

# R Markdown :: CHEAT SHEET

## What is R Markdown?

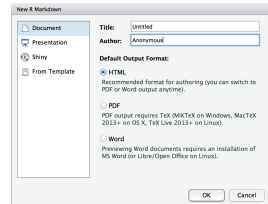


**.Rmd files** • An R Markdown (.Rmd) file is a record of your research. It contains the code that a scientist needs to reproduce your work along with the narration that a reader needs to understand your work.

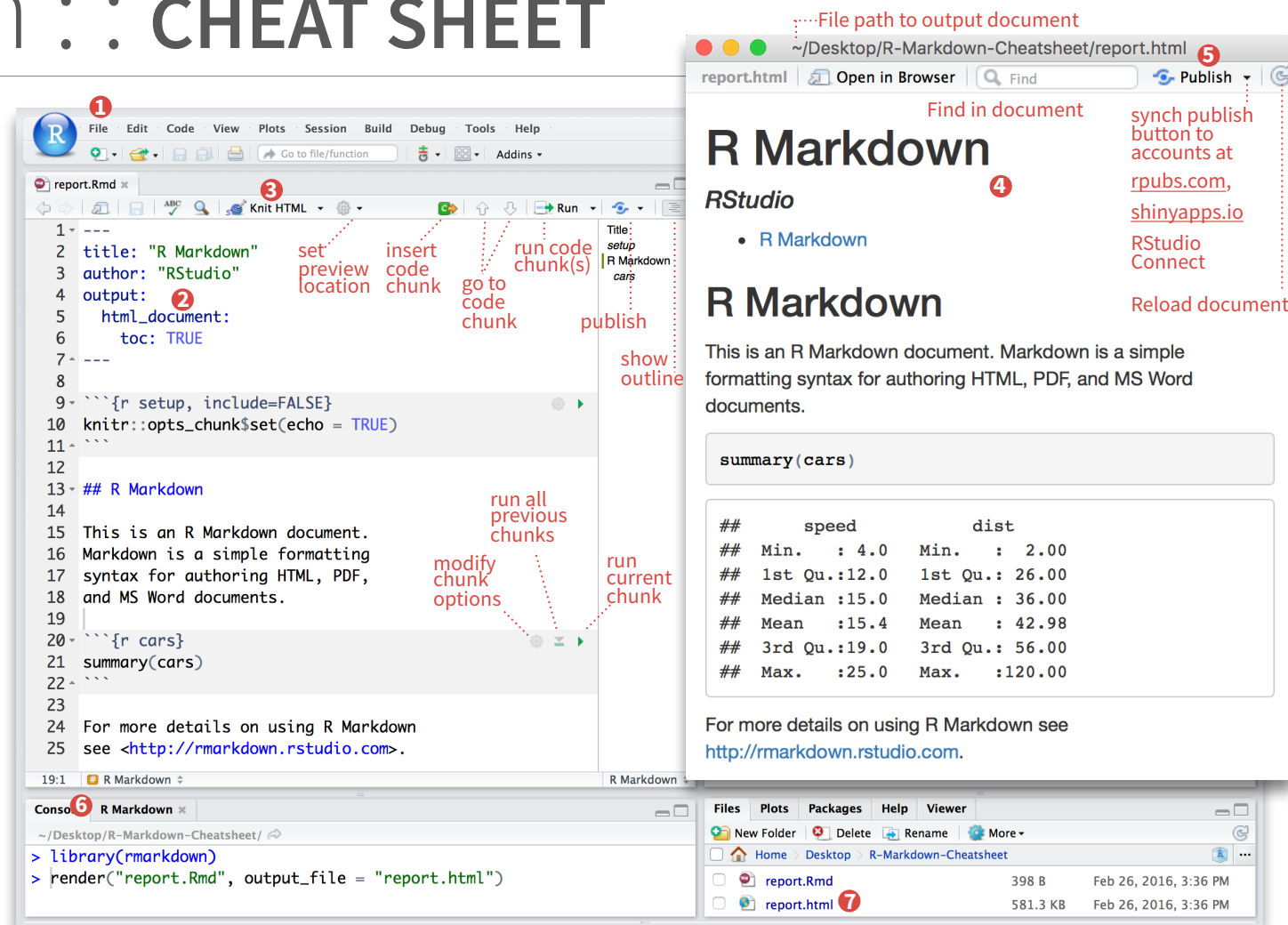
**Reproducible Research** • At the click of a button, or the type of a command, you can rerun the code in an R Markdown file to reproduce your work and export the results as a finished report.

