



04 - R Markdown

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Check out the range of outputs and formats you can create using R Markdown.

Documents

With R Markdown, you write a single .Rmd file and then use it to render finished output in a variety of formats.

Great NYT Interactive -- Now Reusable with rCharts

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Another Favorite from NYT

I think we all know the [data visualization team at NYT](#) is simply amazing. Earlier this year in my post [d3 < R with rCharts and shiny](#) I adapted and improved the [S3 Partis](#) to the White House to work with R data through [rCharts](#). Unfortunately, I was not creative enough to think of other data sets to plug into the visualization. When Scott Murray tweeted:



(<http://timelyportfolio.github.io/rCharts/>) ([https://github.com/\\$vmiller/svm-r-markdown-templates/blob/master/article-example/svm_rmarkdown-article-example.pdf](https://github.com/$vmiller/svm-r-markdown-templates/blob/master/article-example/svm_rmarkdown-article-example.pdf))

HTML
(http://timelyportfolio.github.io/rCharts_nyt_home_price/)

HTML documents for web publishing.

A Pandoc Markdown Article Starter and Template*

Steven V. Miller Clemson University

This document provides an introduction to R Markdown, argues for its benefits, and presents a sample manuscript template intended for an academic audience. I include basic syntax to R Markdown and a minimal working example of how the analysis itself can be conducted within R with the knitr package.

Keywords: pandoc, r_markdown, knitr

Introduction

Academic workflow, certainly in political science, is at a crossroads. The *American Journal of Political Science* (AIPS) announced a (my words) "show your work" initiative in which authors who are tentatively accepted for publication at the journal must hand over the raw code and data that produced the figure shown in the manuscript. The editorial team at AIPS then reproduces the code from the manuscript. Politically, this is the first major move toward open access publication. The AIPS might be at the fore of this movement, and it could be the most aggressive among political science journals, but other journals in our field have signed the joint *Data Access & Management Principles* (DAMP) statement, which calls for the same kind of transparency made from quantitatively-oriented published articles to in-house directories hosted by the journal or to services like [DataVerse](#).

There are workflow implications to the LaCour controversy as well. Political science, for the foreseeable future, will struggle with the extent of the [data fraud](#) perpetrated by Michael LaCour

in an article co-authored with Donald P. Green in *Science*, the general scientific journal of record in the United States. A failure to reproduce LaCour's results with different samples uncovered a

A Microsoft Word document

RStudio

June 3, 2016

R Markdown

This is an R Markdown document. Markdown is a simple formatting syntax for authoring HTML, PDF, and MS Word documents. For more details on using R Markdown see <http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com>.

When you click the Knit button a document will be generated that includes both content as well as the output of any embedded R code chunks within the document. You can embed an R block like this:

```
## speed dist
## Min. :4.0 Median: 2.00
## 1st Qu.: 4.00 Median: 2.00
## Median:15.0 Median: 36.00
## Mean :15.4 Mean :42.98
## 3rd Qu.:25.0 Max. :120.00
## 1st Qu.:25.0 Max. :120.00
```

Including Plots

You can also embed plots, for example:

Microsoft Word

(<https://github.com/svmiller/svm-r-markdown-templates/tree/master/word-example>)

Tufte Handout

An implementation in R Markdown

JJ Allaire and Yihui Xie

2016-02-05

Introduction

The Tufte handout style is a style that Edward Tufte uses in his books and handouts. Tufte's style is known for its extensive use of side notes, tight integration of graphics with text, and well-set typography. This style has been implemented in LaTeX and HTML/CSS*, respectively. We have ported this LaTeX/PDF engine, you can use the tufte package for handouts, and tufte-beamer for books. For HTML output, use tufte.html. These formats can be either specified in the YAML metadata at the beginning of an R Markdown document (see example below), or passed to the `markdown::render()` function. See Allaire et al. (2015) more information about `markdown`.

* See GitHub repositories [tufte-latex](#) and [tufte-css](#)

Allaire, JJ, Se Cang, Yihui Xie, Jonathan McNamee, William Chang, Jeff Allen, Hadley Wickham, Aron Atkins, and Rob Hyndman. 2015. *Flexible document authoring for R*. <http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com>

(<https://rstudio.github.io/tufte/>)

Handouts

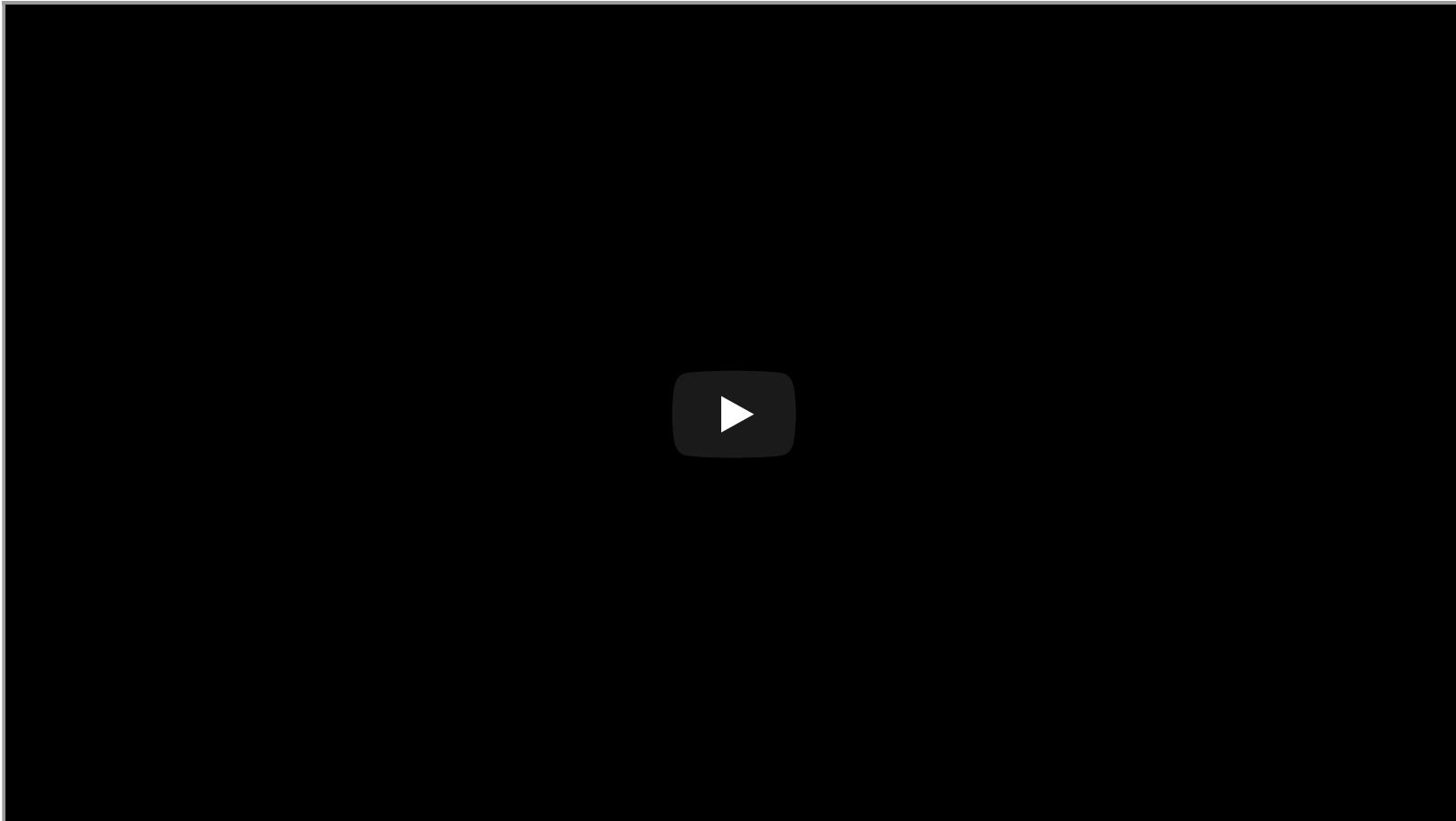
(<https://rstudio.github.io/tufte/>)

Tufte styled documents for handouts.

