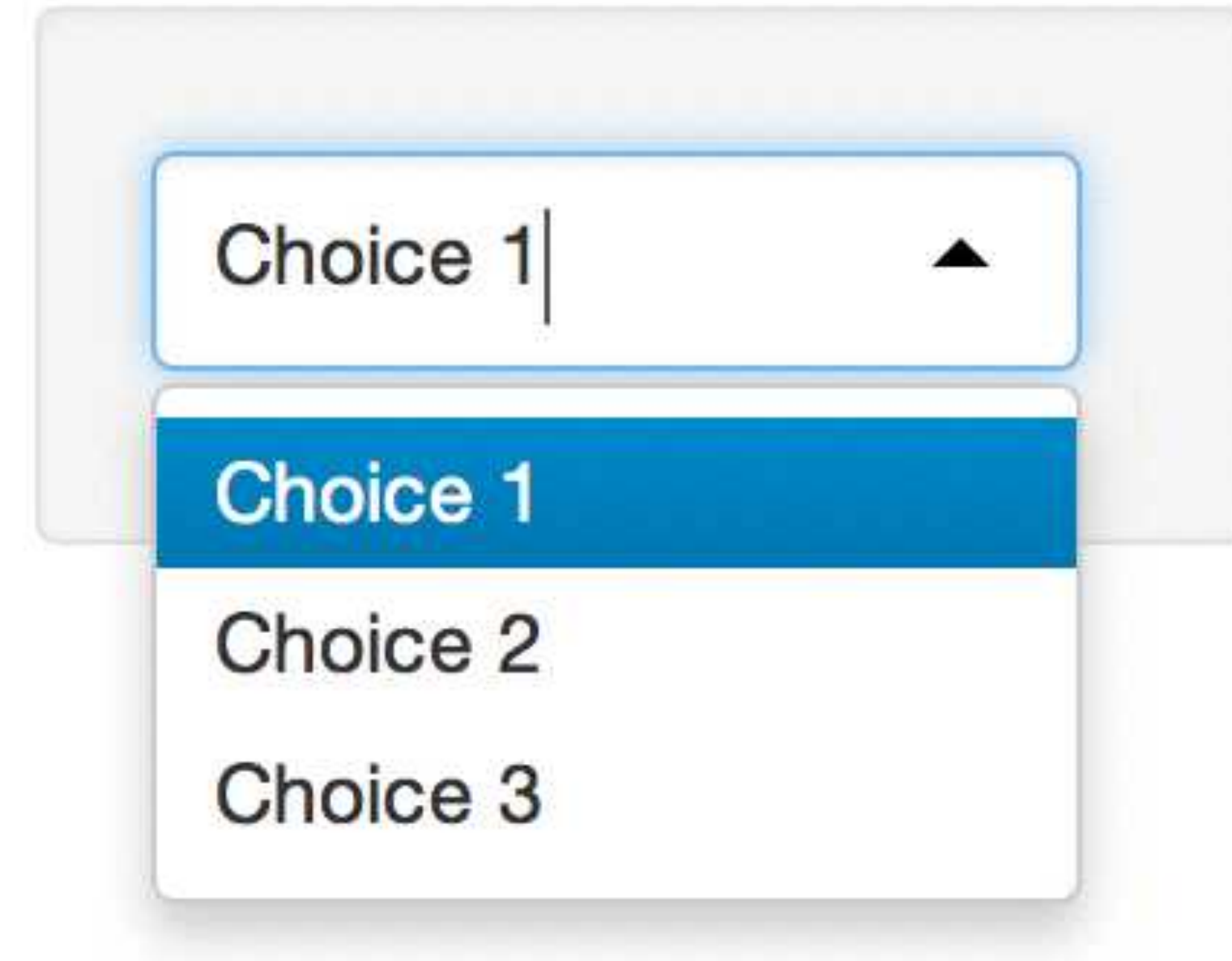


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# How to start with Shiny, Part 1

## How to build a Shiny App

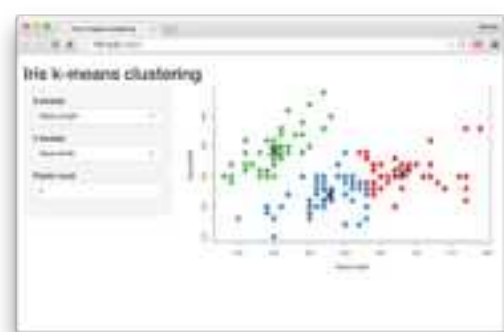


**Garrett Grolmund**

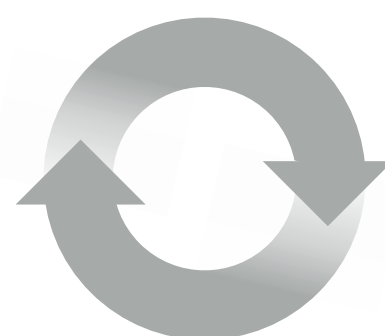
Data Scientist and Master Instructor  
May 2015  
Email: [garrett@rstudio.com](mailto:garrett@rstudio.com)

Code and slides at:  
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# How to start with Shiny



1. How to build a Shiny app (Today)



2. How to customize reactions (May 27)



3. How to customize appearance (June 3)



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### Shiny Dashboard Demo

A dashboard built with Shiny.



### Location tracker

Track locations over time with streaming data.



### Download monitor

Streaming download rates visualized as a bubble chart.



### Supply and Demand

Forecast demand to plan resource allocation.

## Industry Specific Shiny Apps



### Economic Dashboard

Economic forecasting with macroeconomic indicators.



### ER Optimization

An app that models patient flow.



### CDC Disease Monitor

Alert thresholds and automatic weekly updates.



### Ebola Model

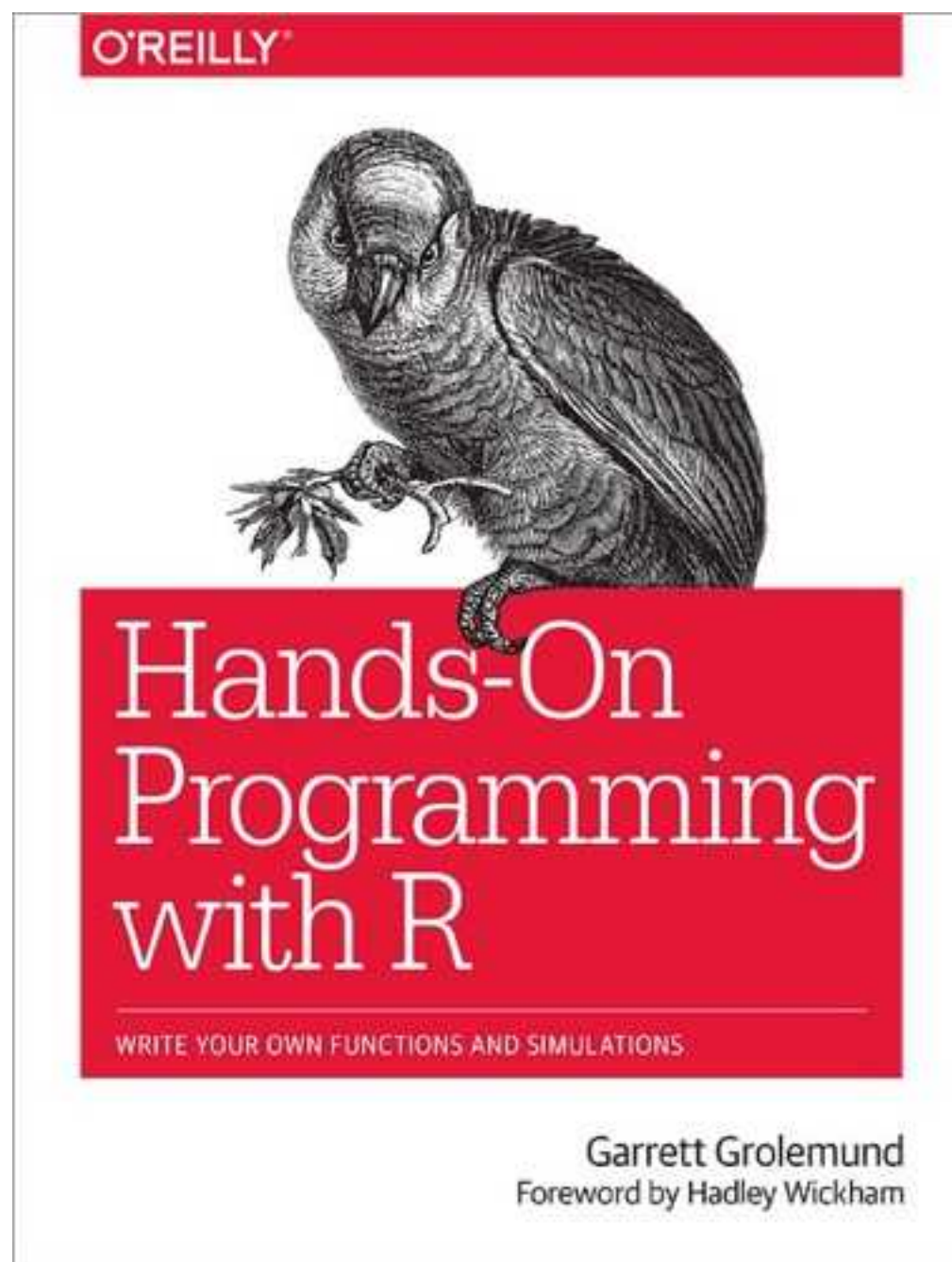
An epidemiological simulation.



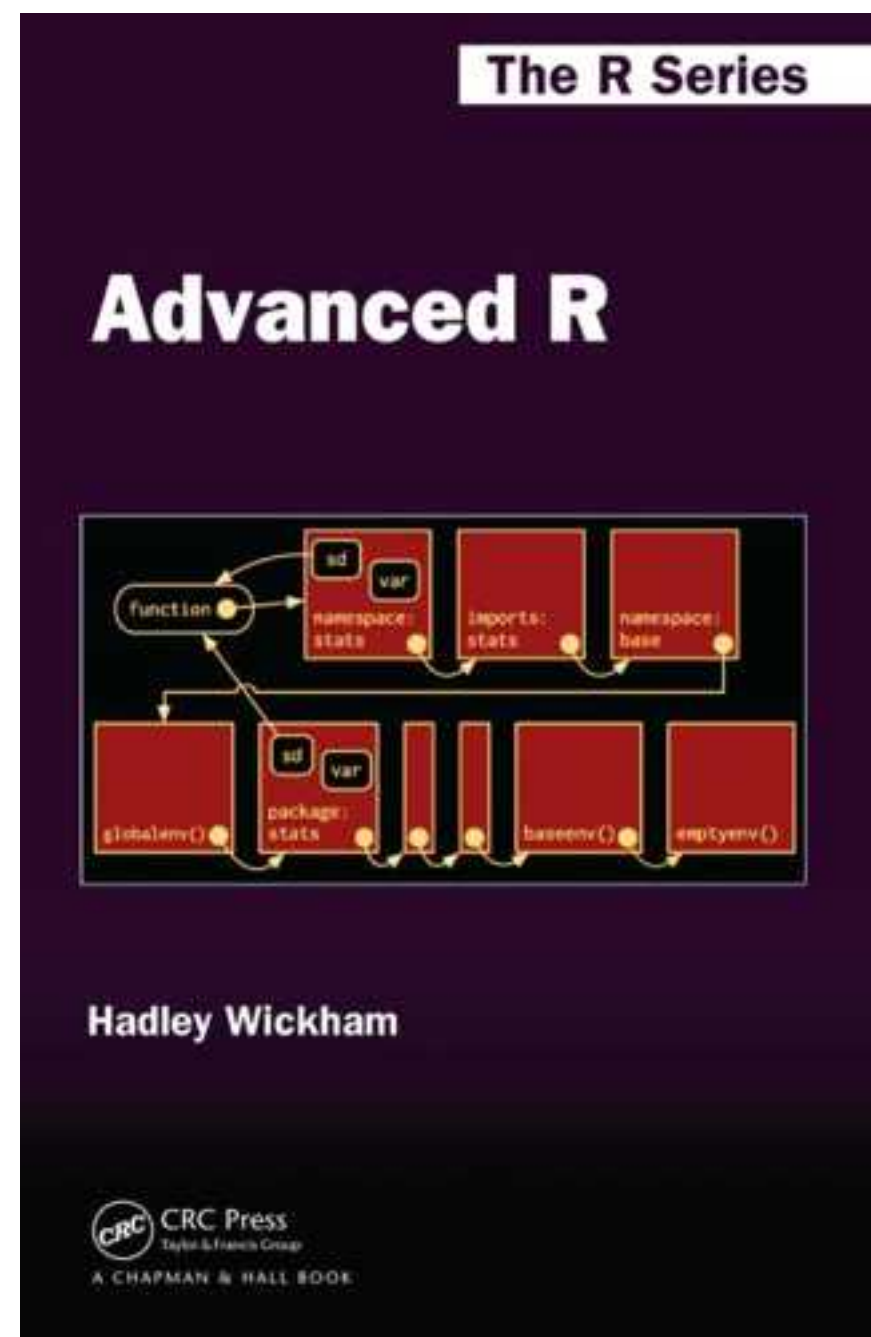
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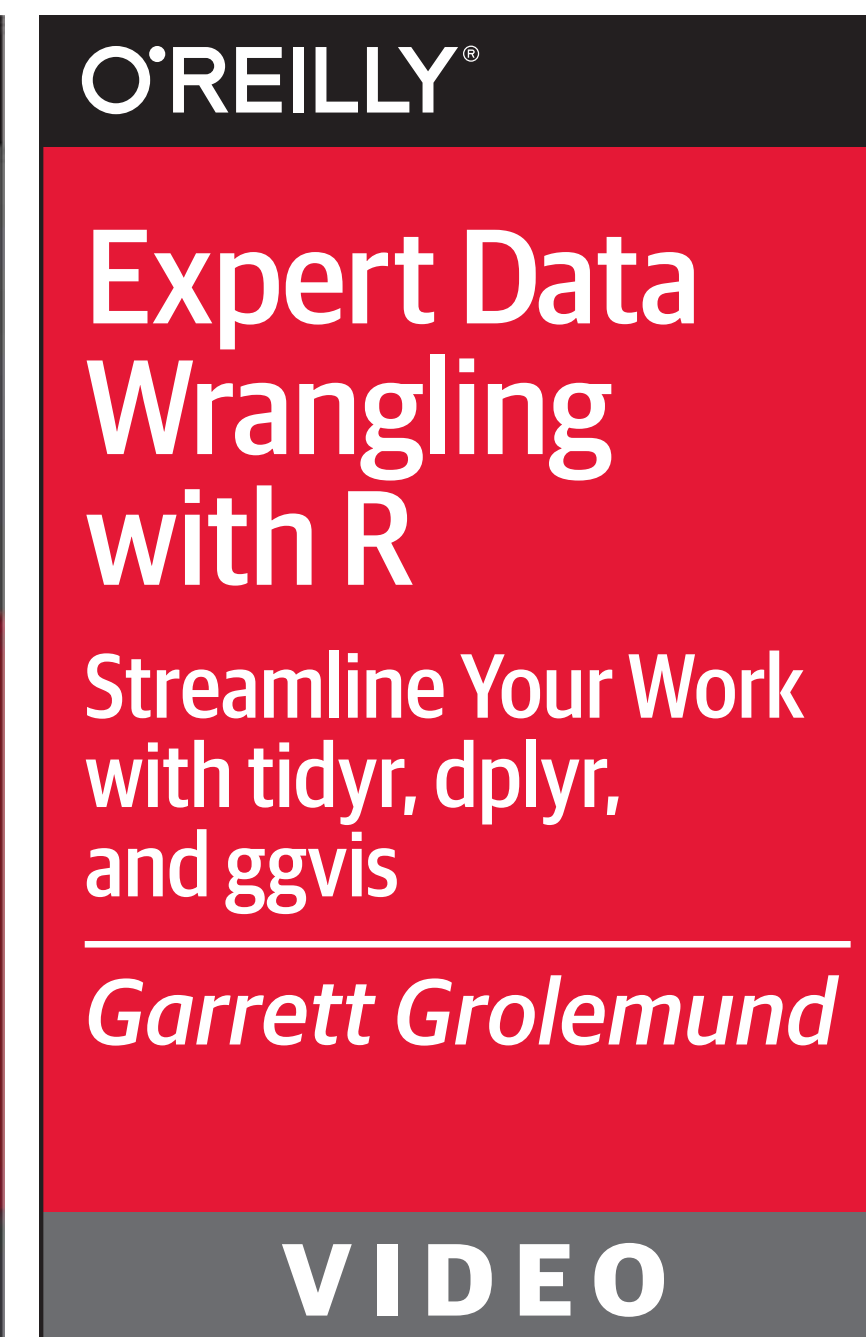


