

Session Six

Exporting Results to LaTeX, Markdown
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Automating Papers



Today we will Cover

- Discussion: Using LaTeX vs. Markdown
- Generating Results within R, Python, Stata
- LaTeX – Populating Results in a KLC LaTeX doc
- Markdown –
 1. Jupyter Notebooks for Python
 2. ‘Knitting’ R Markdown Files
 3. Stata Markdown

Discussion: LaTeX vs. Markdown

LaTeX and Markdown Comparison

Markdown

title: Sample Problem Set
author: Your Name
date: July 2022

--- Hello world!

LaTeX

Preamble

`\documentclass{article}`
`\usepackage{amsmath}`
`\usepackage{amssymb}`
`\usepackage{amsfonts}`

`\title{Sample Article}`
`\author{Your Name}`
`\date{July 2022}`

Body

`\begin{document}`
`\maketitle`
Hello world!
`\end{document}`

Markdown

What is it?

Markdown is a text-to-HTML conversion tool. It allows you to write using a plain text format, then convert it to structurally valid HTML. A Markdown document could contain source code and LaTeX formulas.

Use

distraction-free focus-on-what-you-want-to-say writing.

LaTeX

What is it?

LaTeX or Tex/Markup is a high-quality typesetting system; it includes features designed for technical and scientific documentation.

Use

high-quality typesetting for articles, research papers, manuals, books, etc.

Discussion – Use Cases

When would you use LaTeX?

- ❑ Journal articles, working papers, class papers
- ❑ Beamer for your job talk presentation

When would you use Markdown?

- ❑ Class problem sets
- ❑ Exploratory work
- ❑ Teaching materials

Automating Results Generation in Code

Generating Results Files in Programs

What we'll Cover:

- ❖ Creating Descriptive Statistics Tables
- ❖ Formatting Regression Results
- ❖ Exporting Plots and Graphs

For Tables

- ❖ Python & R – stargazer package
- ❖ Python – estout and outreg2

Recall - Opening a GUI on KLC

Again, no modules are preloaded in a new KLC session. You will need to load everything you use.

To see what version of a software package are available type:

```
module avail <software name>  
module avail R  
module avail stata  
module avail python
```

To load something type:

```
module load <software version>  
module avail R/4.1.1  
module load stata/17  
module load python-miniconda3/4.12.0
```

To launch a GUI:

```
rstudio  
xstata-mp  
spyder
```

Running LaTeX

Running LaTeX on KLC: TexLive

Open a Terminal Session in FastX.

To load packages, type:

```
module load texlive/2020  
module load ghostscript
```

To create a pdf of the tex file, run:

```
pdflatex <file_name_here.tex>  
pdflatex sample.tex
```

Exercise 1 – Automate Papers with Bash

Now that we know how to output results tables and graphs from code and pipe those results into a LaTeX document to compile on KLC, please write a shell script to automate the process for Python, R or Stata results.

Using Markdown on KLC

Jupyter Notebooks in Python

Open a GNOME Terminal Session in FastX.

To load packages, type:

```
module load python/anaconda3.6  
module load chrome
```

To create and launch a conda environment, type:

```
conda create -n taxi_env python=3.6  
source activate taxi_env
```

To install libraries, type:

