Vignettes and RMarkdown

what you need to write

what people like to read

foo. R
foo. Rmd



foo.md
foo.html

As I've glanced through your classes repos, I've seen some... poorly formatted documents. For my sanity (and for good practice toward making vignettes) I'd like you to clean these up.

Your end goal:

At least six files

- Three should be .Rmd files (the business in the front)
- Three should be GitHub-flavored markdown (the party in the back).

```
output: github_document
```

The one with spatial stuff can use eval=FALSE as a chunk option

At least two more commits

- Use good commit messages! Some commit messages I would like to see from some of you:
 - "switch headers and text"
 - "add packages to startup chunk"
 - "format list"
 - "knit to .md"

Structure of an Rmd file

- Minimum requirement: File name ends with .Rmd
- A little richer: first several lines are YAML markup
 - Connect to other systems, e.g. Shiny, blowdown, book down
 - Set style and document output format

```
my-first-rmd.Rmd ×

1 ---

2 title: "Starting with Rmd"

3 author: "Danny Kaplan et al."

4 date: "1/15/2019"

5 output:

6 html_document:

7 number_sections: true

8 fig_caption: true

9 ---

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11 * # Section 1

12

8:22 ## Starting with Rmd $
```



Text and headers

- ▶ Text can be plain text or decorated as *italic* or **bold**
- ► Headers use #s

```
# Header 1
```

Header 2

Header 3



Markdown Quick Reference

In RStudio: Help → Markdown Quick Reference

Markdown Quick Reference

R Markdown is an easy-to-write plain text format for creating dynamic documents and reports. See <u>Using R Markdown</u> to learn more.

Emphasis

```
*italic* **bold**
_italic_ __bold__
```

Headers

```
# Header 1
## Header 2
### Header 3
```

Lists

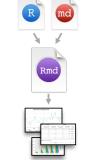
Unordered List

```
* Item 1
* Item 2
+ Item 2a
+ Item 2b
```



R Markdown:: CHEAT SHEET

What is R Markdown?

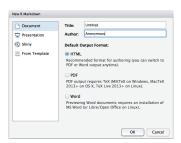


.Rmd files • An R Markdown (.Rmd) file is a record of your research. It contains the code that a scientist needs to reproduce your work along with the narration that a reader needs to understand your work.

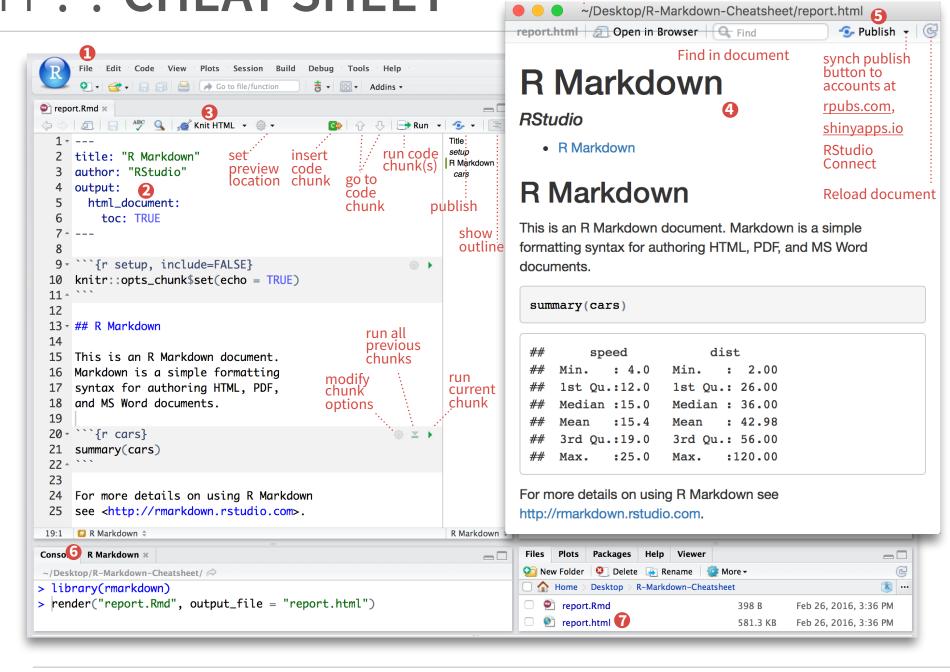
Reproducible Research • At the click of a button, or the type of a command, you can rerun the code in an R Markdown file to reproduce your work and export the results as a finished report.

