

R Shiny - Part II

Workshop on Data Visualization in R

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Reactivity

```
# 02-two-outputs

library(shiny)

ui <- fluidPage(
  sliderInput(inputId = "num",
    label = "Choose a number",
    value = 25, min = 1, max = 100),
  plotOutput("hist"),
  verbatimTextOutput("stats")
)

server <- function(input, output) {
  output$hist <- renderPlot({
    hist(rnorm(input$num))
  })
  output$stats <- renderPrint({
    summary(rnorm(input$num))
  })
}

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



Reactivity

input\$num

```
output$hist <-  
  renderPlot({  
    hist(rnorm(input$num))  
  })
```

```
output$stats <-  
  renderPrint({  
    summary(rnorm(input$num))  
  })
```



Reactivity

input\$num

Can these describe
the same data?

```
output$hist <-  
  renderPlot({  
    hist(rnorm(input$num))  
  })
```

```
output$stats <-  
  renderPrint({  
    summary(rnorm(input$num))  
  })
```



Reactivity



reactive()

Builds a reactive object (reactive expression)

```
data <- reactive( { rnorm(input$num) } )
```

Reactivity

```
# 03-reactive

library(shiny)

ui <- fluidPage(
  sliderInput(inputId = "num",
    label = "Choose a number",
    value = 25, min = 1, max = 100),
  plotOutput("hist"),
  verbatimTextOutput("stats")
)

server <- function(input, output) {
  data <- reactive({
    rnorm(input$num)
  })
  output$hist <- renderPlot({
    hist(data())
  })
  output$stats <- renderPrint({
    summary(data())
  })
}

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



Isolate reactivity

- Reactivity can be controlled.
- You will notice that as soon as you try to change the title, the histogram will update with new values

```
# 01-two-inputs

library(shiny)

ui <- fluidPage(
  sliderInput(inputId = "num",
    label = "Choose a number",
    value = 25, min = 1, max = 100),
  textInput(inputId = "title",
    label = "Write a title",
    value = "Histogram of Random Normal Values"),
  plotOutput("hist")
)

server <- function(input, output) {
  output$hist <- renderPlot({
    hist(rnorm(input$num),
      main = input$title)
  })
}

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



Isolate reactivity

```
# 01-two-inputs
```

```
library(shiny)
```

```
ui <- fluidPage(  
  sliderInput(inputId = "num",  
    label = "Choose a number",  
    value = 25, min = 1, max = 100),  
  textInput(inputId = "title",  
    label = "Write a title",  
    value = "Histogram of Random Normal Values"),  
  plotOutput("hist")  
)
```

```
server <- function(input, output) {  
  output$hist <- renderPlot({  
    hist(rnorm(input$num),  
      main = input$title)  
  })  
}
```

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

**Can we prevent
the title field from
updating the plot?**



isolate()

Returns the result as a non-reactive value

```
isolate({ rnorm(input$num) })
```

Isolate reactivity

```
# 04-isolate

library(shiny)

ui <- fluidPage(
  sliderInput(inputId = "num",
    label = "Choose a number",
    value = 25, min = 1, max = 100),
  textInput(inputId = "title",
    label = "Write a title",
    value = "Histogram of Random Normal Values"),
  plotOutput("hist")
)

server <- function(input, output) {
  output$hist <- renderPlot({
    hist(rnorm(input$num),
      main = isolate({input$title}))
  })
}

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



observeEvent()

```
# 05-actionButton

library(shiny)

ui <- fluidPage(
  actionButton(inputId = "clicks",
    label = "Click me")
)

server <- function(input, output) {
  observeEvent(input$clicks, {
    print(as.numeric(input$clicks))
  })
}

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



Updating widgets

- Widgets can be updated once initialised.
- Add third argument **session** to server function

```
server=function(input,output,session) {}
```

- Example of a typical UI

```
ui=fluidPage(  
  selectInput("select-input",label="selectInput",choices=c("A","B","C")),  
  numericInput("numeric-input",label="numericInput",value=5,min=1,max=10),  
  sliderInput("slider-input",label="sliderInput",value=5,min=1,max=10),  
)
```

- Update functions can be used to update input widgets
- Reactive observer `observe({})` monitors for a conditional change

```
server=function(input,output,session) {  
  observe({  
    if(something) {  
      updateSelectInput(session,"select-input",label="selectInput",choices=c("D","E","F"))  
      updateNumericInput(session,"numeric-input",label="numericInput",value=10,min=1,max=  
      updateSliderInput(session,"slider-input",label="sliderInput",value=8,min=1,max=10)  
    }  
  })  
}
```

Error validation

- Shiny returns an error with missing or incorrect values

```
shinyApp(  
  ui=fluidPage(  
    selectInput("data_input",label="Select data",  
               choices=c("", "mtcars", "faithful", "iris")),  
    Errors can be handled in a controlled manner
```

Select data

Error: invalid first argument
Error: invalid first argument

- `validate()` can be used to check input
- `validate()` using `need()`

```
shinyApp(  
  ui=fluidPage(  
    selectInput("data_input",label="Select data",  
               choices=c("", "mtcars", "faithful", "iris")),  
    validate() using custom function
```

Select data

Please select a data set
Please select a data set

- `validate()` using custom function

```
valfn <- function(x) if(is.null(x) | is.na(x) | x=="") return  
shinyApp(  
  ui=fluidPage(  
    selectInput("data_input",label="Select data",  
               choices=c("", "mtcars", "faithful", "iris")),  
    shiny::req() checks input variable and silently stops  
    execution
```

Select data

Input data is incorrect.
Input data is incorrect.

Download • Data

- Add button and `downloadHandler()` function

```
shinyApp(  
  ui=fluidPage(  
    selectInput("data_input",label="Select data",  
               choices=c("mtcars","faithful","iris")),  
    textOutput("text_output"),  
    downloadButton("button_download","Download")  
  ),  
  server=function(input, output) {  
    getdata <- reactive({ get(input$data_input, 'package:datasets') })  
    output$text_output <- renderText(paste0("Selected dataset: ",input$data_input))  
  
    output$button_download <- downloadHandler(  
      filename = function() {  
        paste0(input$data_input,".csv")  
      },  
      content = function(file) {  
        write.csv(getdata(),file,row.names=FALSE,quote=F)  
      })  
  })
```

- Run in system browser if Rstudio browser doesn't work
- See usage of download buttons

Download • Plots

```
shinyApp(  
  ui=fluidPage(  
    selectInput("data_input",label="Select data",  
               choices=c("mtcars","faithful","iris")),  
    textOutput("text_output"),  
    plotOutput("plot_output",width="400px"),  
    downloadButton("button_download", "Download")  
  ),  
  server=function(input, output) {  
    getdata <- reactive({ get(input$data_input, 'package:datasets') })  
    output$text_output <- renderText(paste0("Selected dataset: ",input$data_input))  
    output$plot_output <- renderPlot({hist(getdata()[, 1])})  
  
    output$button_download <- downloadHandler(  
      filename = function() {  
        paste0(input$data_input, ".png")  
      },  
      content = function(file) {  
        png(file)  
        hist(getdata()[, 1])  
        dev.off()  
      })  
    })  
})
```

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- See usage of download buttons



Thank you. Questions?

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