Animated plot using animation package

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Step 1: first you would need to install imageMagick. I used an installer from http://cactuslab.com/imagemagick/ and that worked well for me.

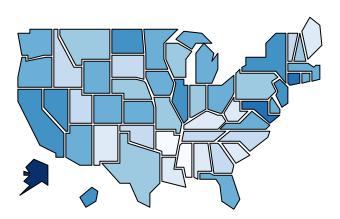
Step 2: load the required libraries and map.

```
require(animation)
## Loading required package: animation
## Warning: package 'animation' was built under R version 3.1.3
require(RColorBrewer)
## Loading required package: RColorBrewer
require(maps)
## Loading required package: maps
## Warning: package 'maps' was built under R version 3.1.3
##
## # ATTENTION: maps v3.0 has an updated 'world' map.
## # Many country borders and names have changed since 1990. #
## # Type '?world' or 'news(package="maps")'. See README_v3. #
require(maptools)
## Loading required package: maptools
## Loading required package: sp
## Warning: package 'sp' was built under R version 3.1.3
## Checking rgeos availability: FALSE
##
       Note: when rgeos is not available, polygon geometry
                                                                computations in maptools depend on gpcl
       which has a restricted licence. It is disabled by default;
##
##
       to enable gpclib, type gpclibPermit()
```

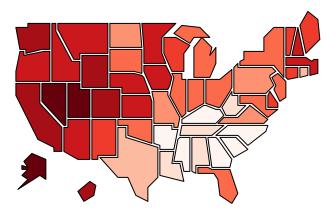
```
data(state.vbm)
```

Step 2: Decide a squence of plots you will make. For this example, we will visualize the variables Income and HS Grad from the state.x77 data set.

Income Per Capita



Perc. of High School Graduates



Step 4: Using saveGIF to create an animated version of the above figure.

```
## Set the time delay between each slide
ani.options(interval=.2)
# Set foreground and background color.
fg.col="black"
bg.col="transparent"
saveGIF({
  \#layout(matrix(c(1,2,3,3,3,3),3,2,byrow = TRUE))
  par(mfrow=c(1,2), pty="s", font.main=1,
      bg=bg.col, fg=fg.col,
      col.axis=fg.col, col.main=fg.col,
      col.lab=fg.col)
  par(mar=c(0,0,2,0), mgp=c(0,0,0))
  tmp.x <- state.x77[,'Income']</pre>
  tmp2.x <- cut(tmp.x, seq(min(tmp.x), max(tmp.x), length.out=10),</pre>
              include.lowest=TRUE)
  tmp.y <- state.x77[,'HS Grad']</pre>
  tmp2.y <- cut(tmp.y, seq(min(tmp.y), max(tmp.y), length.out=10),</pre>
              include.lowest=TRUE)
  # a radnom order of states to plot
  order.plot=sample(1:length(tmp.y))
  col.bg=rep(bg.col, length(tmp.y))
  # generate the color of each state depending on the values of
  # x variable and y variable.
  col.fg.x=brewer.pal(9, "Blues")[tmp2.x]
  col.fg.y=brewer.pal(9,"Reds")[tmp2.y]
  for(i in 1:length(order.plot)){
    col.use.x=col.bg
    col.use.y=col.bg
```

```
col.use.x[order.plot[1:i]]=col.fg.x[order.plot[1:i]]
    col.use.y[order.plot[1:i]]=col.fg.y[order.plot[1:i]]
   plot(state.vbm,col=col.use.x,
         main="Income Per Capita")
   plot(state.vbm,col=col.use.y,
         main="Perc. of High School Graduates")
      par(mar=c(5,4,2,1), mgp=c(3,2,1))
#
#
#
      plot(state.x77[, "Income"], state.x77[,"HS Grad"],
#
           xlab="Income",
#
           ylab="Perc. of high school graduate",
#
           tupe="n")
#
      text(state.x77[order.plot[1:i], "Income"],
#
           state.x77[order.plot[1:i], "HS Grad"],
#
           state.abb[order.plot[1:i]])
 }
}, movie.name="maps1.gif", ani.width=600, ani.height=300)
```

Executing:

```
## 'convert' -loop 0 -delay 20 Rplot1.png Rplot2.png Rplot3.png
##
       Rplot4.png Rplot5.png Rplot6.png Rplot7.png Rplot8.png
##
       Rplot9.png Rplot10.png Rplot11.png Rplot12.png Rplot13.png
##
       Rplot14.png Rplot15.png Rplot16.png Rplot17.png Rplot18.png
       Rplot19.png Rplot20.png Rplot21.png Rplot22.png Rplot23.png
##
##
      Rplot24.png Rplot25.png Rplot26.png Rplot27.png Rplot28.png
##
       Rplot29.png Rplot30.png Rplot31.png Rplot32.png Rplot33.png
       Rplot34.png Rplot35.png Rplot36.png Rplot37.png Rplot38.png
##
##
      Rplot39.png Rplot40.png Rplot41.png Rplot42.png Rplot43.png
##
       Rplot44.png Rplot45.png Rplot46.png Rplot47.png Rplot48.png
       Rplot49.png Rplot50.png 'maps1.gif'
## Output at: maps1.gif
```