

Control width of kable tables with kableExtra

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While `kable` can easily produce tables in RMarkdown reports, they are fairly generic and can be awkwardly wide.

```
mtcars %>%
  group_by(cyl) %>%
  count %>%
  kable()
```

	cyl	n
	4	11
	6	7
	8	14

`kableExtra` offers many formatting options not available in `kable`, but `kableExtra` can only work with *html formatted* tables generated by `kable`.

```
# Set your knitr table format as a global option for the file
options(knitr.table.format = "html")
```

Controlling “style width” can alter table width.

```
mtcars %>%
  group_by(cyl) %>%
  count %>%
  kable(align = "r", table.attr = "style='width:15%'")
```

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4	11
6	7
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`kableExtra::kable_styling` is super useful for controlling table width, font size, and many other features.

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	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
wt:cyl	0.81	0.33	2.47	0.02

^a You can add a footnote

Miscellaneous tips

You can set `knitr` tables to “html” as a global option (see first chunk) or per each table as in chunk below.

```
mtcars %>%
  group_by(cyl) %>%
  count %>%
  kable(format = "html", align = "r")
```

cyl n

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Adjusting chunk options does not change table format.

```
mtcars %>%
  group_by(cyl) %>%
  count %>%
  kable(align = "r")
```

cyl n

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References

Great website on kableExtra (http://haozhu233.github.io/kableExtra/awesome_table_in_html.html)