[adv-r.had.co.nz/](http://adv-r.had.co.nz/)

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## Interactive tutorials



**DataCamp**

[www.datacamp.com](http://www.datacamp.com)



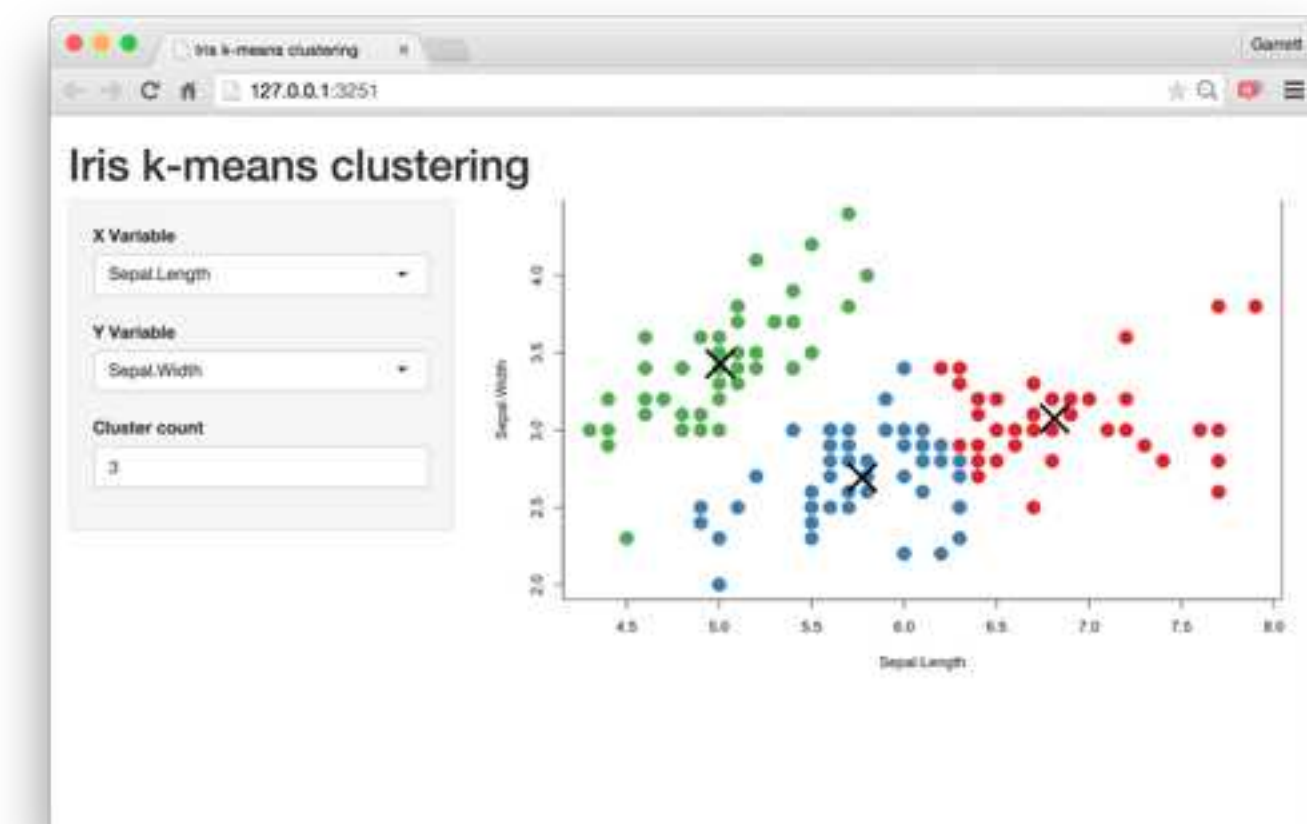
More at

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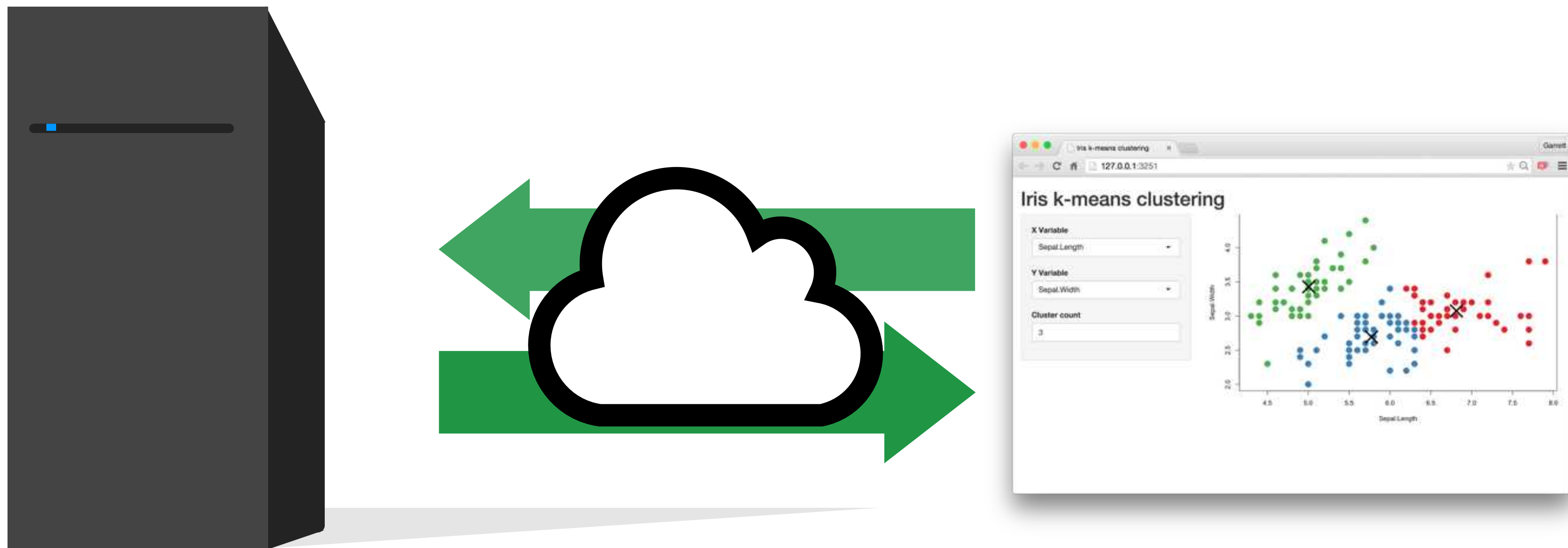
**Understand the  
architecture**

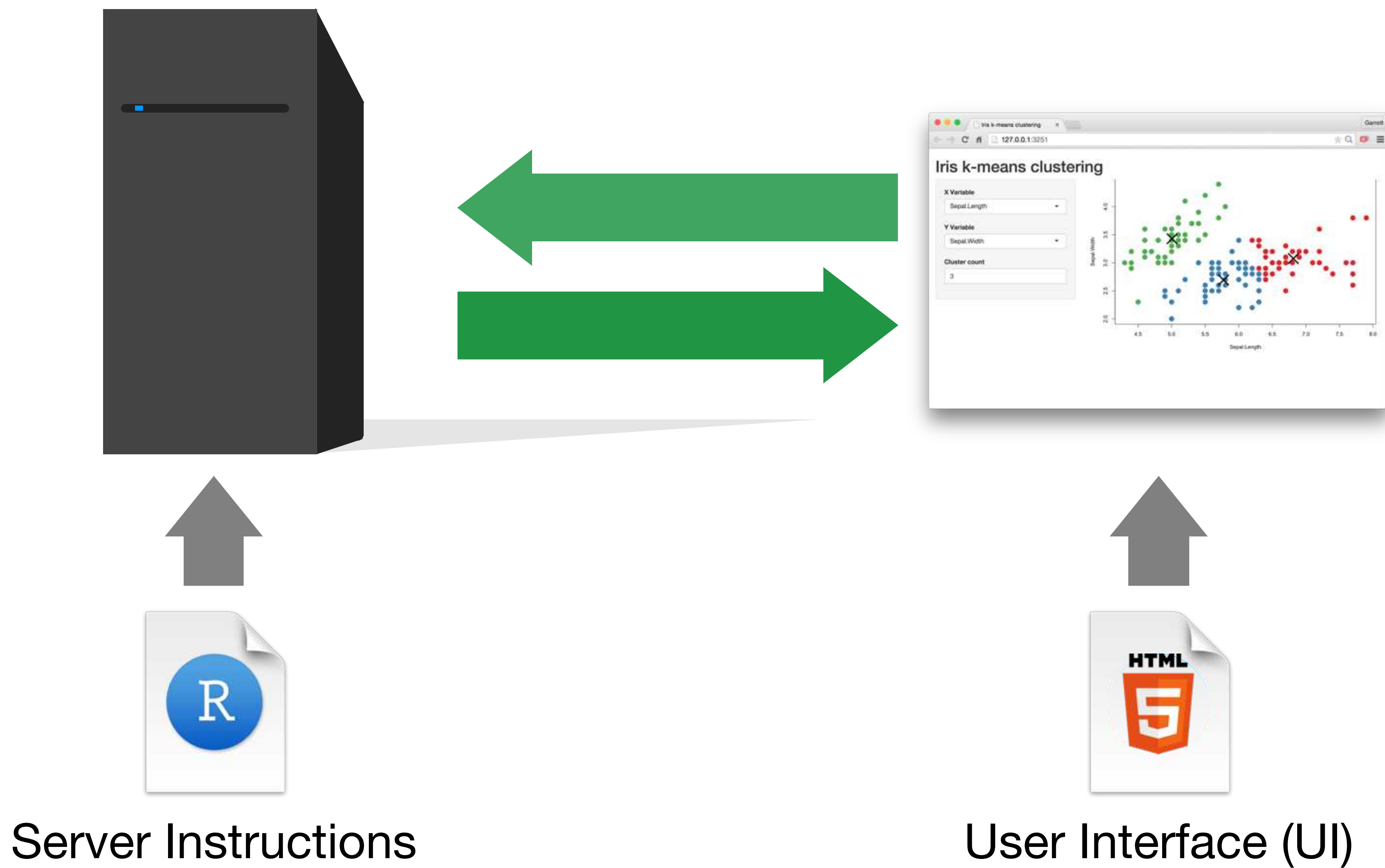


Every Shiny app is maintained by a computer running R



Every Shiny app is maintained by a computer running R





Use the  
**template**



# App template

The shortest viable shiny app

```
library(shiny)
ui <- fluidPage()

server <- function(input, output) {}

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

# Close an app

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with a Shiny application running. The application displays "Old Faithful Geyser Data" with a histogram of x. The console shows the command `shiny::runApp()` and the message "Listening on http://127.0.0.1:6314". Two red stop buttons are circled in black, indicating how to close the application.

