# 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 odit aut fugit, sed quia consequ-

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 Line breaks and text wrapping

Manual line breaks work sligthly different in LaTeX (PDF), HTML, and Typst. This table shows the three strategies. For HTML, we insert a <br/>br> tag. For LaTeX, we wrap the string in curly braces {}, and then insert two (escaped) backslashes: \\\\. For Typst, we insert an escaped backslash followed by a space.

```
d <- data.frame(
   "{Sed ut \\\\ perspiciatis unde}",
   "dicta sunt<br> explicabo. Nemo",
   "bacon\\ baconator"
) |> setNames(c("LaTeX", "HTML", "Typst"))
tt(d, width = 1)
```

| LaTeX                        | HTML                       | Typst     |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| {Sed ut \ perspiciatis unde} | dicta sunt explicabo. Nemo | bacon     |
|                              |                            | baconator |

### 1.5 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
+----+
| mpg | cyl | disp | hp | drat |
+====++===++===++
   | 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 |
```

```
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 | disp | hp | drat |
\n+=====+\n| 21
                         | 6
                            | 160
                                | 110 | 3.9
\n+----+\n| 21
                         | 6
                            | 160
                                | 110 | 3.9
\n+----+\n| Hello
\n+----+\n| 22.8 |
                            | 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
                            | 147
                                | 62 | 3.69
\n+----+\n| 22.8 | 4
                            | 141
                                | 95 | 3.92
\n+----+\n| 19.2 | 6
                            | 168
                                | 123 | 3.92 |
\n+----+"
```

# 1.6 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
```

```
colnames(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 |

| mpg | cyl | 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   |

| mpg | cyl | gear |
|-----|-----|------|
| vs  | am  | gear |
| 1   | 0   | 3    |
| 0   | 0   | 3    |

### 1.7 Renaming 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])
colnames(a) <- c("a", "b")
a</pre>
```

```
a b21 621 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  | 1971-12-02 | TRUE  |
| 201399 | 201.4 | 1971-05-26 | TRUE  |
| 100188 | 0.13  | 1971-12-01 | 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   | December 02 1971 | true  |
| 201 399,18 | 201.4 | May 26 1971      | true  |
| 100 188,39 | 0.1   | December 01 1971 | 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  |
| 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
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)
```

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- 31 -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 & & \\ \hline 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 _"),
  "HTML" = c("<br>", "<sup>4</sup>", "<emph>blah</emph>"),
  "Typst" = c("Dollars $", "Percent %", "Underscore _")
```

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

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

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 Markdown

LaTeX and HTML only

### 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("\dark" = "Down", "\dark" = "Up"))
```

```
A/B B/C C/D
```

| A / B      | B / C  | C / D |
|------------|--------|-------|
| 0.0049     | -1.407 | 0.44  |
| -0.4051    | -0.015 | 1.25  |
| $\uparrow$ |        |       |
| 2.3659     | 1.504  | -0.13 |
| 0.23       | -0.193 | 1.09  |
| -1.434     | -0.086 | 1.01  |

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:

- 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  |
| 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  |

| mpg  | cyl | disp | hp  | drat |
|------|-----|------|-----|------|
| 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 |

### 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", "aaaaa"),
    b = c("b", "bbb", "bbbbb"),</pre>
```

```
c = c("c", "ccc", "ccccc")
)

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

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

```
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_tt(i = 1:4, j = "mpg|hp|qsec", fontsize = 1.5)
```

| 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 |

### 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   |     |      |     | 3.9  |
| 22.8 |     | б    |     | 3.85 |
| 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(
    Col1 = c("Col Header", "Item 0", "Item 1", "Item 2", "Total"),
    Col2 = c("Span 1", "X", "xx", "xxx", "xxxx"),
    Col2.1 = c("Span 1", "Y", "xx", "xxx", "xxxx"),
    Col2.2 = c("Span 2", "X", "xx", "xx", "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   |    | xxxx xxxx |    | X |

### 3.6 Headers

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

```
tt(x, colnames = FALSE)
```

```
21
         160
              110
                    3.9
     6
21
         160
              110
                    3.9
     6
22.8
     4
         108
              93
                    3.85
              110 3.08
21.4 6
         258
```

