# What is RMarkdown?

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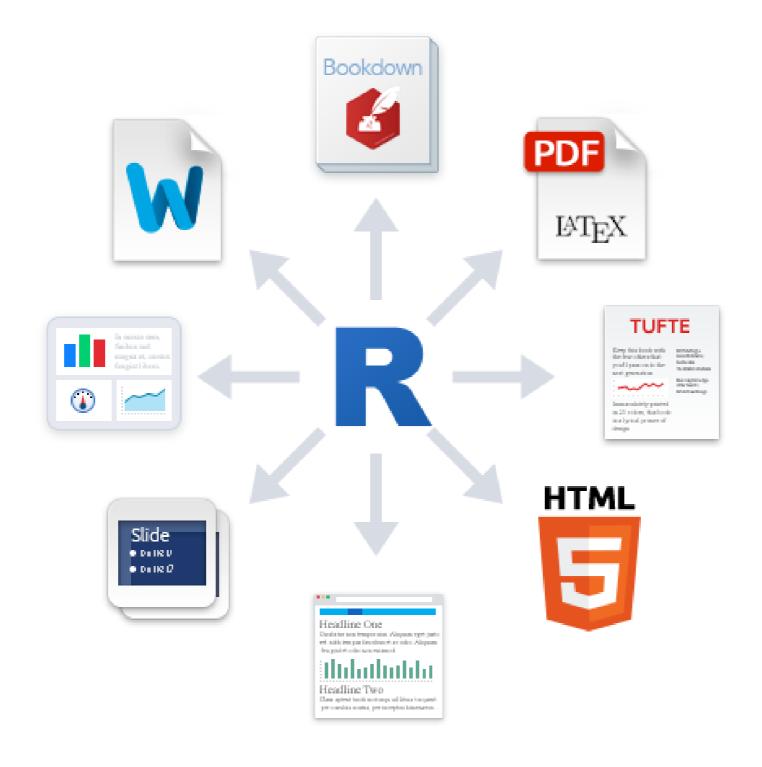
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# What you have done so far

