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Advanced R Part I

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Course Schedule

Daily agenda:

- 9:30-10:40 Session
- 10-minute break
- 10:50-12:00 Session
- 12:00-1:15 Lunch
- 1:15-2:25 Session
- 10-minute break
- 2:35-3:45 Session

What do we want to be able to do?

- Communicate findings effectively
- Document findings
- Make process reproducible
- Share process

Where do we start?

- R Markdown Basics
 - Code Chunks
 - Images/Equations/Misc.
- R Markdown Options
 - Documents: PDF, HTML
 - Presentations: Slides
 - Interactive Components
- R Shiny Applications/Presentations

RStudio

Nice functionality for

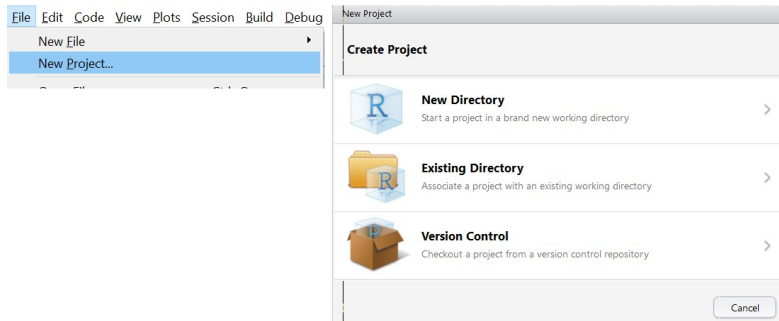
- Markdown
- Shiny
- Databases
- Git/Github

RStudio - Project

- Often have many files associated with each analysis
- Keeping different undertakings separate can be difficult!
- Can use "Project" feature in R Studio
- Provides straightforward way to divide your work into multiple contexts. Each with their own:
 - Working directory
 - Workspace
 - History
 - Source documents

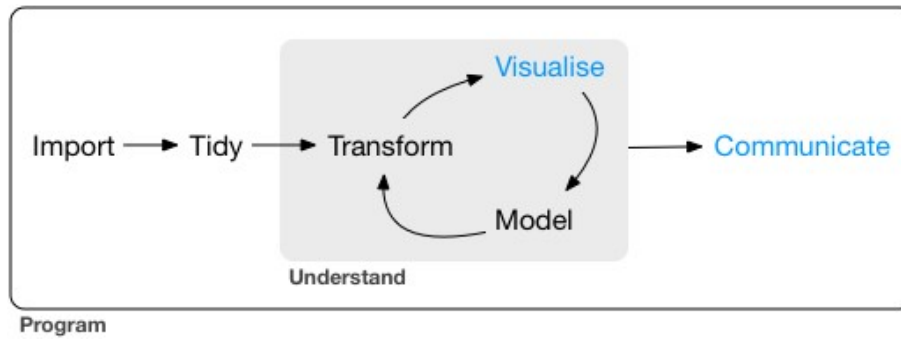
R Studio - Project

- Easy to create!



- Can save workspace, etc. and pick up right where you left off!
- Let's create one for today!
- Place the [TextActivityPlainText.Rmd](#) file in the project folder

R Markdown Basics



(From R for Data Science)

R Markdown Basics

- Can read data into R
- Ability to manipulate it
- Likely know best ways to model and visualize it
- Doesn't matter how great your analysis is unless you can explain it to others :)
- Need to communicate results effectively

(Traditional) Basic Use of R

- Usually want to keep code for later use
- Write code in a 'script'
- Save code script
- Send lines of code to console via:
 - "Run" button (runs current line)
 - CTRL+Enter (PC) or Command+Enter (MAC)
 - Highlight section and do above

Using a Notebook Instead

- Communication and reproducibility vital!
- May have heard of [JUPYTER](#) notebooks
- R Markdown - built in notebook for R studio
- [Intro video](#)

R Markdown Basics

What is Markdown?

