# tinytable (Typst)

# Easy, beautiful, and customizable tables in R

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## 1 Tiny Tables

tinytable is a small but powerful R package to draw HTML, LaTeX, Word, PDF, Markdown, and Typst tables. The interface is minimalist, but it gives users direct and convenient access to powerful frameworks to create endlessly customizable tables.

Install the latest version from R-Universe or CRAN:

```
install.packages("tinytable",
  repos = c("https://vincentarelbundock.r-universe.dev", "https://cran.r-
project.org")
)
```

This tutorial introduces the main functions of the package. It is also available as a single PDF document

Load the library and set some global options:

```
library(tinytable)
options(tinytable_tt_digits = 3)
options(tinytable_latex_placement = "H")
```

Draw a first table:

```
x <- mtcars[1:4, 1:5]
tt(x)</pre>
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

## 1.1 Width and height

The width arguments indicating what proportion of the line width the table should cover. This argument accepts a number between 0 and 1 to control the whole table width, or a vector of numeric values between 0 and 1, representing each column.

```
tt(x, width = 0.5)
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

```
tt(x, width = 1)
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	
21	6	160	110	3.9	
21	6	160	110	3.9	
22.8	4	108	93	3.85	
21.4	6	258	110	3.08	

We can control individual columns by supplying a vector. In that case, the sum of width elements determines the full table width. For example, this table takes 70% of available width, with the first column 3 times as large as the other ones.

$$tt(x, width = c(.3, .1, .1, .1, .1))$$

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

When the sum of the width vector exceeds 1, it is automatically normalized to full-width. This is convenient when we only want to specify column width in relative terms:

$$tt(x, width = c(3, 2, 1, 1, 1))$$

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

When specifying a table width, the text is automatically wrapped to appropriate size:

```
lorem <- data.frame(
   Lorem = "Sed ut perspiciatis unde omnis iste natus error sit voluptatem
accusantium doloremque laudantium, totam rem aperiam, eaque ipsa quae ab illo
inventore veritatis et quasi architecto beatae vitae dicta sunt explicabo.",
   Ipsum = " Nemo enim ipsam voluptatem quia voluptas sit aspernatur aut odit
aut fugit, sed quia consequuntur magni dolores eos."
)

tt(lorem, width = 3 / 4)</pre>
```

Lorem	Ipsum
Sed ut perspiciatis unde omnis iste natus error sit voluptatem accusantium doloremque laudantium, totam rem aperiam, eaque ipsa quae ab illo inventore veritatis et quasi architecto beatae vitae dicta sunt explicabo.	quia voluptas sit aspernatur aut

The height argument controls the height of each row in em units:

```
tt(mtcars[1:4, 1:5], height = 3)
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

#### 1.2 Footnotes

The notes argument accepts single strings or named lists of strings:

n <- "Fusce id ipsum consequat ante pellentesque iaculis eu a ipsum. Mauris id ex in nulla consectetur aliquam. In nec tempus diam. Aliquam arcu nibh,

```
dapibus id ex vestibulum, feugiat consequat erat. Morbi feugiat dapibus
malesuada. Quisque vel ullamcorper felis. Aenean a sem at nisi tempor pretium
sit amet quis lacus."

tt(lorem, notes = n, width = 1)
```

Lorem Ipsum

Sed ut perspiciatis unde omnis iste natus error sit voluptatem accusantium doloremque laudantium, totam rem aperiam, eaque ipsa quae ab illo inventore veritatis et quasi architecto beatae vitae dicta sunt explicabo. Nemo enim ipsam voluptatem quia voluptas sit aspernatur aut odit aut fugit, sed quia consequuntur magni dolores eos.

Fusce id ipsum consequat ante pellentesque iaculis eu a ipsum. Mauris id ex in nulla consectetur aliquam. In nec tempus diam. Aliquam arcu nibh, dapibus id ex vestibulum, feugiat consequat erat. Morbi feugiat dapibus malesuada. Quisque vel ullamcorper felis. Aenean a sem at nisi tempor pretium sit amet quis lacus.

When notes is a named list, the names are used as identifiers and displayed as superscripts:

```
tt(x, notes = list(a = "Blah.", b = "Blah blah."))
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Blah.

We can also add markers in individual cells by providing coordinates:

```
tt(x, notes = list(
    a = list(i = 0:1, j = 1, text = "Blah."),
    b = "Blah blah."
))
```

mpg <sup>a</sup>	cyl	disp	hp	drat	
21a	6	160	110	3.9	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Blah blah.

mpg <sup>a</sup>	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Blah.

## 1.3 Captions and cross-references

In Quarto, one should always specify captions cross-references using chunk options, and should *not* use the caption argument. This is because Quarto automatically post-processes tables, and may introduce conflict with the captions inserted by tinytable. For example:

```
@tbl-blah shows that...

```{r}

#| label: tbl-blah

#| tbl-cap: "Blah blah blah"
library(tinytable)
tt(mtcars[1:4, 1:4])

```
```

And here is the rendered version of the code chunk above:

Table 1 shows that...

```
library(tinytable)
tt(mtcars[1:4, 1:4])
```

Table 1: Blah blah blah

| mpg  | cyl | disp | hp  |
|------|-----|------|-----|
| 21   | 6   | 160  | 110 |
| 21   | 6   | 160  | 110 |
| 22.8 | 4   | 108  | 93  |
| 21.4 | 6   | 258  | 110 |

One exception to the injunction above is when rendering a Quarto document to LaTeX using theme\_latex(multipage = TRUE, rowhead = 1). In that case, one must *avoid* using the Quarto chunk option, because these options trigger Quarto post-processing that will conflict with the longtblr environment used to split long tables across multiple pages.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Blah blah.

The alternative is to use to refer to tables using standard LaTeX syntax: \ref{tbl-ex-multipage}. Then, use the caption argument in tt() to specify both the label and the caption:

```
tt(iris, caption = "Example table.\\label{tbl-ex-multipage}") |>
  theme_latex(multipage = TRUE, rowhead = 1)
```

For standalone tables in any format (i.e., outside Quarto), you can use the caption argument like so:

```
tt(x, caption = "Blah blah.\\label{tbl-blah}")
```

## 1.4 Output formats

tinytable can produce tables in HTML, Word, Markdown, LaTeX, Typst, PDF, or PNG format. An appropriate output format for printing is automatically selected based on (1) whether the function is called interactively, (2) is called within RStudio, and (3) the output format of the Rmarkdown or Quarto document, if applicable. Alternatively, users can specify the print format in print() or by setting a global option:

```
tt(x) |> print("markdown")
tt(x) |> print("html")
tt(x) |> print("latex")

options(tinytable_print_output = "markdown")
```

With the save\_tt() function, users can also save tables directly to PNG (images), PDF or Word documents, and to any of the basic formats. All we need to do is supply a valid file name with the appropriate extension (ex: .png, .html, .pdf, etc.):

```
tt(x) |> save_tt("path/to/file.png")
tt(x) |> save_tt("path/to/file.pdf")
tt(x) |> save_tt("path/to/file.docx")
tt(x) |> save_tt("path/to/file.html")
tt(x) |> save_tt("path/to/file.tex")
tt(x) |> save_tt("path/to/file.md")
```

save\_tt() can also return a string with the table in it, for further processing in R. In the first case, the table is printed to console with cat(). In the second case, it returns as a single string as an R object.

```
tt(mtcars[1:10, 1:5]) |>
  group_tt(
    i = list(
     "Hello" = 3,
     "World" = 8
```

```
),
j = list(
"Foo" = 2:3,
"Bar" = 4:5
)
) |>
print("markdown")
```

```
+----+
| | Foo | Bar |
+----+
+====++===++===++
| 21 | 6 | 160 | 110 | 3.9 |
+----+
| 21 | 6 | 160 | 110 | 3.9 |
+----+
| Hello
+----+
| 22.8 | 4 | 108 | 93 | 3.85 |
+----+
| 21.4 | 6 | 258 | 110 | 3.08 |
+----+
| 18.7 | 8 | 360 | 175 | 3.15 |
+----+
| 18.1 | 6 | 225 | 105 | 2.76 |
+----+
| 14.3 | 8 | 360 | 245 | 3.21 |
+----+
| World
+----+
| 24.4 | 4 | 147 | 62 | 3.69 |
+----+
| 22.8 | 4 | 141 | 95 | 3.92 |
+----+
| 19.2 | 6 | 168 | 123 | 3.92 |
+----+
```

```
tt(mtcars[1:10, 1:5]) |>
  group_tt(
    i = list(
        "Hello" = 3,
        "World" = 8
    ),
    j = list(
        "Foo" = 2:3,
```

```
"Bar" = 4:5
)
) |>
save_tt("markdown")
```

```
[1] "+----+\n|
                          | Foo
                                  | Bar
\n+----+\n| mpg
                        | cyl
                                | hp | drat |
                            | 160
\n+=====+\n| 21
                                | 110 | 3.9
                         | 6
\n+----+\n| 21
                         | 6
                           | 160
                                | 110 | 3.9
\n+----+\n| 22.8 | 4
                            | 108
                                | 93 | 3.85
\n+----+\n| 21.4 | 6
                           | 258
                                | 110 | 3.08
\n+----+\n| 18.7 | 8
                           | 360
                                | 175 | 3.15
\n+----+\n| 18.1 | 6
                            | 225
                                | 105 | 2.76
\n+----+\n| 14.3 | 8
                            | 360
                                | 245 | 3.21
\n+----+\n| World
\n+----+\n| 24.4 | 4
                                | 62 | 3.69
                            | 147
\n+----+\n| 22.8 | 4
                            | 141
                                | 95 | 3.92 |
\n+----+\n| 19.2 | 6
                           | 168
                                | 123 | 3.92 |
\n+-----+"
```

#### 1.5 Combination and exploration

Tables can be explored, modified, and combined using many of the usual base R functions:

