



INTERACTIVE DATA VISUALIZATIONS

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Motivation

MOTIVATION

- ▶ Use Shiny to create interactive data visualizations for data exploration as well as for presentation
- ▶ Exploration: Streamline first steps of your analysis where you might consider which data points to include in / exclude from your analysis, identify observations with interesting / outlying features, etc.
- ▶ Presentation: Create visualizations for communicating your findings in the same platform that you do your analysis

Common actions

COMMON ACTIONS

- ▶ Click
- ▶ Double-click
- ▶ Hover
- ▶ Brush

EXAMPLE CONTEXT

- ▶ The Southern Oscillation Index (SOI) is a standardized index based on the observed sea level pressure differences between Tahiti and Darwin, Australia.
- ▶ SOI is one measure of the large-scale fluctuations in air pressure occurring between the western and eastern tropical Pacific during El Niño and La Niña episodes.
 - ▶ Prolonged periods of **negative** SOI values coincide with abnormally **warm** ocean waters across the eastern tropical Pacific typical of **El Niño** episodes.
 - ▶ Prolonged periods of **positive** SOI values coincide with abnormally **cold** ocean waters across the eastern tropical Pacific typical of **La Niña** episodes.
- ▶ In general, smoothed time series of the SOI correspond very well with changes in ocean temperatures across the eastern tropical Pacific.
- ▶ Source: [National Centers for Environmental Information](#)

UI

```
plotOutput("plot",  
  click = clickOpts(id = "plot_click"),  
  brush = brushOpts(id = "plot_brush")  
)
```

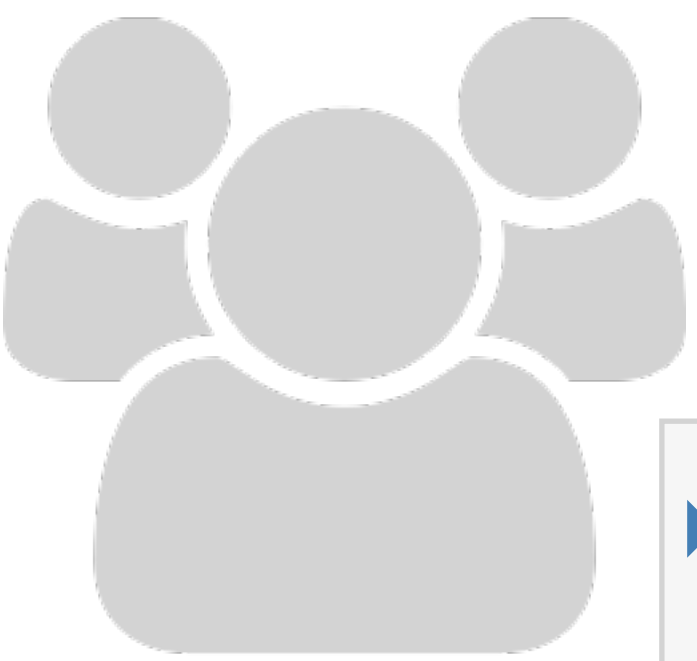
Define user interaction types
in the UI

Server

```
output$click_info <- renderPrint({  
  nearPoints(soi, input$plot_click) %>%  
    mutate(month = month(month, label = TRUE)) %>%  
    rename(SOI = value) %>%  
    select(month, year, SOI)  
})
```

Determine points user is
interacting with in the server

EXERCISE



- ▶ In **soi_01.R** the **verbatimTextOutput** reports **<0 rows>** before the user clicks / brushes for the first time. This behavior is undesirable, it makes the output messy and potentially confusing.
- ▶ Implement a fix for this such that the **verbatimTextOutput**, the values of the clicked / brushed points, are reported only after the user takes these actions.