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),
    background = "teal",
    color = "white"
)
```

| mpg | am | vs |
|-----|----|----|
| 21  | 1  | 0  |
| 21  | 1  | 0  |

| mpg  | am | vs |
|------|----|----|
| 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  |

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  |

| mpg  | cyl | disp | hp  | drat |
|------|-----|------|-----|------|
| 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 = "void", colnames = FALSE) |>
 style_tt(j = 1:5, align = "ccccc") |>
  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 |
| 0.4 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 2   |

### 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 = "void") |>
style_tt(
    i = 0:3,
    j = 1:3,
    line = "tblr",
    line_width = 0.4,
    line_color = "orange"
)
```

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

And here is an example with horizontal rules:

```
tt(x, theme = "void") |>
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 = "void", 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 and Word

Styling for Markdown and Word tables is more limited than for the other formats. In particular:

- The only supported arguments are: bold, italic, and strikeout.
- Headers inserted by group tt() cannot be styled using the style tt() function.

These limitations are due to the fact that there is no markdown syntax for the other options (excolors and background), and that we create Word documents by converting a markdown table to .docx via the Pandoc software.

One workaround is to style the group headers directly in their definition by using markdown syntax:

```
mtcars[1:4, 1:4] |>
  tt() |>
  group_tt(i = list("*Hello*" = 1, "__World__" = 3)) |>
  print("markdown")
```

# 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) hamburgers |     |      |     |      |      |      |    |  |  |  |
| 22.8                     | 4   | 108  | 93  | 3.85 | 2.32 | 18.6 | 1  |  |  |  |

| mpg                  | cyl    | disp | hp  | drat | wt   | qsec | vs |  |
|----------------------|--------|------|-----|------|------|------|----|--|
| 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  |  |
| 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  |
| 5            | 3.6         | 1.4          | 0.2         | setosa  |
| After 5      |             |              |             |         |
| 5.4          | 3.9         | 1.7          | 0.4         | setosa  |

# 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  |  |
|      | ]                    | like ( | fake)  | hambı  | urgers |      |    |  |
| 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  |  |
|      |                      | 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                  | 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         | e) han | ıburgei | rs  |      |      |      |    |
| 22.8                 | 4      | 108     | 93  | 3.85 | 2.32 | 18.6 | 1  |
| She prefers halloumi |        |         |     |      |      |      |    |

| mpg       | cyl  | disp | hp  | drat | wt   | qsec | vs |
|-----------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|----|
| 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 | tofu |      |     |      |      |      |    |
| 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 <code>group\_tt()</code> 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  |
| -            | -           | -            | -           | -       |

| 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  |
| 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   | mburg | ers  | Halloumi<br>——— |      |      | 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  |
| 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))
```

| Hel  | lo  | Wo   | World |      |  |
|------|-----|------|-------|------|--|
|      | F   | 00   |       | 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 |      |     | orld |
|------|-------|------|-----|------|
|      | F     | 00   |     | 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 |      |     | orld |
|------|-------|------|-----|------|
|      | F     | 00   |     | 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(
  id = 1,
  A_al = 2,
  A_a2 = "3",
  B_bl = 4,
  B_b2 = 5,
  C_ = 6)

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

|    | 1  | A  | ]  | В  | С |
|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| id | a1 | a2 | b1 | b2 |   |
| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6 |

#### 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)</pre>
```

```
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"
```

```
tab <- tt(dat[, 2:5], colnames = FALSE) |>
  group_tt(i = region_indices, j = rowmat)

idx <- tab@group_index_i[c(TRUE, diff(tab@group_index_i) != 1)]

tab |>
  style_tt(i = idx, j = 1, align = "c", colspan = 4, background = "lightgrey",
line = "b") |>
  style_tt(i = idx + 1, line = "tb")
```

| 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")
```

| 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_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  |

| mpg  | cyl | disp | hp  | drat |
|------|-----|------|-----|------|
| 22.8 | 4   | 108  | 93  | 3.85 |
| 21.4 | 6   | 258  | 110 | 3.08 |

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

mpg cyl disp hp drat

21 6 160 110 3.9

21 6 160 110 3.9
```

# 5.2 Custom themes

108

258

93

110

3.85

3.08

22.8

21.4

4

6

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 Tabular

LaTeX and HTML only.

#### 5.4 LaTeX Resize

LaTeX only.

#### 5.5 Placement

LaTeX only.

#### 5.6 Rotate

LaTeX only.

# 5.7 Multipage

LaTeX only.

#### 5.8 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.

#### 5.8.1 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>
```

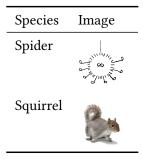
# 6.1 Inserting images in tables

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 = ""
)</pre>
```

```
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.