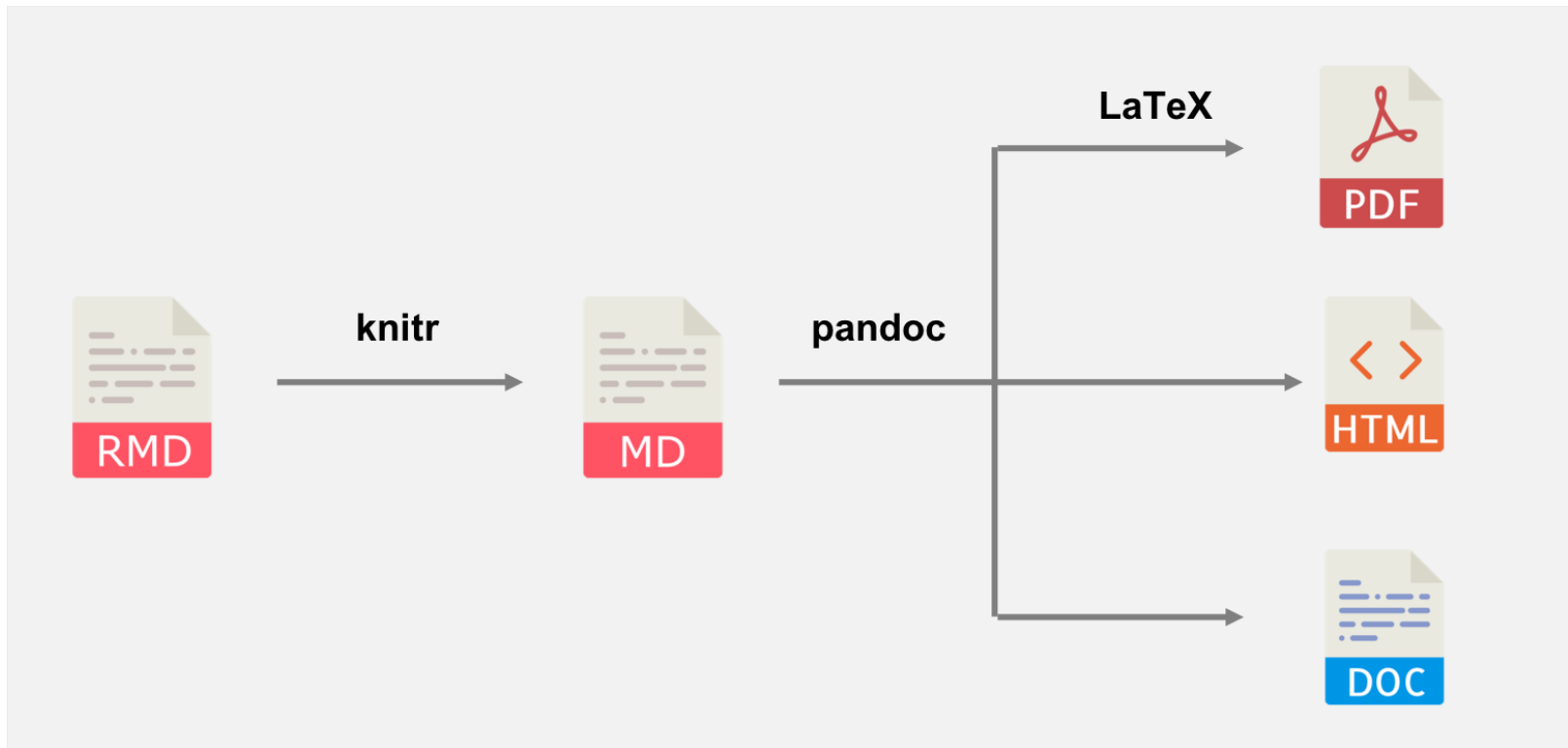
```
conda install -c conda-forge <library>
```

To launch a jupyter notebook, type:

```
jupyter notebook --browser=chrome
```

Access from a Quest Analytics Node: <https://jupyter.questanalytics.northwestern.edu/hub/login>

Knitting an R Markdown File



R Markdown within Rstudio

Open a GNOME Terminal Session in FastX.

To load packages and launch Rstudio, type:

```
module load texlive/2020  
module load R/4.1.1  
rstudio
```

Within R, install and load the following

```
install.packages('rmarkdown')  
library(rmarkdown)
```

To generate a pdf file in R, “Knit to pdf” from the “Knit” dropdown.

R Markdown from the command line

Open a GNOME Terminal Session in FastX.

Load packages necessary for R and Markdown.

```
module load texlive/2020  
module load pandoc/2.2.1  
module load R/4.1.1
```

*Note that unlike using Rstudio, to compile an R markdown file from the command line you need to load **pandoc**!*

To generate a pdf file from the command line:

```
Rscript -e "rmarkdown::render('samplex.Rmd',params=list('myarg'))"
```

Creating a Stata Markdown File

Open a GNOME Terminal Session in FastX.

To load packages, type:

```
module load texlive/2020
module load pandoc/2.2.1
module load stata/17
xstata-mp
```

Within Stata, type the following

```
ssc install markstat
ssc install whereis
whereis pandoc /software/pandoc/2.2.1/bin/pandoc
whereis pdflatex /software/texlive/2020/bin/
x86_64-linux/pdflatex
cd <directory>
markstat using <filename>, mathjax
```

Exercise 2 – Teaching with Markdown

Please share something you learned how to code during this workshop by describing it in a Markdown file in Python, R, or Stata.

