Data Visualization with R Shiny tutorial

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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))
)
```

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

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

Tabs

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

Complete layouts

Top level navigation bar and several tabs

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

Left navigation bar and several tabs

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

Complete layouts

Combination of layouts

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

Functions in ui.R and server.R

ui.R		server.R
textOutput	\leftrightarrow	renderText
plotOutput	\leftrightarrow	renderPlot
tableOutput	\leftrightarrow	renderTable
dataTableOutput	\leftrightarrow	renderDataTable
leafletOutput	\leftrightarrow	renderLeaflet

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

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

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( ... )
)
```

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.

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.