```
a <- tt(mtcars[1:2, 1:2])
a
```

```
mpg cyl
21 6
21 6
```

```
dim(a)
```

```
[1] 2 2
```

```
ncol(a)
```

```
[1] 2
```

```
nrow(a)
```

```
[1] 2
```

```
names(a)
```

```
[1] "mpg" "cyl"
```

Tables can be combined with the usual rbind() function:

```
a <- tt(mtcars[1:3, 1:2], caption = "Combine two tiny tables.")
b <- tt(mtcars[4:5, 8:10])
rbind(a, b)</pre>
```

| mpg  | cyl | vs | am | gear |
|------|-----|----|----|------|
| 21   | 6   | NA | NA | NA   |
| 21   | 6   | NA | NA | NA   |
| 22.8 | 4   | NA | NA | NA   |
| NA   | NA  | vs | am | gear |
| NA   | NA  | 1  | 0  | 3    |
| NA   | NA  | 0  | 0  | 3    |

```
rbind(a, b) |> format_tt(replace = "")
```

| mpg  | cyl | vs | am | gear |
|------|-----|----|----|------|
| 21   | 6   |    |    |      |
| 21   | 6   |    |    |      |
| 22.8 | 4   |    |    |      |
|      |     | vs | am | gear |
|      |     | 1  | 0  | 3    |
|      |     | 0  | 0  | 3    |

The rbind2() S4 method is slightly more flexible than rbind(), as it supports arguments headers and use\_names.

Omit y header:

```
rbind2(a, b, headers = FALSE)
```

| mpg  | cyl | vs | am | gear |
|------|-----|----|----|------|
| 21   | 6   | NA | NA | NA   |
| 21   | 6   | NA | NA | NA   |
| 22.8 | 4   | NA | NA | NA   |
| NA   | NA  | 1  | 0  | 3    |
| NA   | NA  | 0  | 0  | 3    |

Bind tables by position rather than column names:

```
rbind2(a, b, use_names = FALSE)
```

| mpg  | cyl | gear |
|------|-----|------|
| 21   | 6   | NA   |
| 21   | 6   | NA   |
| 22.8 | 4   | NA   |
| vs   | am  | gear |
| 1    | 0   | 3    |
| 0    | 0   | 3    |

### 1.6 Select columns

The subset() function from base R can be used to select columns from a tinytable. This is especially useful when applying conditional styling based on column values, and then removing them. For example, if we have a table with 6 rows and three Species:

```
dat <- do.call(rbind, by(iris, ~Species, head, n = 2))
dat</pre>
```

|               | Sepal.Length | Sepal.Width | Petal.Length | Petal.Width | Species    |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| setosa.1      | 5.1          | 3.5         | 1.4          | 0.2         | setosa     |
| setosa.2      | 4.9          | 3.0         | 1.4          | 0.2         | setosa     |
| versicolor.51 | 7.0          | 3.2         | 4.7          | 1.4         | versicolor |
| versicolor.52 | 6.4          | 3.2         | 4.5          | 1.5         | versicolor |
| virginica.101 | 6.3          | 3.3         | 6.0          | 2.5         | virginica  |
| virginica.102 | 5.8          | 2.7         | 5.1          | 1.9         | virginica  |

We highlight the versicolor rows in pink and remove the Species column:

```
tt(dat) |>
  style_tt(Species == "versicolor", background = "pink") |>
  subset(select = -Species)
```

| Sepal.Length | Sepal.Width | Petal.Length | Petal.Width |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 5.1          | 3.5         | 1.4          | 0.2         |
| 4.9          | 3           | 1.4          | 0.2         |
| 7            | 3.2         | 4.7          | 1.4         |
| 6.4          | 3.2         | 4.5          | 1.5         |
| 6.3          | 3.3         | 6            | 2.5         |
| 5.8          | 2.7         | 5.1          | 1.9         |

Or

```
tt(dat) |>
  style_tt(Species == "versicolor", background = "pink") |>
  subset(select = c(Sepal.Length, Sepal.Width))
```

| Sepal.Length | Sepal.Width |
|--------------|-------------|
| 5.1          | 3.5         |
| 4.9          | 3           |
| 7            | 3.2         |
| 6.4          | 3.2         |
| 6.3          | 3.3         |
| 5.8          | 2.7         |

#### 1.7 Rename columns

As noted above, tinytable tries to be standards-compliant, by defining methods for many base R functions. The benefit of this approach is that instead of having to learn a tinytable-specific syntax, users can rename columns using all the tools they already know:

```
a <- tt(mtcars[1:2, 1:2])
names(a) <- c("a", "b")
a
```

```
a b21 6
```

```
a b 21 6
```

In a pipe-based workflow, we can use the setNames() function from base R:

```
mtcars[1:2, 1:2] |>
tt() |>
setNames(c("a", "b"))
```

```
a b21 621 6
```

# 2 Formatting

```
library(tinytable)
options(tinytable_tt_digits = 3)
options(tinytable_latex_placement = "H")
x <- mtcars[1:4, 1:5]</pre>
```

### 2.1 Numbers, dates, strings, etc.

The tt() function is minimalist; it's inteded purpose is simply to draw nice tables. Users who want to format numbers, dates, strings, and other variables in different ways should process their data *before* supplying it to the tt() table-drawing function. To do so, we can use the format\_tt() function supplied by the tinytable.

In a very simple case—such as printing 2 significant digits of all numeric variables—we can use the digits argument of tt():

```
dat <- data.frame(
  w = c(143002.2092, 201399.181, 100188.3883),
  x = c(1.43402, 201.399, 0.134588),
  y = as.Date(sample(1:1000, 3), origin = "1970-01-01"),
  z = c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE)
)

tt(dat, digits = 2)</pre>
```

| w      | X     | у          | Z    |
|--------|-------|------------|------|
| 143002 | 1.43  | 1970-06-21 | TRUE |
| 201399 | 201.4 | 1972-04-11 | TRUE |

| w      | X    | y          | Z     |
|--------|------|------------|-------|
| 100188 | 0.13 | 1972-06-16 | FALSE |

We can get more fine-grained control over formatting by calling format\_tt() after tt(), optionally by specifying the columns to format with j:

```
tt(dat) |>
  format_tt(
    j = 2:4,
    digits = 1,
    date = "%B %d %Y",
    bool = tolower
) |>
  format_tt(
    j = 1,
    digits = 2,
    num_mark_big = " ",
    num_mark_dec = ",",
    num_zero = TRUE,
    num_fmt = "decimal"
)
```

| W          | X     | y             | Z     |
|------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| 143 002,21 | 1.4   | June 21 1970  | true  |
| 201 399,18 | 201.4 | April 11 1972 | true  |
| 100 188,39 | 0.1   | June 16 1972  | false |

We can use a regular expression in j to select columns, and the ?sprintf function to format strings, numbers, and to do string interpolation (similar to the glue package, but using Base R):

```
dat <- data.frame(
    a = c("Burger", "Halloumi", "Tofu", "Beans"),
    b = c(1.43202, 201.399, 0.146188, 0.0031),
    c = c(98938272783457, 7288839482, 29111727, 93945)
)
tt(dat) |>
    format_tt(j = "a", sprintf = "Food: %s") |>
    format_tt(j = 2, digits = 1) |>
    format_tt(j = "c", digits = 2, num_suffix = TRUE)
```

| a            | b     | c   |
|--------------|-------|-----|
| Food: Burger | 1.432 | 99T |

| a              | b       | c    |
|----------------|---------|------|
| Food: Halloumi | 201.399 | 7.3B |
| Food: Tofu     | 0.146   | 29M  |
| Food: Beans    | 0.003   | 94K  |

Finally, if you like the format\_tt() interface, you can use it directly with numbers, vectors, or data frames:

```
format_tt(pi, digits = 1)
```

```
[1] "3"
```

```
format_tt(dat, digits = 1, num_suffix = TRUE)
```

```
a b c
1 Burger 1 99T
2 Halloumi 201 7B
3 Tofu 0.1 29M
4 Beans 0.003 94K
```

## 2.2 Significant digits and decimals

By default, format\_tt() formats numbers to ensure that the smallest value in a vector (column) has at least a certain number of significant digits. For example,

```
k \leftarrow data.frame(x = c(0.000123456789, 12.4356789))
tt(k, digits = 2)
```

x 0.00012 12.43568

We can alter this behavior to ensure to round significant digits on a per-cell basis, using the num\_fmt argument in format\_tt():

```
tt(k) |> format_tt(digits = 2, num_fmt = "significant_cell")
```

x 0.00012

```
x
12
```

The numeric formatting options in format tt() can also be controlled using global options:

```
options("tinytable_tt_digits" = 2)
options("tinytable_format_num_fmt" = "significant_cell")
tt(k)
```