Example Code



Why reproducible documents?



R Markdown

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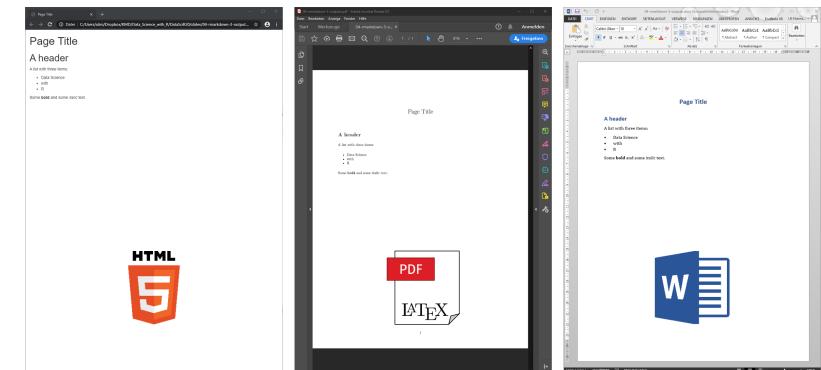
Introduction

R Markdown is a file format to combine **code**, the associated **results** and **narrative text** in a simple text file, to create **reproducible reports** which can be **flexibly distributed in multiple ways**.

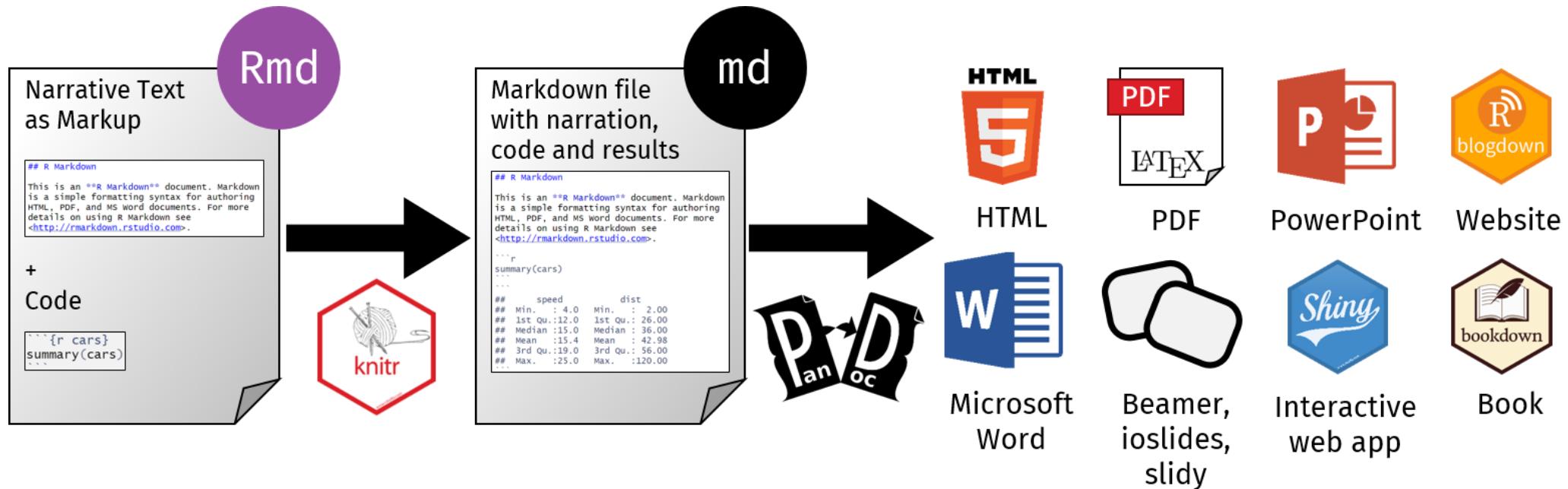
An R Markdown document is saved as `.Rmd` file. It contains both the (`R`) code and a prose description of a data analysis task. The R Markdown document can be rendered as HTML, PDF, Word and various other output formats.

Pros of R Markdown documents:

- **reproducibility** (reduce **copy&paste**)
- **simple Markdown syntax** for text
- a **single source document** that can be rendered for different target audiences and purposes
- **simple, future-proof file format** that can be managed by a version control system like Git or SVN



The process of "knitting" an R Markdown file



A .Rmd file contains narrative text in Markdown syntax and (R) code. The `knitr` package provides functions to execute the code, collect the results (statistics, tables, plots, etc.) and combine them with the Markdown text into a Markdown file (.md). Pandoc, an universal document converter, then converts this Markdown file into the requested output format, e.g., .html, .pdf or .docx.

Components of an R Markdown file

Structure

Output

The screenshot shows an RStudio interface with an R Markdown file named "rmarkdown_intro.Rmd". The code is as follows:

```
1 ---  
2 title: "RMarkdown Introduction"  
3 date: 2018-07-30  
4 output: html_document  
5 ---  
6  
7 ```{r setup, include = FALSE}  
8 library(readr)  
9 library(ggplot2)  
10 library(dplyr)  
11  
12 census <- read_rds("Data/german_census_2011_clean.rds")  
13 young <- census %>%  
14   filter(avg_age <= 45)  
15 ```  
16  
17 We have data about `r nrow(census)` districts.  
18 `r nrow(census) - nrow(young)` of them are older than  
19 45 years. The distribution of the remainder is shown  
20 below:  
21  
22 ```{r, echo = FALSE}  
23 young %>%  
24   ggplot(aes(avg_age)) +  
25   geom_density()  
26 ...
```

Annotations with curly braces point to specific parts of the code:

- A bracket on the left points to the YAML header (lines 1-5).
- A bracket on the right points to the first code chunk (lines 7-15).
- A bracket on the left points to the inline code (line 17).
- A bracket on the right points to the second code chunk (lines 22-26).