```
1 # This is the server logic for a Shiny web application.
2 # You can find out more about building applications with
3 # Shiny here:
4 #
5 # http://shiny.rstudio.com
6 #
7 library(shiny)
8
9 shinyServer(function(input, output) {
10   output$distPlot <- renderPlot({
11     # generate bins based on input$bins from ui.R
12     x <- faithful[, 2]
```

Environment History

Files Packages Help Viewer

Old Faithful Geyser Data

Number of bins:

1 30 50

Histogram of x

Frequency

x

Console ~/Desktop/my-shiny/

```
> shiny::runApp()

Listening on http://127.0.0.1:6314
```

## Add elements to your app as arguments to `fluidPage()`

```
library(shiny)
ui <- fluidPage("Hello World")

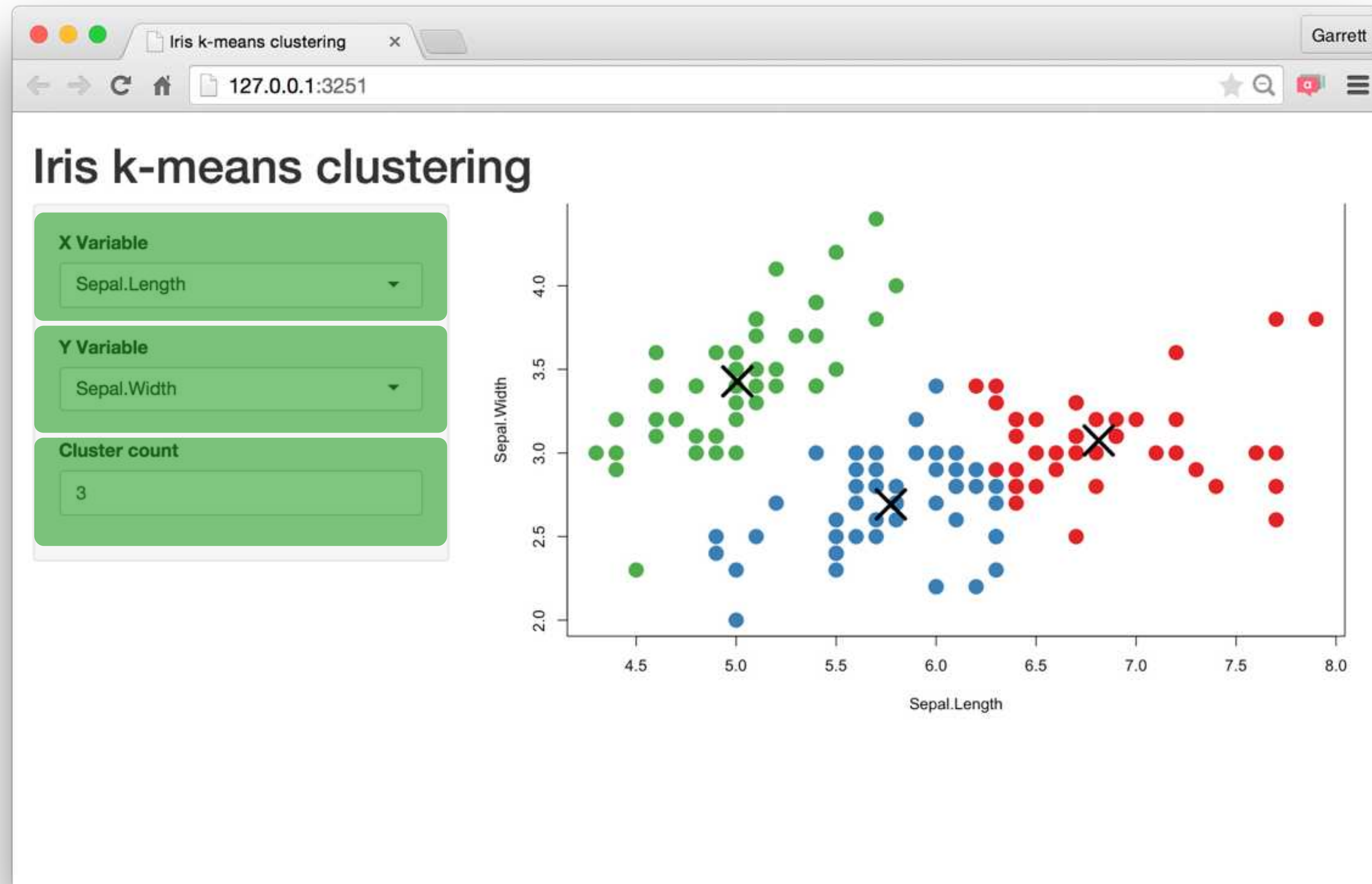
server <- function(input, output) {}

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

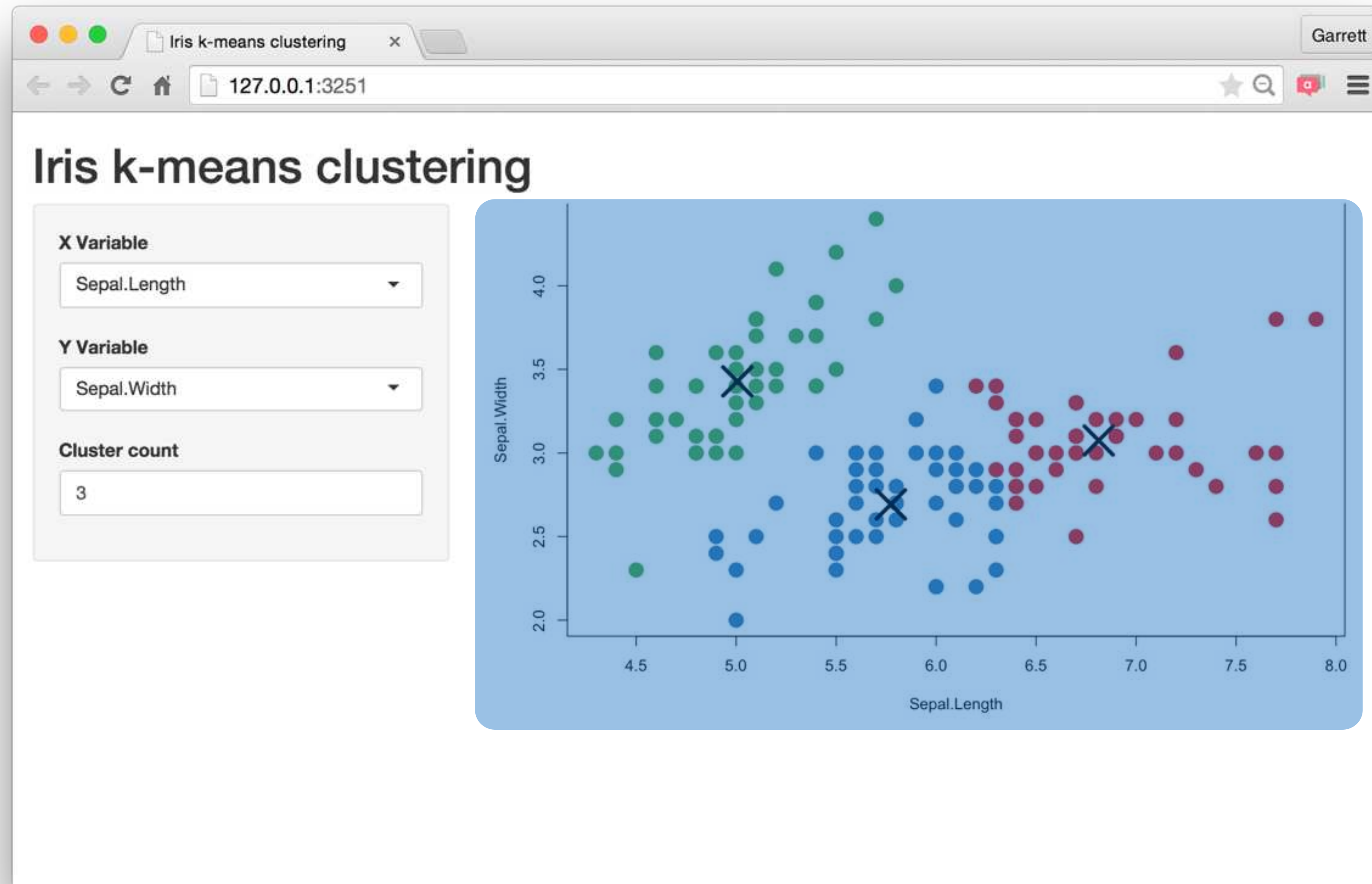
**Build your app around**  
**Inputs and**  
**Outputs**



# Build your app around **inputs** and **outputs**



# Build your app around **inputs** and **outputs**



Add elements to your app as arguments to `fluidPage()`

```
ui <- fluidPage(  
  # *Input() functions,  
  # *Output() functions  
)
```

# Inputs



# Create an input with an **\*Input()** function.

```
sliderInput(inputId = "num",  
  label = "Choose a number",  
  value = 25, min = 1, max = 100)
```

```
<div class="form-group shiny-input-container">  
  <label class="control-label" for="num">Choose a number</label>  
  <input class="js-range-slider" id="num" data-min="1" data-max="100"  
    data-from="25" data-step="1" data-grid="true" data-grid-num="9.9"  
    data-grid-snap="false" data-prettyfy-separator="," data-keyboard="true"  
    data-keyboard-step="1.01010101010101"/>  
</div>
```

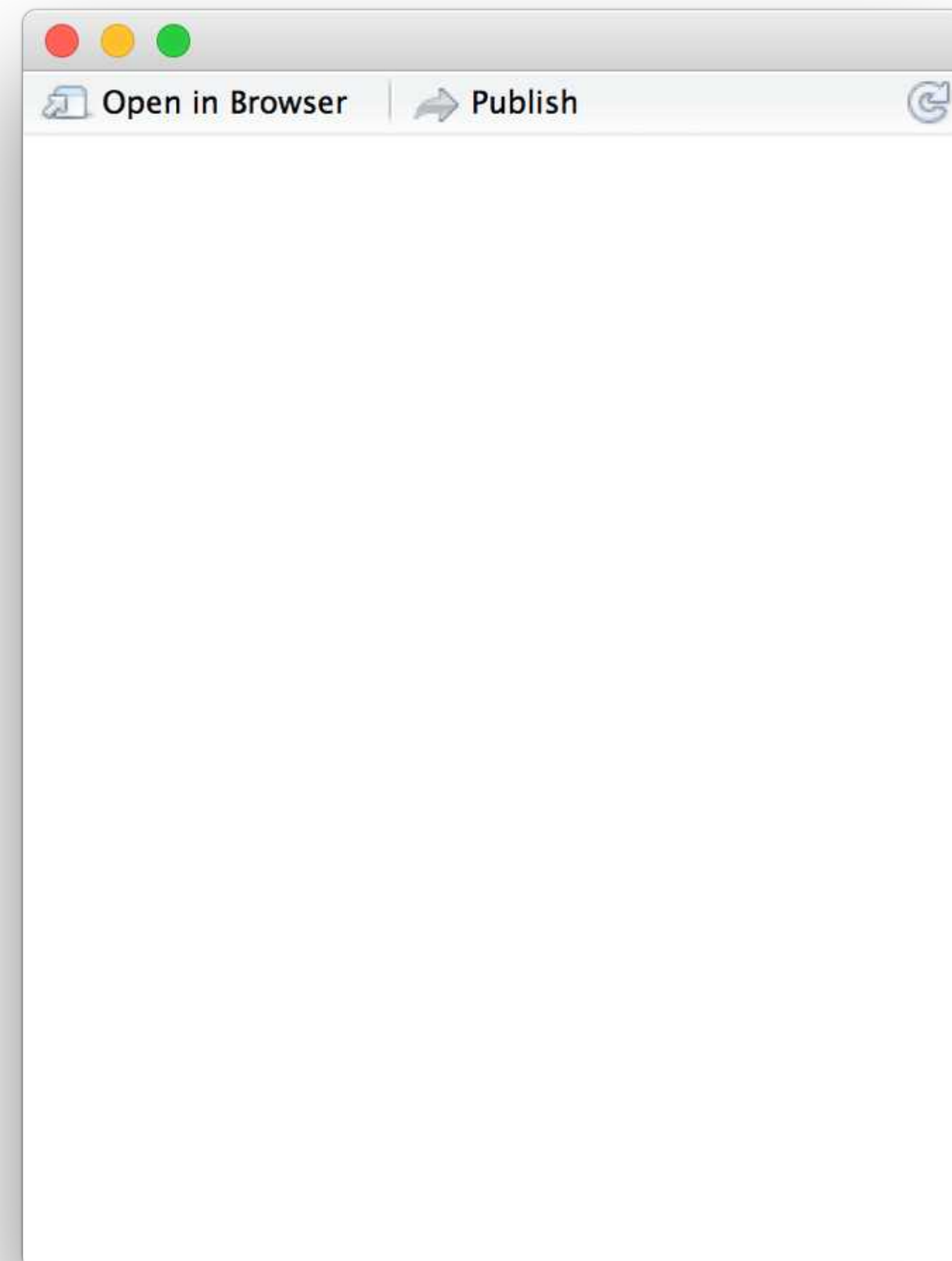
# Create an input with an input function.

```
library(shiny)
ui <- fluidPage(

)

server <- function(input, output) {}

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

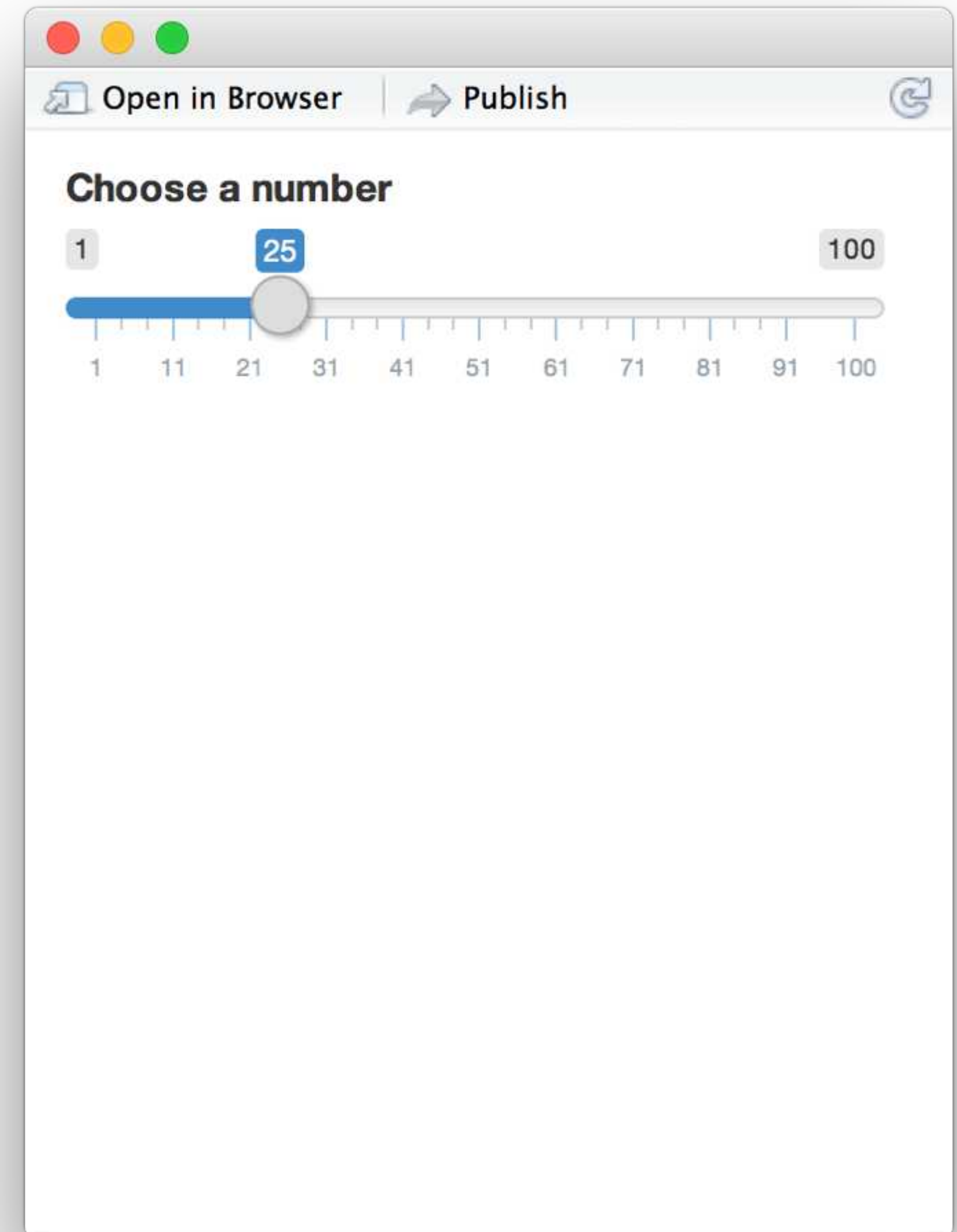


# Create an input with an input function.

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library(shiny)
ui <- fluidPage(
  sliderInput(inputId = "num",
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    value = 25, min = 1, max = 100)
)

server <- function(input, output) {}

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



## Buttons

Action

Submit

`actionButton()`  
`submitButton()`

## Single checkbox

☒ Choice A

`checkboxInput()`

## Checkbox group

☒ Choice 1

☐ Choice 2

☐ Choice 3

`checkboxGroupInput()`

## Date input

2014-01-01

`dateInput()`

## Date range

2014-01-24

to

2014-01-24

`dateRangeInput()`

## File input

Choose File

No file chosen

`fileInput()`

## Numeric input

1

`numericInput()`

## Password Input

.....

`passwordInput()`

## Radio buttons

☒ Choice 1

☐ Choice 2

☐ Choice 3

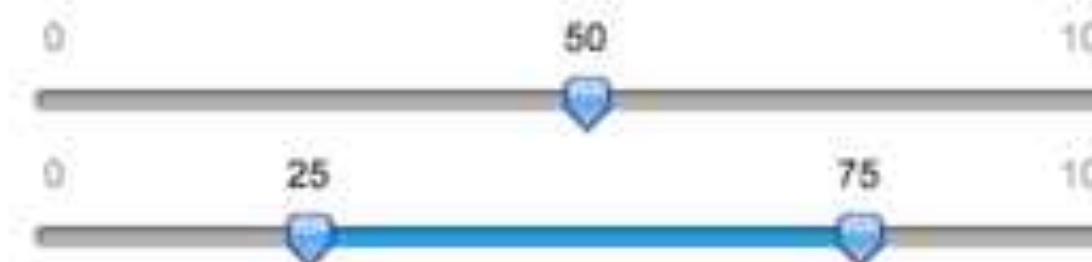
`radioButtons()`

## Select box

Choice 1

`selectInput()`

## Sliders



`sliderInput()`

## Text input

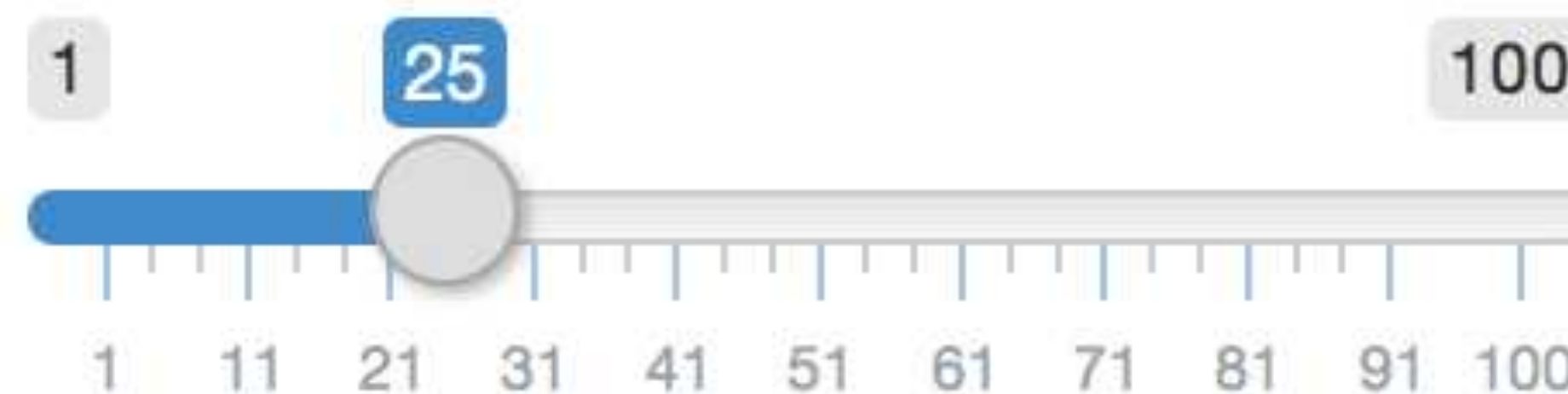
Enter text...

`textInput()`



# Syntax

Choose a number



