

Data Visualization with R Shiny tutorial

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Improving the UI - Using shiny themes

```
library(shinythemes)
fluidpage(theme=shinytheme("darkly"),
...)
```

If you want the user to be able to change the theme:

```
library(shinythemes)
fluidpage(theme=shinytheme("darkly"),
          themeSelector(),
...)
```

See a list of themes here: <http://rstudio.github.io/shinythemes/>

Improving the UI - Using the grid layout

```
fluidPage(title="...",  
  fluidRow(  
    column(6,  
      wellPanel(  
        sliderInput( ... )))  
    column(6, ... )  
  ),  
  ...  
)
```

The sum of the widths of the columns must be 12. `wellPanel` creates a panel around the slider. `hr()` creates a horizontal rule to break the screen.

Downloading plots

In the file `ui.R`:

```
downloadButton("downloadPlot",  
               label = "Download plot")
```

In the file `server.R`:

```
thePlot <- reactive( ... code to make plot ... )  
output$downloadPlot <- downloadHandler(  
  filename <- function() {"filename"},  
  content <- function(file){  
    png(file, width=980, height=400, ... )  
    iris.plot <- thePlot()  
    print(iris.plot)  
    dev.off()  
  },  
  contentType = "image/png"  
)
```

Downloading data

In the file `ui.R`:

```
downloadButton("downloadData",  
               label = "Download data")
```

In the file `server.R`:

```
theData <- reactive( ... code to produce data ... )  
output$downloadData <- downloadHandler(  
  filename = function(){ "iris.csv" },  
  content <- function(file){  
    write.csv(theData(), file)  
  },  
  contentType = "text/csv"  
)
```

Interactive plots - Click points

In the file `ui.R`:

```
plotOutput("plot", click = "plot_click"),  
            tableOutput("plot_clickedpoints")
```

In the file `server.R`:

```
output$plot_clickedpoints <- renderTable({  
  res <- nearPoints(iris,  
                    input$plot_click,  
                    "Sepal.Length",  
                    "Sepal.Width")  
  if (nrow(res) == 0)  
    return()  
  res  
})
```

Interactive plots - Hover over plot

In the file `ui.R`:

```
plotOutput("plot",  
            hover = hoverOpts(id = "plot_hover",  
                               delayType = "throttle")  
)
```

In the file `server.R`:

```
output$plot_hoverinfo <- renderPrint({  
  cat("Hover (throttled):\n")  
  str(input$plot_hover)  
})
```

Sharing with Gist

Go to <https://gist.github.com/>.

If you have a GitHub account, you should have an account on Gist too.

Create a project with a description, an `ui.R` and a `server.R` files.

Get the URL of your project.

In RStudio, run:

```
library(shiny)
runGist("https://gist.github.com/MyName/identifier")
```


Sharing with GitHub

On GitHub, create a repository with your dataset, and the `ui.R` and `server.R` files.

In rStudio, run:

```
library(shiny)
runGitHub("repository_name", "user_name")
```

Sharing through Shinyapps.io

Create a free account on <https://www.shinyapps.io/>.

In RStudio, install the package `rsconnect`.

When creating your account, Shinyapps.io will ask you to set your Shinyapps.io account information on RStudio by running:

```
rsconnect::setAccountInfo(name='yourname',  
token='some_token', secret='some_secret')
```

To deploy your application on Shinyapps.io, run on RStudio:

```
library(rsconnect)  
rsconnect::deployApp("/path/your_path_to_your_app")
```

Check on Shinyapps.io the URL of your application:
<https://arianeducellier.shinyapps.io/magnitudes/>