- **YAML header** (metadata)
 - enclosed by lines with three dashes
 - collection of key-value pairs separated by colons
- narrative text as **Markdown markup**
- **R code**
 - as **code chunks** surrounded by ````{r}` and `````
 - as **inline code** surrounded by ``r` and ```

Components of an R Markdown file

Structure

Output

R Markdown Intro

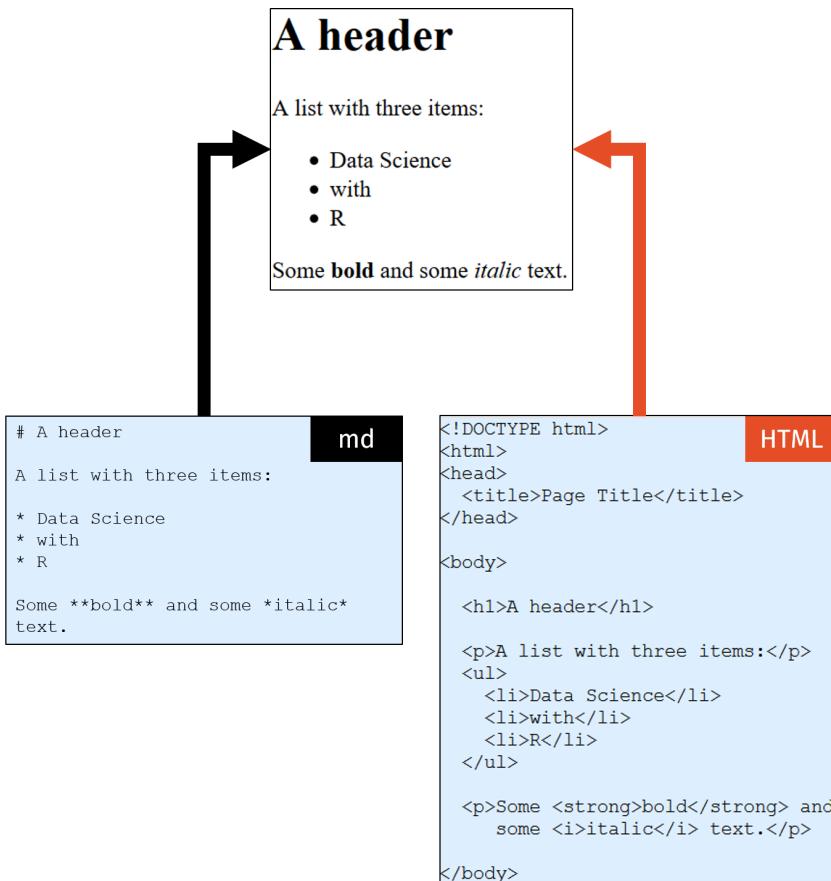
2018-07-30

```
library(tidyverse)
age_threshold <- 45
census <- read_rds(here::here("datasets", "german_census_2011_clean.rds"))
(young <- census %>%
  filter(avg_age <= age_threshold))
```

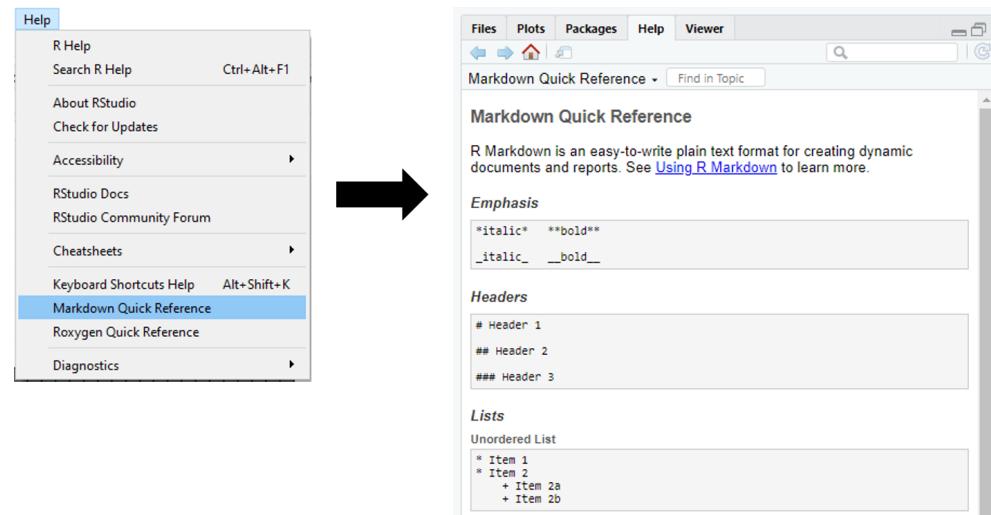
```
## # A tibble: 327 x 7
##   district_name avg_age perc_mig_bg perc_unemp avg_household_s~
##   <chr>          <dbl>      <dbl>       <dbl>        <dbl>
## 1 Flensburg, K~    42.7       16        6.7        1.8
## 2 Kiel, Landes~    41.3      18.9       7.7        1.9
## 3 Lübeck, Hans~    44.2      16.8       7.4        1.9
## 4 Neumünster, ~    43.5      16.9       7.1        2
## 5 Dithmarschen~    44.1        7        5.7        2.2
## 6 Herzogtum La~    43.6      12.6        4        2.3
## 7 Nordfrieslan~    43.8       8.5        3.6        2.2
## 8 Pinneberg, L~    43.6       15        3.8        2.2
## 9 Plön, Landkr~    45         6.9        4.2        2.3
## 10 Rendsburg-Ec~   43.5       8.5        3.9        2.3
## # ... with 317 more rows, and 2 more variables: perc_children_household <dbl>,
## #     vacancv rate <dbl>
```

Markdown

Markdown is a **simplified, plain text formatting system** used to structure text using **markup tags**. In contrast to other markup languages like **HTML** and **XML**, Markdown markup is easier to read and write due to its simpler tags, e.g. `#` instead of `<h1></h1>` for headers of level 1.



Markdown Quick Reference in RStudio: Help → Markdown Quick Reference



Learn Markdown basics interactively on <https://www.markdowntutorial.com> in ~10 minutes.

Markdown is a way to write content for the web. It's written in what people like to call "plaintext", which is exactly the sort of text you're used to writing and seeing. Plaintext is just the regular alphabet, with a few familiar symbols, like asterisks (*) and backticks (`).

Unlike cumbersome word processing applications, text written in Markdown can be easily shared between computers, mobile phones, and people. It's quickly becoming the writing standard for academics (<http://chronicle.com/blogs/profhacker/markdown-the-syntax-you-probably-already-know/35295>), scientists (<http://blogs.plos.org/mfenner/2012/12/13/a-call-for-scholarly-markdown/>), writers (<https://lifehacker.com/5943320/what-is-markdown-and-why-is-it-better-for-my-to+do-lists-and-notes>), and many more. Websites like GitHub (<https://www.github.com>) and reddit (<https://www.reddit.com>) use Markdown to style their comments.

Formatting text in Markdown has a very gentle learning curve. It doesn't do anything fancy like change the font size, color, or type. All you have to learn over is the display of the text—stuff like making things bold, creating headers, and organizing lists.

If you have ten minutes, you can learn Markdown!

In each lesson, you'll be given an introduction to a single Markdown concept. Then, you'll be asked to complete several exercises with that new knowledge.

Ready? Let's get started! (/lesson/1)

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Syntax

italic and **bold**

`inline code`

subscript^{~2~}/superscript^{^2^}

~~strikethrough~~

escaped: * _ \\

en-dash: -- em-dash: ---

Header level 1

Header level 2

Manual line break:
(2+ space characters at the line end):

Backe, backe, Kuchen,
der Bäcker hat gerufen!

Backe, backe, Kuchen, **SPACE SPACE**
der Bäcker hat gerufen!

Result

italic and **bold**

inline code

subscript₂/superscript²

~~strikethrough~~

escaped: * _ \

en-dash: – em-dash: —

Header level 1

Header level 2

Backe, backe, Kuchen, der Bäcker hat gerufen!

Backe, backe, Kuchen,
der Bäcker hat gerufen!