```
sliderInput(inputId = "num", label = "Choose a number", ...)
```

input name  
(for internal use)

Notice:  
Id not ID

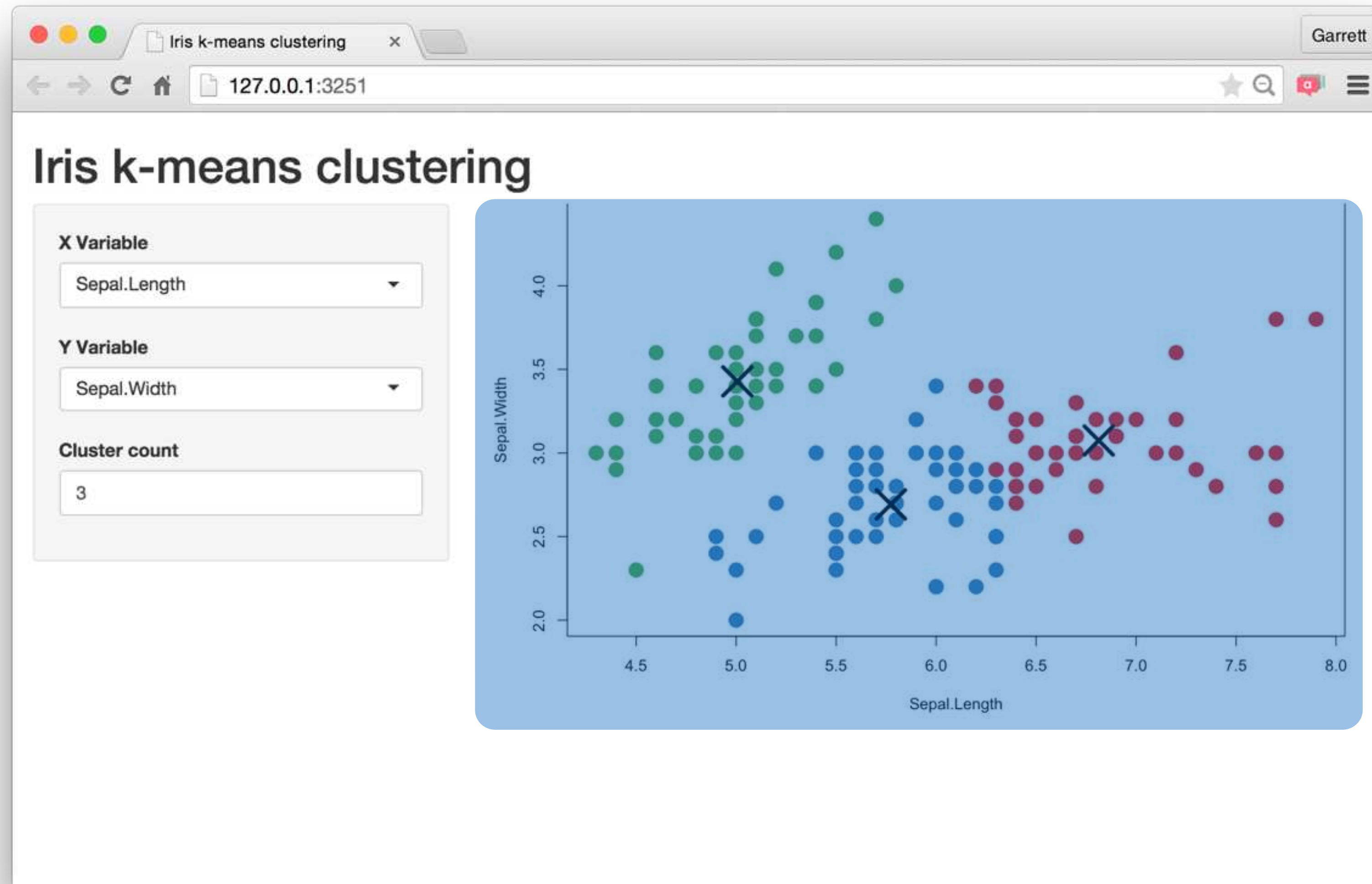
label to  
display

input specific  
arguments

?sliderInput

# Outputs

# Build your app around **inputs** and **outputs**



Function	Inserts
<code>dataTableOutput()</code>	an interactive table
<code>htmlOutput()</code>	raw HTML
<code>imageOutput()</code>	image
<code>plotOutput()</code>	plot
<code>tableOutput()</code>	table
<code>textOutput()</code>	text
<code>uiOutput()</code>	a Shiny UI element
<code>verbatimTextOutput()</code>	text

# \*Output()

To display output, add it to `fluidPage()` with an `*Output()` function

plotOutput("hist")

the type of output  
to display

name to give to the  
output object



```
library(shiny)

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

server <- function(input, output) {}

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

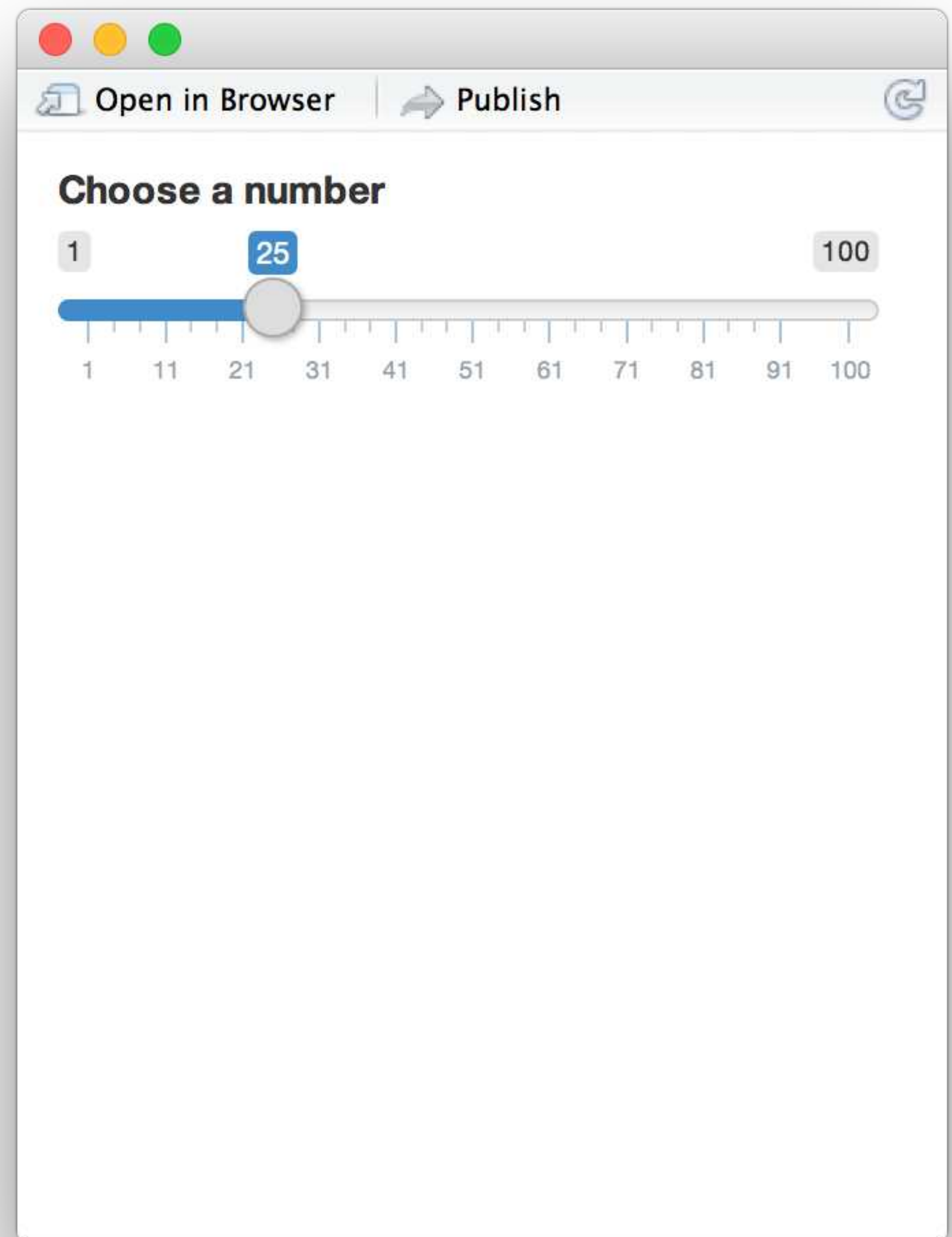
Comma between  
arguments

```
library(shiny)

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

server <- function(input, output) {}

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

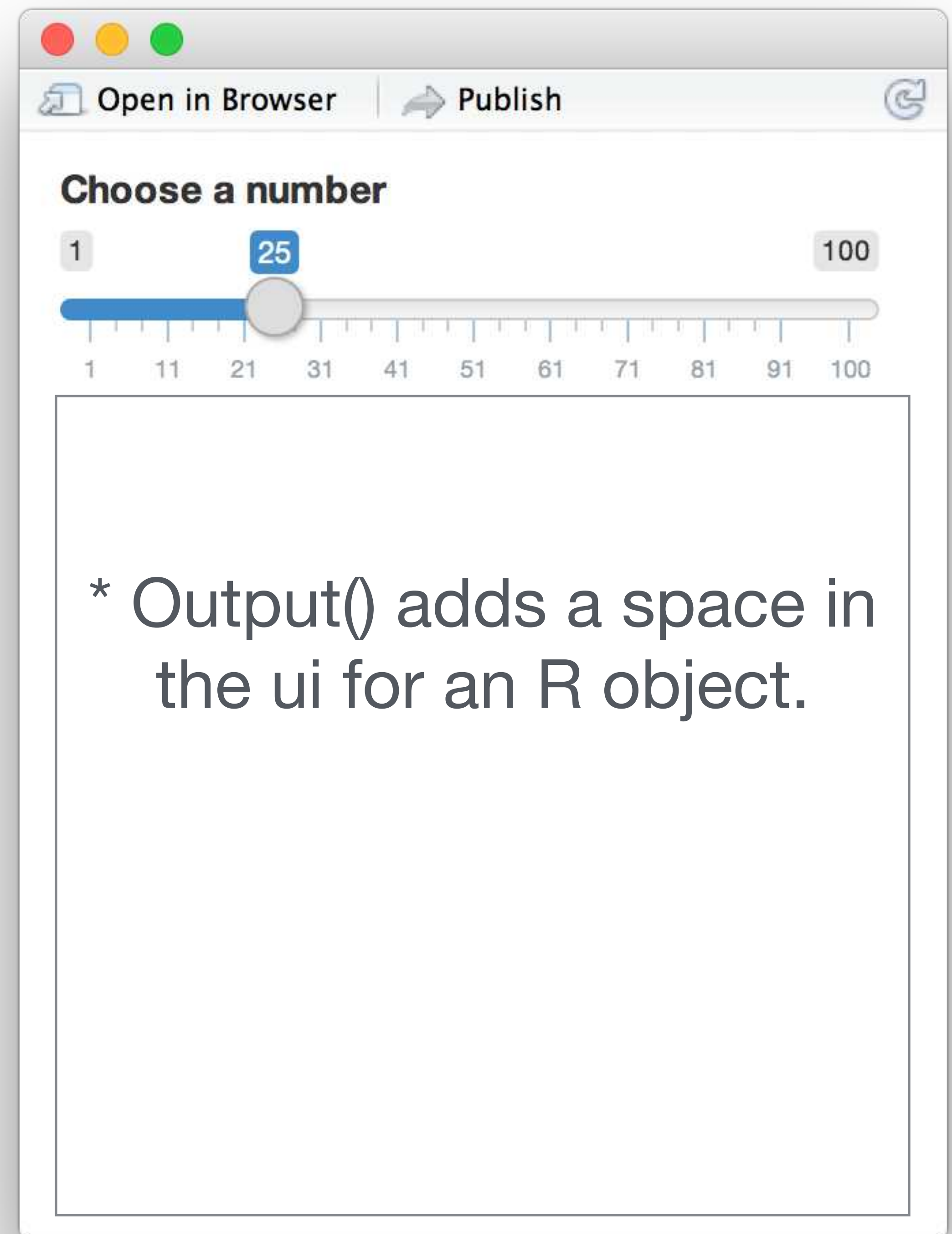


