Quarto for Scientists

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About this

This is a book on Quarto, aimed for scientists. It was initially developed as a 3 hour workshop, "Rmarkdown for scientists". It has been updated to use Quarto, which is a more updated and modern take on rmarkdown. It is now developed into a resource that will grow and change over time as a **living book**.

This book aims to teach the following:

- Getting started with your own Quarto document
 - Using Rstudio
 - Visual Studio Code
- Improve workflow:
 - RStudio
 - * Demonstrate rstudio projects
 - * Using keyboard shortcuts
 - Quarto projects
- Export your Quarto documents to PDF, HTML, and Microsoft Word
- Better manage figures and tables
 - Reference figures and tables in text so that they dynamically update
 - Create captions for figures and tables
 - Change the size and type of figures
 - Save the figures to disk when rendering a document
- Work with equations
 - Inline and display
 - Caption equations
 - Reference equations
- Manage bibliographies
 - Cite articles in text
 - Generate bibliographies
 - Change bibliography styles
- Debug and handle common errors with Quarto
- Next steps in working with Quarto:
 - How to extend yourself to other formats, such as slides, websites, books, and more

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Why write this as a book?

This book started out its first life being around rmarkdown. There are many great books on R Markdown and it's various features, such as "Rmarkdown: The definitive guide", "bookdown: Authoring Books and Technical Documents with R Markdown", and "Dynamic Documents with R and knitr, Second edition", and Yihui Xie's thesis, "Dynamic Graphics and Reporting for Statistics".

With the release of Quarto, I wanted to translate the materials I developed in "Rmarkdown for scientists" to cover the same material. There are other excellent resources for learning Quarto:

- The Quarto "get started" guide
- The Quarto guide "Quarto manuscripts"
- The Quarto chapter in "R for data science"
- Making shareable documents with Quarto from, from OpenScapes
- Alison Hill's blog post: "we don't talk about Quarto"
- Mine Çentinkaya-Rundel's talk "Quarto for academics"

While the Quarto guide is extensive, and indeed their "Quarto manuscripts" guide covers a lot of the ground in this book.

So, why write a book?

Good question. The answer is that writing this as a book provides a nice way to structure the content in the form of a workshop, in a way suitable for learning in a few hours. It is not to say that there aren't already great resources out there; there are. It is instead adding to the list of other useful information out there on the internet. I considered the Rmarkdown for Scientsts book and course a success, and it helped myself and others understand and better use rmarkdown. So I guess, to answer a question with another question:

Why NOT write this as a book?

How to use this book

This book was written to provide course materials for a 3 hour course on Quarto

We worked through the following sections in the book in 3 hours:

- Why use Quarto
- Installation

- what is RStudio?
- suggested workflow and hygiene
- how to use R Markdown
- using R Markdown with pdf, html, and Word
- what are some useful keyboard shortcuts
- Adding captions to tables and figures
- Changing figures
- Adding mathematics
- Citing figures and tables
- Changing citations and styles

With the remaining sections being used as extra material, or have since been written after the course:

- Fixing some common problems in R Markdown
- What are some alternative outputs of R Markdown?
- Where to go next?
- Suggested references

Course materials can be downloaded by using the following command from the usethis package:

```
usethis::use_course("bit.ly/qmd4sci-materials")
```

Where has this course been taught?

The Quarto for scientists for course has not been taught yet, but the rmark-down for scientists course, upon which this book is based, has been taught at the following locations:

- 2018
 - Melbourne, November for SSA Victoria
- 2019
 - Melbourne, April, for Monash University
 - Canberra, July, for SSA Victoria
 - Melbourne, November, for AIMOS2019
 - Melbourne, December, for Plant Pathology Conference
- 2020
 - Seattle, February, for the University of Washington

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Why Quarto

The goal of this section is to briefly discuss why we want to learn Quarto, the benefits, and the barriers to using it.

2.1 Overview

- **Teaching** 3 minutes
- Exercises 5 minutes

2.2 Questions

- What is the value in a reproducible report?
- What is Markdown?
- Can I combine my software and my writing?

2.3 Objectives

- Learn how to use Markdown
- Think about why you want to use Markdown

2.4 Your Turn

1. Why are we here Form small groups of 2-4 with your neighbours and discuss how you expect learning Quarto might benefit you.

2.5 Reproducibility is a problem

It is unfortunately a common, seemingly evergreen problem that a lot of people cannot reproduce scientific work. This might appear to be a "current" problem, but it has indeed been a problem throughout a lot of scientific history. To illustrate this, here's a nice article by Rich FitzJohn, Reproducible research is still a challenge, which was written 10 years ago, in 2014, and provides a list of the challenges and lessons learned in making research reproducible. The list is still relevant. This problem isn't completely solved. But, we can make it easier to solve, to get further.

Reproducibility isn't just something that impacts a few people, and it's not cheap. A 2010 estimate stated that in the biomedical industry, in the USA, irreproducibility (not being able to reproduce a given piece of work) costs \$28 Billion dollars annually ¹. That was one country, one field, and one year.

So what can we do about it?

2.6 Literate programming is a partial solution

The idea of literate programming shines some light on this dark area of science. This is an idea from Donald Knuth where you combine your text with your code output to create a document. This is a blend of your literature (text), and your programming (code), to create something that you can read from top to bottom. Imagine your paper - the introduction, methods, results, discussion, and conclusion, and all the bits of code that make each section. With rmarkdown, you can see all the pieces of your data analysis all together.

2.6.0.1 Some history

This was a popular idea, and it has had some interesting discussion and contributions over the years. Notably, in the R ecosystem, the *Sweave* (S+weave) program provided a way to write text and code together. As with any technology, there were some speedbumps with using Sweave, and some of the reasons we are not teaching it now is because:

- It uses a form of LaTeX, which provides great flexibility at the cost of complexity.
- Printing figures involves additional work

¹The article, Freedman, 2010, Heard via Garret Grolemund's great talk

• There isn't a way to save (cache) your work. Every analysis has to be repeated from start to finish. This was time consuming.

2.7 Markdown as a new player to legibility

In 2004, John Gruber, of daring fireball created Markdown, a simple way to create text that rendered into an HTML webpage. The core idea was that you could write plain text (not text inside a MS Word/WordPerfect/Pages/Proprietary Format Document), and it would look readable, then get rendered into HTML.

The idea took off.

2.7.1 A brief example of markdown

```
- bullet list
- bullet list
- bullet list

1. numbered list
2. numbered list
3. numbered list
    __bold__, **bold**, _italic_, *italic*
> quote of something profound
    ``r
```

computer code goes in three back ticks
1 + 1
2 + 2

Would be converted to:

- bullet list
- bullet list
- bullet list
 - 1. numbered list
 - 2. numbered list
 - 3. numbered list

bold, bold, italic, italic

quote of something profound

```
# computer code goes in three back ticks
1 + 1
```

[1] 2

2 + 2

[1] 4

With very little marking up, we can create rich text, that **actually resembles** the text that we want to see.

Some other nice features of Markdown include:

feature	markdown	rendered
superscript	2^nd^	$2^{ m nd}$
subscript	C0~2~	CO_2
strikethrough	~~mistake~~	mistake
links	[text](http:://www.ex	cample.com/your-link-goes-here)
images	![alternative	![alternative
	text](link)	text](link)

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2.8 What about Rmarkdown?

Issues around Sweave led to the development of knitr, and subsequently Rmarkdown, which used the knitr engine. You could run more than R code in rmarkdown, in fact there are over 60 engines available, from awk and bash, to haskell, perl, php, sql, scala, stata, javascript, python, julia, and even C.

 Through rmarkdown there were many approaches to document processing, such as bookdown for books, blogdown for blogs and websites, xaringan for slide decks.

However, there are a few points of friction:

- You need to call it from R to use it. No problem for R users, but what if you use python? Or javascript? If you are a python user, using R to use python just might not be in your workflow.
- There are great packages that provide extensions, such as blogdown for blogs, bookdown for books, and xaringan for slides. However, there are differences

between these systems that might cause stumbles. Each of these systems is an iteration towards something awesome, and it's only natural they might be a little bit different.

• Quarto, instead of being an R package, is a separate piece of software, that you can call from the command line (terminal). This means other pieces of software can use it to create their own literate programming documents. Well, that's my understanding.

Here are some diagrams to illustrate this point:

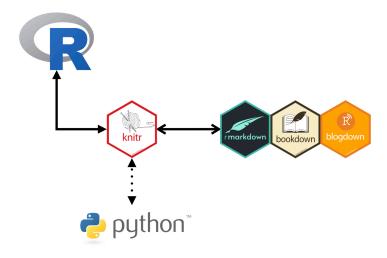


Figure 2.1: Rmarkdown can talk to Python, but it works from within R

In rmarkdown, we are working in rmarkdown, and that uses knitr to talk to R and handle the document generation:

But with Quarto, we have this general interface, where Quarto can talk to different programming languages. Not pictured, but the "R engine" is in fact, knitr:

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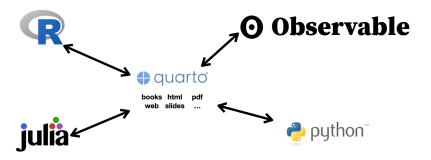


Figure 2.2: Quarto is a separate program

2.9 Your Turn

1. **Learn to use Markdown** In your small groups, spend five minutes working through this brief online Markdown tutorial

2.10 Quarto helps complete the solution to the reproducibility problem

So, how do we combine this with our R code, into a literate programming environment?

Quarto provides an environment where you can write your complete analysis. It weaves your text, and code, and its output together into a single document.