Syntax

- unordered list
 - subitem 1 (**4 SPACE**)
 - subitem 2
 - subsubitem (**8 SPACE**)

1. ordered list

1. item 2

- 1. subitem 2.1
- 1. subitem 2.2

inline equation: $A = \pi \cdot r^2$

math block:
$$A = \pi \cdot r^2$$

[linked text](<https://www.ovgu.de/>)

Footnote[^1]

[^1]: This text belongs to the footnote.

<!-- This is a comment that will not be displayed.-->

Result

- unordered list
 - subitem 1
 - subitem 2
 - subsubitem

1. ordered list

2. item 2

- 1. subitem 2.1
- 2. subitem 2.2

inline equation: $A = \pi \cdot r^2$

math block:

$$A = \pi \cdot r^2$$

linked text

Footnote¹

[1] This text belongs to the footnote.

knitr

The `knitr` package is responsible for evaluating the `R` code within an `.Rmd` file and combining the results, figures, code and the Markdown text into a `.md` file.

`R` code can be embedded within an `.Rmd` file in two ways:

- A) as **inline code** within markdown text delimited by single backticks tags to run a single command: ``r``
- B) as separate **code chunk** delimited by triple backticks tags to run multiple commands:

```
```{r}
some code
```
```

Code chunks can be inserted with the  button in the toolbar or using the keyboard shortcut **Ctrl + Alt + I**.



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Programming language

(R, Python, Stata, SAS, SQL, Bash, ...)

Chunk label

Comma-separated chunk options

(should code be displayed?; should code be evaluated?; graphic dimensions; figure captions; etc.)

Enclosed by
3 backticks

```
```{r my-test-chunk, echo=TRUE, eval=FALSE}
ggplot(iris,
 aes(x = Species, y = Sepal.Length)) +
 geom_boxplot()
```

Code

# Chunk options

`knitr` allows to customize each code chunk in the report by providing **optional arguments**:

The most important options include:

- whether to show or hide the source code in the rendered document
- whether to evaluate the code
- whether warnings and messages should be shown or suppressed in the rendered document
- figure dimension

Chunk options are specified comma-separated inside the curly brackets after `r`.

# Chunk options

By default, R Markdown includes **messages**, **warnings** and **error messages**.

```
```{r}
c(1,2,3) + c(4,5)
```
```

```
Warning in c(1, 2, 3) + c(4, 5): longer object length is not a multiple of shorter object
length

[1] 5 7 7
```

We can override this default behavior by setting `warning = FALSE` inside the code chunk header.

```
```{r, warning = FALSE}
c(1,2,3) + c(4,5)
```
```

```
[1] 5 7 7
```

# Popular chunk options

| Option                  | Description                                                                  | Default                |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <code>echo</code>       | Should the code be displayed?                                                | <code>TRUE</code>      |
| <code>eval</code>       | Should the code be run?                                                      | <code>TRUE</code>      |
| <code>include</code>    | Should the code and the code results (figures, console output) be displayed? | <code>TRUE</code>      |
| <code>fig.width</code>  | Figure width in inch                                                         | <code>7L</code>        |
| <code>fig.height</code> | Figure height in inch                                                        | <code>7L</code>        |
| <code>fig.align</code>  | Figure alignment                                                             | <code>"default"</code> |
| <code>warning</code>    | Should warnings be displayed?                                                | <code>TRUE</code>      |
| <code>message</code>    | Should messages be displayed?                                                | <code>TRUE</code>      |

- Run `knitr::opts_chunk$get()` to see the current default values for all chunk options.
- Use `knitr::opts_chunk$set()` to modify these defaults, e.g. `knitr::opts_chunk$set(warning = FALSE)`.  
Example: `knitr::opts_chunk$set(fig.width = 8)` changes the default width of a figure to 8 inch.

A list of all chunk options is available at <https://yihui.org/knitr/options/#chunk-options>.

# Options

## Chunk options and package options

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- Chunk Options
  - Code evaluation
  - Text output
  - Code decoration
  - Cache

# Setup chunk

```
```{r setup, include=FALSE}
knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = FALSE)
library(tidyverse)
```
```

The setup chunk at the beginning of the document is useful to:

- set global options for the whole document
- load required packages
- load all required datasets

Before running a code chunk in Nodebook mode, R Markdown will always execute the setup code chunk first.

# External graphics

```
```{r r-markdown-logo, fig.cap="R Markdown Logo"}  
knitr:::include_graphics("figures/rmarkdown-logo.png")  
```
```



R Markdown Logo

# Tables: kable

```
```{r kable-iris}
knitr::kable(head(iris), caption = "A knitr kable table")
````
```

| A knitr kable table |             |              |             |         |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------|
| Sepal.Length        | Sepal.Width | Petal.Length | Petal.Width | Species |
| 5.1                 | 3.5         | 1.4          | 0.2         | setosa  |
| 4.9                 | 3.0         | 1.4          | 0.2         | setosa  |
| 4.7                 | 3.2         | 1.3          | 0.2         | setosa  |
| 4.6                 | 3.1         | 1.5          | 0.2         | setosa  |
| 5.0                 | 3.6         | 1.4          | 0.2         | setosa  |
| 5.4                 | 3.9         | 1.7          | 0.4         | setosa  |

## 10.1 The function `knitr::kable()`

The `kable()` function in knitr is a very simple table generator, and is simple by design. It only generates tables for strictly rectangular data such as matrices and data frames. You cannot heavily format the table cells or merge cells. However, this function does have a large number of arguments for you to customize the appearance of tables:

```
kable(x, format, digits = getOption("digits"), row.names = NA,
 col.names = NA, align, caption = NULL, label = NULL,
 format.args = list(), escape = TRUE, ...)
```

### 10.1.1 Supported table formats

In most cases, `knitr::kable(x)` may be enough if you only need a simple table for the data object `x`.

`kableExtra` package: [https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/kableExtra/vignettes/awesome\\_table\\_in\\_html.html](https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/kableExtra/vignettes/awesome_table_in_html.html)

|                            |
|----------------------------|
| Overview                   |
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| Getting Started            |
| Table Styles               |
| Column / Row Specification |
| Cell/Text Specification    |
| Grouped Columns / Rows     |
| Table Footnote             |
| HTML Only Features         |
| From other packages        |

# Create Awesome HTML Table with knitr::kable and kableExtra

Hao Zhu

2021-02-19

Please see the package documentation site  
(<https://haozhu233.github.io/kableExtra/>) for how to use this package in  
LaTeX.



## Overview

The goal of `kableExtra` is to help you build common complex tables and manipulate table styles. It imports the pipe `%>%` symbol from `magrittr` and verbalize all the functions, so basically you can add “layers” to a `kable` output in a way that is similar with `ggplot2` and `plotly`.

For users who are not very familiar with the pipe operator `%>%` in R, it is the R version of the fluent interface ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fluent\\_interface](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fluent_interface)). The idea is to pass the result along the chain for a more literal coding experience. Basically when we say `A %>% B`, technically it means sending the results of A to B as B's first argument.

To learn how to generate complex tables in LaTeX, please visit  
[http://haozhu233.github.io/kableExtra/awesome\\_table\\_in\\_pdf.pdf](http://haozhu233.github.io/kableExtra/awesome_table_in_pdf.pdf)  
[\(http://haozhu233.github.io/kableExtra/awesome\\_table\\_in\\_pdf.pdf\)](http://haozhu233.github.io/kableExtra/awesome_table_in_pdf.pdf)

# Tables: DT datatable

`DT` is an R interface to the DataTables JavaScript library.