Appendix

Appendix – LaTeX/Markdown Resources

Getting Started with Latex:

<https://www.latex-project.org/get/#tex-distributions>

Online Latex Editor:

https://www.tutorialspoint.com/online_latex_editor.php

Texlive on a Linux Server:

<https://www.tug.org/texlive/>

<https://www.linuxfordevices.com/tutorials/ubuntu/install-tex-live-texmaker>

R Markdown and Knitr

<https://www.r-bloggers.com/2015/12/r-markdown-and-knitr-tutorial-part-1/>

Python with Latex: <https://github.com/gpoore/pythontex>

<https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/pylatex-module-in-python/?ref=lbp>

Stata Markdown

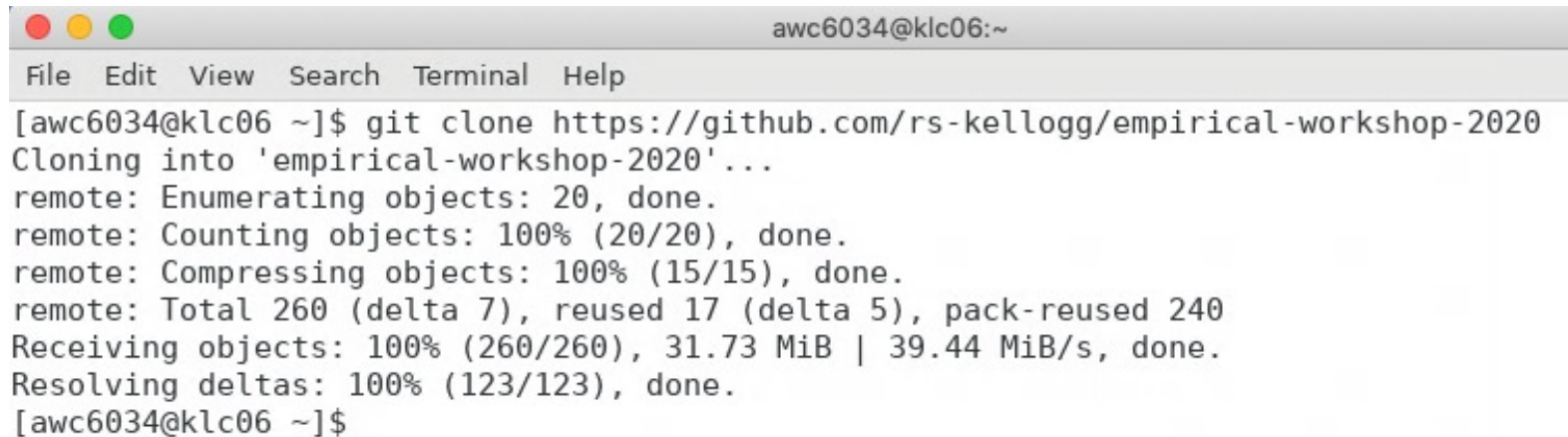
<https://data.princeton.edu/stata/markdown>

Appendix: Git Clone Workshop to KLC

Recall that we'll first copy the contents of this week's github lecture notes/materials to our KLC home directories.

1. Launch a Terminal window on KLC
2. Type the following into the command line:

```
git clone https://github.com/rs-kellogg/workshop_2022/
```

A screenshot of a macOS Terminal window. The title bar shows three colored window control buttons (red, yellow, green) on the left and the text 'awc6034@klc06:~' on the right. Below the title bar is a menu bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Search', 'Terminal', and 'Help'. The main area of the terminal displays the command '[awc6034@klc06 ~]\$ git clone https://github.com/rs-kellogg/empirical-workshop-2020' and its output: 'Cloning into 'empirical-workshop-2020'...', 'remote: Enumerating objects: 20, done.', 'remote: Counting objects: 100% (20/20), done.', 'remote: Compressing objects: 100% (15/15), done.', 'remote: Total 260 (delta 7), reused 17 (delta 5), pack-reused 240', 'Receiving objects: 100% (260/260), 31.73 MiB | 39.44 MiB/s, done.', 'Resolving deltas: 100% (123/123), done.', and '[awc6034@klc06 ~]\$'.

```
awc6034@klc06:~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
[awc6034@klc06 ~]$ git clone https://github.com/rs-kellogg/empirical-workshop-2020  
Cloning into 'empirical-workshop-2020'...  
remote: Enumerating objects: 20, done.  
remote: Counting objects: 100% (20/20), done.  
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (15/15), done.  
remote: Total 260 (delta 7), reused 17 (delta 5), pack-reused 240  
Receiving objects: 100% (260/260), 31.73 MiB | 39.44 MiB/s, done.  
Resolving deltas: 100% (123/123), done.  
[awc6034@klc06 ~]$
```

To update the contents of an existing cloned directory, navigate to the folder and type:

```
cd ~/workshop-2022  
git pull
```