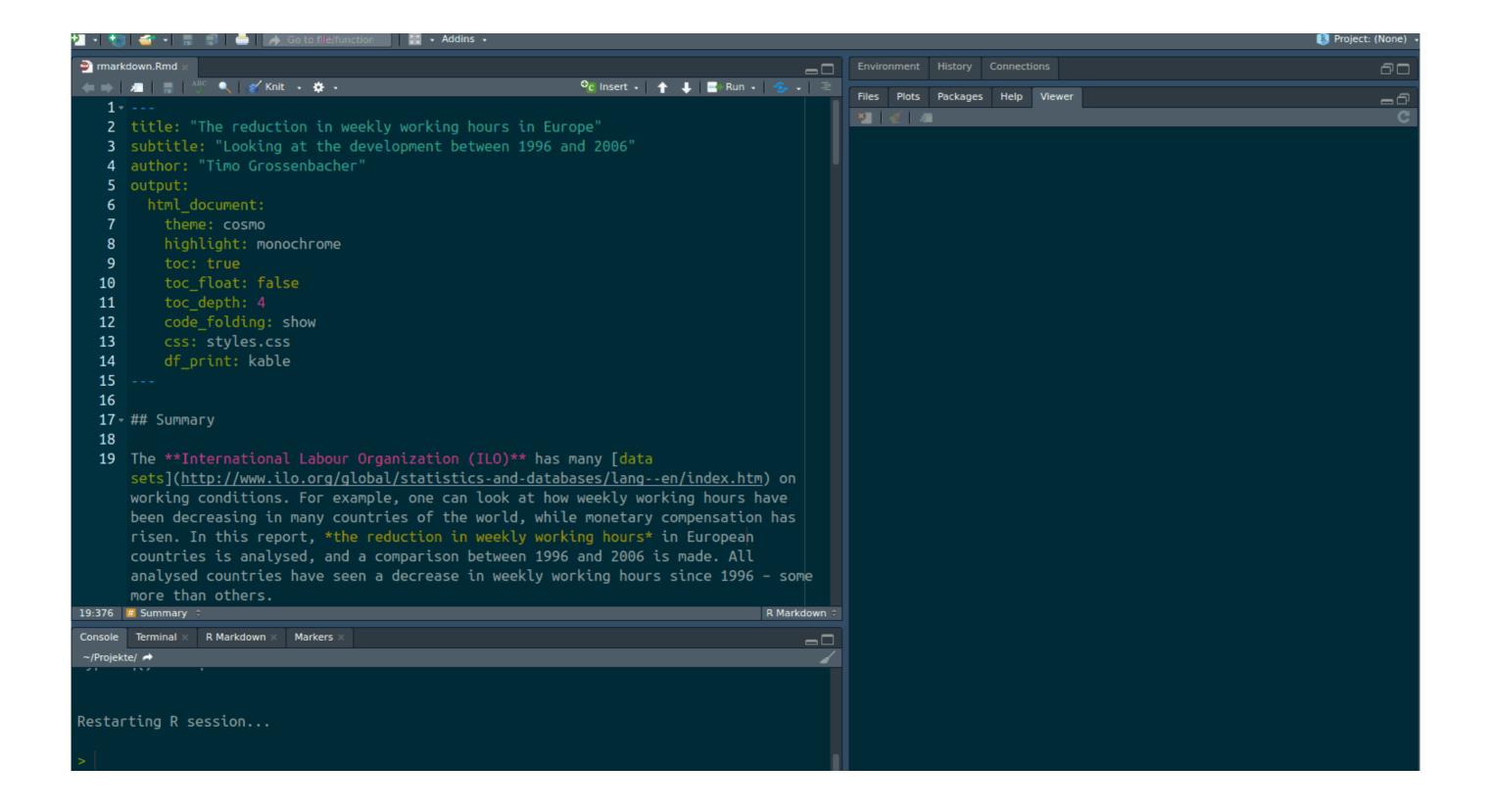
```
People work less in 2006 compared to 1996
Working hours in European countries, development since 1996
                                  Hungary
                           Italy
                    33.8 ← 35.5
                       Portugal
                    33 ← 34.1
                     Finland
                32.1 ← 33.5
                United Kingdom
               31.9 ◀ 32.2
               Switzerland
               31.8 ← 33.2
                   Spain
               31.8 ◀ 32
            30.8 ← 32.5
              Luxembourg
          30.2 ← 31.7
              Belgium
              France
    27.6 ← 29.2
       Germany
  27.1 ← 28.5
 26.8 		 27.3
   Netherlands
                          Data source: ILO, 2017
```

- ...loaded the necessary libraries
- ...preprocessed the data with mutate()and filter()
- ...defined a custom theme
- ...created a dot plot
- ...polished that plot and made it fit for mobile screens



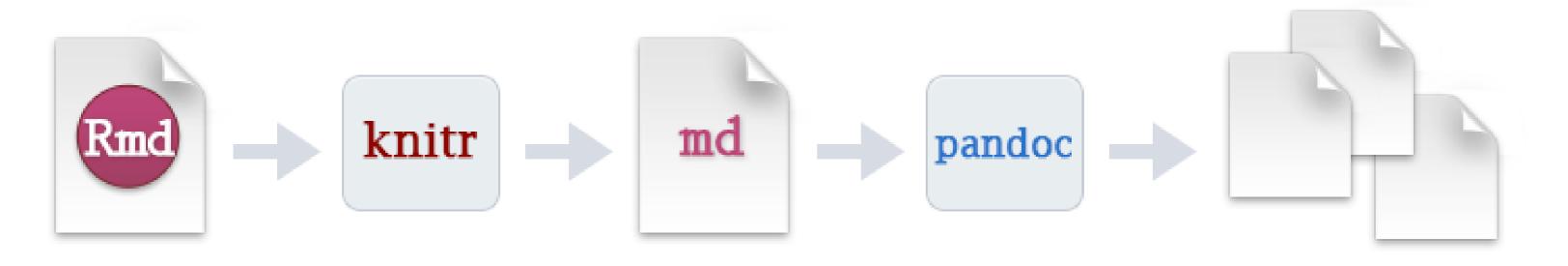
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Taken from rmarkdown.rstudio.com (http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/images/RMarkdownOutputFormats.png)