```
library(shiny)

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

server <- function(input, output) {}

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

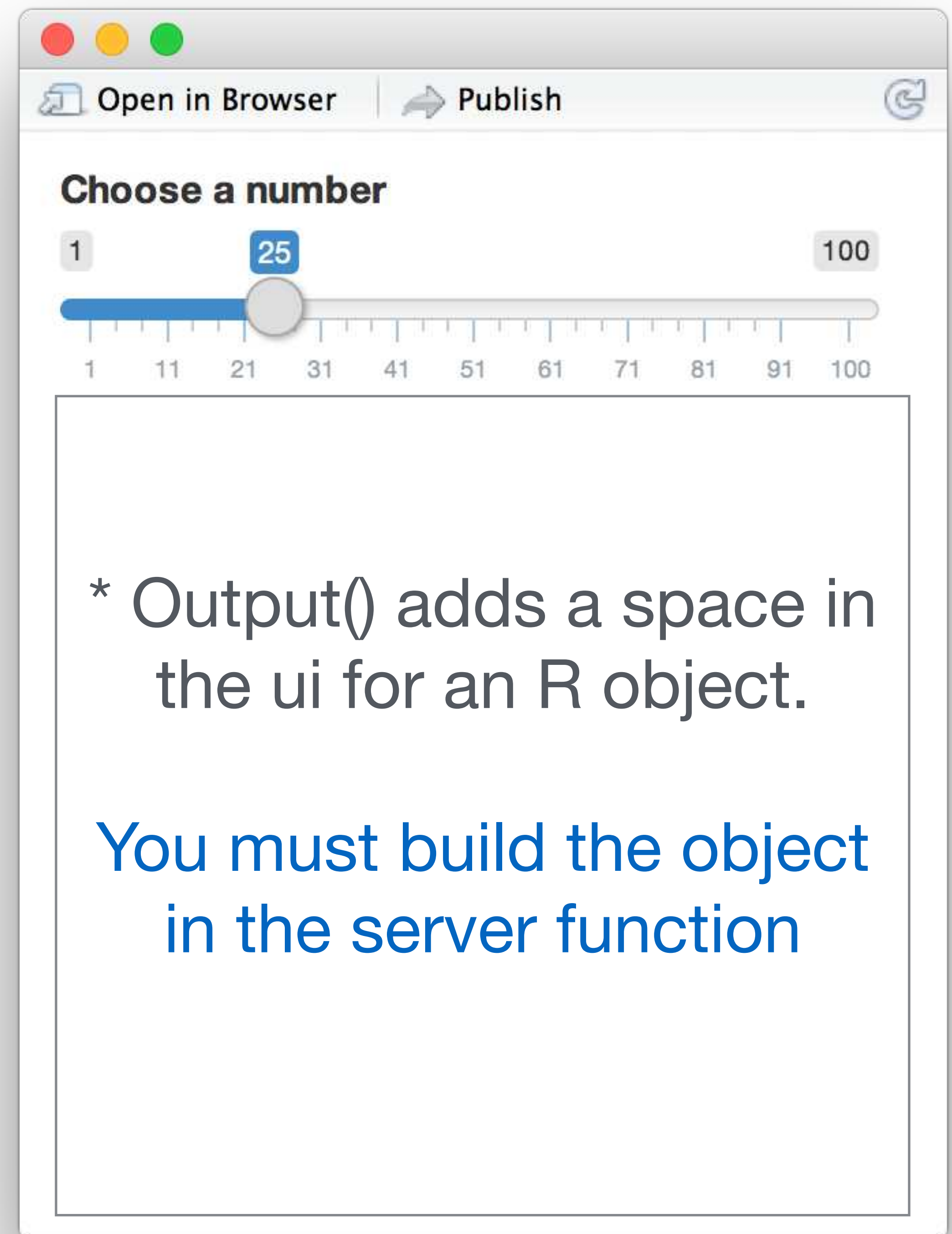


```
library(shiny)

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

server <- function(input, output) {}

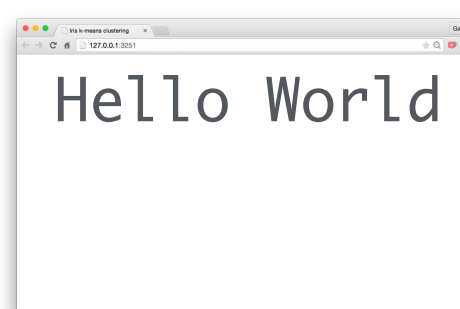
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```



# Recap

Begin each app with the template

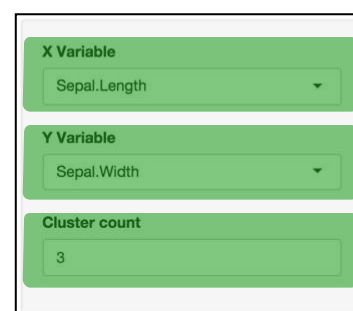
```
library(shiny)
ui <- fluidPage()
server <- function(input, output) {}
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```



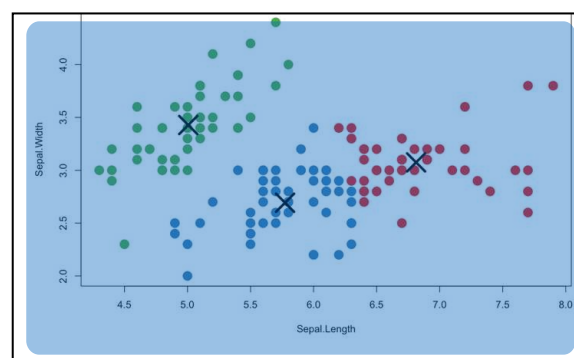
Hello World

Add elements as arguments to **fluidPage()**

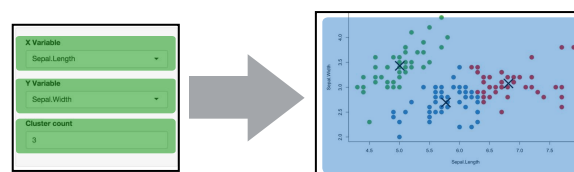
Create reactive inputs with an **\*Input()** function



Display reactive results with an **\*Output()** function



Assemble outputs from inputs in the server function





**Tell the**  
**server**  
**how to assemble**  
**inputs into outputs**



## 1

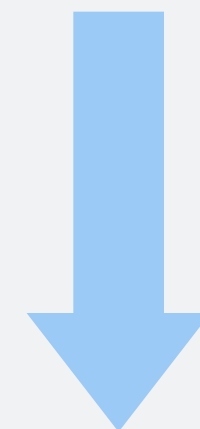
## Save objects to display to output\$

```
server <- function(input, output) {  
  output$hist <- # code  
  
}
```

1

# Save objects to display to output\$

```
output$hist
```



```
plotOutput("hist")
```

## 2

Build objects to display with **render\***()

```
server <- function(input, output) {  
  output$hist <- renderPlot({  
  
  })  
}
```



Use the **render\*()** function that creates the type of output you wish to make.

function	creates
<code>renderDataTable()</code>	An interactive table (from a data frame, matrix, or other table-like structure)
<code>renderImage()</code>	An image (saved as a link to a source file)
<code>renderPlot()</code>	A plot
<code>renderPrint()</code>	A code block of printed output
<code>renderTable()</code>	A table (from a data frame, matrix, or other table-like structure)
<code>renderText()</code>	A character string
<code>renderUI()</code>	a Shiny UI element

# render\*()

Builds reactive output to display in UI

```
renderPlot({ hist(rnorm(100)) })
```

type of object to  
build

code block that builds  
the object

## 2

Build objects to display with **render\***()

```
server <- function(input, output) {  
  output$hist <- renderPlot({  
    hist(rnorm(100))  
  })  
}
```

## 2

Build objects to display with **render\***()

```
server <- function(input, output) {  
  output$hist <- renderPlot({  
    title <- "100 random normal values"  
    hist(rnorm(100), main = title)  
  })  
}
```

## 3

Access **input** values with input\$

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



## 3

Access **input** values with input\$

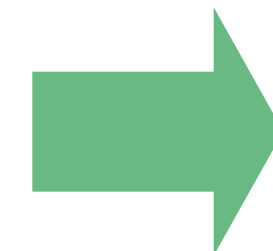
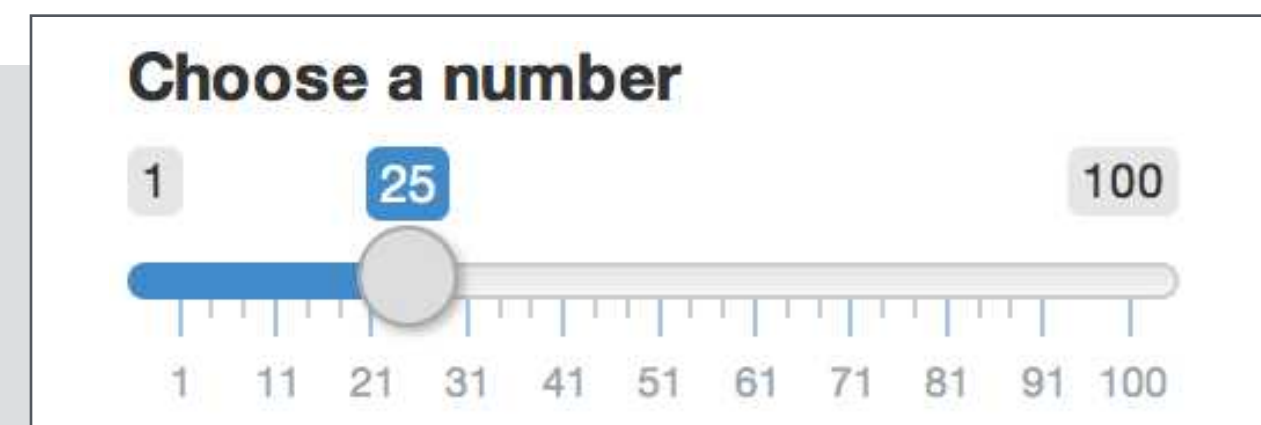
```
sliderInput(inputId = "num", ...)
```



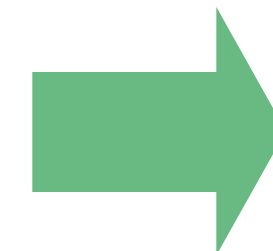
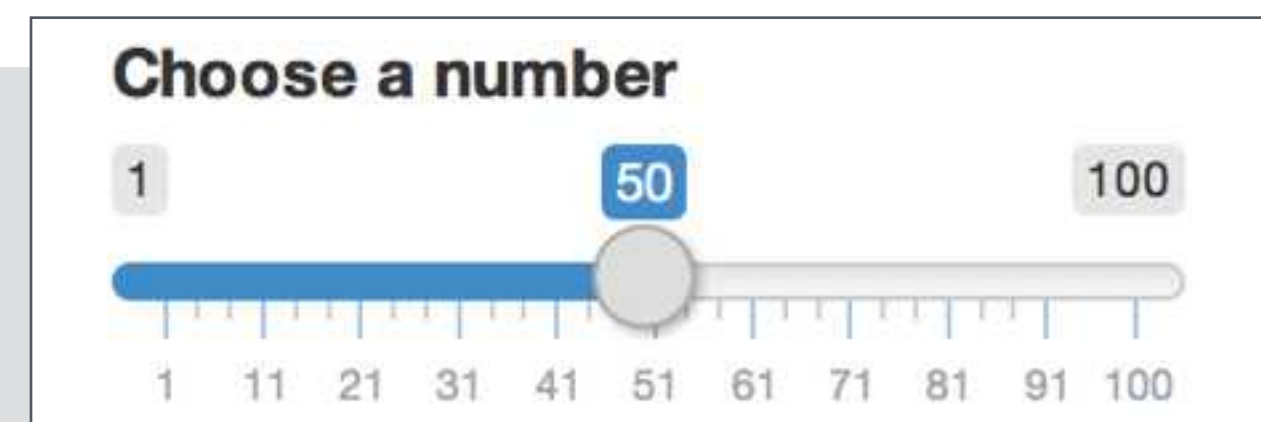
```
input$num
```

