R Markdown

INFO 201

Today's Objectives

Practice working with a REST API

Consider the importance of generating dynamic reports

Learn how to build dynamic reports with **R Markdown**

Introduce the concept of **GitHub Branches**

API Review

REST APIs

Representational State Transfer APIs

Exposes data components

Transfers information with HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol)

Enables querying content over the web

The New York Times Developer Network

All the APIs Fit to POST

You already know that NYTimes.com is an unparalleled source of news and information. But now it's a premier source of data, too — why just read the news when you can hack it?

Getting Started

The Times Developer Network is our API clearinghouse and community. Here's how to get started:

- 1. Request an API key
- 2. Read the API documentation, FAQ and Terms of Use
- 3. Use the API Tool associated with each API to experiment without writing code

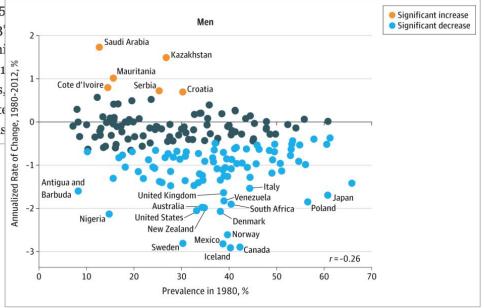
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Dynamic Reports

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How can we manage updating reports as our analysis changes?



Copy and paste!

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A way to generate dynamic reports

Perform analysis and build report in the same document

Allows you to populate text with values from your analysis

Seamlessly integrate text and graphics

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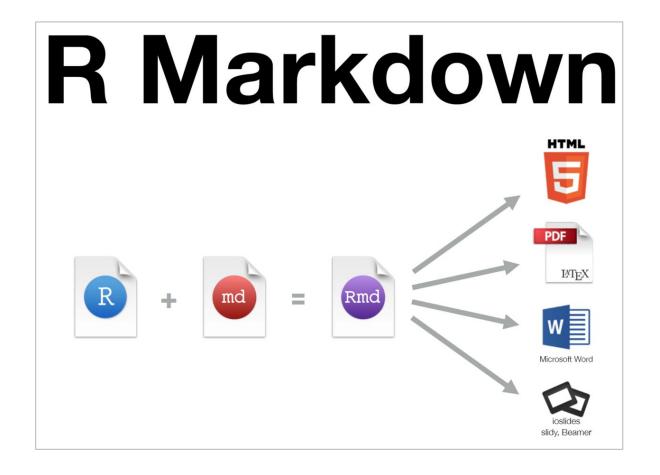
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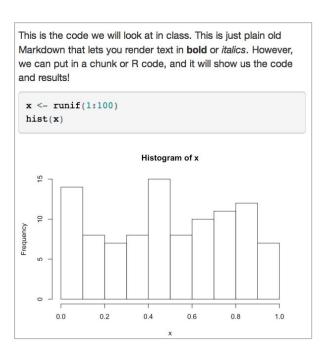
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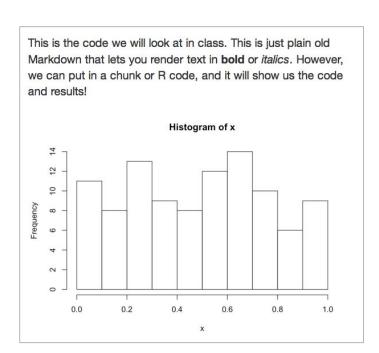
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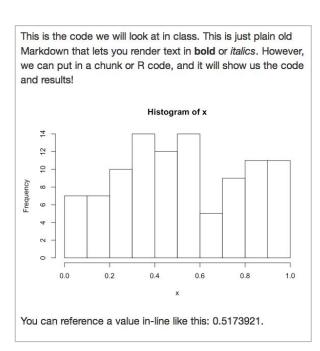
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x <- runif(1:100)
hist(x)
x.mean <- mean(x)

You can reference a value in-line like this: `r x.mean`.
```



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Git Branches

A branch in Git is a way of labeling a sequence of commits. You can create labels (branches) for different commits, and effectively have different "lines" of development occurring in parallel and diverging from each other.

Use of Branches

Allows parallel lines of development

Can focus on new features in a testing environment

Facilitates collaboration

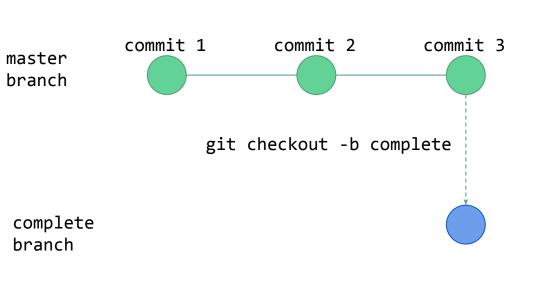
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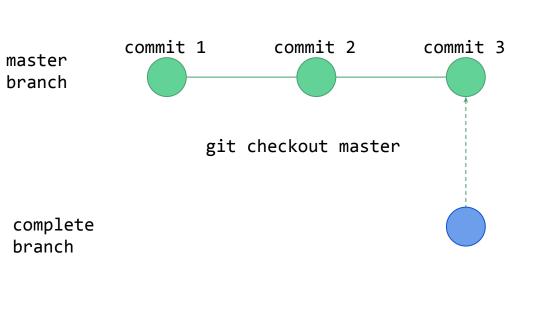
GitHub will host webpages for **gh-pages** branch

If we create a .html file from R Markdown, that is a website!

The file named index.html will be displayed automatically at a web URL

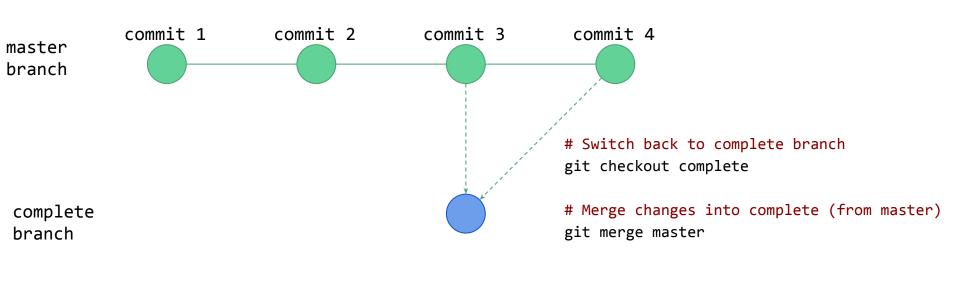
This will be our current focus for now (creating a gh-pages branch, keeping it the same as your master branch)





Checkout an existing (master) branch (from complete branch)

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```
git checkout -b gh-pages
# Switch back to master branch: I suggest you always develop in your master branch
git checkout master
# Make some changes, then add and commit as usual
git add .
git commit -m "Made more changes here on the master branch"
# Switch back to your gh-pages branch
git checkout gh-pages
# Merge in your changes into your gh-pages branch from your master branch
git merge master
# Push all changes up to GitHub
git push origin --all
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All together (let's do this for module-11)
```

Create gh-pages branch from master branch

Upcoming...

By Tuesday: Be confident with module 11

Due Tuesday, 11/1 (before class): a5-github-report