For example, look at the following report:

Exploring gapminder

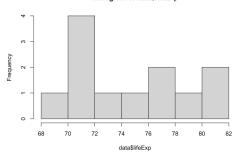


Introduction

let's look at the lifespan

hist(data\$lifeExp)

Histogram of data\$lifeExp



Let's fit a simple linear model of the effect of year on life expectancy

```
fit <- lm(lifeExp ~ year, data = data)
fit</pre>
```

Call:

lm(formula = lifeExp ~ year, data = data)

Coefficients: (Intercept) year -376.1163 0.2277

And let's look at the coefficient table:

term	estimate	std.error	statistic	p.value
(Intercept)	-376.1162984	20.5471585	-18.30503	0
year	0.2277238	0.0103796	21.93960	0

A table of the coefficients

The effect of year on life expectancy is 0.2277238.

How did we generate it?

title: "Exploring gapminder"
author: "Nicholas Tierney"
output: html_document

```
::: {.cell}
```{.r .cell-code}
library(tidyverse)
library(broom)
:::
::: {.cell}
```{.r .cell-code}
data <- read_csv(here::here("data/oz_gapminder.csv"))</pre>
:::
# Introduction
let's look at the lifespan
::: {.cell}
```{.r .cell-code}
hist(data$lifeExp)
::: {.cell-output-display}
{fig-pos='H'}
:::
:::
Let's fit a simple linear model of the effect of year on life expectancy
::: {.cell}
```{.r .cell-code}
fit <- lm(lifeExp ~ year, data = data)</pre>
fit
::: {.cell-output .cell-output-stdout}
. . .
Call:
```

```
lm(formula = lifeExp ~ year, data = data)
Coefficients:
(Intercept)
                    year
  -376.1163
                  0.2277
:::
:::
And let's look at the coefficient table:
::: {.cell}
```{.r .cell-code}
library(broom)
fit_coef <- tidy(fit)</pre>
knitr::kable(fit_coef,
 caption = "A table of the coefficients")
::: {.cell-output-display}
Table: A table of the coefficients
 estimate | std.error | statistic | p.value |
|:----:|----:|----:|----:|----:|
|(Intercept) | -376.1162984| 20.5471585| -18.30503|
 0.2277238 | 0.0103796 | 21.93960 |
lyear
 :::
:::
The effect of year on life expectancy is `` 0.2277238 ``.
We render this code and it creates this report!
```

It has a plot, it has a table, we even refer to some of the values in the text - the last line of the report looks at the effect of year.

But what if the data changes? At the moment we are looking at only Australia - say we get the full dataset, what happens then?

Say you'd created your report by hand in microsoft word, and with a graphical user interface software, you would need to:

- 1. Go back to the GUI, re run the analysis
- 2. Import the results into Excel
- 3. Create your graph
- 4. Copy the graph into Word
- 5. Copy the results of the coefficients into the text
- 6. Copy the results of the coefficient table into the text.

This is painful.

And what if someone wants to know exactly how you did your analysis?

This process isn't exactly sharable.

But if you did it in Quarto?

Just update the data, and render the document again, and get an updated document:

# **Exploring gapminder** AUTHOR Your Name library(tidyverse) data <- read\_csv(here::here("data/gapminder.csv"))</pre> Introduction let's look at the lifespan hist(data\$lifeExp) Histogram of data\$lifeExp 300 250 200 150 100 20 50 70 20 30 40 60 data\$lifeExp Let's fit a simple linear model of the effect of year on life expectancy fit <- lm(lifeExp ~ year, data = data) fit</pre> Call: Coefficients: (Intercept) -585.6522 year 0.3259

And let's look at the coefficient table:

library(broom)
fit\_coef <- tidy(fit)
knitr::kable(fit\_coef,
caption = "A table of the coefficients")

term estimate std.error statistic p.value
(intercept) -585.6521874 32.3139645 -18.12381 0
year 0.3259038 0.0163237 19.96509 0

A table of the coefficients

The effect of year on life expectancy is 0.3259038.

The results are updated!

And we just pointed it to some different data. Then re-rendered it.

That's it.

That is why we use Quarto

# 2.11 Summary

In this section we've learned about:

- $\bullet$  What the value is in a reproducible report
- What is Markdown
- How to combine software and writing
- How to use Markdown

# 2.12 Learning more

• posit's Quarto cheatsheet

# 3

# Installation

In this section, the aim is to have everyone setup with R, RStudio, and Quarto

#### 3.1 Overview

• **Duration** 15 minutes

# 3.2 Questions

- How do I install R?
- How do I install Quarto?
- How do I install LaTeX in a sane way?

# 3.3 Software Setup

#### 3.3.1 R

#### **3.3.1.1** Windows

https://cloud.r-project.org/bin/windows/

## 3.3.1.2 MacOS

https://cloud.r-project.org/bin/macosx/

#### 3.3.1.3 Linux

 $\rm https://cloud.r\text{-}project.org/bin/linux/$ 

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#### 3.3.2 RStudio

https://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/#download

## 3.4 Quarto

To ensure you are up to date, run the following script to install the packages.

```
install.packages("quarto")
install.packages("knitr")
install.packages("here")
install.packages("tidyverse")
install.packages("broom")
install.packages("fs")
install.packages("usethis")
```

#### 3.5 A note on PDF

Quarto documents can be compiled to PDF, which is a great feature. In order to convert the documents to PDF, they use a software called LaTeX (LATeX) (pronounced la-tek or lay-tek).

Installing LaTeX is thankfully handled when you install Quarto, as Quarto includes a built-in Latexmk engine.

## 3.6 Test Script

You should be able to run the following code on your machine

```
library(quarto)
library(knitr)
library(here)
library(tidyverse)
library(broom)
library(fs)
library(usethis)
```

# RStudio, What and Why

## 4.1 Overview

- Teaching 5 minutes
- Exercises 2 minutes

# 4.2 Questions

- What is RStudio?
- Why should I use RStudio?
- What features should I change?

# 4.3 Objectives

- Get familiarised with RStudio
- Get set up with not storing the RStudio workspace
- Download the course materials for the workshop

## 4.4 What is RStudio, and why should I use it?

If R is the engine and bare bones of your car, then RStudio is like the rest of the car. The engine is super critical part of your car. But in order to make things properly functional, you need to have a steering wheel, comfy seats, a radio, rear and side view mirrors, storage, and seatbelts.

The RStudio layout has the following features:

- On the upper left, the Rmarkdown script
- On the lower left, the R console
- On the lower right, the view for files, plots, packages, help, and viewer.
- On the upper right, the environment / history pane

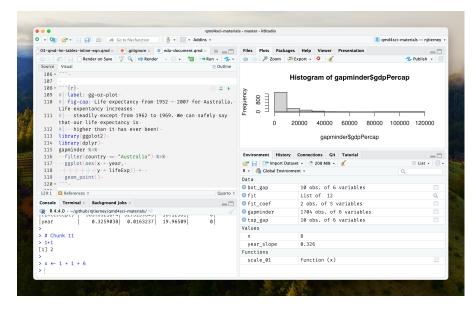


Figure 4.1: A screenshot of the RStudio working environment.

We saw a bit of what an rmarkdown script does.

The R console is the bit where you can run your code. This is where the R code in your rmarkdown document gets sent to run.

The file/plot/package viewer is a handy browser for your current files, like Finder, or File Explorer, plots are where your plots appear, you can view packages, see the help files. And the environment / history pane contains the list of things you have created, and the past commands that you have run.

#### 4.5 Exercise: RStudio default options

To first get set up, I highly recommend changing the following setting

Tools > Global Options (or Cmd + , on macOS)

Under the **General** tab:

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#### • For workspace

- Uncheck restore .RData into workspace at startup
- Save workspace to .RData on exit : "Never"

#### • For **History**

- Uncheck "Always save history (even when not saving .RData)
- Uncheck "Remove duplicate entries in history"



Figure 4.2: Setting the options right for RStudio, so you don't restore previous sessions work, and don't save it either.

This means that you won't save the objects and other things that you create in your R session and reload them. This is important for two reasons

- 1. **Reproducibility**: you don't want to have objects from last week cluttering your session
- 2. **Privacy**: you don't want to save private data or other things to your session. You only want to read these in.

Your "history" is the commands that you have entered into R.

Additionally, not saving your history means that you won't be relying on things that you typed in the last session, which is a good habit to get into!

#### 4.6 Learning more

• RStudio IDE cheatsheet

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Before we start with rmarkdown, we need to make sure that you understand *file storage hygiene*. This helps you keep your files, paths, and directories clean, which prevents unexpected problems. It will make you more productive in the future because you'll spend less time fighting against file paths. Not sure what a file path is? We explain that as well.

#### 5.1 Overview

- Teaching 10 minutes
- Exercises 10 minutes

# 5.2 Questions

- Where should I put all my files?
- What is an RStudio project, anyway?
- What is a file path?

# 5.3 Objectives

- Understand what a file path is
- Set up an RStudio Project to organise your work
- Put some data in your project to set up the next tasks

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#### 5.4 Your Turn

In groups of 2-4 discuss:

- 1. What your normal "workflow" is for starting a new project
- 2. Possible challenges that might arise when maintaining your project

# 5.5 When you start a new project: Open a new RStudio project

This section is heavily influenced by Jenny Bryan's great blog post on project based workflows.

Sometimes this is the first line of an R Script or R markdown file.