# Input values

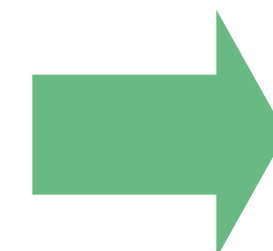
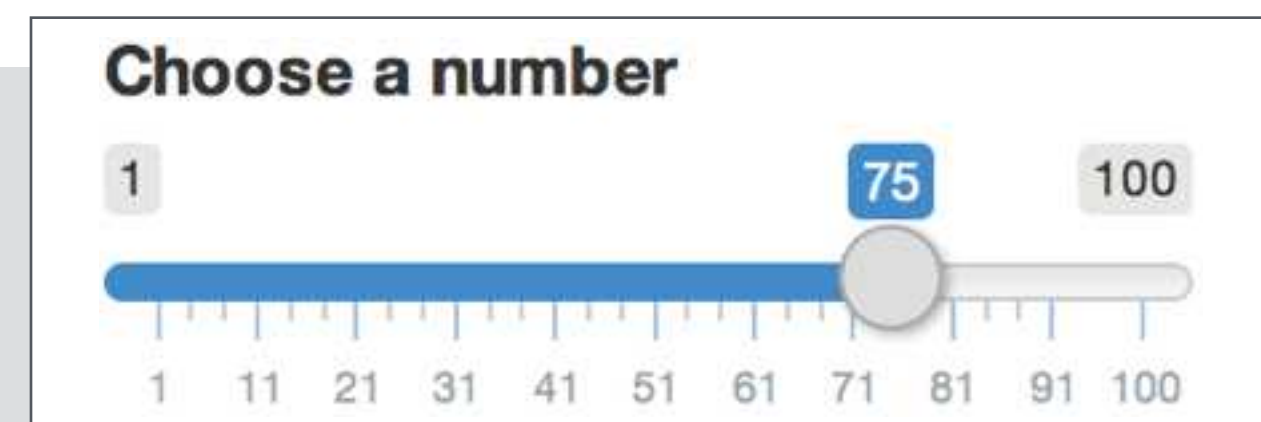
The input value changes whenever a user changes the input.



```
input$num = 25
```



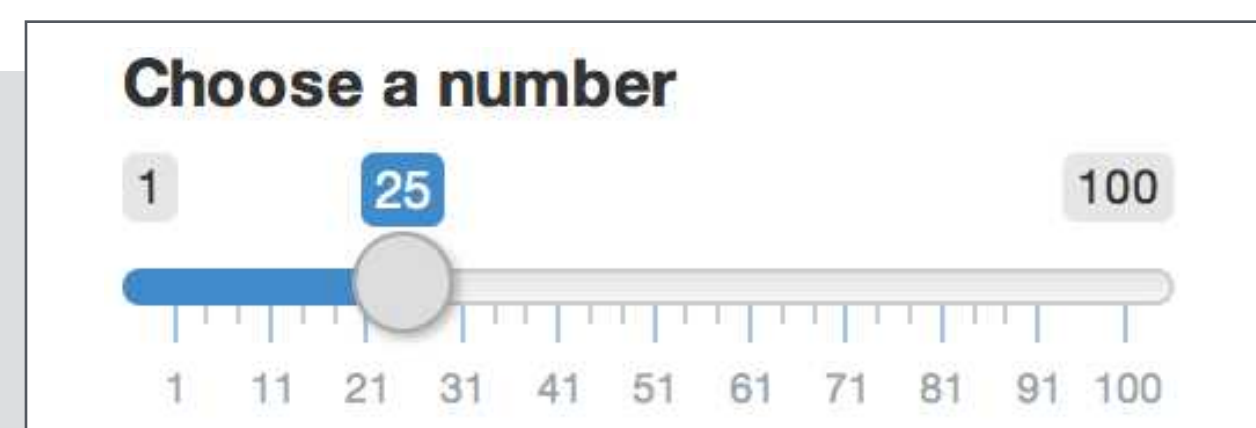
```
input$num = 50
```



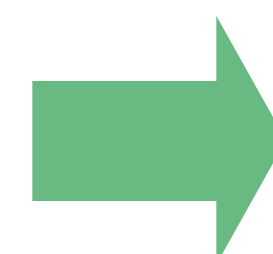
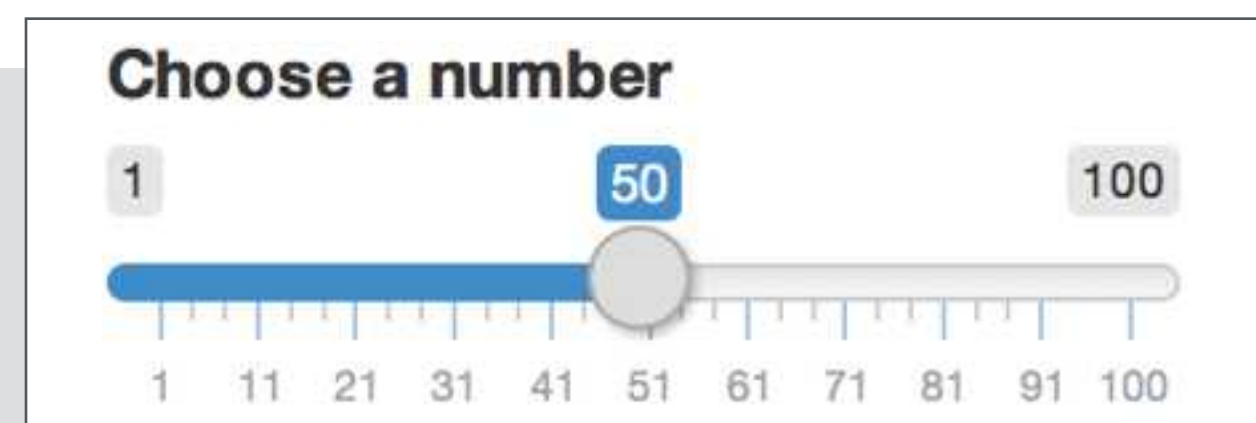
```
input$num = 75
```

# Input values

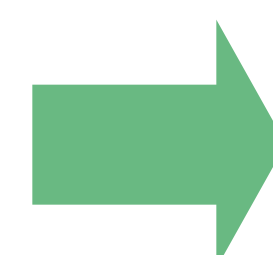
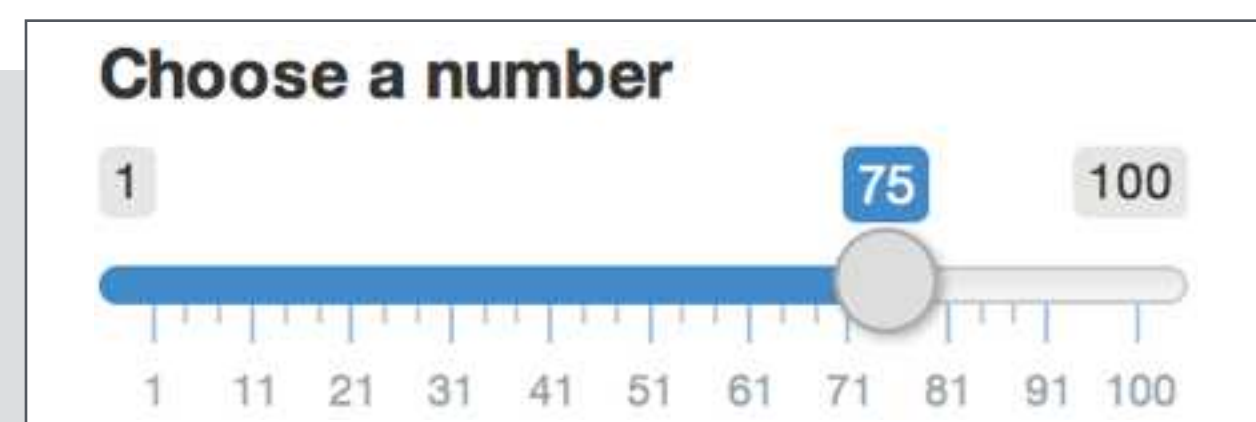
The input value changes whenever a user changes the input.



```
input$num = 25
```



```
input$num = 50
```



```
input$num =
```

Output will automatically update  
if you follow the 3 rules

# Reactivity 101

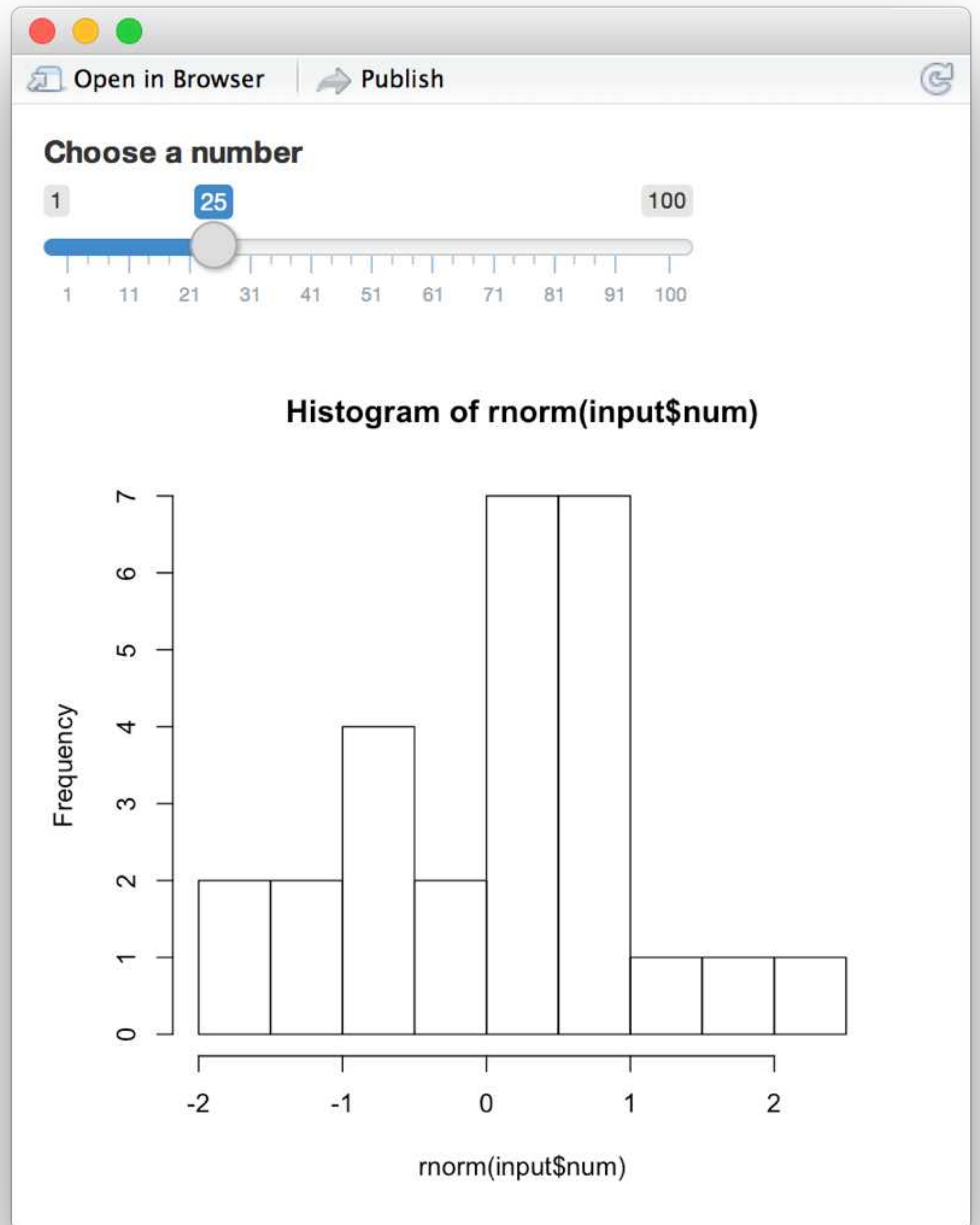
Reactivity automatically occurs whenever you use an input value to render an output object