```
```{r}
DT::datatable(iris)
```
```

|   | Sepal.Length | Sepal.Width | Petal.Length | Petal.Width | Species |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------|
| 1 | 5.1          | 3.5         | 1.4          | 0.2         | setosa  |
| 2 | 4.9          | 3           | 1.4          | 0.2         | setosa  |
| 3 | 4.7          | 3.2         | 1.3          | 0.2         | setosa  |
| 4 | 4.6          | 3.1         | 1.5          | 0.2         | setosa  |
| 5 | 5            | 3.6         | 1.4          | 0.2         | setosa  |
| 6 | 5.4          | 3.9         | 1.7          | 0.4         | setosa  |
| 7 | 4.6          | 3.4         | 1.4          | 0.3         | setosa  |
| 8 | 5            | 3.4         | 1.5          | 0.2         | setosa  |
| 9 | 4.4          | 2.9         | 1.4          | 0.2         | setosa  |

DT package: <https://rstudio.github.io/DT/>

# DT: An R interface to the DataTables library

The R package **DT** provides an R interface to the JavaScript library **DataTables** (<http://datatables.net>). R data objects (matrices or data frames) can be displayed as tables on HTML pages, and **DataTables** provides filtering, pagination, sorting, and many other features in the tables.

You may install the stable version from CRAN, or the development version using `remotes::install_github('rstudio/DT')` if necessary (this website reflects the development version of **DT**):

```
if (!require("DT")) install.packages('DT')
xfun::session_info('DT')
```

```
R version 3.6.2 (2019-12-12)
Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin15.6.0 (64-bit)
Running under: macOS Catalina 10.15.2
##
Locale: en_US.UTF-8 / en_US.UTF-8 / en_US.UTF-8 / C / en_US.UTF-8 / en_US.UTF-8
##
Package version:
```

# Tables: gt

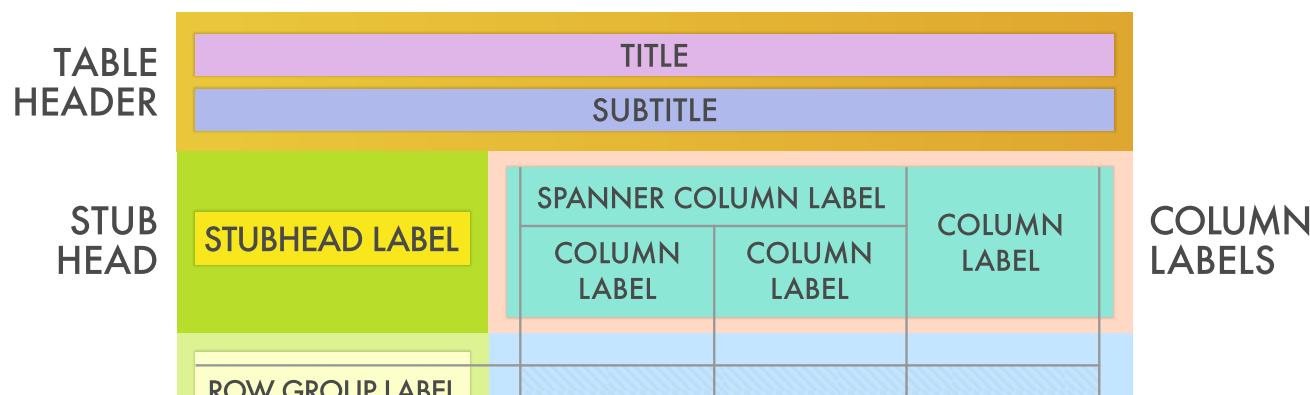
`gt`: "Easily generate information-rich, publication-quality tables from R"

```
```{r}
gt::gt(head(iris))
```
```

| Sepal.Length | Sepal.Width | Petal.Length | Petal.Width | Species |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------|
| 5.1          | 3.5         | 1.4          | 0.2         | setosa  |
| 4.9          | 3.0         | 1.4          | 0.2         | setosa  |
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| 5.0          | 3.6         | 1.4          | 0.2         | setosa  |
| 5.4          | 3.9         | 1.7          | 0.4         | setosa  |

With the **gt** package, anyone can make wonderful-looking tables using the **R** programming language. The **gt** philosophy: we can construct a wide variety of useful tables with a cohesive set of table parts. These include the *table header*, the *stub*, the *column labels* and *spanner column labels*, the *table body*, and the *table footer*.

## Parts of a gt Table



## Links

Download from CRAN at  
[https://cloud.r-project.org/  
package=gt](https://cloud.r-project.org/package=gt) (<https://cloud.r-project.org/package=gt>)

Browse source code at  
<https://github.com/rstudio/gt/>  
(<https://github.com/rstudio/gt/>)

Report a bug at  
[https://github.com/rstudio/gt/  
issues](https://github.com/rstudio/gt/issues)  
(<https://github.com/rstudio/gt/issues>)

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# Caching

By default, all code chunks are **recomputed every time** you knit the file. For code chunks that contain **time-demanding operations**, you can use the `cache = TRUE` option. During the **first knit run**, the code is executed and the results are stored in a **local cache**. When the document is knitted again, the results are loaded from cache if the code chunk has not been edited since the first run. If the **code or data changes**, the code will be rerun and the **old cache will be overwritten**.

```
```{r, cache=TRUE}
...time-consuming computations...
```
```

# Labeling and reusing code chunks

Code chunks can be given a **label**. The label is specified directly after ````{r}`. Code chunk labels can be useful to **avoid code duplication**. By using the argument `ref.label` in a later code chunk, the code from the referenced code chunk is copied over to and run in the current code chunk.

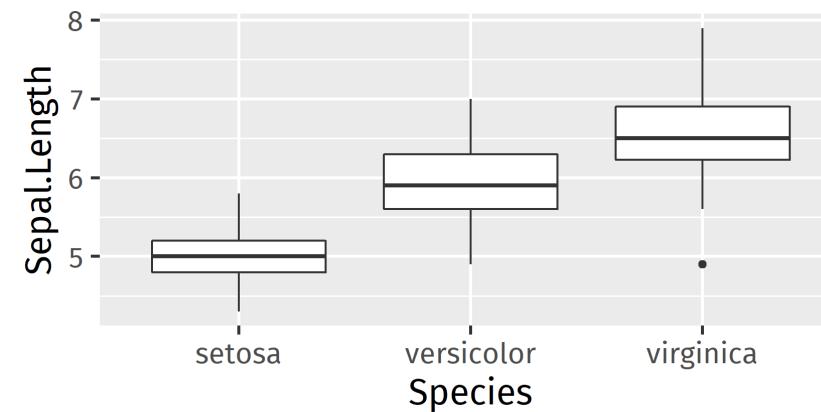
Example:

```
```{r iris_plot, echo=FALSE, eval=FALSE}
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(iris, aes(Species, Sepal.Length)) +
  geom_boxplot()
```

```

