

Quarto vs R Markdown

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Quarto

Welcome to Quarto

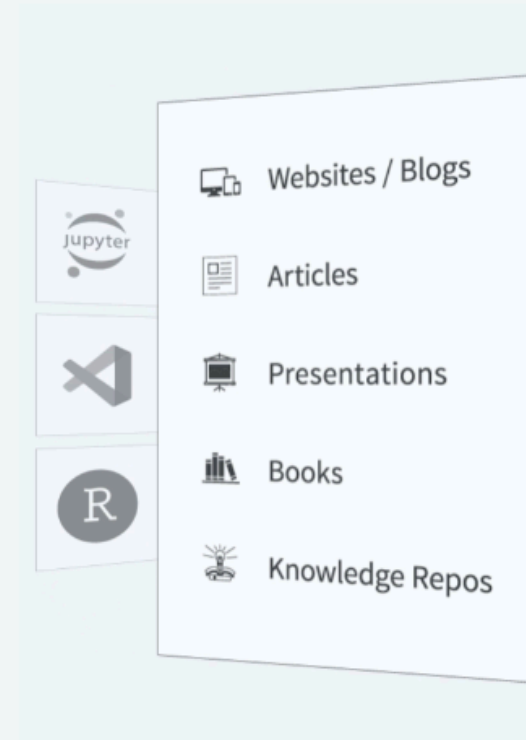
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Get Started

Guide



Website

Quarto vs R Markdown

The image displays two side-by-side screenshots of software interfaces for Quarto and R Markdown, illustrating their source and visual outputs.

Quarto source: The source view shows a simple YAML header in a code editor:

```
1 ---
2 title: "Untitled"
3 ---
4
```

Quarto visual: The visual view shows the rendered output, which is a simple HTML document with the title "Untitled" in a heading.

R Markdown source: The source view shows a more complex YAML header and a code chunk:

```
1 ---
2 title: "Untitled"
3 author: "Usman Afzali"
4 date: "2023-04-17"
5 output: html_document
6 ---
7
8 {r setup, include=FALSE}
9 knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = TRUE)
10
11
12 ## R Markdown
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14 This is an R Markdown document. Markdown is a simple formatting syntax for
15 authoring HTML, PDF, and MS Word documents. For more details on using R
16 Markdown see <http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com>.
17
18 When you click the Knit button a document will be generated that includes
19 both content as well as the output of any embedded R code chunks within the
20 document. You can embed an R code chunk like this:
21
22 {r cars}
23 summary(cars)
```

R Markdown visual: The visual view shows the rendered output, which is a more complex HTML document with the title "Untitled" in a heading, a code chunk header, and the output of the R code chunk (summary of the cars dataset).

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The key differences, and advantages for me, of using qmd instead of rmd include:

- removes the bookdown pkg as a dependency in my scientific writing, it has simpler and universal [cross-referencing](#)
- simpler integration with lua filters (I use them for author affiliation details)
- multi-language and multi-engine: Python, R, and JavaScript via integration with [Jupyter](#), [Knitr](#), and [Observable](#).
- easy two column (and more) [flexible content layouts](#) for displaying images, code, text, tables, plots, anything
- [Global chunk options](#) set in YAML, rather than a separate setup chunk
- [Easier to show verbatim chunks](#), good for writing tutorials and guides
- [Chunk options](#) as YAML with the special hashpipe `#|`

Other details I find satisfying:

- ~~fully~~ mostly back compatible with Rmd
- works well in VS Code, Emacs, etc., it's less bound to RStudio as an IDE

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/72089640/what-are-the-benefits-of-using-quarto-over-rmarkdown>

Uses

- Create **executable manuscripts** with embedded code that can be easily formatted based on our needs (dissertations, manuscript etc.)
- Create teaching slides
- Blogging and website development
- With version control to share your work online (e.g., via GitHub)

Useful resources

- Quarto with RStudio
- Getting Help: [Awesome Quarto](https://quarto.org), <https://quarto.org>, YouTube, social media.

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