

# R Markdown :: CHEAT SHEET



## What is R Markdown?



**.Rmd files** - An R Markdown (.Rmd) file is a record of your research. It contains the code that a scientist needs to reproduce your work along with the narration that a reader needs to understand your work.

**Reproducible Research** - At the click of a button, or the type of a command, you can rerun the code in an R Markdown file to reproduce your work and export the results as a finished report.

**Dynamic Documents** - You can choose to export the finished report in a variety of formats, including html, pdf, MS Word, or RTF documents; html or pdf based slides, Notebooks, and more.

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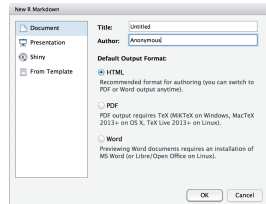
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## Workflow



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## render

Use `rmarkdown::render()` to render/knit at cmd line. Important args:

<b>input</b> - file to render	<b>output_options</b> - List of render options (as in YAML)	<b>output_file</b> - output file	<b>output_dir</b> - output dir	<b>params</b> - list of params to use	<b>envir</b> - environment to evaluate code chunks in	<b>encoding</b> - of input file
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## Embed code with knitr syntax

**INLINE CODE**  
Insert with ``r <code>``. Results appear as text without code.  
Built with ``r getRversion()`` → Built with 3.2.3

**CODE CHUNKS**  
One or more lines surrounded with ````${r}```` and ````\n``. Place chunk options within curly braces, after `r`. Insert with ````${r} <code>````\n``

**GLOBAL OPTIONS**  
Set with `knitr::opts_chunk$set()`, e.g.  
````${r} include=FALSE````\nknitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = TRUE)````\n``

### IMPORTANT CHUNK OPTIONS

**cache** - cache results for future knits (default = FALSE)  
**cache.path** - directory to save cached results in (default = "cache/")  
**child** - file(s) to knit and then include (default = NULL)  
**collapse** - collapse all output into single block (default = FALSE)  
**comment** - prefix for each line of results (default = '###')

**dependson** - chunk dependencies for caching (default = NULL)  
**echo** - Display code in output document (default = TRUE)  
**engine** - code language used in chunk (default = 'R')  
**error** - Display error messages in doc (TRUE) or stop render when errors occur (FALSE) (default = FALSE)  
**eval** - Run code in chunk (default = TRUE)

**fig.align** - 'left', 'right', or 'center' (default = 'default')  
**fig.cap** - figure caption as character string (default = NULL)  
**fig.height, fig.width** - Dimensions of plots in inches  
**highlight** - highlight source code (default = TRUE)  
**include** - Include chunk in doc after running (default = TRUE)

**message** - display code messages in document (default = TRUE)  
**results** (default = 'markup')  
**'asis'** - passthrough results  
**'hide'** - do not display results  
**'hold'** - put all results below all code  
**tidy** - tidy code for display (default = FALSE)  
**warning** - display code warnings in document (default = TRUE)

Options not listed above: `R.options`, `aniopts`, `autodep`, `background`, `cache.comments`, `cache.lazy`, `cache.rebuild`, `cache.vars`, `dev`, `dev.args`, `dpi`, `engine.opts`, `engine.path`, `fig.asp`, `fig.env`, `fig.ext`, `fig.keep`, `fig.lp`, `fig.path`, `fig.pos`, `fig.process`, `fig.retina`, `fig.scap`, `fig.show`, `fig.showtext`, `fig.subcap`, `interval`, `out.extra`, `out.height`, `out.width`, `prompt`, `purl`, `ref.label`, `render`, `size`, `split`, `tidy.opts`

## .rmd Structure

**YAML Header**  
Optional section of render (e.g. pandoc) options written as key:value pairs (YAML).  
At start of file  
Between lines of ---  
**Text**  
Narration formatted with markdown, mixed with:  
**Code Chunks**  
Chunks of embedded code. Each chunk:  
Begins with ````${r}````  
ends with ````\n``  
R Markdown will run the code and append the results to the doc.  
It will use the location of the .Rmd file as the **working directory**

## Parameters

Parameterize your documents to reuse with new inputs (e.g., data, values, etc.)