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.

Workflow



- ① Open a new .Rmd file at File ➤ New File ➤ R Markdown. Use the wizard that opens to prepopulate the file with a template
- **Write document** by editing template
- 3 Knit document to create report; use knit button or render() to knit
- 4 Preview Output in IDE window
- **Dublish** (optional) to web server
- **6** Examine build log in R Markdown console
- **7** Use output file that is saved along side .Rmd



render

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

input - file to render
output_format

output_options -List of render options (as in YAML) output_file params - list of params to use

envir - environment to evaluate code chunks in

:···File path to output document

encoding - of input

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 ```. Place chunk options within curly braces, after r. Insert with C
```{r echo=TRUE}

getRversion()

## [1] '3.2.3'

#### GLOBAL OPTIONS Set with knitr::opts\_chunk\$set(), e.g.

```{r include=FALSE} knitr::opts\_chunk\$set(echo = TRUE)

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)

getRversion()

echo - Display code in output document (default = TRUE)

engine - code language used in chunk (default = 'P')

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 = TRUF)

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 rmarkdown



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 ```

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

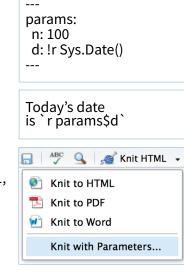
Parameterize your documents to reuse with different inputs (e.g., data, values, etc.)

1. **Add parameters** • Create and set parameters in the header as subvalues of params

2. **Call parameters** • Call parameter values in code as params\$<name>

3. **Set parameters** • Set values wth Knit with parameters or the params argument of render():

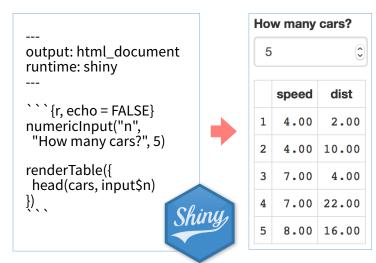
render("doc.Rmd", params = list(n = 1, d = as.Date("2015-01-01"))



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 with rmarkdown::run or click Run Document in RStudio IDE