```
x
0.00012
12
```

#### 2.3 Math

To insert LaTeX-style mathematical expressions in a tinytable, we enclose the expression in dollar signs: \$...\$. Note that you must double backslashes in mathematical expressions in R strings.

In LaTeX, expression enclosed between \$\$ will automatically rendered as a mathematical expression.

In HTML, users must first load the MathJax JavaScript library to render math. This can be done in two ways. First, one can use a global option. This will insert MathJax scripts alongside every table, which is convenient, but could enter in conflict with other scripts if the user (or notebook) has already inserted MathJax code:

```
options(tinytable_html_mathjax = TRUE)
```

Alternatively, users can load MathJax explicitly in their HTML file. In a Quarto notebook, this can be done by using a code chunk like this:

```
```{=html}
<script id="MathJax-script" async src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/mathjax@3/
es5/tex-mml-chtml.js"></script>
<script>
MathJax = {
    tex: {
        inlineMath: [['$', '$'], ['\\(', '\\)']]
    },
    svg: {
        fontCache: 'global'
    }
};
```

```
</script>
```

Then, we can do:

```
dat <- data.frame(Math = c(
   "$x^2 + y^2 = z^2$",
   "$\\frac{1}{2}$"
))
tt(dat) |> style_tt(j = 1, align = "c")
```

To avoid inserting \$...\$ in every cell manually, we can use the math argument of format tt():

```
options(tinytable_html_mathjax = TRUE)

dat <- data.frame("y^2 = e^x" = c(-2, -pi), check.names = FALSE)

tt(dat, digits = 3) |> format_tt(math = TRUE)
```

```
y^2 = e^x
-2
-3.14
```

Note that math rendering may not work automatically in Rmarkdown document. See the note-books vignette for advice on Rmarkdown documents.

#### 2.4 Replacement

Missing values can be replaced by a custom string using the replace argument:

```
tab <- data.frame(a = c(NA, 1, 2), b = c(3, NA, 5))
tt(tab)
```

```
a bNA 31 NA2 5
```

```
tt(tab) |> format_tt(replace = "-")
```

a	b
-	3
1	-
2	5

Warning: When using quarto=TRUE, the dash may be interpreted as the start of a list.

We can also specify multiple value replacements at once using a named list of vectors:

```
tmp <- data.frame(x = 1:5, y = c(pi, NA, NaN, -Inf, Inf))
dict <- list("-" = c(NA, NaN), "-\infty" = -Inf, "\infty" = Inf)
tt(tmp) |> format_tt(replace = dict, digits = 2)
```

```
\begin{array}{ccccc} x & y & & \\ 1 & 3.1 & & \\ 2 & - & & \\ 3 & - & & \\ 4 & -\infty & & \\ 5 & \infty & & \\ \end{array}
```

### 2.5 Escape special characters

LaTeX and HTML use special characters to indicate strings which should be interpreted rather than displayed as text. For example, including underscores or dollar signs in LaTeX can cause compilation errors in some documents. To display those special characters, we need to substitute or escape them with backslashes, depending on the output format. The escape argument of format tt() can be used to do this automatically:

```
dat <- data.frame(
  "LaTeX" = c("Dollars $", "Percent %", "Underscore _", "Backslash \\"),
  "HTML" = c("<br>", "<sup>4</sup>", "<emph>blah</emph>", "&amp;"),
  "Typst" = c("Dollars $", "Percent %", "Underscore _", "Backslash \\")
)

tt(dat) |> format_tt(escape = TRUE)
```

LaTeX	HTML	Typst
Dollars \$		Dollars \$
Percent %	<sup>4</sup>	Percent %
Underscore _	<emph>blah</emph>	Underscore _

LaTeX	HTML	Typst
Backslash \	&	Backslash \

When applied to a tt() table, format\_tt() will determine the type of escaping to do automatically. When applied to a string or vector, we must specify the type of escaping to apply:

```
format_tt("_ Dollars $", escape = "latex")
[1] "\\_ Dollars \\$"
```

#### 2.6 Line breaks

LaTeX, Typst, and HTML use different character sequences to indicate line breaks. We can create a single table that works in all three formats by using the linebreak argument of format\_tt(). The idea is to choose one specific character sequence to represent line breaks, and to supply it to the linebreak argument.

In this example, we use <br/> to represent line breaks in our data. This is the standard approach in HTML, and we rely on format\_tt() substitute it to an appropriate string in other formats:

```
d <- data.frame(Text = "First line<br>Second line")
tt(d, width = .4) |> format_tt(linebreak = "<br>")
```

Text
First line
Second line

The linebreak argument automatically converts your specified string to:

- HTML: <br>
- LaTeX: \\
- Typst: \
- Markdown: No conversion (preserves original string)

#### 2.7 Custom functions

On top of the built-in features of format\_tt, a custom formatting function can be specified via the fn argument. The fn argument takes a function that accepts a single vector and returns a string (or something that coerces to a string like a number).

```
tt(x) |>
format_tt(j = "mpg", fn = function(x) paste(x, "mi/gal")) |>
format_tt(j = "drat", fn = \(x) signif(x, 2))
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21 mi/gal	6	160	110	3.9
21 mi/gal	6	160	110	3.9
22.8 mi/gal	4	108	93	3.8
21.4 mi/gal	6	258	110	3.1

For example, the scales package which is used internally by ggplot2 provides a bunch of useful tools for formatting (e.g. dates, numbers, percents, logs, currencies, etc.). The label\_\*() functions can be passed to the fn argument.

Note that we call format\_tt(escape = TRUE) at the end of the pipeline because the column names and cells include characters that need to be escaped in LaTeX: \_, %, and \$. This last call is superfluous in HTML.

```
thumbdrives <- data.frame(
   date_lookup = as.Date(c("2024-01-15", "2024-01-18", "2024-01-14",
"2024-01-16")),
   price = c(18.49, 19.99, 24.99, 24.99),
   price_rank = c(1, 2, 3, 3),
   memory = c(16e9, 12e9, 10e9, 8e9),
   speed_benchmark = c(0.6, 0.73, 0.82, 0.99)
)

tt(thumbdrives) |>
   format_tt(j = 1, fn = scales::label_date("%B %d %Y")) |>
   format_tt(j = 2, fn = scales::label_currency()) |>
   format_tt(j = 3, fn = scales::label_ordinal()) |>
   format_tt(j = 4, fn = scales::label_bytes()) |>
   format_tt(j = 5, fn = scales::label_percent()) |>
   format_tt(escape = TRUE)
```

date_lookup	price	price_rank	memory	speed_benchmark
January 15 2024	\$18.49	1st	16 GB	60%
January 18 2024	\$19.99	2nd	12 GB	73%
January 14 2024	\$24.99	3rd	10 GB	82%
January 16 2024	\$24.99	3rd	8 GB	99%

#### 2.8 Captions, notes, groups, and column names

The format\_tt() function can also be used to format captions, notes, and column names.

```
tab <- data.frame(
  "A_B" = rnorm(5),
  "B_C" = rnorm(5),
  "C_D" = rnorm(5))

tt(tab, digits = 2, notes = "_Source_: Simulated data.") |>
  group_tt(i = list("Down" = 1, "Up" = 3)) |>
  format_tt("colnames", fn = \(x) sub("_", " / ", x)) |>
  format_tt("notes", markdown = TRUE) |>
  format_tt("groupi", replace = list("\sum " = "Down", "\tau" = "Up"))
```

A / B	B / C	C / D
$\downarrow$		
-0.61	0.19	0.31
0.03	0.6	-1.78
<b>↑</b>		
0.39	0.16	-1.08
1.03	-0.68	0.53
0.51	-0.93	1.13

Source: Simulated data.

# 3 Style

The main styling function for the tinytable package is style\_tt(). Via this function, you can access three main interfaces to customize tables:

- 1. A general interface to frequently used style choices which works for both HTML and LaTeX (PDF): colors, font style and size, row and column spans, etc. This is accessed through several distinct arguments in the style\_tt() function, such as italic, color, etc.
- 2. A specialized interface which allows users to use the powerful tabularray package to customize LaTeX tables. This is accessed by passing tabularray settings as strings to the inner and outer arguments of theme\_latex().
- 3. A specialized interface which allows users to use the powerful Bootstrap framework to customize HTML tables. This is accessed by passing CSS declarations and rules to the bootstrap\_css and bootstrap\_css\_rule arguments of style\_tt().

These functions can be used to customize rows, columns, or individual cells. They control many features, including:

- · Text color
- · Background color
- Widths

- · Heights
- Alignment
- Text Wrapping
- Column and Row Spacing
- · Cell Merging
- Multi-row or column spans
- Border Styling
- Font Styling: size, underline, italic, bold, strikethrough, etc.
- Header Customization

The  $style_*()$  functions can modify individual cells, or entire columns and rows. The portion of the table that is styled is determined by the i (rows) and j (columns) arguments.