```
---
params:
  n: 100
  d: !r Sys.Date()
---
```

**1. Add parameters** - Create and set parameters in the header as sub-values of params

```
Today's date
is `r params$d`
```

**2. Call parameters** - Call parameter values in code as `params$<name>`

**3. Set parameters** - Set values with Knit with parameters or the params argument of render():  
`render("doc.Rmd", params = list(n = 1, d = as.Date("2015-01-01")))`

## Interactive Documents

Turn your report into an interactive Shiny document in 4 steps  
1. Add runtime: shiny to the YAML header.  
2. Call Shiny input functions to embed input objects.  
3. Call Shiny render functions to embed reactive output.  
4. Render w `rmarkdown::run` or click Run Document in RStudio IDE

Embed a complete app into your document with `shiny::shinyAppDir()`

**Publish on RStudio Connect**, to share R Markdown documents securely, schedule automatic updates, and interact with parameters in real time.  
[www.rstudio.com/products/connect/](http://www.rstudio.com/products/connect/)





# Pandoc's Markdown

Write with syntax on the left to create effect on right (after render)

```
Plain text
End a line with two spaces
to start a new paragraph.
*italics* and **bold**
`verbatim code`
sub/superscript^2~2~
~~strikethrough~~
escaped: \*_ \_ \_
endash: --, emdash: ---
equation: $A = \pi * r^{2}$
equation block:
$$E = mc^2$$
> block quote
# Header1 {#anchor}
## Header 2 {#css_id}
### Header 3 {css_class}
#### Header 4
##### Header 5
##### Header 6
<!--Text comment-->
\textbf{Text ignored in HTML}
<em>HTML ignored in pdfs</em>
<http://www.rstudio.com>
[[link](www.rstudio.com)]
Jump to [Header 1](#anchor)
image:
![[Caption]](smallorb.png)
* unordered list
+ sub-item 1
+ sub-item 2
- sub-sub-item 1
* item 2
Continued (indent 4 spaces)
1. ordered list
2. item 2
i) sub-item 1
A. sub-sub-item 1
(@) A list whose numbering
continues after
(@) an interruption
Term 1
: Definition 1
| Right | Left | Default | Center |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| 123 | 123 | 123 | 123 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
- slide bullet 1
- slide bullet 2
(>- to have bullets appear on click)
horizontal rule/slide break:
***
A footnote [^1]
[^1]: Here is the footnote.
```

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~~strikethrough~~
escaped: *_ \_ \_
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# Set render options with YAML

1. runs the R code, embeds results and text into .md file with knitr
2. then converts the .md file into the finished format with pandoc



Set a document's default output format in the YAML header:

```
---
output: html_document
---
# Body
```

output value	creates
html_document	html
pdf_document	pdf (requires Tex)
word_document	Microsoft Word (.docx)
odt_document	OpenDocument Text
rtf_document	Rich Text Format
md_document	Markdown
github_document	Github compatible markdown
ioslides_presentation	ioslides HTML slides
slidy_presentation	slidy HTML slides
beamer_presentation	Beamer pdf slides (requires Tex)

Customize output with sub-options (listed to the right):

```
---
output: html_document:
  code_folding: hide
  toc_float: TRUE
---
# Body
```

**html tabsets**  
Use tabset css class to place sub-headers into tabs