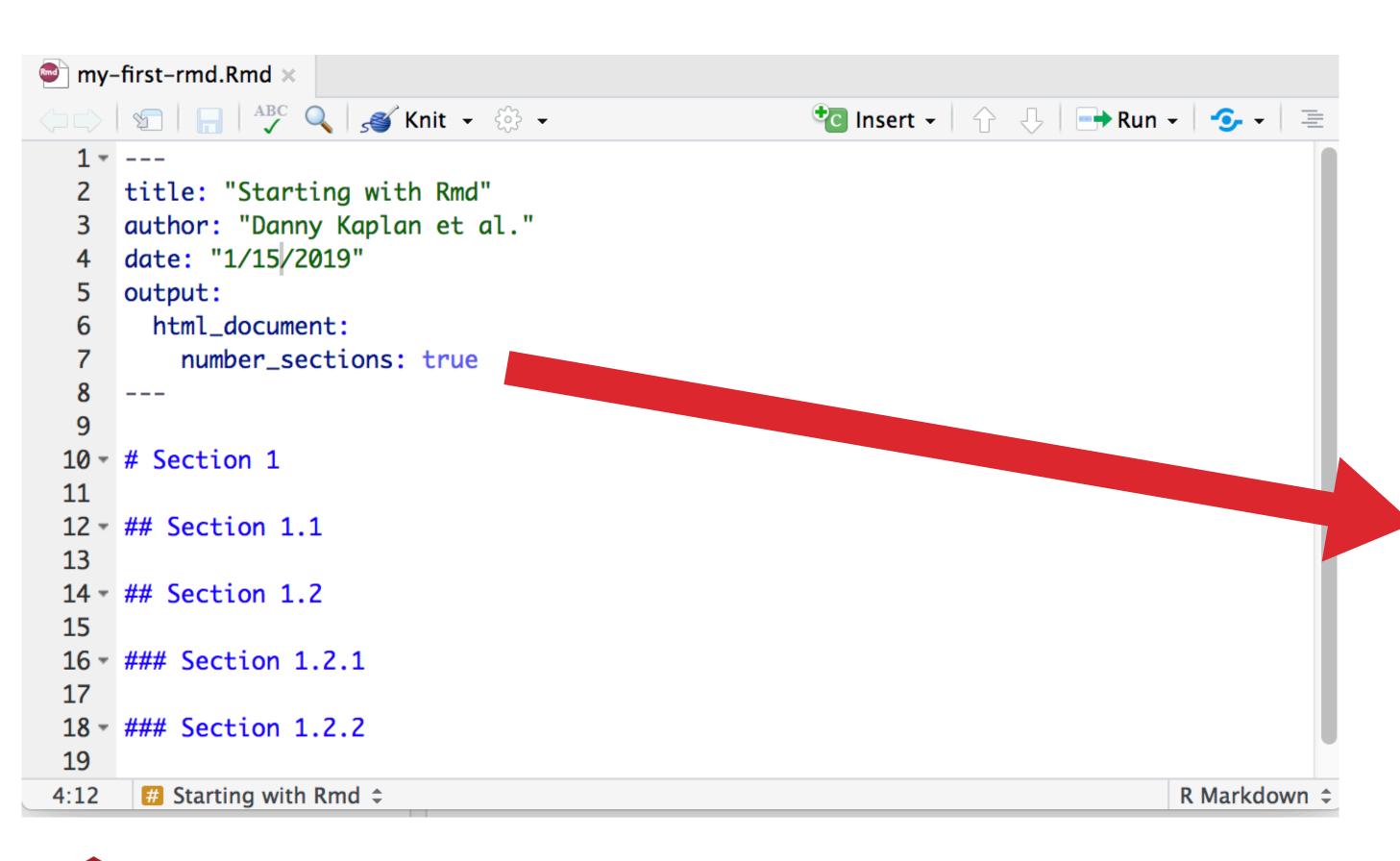


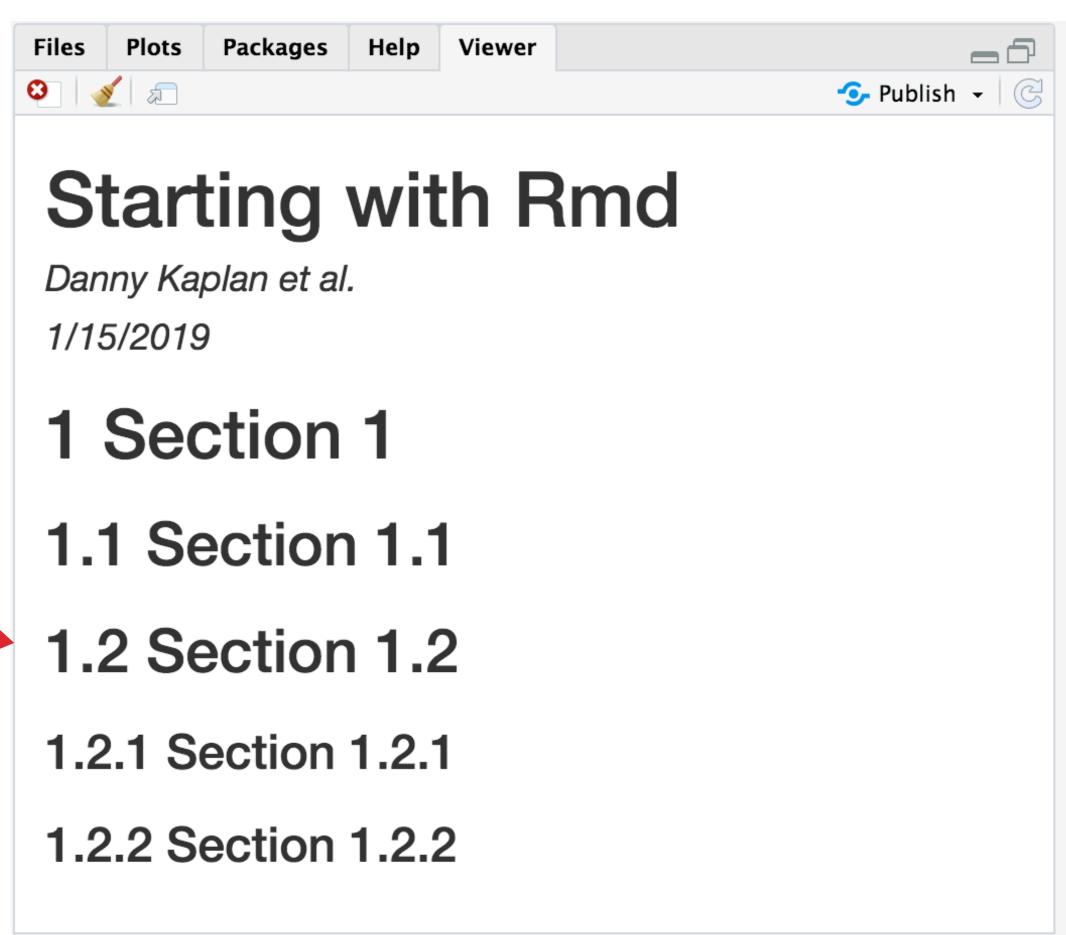
Embed a complete app into your document with shiny::shinyAppDir()