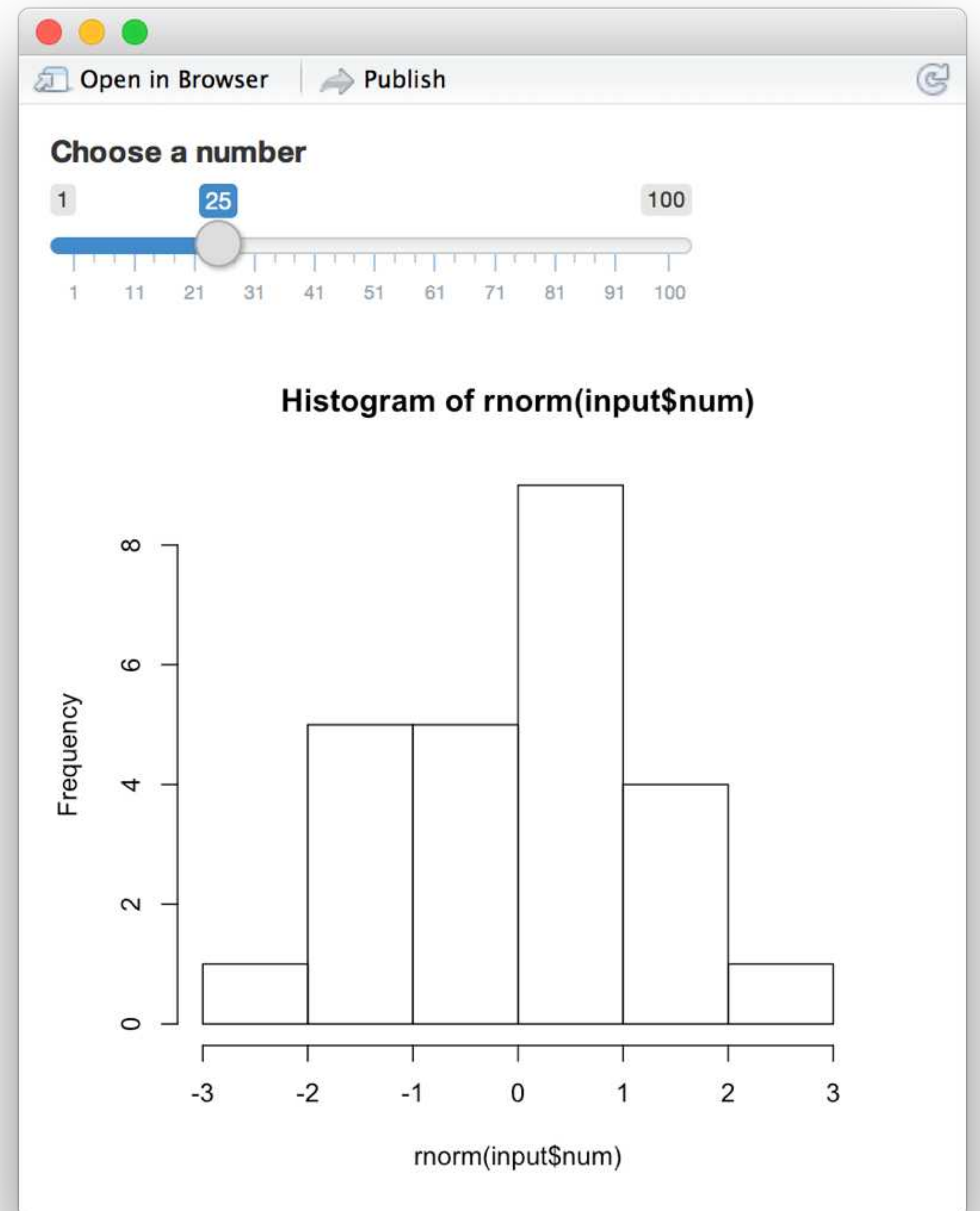
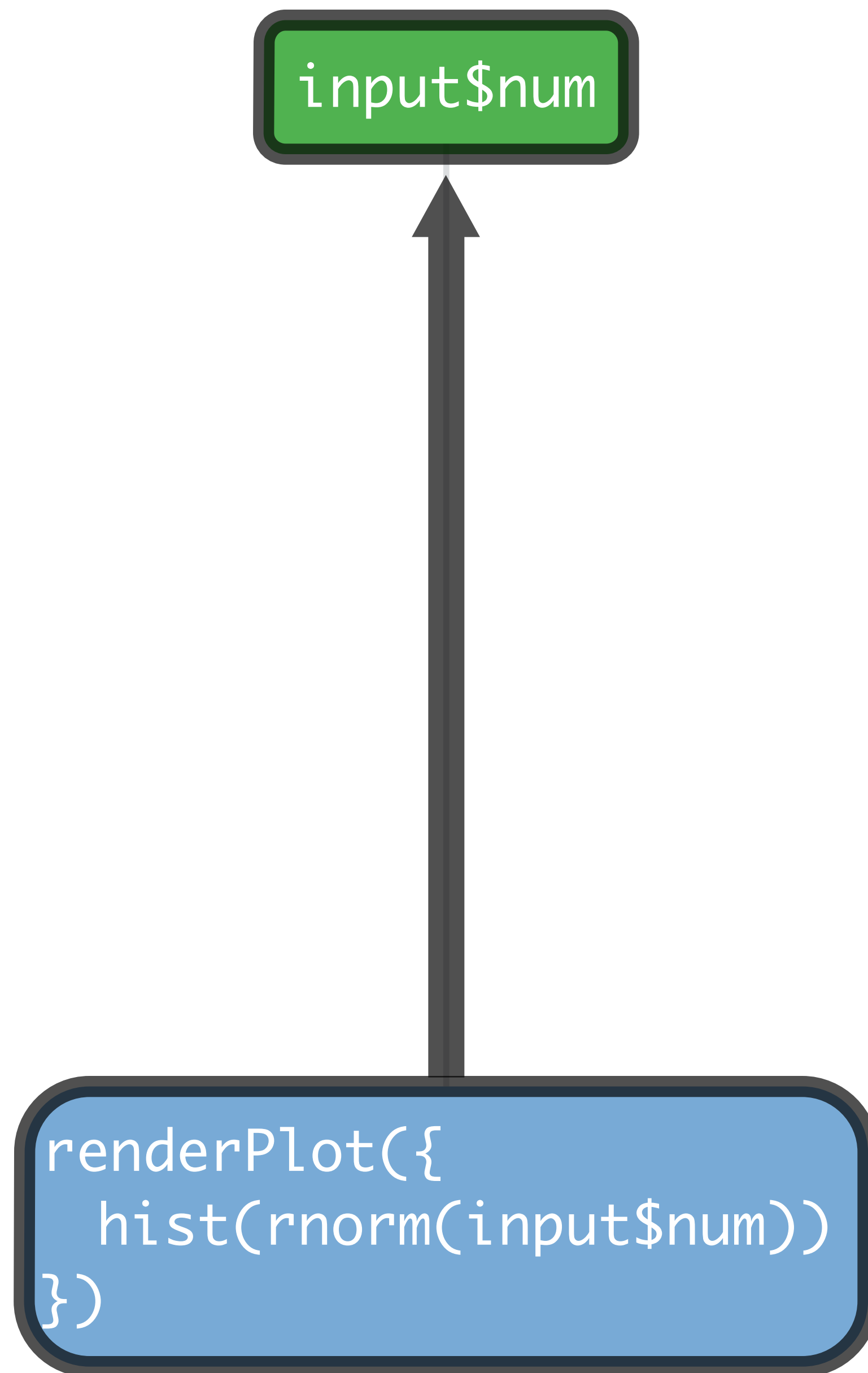
```
function(input, output) {  
  output$hist <- renderPlot({  
    hist(rnorm(input$num))  
  })  
}
```

input\$num



```
renderPlot({  
  hist(rnorm(input$num))  
})
```







# Recap: Server



Use the server function to assemble inputs into outputs. Follow 3 rules:

**output\$hist** ←

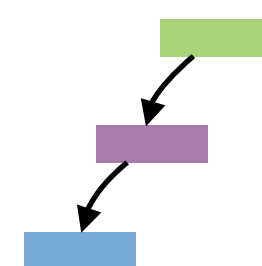
1. Save the output that you build to **output\$**

```
renderPlot({  
  hist(rnorm(input$num))  
})
```

2. Build the output with a **render\*()** function

**input\$num**

3. Access input values with **input\$**

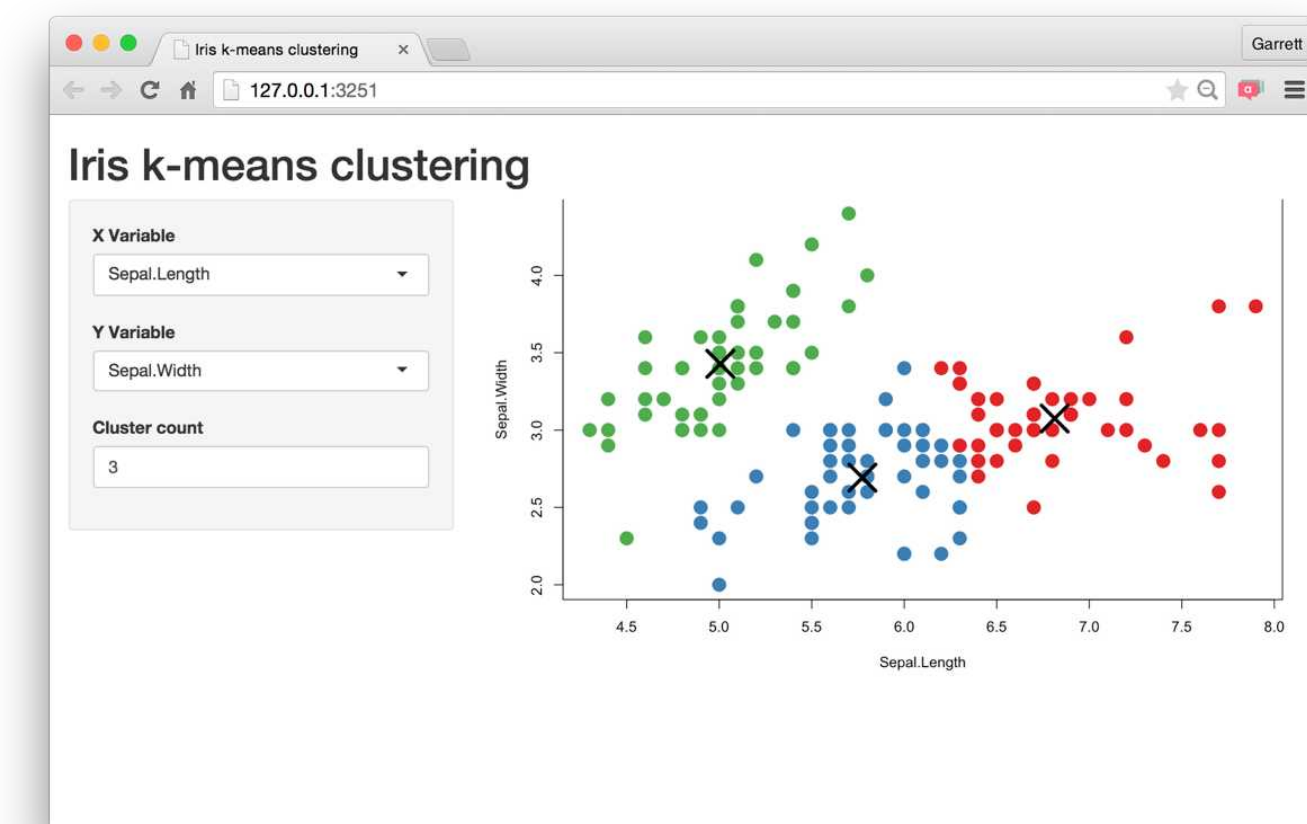


Create reactivity by using **Inputs** to build **rendered Outputs**

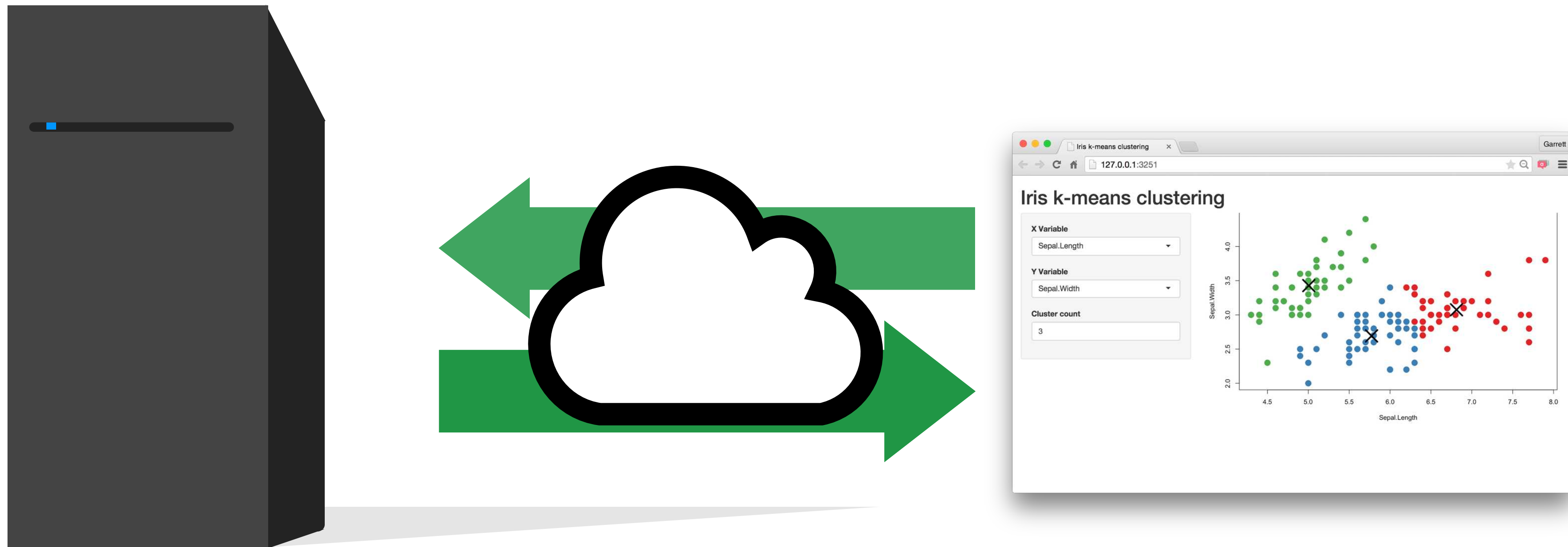
**Share**  
**your app**



Every Shiny app is maintained by a computer running R



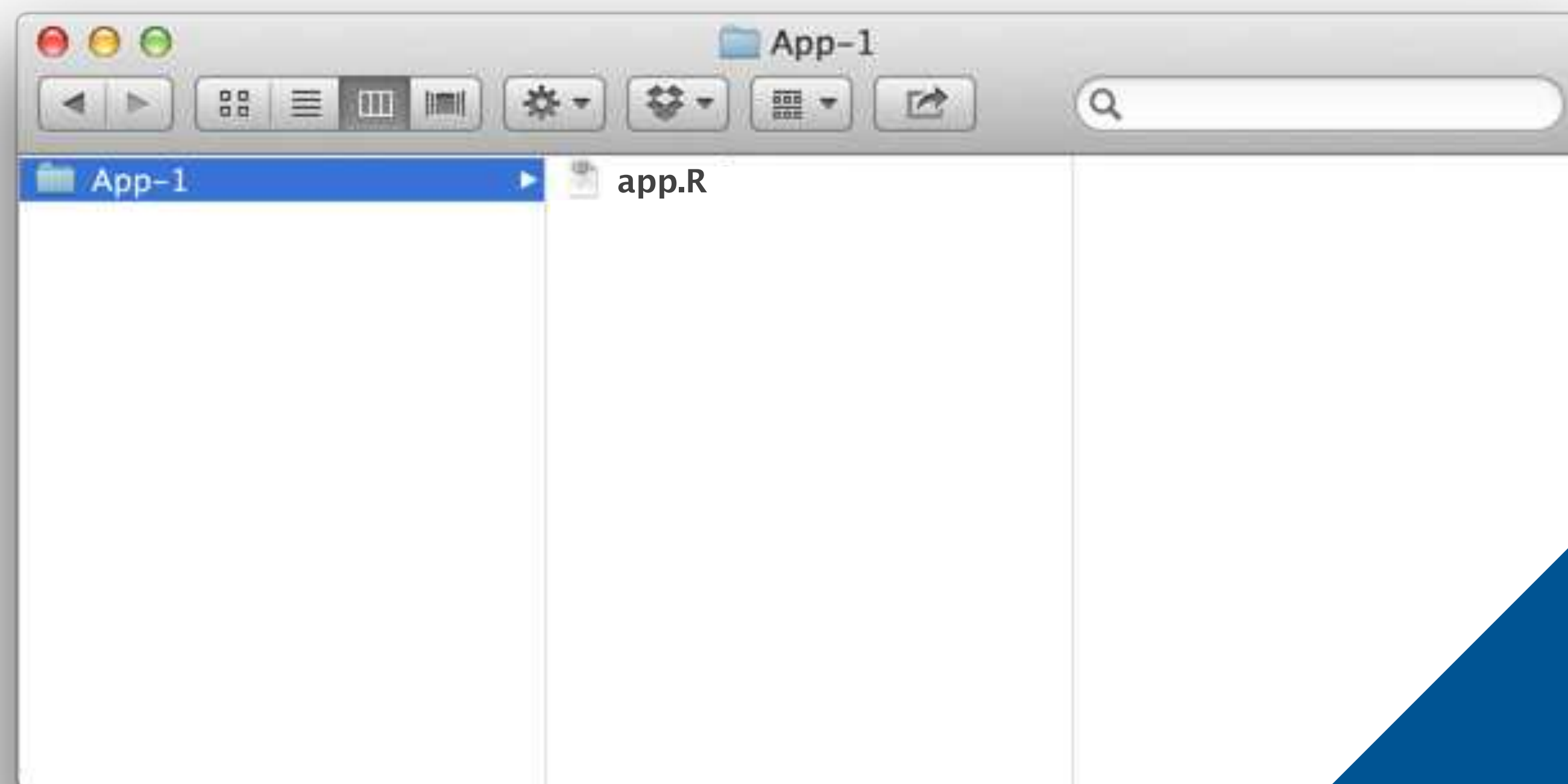
Every Shiny app is maintained by a computer running R