```
setwd("c:/really/long/file/path/to/this/directory")
```

#### 5.5.0.1 Question

What do you think the setwd code does?

## 5.5.1 So what does this do?

This says, "set my working directory to this specific working directory".

It means that you can read in data and other things like this:

```
data <- read_csv("data/mydata.csv")</pre>
```

Instead of

```
data <- read_csv("c:/really/long/file/path/to/this/directory/data/mydata.csv")</pre>
```

So while this has the effect of **making the file paths work in your file**, it is a problem. It is a problem because, among other things, using **setwd()** like this:

- Has 0% chance of working on someone else's machine (this could include you in 6 months!)
- Your file is not self-contained and portable. (Think: "What if this folder moved to /Downloads, or onto another machine?")

So, to get this to work, you need to hand edit the file path to your machine.

This is painful. And when you do this all the time, it gets old, fast.

## 5.6 What is a file path?

So, this might all be a bit confusing if you don't know what a file path is. A file path is the machine-readable directions to where files on your computer live. So, the file path:

/Users/njtierney/Desktop/qmd4sci-materials/demo.R

Describes the location of the file "demo.R". This could be visualised as:

```
users
```

```
njtierney
Desktop
qmd4sci-materials
demo.R << THIS IS THE FILE HERE
exercises
exploratory-data-analysis
eda-document.qmd
eda-script.R
data
gapminder.csv
```

So, if you want to read in the gapminder.csv file, you might need to write code like this:

```
gapminder <- read_csv("/Users/njtierney/Desktop/qmd4sci-materials/data/gapminder.csv")</pre>
```

As we now know, this is a problem, because this is not portable code.

If you have an RStudio project file inside the qmd4sci-materials folder, you can instead write the following:

```
gapminder <- read_csv("data/gapminder.csv")</pre>
```

# 5.7 Your Turn

- (1-2 minutes) Imagine you see the following directory path: "/Users/miles/etc1010/week1/data/health.csv" what are the folders above the file, health.csv?
- What would be the result of using the following code in

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demo-gapminder.qmd, and then using the code, and then moving this to another location, say inside your C drive?

setwd("Downloads/etc1010/week1/week1.qmd)

#### 5.8 Is there an answer to the madness?

This file path situation is a real pain. Is there an answer to the madness?

The answer is yes!

I highly recommend when you start on a new idea, new research project, paper. Anything that is new. It should start its life as an **rstudio project**.

An rstudio project helps keep related work together in the same place. Amongst other things, they:

- Keep all your files together
- Set the working directory to the project directory
- Starts a new session of R
- Restore previously edited files into the editor tabs
- Restore other rstudio settings
- Allow for multiple R projects open at the same time.

This helps keep you sane, because:

- Your projects are each independent.
- You can work on different projects at the same time.
- Objects and functions you create and run from project idea won't impact one another.
- You can refer to your data and other projects in a consistent way.

And finally, the big one

RStudio projects help resolve file path problems, because they automatically set the working directory to the location of the rstudio project.

Let's open one together.

## 5.9 Your Turn: Use your own rstudio project

1. In RStudio, and run the following code to start a new rstudio project called "qmd4sci-materials".

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#### usethis::use\_course("njtierney/qmd4sci-materials")

2. Follow the prompts to download this to your desktop and then run the rstudio project. (You can move it later if you like!)

3. You are now in an rstudio project!

#### 5.10 Your turn

- 1. Run the code inside the demo.R document
- 2. Why does the read\_csv code work?
- 3. Run the code inside the exploratory-data-analysis folder eda-script.R.
- 4. Does the read\_csv code work?
- 5. Run the code inside the exploratory-data-analysis folder -eda-document.qmd, by clicking the "render" button (we'll go into this in more detail soon!)
- 6. Does it work?

#### 5.11 The "here" package

Although RStudio projects help resolve file path problems, in some cases you might have many folders in your r project. To help navigate them appropriately, you can use the here package to provide the full path directory, in a compact way.

```
here::here("data")
```

returns

[1] "/Users/nick/github/njtierney/qmd4sci-materials/data"

And

```
here::here("data", "gapminder.csv")
```

returns

[1] "/Users/nick/github/njtierney/qmd4sci-materials/data/gapminder.csv"

(Note that these absolute file paths will indeed be different on my computer compared to yours - super neat!)

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You can read the above here code as:

In the folder data, there is a file called gapminder.csv, can you please give me the full path to that file?

This is really handy for a few reasons:

- 1. It makes things *completely* portable
- 2. Quarto documents have a special way of looking for files, this helps eliminate file path pain.
- 3. If you decide to not use RStudio projects, you have code that will work on any machine

#### 5.12 Remember

If the first line of your R script is

setwd("C:\Users\jenny\path\that\only\I\have")

I will come into your office and SET YOUR COMPUTER ON FIRE  $\,$  .

– Jenny Bryan

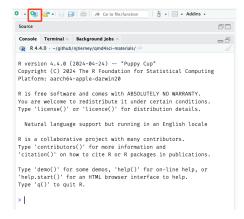
UP TO HERE

#### 5.12.1 Aside: Creating an RStudio project

You can create an rstudio project by going to:

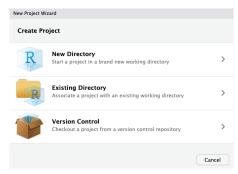
file > new project > new directory > new project > name your project > create project.

You can also click on the create project button in the top left corner

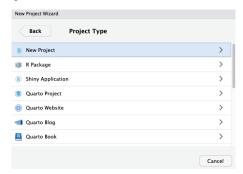


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Then go to new directory, if it is a new folder - otherwise if you have an existing folder you have - click on existing directory.



Then go to new project



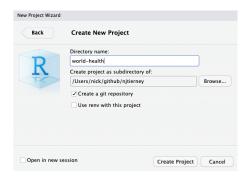
Then write the name of your project. I think it is usually worthwhile spending a bit of time thinking of a name for your project. Even if it is only a few minutes, it can make a difference. You want to think about:

- keeping it short
- no spaces
- · combining words

For example, I have a project looking at bat calls, so I called it screech, because bats make a screech-y noise.

And click "create project".

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# Summary

In this lesson we've:

- $\bullet~$  Learnt what file paths are
- How to setup an rstudio project
- $\bullet\,$  How to construct full file paths with the here package

## Using Quarto

Now that we've covered how to organise your project, have some data, and talked a bit about what Quarto is, let's talk about using it.

#### 7.1 Overview

- Teaching 10 minutes
- Exercises 10 minutes

#### 7.2 Questions

- How should I start an Quarto document?
- What do I put in the YAML metadata?
- How do I create a code chunk?
- What sort of options to I need to worry about for my code?

#### 7.3 Objectives

• Create a Quarto document, do some basic exploration

### 7.4 The anatomy of a Quarto document

This is a Quarto document (demo). It has three parts:

1. Metadata (YAML)

- 2. Text (markdown formatting)
- 3. Code (code formatting)

#### 7.4.1 Metadata

The metadata of the document tells you how it is formed - what the title is, what date to put, and other control information. If you're familiar with LaTeX, this is kind of like how you specify the many options, what sort of document it is, what styles to use, etc at the front matter.

Quarto documents use YAML (YAML Ain't Markup Language) to provide the metadata. It looks like this.

```
title: "An example document"
author: "Nicholas Tierney"
format: html
```

It starts and ends with three dashes ---, and has fields like the following: title, author, and format.

title and author are special inputs which place the title and author information at the top of the document in large font. They are optional!

format: html tells us we want this to be a HTML formatted document - you'll see what this looks like in a moment!

#### 7.4.2 Text

Is markdown, as we discussed in the earlier section,

It provides a simple way to mark up text

```
- bullet list
- bullet list
1. numbered list
2. numbered list
3. numbered list
 __bold__, **bold**, _italic_, *italic*
 > quote of something profound
 ``r
computer code goes in three back ticks
1 + 1
```

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2 + 2

Would be converted to:

- bullet list
- bullet list
- bullet list
  - 1. numbered list
  - 2. numbered list
  - 3. numbered list

bold, bold, italic, italic

quote of something profound

```
computer code goes in three back ticks
1 + 1
[1] 2
2 + 2
```

#### 7.4.3 Code

[1] 4

We refer to code in an rmarkdown document in two ways:

- 1. Code chunks, and
- 2. Inline code.

#### 7.4.3.1 Code chunks

Code chunks are marked by three backticks and curly braces. We put the letter  ${\tt r}$  inside them to denote them as "r" code chunks, but you can instead use "python" and "julia" instead:

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```
label: r-chunk-name
a code chunk
```

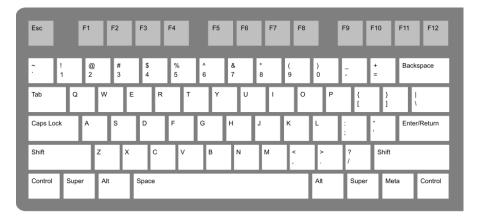
#### 7.6 python

```
"``{python}
#| label: py-chunk-name
a code chunk
```

#### 7.7 julia

```
'``{julia}
#| label: julia-chunk-name
a code chunk
```

a backtick is a special character you might not have seen before, it is typically located under the tilde key ( $\sim$ ). On USA / Australia keyboards, is under the escape key:



#### 7.7.1 Chunk names

Every chunk should ideally have a name. As I've mentioned earlier, naming things is hard, but follow these rules and you'll be fine:

• one word that describes the action (e.g., "read")

- one word that describes the thing inside the code (e.g., "gapminder")
- separate words with "-" or "\_" (e.g., read-gapminder)

#### 7.8 Code chunk options

You can control how the code is output by changing the code chunk options, which are written with a #|, called a "hash-pipe", since # is "hash", and | is "pipe", but might sometimes be called "bar" or "v-bar".

```
::: {.cell}
```{.r .cell-code}
gap <- read_csv("gapminder.csv")
:::</pre>
```

A nice feature of Quarto + Rstudio is that they provide code completion when you start writing the code chunk options, and they will provide options when hitting "tab".

qif showing autocomplete

In the past Rmarkdown required "TRUE" and "FALSE", but note that Quarto always uses "true" or "false" in lowercase, and never "yes" or "no".

The code chunks you need to know about right now are:

- cache: true / false Do you want to save the output of the chunk so it doesn't have to run next time?
- eval: true/false Do you want to evaluate the code?
- echo: true/false Do you want to print the code?
- include: Do you want to include code output in the final output document? Setting to false means nothing is put into the output document, but the code is still run.

You can read more about the options at the official documentation: https://quarto.org/docs/computations/execution-options.html

7.8.1 Inline code

Sometimes you want to run the code inside a sentence. When the code is run inside the sentence, it is called running the code "inline".

You might want to run the code inline to name the number of variables or rows in a dataset in a sentence like:

There are XXX observations in the airquality dataset, and XXX variables.

You can call code "inline" with the pattern:

```
Here are some code things with language "lang": `` `{lang} code` ``.
```

Essentially instead of using three backticks to write multiple lines of code, you use a single backtick. You can think of this as a backtick being used inside text for a one liner, whereas creating a code fence with three backticks indicates something longer.

7.9 Python

```
py_heights = [153, 151, 156, 160, 171]
import statistics
py_mean = statistics.mean(py_heights)

The mean of these heights is `{python} py_mean`
```

This syntax works for any Jupyter kernel—so for Julia you would write an inline expression as `{julia} j_mean`).

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```
The mean of these heights is 158.2
```

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```
There are ```r nrow(airquality)``` observations in the airquality dataset, and ```r ncol(airquality)``` variables.
```

7.12 python

```
"" {python}
# | label: py-chunk-name
# a code chunk
```

7.13 julia

```
"``{julia}
#| label: julia-chunk-name
# a code chunk
```

Which gives you the following sentence

There are 153 observations in the airquality dataset, and 6 variables.

What's great about this is that if your data changes upstream, then you don't need to work out where you mentioned your data, you just update the document.

7.14 Creating an rmarkdown document

- Rstudio menu system
- Explore the template provided by rstudio
- Compile an rmarkdown document

7.15 Working with an rmarkdown document

Demo: Create an rmarkdown document in rstudio.

7.15.1 Your Turn

- 1. Use the rstudio project you previously created, rmd4sci-materials, and create an rmarkdown document
- 2. Run some brief summaries of the data in the rmarkdown document inside the ```{r chunk-part}
 - hist(data\$)
 - How big is the data?
 - How many countries are there?
 - What was the lowest life expectancy in Australia's History?
 - How about the lowest GDP for Australia?
 - Where does Australia rank in GDP in 1997?

7.16 Nick's rmarkdown hygiene recommendations

I highly recommend that each document you write has three chunks at the top.

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**Fig.align = "center",

**fig.width = 4,

**fig.height = 4,

**dev = "png",

**cache = TRUE)

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```

```
```{r read-data}
gapminder <- read_csv(here::here("data", "gapminder.csv"))</pre>
```

In the setup chunk, you set the options that you want to define globally. In this case, I've told rmarkdown:

- echo = FALSE: I don't want any code printed by setting echo = FALSE.
- fig.align = "center" Align my figures in the center
- fig.width = 4 & fig.height = 4. Set the width and height to 4 inches.
- dev = "png". Save the images as PNG
- cache = TRUE. Save the output results of all my chunks so that they don't need to be run again.

In the library chunk, you put all the library calls. This helps make it clearer for anyone else who might read your work what is needed to run this document. I often go through the process of moving these library calls to the top of the document when I have a moment, or when I'm done writing. You can also look at Miles McBain's packup package to help move these library calls to the top of a document.

In the functions chunk, you put any functions that you write in the process of writing your document. Similar to the library chunk, I write these functions as I go, as needed, and them move these to the top when I get a moment, or once I'm done. The benefit of this is that all your functions are in one spot, and you might be able to identify ways to make them work better together, or improve them separately. You might even want to move these into a new R package, and putting them here makes that easier to see what you are doing.

In the **readr** chunk, you read in any data you are going to be using in the document.

Now, this is my personal preference, but I find the following benefits:

- 1. The "top part" of your document contains all the metadata / setup info. Your global options,
- 2. It helps another person get oriented with your work they know the settings, the functions used, and the special things that you wrote (your functions)
- 3. Remember, "another person" includes yourself in 6 months.

#### 7.17 Your Turn

 ${\it 1.} \quad {\it Update your rmarkdown document based on the aforementioned hygiene steps discussed by Nick.}$ 

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## Visual mode

#### $\quad \text{This} \quad$

There is also a VS Code extension for visual mode, which this book does not (currently) focus on.

# HTML, PDF, and Word (and more!)

One of the great things about Quarto is that we can convert it to many different output types. The top three that you might be most likely to use are HTML, PDF, and Microsoft Word. There are others that we can discuss later.

In this section, we are going to briefly discuss how to render to these output formats, and some things that you might want to do for each of them.

#### 9.1 Overview

Teaching: 10 minutesExercises: 15 minutes

#### 9.2 Questions

- How do I convert to HTML, PDF, or Word?
- How do I set options specific to each of these?
- How can I include a screenshot of an interactive graphic in PDF or Word?

#### 9.3 Objectives

#### 9.4 How do I convert to HTML, PDF, or Word?

Here are three ways to do this:

1. You can control this in the "render" button



You might notice that depending on the option you select, this changes things in the YAML - which is another way to control which output you have:

2. You can change the YAML option

```
title: "Exploring gapminder"
format: html

title: "Exploring gapminder"
format: pdf

title: "Exploring gapminder"
format: docx
```

3. You can call the quarto render function - from the terminal if you wish

```
quarto render example.qmd --to html
quarto render example.qmd --to docx
```

# 9.4.1 A note on workflow with rmarkdown: HTML first, PDF/word later

It can be easy to get caught up with how your document looks. I highly recommend avoiding compiling to PDF or word until you really need to. This is also recommended by the author of rmarkdown and knitr, Yihui Xie. Because HTML doesn't have page breaks, this means that you can spend time working on generating content, and not trying to get figures to line up correctly.

#### 9.5 Your Turn

1. Generate three reports, one as HTML, one as PDF, and one as microsoft word. Remember, if you are having PDF problems, see the installation chapter note on installing LATEX with the R package, tinytex.

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## Keyboard Shortcuts

Keyboard shortcuts tend to make our lives easier. Some that you might already be familiar with in day to day life include quickly saving (Cmd + S or Ctrl + S), or Undo (Cmd + Z or Ctrl + Z).

There are many keyboard shortcuts that you can access in R, this section provides a brief tour of them, and why you might want to use them.

#### 10.1 Overview

- **Teaching** 5 minutes
- Exercises 5 minutes

#### 10.2 Questions

• What sort of keyboard shortcuts should I care about?

#### 10.3 Objectives

- 10.4 Gifs of the action
- 10.4.1 render document
- 10.4.2 Insert Chunk
- 10.4.3 Run Current Chunk
- 10.4.4 Jump to
- 10.4.5 Create multiple cursors
- 10.4.6 Delete the current line
- 10.4.7 Un/Comment out a line
- 10.4.8 Reformat Section
- 10.4.9 Show Keyboard Shortcut Reference

#### 10.5 Table of Common Shortcuts

Below is a small table of tasks you can perform with keyboard

Action	Windows/Linux	Mac
Knit document	Ctrl + Shift + K	Cmd + Shift + K
Insert Chunk	Ctrl + Alt + I	Cmd + Option + I
Run Current Chunk	Ctrl + Alt + C	Cmd + Option + C
Jump to	Cmd+Shift+Option+J	
Shift+Alt+J		
Show Keyboard	Alt+Shift+K	Option+Shift+K
Shortcut Reference		
Create multiple	Ctrl + Alt + Up/Down	option + control +
cursors		Up/Down
Delete the current	Ctrl + D	Cmd + D
line		
Un/Comment out a	Ctrl + Shift + C	Cmd + Shift + C
line		
Reformat Section	Ctrl + Shift + A	Cmd + Shift + A

#### 10.6 Further Reading

- $\bullet$  The https://rstudio.github.io/cheatsheets/html/rstudio-ide.html#keyboard-shortcuts has an index of shortcuts.
- This [https://support.posit.co/hc/en-us/articles/206382178-Customizing-Keyboard-Shortcuts-in-the-RStudio-IDE] help file has a guide to customising keyboard shortcuts.

#### 10.7 Your Turn

- Using the Keyboard Shortcut Reference, find the keyboard shortcut for inserting a pipe character (  $\%{>}\%$  )
- Spend 3 minutes practicing these commands in a document.

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## Figures, Tables, Captions.

You need figures and tables in your own writing, whether it be a journal paper, an internal document, or some documentation. In this section, we discuss how to add figures and tables into your rmarkdown document, and how to provide captions for them.

#### 11.1 Overview

- Teaching 10 minutes
- Exercises 10 minutes

#### 11.2 Questions

- How do I create a figure in Quarto?
- How do I create a table in Quarto?
- How do I add captions for figures and tables?

#### 11.3 Objectives

#### 11.4 Tables

To produce a table, I recommend you use the kable function from the knitr package.

#### 11.4.1 Demo

kable takes a data.frame as input, and outputs the table into a markdown table, which will get rendered into the appropriate output format.

For example, let's say we wanted to share the first 6 rows of our gapminder data.

This gives us the following output

```
top_gap <- head(gapminder)
knitr::kable(top_gap)</pre>
```

country	continent	year	lifeExp	pop	gdpPercap
Afghanistan	Asia	1952	28.801	8425333	779.4453
Afghanistan	Asia	1957	30.332	9240934	820.8530
Afghanistan	Asia	1962	31.997	10267083	853.1007
Afghanistan	Asia	1967	34.020	11537966	836.1971
Afghanistan	Asia	1972	36.088	13079460	739.9811
Afghanistan	Asia	1977	38.438	14880372	786.1134

So how does that work? kable prints out the following:

country	continent		yearl	lifeExp	popl	gdpPercap
:	:	- -	:	: -	:	:
Afghanistan	Asia		1952	28.801	8425333	779.4453
Afghanistan	Asia		1957	30.332	9240934	820.8530
Afghanistan	Asia		1962	31.997	10267083	853.1007
Afghanistan	Asia		1967	34.020	11537966	836.1971
Afghanistan	Asia		1972	36.088	13079460	739.9811
Afghanistan	Asia		1977	38.438	14880372	786.1134

And this then gets rendered as a table. This works for HTML, PDF, and word!

