Rmarkdown: Word and pdf documents

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Microsoft Word

- You can specify it when you create a new rmarkdown document.
- You can also specify it later in the YAML header.

title: "rmarkdown_pdf_docx"
author: "Sebastien Renaut"

date: '2018-09-06'
output: word_document

- Then, it's just a matter of kniting the document!
- Little documentation, few options & configurations are possible. (This is not the course of events that should be promoted, as it moves away from an open source environment).

Portable Document Format (.pdf)

- You need a extra step to go from LaTeX (.tex) format to a .pdf. This is handled by the pdflatex function in R.
- LaTeX software is a high-quality typesetting system.
- It is the de facto standard for the communication and publication of scientific documents.
- LaTeX is available as free software.
- Latex software is available here.
- If interested, follow this discussion: Why LaTeX is such a bloated system?
- So... TinyTeX is a custom LaTeX distribution based on TeX Live that is small in size (~150MB) but functions well in most cases, especially for R users .
- tinytex R package is a wrapper function that installs *TinyTeX*.

Exercice 1 (15min.)

• Install the tinytex R package from the console.

```
install.packages("tinytex")
library(tinytex)
It takes a few minutes to download and compile tinytex (~150MB)
install tinytex()
```

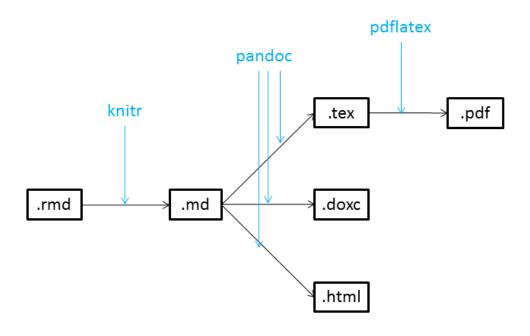


Figure 1:

• Compile your document as .pdf:

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date: '2018-09-06' output: pdf_document

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More complex header

output

pdf_document:
keep_tex: true
fig_caption: true
latex_engine: pdflatex

title: "This is my first Rmarkdown manuscript"

date: February 06, 2019 geometry: margin=1in fontfamily: mathpazo

fontsize: 11pt spacing: double

csl: ../reference_material/peerj.csl

bibliography: ../reference_material/reference.bib

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• Note the indentation in the .Rmd document.

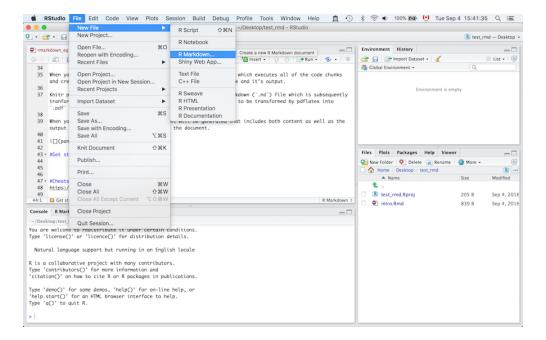
• Note the bibliography file and csl file for formatting references.

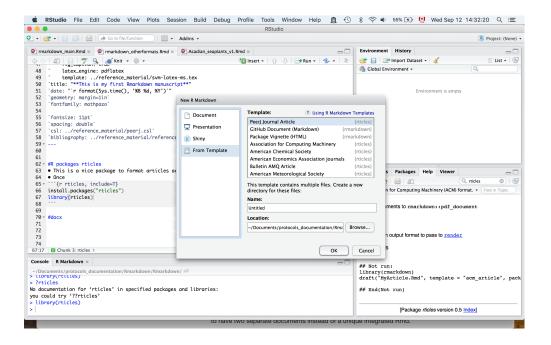
Exercice 2: R packages rticles (10min.)

- This is a nice package to format articles according to the specification of a journal.
- But first, you need to install it in the R console install.packages("rticles").

```
"'{r rticles, include=T}
#install.packages("rticles")
library(rticles)
```

• Once installed, try starting a new R markdown document according to your journal of interest.