```
library(tinytable)
options(tinytable_tt_digits = 3)
options(tinytable_latex_placement = "H")
x <- mtcars[1:4, 1:5]</pre>
```

#### 3.1 Cells, rows, columns

To style individual cells, we use the style\_cell() function. The first two arguments—i and j—identify the cells of interest, by row and column numbers respectively. To style a cell in the 2nd row and 3rd column, we can do:

```
tt(x) |>
    style_tt(
    i = 2,
    j = 3,
    background = "black",
    color = "white"
)
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

The i and j accept vectors of integers to modify several cells at once:

```
tt(x) |>
style_tt(
   i = 2:3,
```

```
j = c(1, 3, 4),
italic = TRUE,
color = "orange"
)
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

We can style all cells in a table by omitting both the i and j arguments:

```
tt(x) |> style_tt(color = "orange")
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

We can style entire rows by omitting the j argument:

```
tt(x) |> style_tt(i = 1:2, color = "orange")
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

We can style entire columns by omitting the i argument:

```
tt(x) \mid > style_tt(j = c(2, 4), bold = TRUE)
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

The j argument accepts integer vectors, character vectors, but also a string with a Perl-style regular expression, which makes it easier to select columns by name:

```
tt(x) |> style_tt(j = c("mpg", "drat"), color = "orange")
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

```
tt(x) |> style_tt(j = "mpg|drat", color = "orange")
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

Here we use a "negative lookahead" to exclude certain columns:

```
tt(x) |> style_tt(j = "^(?!drat|mpg)", color = "orange")
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

Of course, we can also call the style\_tt() function several times to apply different styles to different parts of the table:

```
tt(x) |>
style_tt(i = 1, j = 1:2, color = "orange") |>
style_tt(i = 1, j = 3:4, color = "green")
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

The i argument also accepts unquoted expressions for non-standard evaluation. This allows us to style rows based on data conditions:

```
tt(x) |>
style_tt(i = mpg > 21, background = "lightblue", bold = TRUE)
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

There is also a groupi object with indices that can be manipulated as an unquoted numeric expression.

```
tt(head(mtcars, 10)) |>
   group_tt(i = list("Hello" = 3, "World" = 5)) |>
   group_tt(j = list("Cyl" = 1:3, "Disp" = 4:6)) |>
   style_tt(groupi, background = "pink", align = "c") |>
   style_tt(groupi + 1, color = "white", background = "teal")
```

	Cyl			Disp						
mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
21	6	160	110	3.9	2.62	16.5	0	1	4	4
21	6	160	110	3.9	2.88	17	0	1	4	4
					Hello					
22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.32	18.6	1	1	4	1

	Cyl			Disp						
mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.21	19.4	1	0	3	1
					World					
18.7	8	360	175	3.15	3.44	17	0	0	3	2
18.1	6	225	105	2.76	3.46	20.2	1	0	3	1
14.3	8	360	245	3.21	3.57	15.8	0	0	3	4
24.4	4	147	62	3.69	3.19	20	1	0	4	2
22.8	4	141	95	3.92	3.15	22.9	1	0	4	2
19.2	6	168	123	3.92	3.44	18.3	1	0	4	4

#### 3.2 Colors

The color and background arguments in the style\_tt() function are used for specifying the text color and the background color for cells of a table created by the tt() function. This argument plays a crucial role in enhancing the visual appeal and readability of the table, whether it's rendered in LaTeX or HTML format. The way we specify colors differs slightly between the two formats:

#### For HTML Output:

- Hex Codes: You can specify colors using hexadecimal codes, which consist of a # followed by 6 characters (e.g., #CC79A7). This allows for a wide range of colors.
- Keywords: There's also the option to use color keywords for convenience. The supported keywords are basic color names like black, red, blue, etc.

#### For LaTeX Output:

- Hexadecimal Codes: Similar to HTML, you can use hexadecimal codes.
- Keywords: LaTeX supports a different set of color keywords, which include standard colors like black, red, blue, as well as additional ones like cyan, darkgray, lightgray, etc.
- Color Blending: An advanced feature in LaTeX is color blending, which can be achieved using the xcolor package. You can blend colors by specifying ratios (e.g., white!80!blue or green! 20!red).
- Luminance Levels: The ninecolors package in LaTeX offers colors with predefined luminance levels, allowing for more nuanced color choices (e.g., "azure4", "magenta8").

Note that the keywords used in LaTeX and HTML are slightly different.

```
tt(x) |> style_tt(i = 1:4, j = 1, color = "#FF5733")
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

Note that when using Hex codes in a LaTeX table, we need extra declarations in the LaTeX preamble. See ?tt for details.

#### 3.3 Alignment

To align columns, we use a single character, or a string where each letter represents a column:

```
dat <- data.frame(
    a = c("a", "aaa", "aaaaa"),
    b = c("b", "bbb", "bbbbb"),
    c = c("c", "cccc")
)

tt(dat) |> style_tt(j = 1:3, align = "c")
```

```
abcabcaaabbbcccaaaaabbbbbccccc
```

```
tt(dat) |> style_tt(j = 1:3, align = "lcr")
```

a	b	c
a	b	c
aaa	bbb	ccc
aaaaa	bbbbb	cccc

In LaTeX documents (only), we can use decimal-alignment:

```
z <- data.frame(pi = c(pi * 100, pi * 1000, pi * 10000, pi * 100000))
tt(z) |>
format_tt(j = 1, digits = 8, num_fmt = "significant_cell") |>
style_tt(j = 1, align = "d")
```

pi
314.15927
3141.5927
31415.927
314159.27

#### 3.4 Font size

The font size is specified in em units.

```
tt(x) \mid style_t(i = 1:4, j = mpg|hp|qsec, fontsize = 1.5)
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

## 3.5 Spanning cells (merging cells)

Sometimes, it can be useful to make a cell stretch across multiple colums or rows, for example when we want to insert a label. To achieve this, we can use the colspan argument. Here, we make the 2nd cell of the 2nd row stretch across three columns and two rows:

```
tt(x) |> style_tt(
    i = 2, j = 2,
    colspan = 3,
    rowspan = 2,
    align = "c",
    alignv = "m",
    color = "white",
    background = "black",
    bold = TRUE
)
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21		6		3.9
22.8		O		3.85

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

Here is the original table for comparison:

```
tt(x)
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

Spanning cells can be particularly useful when we want to suppress redundant labels:

```
tab <- aggregate(mpg ~ cyl + am, FUN = mean, data = mtcars)
tab <- tab[order(tab$cyl, tab$am), ]
tab</pre>
```

```
tt(tab, digits = 2) |>
style_tt(i = c(1, 3, 5), j = 1, rowspan = 2, alignv = "t")
```

cyl	am	mpg
4	0	23
	1	28
6	0	19
	1	21
8	0	15
	1	15

The rowspan feature is also useful to create multi-row labels. For example, in this table there is a linebreak, but all the text fits in a single cell:

```
tab <- data.frame(Letters = c("A<br>B", ""), Numbers = c("First", "Second"))

tt(tab) |>
    theme_html(class = "table-bordered")
```

Letters	Numbers	
AB	First	
	Second	

Now, we use colspan to ensure that that cells in the first column take up less space and are combined into one:

```
tt(tab) |>
  theme_html(class = "table-bordered") |>
  style_tt(1, 1, rowspan = 2)
```

Letters	Numbers	
AB	First	
	Second	

We can combine several spans to create complex tables like this one:

```
df <- structure(list(
    Coll = c("Col Header", "Item 0", "Item 1", "Item 2", "Total"),
    Col2 = c("Span 1", "X", "xx", "xxx", "xxxxx"),
    Col2.1 = c("Span 1", "Y", "xx", "xxx", "xxxxx"),
    Col2.2 = c("Span 2", "X", "xx", "xxx", "xxxxx"),
    Col2.3 = c("Span 2", "Y", "xx", "xxx", "xxxxx")),
    class = "data.frame", row.names = c(NA, -5L))

df |>
    setNames(NULL) |>
    tt() |>
    style_tt(1, 1, rowspan = 2, bold = TRUE) |>
    style_tt(1, c(2, 4), colspan = 2, bold = TRUE) |>
    style_tt(5, c(2, 4), colspan = 2) |>
    theme_grid()
```

Col Header	Span 1		Span 2	
	X	Y	X	Y

Item 1	xx	xx	xx	XX
Item 2	XX	XX	XX	xx
Total	xxxx		XXX	X

## 3.6 Headers

The header can be omitted from the table by using the colnames argument.