#### 11.4.1.1 Adding captions to a table

Now, say that we wanted to include a caption? We use the caption argument. This will also automatically number the table (woo! We'll cover this later).

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Table 11.2: The first 6 rows of the dataset, gapminder

country	continent	year	life Exp	pop	gdpPercap
Afghanistan	Asia	1952	28.801	8425333	779.4453
Afghanistan	Asia	1957	30.332	9240934	820.8530
Afghanistan	Asia	1962	31.997	10267083	853.1007
Afghanistan	Asia	1967	34.020	11537966	836.1971
Afghanistan	Asia	1972	36.088	13079460	739.9811
Afghanistan	Asia	1977	38.438	14880372	786.1134

Some other useful features of kable include setting the rounding number, with the digits option.

For example, we could present the first 2 digits of each number like so:

Table 11.3: The first 6 rows of the dataset, gapminder

country	continent	year	lifeExp	pop	gdpPercap
Afghanistan	Asia	1952	28.80	8425333	779.45
Afghanistan	Asia	1957	30.33	9240934	820.85
Afghanistan	Asia	1962	32.00	10267083	853.10
Afghanistan	Asia	1967	34.02	11537966	836.20
Afghanistan	Asia	1972	36.09	13079460	739.98
Afghanistan	Asia	1977	38.44	14880372	786.11

There are other options that you can set in kable, but for these options will get you through a large majority of what you need. For more information on what kable can provide, see ?knitr::kable.

There are many different ways to produce tables in R. We have chosen to show kable today because kable is minimal, but powerful. If you want to extend kable to do more, look at kableExtra, in particular the option kableExtra::kable\_styling(latex\_options = c("hold\_position")).

#### 11.4.2 Your Turn

- 1. Create a summary of your gapminder data, and put it into a table.
- 2. Add a caption to this table
- 3. Set the number of decimals to 2.

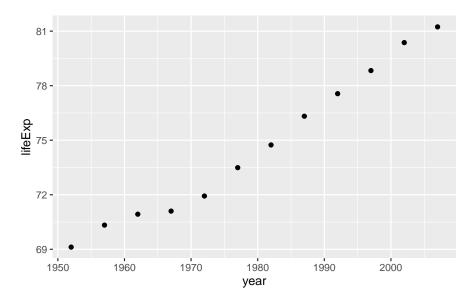
#### 11.5 Figures

Printing figures is probably my favourite feature of rmarkdown. It is actually relatively straightforward in the case of plots. You provide the plot you want to show in a code chunk!

#### 11.5.0.1 Demo

For example, I can print a plot of the gapminder data for Australia like so:

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#### 11.5.1 Captions for figures

Inserting a caption for a figure is a little bit different. The caption argument is controlled in the chunk option, under the option, fig.cap.

So to insert a figure, we do the following.

Which would produce the following output

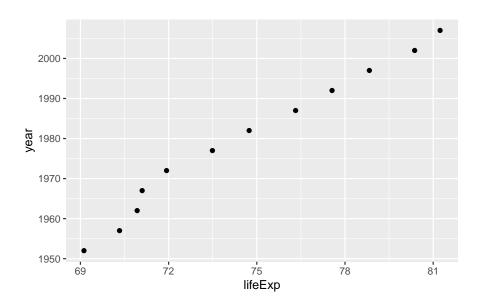


Figure 11.1: Life expectancy from 1952 - 2007 for Australia. Life expentancy increases steadily except from 1962 to 1969. We can safely say that our life expectancy is higher than it has ever been!

#### 11.5.2 Your Turn

- $\bullet\,$  Create a plot with your . Rmd doc
- Add a figure caption

#### 11.5.3 Inserting images

We cannot always generate the graphics that we want - for example, we might have an image of something that we want to show, or perhaps a nice flowchart someone else made.

In our case, say we wanted to insert the new SSA logo into our document, there are two ways we can do this.

- 1. With markdown syntax
- 2. with knitr::include\_graphics()

#### Markdown syntax

The markdown syntax to insert an image is: ![caption]("path/to/image")

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#### 11.5.3.1 Demo

So we could insert the new SSA vic logo by doing the following:

```
![SSA Logo!](bit.ly/ssa-logo)
```

Which would give us the following output:

# Statistical Society of Australia

Figure 11.2: SSA Logo!

But say that we want more control over the output, like we want to center the image, and we want to make it smaller? Then you can use knitr::include\_graphics(), and control the figure size using the options out.width, and add a caption with fig.cap.

```
"The new SSA logo, whice
knitr::include_graphics(here::here("figs", "ssa-logo.png"))
knitr::include_graphics(here::here("figs", "ssa-logo.png"))
```

Statistical Society of Australia

Figure 11.3: The new SSA logo, which is actually a scatter plot, which is super neat!  $\,$ 

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#### 11.5.4 Your Turn

- 1. Download the gapminder logo and put it into a new directory call "figs"
- 2. Insert this image into your rmarkdown document around where you introduce gapminder.

#### 11.6 Summary

We've now learned how to insert tables, plots, and images into our documents!

## 12

## Customising your figures

When you produce figures, you usually want to tweak them a little bit. A bit wider, perhaps a bit taller. Perhaps a different image type other than "png", because the journal requires "svg" or "jpg". Maybe you need 600dpi because you're going to print it really big. So, how do you control these features?

You can control the size and features of figures with the chunk options. In this section, we are going to talk more specifically about how to customise your figures.

#### 12.1 Overview

- Teaching 10 minutes
- Exercises 10 minutes

#### 12.2 Questions

- How do I change the height and width of a figure?
- How to I change the type of output of a figure? (e.g., PDF, PNG, JPG, SVG)
- Can I set all the figure features globally?
- How do I save the figures?

#### 12.3 Objectives

- Learn how to set individual figure height, width, aspect, and print size
- Learn how to set global parameters for your chunks
- Get a copy of all of your figures

# 12.4 Which chunk options should you care about for this?

There are many chunk options that control your output, but only a few that you really need to worry about for your figures:

- fig-align: How do you want your figure aligned? Takes one of the following inputs: "default", "center", "left", or "right"? (demo)
- fig-cap: Would you like a caption for your figure? It takes a character vector as input: "My Amazing Graph"
- fig-height & fig-width: How tall and wide would you like your figure in inches? Each takes one number (e.g., 7, or 9) [Note: these numbers are not quoted]

For demonstration purposes, let's take a plot from earlier and show how it's output can change.

• with fig-height, fig-width, fig-format:

#### 12.4.1 Your Turn

- Open exercise exercises/02-qmd-figures-chunks/02-qmd-figures-chunks.qmd Create three figures, with the respective dimensions (fig-height and fig-width)
  - 2x2
  - 10x10
  - $\bullet$  4x7
- 2. Now add to those figures, the following:
  - •fig-align = "center"
- 3. Now change the output type to be "svg"

#### 12.5 Setting global options

If we repeat adding the same chunk options for each figure, we might want to consider setting them globally. We can do this by changing the options in the YAML:

```
title: "02-qmd-figures-chunks"
author: "Your Name"
date: 2024/06/23
format:
```

```
html:
 fig-height: 7
 fig-width: 7
 fig-format: png
 fig-dpi: 300
```

#### 12.5.1 Your Turn

- 1. Set the global options in your document to set:
- fig-height
- fig-width
- fig-format

#### 12.6 Keeping your markdown

You can set the options for your figures, which will change how they appear on the page, but this won't save the figures anywhere. In order to save the figures to file, you need to edit the YAML option keep-md: true:

```
title: "Awesome report"
author: "You"
format:
html:
keep-md: true
```

#### 12.7 Altering the figure path figures are saved to

By default, the figures are saved in a folder named after the file, e.g.,

```
02-qmd-figures-chunks_files/figure-htaml
```

If you want to change this location, you can control the specific name of the folder by setting fig.path like so in the YAML

```
title: "Awesome report"
author: "You"
```

```
format:
 html:
 keep-md: true
knitr:
 opts_chunk:
 fig.path: folder/for/figures/prefix-

```

If you do now want a prefix specified, you must end this part with a slash, e.g.,

```
title: "Awesome report"
author: "You"
format:
 html:
 keep-md: true
knitr:
 opts_chunk:
 fig.path: figures/
```

 $(reference: \ https://github.com/quarto-dev/quarto-cli/discussions/4254)$ 

#### 12.8 Your Turn

1. Save your images to a specific directory of your choice

## 12.9 Further Reading

• Official Quarto documentation on figures

#### 12.10 EPS/TIFF/Other multiple image formats

Unfortunately (currently) in Quarto it seems you cannot save to other image formats such as "eps", "tiff", and cannot save to multiple formats at the same time.

If you would like to convert images to a specific format, you could try using code like the following.

```
library(magick)
library(fs)
List existing file paths matching "png" extension
figures_ls <- dir_ls(
 path = "exercises/02-qmd-figures-chunks/02-qmd-figures-chunks_files/",
 recurse = TRUE,
 glob = "*.png"
read images in
library(purrr)
figures <- map(
 figures_ls,
 \(x) image_read(path = x)
create new paths with .TIFF extension
substitute out for another image format like "bmp", "
new_paths <- xfun::with_ext(figures_ls, "tiff")</pre>
write new images
walk2(
 .x = figures,
 .y = new_paths,
 \(x, y) image_write(image = x, path = y)
```

# 13

## Math

Want to include equations in your writing? Easy. Quarto supports LaTeX style equation writing. This section introduces the two types equations, inline, and display form, as well as numbering equations.

