



Figure 1: A cake of ‘bookdown’. How should I cut it in a right way?

happily under the umbrella of ‘bookdown’. ‘bookdownplus’ helps you write varied types of books and documents. This book you are reading at the moment was exactly produced by ‘bookdownplus’.

I believe some official ‘bookdown’ templates will be available in the near future, but I cannot wait. Can you? The cake will not be fresh any more.

‘bookdownplus’ is a knife for cutting the ‘bookdown’ cake. Feel free to join me in sharpening it if you would like to.

1.3 WHY ‘BOOKDOWNPLUS’

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The former project was called bookdown-plus, providing a folder for users to download and modify. It was later abandoned because it was not so convenient as an R package.

² <https://bookdown.org/yihui/bookdown/>