- Formatting syntax for authoring HTML, PDF, slide shows, books, and more.
- Digital "Notebook": Program that weaves word processing and code. [Example](#)

Designed to be used in three ways (R for Data Science)

- Communicating to decision makers (focus on conclusions not code)
- Collaborating with other data scientists (including future you!)
- As environment to do data science (documents what you did and what you were thinking)
- [Examples](#) of markdown documents

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- Markdown is a specific markup language
 - Easier syntax
 - Not as powerful
- Any plain text file with .Rmd extension can be used

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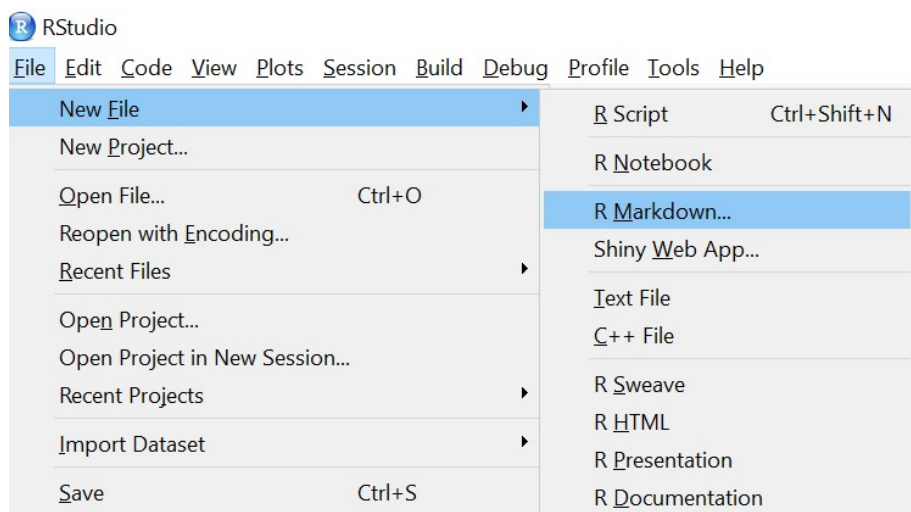
R Markdown file contains three important types of content:

1. (Optional) YAML header surrounded by `---`
2. Chunks of R code surrounded by `` `` ``
3. Text mixed with simple text formatting like `#` heading and *italics*

R Markdown Basics

Creating an R Markdown Document

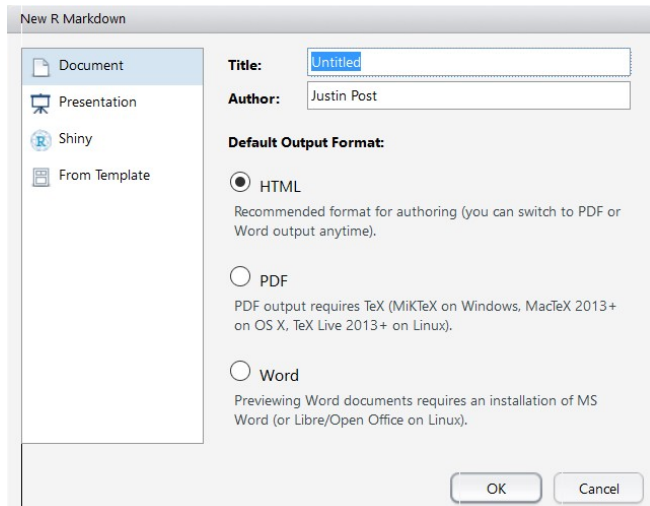
- R Studio makes it easy!



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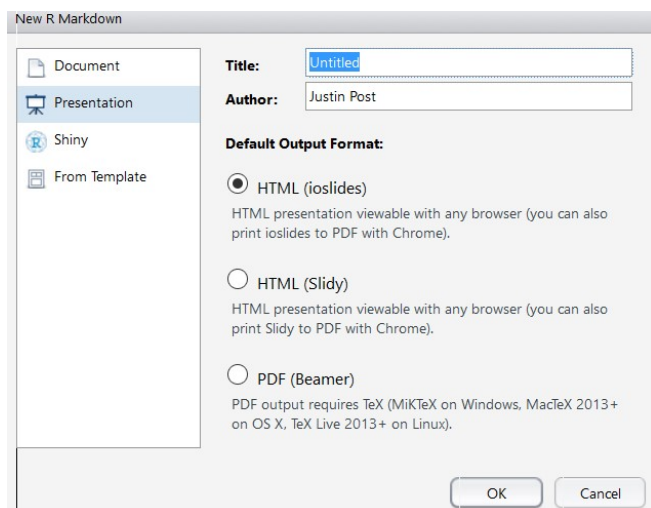
- Commonly used document types can be created