#### 13.1 Overview

Teaching: 10 minutesExercises: 10 minutes

## 13.2 Questions

- How to I create an equation?
- LaTeX is funky, what are the basic math commands?

## 13.3 Objectives

## 13.4 Some history

Equation editing was first made available in TeX, which later become LaTeX, named after Leslie Lamport.

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## 13.5 Anatomy of Equations

This section shows you some basic equations types that you want to be familiar with.

Inline equations are referenced by a pair of dollar signs: \$.

So this text would have an equation here \$ E = mc^2\$

Generates:

So this text would have an equation here  $E = mc^2$ 

Display equations are referenced by two pairs of dollar signs:

\$\$ E = mc^2 \$\$

$$E = mc^2$$

#### 13.5.0.1 Viewing equations

Understanding whether or not you have created the right equation can be difficult. Rstudio provides previews of your equations in text (**demo**).

## 13.6 Example math commands

LaTeX is an amazing language, but understanding how to create the equations can be (more than) a bit confusing at times. This section demonstrates some example equations that you might be familiar with.

#### **13.6.0.1** Fractions

\$\$ \frac{1}{2} \$\$

 $\frac{1}{2}$ 

## 13.6.0.2 Sub and Super Scripts

$$Y = X_1 + X_2$$

\$\$

\$\$

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

\$\$

$$Y = X_1 + X_2$$

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

## 13.6.0.3 Square roots

\$\$

\sqrt{p}

\$\$

\$\$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm 2a}{2a}$$

\$\$

 $\sqrt{p}$ 

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

#### 13.6.0.4 Summations

\$\$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n}{(\sum_{x} - x_i)^2}$$

\$\$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n{(\bar{x}-x_i)^2}$$

## 13.6.0.5 Bayes Rule

\$\$

$$Pr(\theta | y) = \frac{Pr(y | \theta)}{Pr(y)}$$

\$\$

\$\$

$$Pr(\theta \mid y) \mid Pr(y \mid \theta) Pr(\theta \mid y)$$

\$\$

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$$Pr(\theta|y) = \frac{Pr(y|\theta)Pr(\theta)}{Pr(y)}$$

$$Pr(\theta|y) \propto Pr(y|\theta)Pr(\theta)$$

#### 13.6.0.6 Linear Model

\$\$
Y \sim X\beta\_0 + X\beta\_1 + \epsilon
\$\$

\$\$ \epsilon \sim N(0,\sigma^2) \$\$

$$Y \sim X\beta_0 + X\beta_1 + \epsilon$$

$$\epsilon \sim N(0,\sigma^2)$$

## 13.7 Exercise

1. Add some math to your example document

## 13.8 Further Reading:

https://quarto.org/docs/visual-editor/technical.html#equations https://oeis.org/wiki/List\_of\_LaTeX\_mathematical\_symbols

# 14

# Citing Figures, Tables & Sections

When you're writing a report, you often refer to a table or figure in text.

Australia's life expectancy has increased a great deal over the past 50 years (Figure 1)

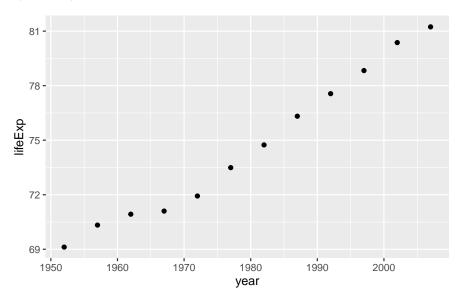


Figure 1. Life expectancy from 1952 - 2007 for Australia. Life expectancy increases steadily except from 1962 to 1969. We can safely say that our life expectancy is higher than it has ever been!

And sure, this is figure 1. But what happens if actually, that figure should be moved later in the paper? You need to do the following:

- 1. Update the reference to figure 1 in the text.
- 2. Update the figure 1 caption to not say figure 1.

This is fine.

Once.

But it is never once. After this, it is frustrating, and error prone.

There is a way to solve this, which this lesson discusses.

#### 14.1 Overview

- Teaching 10 minutes
- Exercises 15 minutes

## 14.2 Questions

• How do I refer to the table or figure in text and link to it?

## 14.3 Objectives

• Link to tables or figures in text.

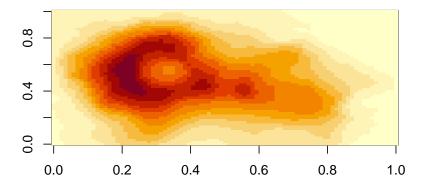
## 14.4 How to refer to tables and figures in text? (demo)

- Tables are referenced in text with @tbl-label
- Figures are references in text with Ofig-label

Importantly here, for these two above examples to work, the things that they are referring to must have the exact label tbl-label and fig-label, respectively.

So, in order to use this referencing style, you must use specific labelling of your code chunks. For example, if you have some code like this:

```
"``{r}
#| label: example-figure
image(volcano)
```



Then you cannot reference this figure in text - Qexample-figure does not work: ?.

It would need to have a label like:

```
#| label: fig-example
image(volcano)
```

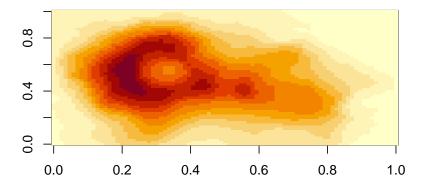


Figure 14.1

Then you can reference it with: Ofig-example - Figure 14.1.

Also note that there are a variety of ways to specify the figure:

Ofig-example: Figure 14.1
OFig-example: Figure 14.1
[Fig Ofig-example]: Fig 14.1
-Ofig-example: Figure -Figure 14.1

(reference here: https://quarto.org/docs/authoring/cross-references.html#references)

## 14.5 Your Turn (exercise)

1. Convert your output to use fig prefixes to reference figures

## 14.5.1 Demo (.demo)

```
"``{r}

#| label: fig-gg-oz

#| fig-cap: Life expectancy from 1952 - 2007 for Australia. Life expectancy increases

#| steadily except from 1962 to 1969. We can safely say our life expectancy is
```

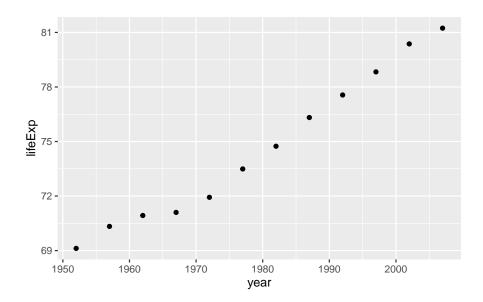


Figure 14.2: Life expectancy from 1952 - 2007 for Australia. Life expectancy increases steadily except from 1962 to 1969. We can safely say our life expectancy is higher than it has ever been!

Australia's life expectancy has increased a great deal over the past 50 years (See Figure -Figure 14.2.

## 14.5.2 Your Turn

1. Add a new plot in your document and reference it

## 14.6 Referencing a table

To cite a table, you write the following:

#### @tbl-chunk-name

```
"\{r\}
| label: tbl-gg-oz-tab
gapminder %>%
 filter(country == "Australia") %>%
 knitr::kable(caption = "Raw gapminder data for Australia.")
```

Table 14.1: Raw gapminder data for Australia.

country	continent	year	lifeExp	pop	gdpPercap
Australia	Oceania	1952	69.120	8691212	10039.60
Australia	Oceania	1957	70.330	9712569	10949.65
Australia	Oceania	1962	70.930	10794968	12217.23
Australia	Oceania	1967	71.100	11872264	14526.12
Australia	Oceania	1972	71.930	13177000	16788.63
Australia	Oceania	1977	73.490	14074100	18334.20
Australia	Oceania	1982	74.740	15184200	19477.01
Australia	Oceania	1987	76.320	16257249	21888.89
Australia	Oceania	1992	77.560	17481977	23424.77
Australia	Oceania	1997	78.830	18565243	26997.94
Australia	Oceania	2002	80.370	19546792	30687.75
Australia	Oceania	2007	81.235	20434176	34435.37

#### @tbl-chunk-name

Reference: https://quarto.org/docs/authoring/cross-references.html#tables

## 14.7 Other things you can reference

You can also reference theorems, code, proofs, and equations! See https://quarto.org/docs/authoring/cross-references.html#theorems-and-proofs for more details.

#### 14.7.1 Your Turn (exercise)

1. Create a table in your document and refer to it in text

## 14.8 Referencing a section

You can even reference a section in your report: @sec-slug

However, in order to write this, you need to include sec-slug in your mark-down header, like so:

## your amazing header {#sec-slug}

You must also include number-section in your YAML:

```
title: "example"
number-sections: true

```

For example, I can refer to the first section (Section Chapter 14) in this document by referring to the section as

```
(Section @sec-start)
```

because it was written as:

# Citing Figures, Tables & Sections {#sec-start}

## 14.8.1 Your Turn

1. Reference a section in the report.

# 15

# Citing Articles & Bibliography Styles

Now that you are near the end of your data analysis, you want to make sure that you've plugged in the gaps of REF1 REF2 and so on correctly cited the articles and software you wanted to mention.

#### 15.1 Overview

- Teaching
- Exercises

## 15.2 Questions

- What sort of things can I cite?
- How do I manage my .bib file?
- How do I change the citation style?

## 15.3 Objectives

- Provide a bibliography at the end of the document
- Cite articles and packages during the document
- learn how to manage citation styles

## 15.4 How to cite things

Citing things in a Quarto document is straightforward, you refer to articles you want to cite using [@article-handle]. Here, article-handle matches the article handle in your .bib file.