```
tt(x, colnames = FALSE)
21
      6
         160
               110
                    3.9
21
      6
         160
               110
                    3.9
22.8
         108
               93
                     3.85
21.4
         258
               110
                    3.08
     6
```

The first is row 0, and higher level headers (ex: column spanning labels) have negative indices like –1. They can be styled as expected:

```
tt(x) |> style_tt(i = 0, color = "white", background = "black")
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

When styling columns without specifying i, the headers are styled in accordance with the rest of the column:

```
tt(x) |> style_tt(j = 2:3, color = "white", background = "black")
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

## 3.7 Conditional styling

We can use the standard which function from Base R to create indices and apply conditional stying on rows. And we can use a regular expression in j to apply conditional styling on columns:

```
k <- mtcars[1:10, c("mpg", "am", "vs")]

tt(k) |>
    style_tt(
    i = which(k$am == k$vs),
    j = "am|vs",
    background = "teal",
    color = "white"
)
```

mpg	am	vs
21	1	0
21	1	0
22.8	1	1
21.4	0	1
18.7	0	0
18.1	0	1
14.3	0	0
24.4	0	1
22.8	0	1
19.2	0	1

We can also use non-standard evaluation to apply conditional styling directly with unquoted expressions:

```
tt(k) |>
style_tt(i = mpg > 22, background = "lightgreen", bold = TRUE)
```

mpg	am	vs
21	1	0
21	1	0
22.8	1	1
21.4	0	1
18.7	0	0

mpg	am	vs
18.1	0	1
14.3	0	0
24.4	0	1
22.8	0	1
19.2	0	1

Users can also supply a logical matrix of the same size as x to indicate which cell should be styled. For example, we can change the colors of certain entries in a correlation matrix as follows:

```
cormat <- data.frame(cor(mtcars[1:5]))
tt(cormat, digits = 2) |>
   style_tt(i = abs(cormat) > .8, background = "black", color = "white")
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
1	-0.85	-0.85	-0.78	0.68
-0.85	1	0.9	0.83	-0.7
-0.85	0.9	1	0.79	-0.71
-0.78	0.83	0.79	1	-0.45
0.68	-0.7	-0.71	-0.45	1

## 3.8 Vectorized styling (heatmaps)

The color, background, and fontsize arguments are vectorized. This allows easy specification of different colors in a single call:

```
tt(x) |>
    style_tt(
    i = 1:4,
    color = c("red", "blue", "green", "orange")
)
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

When using a single value for a vectorized argument, it gets applied to all values:

```
tt(x) |>
style_tt(
    j = 2:3,
    color = c("orange", "green"),
    background = "black"
)
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

We can also produce more complex heatmap-like tables to illustrate different font sizes in em units:

```
# font sizes
fs \leftarrow seq(.1, 2, length.out = 20)
# headless table
k <- data.frame(matrix(fs, ncol = 5))</pre>
# colors
bg <- hcl.colors(20, "Inferno")</pre>
fg <- ifelse(as.matrix(k) < 1.7, tail(bg, 1), head(bg, 1))
# table
tt(k, width = .7, theme = "empty", colnames = FALSE) |>
 style_tt(j = 1:5, align = "ccccc", alignv = "m") |>
  style_tt(
    i = 1:4,
    j = 1:5,
    color = fg,
    background = bg,
    fontsize = fs
```

	0.5	0.9	1.3	1.7
62	0.6	1	1.4	1.8
0.3	0.7	1.1	1.5	1.9

## 3.9 Lines (borders)

The style\_tt function allows us to customize the borders that surround eacell of a table, as well horizontal and vertical rules. To control these lines, we use the line, line\_width, and line\_color arguments. Here's a brief overview of each of these arguments:

- line: This argument specifies where solid lines should be drawn. It is a string that can consist of the following characters:
  - "t": Draw a line at the top of the cell, row, or column.
  - "b": Draw a line at the bottom of the cell, row, or column.
  - "l": Draw a line at the left side of the cell, row, or column.
  - "r": Draw a line at the right side of the cell, row, or column.
  - You can combine these characters to draw lines on multiple sides, such as "tbl" to draw lines at the top, bottom, and left sides of a cell.
- line\_width: This argument controls the width of the solid lines in em units (default: 0.1 em). You can adjust this value to make the lines thicker or thinner.
- line\_color: Specifies the color of the solid lines. You can use color names, hexadecimal codes, or other color specifications to define the line color.

Here is an example where we draw lines around every border ("t", "b", "l", and "r") of specified cells.

```
tt(x, theme = "empty") |>
style_tt(
    i = 0:3,
    j = 1:3,
    line = "tblr",
    line_width = 0.4,
    line_color = "orange"
)
```

```
disp
       cyl
                   hp
                          drat
mpg
21
       6
            160
                   110
                          3.9
21
       6
             160
                   110
                          3.9
22.8
       4
             108
                   93
                          3.85
21.4
             258
                    110
                         3.08
```

And here is an example with horizontal rules:

```
tt(x, theme = "empty") |>
style_tt(i = 0, line = "t", line_color = "orange", line_width = 0.4) |>
```

```
style_tt(i = 1, line = "t", line_color = "purple", line_width = 0.2) |>
style_tt(i = 4, line = "b", line_color = "orange", line_width = 0.4)
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

```
dat <- data.frame(1:2, 3:4, 5:6, 7:8)

tt(dat, theme = "empty", colnames = FALSE) |>
    style_tt(
    line = "tblr", line_color = "white", line_width = 0.5,
    background = "blue", color = "white"
)
```

```
    1
    3
    5
    7

    2
    4
    6
    8
```

#### 3.10 Markdown

Markdown is a text-only format with limited styling options. The only supported arguments are: bold, italic, and strikeout. These limitations exist because there is no standard markdown syntax for other styling options (ex: colors and background).

However, in terminals (consoles) that support it, tinytable can display colors and text styles using ANSI escape codes by setting theme\_markdown(ansi = TRUE). This allows for rich formatting in compatible terminal environments.

Here's an example with multiple ANSI styles:

```
data <- data.frame(
  Name = c("Alice", "Bob", "Charlie"),
  Age = c(25, 30, 35),
  Score = c(95.5, 87.2, 92.8)
)

tt(data, caption = "Three friends.") |>
  style_tt(i = c(0, 3), color = "orange") |>
  style_tt(i = 1, background = "teal", color = "black", bold = TRUE) |>
  style_tt(i = 2, j = 2, underline = TRUE, color = "red") |>
  style_tt(i = 3, strikeout = TRUE) |>
```

```
group_tt(j = list("Characteristics" = 2:3)) |>
style_tt(i = "caption", bold = TRUE, color = "red") |>
theme_markdown(ansi = TRUE)
```



Figure 1: ANSI Terminal Output

# 4 Groups and labels

```
library(tinytable)
options(tinytable_tt_digits = 3)
options(tinytable_latex_placement = "H")
x <- mtcars[1:4, 1:5]</pre>
```

The group\_tt() function can label groups of rows (i) or columns (j).

#### **4.1 Rows**

The i argument accepts a named list of integers. The numbers identify the positions where row group labels are to be inserted. The names includes the text that should be inserted:

```
dat <- mtcars[1:9, 1:8]
```

```
tt(dat) |>
  group_tt(i = list(
    "I like (fake) hamburgers" = 3,
    "She prefers halloumi" = 4,
    "They love tofu" = 7))
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs
21	6	160	110	3.9	2.62	16.5	0
21	6	160	110	3.9	2.88	17	0
I like	(fake)	hambı	ırgers				
22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.32	18.6	1
She p	refers	hallou	mi				
21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.21	19.4	1
18.7	8	360	175	3.15	3.44	17	0
18.1	6	225	105	2.76	3.46	20.2	1
They	love t	ofu					
14.3	8	360	245	3.21	3.57	15.8	0
24.4	4	147	62	3.69	3.19	20	1
22.8	4	141	95	3.92	3.15	22.9	1

The numbers in the i list indicate that a label must be inserted at position # in the original table (without row groups). For example,

```
tt(head(iris)) |>
  group_tt(i = list("After 0" = 1, "After 3a" = 4, "After 3b" = 4, "After 5" =
6))
```

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
After 0				
5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.9	3	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa
After 3a				
After 3b				
4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	setosa

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
5	3.6	1.4	0.2	setosa
After 5				
5.4	3.9	1.7	0.4	setosa

It is also possible to use unquoted expressions (non-standard evaluation) to specify row groups. For example,

```
tmp <- do.call(rbind, by(iris, ~Species, head, n = 2))
tt(tmp) |>
  group_tt(i = Species) |>
  subset(select = -Species) |>
  style_tt(align = "c") |>
  style_tt(i = "groupi", align = "c", color = "teal", line = "b")
```

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width				
	seto	osa					
5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2				
4.9	3	1.4	0.2				
	versicolor						
7	3.2	4.7	1.4				
6.4	3.2	4.5	1.5				
	virginica						
6.3	3.3	6	2.5				
5.8	2.7	5.1	1.9				

#### 4.1.1 Styling row groups

We can style group rows in the same way as regular rows (caveat: not in Word or Markdown):

```
tab <- tt(dat) |>
  group_tt(i = list(
    "I like (fake) hamburgers" = 3,
    "She prefers halloumi" = 4,
    "They love tofu" = 7))

tab |> style_tt(
    i = c(3, 5, 9),
    align = "c",
    color = "white",
```

```
background = "gray",
bold = TRUE)
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs
21	6	160	110	3.9	2.62	16.5	0
21	6	160	110	3.9	2.88	17	0
	I	like (	fake)	hambı	urgers		
22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.32	18.6	1
		She p	refer	s hallo	umi		
21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.21	19.4	1
18.7	8	360	175	3.15	3.44	17	0
18.1	6	225	105	2.76	3.46	20.2	1
		Tl	hey lo	ve tof	u		
14.3	8	360	245	3.21	3.57	15.8	0
24.4	4	147	62	3.69	3.19	20	1
22.8	4	141	95	3.92	3.15	22.9	1

Calculating the location of rows can be cumbersome. Instead of doing this by hand, we can use the "groupi" shortcut to style rows and "~groupi" (the complement) to style all non-group rows.