**Dynamic Documents** • You can choose to export the finished report in a variety of formats, including html, pdf, MS Word, or RTF documents; html or pdf based slides, Notebooks, and more.

## Workflow



- 1 **Open a new .Rmd file** at File ► New File ► R Markdown. Use the wizard that opens to pre-populate the file with a template
- 2 **Write document** by editing template
- 3 **Knit document to create report**; use knit button or `render()` to knit
- 4 **Preview Output** in IDE window
- 5 **Publish** (optional) to web server
- 6 **Examine build log** in R Markdown console
- 7 **Use output file** that is saved along side .Rmd



## render

Use `rmarkdown::render()` to render/knit at cmd line. Important args:

**input** - file to render  
**output\_format**

**output\_options** - List of render options (as in YAML)

**output\_file**  
**output\_dir**

**params** - list of params to use

**envir** - environment to evaluate code chunks in

**encoding** - of input file

## Embed code with knitr syntax

### INLINE CODE

Insert with ``r <code>``. Results appear as text without code.

Built with ``r getRversion()`` ➔ Built with 3.2.3

### CODE CHUNKS

One or more lines surrounded with ``{r}`` and ``{}``. Place chunk options within curly braces, after `r`. Insert with

```
`{r echo=TRUE}  
getRversion()  
`{}`
```

```
getRversion()  
## [1] '3.2.3'
```

### GLOBAL OPTIONS

Set with `knitr::opts_chunk$set()`, e.g.

```
`{r include=FALSE}  
knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = TRUE)  
`{}`
```

### IMPORTANT CHUNK OPTIONS

**cache** - cache results for future knits (default = FALSE)

**cache.path** - directory to save cached results in (default = "cache/")

**child** - file(s) to knit and then include (default = NULL)

**collapse** - collapse all output into single block (default = FALSE)

**comment** - prefix for each line of results (default = '##')

**dependson** - chunk dependencies for caching (default = NULL)

**echo** - Display code in output document (default = TRUE)

**engine** - code language used in chunk (default = 'R')

**error** - Display error messages in doc (TRUE) or stop render when errors occur (FALSE) (default = FALSE)

**eval** - Run code in chunk (default = TRUE)

**fig.align** - 'left', 'right', or 'center' (default = 'default')

**fig.cap** - figure caption as character string (default = NULL)

**fig.height**, **fig.width** - Dimensions of plots in inches

**highlight** - highlight source code (default = TRUE)

**include** - Include chunk in doc after running (default = TRUE)

**message** - display code messages in document (default = TRUE)

**results** (default = 'markup')  
'asis' - passthrough results

'hide' - do not display results

'hold' - put all results below all code

**tidy** - tidy code for display (default = FALSE)

**warning** - display code warnings in document (default = TRUE)

Options not listed above: `R.options`, `aniopts`, `autodep`, `background`, `cache.comments`, `cache.lazy`, `cache.rebuild`, `cache.vars`, `dev`, `dev.args`, `dpi`, `engine.opts`, `engine.path`, `fig.asp`, `fig.env`, `fig.ext`, `fig.keep`, `fig.lp`, `fig.path`, `fig.pos`, `fig.process`, `fig.retina`, `fig.scap`, `fig.show`, `fig.showtext`, `fig.subcap`, `interval`, `out.extra`, `out.height`, `out.width`, `prompt`, `purl`, `ref.label`, `render`, `size`, `split`, `tidy.opts`



## .rmd Structure

rmarkdown

### YAML Header

Optional section of render (e.g. pandoc) options written as key:value pairs (YAML).

At start of file

Between lines of ---

### Text

Narration formatted with markdown, mixed with:

### Code Chunks

Chunks of embedded code. Each chunk:

Begins with ``{r}``

ends with ``{}``

R Markdown will run the code and append the results to the doc.

