

asar: :CHEATSHEET

Partially automate a U.S. fisheries stock assessment report.



Install

Install 4 R packages: pak, tinytex, asar, and stockplotr

```
install.packages("pak")
pak::pak("tinytex")
tinytex::install_tinytex(bundle = "TinyTeX-2")
pak::pak("nmfs-ost/asar")
pak::pak("nmfs-ost/stockplotr")
```

Ensure Quarto CLI v1.6+ is installed

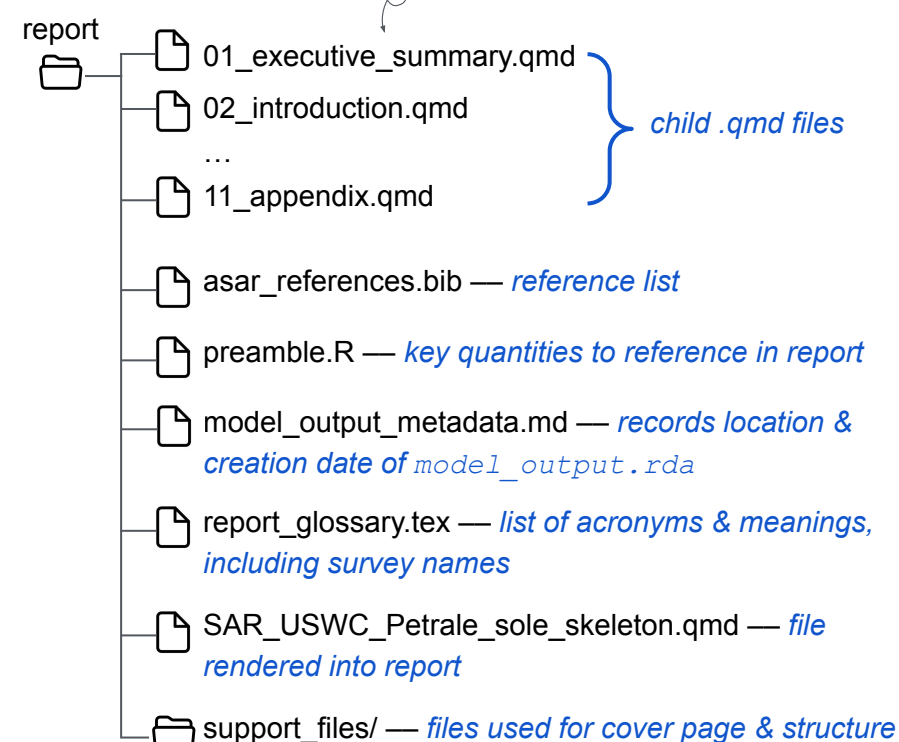
```
quarto::quarto_version()
```

Create report skeleton

Make report with minimal recommended arguments

```
asar::create_template(
  office = "NWFSC",
  region = "U.S. West Coast",
  species = "Petrale sole",
  spp_latin = "Eopsetta jordani",
  year = 2023, # specify if past year
  author = c("John Snow" = "NWFSC"),
  model_results = here::here("model_output.rda")
)
```

Model output file converted with stockplotr::convert_output()



Use time-saving shortcuts

Save time writing reports by using features including quantities, acronyms, citations, survey names, and parameters.

Q 03_data.qmd

```
# Data {#sec-data}

For 'r end_year', composition data was
obtained from the \gls{pacfin}
Biological Data System
[@star_1999].

During the \gls{ny dec nearshore},
'r species' was observed...
```

End year calculated in preamble.R

Acronym in report_glossary.tex

Citation in asar_references.bib

Informal survey name, used like acronyms in report_glossary.tex, will render as correct survey name

Parameter in report skeleton yaml (e.g., SAR_USWC_Petrale_sole_skeleton.qmd)

Add tables & figures

Steps:

1. Create tables, figures with stockplotr or other method
2. Place table .rda files in "tables" folder
3. Place figure .png, .jpg, or .rda files in "figures" folder
4. Add code chunks to report/08_tables.qmd that import and display tables in "tables" folder:

```
asar::create_tables_doc(
  subdir = here::here("report"),
  tables_dir = here::here()
)
```

"tables" folder location

5. Update 09_figures.qmd with similar workflow:

```
asar::create_figures_doc(
  subdir = here::here("report"),
  figures_dir = here::here()
)
```

Location to save 09_figures.qmd

Render report

Options:

- Use R console

```
quarto::quarto_render(
  here::here("report",
    "SAR_USWC_Petrale_sole_skeleton.qmd")
)
```

Report skeleton

- RStudio "render" button in program pane
- Use terminal: quarto render report/skeleton.qmd

Add accessibility features

For PDFs: Add tags & alternative text for figures

```
path <- getwd()

withr::with_dir(
  file.path(path, "report"),
  add_accessibility(
    x = "SAR_USWC_Petrale_sole_skeleton.tex",
    dir = getwd(),
    alttext_csv = file.path(getwd(),
      "captions_alt_text.csv"),
    compile = TRUE
  )
)
```

LaTeX-based version of report

File with templates for captions and alternative text. Templates must be reviewed and expanded by user

Captions/alternative text file format (captions_alt_text.csv)

label	type	caption	alt_text
example_fig	figure	Example caption for figure.	Example alternative text for figure.
example_tab	table	Example caption for table.	
...

See "Increasing Report Accessibility" vignette

Tip

Use relative filepaths

- Saves time and effort
- Facilitates collaboration

Recommended tool: here R package

```
absolute_path <- "C:/docs/file"
relative_path <- here::here("file")
```