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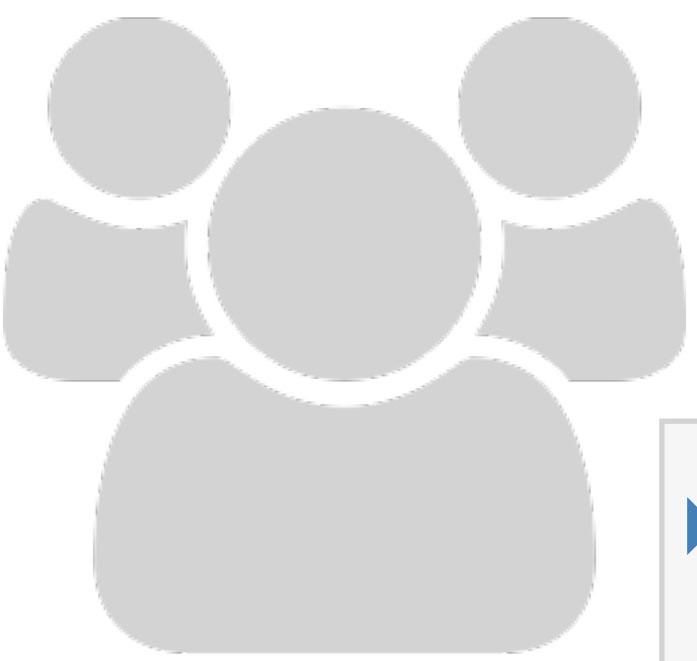


SOLUTION

Solution to the previous exercise

`soi_02.R`

EXERCISE



- ▶ There are two more common actions when interacting with data visualizations: double-click and hover
- ▶ Build on **soi_02.R** to implement these inputs, and add two more columns to the UI to report features on points double-clicked or hovered on
- ▶ Hint: See **?dblclickOpts** and **?hoverOpts**. Also note that the convenience function `nearPoints` can be used with click, double click, and hover.

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SOLUTION

Solution to the previous exercise

`soi_03.R`

Linking

plots

Linked zooming

soi_04.R

DEMO

```
# UI
plotOutput("zoom", height = "350px"),
plotOutput("overall", height = "150px",
           brush = brushOpts(id = "brush", direction = "x"))

# Server
output$zoom <- renderPlot({
  if (!is.null(input$brush)) {
    p <- p +
      xlim(input$brush$xmin, input$brush$xmax) +
      labs(title = "Southern Oscillation Index (SOI)")
  }
  p
})

output$overall <- renderPlot(p)
```

Two plots, one interactive for zooming

Limit x and y for zoomed in plot

Linked brushing

soi_05.R

DEMO

```
# UI
plotOutput("scatterplot", brush = brushOpts(id = "brush"))
plotOutput("histogram")

# Server
output$scatterplot <- renderPlot({
  # standard plot
})

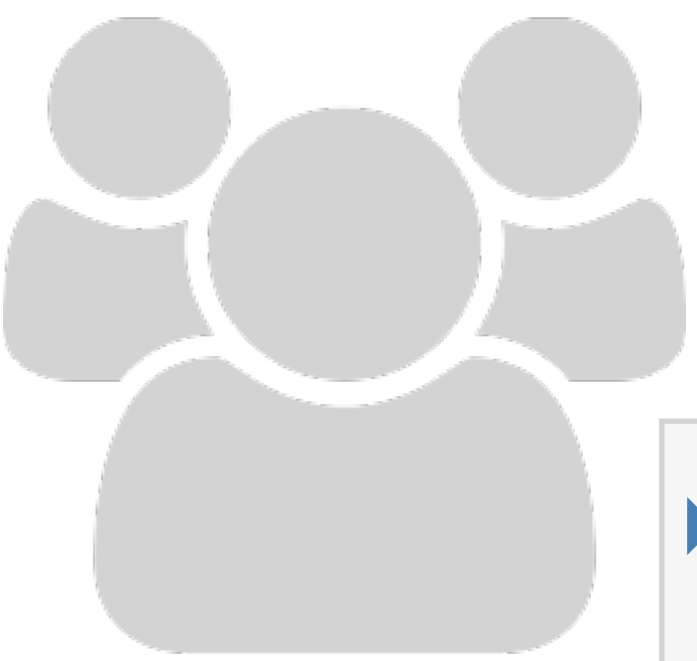
output$histogram <- renderPlot({
  brushed <- brushedPoints(soi, input$brush)
  # standard plot
})
```

Two plots, one interactive for brushing

Limit x and y for zoomed in plot

Get creative

EXERCISE



- ▶ Use the diamonds dataset in the ggplot2 package to create an app with at least two interactive data visualizations that have linked brushing and/or linked zooming between them.
- ▶ Keep it simple initially, if you finish early, continue to add more bells and whistles to your app.

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