

# Package: komaletter (via r-universe)

September 8, 2024

**Title** Simply Beautiful PDF Letters from Markdown

**Version** 0.5.0

**Description** Write beautiful yet customizable letters in R Markdown and directly obtain the finished PDF. Smooth generation of PDFs is realized by 'rmarkdown', the 'pandoc-letter' template and the 'KOMA-Script' letter class. 'KOMA-Script' provides enhanced replacements for the standard 'LaTeX' classes with emphasis on typography and versatility. 'KOMA-Script' is particularly useful for international writers as it handles various paper formats well, provides layouts for many common window envelope types (e.g. German, US, French, Japanese) and lets you define your own layouts. The package comes with a default letter layout based on 'DIN 5008B'.

**License** GPL-3

**URL** <https://rnuske.github.io/komaletter/>,  
<https://github.com/rnuske/komaletter>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/rnuske/komaletter/issues>

**Encoding** UTF-8

**Depends** R (>= 3.0)

**Imports** rmarkdown (>= 0.6)

**Suggests** knitr (>= 1.8)

**VignetteBuilder** knitr

**Roxygen** list(markdown=TRUE)

**RoxygenNote** 7.2.3

**Repository** <https://rnuske.r-universe.dev>

**RemoteUrl** <https://github.com/rnuske/komaletter>

**RemoteRef** HEAD

**RemoteSha** 4bbd04aaf0a1f5325f442dffe60e7a7003fe52d8

## Contents

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| komaletter . . . . . | 2        |
| <b>Index</b>         | <b>4</b> |

---

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| komaletter | <i>KOMA-Script LaTeX Letter Format</i> |
|------------|--|

---

### Description

A format for LaTeX letters via R Markdown using the KOMA-Script class 'scrlltr2'. It provides layouts for many different window envelope types (German, US, French, Japanese, ...) and lets you define customized layouts.

### Usage

```
komaletter(..., keep_tex = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| ...      | Additional arguments to <code>rmarkdown::pdf_document()</code>                                |
| keep_tex | A boolean toggle to select whether intermediate LaTeX files are to be kept, defaults to FALSE |

### Value

R Markdown output to pass to `rmarkdown::render()`

### Letter features

Various aspects of the letter can be customized via the following variables in the R Markdown document metadata (aka YAML header).

Although it rarely makes sense to write a letter without sender and recipient, a komaletter can be constructed by merely specifying the output format. All other variables are optional.

Most commonly used variables:

| Variable         | Description   |
|------------------|---|
| author           | Writer of the letter.   |
| return-address   | Address of the sender; takes a list for a multi-line address.   |
| address          | Name and address of the recipient; takes a list.  |
| date             | Custom date; if not specified, current date will be inserted.   |
| subject          | Subject line.   |
| opening          | Text for the salutation.  |
| closing          | Text for the complementary close, like: Best regards.   |
| signature        | Text (e.g. your name) or an image of your signature with " <code>\includegraphics{sig.png}</code> ".                      |
| signature-before | Adjust vertical space between closing and signature by specifying a length such as 2mm or " <code>0.5\baselines</code> ". |

All variables understood by rmarkdown's pdf\_document format may be used in addition to the komaletter variables defined in the following table to further customize your letter. For modifications of the layout please refer to the vignette "Introduction to komaletter".

Further variables defined by komaletter:

| Variable     | Description   |
|--------------|---|
| lco          | Letter Class Option File. Either name of a standard KOMA-Script LCO (e.g. DIN, SN, ) or path to custom LCO.           |
| lang         | Language code according to <a href="#">BCP 47</a> (e.g. en or en-GB).   |
| papersize    | Size of paper eg. a4, letter.   |
| return-phone | Phone number of sender used in letter head.   |
| return-email | Email address of sender used in letter head.  |
| return-url   | Website of sender used in letter head.  |
| return-short | Shorter version of return address only used in window (see vignette letter_example4).                                 |
| place        | Sender's place used near date.  |
| yourref      | Addressee's reference as part of reference line.  |
| yourmail     | Date of addressee's referenced mail as part of reference line.  |
| myref        | Sender's reference as part of reference line.   |
| customer     | Customer number as part of reference line.  |
| invoice      | Invoice number as part of reference line.   |
| cc           | Recipients to be carbon-copied; can take a list.  |
| encl         | List of enclosures.   |
| ps           | Text to be added at the end of the letter as a postscript.  |
| inline-links | If true, do standard inline hyperlinks rather than footnotes (styling is author's job, cf. vignette letter_example4). |
| komaoption   | Specify further KOMA options; takes a list (see <a href="#">KOMA-Script documentation</a> ).                          |
| parskip      | Defines how to mark new paragraphs, e.g. full, half, off (see <a href="#">KOMA-Script documentation</a> ).            |

The source of the example letter vignettes show several of these options in use.

## References

- JJ Allaire, Yihui Xie, Jonathan McPherson et al. (2020). rmarkdown: Dynamic Documents for R. R package version 2.6. <https://cran.r-project.org/package=rmarkdown>
- Aaron Wolen and Andrew Dunning (2017). pandoc-letter. GitHub Repository. <https://github.com/aaronwolen/pandoc-letter>
- Markus Kohm (2020). KOMA-Script: A versatile LaTeX 2<sub>ε</sub> bundle. <https://komascript.de/~mkohm/scrguien.pdf>

## Examples

```
## Not run:
rmarkdown::draft("my_letter.Rmd", template="pdf", package="komaletter")
rmarkdown::render("my_letter.Rmd")

## End(Not run)
```

# Index

komaletter, [2](#)

rmarkdown::pdf\_document(), [2](#)

rmarkdown::render(), [2](#)