```
# Tabset {tabset .tabset-fade .tabset-pills}
## Tab 1
text 1
## Tab 2
text 2
### End tabset
```

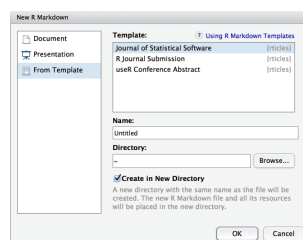


sub-option	description	html	pdf	word	odt	rtf	md	github	ioslides	slidy	beamer
<b>citation_package</b>	The LaTeX package to process citations, natbib, biblatex or none		X				X				X
<b>code_folding</b>	Let readers to toggle the display of R code, "none", "hide", or "show"	X									
<b>colortheme</b>	Beamer color theme to use										X
<b>css</b>	CSS file to use to style document	X							X	X	
<b>dev</b>	Graphics device to use for figure output (e.g. "png")	X	X				X	X	X	X	X
<b>duration</b>	Add a countdown timer (in minutes) to footer of slides										X
<b>fig_caption</b>	Should figures be rendered with captions?	X	X	X	X				X	X	X
<b>fig_height, fig_width</b>	Default figure height and width (in inches) for document	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>highlight</b>	Syntax highlighting: "tango", "pygments", "kate", "zenburn", "textmate"	X	X	X							X
<b>includes</b>	File of content to place in document (in_header, before_body, after_body)	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X
<b>incremental</b>	Should bullets appear one at a time (on presenter mouse clicks)?									X	X
<b>keep_md</b>	Save a copy of .md file that contains knitr output	X		X	X	X				X	X
<b>keep_tex</b>	Save a copy of .tex file that contains knitr output	X									X
<b>latex_engine</b>	Engine to render latex, "pdflatex", "xelatex", or "lualatex"		X								X
<b>lib_dir</b>	Directory of dependency files to use (Bootstrap, MathJax, etc.)	X							X	X	
<b>mathjax</b>	Set to local or a URL to use a local/URL version of MathJax to render equations	X							X	X	
<b>md_extensions</b>	Markdown extensions to add to default definition or R Markdown	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>number_sections</b>	Add section numbering to headers	X	X								
<b>pandoc_args</b>	Additional arguments to pass to Pandoc	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>preserve_yaml</b>	Preserve YAML front matter in final document?							X			
<b>reference_docx</b>	docx file whose styles should be copied when producing docx output			X							
<b>self_contained</b>	Embed dependencies into the doc	X							X	X	
<b>slide_level</b>	The lowest heading level that defines individual slides										X
<b>smaller</b>	Use the smaller font size in the presentation?										X
<b>smart</b>	Convert straight quotes to curly, dashes to em-dashes, ... to ellipses, etc.	X							X	X	
<b>template</b>	Pandoc template to use when rendering file quarterly_report.html).	X	X		X						X
<b>theme</b>	Bootswatch or Beamer theme to use for page	X									X
<b>toc</b>	Add a table of contents at start of document	X	X	X		X	X	X			X
<b>toc_depth</b>	The lowest level of headings to add to table of contents	X	X	X		X	X	X			
<b>toc_float</b>	Float the table of contents to the left of the main content	X									

# Create a Reusable Template

1. Create a new package with an inst/rmarkdown/templates directory
2. In the directory, Place a folder that contains: **template.yaml** (see below) **skeleton.Rmd** (contents of the template) any supporting files
3. Install the package
4. Access **template** in wizard at File ► New File ► R Markdown template.yaml

```
---
name: My Template
---
```



# Table Suggestions

Several functions format R data into tables

Table with kable		eruptionswaiting		Table with stargazer	
eruptions	waiting	eruptions	waiting	eruptions	waiting
3.600	79	1	3.600 79.00	1	3.600 79
1.800	54	2	1.80 54.00	2	1.800 54
3.333	74	3	3.33 74.00	3	3.333 74
2.283	62	4	2.28 62.00	4	2.283 62

```
data <- faithful[1:4,]
knitr::kable(data, caption = "Table with kable")
knitr::xtable(data, caption = "Table with xtable",
  type = "html", html.table.attributes = "border=0")
stargazer::stargazer(data, type = "html", title = "Table
with stargazer")
```

Learn more in the stargazer, xtable, and knitr packages.

# Citations and Bibliographies

Create citations with .bib, .bibtex, .copac, .enl, .json, .medline, .mods, .ris, .wos, and .xml files

1. Set **bibliography file** and **CSL 1.0** Style file (optional) in the YAML header
2. Use **citation keys in text**

```
---
bibliography: refs.bib
csel: style.csl
---
```

Smith cited [@smith04].  
Smith cited without author [-@smith04].  
@smith04 cited in line.

3. **Render.** Bibliography will be added to end of document

Smith cited (Joe Smith 2004).  
Smith cited without author (2004).  
Joe Smith (2004) cited in line.