It will use the location of the .Rmd file as the **working directory**

## Parameters

Parameterize your documents to reuse with new inputs (e.g., data, values, etc.)

```
---  
params:  
  n: 100  
  d: !r Sys.Date()  
---
```

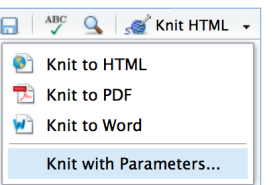
1. **Add parameters** • Create and set parameters in the header as sub-values of params

2. **Call parameters** • Call parameter values in code as `params$<name>`

3. **Set parameters** • Set values with Knit with parameters or the params argument of render():

```
render("doc.Rmd", params = list(n = 1,  
d = as.Date("2015-01-01")))
```

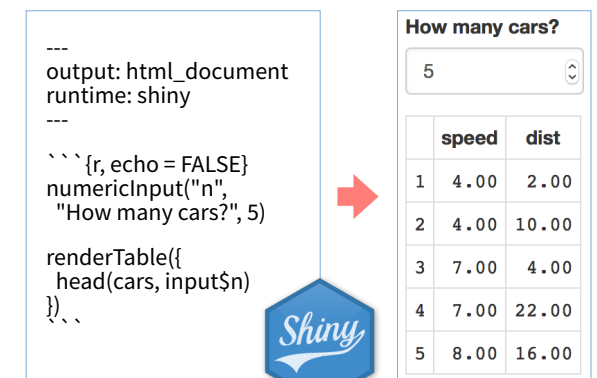
Today's date  
is `r params\$d`



## Interactive Documents

Turn your report into an interactive Shiny document in 4 steps

1. Add runtime: shiny to the YAML header.
2. Call Shiny input functions to embed input objects.
3. Call Shiny render functions to embed reactive output.
4. Render w `rmarkdown::run` or click Run Document in RStudio IDE



Embed a complete app into your document with `shiny::shinyAppDir()`

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[www.rstudio.com/products/connect/](http://www.rstudio.com/products/connect/)

# Pandoc's Markdown

Write with syntax on the left to create effect on right (after render)

Plain text  
End a line with two spaces  
to start a new paragraph.  
**italics** and **bold**  
`verbatim code`  
sub/superscript<sup>2</sup>~  
~~strikethrough~~  
escaped: \\* \\_ \\  
endash: --, emdash: ---  
equation: \$A = \pi \* r^{2}\$  
equation block:

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

> block quote

# Header1 {#anchor}

## Header 2 {#css\_id}

### Header 3 {css\_class}

#### Header 4

##### Header 5

##### Header 6

<!--Text comment-->

\textbf{Text ignored in HTML}

<em>HTML ignored in pdfs</em>

<http://www.rstudio.com>  
[link](www.rstudio.com)  
Jump to [Header 1](#anchor)  
image:

![Caption](smallorb.png)

\* unordered list  
+ sub-item 1  
+ sub-item 2  
- sub-sub-item 1

\* item 2

Continued (indent 4 spaces)

1. ordered list  
2. item 2  
i) sub-item 1  
A. sub-sub-item 1

(@) A list whose numbering

continues after

(@) an interruption

Term 1

: Definition 1

Right	Left	Default	Center
12	12	12	12
123	123	123	123
1	1	1	1

- slide bullet 1  
- slide bullet 2

(>- to have bullets appear on click)

horizontal rule/slide break:

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A footnote [^1]

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endash: --, emdash: ---  
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equation block:

$$E = mc^2$$

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## Header 2

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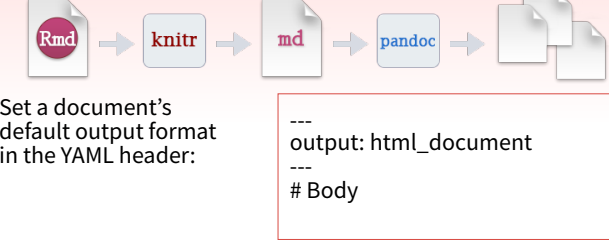
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# Set render options with YAML

When you render, R Markdown

1. runs the R code, embeds results and text into .md file with knitr
2. then converts the .md file into the finished format with pandoc



output value

html\_document

pdf\_document

word\_document

odt\_document

rtf\_document

md\_document

github\_document

ioslides\_presentation

slidy\_presentation

beamer\_presentation

creates

html

pdf (requires Tex )

Microsoft Word (.docx)

OpenDocument Text

Rich Text Format

Markdown

Github compatible markdown

ioslides HTML slides

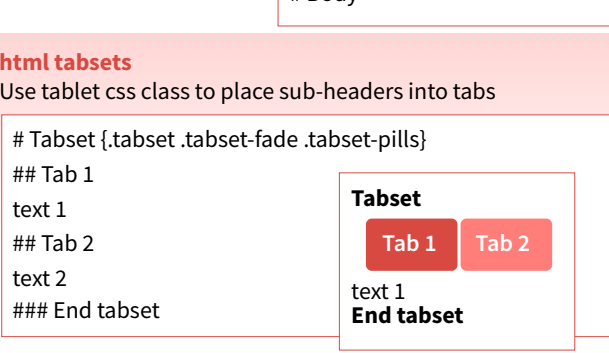
slidy HTML slides

Beamer pdf slides (requires Tex)