#### Behind the scenes



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> R for Data Science (http://r4ds.had.co.nz/r-markdown.html)



## Reproducibility

#### **Advantages**

- others can reproduce and question your work
- you can automate your workflow

#### **Prerequisites**

- the code needs to be executable
- the data needs to be provided or at least linked to
- (the software environment needs to be known)

# Let's practice!

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# Formatting with Markdown

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#### Markdown

Markdown was created in 2004 by John Gruber, with the goal of of enabling people "to write using an easy-to-read, easy-to-write **plain text format**, then convert it to **structurally valid HTML**".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Daringfireball.net (https://web.archive.org/web/20040402182332/http://daringfireball.net/projects/markdown/)



#### Markdown

```
# A short text

## Introduction

Hello, *my name* is
**Timo Grossenbacher** and I
work at
[SRF Data](https://srf.ch/data).
```

#### A short text

#### Introduction

Hello, *my name* is **Timo Grossenbacher** and I work at **SRF Data**.

```
<h1>A short text</h1>
<h2>Introduction</h2>

Hello, <em>my name</em> is
<strong>Timo Grossenbacher</strong>
and I work at
<a href = "https://srf.ch/data">
SRF Data</a>.
```

#### Pandoc Markdown

RMarkdown = Markdown prose + R code

For all formatting options see the Pandoc Markdown Reference



# Let's put this into practice!

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# R code in RMarkdown documents

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#### **Analysis**

#### Data

The herein used data can be found in the statistics database of the ILO. For the purpose of this course, it has been slightly preprocessed.

```
load(url("http://s3.amazonaws.com/assets.datacamp.com/production/course_5807/datasets/ilo_data.RData"))
```

```
## # A tibble: 27 x 3
       year mean hourly compensation mean working hours
     <fctr>
                              <dbl>
                                                <dbl>
## 1 1980
                           9.267500
                                             33.98103
## 2 1981
                           8.692500
                                             33.61923
## 3
      1982
                           8.355000
                                             33.47409
       1983
                           7.809091
                                             33.86589
## 5
       1984
                           7.543636
                                             33.71051
       1985
                                             33.73358
## 6
                           7.786364
## 7
      1986
                                             33.97494
                           9.700000
## 8
       1987
                          12.146923
                                             33.58138
## 9
      1988
                                             33.66441
                          13.199231
## 10
      1989
                          13.136154
                                             33.53312
## # ... with 17 more rows
```

As can be seen from the above table, the average weekly working hours of European countries have been descreasing since 1980.



# Adding R chunks

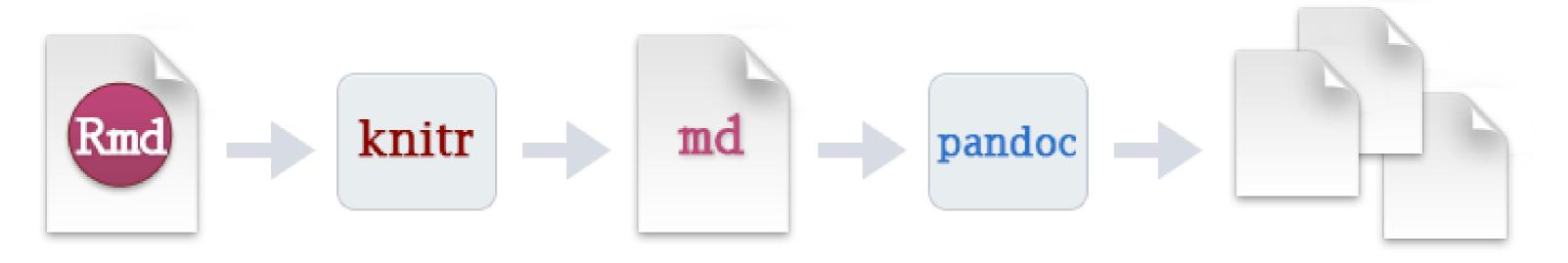
```
```{r}
x <- 2 + 2
x
...</pre>
```

4