```
tab |>
style_tt("groupi", color = "white", background = "teal") |>
style_tt("~groupi", j = 1, indent = 2)
```

mpg	g	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs
	21	6	160	110	3.9	2.62	16.5	0
	21	6	160	110	3.9	2.88	17	0
I lik	e (fake	e) ham	ıburgei	:s				
	22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.32	18.6	1
She	prefer	s hall	oumi					
	21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.21	19.4	1
	18.7	8	360	175	3.15	3.44	17	0
	18.1	6	225	105	2.76	3.46	20.2	1
The	They love tofu							

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs
14.3	8	360	245	3.21	3.57	15.8	0
24.4	4	147	62	3.69	3.19	20	1
22.8	4	141	95	3.92	3.15	22.9	1

#### 4.1.2 Automatic row groups

We can use the group\_tt() function to group rows and label them using spanners (almost) automatically. For example,

```
# subset and sort data
df <- mtcars |>
  head(10) |>
  sort_by(~am)

# draw table
tt(df) |> group_tt(i = df$am)
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
0										
21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.21	19.4	1	0	3	1
18.7	8	360	175	3.15	3.44	17	0	0	3	2
18.1	6	225	105	2.76	3.46	20.2	1	0	3	1
14.3	8	360	245	3.21	3.57	15.8	0	0	3	4
24.4	4	147	62	3.69	3.19	20	1	0	4	2
22.8	4	141	95	3.92	3.15	22.9	1	0	4	2
19.2	6	168	123	3.92	3.44	18.3	1	0	4	4
1										
21	6	160	110	3.9	2.62	16.5	0	1	4	4
21	6	160	110	3.9	2.88	17	0	1	4	4
22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.32	18.6	1	1	4	1

#### 4.1.3 Row matrix insertion

While the traditional group\_tt(i = list(...)) approach is useful for adding individual labeled rows, sometimes you need to insert multiple rows of data at specific positions. The matrix insertion feature provides a more efficient way to do this.

Instead of creating multiple named list entries, you can specify row positions as an integer vector in i and provide a character matrix in j. This is particularly useful when you want to insert the same content (like headers or separators) at multiple positions:

```
rowmat <- matrix(colnames(iris))

tt(head(iris, 7)) |>
  group_tt(i = c(2, 5), j = rowmat)
```

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
4.9	3	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa
4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	setosa
Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
5	3.6	1.4	0.2	setosa
5.4	3.9	1.7	0.4	setosa
4.6	3.4	1.4	0.3	setosa

The matrix is expected to have the same number of columns as the table. However, if you provide a single-column matrix with a number of elements that is a multiple of the table's column count, it will be automatically reshaped to match the table structure. This makes it easy to provide data in a linear format:

```
rowmat <- matrix(c(
   "-", "-", "-", "-",
   "/", "/", "/", "/"))

tt(head(iris, 7)) |> group_tt(i = 2, j = rowmat)
```

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
-	-	-	-	-
/	/	/	/	/
4.9	3	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa
4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	setosa

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
5	3.6	1.4	0.2	setosa
5.4	3.9	1.7	0.4	setosa
4.6	3.4	1.4	0.3	setosa

We can also insert rows of the group matrix in different positions:

```
tt(head(iris, 7)) \mid > group_tt(i = c(1, 8), j = rowmat)
```

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
-	-	-	-	-
5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.9	3	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa
4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	setosa
5	3.6	1.4	0.2	setosa
5.4	3.9	1.7	0.4	setosa
4.6	3.4	1.4	0.3	setosa
/	/	/	/	/

## 4.2 Columns

The syntax for column groups is very similar, but we use the j argument instead. The named list specifies the labels to appear in column-spanning labels, and the values must be a vector of consecutive and non-overlapping integers that indicate which columns are associated to which labels:

```
tt(dat) |>
  group_tt(
    j = list(
      "Hamburgers" = 1:3,
      "Halloumi" = 4:5,
      "Tofu" = 7))
```

Ha	Hamburgers			Halloumi		Tofu	
mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs
21	6	160	110	3.9	2.62	16.5	0
21	6	160	110	3.9	2.88	17	0

На	Hamburgers		Halloumi			Tofu	
mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs
22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.32	18.6	1
21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.21	19.4	1
18.7	8	360	175	3.15	3.44	17	0
18.1	6	225	105	2.76	3.46	20.2	1
14.3	8	360	245	3.21	3.57	15.8	0
24.4	4	147	62	3.69	3.19	20	1
22.8	4	141	95	3.92	3.15	22.9	1

We can stack several extra headers on top of one another:

```
x <- mtcars[1:4, 1:5]
tt(x) |>
  group_tt(j = list("Foo" = 2:3, "Bar" = 5)) |>
  group_tt(j = list("Hello" = 1:2, "World" = 4:5))
```

Hello			World		
	F	Foo		Bar	
mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	
21	6	160	110	3.9	
21	6	160	110	3.9	
22.8	4	108	93	3.85	
21.4	6	258	110	3.08	

## 4.2.1 Styling column groups

To style column headers, we use zero or negative indices:

```
tt(x) |>
  group_tt(j = list("Foo" = 2:3, "Bar" = 5)) |>
  group_tt(j = list("Hello" = 1:2, "World" = 4:5)) |>
  style_tt(i = 0, color = "orange") |>
  style_tt(i = -1, color = "teal") |>
  style_tt(i = -2, color = "yellow")
```

Hel	Hello			World		
	Foo			Bar		
mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat		
21	6	160	110	3.9		
21	6	160	110	3.9		
22.8	4	108	93	3.85		
21.4	6	258	110	3.08		

Alternatively, we can use string shortcuts:

```
tt(x) |>
  group_tt(j = list("Foo" = 2:3, "Bar" = 5)) |>
  group_tt(j = list("Hello" = 1:2, "World" = 4:5)) |>
  style_tt("groupj", color = "orange") |>
  style_tt("colnames", color = "teal")
```

Hel	Hello			World		
	Foo			Bar		
mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat		
21	6	160	110	3.9		
21	6	160	110	3.9		
22.8	4	108	93	3.85		
21.4	6	258	110	3.08		

Here is a table with both row and column headers, as well as some styling:

```
dat <- mtcars[1:9, 1:8]
tt(dat) |>
  group_tt(
    i = list(
        "I like (fake) hamburgers" = 3,
        "She prefers halloumi" = 4,
        "They love tofu" = 7
    ),
    j = list(
        "Hamburgers" = 1:3,
        "Halloumi" = 4:5,
        "Tofu" = 7
    )
    ) |>
```

```
style_tt(
    i = c(3, 5, 9),
    align = "c",
    background = "teal",
    color = "white"
) |>
style_tt(i = -1, color = "teal")
```

Har	nburg	gers	Hall	oumi		Tofu	
mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs
21	6	160	110	3.9	2.62	16.5	0
21	6	160	110	3.9	2.88	17	0
		I like	(fake)	hambu	rgers		
22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.32	18.6	1
She prefers halloumi							
21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.21	19.4	1
18.7	8	360	175	3.15	3.44	17	0
18.1	6	225	105	2.76	3.46	20.2	1
		Т	hey lo	ve tofu	1		
14.3	8	360	245	3.21	3.57	15.8	0
24.4	4	147	62	3.69	3.19	20	1
22.8	4	141	95	3.92	3.15	22.9	1

#### 4.2.2 Column names with delimiters

Group labels can be specified using column names with delimiters. For example, some of the columns in this data frame have group identifiers. Note that the first column does not have a group identifier, and that the last column has a group identifier but no column name.

```
dat <- data.frame(
   "A__D" = rnorm(3),
   "A_B_D" = rnorm(3),
   "A_B_" = rnorm(3),
   "_C_E" = rnorm(3),
   check.names = FALSE
)

tt(dat) |> group_tt(j = "_")
```

	A		
	В	1	С
D	D	В	Е
0.465	1.162	0.157	0.411
-0.175	-0.501	1.36	1.561
0.48	-1.221	0.677	0.458

### 4.3 Case studies

#### 4.3.1 Repeated column names

In some contexts, users wish to repeat the column names to treat them as group labels. Consider this dataset:

```
library(tinytable)
library(magrittr)

dat = data.frame(
   Region = as.character(state.region),
   State = row.names(state.x77),
   state.x77[, 1:3]) |>
   sort_by(~ Region + State) |>
   subset(Region %in% c("North Central", "Northeast"))
dat = do.call(rbind, by(dat, dat$Region, head, n = 3))
row.names(dat) = NULL
dat
```

	Region	State	Population	Income	Illiteracy
1	North Central	Illinois	11197	5107	0.9
2	North Central	Indiana	5313	4458	0.7
3	North Central	Iowa	2861	4628	0.5
4	Northeast	Connecticut	3100	5348	1.1
5	Northeast	Maine	1058	3694	0.7
6	Northeast	${\tt Massachusetts}$	5814	4755	1.1

Here, we may want to repeat the column names for every region. The group\_tt() function does not support this directly, but it is easy to achieve this effect by:

- 1. Insert column names as new rows in the data.
- 2. Creat a row group variable (here: region)
- 3. Style the column names and group labels

Normally, we would call style\_tt(i = "groupi") to style the row groups, but here we need the actual indices to also style one row below the groups. We can use the @group\_index\_i slot to get the indices of the row groups.

```
region_names <- unique(dat$Region)
region_indices <- rep(match(region_names, dat$Region), each = 2)

rowmat <- do.call(rbind, lapply(region_names, function(name) {
    rbind(
        c(name, rep("", 3)),
        colnames(dat)[2:5]
    )
}))

rowmat</pre>
```

```
[,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,] "North Central" "" ""
[2,] "State" "Population" "Income" "Illiteracy"
[3,] "Northeast" "" ""
[4,] "State" "Population" "Income" "Illiteracy"
```

```
odd <- function(x) x[seq(1, length(x), 2)]
even <- function(x) x[seq(2, length(x), 2)]

tt(dat[, 2:5], colnames = FALSE) |>
  group_tt(i = region_indices, j = rowmat) |>
  style_tt(even(groupi), bold = TRUE) |>
  style_tt(odd(groupi), j = 1, align = "c", colspan = 4,
    background = "lightgrey")
```

North Central						
State	Population	Income	Illiteracy			
Illinois	11197	5107	0.9			
Indiana	5313	4458	0.7			
Iowa	2861	4628	0.5			
	Northeas	t				
State	Population	Income	Illiteracy			
Connecticut	3100	5348	1.1			
Maine	1058	3694	0.7			
Massachusetts	5814	4755	1.1			

## 5 Themes

tinytable offers a very flexible theming framwork, which includes a few basic visual looks, as well as other functions to apply collections of transformations to tinytable objects in a repeatable way. These themes can be applied by supplying a string or function to the theme argument in tt(). Alternatively, users can call the specific theme functions like theme\_striped(), theme\_grid(), etc.