This .bib file is referred to in the YAML of your document, under the option bibliography: filename.bib:

```
title:
author:
output: html_document
bibliography: references.bib
```

#### 15.4.1 What is a .bib file?

Good question. .bib is a format for storing references from the heyday of LaTeX. It contains scripts with reference information for the article. Here's an example one

```
@Book{ggplot2,
 author = {Hadley Wickham},
 title = {ggplot2: Elegant Graphics for Data Analysis},
 publisher = {Springer-Verlag New York},
 year = {2016},
 isbn = {978-3-319-24277-4},
 url = {http://ggplot2.org},
}
```

#### 15.4.2 And how do I generate these .bib files?

You can use the citation function in R for R itself, and for specific R packages.

We can get the citation for R with:

```
citation()
```

To cite R in publications use:

```
R Core Team (2024). _R: A Language and Environment for Statistical Computing_. R Foundation for Statistical Computing, Vienna, Austria. https://www.R-project.org/.
```

```
A BibTeX entry for LaTeX users is
 @Manual{,
 title = {R: A Language and Environment for Statistical Computing},
 author = {{R Core Team}},
 organization = {R Foundation for Statistical Computing},
 address = {Vienna, Austria},
 year = {2024},
 url = {https://www.R-project.org/},
 }
We have invested a lot of time and effort in creating R, please cite it
when using it for data analysis. See also 'citation("pkgname")' for
citing R packages.
And for ggplot2 with
citation("ggplot2")
To cite ggplot2 in publications, please use
 H. Wickham. ggplot2: Elegant Graphics for Data Analysis.
 Springer-Verlag New York, 2016.
A BibTeX entry for LaTeX users is
 @Book{,
 author = {Hadley Wickham},
 title = {ggplot2: Elegant Graphics for Data Analysis},
 publisher = {Springer-Verlag New York},
 year = {2016},
 isbn = \{978-3-319-24277-4\},
 url = {https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org},
 }
```

For journals or books, you'll need to get a specific .bib file. Yes, this can be a bit of a pain, but this is where you need to use a reference management software like Zotero, Mendeley, papers, or paperpile. The important thing to to use something. These all allow you to get .bib files of your articles, which you can then placed in your references.bib file.

#### 15.4.3 Your Turn

- 1. Generate a references bib file to place your citations
- 2. Using the citation() function, generate citations for the packages we have used, "dplyr", "ggplot2", "gapminder", and for the R software, place these in your references.bib file

- 3. Reference these in your document
- 4. Add a final heading in your file called #bibliography
- 5. Render the document

## 15.5 How to change the bibliography style

OK so now you've got your bibliography, but you now need to change it to a specific journal format. Luckily, this is now pretty easy. You can change your citation style from the citation style language

Similar to how you referred to your .bib file with bibliography: ref.bib, you do something similar:

```
title:
author:
output: html_document
bibliography: references.bib
csl: my_journal.csl
```

#### 15.5.1 Your Turn

- 1. select your bibliography style to be one from your favourite journal at the CSL github repo here: https://github.com/citation-style-language/styles (> 1800 citations and counting)
- 2. place this in your rstudio project
- 3. refer to it in the YAML
- 4. Render your document and observe your greatness

## 15.6 How to move the bibliography location

The bibliography is typically placed at the end of the document, so your last heading should be something like # References. However, if you want to move it, place the following piece of text in the reference section. For example.

- # Introduction
- # References
- ::: {#refs}

:::

#### # Appendix

This is taken from this section of the Quarto documentation. Note they also state:

If your bibliography is being generated using BibLaTeX or natbib... the bibliography will always appear at the end of the document and the #refs div will be ignored.

## 15.7 How to not print / suppress the bibliography?

The bibliography can be suppressed with the YAML option suppress-bibliography

title: "document"
output: html

bibliography: file.bib
suppress-bibliography: true

## 15.7.1 Your Turn

1. Generate a bibliography and an appendix that follows it

# 16

# Captioning and referencing equations

This section introduces how to add captions to equations, and reference them in text.

## 16.1 Overview

Teaching: 5 minutesExercises: 5 minutes

## 16.2 Questions

- How do I caption an equation?
- How do I reference an equation?

## 16.2.1 Numbering equations

You can make an equation referenceable by adding a label starting with #eq-after the equation \$\$. For example:

$$Y \sim X\beta_0 + X\beta_1 + \epsilon \tag{16.1}$$

You can then refer to the equation in text using Qeq-linear:

Our model is given in Equation 16.1.

## 16.3 Other equation-adjacent referencing

You can also use and reference theorems, lemmas, conjectures, and many more - to see these, see the Quarto documentation: theorems and proofs documentation.

# 17

# Common Problems with Quarto (and some solutions)

There are some things that I run into fairly frequently (and some not so much) when I'm rendering my Quarto documents. This section details some the common problems, and the solution that I have found works for me.

If you want to practice on fixing broken Quarto documents, check out some pathologically broken examples on github at

njtierney/qmd-errors.

## 17.1 Avoiding problems

To avoid problems in the first place, I try and do the following:

- Develop code in chunks and execute the chunks until they work, then move on
- render the document regularly to check for errors.

Then, if there is an error:

- recreate the error in an interactive session:
  - restart R
  - run all chunks below
  - find the chunk that did not work, fix until it does
  - run all chunks below
  - explore working directory issues
    - $\ast$  remember that the rmark down directory is where the . Rmd file lives

#### 17.2 The errors

What follows from here are all the errors you might in an rmarkdown document, with the following structure:

- What they might look like
- What the error message might appear to be, and
- How to solve them

## 17.3 Python not found

21. value[[3L]](cond)

An error like:

#### Error:

! /Library/Frameworks/Python.framework/Versions/3.7/lib/python3.7/config-3.7m-darwin/libpy

#### Backtrace:

This error went away when I installed python - I went to https://www.python.org/downloads/ and followed the prompts

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## 17.4 No julia

```
Error in `loadNamespace()`:
! there is no package called 'JuliaCall'
Backtrace:
 1. global .main()
 14. base::loadNamespace(x)
 15. base::withRestarts(stop(cond), retry_loadNamespace = function() NULL)
 16. base (local) withOneRestart(expr, restarts[[1L]])
 17. base (local) doWithOneRestart(return(expr), restart)
Fix: Install JuliaCall R package:
install.packages("JuliaCall")
```

## 17.5 "Duplication": Duplicated chunk names

#### What it might look like

Chunks like this:

```
'``{r}
#| label: repeated
```

```
1+1
...
{r}
#| label: repeated
2+2
```

#### The error message

```
This is caught before the document compiles with a warning like:
```

```
processing file: duplicated-chunk-names.qmd
Error in parse_block(g[-1], g[1], params.src, markdown_mode):
 Duplicate chunk label 'repeated', which has been used for the chunk:
1+1
Calls: .main ... process_file -> split_file -> lapply -> FUN -> parse_block
Execution halted
The important part to note is the start:
.
.
.
.
Duplicate chunk label 'repeated', which has been used for the chunk:
1+1
.
.
.
```

#### How to solve

• In our case we have the same chunk name twice: 'repeated'. Change the chunk name of one of them!

# 17.6 "Not what I ordered": Objects not created in the right order

What it might look like

```
plot(my_table)
my_table <- table(mtcars$cyl)</pre>
```

The error message

```
17.7 Forgotten Trails I: Missing "(", or "}"
```

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Quitting from lines 8-12 [plot-table] (wrong-order.qmd)

#### How to solve

There is a good clue at the end of this message here, stating:

.
Quitting from lines 8-12 [plot-table] (wrong-order.qmd)
.
.

The template here is:

Quitting from lines START-END [CHUNK LABEL] (QUARTO-DOCUMENT-NAME.qmd)

I would then navigate to those lines of code in the Quarto document, or search for the chunk label, and see if I can run that code interactively. A common problem with these kinds of errors is that they *just might* work interactively, because you might have run them out of sequence. However because a Quarto document goes from a fresh R session and runs the code from the top to the bottom in that order, the objects might not yet exist. So:

- 1. Restart R ensure it is a clean session without objects from the previous session hanging around
- 2. Run code above the problem chunk
- 3. Run code in the problem chunk
- 4. Hopefully this reproduces your error
- 5. If it doesn't reproduce your error, consider trying to make a small reprex of the problem so you have try and figure out the bug.