# 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. For example,

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

dat <- data.frame(
   Variables = c("mpg", "hp", "qsec"),
   Histogram = "",
   Density = "",
   Bar = "",
   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 = "bar", data = list(2, 3, 6), color = "orange") |>
plot_tt(j = 5, fun = "line", data = lines, color = "blue") |>
style_tt(j = 2:5, align = "c")
```

| Variables | Histogram | Density | Bar | Line      |
|-----------|-----------|---------|-----|-----------|
| mpg       | <b>-</b>  |         |     | <b>~</b>  |
| hp        |           |         |     | ~~        |
| qsec      | ▲.        |         |     | <b>~~</b> |

#### 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)
```

```
Attaching package: 'ggplot2'
```

```
The following object is masked from 'package:tinytable':
theme_void
```

```
f <- function(d, color = "black", ...) {
    d <- data.frame(x = d)
    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       | التأليان  |
| hp        | حمامانه   |
| qsec      |           |

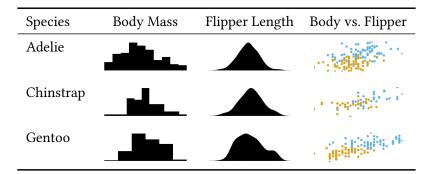
We can insert arbitrarily complex plots by customizing the ggplot2 call:

```
penguins <- read.csv(
   "https://vincentarelbundock.github.io/Rdatasets/csv/palmerpenguins/penguins.
csv",
   na.strings = ""
) |> na.omit()

# split data by species
dat <- split(penguins, penguins$species)
body <- lapply(dat, \(x) x$body_mass_g)
flip <- lapply(dat, \(x) x$flipper_length_mm)

# create nearly empty table
tab <- data.frame(
   "Species" = names(dat),
   "Body Mass" = "",</pre>
```

```
"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(j = 2:4, align = "c")
```



# 7 Customization

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

#### **7.1 HTML**

#### 7.1.1 Bootstrap classes

#### 7.1.2 CSS declarations

#### **7.1.3 CSS rules**

And yet another one. Some Rmarkdown documents like bookdown use older versions of Bootstrap that do not have a caption-top class. We can recreate that functionality with CSS rules and classes. For example,

```
rule <- ".bottomcaption {caption-side: bottom;}"
tt(head(iris), caption = "Hello world") |>
    theme_html(class = "table bottomcaption", css_rule = rule)
```

# 7.2 LaTeX / PDF

#### 7.2.1 Preamble

#### 7.2.2 Introduction to tabularray

# 7.2.3 tabularray keys

# **7.3 Shiny**

tinytable is a great complement to Shiny for displaying HTML tables in a web app. The styling in a tinytable is applied by JavaScript functions and CSS. Thus, to ensure that this styling is preserved in a Shiny app, one strategy is to bake the entire page, save it in a temporary file, and load it using the includeHTML function from the shiny package. This approach is illustrated in this minimal example:

```
}
)
```

# 8 Tips and Tricks

#### **8.1 HTML**

• Relative widths tables: table-layout: fixed vs auto.

#### 8.2 LaTeX

#### 8.2.1 Preamble

tinytable uses the tabularray package from your LaTeX distribution to draw tables. tabularray, in turn, provides special tblr, talltblr, and longtblr environments to display tabular data.

When rendering a document from Quarto or Rmarkdown directly to PDF, tinytable will populate the LaTeX preamble automatically with all the required packages (except when code chunks are cached). For standalone LaTeX documents, these commands should be inserted in the preamble manually:

```
\usepackage{tabularray}
\usepackage{float}
\usepackage{graphicx}
\usepackage{rotating}
\usepackage[normalem]{ulem}
\UseTblrLibrary{booktabs}
\UseTblrLibrary{siunitx}
\newcommand{\tinytableTabularrayUnderline}[1]{\underline{#1}}
\newcommand{\tinytableTabularrayStrikeout}[1]{\sout{#1}}
\NewTableCommand{\tinytableDefineColor}[3]{\definecolor{#1}{#2}{#3}}
```

#### 8.2.2 setspace

Some users have encountered unexpected spacing behavior when generating tables that are *not* wrapped in a \begin{table} environment (ex: multipage or raw tblr).

One issue stems from the fact that the \begin{table} environment resets any spacing commands in the preamble or body by default, such as:

```
\usepackage{setspace}
\doublespacing
```

This means that when using theme\_latex(environment="tabular") —which does not wrap the table in a table environment— the spacing is *not* reset, and tables are double spaced. This is not a bug, since double-spacing is in fact what the user requested. Nevertheless, the behavior can seem surprising for those used to the automagical table environment spacing reset.

One workaround is to add the following to the document preamble when using multipage/longtblr:

```
\usepackage{etoolbox}
\AtBeginEnvironment{longtblr}{\begin{singlespacing}}
\AtEndEnvironment{longtblr}{\end{singlespacing}}
```

#### Example Quarto doc:

```
title: longtblr and setspacing
format:
  pdf:
    include-in-header:
      - text: |
         % Tinytable preamble
         \usepackage{tabularray}
         \usepackage{float}
         \usepackage{graphicx}
         \usepackage{codehigh}
         \usepackage[normalem]{ulem}
         \UseTblrLibrary{booktabs}
         \UseTblrLibrary{siunitx}
         \newcommand{\tinytableTabularrayUnderline}[1]{\underline
         {#1}}
         \newcommand{\tinytableTabularrayStrikeout}[1]{\sout{#1}}
         \NewTableCommand{\tinytableDefineColor}[3]{\definecolor{
         #1}{#2}{#3}}
         % Spacing Commands
         \usepackage{setspace}
         \doublespacing
         % Fix Spacing in longtblr
         \usepackage{etoolbox}
         \AtBeginEnvironment{longtblr}{\begin{singlespacing}}
         \AtEndEnvironment{longtblr}{\end{singlespacing}}
---
```{=latex}
                     %% tabularray outer open
\begin{longtblr}[
]
                    %% tabularray outer close
                     %% tabularray inner open
colspec={Q[]Q[]Q[]Q[]},
                     %% tabularray inner close
\toprule
foo & bar & baz \\
foo & bar & baz \\
foo & bar & baz \\
\bottomrule
```

```
\end{longtblr}
```

# 8.2.3 Multi-line cells with minipage

In some contexts, users may want create cells with LaTeX or markdown code that spans multiple lines. This usually works well for HTML tables. But sometimes, in LaTeX, multi-line content with special environments must be wrapped in a minipage environment.

In the example that follows, we create a Markdown list using asterisks. Then, we call litedown::mark() to render that list as bullet points (an itemize environment in LaTeX). Finally, we define a custom function called minipagify to wrap the bullet point in a minipage environment.

```
library(tinytable)
library(litedown)
dat <- data.frame(</pre>
 A = c("Blah *blah* blah", "- Thing 1\n- Thing 2"),
 B = c("6\%", "$5.29")
# wrap in a minipage environment
minipagify <- function(x) {</pre>
 sprintf(
    "\\minipage{\\textwidth}%s\\endminipage",
    sapply(x, litedown::mark, "latex")
 )
}
# only in LaTeX
is latex <- identical(knitr::pandoc to(), "latex")</pre>
is_html <- identical(knitr::pandoc_to(), "html")</pre>
tab <- tt(dat, width = c(0.3, 0.2)) |>
 style_tt(j = 2, align = "c") |>
 format_tt(j = 2, escape = TRUE) |>
 format tt(j = 1, fn = if (is latex) minipagify else identity) |>
  format_tt(j = 1, fn = if (is_html) litedown::mark else identity)
tab
```

A	В
Blah <b>blah</b> blah	6%
• Thing 1	\$5.29

A	В
• Thing 2	

#### 8.2.4 Global styles

tabularray allows very powerful styling and themeing options. See the reference manual for more information.

For example, you can change the size of footnotes in all tables of a document with:

```
format:
    pdf:
        keep-tex: true
        header-includes: |
            \SetTblrStyle{foot}{font=\LARGE}
---

```{r}
library(tinytable)
library(magrittr)
tt(head(iris), notes = "Blah blah")
```
```

#### **8.2.5 Beamer**

Due to a bug in the upstream package rmarkdown, Quarto or Rmarkdown presentations compiled to Beamer cannot include adequate package loading commands in the preamble automatically. This bug prevents tinytable::usepackage\_latex() from modifying the preamble. Here's a workaround.