The main difference between theme functions and the other options in package, is that whereas style\_tt() and format\_tt() aim to be output agnostic, theme functions supply transformations that can be output-specific, and which can have their own sets of distinct arguments. See below for a few examples.

```
library(tinytable)
options(tinytable_tt_digits = 3)
options(tinytable_latex_placement = "H")
x <- mtcars[1:4, 1:5]</pre>
```

#### 5.1 Visual themes

To begin, let's explore a few of the basic looks supplied by themes:

```
tt(x, theme = "striped")
            disp
                   hp
                         drat
mpg
      cyl
21
            160
                   110
                         3.9
21
                         3.9
      6
            160
                   110
22.8
      4
            108
                   93
                         3.85
21.4
      6
            258
                         3.08
                   110
```

```
tt(x) |> theme_striped()
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

```
tt(x, theme = "grid")
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat
21	6	160	110	3.9
21	6	160	110	3.9
22.8	4	108	93	3.85
21.4	6	258	110	3.08

```
tt(x, theme = "empty")
           disp
                        drat
mpg
      cyl
                  hp
21
                  110
      6
            160
                        3.9
21
      6
            160
                  110
                        3.9
22.8
      4
            108
                  93
                        3.85
```

#### 5.2 Custom themes

258

110

3.08

21.4

Users can also define their own themes to apply consistent visual tweaks to tables. For example, this defines a themeing function and sets a global option to apply it to all tables consistently:<sup>1</sup>

```
theme_vincent <- function(x, ...) {
  out <- x |>
    style_tt(color = "teal") |>
    theme_default()
  out@caption <- "Always use the same caption."
  out@width <- .5
  return(out)
}

options(tinytable_tt_theme = theme_vincent)

tt(mtcars[1:2, 1:2])</pre>
```

mpg	cyl
21	6
21	6

```
tt(mtcars[1:3, 1:3])
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Note: Captions must be defined in Quarto chunks for Typst output, which explains why they are not displayed in the Typst version of this document.

mpg	cyl	disp
21	6	160
21	6	160
22.8	4	108

```
options(tinytable_tt_theme = NULL)
```

Here is a slightly more complex example. The benefit of this approach is that we apply a function via the style\_tt() function and its finalize argument, so we can leverage some of the object components that are only available at the printing stage:

```
theme_slides <- function(x, ...) {
  fn <- function(table) {
    if (isTRUE(table@output == "typst")) {
        table@table_string <- paste0("#figure([\n", table@table_string, "\n])")
    }
    return(table)
}

x <- style_tt(x, finalize = fn)
    return(x)
}

tt(head(iris), theme = theme_slides)</pre>
```

Note: the code above is not evaluated because it only applies to Typst output.

## 5.3 Combining themes

Themes are just functions that apply a set of transformations to a tinytable object. This means that users can combine themes to create new looks. For example, when we call tt(x) without specifying the theme argument, the theme\_default() is applied automatically.

```
x <- head(iris, 3)
tt(x)</pre>
```

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.9	3	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa

If we add a call to theme\_striped(), we add grey background stripes, but keep the other default stylings (ex: top and bottom horizontal rules).

# tt(x) |> theme\_striped()

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.9	3	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa

Alternatively, we could use theme\_empty() to remove the default theme, and theme\_striped() to get a very minimal look with just the stripes.

```
tt(x) |> theme_empty() |> theme_striped()
```

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.9	3	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa

Or use the theme argument to get the same effect.

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.9	3	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa

#### 5.4 User-written themes

This section provides a few user-written themes that can be used to extend the functionality of tinytable. These themes are not included in the package by default, but they can be easily added to your workflow. If you would like your own custom theme to appear here, please open an issue on the tinytable GitHub repository or submit a pull request.

#### 5.4.1 theme\_mitex()

This theme was written by Kazuharu Yanagimoto. Thanks for your contribution!

The MiTeX project aims to bring LaTeX support to Typst documents. This theme replace every instance of matching pairs of dollars signs \$..\$ by a MiTeX function call: #mitex(...). This allows you to use LaTeX math in Typst documents.

Warning: The substitution code is very simple and it may not work properly when there are unmatched \$ symbols in the document.

# 6 Plots and images

The plot\_tt() function can embed images and plots in a tinytable. We can insert images by specifying their paths and positions (i/j).

```
library(tinytable)
options(tinytable_tt_digits = 3)
options(tinytable_latex_placement = "H")
x <- mtcars[1:4, 1:5]</pre>
```

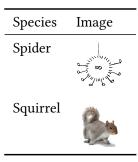
## 6.1 Inserting images in tables

To insert images in a table, we use the plot\_tt() function. The path\_img values must be relative to the main document saved by save\_tt() or to the Quarto (or Rmarkdown) document in which the code is executed.

```
dat <- data.frame(
   Species = c("Spider", "Squirrel"),
   Image = ""
)

img <- c(
   "figures/spider.png",
   "figures/squirrel.png"
)

tt(dat) |>
   plot_tt(j = 2, images = img, height = 3)
```



In HTML tables, it is possible to insert tables directly from a web address, but not in LaTeX.

We can also combine text and images using the sprintf argument and %s placeholder:

```
tt(head(iris)) |>
  plot_tt(1, 1,
    images = "figures/spider.png",
    sprintf = "Boris: %s",
    height = 5) |>
  style_tt(i = 1, j = 1, alignv = "m")
```

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
Boris:	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
July 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10				
4.9	3	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa
4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	setosa
5	3.6	1.4	0.2	setosa
5.4	3.9	1.7	0.4	setosa

## 6.2 Inline plots

We can draw inline plots three ways, with

- 1. Built-in templates for histograms, density plots, and bar plots
- 2. Custom plots using base R plots.
- 3. Custom plots using ggplot2.

To draw custom plots, one simply has to define a custom function, whose structure we illustrate below.

#### 6.2.1 Built-in plots

There are several types of inline plots available by default.

#### 6.2.1.1 Bar plots

Bar plots can be created with single or dual colors. With two colors, the first color is the bar and the second is the background:

Metric	Value	Percentage
Sales		
Conversion		
Growth		
Efficiency		

#### 6.2.1.2 Other plot types

```
plot_data <- list(mtcars$mpg, mtcars$hp, mtcars$qsec)

dat <- data.frame(
   Variables = c("mpg", "hp", "qsec"),
   Histogram = "",
   Density = "",
   Line = ""
)

# random data for sparklines
lines <- lapply(1:3, \(x) data.frame(x = 1:10, y = rnorm(10)))

tt(dat) |>
   plot_tt(j = 2, fun = "histogram", data = plot_data) |>
   plot_tt(j = 3, fun = "density", data = plot_data, color = "darkgreen") |>
```

```
plot_tt(j = 4, fun = "line", data = lines, color = "blue") |>
style_tt(j = 2:4, align = "c")
```

Variables	Histogram	Density	Line
mpg	<b>-</b>		~~\
hp			<b>\\</b>
qsec	<b></b> .		<b>۸</b> ــر

## 6.2.2 Custom plots: Base R

Important: Custom functions must have . . . as an argument.

To create a custom inline plot using Base R plotting functions, we create a function that returns another function. tinytable will then call that second function internally to generate the plot.

This is easier than it sounds! For example:

```
f <- function(d, ...) {
  function() hist(d, axes = FALSE, ann = FALSE, col = "lightblue")
}

plot_data <- list(mtcars$mpg, mtcars$hp, mtcars$qsec)

dat <- data.frame(Variables = c("mpg", "hp", "qsec"), Histogram = "")

tt(dat) |>
  plot_tt(j = 2, fun = f, data = plot_data)
```

Variables	Histogram
mpg	alle
hp	Ma
qsec	adh.

## 6.2.3 Custom plots: ggplot2

Important: Custom functions must have ... as an argument.

To create a custom inline plot using ggplot2, we create a function that returns a ggplot object:

```
library(ggplot2)

f <- function(d, color = "black", ...) {
  d <- data.frame(x = d)</pre>
```

```
ggplot(d, aes(x = x)) +
    geom_histogram(bins = 30, color = color, fill = color) +
    scale_x_continuous(expand = c(0, 0)) +
    scale_y_continuous(expand = c(0, 0)) +
    theme_void()
}

plot_data <- list(mtcars$mpg, mtcars$hp, mtcars$qsec)

tt(dat) |>
    plot_tt(j = 2, fun = f, data = plot_data, color = "pink")
```

Variables	Histogram
mpg	LAddunin
hp	عباليان
qsec	u.lhluL.

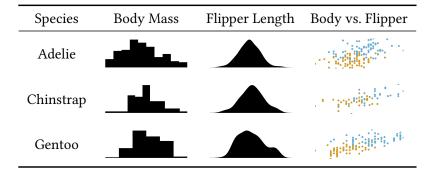
We can insert arbitrarily complex plots by customizing the ggplot2 call:

```
penguins <- read.csv(</pre>
  "https://vincentarelbundock.github.io/Rdatasets/csv/palmerpenguins/penguins.
csv",
 na.strings = ""
) |> na.omit()
# split data by species
dat <- split(penguins, penguins$species)</pre>
body <- lapply(dat, \(x) x$body mass g)
flip <- lapply(dat, \(x) x$flipper_length_mm)</pre>
# create nearly empty table
tab <- data.frame(</pre>
 "Species" = names(dat),
 "Body Mass" = "",
  "Flipper Length" = "",
 "Body vs. Flipper" = "",
  check.names = FALSE
)
# custom ggplot2 function to create inline plot
f <- function(d, ...) {</pre>
 ggplot(d, aes(x = flipper length mm, y = body mass g, color = sex)) +
    geom_point(size = 2) +
    scale_x_continuous(expand = c(0, 0)) +
```

```
scale_y_continuous(expand = c(0, 0)) +
    scale_color_manual(values = c("#E69F00", "#56B4E9")) +
    theme_void() +
    theme(legend.position = "none")
}

# `tinytable` calls

tt(tab) |>
    plot_tt(j = 2, fun = "histogram", data = body, height = 2) |>
    plot_tt(j = 3, fun = "density", data = flip, height = 2) |>
    plot_tt(j = 4, fun = f, data = dat, height = 2) |>
    style_tt(alignv = "m") |>
    style_tt(j = 2:4, align = "c")
```



# 7 Tips and Tricks

## 7.1 Typst

## 7.1.1 Multi-page long tables

The Typst tables created by tinytable are automatically broken across pages with repeated headers. However, in Quarto documents, the Quarto software wraps tables in an non-breakable #figure environment. This can break the display of long tables. One solution is to use a raw Typst code block to set Figures to be breakable:

```
format: typst
...

```{=typst}
#show figure: set block(breakable: true)

```
{r}
#| tbl-cap: "blah blah blah"
#| label: tbl-blah
```

```
library(tinytable)
tt(head(iris, 50))
```
```

#### 7.1.2 kind

By default, tinytable adds kind: "tinytable" to all tables produced by the package. This can easily be modified using the finalize argument of the style\_tt() function, and it can be applied automatically to all tables by setting a default theme. For example,

```
theme_fancy <- function(x, ...) {
  fancytable <- function(x) {
    if (x@output == "typst") {
      x@table_string <- sub(
        'kind: "tinytable"',
        'kind: "fancytable"',
        x@table_string, fixed = TRUE)
    }
    return(x)
}

x |> style_tt(finalize = fancytable)
}
options(tinytable_tt_theme = theme_fancy)

tt(head(iris)) |> print("typst")
```

#### 7.1.3 rowspan and colspan

If a table has cells that span across the full table (colspan equal to nrow(tab)), the rowspan argument can collapse multiple rows into a single cell. See this forum post for explanation why:

https://forum.typst.app/t/why-is-a-rowspan-cell-with-colspan-equal-to-number-of-columns-seemingly-only-spanning-one-row/5047

#### 7.2 Markdown

#### 7.2.1 style\_tt() does not apply to row headers

This is an important limitation, but it is difficult to get around. See this issue for discussion: https://github.com/vincentarelbundock/tinytable/issues/125

Users can use markdown styling directly in group\_tt() to circumvent this. This is documented in the tutorial.

#### 7.2.2 rowspan and colspan

These arguments are already implemented in the form of "pseudo-spans", meaning that we flush the content of adjacent cells, but do not modify the row or column borders. This is probably adequate for most needs.

One alternative would be to remove line segments in finalize\_grid(). I tried this but it is tricky and the results were brittle, so I rolled it back. I'm open to considering a PR if someone wants to contribute code, but please discuss the feature design in an issue with me before working on this.

## 7.3 Removing elements with theme\_empty()

In some cases, it is useful to remove elements of an existing tinytable object. For example, packages like modelsummary often return tables with default styling—such as borders and lines in specific position. If the user adds group labels manually, the original lines and borders will be misaligned.

The code below produces a regression table with group labels but misaligned horizontal rule.

	(1)
Cylinders	
factor(cyl)4	35.846
	(2.041)
factor(cyl)6	32.487
	(2.811)
factor(cyl)8	32.660
	(3.835)
Others	
hp	-0.023
	(0.012)
wt	-3.181
	(0.720)
Num.Obs.	32

	(1)
R2	0.989
R2 Adj.	0.986
AIC	154.5
BIC	163.3
Log.Lik.	-71.235
RMSE	2.24

To fix this, we can strip the lines and add them back in the correct position.

```
modelsummary(mod) |>
    theme_empty() |>
    group_tt(
        i = list(
             "Cylinders" = 1,
             "0thers" = 7
        )
    ) |>
    style_tt(i = 12, line = "b", line_width = .05)
```

(1)

Cylinders

factor(cyl)4 35.846

(2.041)

factor(cyl)6 32.487

(2.811)

factor(cyl)8 32.660

(3.835)

Others

hp -0.023

(0.012)

wt -3.181

(0.720)

Num.Obs. 32

R2 0.989

R2 Adj. 0.986

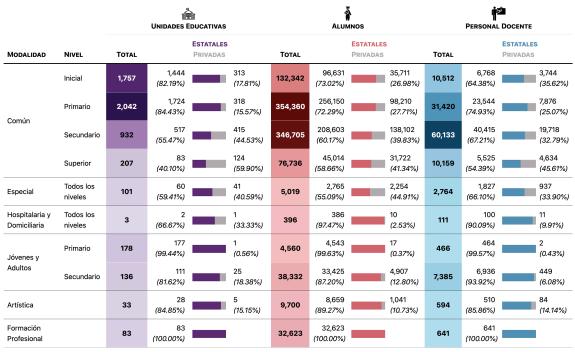
(1)
AIC 154.5
BIC 163.3
Log.Lik. -71.235
RMSE 2.24

## 8 Gallery

This gallery shows advanced tinytable examples. A link to the full code and data required to reproduce the full HTML tables is given above each screenshot.

#### 8.1 Students

Original table designed by Illak Blog, who created the first version in gt format for the RStudio Table Contest. Code and data for the tinytable translation are available on GitHub.



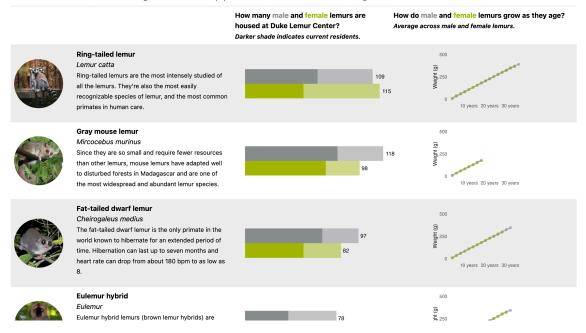
Adapted from a table by Illak Zapata.

#### 8.2 Lemurs

Original table designed by Nicola Rennie, who created the first version in gt format for the 2022 RStudio Table Contest. Code and data for the tinytable translation are available on GitHub.

#### The Lemurs at Duke University Center

Lemurs are a unique group of primates native to Madagascar, an island off the coast of east Africa. Although they are related to monkeys and apes, lemurs make up a separate branch of the primate family tree and are classified as a superfamily, made up of five individual lemur families and more than 100 different species. Founded in 1966 on the campus of Duke University in Durham, NC, the Duke Lemur Center is a world leader in the study, care, and protection of lemurs—Earth's most threatened group of mammals. The Duke Lemur Center houses the world's largest and most diverse population of lemurs outside their native Madagascar.



#### 8.3 Wines

Original table designed by Abdoul Madjid, who created the first version in gt format for the RStudio Table Contest. Code and data for the tinytable translation are available on Github.

#### Exceptional Wines

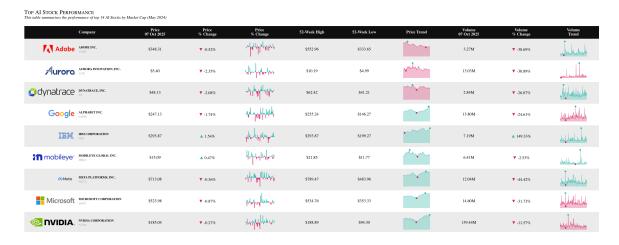
Great wines improve with age. Let's dive into some of the most extraordinary cuvées in the world. Those whose grapes possess ethereal aromas and pure minerality that give focus and energy. Those demonstrating great character, balance with good acidity and plush tannins.



Adapted from a beautiful table by Abdoul Madjid.

#### 8.4 AI Stocks

Original table designed by Arnav Chauhan, who created the first version for the 2024 Posit Table Contest. Code and data for the tinytable version are available on GitHub.



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