```
2 plus 2 equals `r 2 + 2`.
```

2 plus 2 equals 4.

# The 'knitr' package



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> R for Data Science (http://r4ds.had.co.nz/r-markdown.html)



# R chunk options

```
```{r include=FALSE}
x <- 2 + 2
x
...</pre>
```

```
```{r}
x
...
```

4

## More R chunk options

Option	Effect
include	Whether to show the R code chunk and its output.
echo	Whether to show the R code chunk.
message	Whether to show output messages.
warning	Whether to show output warnings.
eval	Whether to actually evaluate the R code chunk.

More options on the respective help page of the knitr package.



# Let's try this out!

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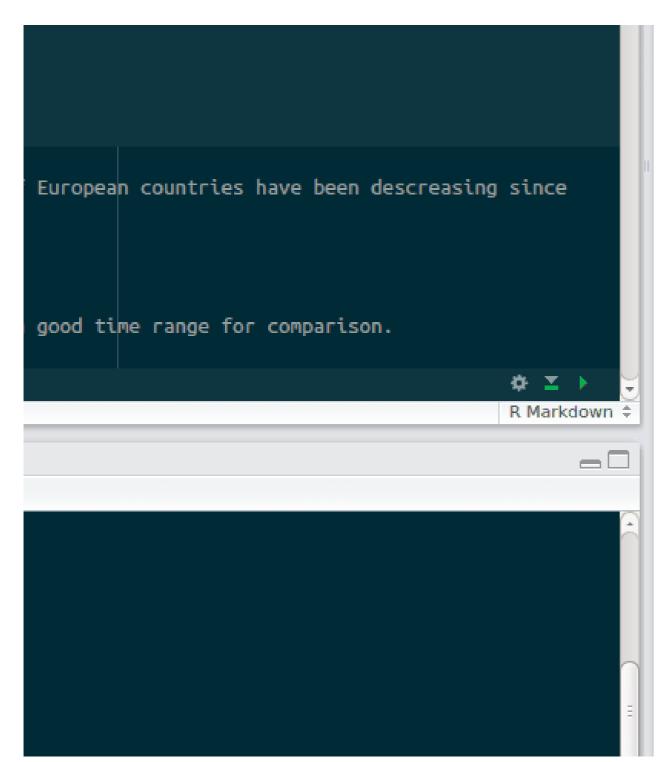
# Images in RMarkdown files

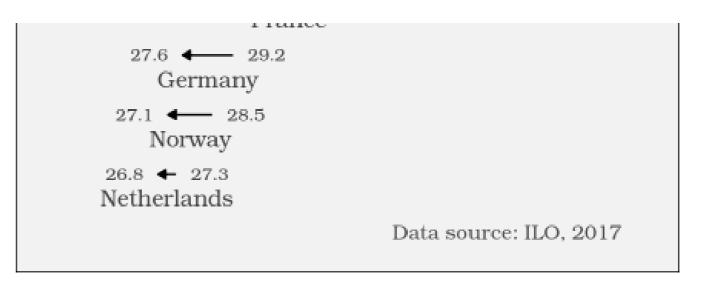
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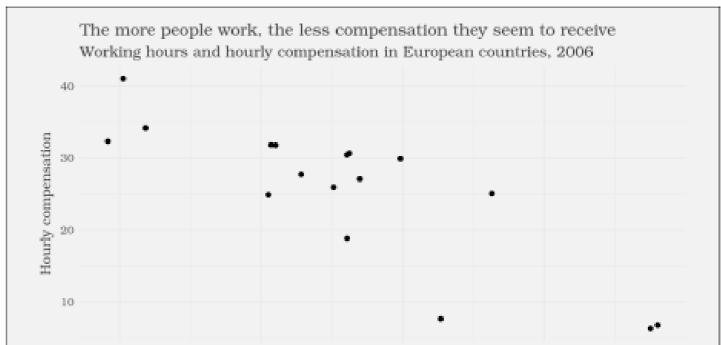






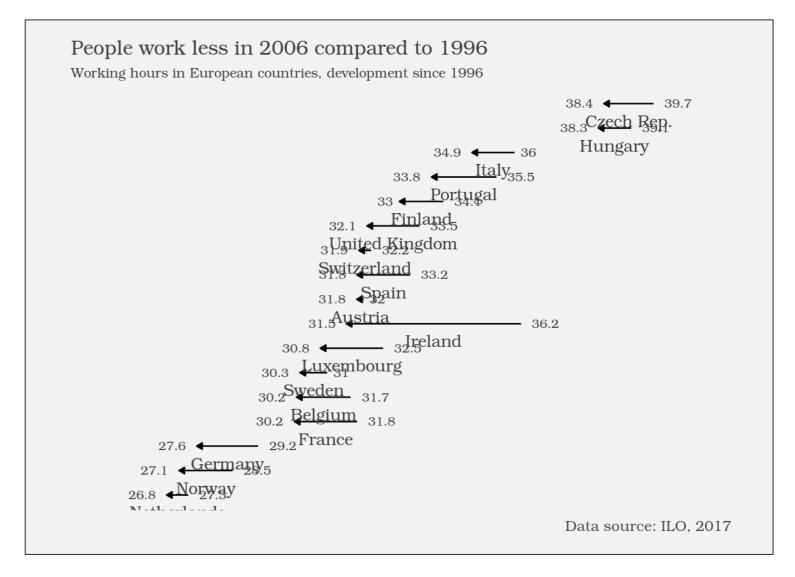