Customize output with

sub-options (listed to

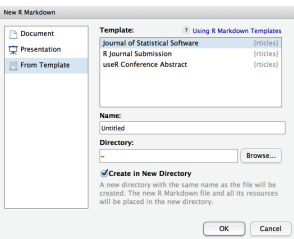
the right):



# Create a Reusable Template

1. Create a new package with an inst/rmarkdown/templates directory
2. In the directory, Place a folder that contains: **template.yaml** (see below) **skeleton.Rmd** (contents of the template) any supporting files
3. Install the package
4. Access **template** in wizard at File ► New File ► R Markdown template.yaml

---  
name: My Template  
---



sub-option	description	html	pdf	word	odt	rtf	md	github	ioslides	slidy	beamer
citation_package	The LaTeX package to process citations, natbib, biblatex or none		X				X				X
code_folding	Let readers to toggle the display of R code, "none", "hide", or "show"	X									
colortheme	Beamer color theme to use										X
css	CSS file to use to style document	X							X	X	
dev	Graphics device to use for figure output (e.g. "png")	X	X				X	X	X	X	X
duration	Add a countdown timer (in minutes) to footer of slides									X	
fig_caption	Should figures be rendered with captions?	X	X	X	X				X	X	X
fig_height, fig_width	Default figure height and width (in inches) for document	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
highlight	Syntax highlighting: "tango", "pygments", "kate", "zenburn", "textmate"	X	X	X						X	X
includes	File of content to place in document (in_header, before_body, after_body)	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X
incremental	Should bullets appear one at a time (on presenter mouse clicks)?								X	X	X
keep_md	Save a copy of .md file that contains knitr output	X		X	X	X			X	X	
keep_tex	Save a copy of .tex file that contains knitr output	X									X
latex_engine	Engine to render latex, "pdflatex", "xelatex", or "lualatex"	X									X
lib_dir	Directory of dependency files to use (Bootstrap, MathJax, etc.)	X							X	X	
mathjax	Set to local or a URL to use a local/URL version of MathJax to render equations	X							X	X	
md_extensions	Markdown extensions to add to default definition or R Markdown	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
number_sections	Add section numbering to headers	X	X								
pandoc_args	Additional arguments to pass to Pandoc	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
preserve_yaml	Preserve YAML front matter in final document?						X				
reference_docx	docx file whose styles should be copied when producing docx output			X							
self_contained	Embed dependencies into the doc	X							X	X	
slide_level	The lowest heading level that defines individual slides										X
smaller	Use the smaller font size in the presentation?								X		
smart	Convert straight quotes to curly, dashes to em-dashes, ... to ellipses, etc.	X							X	X	
template	Pandoc template to use when rendering file quarterly_report.html).	X	X		X				X	X	
theme	Bootswatch or Beamer theme to use for page	X									X
toc	Add a table of contents at start of document	X	X	X		X	X	X			X
toc_depth	The lowest level of headings to add to table of contents	X	X	X		X	X	X			
toc_float	Float the table of contents to the left of the main content	X									

# Table Suggestions

Several functions format R data into tables

Table with kable	eruptions	waiting
1	3.600	79
2	1.800	54
3	3.333	74
4	2.283	62

eruptions	waiting
1	3.600 79
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```
data <- faithful[1:4,]  
knitr::kable(data, caption = "Table with kable")  
print(xtable::xtable(data, caption = "Table with xtable",  
  type = "html", html.table.attributes = "border=0"))  
stargazer::stargazer(data, type = "html", title = "Table  
with stargazer")
```

# Citations and Bibliographies

Create citations with .bib, .bibtex, .copac, .enl, .json, .medline, .mods, .ris, .wos, and .xml files

1. Set bibliography file and CSL 1.0 Style file (optional) in the YAML header
2. Use citation keys in text

Smith cited [smith04].  
Smith cited without author [-@smith04].  
@smith04 cited in line.

3. Render. Bibliography will be added to end of document

Smith cited (Joe Smith 2004).  
Smith cited without author (2004).  
Joe Smith (2004) cited in line.