```
```{r, ref.label='iris_plot', echo = FALSE}
```

```



# Inline R code

You can embed R code into the text of your document with the ``r`` syntax. R Markdown will run the code and replace it with its result, which should be a piece of text, such as a character string or a number.

For example, the line below uses embedded R code to create a complete sentence:

A random sample of 5 numbers from the set of numbers between 1 and 10 is `r sample(1:10, 5)`.

When you render the document the result will appear as:

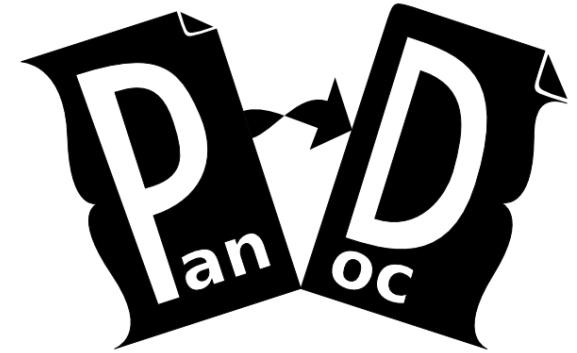
A random sample of 5 numbers from the set of numbers between 1 and 10 is 5, 8, 4, 2, 3.

Inline code provides a useful way to make your reports completely automatable.

# Pandoc

R Markdown uses the document conversion application [Pandoc](#) to convert a `.md` file to a variety of output formats.

- using RStudio via the  Knit button
- in the console via `rmarkdown::render()`



# YAML

Properties of the whole document can be set via the **YAML** (*Yet Another Markup Language*) header.

The YAML header consists of a collection of **key-value pairs** separated by colons.

The YAML header itself is demarcated by lines with three dashes.



Mandatory YAML specification:

```
output: html_document
```

Other output formats:

- pdf\_document
- word\_document
- beamer\_presentation
- slidy\_presentation
- ioslides\_presentation
- md\_document
- and [many more...](#)

# Customize output layout

Each R Markdown output template is a collection of knitr and pandoc options. You can customize your output by overwriting the default options that come with the template.

For example, the YAML header below causes `knitr` to include a table of contents in the pdf output document:

```

```

```
title: "My R Markdown Document"
```

```
output:
```

```
 pdf_document:
```

```
 toc: true
```

```

```

| 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      |
| 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     |        |
| 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    |     |      |     |     |    |        |          |       |        |

From the RStudio R Markdown Cheat Sheet

# Bibliography

```

```

```
output: html_document
bibliography: refs.bib
csl: ieee.csl

```

Insert a reference [@bib-key1; @bib-key2] in your Markdown text.

→ The bibliography will be inserted at the end of the document.

More information about bibliographies in R Markdown documents on the [R Markdown Website](#) from RStudio.

# Parametrized reports

Create document templates to produce different reports with a single `.Rmd` using **parameters**.

Application scenarios:

- serial letters
- separate reports for different subsets of a dataset
- documents with different `knitr` behavior (e.g. one document showing the code and one document not showing the code)

```

```

```
output: html_document
```

```
params:
```

```
 my_species: "versicolor"
```

```

```

```
```{r iris-setup, include=FALSE, message = FALSE, warning = FALSE}
```

```
library(dplyr)
```

```
library(ggplot2)
```

```
my_species <- params$my_species
```

```
irs <- iris %>% filter(Species == my_species)
```

```
```
```

```
```{r hist}
```

```
ggplot(irs,aes(Sepal.Length)) +
```

```
  geom_histogram(bins=15,
```

```
                color="black",
```

```
                fill= "gray90")
```

```
```
```

# Parametrized reports

Parametrized reports can be created using the **Knit** button, or by calling `rmarkdown::render()`. The later option is particularly useful if you have to create many parametrized reports.

Example: create a custom report for each species of Iris data.

```
library(dplyr)
reports <- tibble(
 my_species = unique(iris$Species),
 output_file = paste0("slides/04-rmarkdown-materials/iris-", my_species, ".html"),
 params = purrr::map(my_species, ~ list(my_species = .)))
)
reports

A tibble: 3 × 3
my_species output_file params
<fct> <chr> <list>
1 setosa slides/04-rmarkdown-materials/iris-setosa.html <named list [1]>
2 versicolor slides/04-rmarkdown-materials/iris-versicolor.html <named list [1]>
3 virginica slides/04-rmarkdown-materials/iris-virginica.html <named list [1]>
```

# Parametrized reports

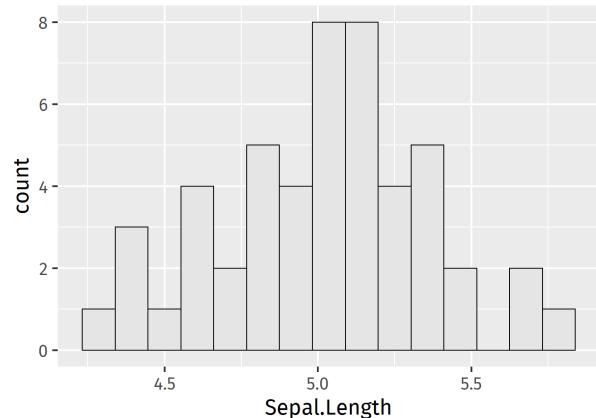
`purrr::pwalk` applies a function to a list of arguments. It is similar to `purrr::pmap`, but instead of returning an output value, it is called for its **side-effects**. Here, it is used to iterate over each row of the `reports` tibble, calling `rmarkdown::render()` to generate a `.html` document for each Iris species.

```
reports %>%
 select(output_file, params) %>%
 mutate(output_file = here::here(output_file)) %>%
 purrr::pwalk(rmarkdown::render, input = "04-rmarkdown-materials/04-rmarkdown-parameter.Rmd")
```

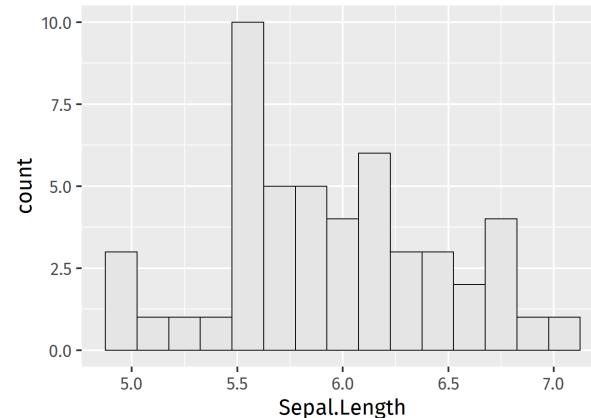
```
| 0%
|,.
ordinary text without R code
| 25%
|,.
label: iris-setup (with options)
List of 3
$ include: logi FALSE
$ message: logi FALSE
$ warning: logi FALSE
| 50%
|,.
|
| 75%
```

# Parametrized reports

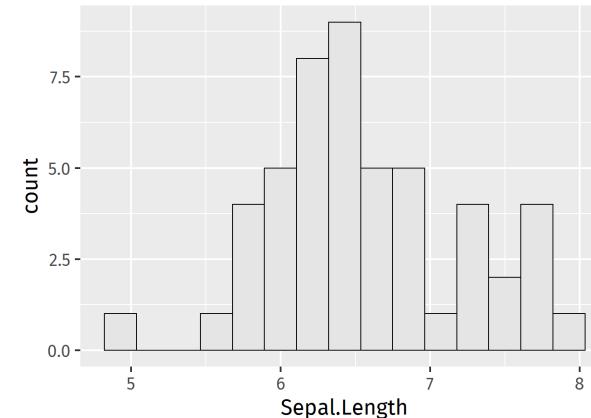
```
ggplot(iris,aes(Sepal.Length)) +
 geom_histogram(bins=15,
 color="black",
 fill= "gray90")
```



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ggplot(iris,aes(Sepal.Length)) +
 geom_histogram(bins=15,
 color="black",
 fill= "gray90")
```