NOTE: Your report will rendered as a Shiny app, which means you must choose an html output format, like **html_document**, and serve it with an active R Session.



Numbered sections





Show / hide document outline

```
my-first-rmd.Rmd ×

ABC 

Knit → 

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                                               ¹C Insert → | ↑ ↓ | → Run →
                                                                         Section 1
      # Section 1
                                                                          Section 1.1
                                                                          Section 1.2
      ## Section 1.1
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 11
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      ## Section 1.2
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      ### Section 1.2.1
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                                                                           Section 3.2.1
      ### Section 1.2.2
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 17
      ## Section 1.3
 19
                                                                          R Markdown $
31:1 ## Section 3.2.2 $
```





Links

- A link can be a plain http address or can underlie a phrase:
 - http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/
 - [R Markdown website](http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/)
- Long URLs with, e.g. query parameters, work just as well.



lmages

- Including an image is very similar to hyperlinking
- Images can be on the web:

```
![RStudio logo](https://www.rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/
2014/04/rmarkdown.png)
```

Or they can be locally stored, e.g. in a directory "images"
![RStudio logo](images/rmarkdown.png)



- ▶ To improve the accessibility of your document, always add alt text to your images.
- To print the alt text underneath the image as a caption,
 - use fig_caption: true in the YAML,
 - make sure there is a line break before the figure call.

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Reference style links and images

Links

- A [linked phrase][id]
- At the bottom of the document: [id]: http://example.com/ "Title"

Images

- ![alt text][id]
- At the bottom of the document: [id]: figures/img.png "Title"
- Useful if you'll be linking to the same target/image multiple times throughout the document



Math text

- If you already know some LaTeX, you're good to go
- ▶ Equations can be inline:

```
- \pi x \le M(\mu, \frac{sigma}{sqrt{n}}) • Equations can be inline: \bar{x} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right)
```

And equations can be centered in a new line:

```
$$\bar{x} \sim N (\mu,\frac{\sigma}
{\sqrt{n}})$$
```

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$$\bar{x} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$$



Tables

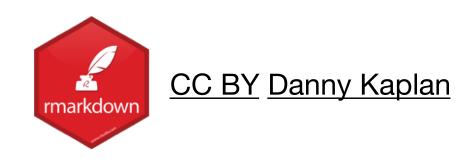
- Tables are often a bit of a pain...
- Dashes separate the header row from content cells, and pipes separate the columns
- Colons can be used to align columns

| I Column A I Column B I Column C I |
|------------------------------------|
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| l aligned l aligned l |
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- The outer pipes (1) on a Markdown table are optional.
- You don't need to make the raw Markdown line up prettily.
- You can use inline Markdown within tables.
- For complicated tables, use R packages e.g. kable & kableExtra





- ▶ Keep your text to max ~80 characters across, especially if you use a version control system (like git)
- Starting a list? Leave an empty line before the first item on your list
- ▶ Need to test out bits of markdown code without knitting the entire document, use another document with bits and pieces of code to test out