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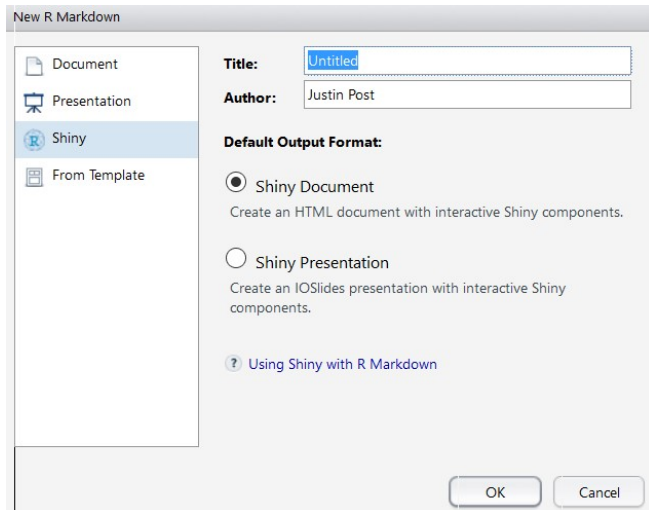
- Slide presentations



R Markdown Basics

Creating an R Markdown Document

- Truly Interactive Documents/Pages (requires R backend)



R Markdown Basics

- Create an HTML Markdown document!

```
---  
title: "Untitled"  
author: "Justin Post"  
date: "August 10, 2017"  
output: html_document  
---
```

- Top section: YAML header
- Define settings for document
- Author, Title, etc.
- Output type/Options

R Markdown Basics

- Below YAML header: 'r chunk'

```
```{r ggplot,eval=FALSE}
select(iris, Sepal.width)
ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.width, y = Sepal.Length)) +
geom_point()
```
```

- Start code chunk by typing ````{r}``` out or with CTRL/CMD + Alt + I
- Code will be executed when document is created
- Can specify options on individual code chunks

R Markdown Basics

- Below code chunk is plain text with markdown syntax

```
## R Markdown
```

This is an R Markdown document. Markdown is a simple formatting syntax for authoring HTML, PDF, and MS Word documents. For more details on using R Markdown see <http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com>.

When you click the **Knit** button a document will be generated that includes both content as well as the output of any embedded R code chunks within the document.

- When file created, "##" becomes a header, "<...>" a link, and **Knit** bold font

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Where do we go from here?

- Figure out markdown syntax
- Look at "Notebook" feature
- Check options for code chunks
- Change type of output
- Work with interactivity (shiny)

R Markdown Syntax Can Include...

- Plain text
- End a line with two spaces to start a new paragraph
 - Line breaks are not always added when you return!
 - Two spaces and a return drop marked up text down.
 - Can specify `
` as a line break
- **italics** *and* _italics_
- ****bold**** **and** __bold__
- `superscript^2^` becomes superscript²
- `~~strikethrough~~` becomes ~~strikethrough~~
- Modify text in your .Rmd file and click Knit -> Knit to HTML (at the top)

R Markdown Syntax

- `[link]` (`https://www.rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/rmarkdown-reference.pdf`) becomes [link](https://www.rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/rmarkdown-reference.pdf)
- `# Header 1` becomes a large font header
- `## Header 2` becomes a slightly smaller font header
- Goes to 6 headers
- Use of headers can automatically create a Table of Contents!
- Include an image: `![] (path/to/file.png)`
- ``code`` becomes `code`
- Modify text in your `.Rmd` file and click Knit -> Knit to HTML (at the top)

R Markdown Syntax

- Can do lists: be sure to end each line with two spaces!
- Indent sub lists two spaces (I often do four for both)

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

```
1. ordered list
2. item 2
  + sub-item 1
  + sub-item 2
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R Markdown Syntax

- Can customize things if you know HTML (a little)

```
<div style = "float: left; width: 50%">
```

```
* unordered list
```

```
</div>
```

```
<div style = "float: right; width: 50%">
```

- unordered list

```
</div>
```

R Markdown Syntax

- Can include nice tables

```
Table Header | Second Header | Col 3
-----
Table Cell   | Cell (1, 2)   | Cell (1, 3)
Cell (2, 1)  | Cell (2, 2)   | Cell (2, 3)
```

Table Header	Second Header	Col 3
Table Cell	Cell (1, 2)	Cell (1, 3)
Cell (2, 1)	Cell (2, 2)	Cell (2, 3)

- Add a list and a table in your .Rmd file and click Knit -> Knit to HTML (at the top)

Activity

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Code Chunks

We've already seen how to include an R code chunk:

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```
```