## 17.7 Forgotten Trails I: Missing "(", or "}"

What it might look like

```
::: {.cell}
```

```
```{.r .cell-code}
image(volcano
:::
The error message
processing file: forgotten-trails-i.qmd
                                                        | 67% [fig-volcano]Error in `p
  1......
! <text>:2:0: unexpected end of input
1: image(volcano
Backtrace:
  1. global .main()
  2. execute(...)
 3. rmarkdown::render(...)
 4. knitr::knit(knit_input, knit_output, envir = envir, quiet = quiet)
 5. knitr:::process_file(text, output)
 11. knitr:::eng_r(options)
 14. knitr (local) evaluate(...)
 15. evaluate::evaluate(...)
 17. evaluate:::parse_all.character(...)
 18. base::parse(text = x, srcfile = src)
Quitting from lines 7-9 [fig-volcano] (forgotten-trails-i.qmd)
Execution halted
How to solve
In this case the key part to look at is
                                                      | 67% [fig-volcano]Error in `par
1.....
```

Here the error message even points to the image code, and the message, "unexpected end of input" is referring to the missing closing parenthesis.

What it might look like

1: image(volcano

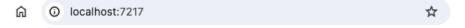
! <text>:2:0: unexpected end of input

```
'``{r
#| label: fig-volcano
```

```
image(volcano)
```

The error message

There is no error message here, but your output might look like this:



Forgotten Trails I: Missing "(", or "}"

{r #| label: fig-volcano image(volcano)

```
Forgotten Trails I: Missing "(", or "}" {r #| label: fig-volcano image(volcano)
```

How to solve

The clue here for me is that we are getting this part of the code:

{r #| label: fig-volcano image(volcano)

When we would normally not see any information about the code chunk option, #| label.

When you come across some funky looking text like that, look for a missing }.

17.8 "Forgotten Trails II": Chunk option with trailing ", or not input

What it might look like

```
6 * ```{r}-
7 #|·label:·fig-volcano-
8 #|·fig-cap:·"An·elevation·plot·of·Maunga·Whau·(Mt·Eden).·Darker·colours·
indicate·higher·parts·of·the·volcano.·We·see·one·main·peak·on·the·left,·
followed·by·two·smaller·peaks·on·the·right.-
9 image(volcano)-
10 * ```-
```

The error message

ERROR: YAMLException: unexpected end of the stream within a double quoted scalar (forgotte 7: #| label: fig-volcano

8: #| fig-cap: "An elevation plot of Maunga Whau (Mt Eden). Darker colours indicate higher

9: image(volcano)

How to solve it?

- The clue here is unexpected end of the stream within a double quoted scalar. Which, although it might sound a bit obtuse, is referring to a missing quote. The other clue is that the error captures the code chunk information and prints it out to the console.
- When you are working with this code in RStudio it also highlights the error:

```
6 * ``{r}-
7 # | label: fig-volcano-
8 # | fig-cap: "An elevation plot of Maunga Whau (Mt Eden). Darker colours indicate higher
parts of the volcano. We see one main peak on the left, followed by two smaller peaks on the right.-

X Field "fig-cap" has empty value but it must
instead be a string

11 -
12 |
```

17.9 "The Path Not Taken" File path incorrect

What it might look like

```
::: {.cell}

```{.cell-code}

```{r}

#| label: read-data

#| eval: false
library(readr)
penguins <- read_csv("the_penguins.csv")

````</pre>
```

...

```
5. vroom:::check_path(path)
Quitting from lines 7-10 [read-data] (path-not-taken.qmd)
Execution halted
How to solve
The key part to pay attention to here is:
Error:! 'the_penguins.csv' does not exist in current working directory ('/Users/nick/githu
In this case, we need to ensure that the data file is in the right spot - in our example w
"Spolling I" Incorrectly spelled chunk options
These are often not an error, but you just won't get the behaviour that you expect.
What it might look like
````markdown
::: {.cell fig-caption='Penguin Bill Length against Flipper Length. coloured by species. E
````{.cell-code}
···{r}
#| label: fig-penguins
#| fig-caption: "Penguin Bill Length against Flipper Length. coloured by species. Each dot
library(palmerpenguins)
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(penguins,
 aes(x = flipper_length_mm,
 y = bill_length_mm,
 colour = species)) +
 geom_point() +
 scale_color_brewer(palette = "Dark2") +
 theme_minimal() +
 facet_wrap(~island)
```

Warning: Removed 2 rows containing missing values or values outside the scale range

:::

(`geom\_point()`).

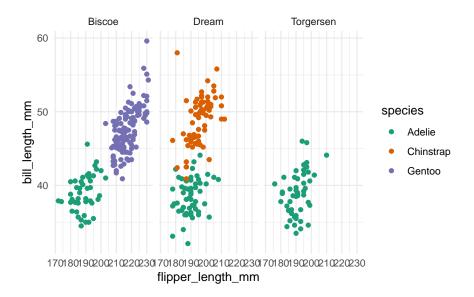


Figure 17.1

```
```markdown
Above we have @fig-counts...
```

In this case we do not get a rendered caption at all:

The root cause of this is that we have specified `fig-caption` instead of `fig-cap`.

This once caused me to rewrite a lot of code and an entire section of a paper until I real

The error message

There is no error message for this! It is a silent error.

How to solve

You can resolve this issue by using `fig-cap` instead of `fig-caption`.

```
## "Spolling II" Incorrectly spelled chunk option inputs
So this is when you provide the wrong input to your chunk options. Like something that red
**What it might look like**
![](images/clipboard-2038915081.png)
**The error message**
==> quarto preview spolling-ii.qmd --to html --no-watch-inputs --no-browse
(line 8, columns 11--14) Field "cache" has value yes, which must instead be `true` or `fal
 The value yes is a string.
 The error happened in location cache.
 Quarto uses YAML 1.2, which interprets booleans strictly.
 Try using true instead.
ERROR: Validation of YAML cell metadata failed.
ERROR: Render failed due to invalid YAML.
**How to solve**
There's a bit of text here, but the key piece is:
(line 8, columns 11--14) Field "cache" has value yes, which must instead be `true` or `fal
We have specified `#| cache: yes` instead of `#| cache: true`. A good thing to internalise
## "The Legend of Link I": Your images in `![]()` don't work.
I often forget that it is `![](path/to/image)`, and not `![]("path/to/image")`. There are
![](images/clipboard-1417429929.png)
## LaTeX errors
```

There is no panacea for LaTeX errors, but if you aren't familiar with "what that error mes

```
**The error message**
**How to solve**
## I want to include inline R code verbatim to show an example
... Like for a book on using rmarkdown or something.
You can use the chunk option `echo: fenced`. See the [Quarto documentation on fenced echo
::: callout-tip
Back before we had this option we used to have to do things like this:
[blog post by T. Hovorka from R Views] (https://rviews.rstudio.com/2017/12/04/how-to-show-r
It boils down to this:
[````r "\u0060r expression\u0060"````]{style="color:blue"}.
Thankfully the folks at Quarto have made this much easier!
:::
## My Figure or Table isn't being cited
**What it might look like**
You create a figure,
**The error message**
There isn't one - you just get `Ofig-chunk-name` printed.
**How to solve**
You need to make sure that you actually print the table or plot. If you create the plot an
## Your Turn {.exercise}
1. Go to this repo [njtierney/qmd-errors] (https://github.com/njtierney/qmd-errors), and g
You can download this repository by running this code:
```

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```

```
::: {.cell}
```{.r .cell-code}
use_course("njtierney/qmd-errors")
:::
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# Different Outputs and Extensions
There are many different outputs for Quarto - as a start, THIS VERY BOOK IS WRITTEN IN QUA
What's especially great is that the extra barriers to moving from one format to another ar
- Adding a `_quarto.yml` file
  - Making some changes inside this file to tell it whether it is a book/manuscript/slides
There are some small differences in how files are setup, but by and large the work that yo
```

Alternative output formats

- [Write a book] (https://quarto.org/docs/books/)
- [build a website](https://quarto.org/docs/websites/)
- [create a simple dashboard](https://quarto.org/docs/dashboards/)
- [use shiny with Quarto](https://quarto.org/docs/interactive/shiny/)
- [generate multiple reports with parameterised reports](https://quarto.org/docs/computati
- [typst](https://quarto.org/docs/output-formats/typst.html) (like a next-generation LaTeX

Slideshows / Presentations

- [HTML: revealjs](https://quarto.org/docs/presentations/revealjs/)
- [PDF: beamer](https://quarto.org/docs/presentations/beamer.html)
- [powerpoint] (https://quarto.org/docs/presentations/powerpoint.html)

Quarto Extensions

Quarto has an official extensions API, you can see all their extensions on their [extension

```
#### For Journals
Quarto has provided a substantial list of supported journal formats in the [journal listing
#### Other extensions
Other formats and extensions for PDF, for example, the [`hikmah.pdf`](https://github.com/a
These can be found at the [Quarto Custom Formats Page] (https://quarto.org/docs/extensions/
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Next Steps
So now you've got a handle on Quarto, what are some of the other things to think about lea
Learn how to use git and github
git is a version control system. Not sure what a version control system is? No worries, le
. . .
Final
Final 2
Really final
[Relevant PhD comics link] (http://phdcomics.com/comics/archive.php?comicid=1531)
Or even if you have something like:
- `2018-10-10-document.Rmd`
- `2018-10-11-document.Rmd`
```

These are ways of managing which version you have.

To learn git and github, I'd highly recommend [Happy Git with R] (https://happygitwithr.com

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The Posit [cheatsheet](https://rstudio.github.io/cheatsheets/html/quarto.html)
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Extending word templates: https://quarto.org/docs/output-formats/ms-word-templates.html
[happy git with r](http://happygitwithr.com/)
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# Appendices {.unnumbered}
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Templates
Controlling the outputs
Depending on the output type, HTML, PDF, or word, you can actually control how the document
Options for HTML
Some common options for HTML include:
- Adding tab sets
- floating table of contents
Options for PDF
- Adding page breaks
- injecting LaTeX into your rmarkdown document
Options for Word
- templates using .doct files
How do I set options specific to each output
```

Sometimes you might want to have specific output changes to

```
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# FAQ
( A place for questions)
## How can I include a screenshot of an interactive graphic in PDF or Word?
You might wish to include a screenshot of an interactive graphic you had in your HTML docu
I recommend using the `webshot` package.
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HTML document extensions
Some common options for HTML include:
- Adding tab sets
- floating table of contents
Adding Tab sets
A tab set looks like the following:
````markdown
#### Example tab set {.tabset}
##### Tab 1
> Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Quisque sed eleifend velit. Sed
```

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```
##### Tab 2
```{r tab-plot}` r''
plot(iris$Sepal.Length, iris$Sepal.Width)
```

To add a tab set, you include {.tabset} after your heading

## 17.9.1 Floating table of contents

A floating table of contents can be added with the following lines in the YAML header:

```
title: "Your title"
author: "Your name"
output:
 html_document:
 toc: true
 toc_float: true
```

## 17.10 Your turn

- 1. Add tab sets to your document
- 2. Add a floating table of contents

# Bibliography