#### An interesting correlation

The results of another analysis are shown here, even though they cannot be reproduced with the data at hand.



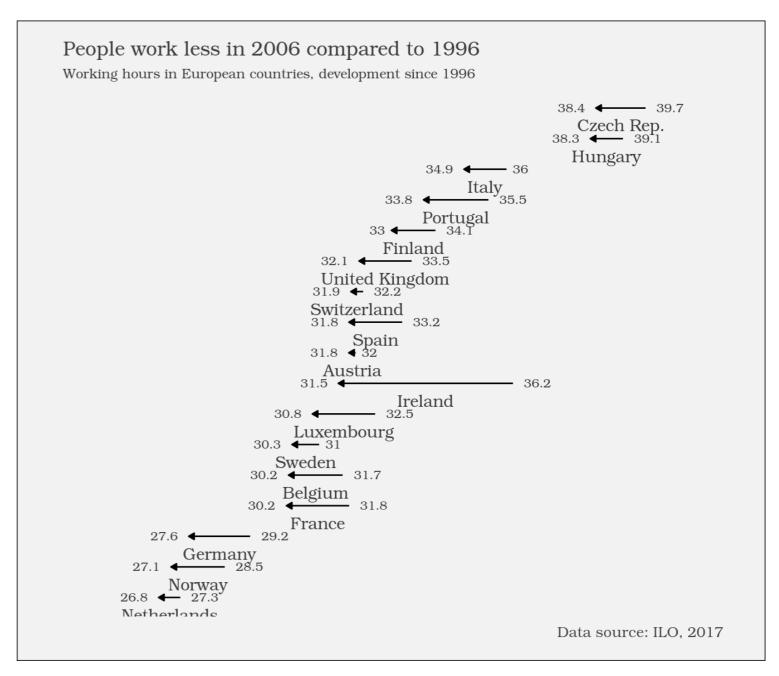
## Adjusting figure options in RMarkdown

```
```{r}
... ggplot2 code ...
...
```



## Adjusting figure options in RMarkdown

```
```{r fig.height = 6}
... ggplot2 code ...
```



# Figure options

Option	Possible values	Effect
fig.height	Numeric, inches	The height of the image in inches.
fig.width	Numeric, inches	The width of the image in inches.
fig.align	One of "left", "right" or "center"	The alignment of the image in the report.

More options on the respective help page of the knitr package.

## External images in RMarkdown reports

![An impressive mountain](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/6/60/Matterhorn\_from\_Domh%C3%BCtte\_-\_2.jpg/1200px-Matterhorn\_from\_Domh%C3%BCtte\_-\_2.jpg)



An impressive mountain

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