- Add chunk via typing

```
```{r}
code
```
```
- or `Ctrl/Cmd + Alt + I`
- Any R code can go into the chunk
- Code can be added in line: Ex: Iris has 150 observations
- Added by beginning with back-tick `r` and ending with a back-tick: Iris has ``r``
`length(iris$Sepal.Length)``

Notebook Functionality

Data science notebook - virtual notebook environment used for literate programming

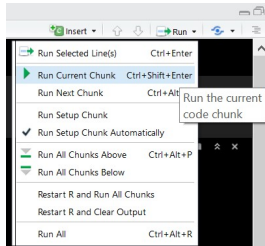
- Pairs the functionality of word processing software with a programming language
- R Markdown brings together the console and the script editor too!
- Rendered markdown document captures R code and process

[NHL Example html](#), [NHL Example Rmd](#)

Notebook Functionality

Within a chunk:

- Execute code with `Cmd/Ctrl + Shift + Enter` or with "Run"



- Results show up in editor!

Notebook Functionality

- Allows for quick iteration within a chunk: editing and re-executing - when you are happy, you move on and start a new chunk.
- Can run all code chunks with `Ctrl/Cmd + Alt + R`
- Can develop code and record your thoughts - similar to classic lab notebook in the physical sciences
- Go back to markdown template document, execute code chunk in-line and all code chunks. Add an inline code piece.

Back to Code Chunks

- Many options depending on chunk purpose!
- Can hide/show code with `echo = FALSE/TRUE`
- Can choose if code is evaluated with `eval = TRUE/FALSE`
- `Include = FALSE` is equivalent to `echo = FALSE, eval = TRUE`
- `message = TRUE/FALSE` and `warning = TRUE/FALSE` can turn on/off displaying messages/warnings
- `error = TRUE` allows file to be created with code that has an error

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For a higher up

```
opts_chunk$set(echo = FALSE, eval = TRUE, warning = FALSE)
```

For a collaborator

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Code Chunks

Can name code chunks to help organization!

- When calling a chunk, add name after `r`

```
` `{r name-of-chunk, options...}  
code  
` `
```

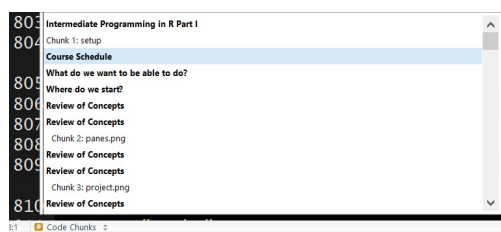

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- TOC type menu in bottom left of notebook editor!



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- Modify *global options* in `setup` R chunk after your YAML header. Make changes and see differences! (Local settings overwrite global.) (Add `library(tidyverse)` to a code chunk to have messages that would pop up!)

```
opts_chunk$set(cache = TRUE)
```

Images/Equations and Misc.

Adding images in markdown: `![] (path/to/file)`

- Not ideal... difficult to control size/scale
- Better way to add images use R code!
- `knitr` package has `include_graphics` function
- Use `knitr` or code chunk options to control size/scale!
- Ex:

```
```${r graphics, out.width = "800px", echo = FALSE}  
knitr::include_graphics(path/to/file)
```
```

Images/Equations and Misc.

Adding Equations

- Inline equation: $A = \pi * r^2$ becomes $A = \pi * r^2$
- Block equation $A = \pi * r^2$ becomes

$$A = \pi * r^2$$

- Outputting equations for HTML is done through MathJax (javascript)
- For PDFs it is done through LaTeX (may need to install)

Images/Equations and Misc.

Outputting data tables better with `kable` from `knitr` package

```
summary(cars)
```

| ## | speed | dist |
|----|--------------|----------------|
| ## | Min. : 4.0 | Min. : 2.00 |
| ## | 1st Qu.:12.0 | 1st Qu.: 26.00 |
| ## | Median :15.0 | Median : 36.00 |
| ## | Mean :15.4 | Mean : 42.98 |
| ## | 3rd Qu.:19.0 | 3rd Qu.: 56.00 |
| ## | Max. :25.0 | Max. :120.00 |

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Common Outputs

R Markdown really flexible!