Save this LaTeX code as preamble.tex:

```
\RequirePackage{tabularray}
\RequirePackage{booktabs}
\RequirePackage{float}
\usepackage[normalem]{ulem}
\usepackage{graphicx}
\UseTblrLibrary{booktabs}
\UseTblrLibrary{siunitx}
\NewTableCommand{\tinytableDefineColor}[3]{\definecolor{#1}{#2}{#3}}
\newcommand{\tinytableTabularrayUnderline}[1]{\underline{#1}}
\newcommand{\tinytableTabularrayStrikeout}[1]{\sout{#1}}
```

Then, load preamble.tex in your YAML header:

```
output:
  beamer_presentation:
    includes:
       in_header: preamble.tex
```

With these changes, the table should appear with colors as expected.

#### 8.2.6 Label and caption position

In LaTeX, we can use tabularray options in the preamble or the table to change the location of the label and caption. The example below shows a Quarto document with caption at the bottom.

```
output:
    pdf_document:
header-includes:
  - \usepackage{tabularray}
```{=latex}
\DefTblrTemplate{firsthead,middlehead,lasthead}{default}{}
\DefTblrTemplate{firstfoot,middlefoot}{default}{}
\DefTblrTemplate{lastfoot}{default}%
{
  \UseTblrTemplate{caption}{default}
}
```{r, echo=FALSE}
library(modelsummary)
library(tinytable)
mod <- list()</pre>
mod[['One variable']] <- lm(mpg ~ hp, mtcars)</pre>
mod[['Two variables']] <- lm(mpg ~ hp + drat, mtcars)</pre>
modelsummary(mod,
             title = "Regression Models")|>
 theme_latex(outer = "label={tblr:test}")
Table \ref{tblr:test}
```

# 8.3 Typst

#### 8.3.1 Quarto

By default tinytable uses Quarto's own figure handling to set captions and figure blocks. This allows cross-references to work. For this to work well, users should specify *both* the table label and the table caption explicitly using chunk options. Note that the label must imperatively start with tbl-:

```
#| label: tbl-example
#| tbl-cap: This is an example table
library(tinytable)
tt(head(iris))
```

Alternatively, users can disable Quarto table handling and rely on internal tinytable options instead.

```
options(tinytable_quarto_figure = FALSE)
```

Doing this will prevent styles to bleed over from one table to the next.

#### 8.3.2 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))
```

#### 8.4 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

#### 8.5 Markdown

#### 8.5.1 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.

#### 8.5.2 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.

# 8.6 Word (.docx)

Word document documents are created in two steps:

- 1. Generates a markdown table.
- 2. Call the external Pandoc software to convert the markdown table to a Word document.

This workflow limits the range of styling options available in Word. Indeed, many arguments in the style\_tt() function do not have formal markdown notation to represent them, and are thus not available. For example, while italic, bold, and strikeout, are supported, color and background are not.

Note that other tinytable functions such as group\_tt() and format\_tt() and plot\_tt() should work as expected in Word.

Users who want full styling capabilities in Word can save tables as image files and insert them in their documents. Here is an example Quarto notebook illustrating this workflow.

```
format: docx
...

```{r}
#| out-width: "50%"
library(tinytable)

options(tinytable_save_overwrite = TRUE)
```

```
tt(mtcars[1:10, 1:5]) |>
  style_tt(j = 2:3, background = "black", color = "white") |>
  save_tt("table_01.png")

knitr::include_graphics("table_01.png")
```

# 8.7 Removing elements with strip\_tt()

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.

```
#! warning: false
library(modelsummary)
library(tinytable)

mod <- lm(mpg ~ factor(cyl) + hp + wt - 1, data = mtcars)

modelsummary(mod) |>
    group_tt(
        i = list(
              "Cylinders" = 1,
              "Others" = 7
        )
    )
}
```

	(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)

	(1)
wt	-3.181
	(0.720)
Num.Obs.	32
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) |>
    strip_tt(line = TRUE) |>
    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)

	(1)
Num.Obs.	32
R2	0.989
R2 Adj.	0.986
AIC	154.5
BIC	163.3
Log.Lik.	-71.235
RMSE	2.24

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