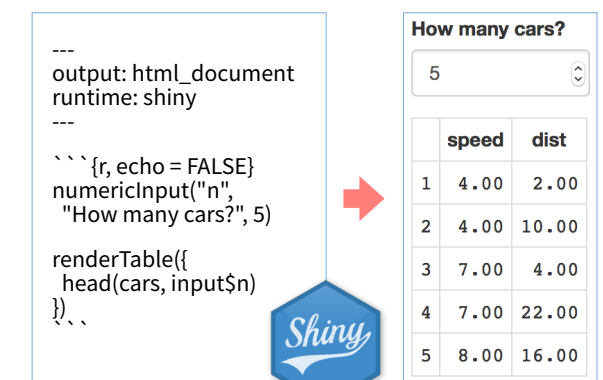
Today's date  
is `!r params$d`



## Interactive Documents

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 w `rmarkdown::run` or click Run Document in RStudio IDE



Embed a complete app into your document with `shiny::shinyAppDir()`

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