Data Visualization with R Shiny tutorial

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What is Shiny?

Examples

Let us run several examples:

library(shiny)

runExample("08_html")

runExample("01_hello")

Examples

UI part:

```
ui <- fluidPage(
 titlePanel(...),
  sidebarLayout(
    sidebarPanel(
      sliderInput(
    mainPanel(
      plotOutput(outputId="distplot")
```

Examples

Server part:

```
server <- function(input, output) {
  output$distplot <- renderPlot({
     ...
  })
}</pre>
```

Creation of Shiny app:

```
shinyApp(ui=ui, server=server)
```

R Markdown with interactive Shiny elements

```
Go to File >
    New File >
    R Markdown >
    Shiny
```

Fill the document with the code from tutorial_shiny_1.Rmd.

Click on Run Document.

We need the files ui.R and server.R that are kept within the same folder. ui.R describe the user interface.

```
fluidPage(...,
    title = NULL, theme = NULL, lang = NULL)
```

indicates that we are going to use a fluid page layout with rows containing columns.

```
titlePanel(title, windowTitle = title)
```

describes the title of the application.



describe the general layout of the page, with:

- Inputs on the side (sidebarPanel),
- Outputs in the middle (mainPanel).

The panels contain input and output widgets:

server.R contains functions which use inputid as an input, and produce outputId as an output.

server.R contains a function describing how to use the input from ui.R to produce the outputs from ui.R.

```
function(input, output){
  output$textDisplay = renderText({...input$comment...})
)
```

The function(input, output) contains the reactive components of the application. For example:

Run the minimal example

Set the working directory to the folder that contains ui.R and server.R,

```
setwd("/Users/my_name/Documents/my_folder/")
```

load the Shiny package:

```
library(shiny)
```

and run the application:

```
runApp()
```

Various widgets

```
checkboxGroupInput(inputId, label, choices=NULL, ...)
checkboxInput(inputId, label, value=FALSE, ...)
dateInput(inputId, label, ...)
dateRangeInput(inputId, label, ...)
numericInput(inputId, label, value, ...)
radioButtons(inputId, label, choices=NULL, ...)
```

Various widgets

library(shiny)
runGist(6571951)

```
selectInput(inputId, label, choices, ...)
sliderInput(inputId, label, min, max, value, ...)
textInput(inputId, label, ...)
To see an example of how the widgets look like, type:
```

Panels

We can show multiple frames in screen and let the user select one. The processing of the data is only carried out for the currently selected tab.

```
tabsetPanel(
  tabPanel("title_text", textOutput("name_text")),
  tabPanel("title_plot", plotoutput("name_plot")),
  tabPanel("title_map", leafletOutput("name_map"))
)
```

The leaflet package allows us to produce maps shown with leafletOutput in the ui.R and created with renderLeaflet in the server.R file.

Reactive objects

In the server.r file, we filter the data using a reactive object:

```
theData = reactive({
  mapData %>%
  filter(year >= input$year
})
```

- A reactive object changes when its input changes.
- When it runs, the output is cached.
- If it is called several times in an application, it will not run again if the inputs are unchanged.

Simple layouts

Left-to-right and top-to-bottom. The elements reorder themselves when resizing the window.

```
flowLayout( ... )
```

Top-to-bottom

```
verticalLayout( ... )
```

Left-to-right with manually set widths

```
splitLayout (cellWidths = c("25\%", "75\%"), ...),
```

Complete layouts

Side bar and main panel

```
fluidpage(
  sidebarLayout(sidebarPanel, mainPanel, position))
)
```

Top level navigation bar and several tabs

```
navbarPage(title, tabPanel)
```

Left navigation bar and several tabs

```
fluidpage(
  navlistPanel(title, tabPanel)
)
```

Complete layouts

Rows and columns. The sum of the widths of the columns must be equal to 12.

```
fluidpage(
  fluidrow(
    column(width=4, ...),
    column(width=4, ...))
```

Combination of layouts

```
fluidPage(
  fluidRow(
    column(width=4, ...), column(width=8, ...)),
  splitLayout( ... ),
  verticalLayout( ... )
)
```

Hiding elements

Name the panels:

```
tabsetPanel(id = "theTabs",
  tabPanel( ... , value = "trend"),
  ...
)
```

Add a condition to show an UI element only if a tab is selected:

```
conditionalpanel(
  condition = "input.theTabs == trend",
  checkboxInput( ... )
)
```

Tables - Basic Shiny

```
In ui.R:
```

```
tableOutput("textDisplay")
```

In server.R

```
output$textDisplay = renderTable({
  getMat = matrix(c( ... ), ncol = 2, byrow = TRUE)
  colnames(getMat) = c("Value", "Class")
  getMat
})
```

Tables - With package DT (DataTable)

In ui.R:

```
dataTableOutput("countryTable")
```

In server.R

Reactive user interfaces

In ui.R:

```
uiOutput("yearSelectorUI")
```

In server.R

```
output$yearSelectorUI = renderUI(
  selectedYears = ...
  selectInput( ... , selectedYears)
})
```

When the value in selectedYears change, the choice of years in the widget will also change.

Progress bar

If some computation in server.R can take a long time, it is useful to wrap the corresponding code inside the Shiny withProgress() function.

In server.R

```
withProgress(message = ... ,
  detail = ..., value = 0,
  ... function code ...
  incProgress(1/3)
  ... function code ...
  incProgress(1/3)
  ... function code ...
  incProgress(1/3)
  ... function code ...
})
```

R Flexdashboard

```
Go to File >
    New File >
    R Markdown >
    From Template >
    Flex Dashboard
```

Click on Knit to see the empty dashboard.

R Flexdashboard

In the first R block, load the libraries and the data:

```
library(flex dashboard)
library(tidyverse)
library(leaflet)
load("geocodedData.Rdata")
```

Change the names of the R Markdown headers and fill the R blocks with the code from dashboard1.Rmd.

Click on Knit to see the final dashboard.



Adding shiny to the flexdashboard

Modify the header by adding shiny and using a rows orientation:

```
title: "Flexdashboard 2"
runtime: shiny
```

We will add one sidebar column:

```
Column {.sidebar}
```

We fill the R block with R shiny code to create a slider and a checkbox as done previously in ui.R.

Adding shiny to the flexdashboard

Create a simple row and a row with several tabs:

Row

Row {.tabset}

We fill the R block with R shiny code to create plots as done previously in server.R.

In this case, the filtering is done for every block of R code. We cannot define a reactive object to filter the years.