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ggplot(iris,aes(Sepal.Length)) +
 geom_histogram(bins=15,
 color="black",
 fill= "gray90")
```



More information in R Markdown: The Definitive Guide. [Chapter Parameterized reports](#).

## R Markdown (index.html)

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Get Started (lesson-1.html)

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# Gallery

Check out the range of outputs and formats you can create using R Markdown.

## Documents

With R Markdown, you write a single .Rmd file and then use it to render finished output in a variety of formats.

### Great NYT Interactive -- Now Reusable with rCharts

#### Disclaimer and Attribution

I claim **absolutely no credit** for this visualization, which I consider one of the most best I have ever seen. All credit belongs to the original source. If anyone believes this to be not fair use, I will take it down immediately. I am implicitly assuming approval for this fork due to the [datastories interview](#).

#### Another Favorite from NYT

I think we all know the [data visualization team at NYT](#) is simply amazing. Earlier this year in my post [d3 < R with rCharts and shiny](#) I adapted and improved the [S3 Partis](#) to the White House to work with R data through [rCharts](#). Unfortunately, I was not creative enough to think of other data sets to plug into the visualization. When Scott Murray tweeted:



(<http://timelyportfolio.github.io/rCharts/>) ([https://github.com/\\$vmiller/svm-r-markdown-templates/blob/master/article-example/svm\\_rmarkdown-article-example.pdf](https://github.com/$vmiller/svm-r-markdown-templates/blob/master/article-example/svm_rmarkdown-article-example.pdf))

HTML  
([http://timelyportfolio.github.io/rCharts\\_nyt\\_home\\_price/](http://timelyportfolio.github.io/rCharts_nyt_home_price/))

HTML documents for web publishing.

### A Pandoc Markdown Article Starter and Template\*

Steven V. Miller Clemon University

This document provides an introduction to R Markdown, argues for its benefits, and presents a sample manuscript template intended for an academic audience. I include basic syntax to R Markdown and a minimal working example of how the analysis itself can be conducted within R with the knitr package.

Keywords: pandoc, r\_markdown, knitr

#### Introduction

Academic workflow, certainly in political science, is at a crossroads. The *American Journal of Political Science* (AIPS) announced a (my words) "show your work" initiative in which authors who are tentatively accepted for publication at the journal must hand over the raw code and data that produced the figure shown in the manuscript. The editorial team at AIPS then reproduces the code from the manuscript. Politically, this is the first major move toward open access. The AIPS might be at the fore of this movement, and it could be the most aggressive among political science journals, but other journals in our field have signed the joint *Data Access & Management Principles* (DAMP) statement, which calls for the same kind of transparency made from quantitatively-oriented published articles to in-house directories hosted by the journal or to services like [DataVerse](#).

There are workflow implications to the LaCour controversy as well. Political science, for the foreseeable future, will struggle with the extent of the [data fraud](#) perpetrated by Michael LaCour

in an article co-authored with Donald P. Green in *Science*, the general scientific journal of record in the United States. A failure to reproduce LaCour's results with different samples uncovered a

### A Microsoft Word document

RStudio  
June 3, 2016

#### R Markdown

This is an R Markdown document. Markdown is a simple formatting syntax for authoring HTML, PDF, and MS Word documents. For more details on using R Markdown see <http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com>.

When you click the Knit button a document will be generated that includes both content as well as the output of any embedded R code chunks within the document. You can embed an R block like this:

```
speed dist
Min. :4.00 Max. :2.00
1st Qu.:10.00 3rd Qu.:29.00
Median:15.0 Median:36.00
Mean :15.4 Mean :42.98
3rd Qu.:22.00 3rd Qu.:56.00
Max. :25.0 Max. :120.00
```

#### Including Plots

You can also embed plots, for example:

### Microsoft Word

(<https://github.com/svmiller/svm-r-markdown-templates/tree/master/word-example>)

### Tufte Handout

An implementation in R Markdown

Ji Allaire and Yihui Xie

2016-02-05

#### Introduction

The Tufte handout style is a style that Edward Tufte uses in his books and handouts. Tufte's style is known for its extensive use of side notes, tight integration of graphics with text, and well-set typography. This style has been implemented in LaTeX and HTML/CSS\*, respectively. We have ported this LaTeX/PDF engine, you can use the tufte-hhj LaTeX/PDF engine, you can use the tufte-beamer LaTeX/PDF engine, and you can use the tufte-latex LaTeX/PDF engine for handouts, and various tools for books. For HTML output, use tufte.html. These formats can be either specified in the YAML metadata at the beginning of an R Markdown document (see example below), or passed to the `markdown::render()` function. See Allaire et al. (2015) more information about `markdown`.

\* See GitHub repositories [tufte-latex](https://github.com/jallaire/tufte-latex) and [tufte-beamer](https://github.com/jallaire/tufte-beamer)

Allaire, JJ, Se Cang, Yihui Xie, Jonathan McNamee, William Chang, Jeff Allen, Hadley Wickham, Aron Atkins, and Rob Hyndman. 2015. *Flexible document generation for R*. <http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com>

(<https://rstudio.github.io/tufte/>)

### Handouts

(<https://rstudio.github.io/tufte/>)

Tufte styled documents for handouts.

Example Code



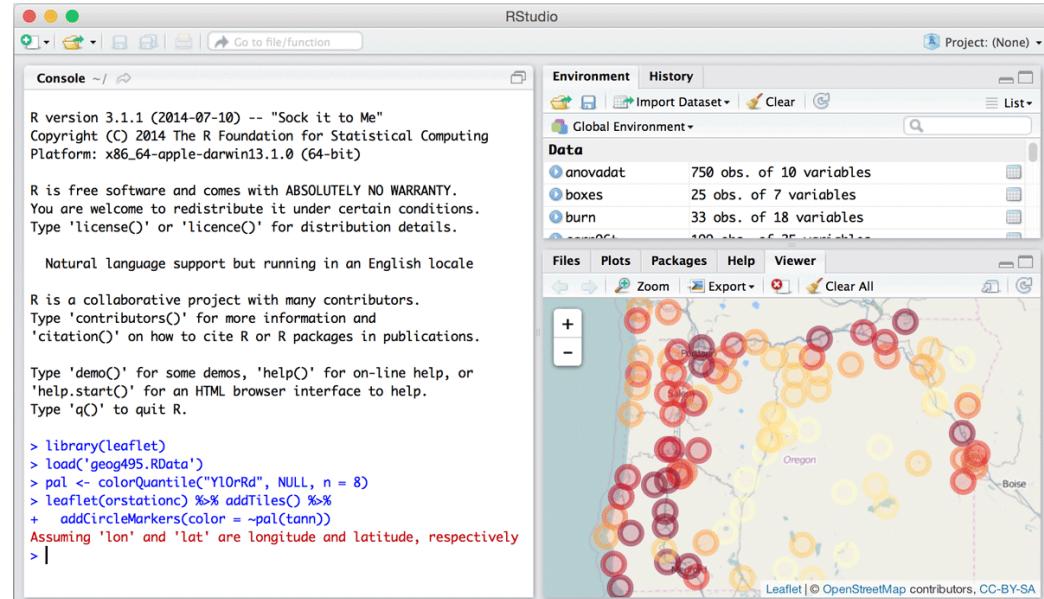
# htmlwidgets: <http://www.htmlwidgets.org/index.html>

## Bring the best of JavaScript data visualization to R

Use JavaScript visualization libraries at the R console, just like plots

Embed widgets in R Markdown documents and Shiny web applications

Develop new widgets using a framework that seamlessly bridges R and JavaScript

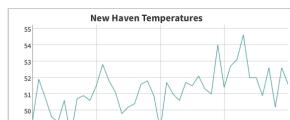


At the R console

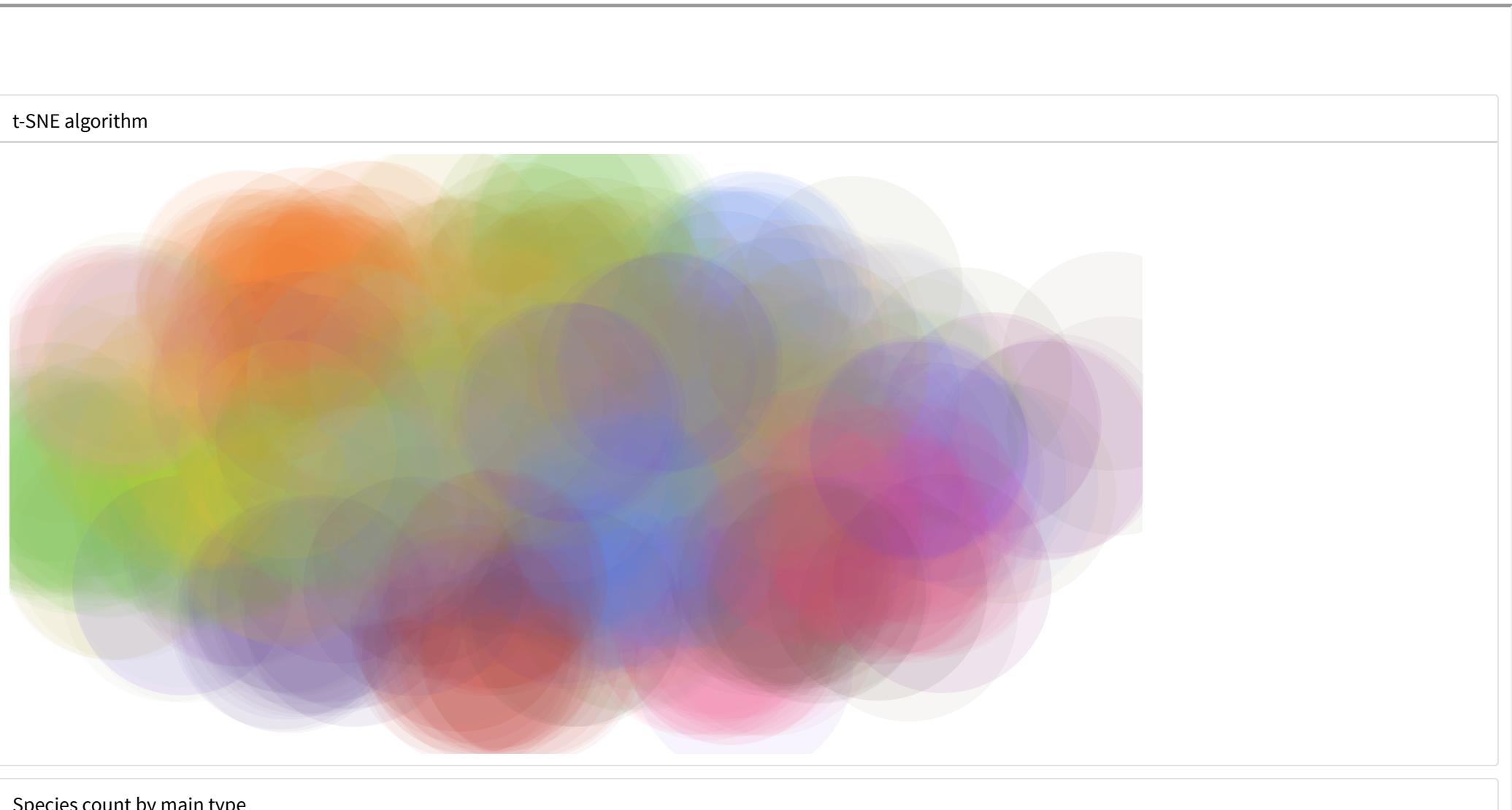
In R Markdown docs

In Shiny apps

## Widgets in action



# flexdashboards: <https://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/flexdashboard/>



**xaringan presentations:** <https://slides.yihui.org/xaringan/>

# Presentation Ninja



with xaringan

Yihui Xie

RStudio, PBC

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# blogdown websites: <https://bookdown.org/yihui/blogdown/>

Example blogdown website: <https://alison.rbind.io/>

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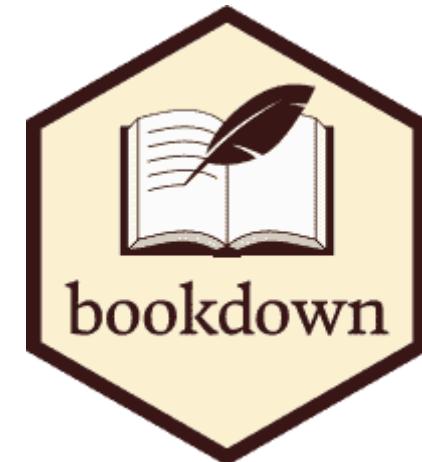
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## BOOKDOWN

### Write HTML, PDF, ePub, and Kindle books with R Markdown

The bookdown package is an [open-source R package](#) that facilitates writing books and long-form articles/reports with R Markdown. Features include:

- Generate printer-ready books and ebooks from R Markdown documents.
- A markup language easier to learn than LaTeX, and to write elements such as section headers, lists, quotes, figures, tables, and citations.
- Multiple choices of output formats: PDF, LaTeX, HTML, EPUB, and Word.
- Possibility of including dynamic graphics and interactive applications (HTML widgets and Shiny apps).
- Support a wide range of languages: R, C/C++, Python, Fortran, Julia, Shell scripts, and SQL, etc.
- LaTeX equations, theorems, and proofs work for all output formats.
- Can be published to GitHub, bookdown.org, and any web servers.
- Integrated with the RStudio IDE.
- One-click publishing to <https://bookdown.org>.



Below is a list of featured books. For a full list, please see the [archive](#) page. For the full documentation of the bookdown package, please see the free [online book](#) *bookdown: Authoring Books and Technical Documents with R Markdown*.

# **rticles**: <https://github.com/rstudio/rticles>

The **rticles** package provides a suite of custom [R Markdown](#) LaTeX formats and templates for various formats, including:

- [ACM](#) articles
- [ACS](#) articles
- [AMS](#) articles
- [Elsevier](#) journal submissions
- [IEEE Transaction](#) journal submissions
- [Sage](#) journal submissions
- [Springer](#) journal submissions
- [Frontiers](#) articles
- [Taylor & Francis](#) articles

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**distill:** <https://rstudio.github.io/distill/>

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system x86_64, mingw32
ui RTerm
language (EN)
collate English_United States.1252
ctype English_United States.1252
tz Europe/Berlin
date 2021-03-24
```

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| dplyr     | 1.0.5   | 2021-03-05 | CRAN (R 4.0.4)                          |
| DT        | 0.17    | 2021-01-06 | CRAN (R 4.0.3)                          |
| ggplot2   | 3.3.3   | 2020-12-30 | CRAN (R 4.0.3)                          |



# Thank you! Questions?