Template (.tex)

- You can build your own template if you know Latex...
- There are many templates available on the web that you can use.
- Here is one I like for manuscripts (Thanks symiller!):
- Here is one I like for CVs:
- Simply download it and add it to the YAML header like this: template: ../reference_material/svm-latex-ms.tex ---

```
pdf_document:
   keep_tex: true
   fig_caption: true
  latex_engine: pdflatex
```

template: ../reference_material/svm-latex-ms.tex
title: "**This is my first Rmarkdown manuscript**

output:

Overleaf

• Overleaf is an online LaTeX and Rich Text collaborative writing and publishing tool that makes the whole process of writing, editing and publishing scientific documents much quicker and easier.

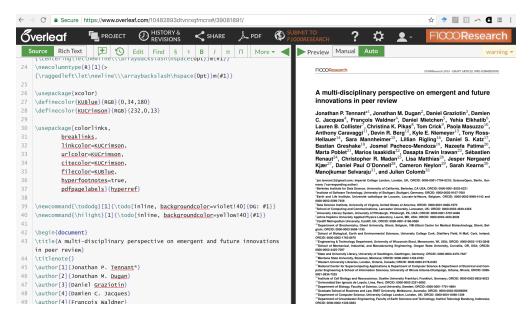
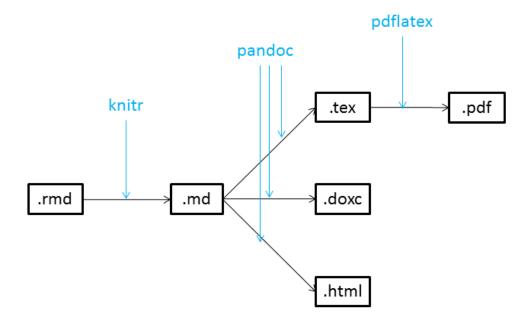


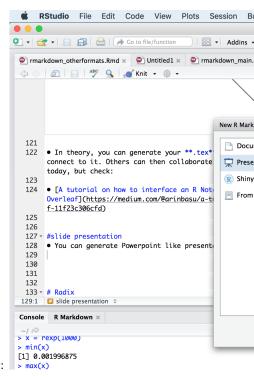
Figure 2:

• Remember this:



- So you can generate your .tex file, upload it to a github repo and Overleaf will connect to it. Others can then collaborate and modify the .tex file.
- Let's quickly look at overleaf.
- A tutorial on how to interface an R Notebook with Overleaf
- [How do I connect an Overleaf project with a repo on GitHub, GitLab or BitBucket?] https://www.overleaf.com/learn/how-to/How_do_I_connect_an_Overleaf_project_with_a_repo_on_GitHub,_GitLab_or_BitBucket%3F

slide presentation



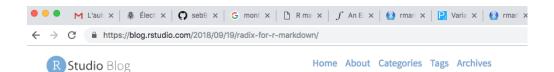
• You can generate Powerpoint like presentations. We will not learn this today: > max(x)

Bookdown

https://bookdown.org/

Radix

- https://blog.rstudio.com/2018/09/19/radix-for-r-markdown/
- Stay tuned, as it might replace the 'rmarkdown' package. . .



Radix for R Markdown

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Today we're excited to announce <u>Radix</u>, a new R Markdown format optimized for scientific and technical communication. Features of Radix include:

- Reader-friendly typography that adapts well to mobile devices.
- Flexible figure layout options (e.g. displaying figures at a larger width than the article text).
- Tools for making articles <u>easily citeable</u>, as well as for generating <u>Google Scholar</u> compatible citation metadata.
- The ability to incorporate JavaScript and D3-based interactive visualizations.
- A variety of ways to publish articles, including support for publishing sets of articles as a Radix website.
- The ability to create a blog composed of a collection of Radix articles.