Common Outputs

Change output type in the YAML header:

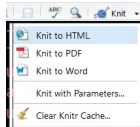
- HTML (a web page)

```
output: html_document
```

Use code explicitly:

```
rmarkdown::render("file.Rmd", output_format = "word_document")
```

Use Knit menu:



Common Outputs

For HTML can include Table of Contents with options

```
output:
  html_document:
    toc: true
    toc_float: true
```

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```

For html_documents another option is to make the code chunks hidden by default, but visible with a click:

```
output:
  html_document:
    code_folding: hide
```

Common Outputs

- PDF
- May want to install LaTeX for equations

output: pdf_document

Common Outputs

- PDF
- May want to install LaTeX for equations

output: pdf_document

- Word

output: word_document

- Go back to template, change output type and knit. Add [some HTML options](#) (careful to drop down lines and use spacing as done in documentation).

Common Outputs

Presentations/Slides (new slides with ##)

- `output: ioslides_presentation` - HTML presentation
- `slidy_presentation` - HTML presentation
- `beamer_presentation` - PDF presentation with LaTeX Beamer

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- Shiny (covered later) slides

```
runtime: shiny  
output: html_document
```

or

```
runtime: shiny  
output: ioslides_presentation
```

Interactivity

HTML documents inherently interactive

- Widgets can be included

```
library(leaflet)
leaflet() %>%
  setView(174.764, -36.877, zoom = 16) %>%
  addTiles() %>%
  addMarkers(174.764, -36.877, popup = "Maungawhau")
```

Interactivity

```
## Warning: package 'leaflet' was built under R version 3.5.3
```



[Leaflet](#)

Interactivity

Interactive tables with `DT` library

```
library(DT)
datatable(iris)
```

Interactivity

Interactivity

- 3d scatterplots with `rthreejs` package

```
if(!require("devtools")) install.packages("devtools")
devtools::install_github("bwlewis/rthreejs")

library(threejs)

scatterplot3js(x = iris$Sepal.Width, y = iris$Sepal.Length,
               z = iris$Petal.Width, color =
               c(rep("blue", 50), rep("red", 50),
                 rep("green", 50)),
               size = 0.5)
```

Interactivity

Interactivity

Previous interactivity happened in the browser

- Great because anyone can access with a browser
- Bad because you can't have as much functionality as you want...
- Shiny allows for interactivity with R!
- Only con: Requires R running somewhere
- Examples: [Shiny Showcase](#), [Shiny Gallery](#)

Creating PDFs

- Can change type of output to PDF
- Many [PDF options](#)
- Rendering to PDF can be a bit difficult to set up if you don't do latex
- Go through [this document](#) (we'll come help!) to set things up
- [Outputs and Interactivity Activity instructions](#) available on web

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Parameters (Advanced)

Parameters can be added to the YAML header

- Can help to automate reports!

```
title: "NFL Reports"
author: "Justin Post"
date: "August 2018"
output: html_document
params:
  team: "Pittsburgh Steelers"
```

- Access via `params$team`
- Can 'Knit with parameters'
- Example: Let's open up the [NFL.Rmd document](#)

Parameters (Advanced)

- Create data frame for each class (here team)

```
scoreData <- read_csv("https://github.com/jbpost2/
  IntermediateR/blob/master/datasets/scoresFull.csv?raw=true")

teamIDs <- unique(scoreData$awayTeam)
reports <- tibble(
  teamIDs = teamIDs,
  filename = paste0("TeamID-", teamIDs, ".html")
,
  params = lapply(teamIDs, FUN = function(x){list(team = x)})
)
```

Parameters (Advanced)

reports

```
## # A tibble: 32 x 3
##   teamIDs      filename      params
##   <chr>      <chr>      <list>
## 1 San Francisco 49ers TeamID-San Francisco 49ers.html <list [1]>
## 2 Minnesota Vikings  TeamID-Minnesota Vikings.html <list [1]>
## 3 New Orleans Saints TeamID-New Orleans Saints.html <list [1]>
## 4 New York Jets      TeamID-New York Jets.html <list [1]>
## 5 Arizona Cardinals TeamID-Arizona Cardinals.html <list [1]>
## # ... with 27 more rows
```

Parameters (Advanced)

Now knit via the following code:

```
reports %>%  
  select(output_file = filename, params) %>%  
  purrr::pwalk(rmarkdown::render, input = "NFL.Rmd")  
#pwalk applies the function render with the arguments given
```