



West of Ireland Data Science - Shiny Demonstrat



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- ▶ Makers of Shiny : RStudio
(JJ Allaire, Hadley Wickham etc etc)
- ▶ RStudio? IDE for R.
See `www.rstudio.org` for more.
- ▶ Shiny's Lead Developers : Winston Chang
and Joe Cheng.

Shiny - Slides Set 1

- ▶ Overview of Demonstration
- ▶ Resources (i.e. Shiny Tutorial Page)
- ▶ Minimal Examples
- ▶ Widgets
- ▶ A bit about JavaScript
- ▶ Deploying Shiny

What is Shiny?

Easy web applications in R

(Source: Shiny's Website)

- ▶ **Shiny** makes it super simple for R users like you to turn analyses into interactive web applications that anyone can use.
- ▶ Let your users choose input parameters using friendly controls like sliders, drop-downs, and text fields.
- ▶ Easily incorporate any number of outputs like plots, tables, and summaries.

What is Shiny?

Easy web applications in R (contd.)

(Source: Shiny's Website)

- ▶ No **HTML** or **JavaScript** knowledge is necessary. If you have some experience with R, you're just minutes away from combining the statistical power of R with the simplicity of a web page.
- ▶ *(Remark: They do appear to be really handy - based on several examples available on the internet!)*

Shiny Resources

Resources

- ▶ Shiny Tutorial
(<http://rstudio.github.io/shiny/tutorial>)
- ▶ Chris Beeley's New Book
(Sample Chapter Available)
- ▶ Stack-Overflow and GitHub



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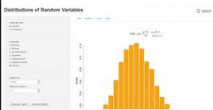
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Watch MLB divisional races during any season from 1995-2013. Uses Google Visualization motion tables.




DISTRIBUTIONS OF RANDOM VARIABLES

Draws random samples from a number of different probability distributions and plots the samples using (almost entirely) base R functions.



HIST

Histogram of data in a Shiny app.



Main Components of a Shiny Web App

- ▶ The shiny app is structurally a folder. The name of the app is the name of the folder.
- ▶ Shiny programs are the easiest to build and understand using two scripts, which are kept within this folder. They must be named `server.R` and `ui.R`.
- ▶ The input elements are defined in `ui.R` and processed by `server.R`, which then sends them back to `ui.R`.
- ▶ Consideration: **Reactive Programming**

Basic structure of a Shiny program

- ▶ Selection of simple input widgets (checkboxes and radio buttons)
- ▶ Selection of simple output types (rendering plots and returning text)
- ▶ Selection of simple layout types (page with sidebar and tabbed output panel)
- ▶ Handling reactivity in Shiny

Running a Shiny App

To run a Shiny program on your local machine you just need to do the following:

1. Make sure that `server.R` and `ui.R` are in the application subfolder (`appName`).
2. Make the main folder R's working directory (using the `setwd()` command, for example `setwd(" /shinyFiles")`).

```
>...\shinyFiles\appName
```

3. Load the Shiny package (`library(shiny)`).
You should always do that in both `server.R` and `ui.R` files.

runApp

- ▶ Type `runApp("appName")` at the console.
- ▶ If you are in the application folder, just type `runApp()`
- ▶ **Important** - Just remember that it is a directory and not a file that you need to point to.

ui.R

- ▶ The `ui.R` file is a description of the UI and is often the shortest and simplest part of a Shiny application.
- ▶ All of the UI elements are defined within this instruction.
- ▶ The standard shiny layout is a three panel layout, with a header panel, a sidepanel controls on the left, and the main panel on the right - with the output.
- ▶ This layout is called **pageWithSidebar**. There are other layouts too - such as `basicPage` and `threePage`.

Inputs

The arguments are pretty typical among most of the widgets and are as follows:

inputId : This argument names the variable so it can be referred to in the server.R file

label : This argument gives a label to attach to the input so users know what it does

value : This argument gives the initial value to the widget when it is set up. All the widgets should have sensible defaults for this argument.

Main Panel

- ▶ The final function is `mainPanel()`, which sets up the output window.
- ▶ HTML helper functions - make a little title `h3("...")`. Knowledge of HTML is very useful!
- ▶ There are several of these functions designed to generate HTML to go straight on the page; e.g. type `?p` at the console for the complete list.

Main Panel

- ▶ The other element that goes in `mainPanel()` is an area for handling reactive text or plots generated within the `server.R` file
- ▶ For example - a call to `textOutput()` with the name of the output as defined in `server.R`, in the upcoming "minimal case" examples.

- ▶ `shinyServer(.....)` defines the bit of Shiny that's going to handle all the data.
- ▶ On the whole, two types of things go in here.
- ▶ **Reactive objects** (for example, data) are defined, which are then passed around as needed (for example, to different output instructions),
- ▶ Outputs are defined, such as graphs.

Reactive Programming

Simple R example re: reactivity

```
> A <- 5
> B <- A + 3
> A <-6           #Update A
>
> c(A,B,A+3)
[1] 6 8 9
>
```

Compare this with Microsoft Excel Spreadsheets