# How to save your app

One directory with every file the app needs:

- **app.R** (*your script which ends with a call to `shinyApp()`*)
- **datasets, images, css, helper scripts, etc.**



You must use this exact name (**app.R**)

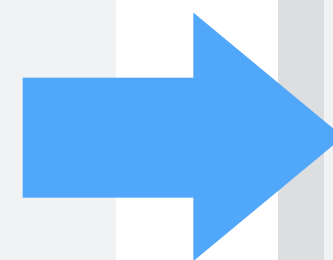
# Two file apps

```
library(shiny)

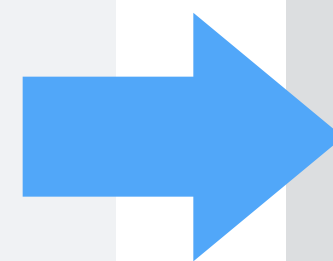
ui <- fluidPage(
  sliderInput(inputId = "num",
    label = "Choose a number",
    value = 25, min = 1, max = 100),
  plotOutput("hist")
)

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

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



```
# ui.R
library(shiny)
fluidPage(
  sliderInput(inputId = "num",
    label = "Choose a number",
    value = 25, min = 1, max = 100),
  plotOutput("hist")
)
```



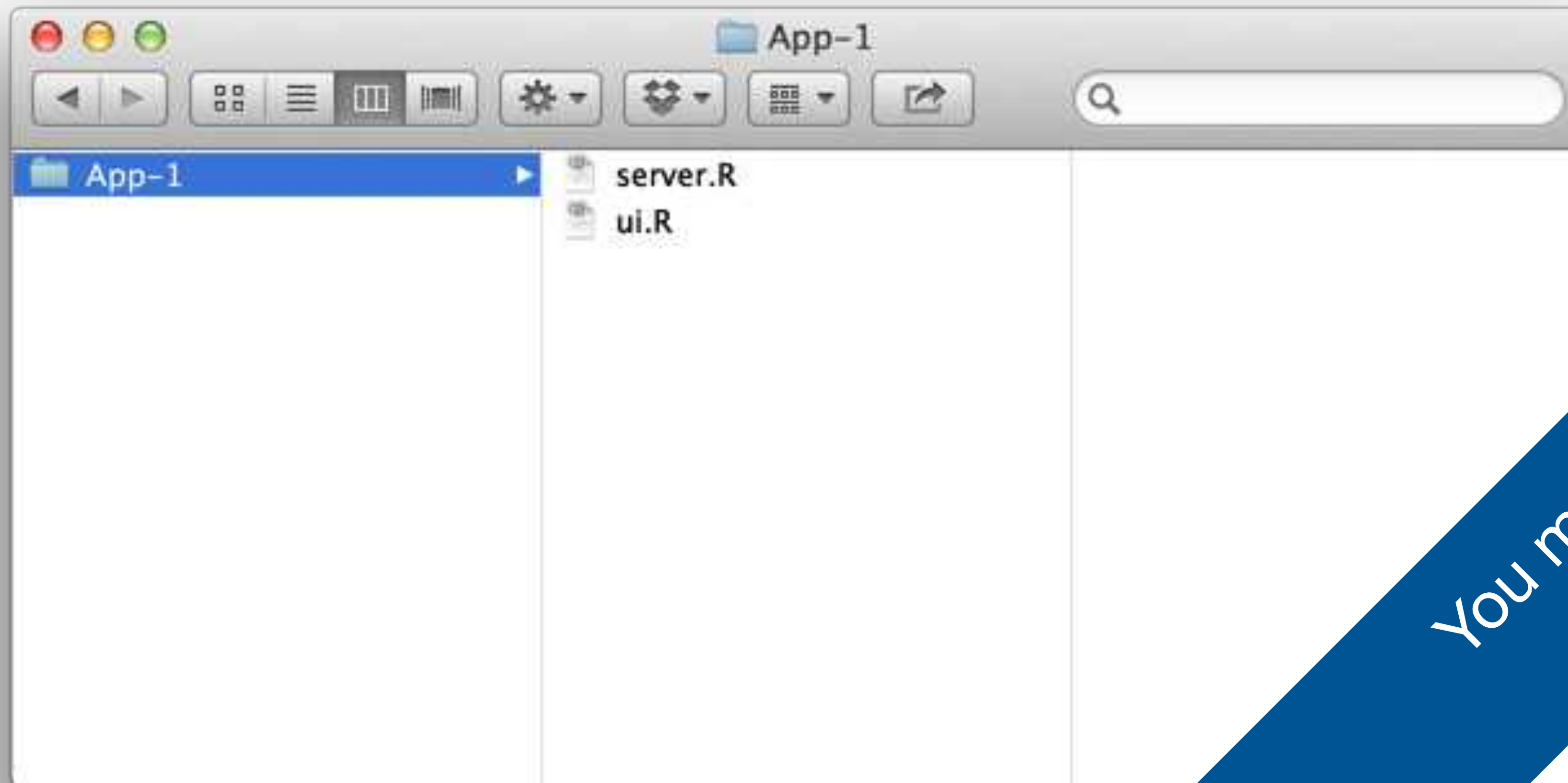
```
# server.R
library(shiny)
function(input, output) {
  output$hist <- renderPlot({
    hist(rnorm(input$num))
  })
}
```



# Two file apps

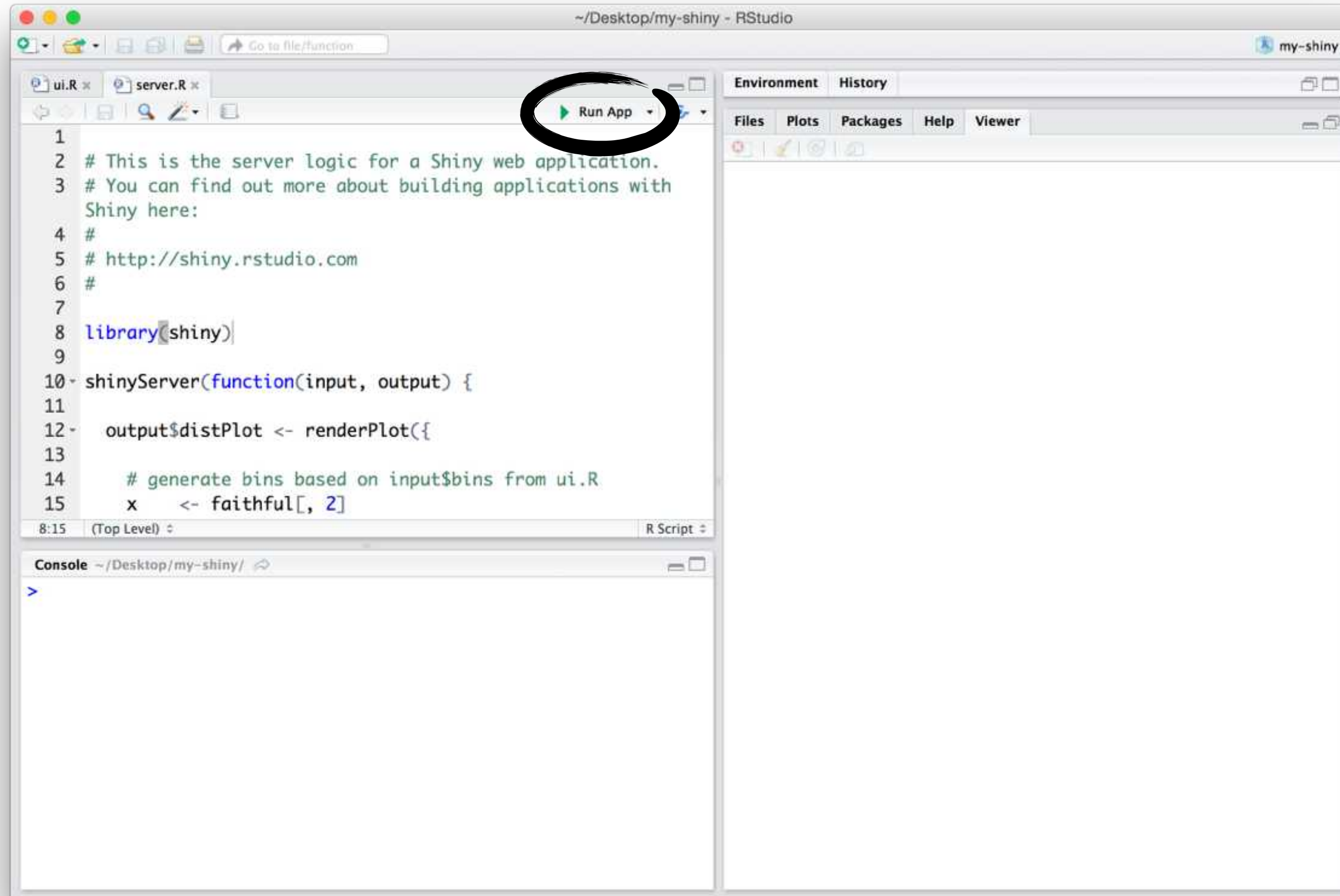
One directory with two files:

- `server.R`
- `ui.R`

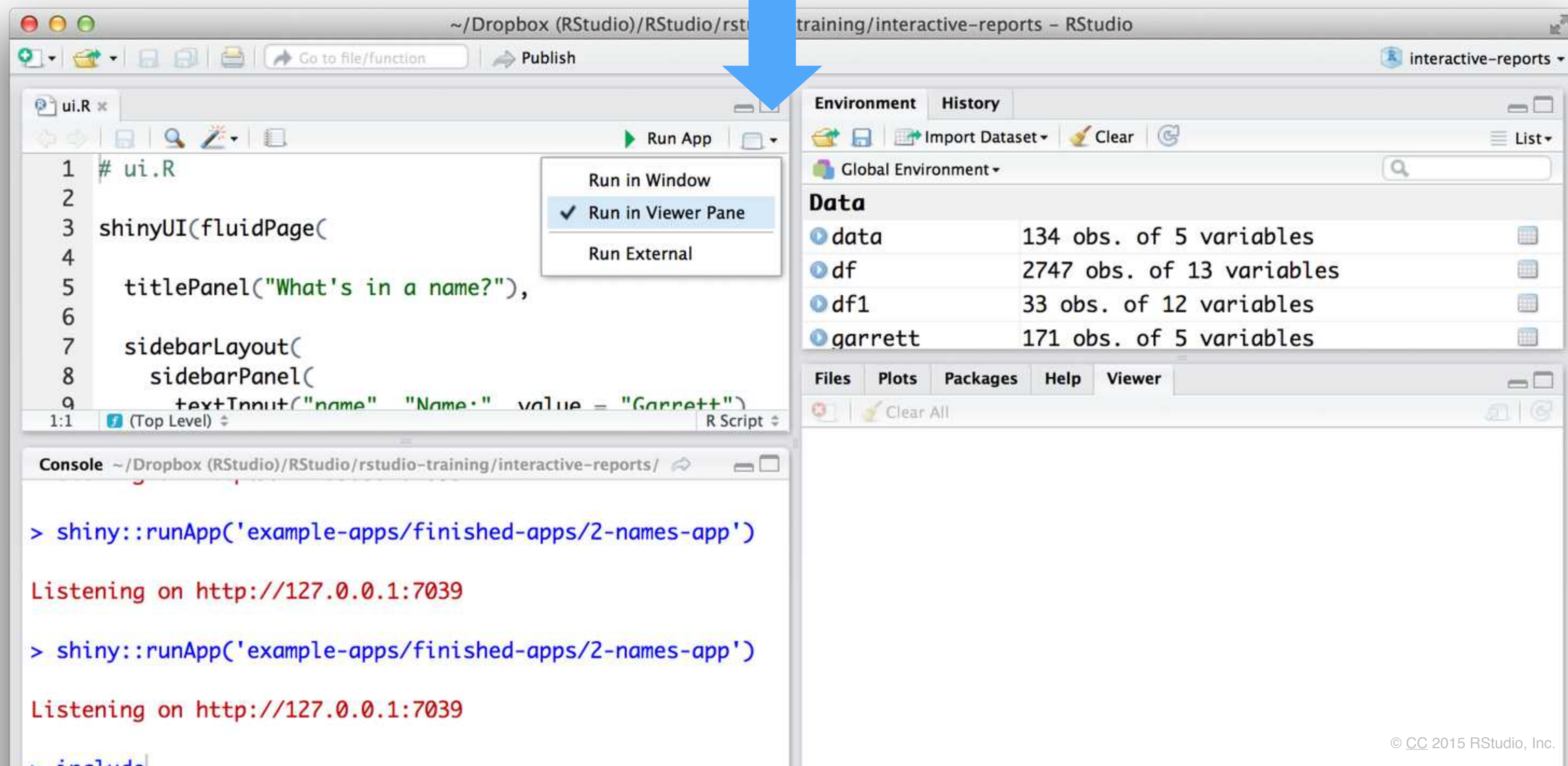


You must use these exact names

# Launch an app



# Display options



The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the 'Run App' menu open. The menu options are:

- Run in Window
- ☒ Run in Viewer Pane
- Run External

The code in the editor is:

```
1 # ui.R
2
3 shinyUI(fluidPage(
4   titlePanel("What's in a name?"),
5   sidebarLayout(
6     sidebarPanel(
7       textInput("name", "Name:", value = "Garrett")
8     )
9   )
10 )
```

The console shows the following output:

```
> shiny::runApp('example-apps/finished-apps/2-names-app')
Listening on http://127.0.0.1:7039
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Listening on http://127.0.0.1:7039
```

The Environment pane shows the following data:

Variable	Obs.	Vars.
data	134	5
df	2747	13
df1	33	12
garrett	171	5



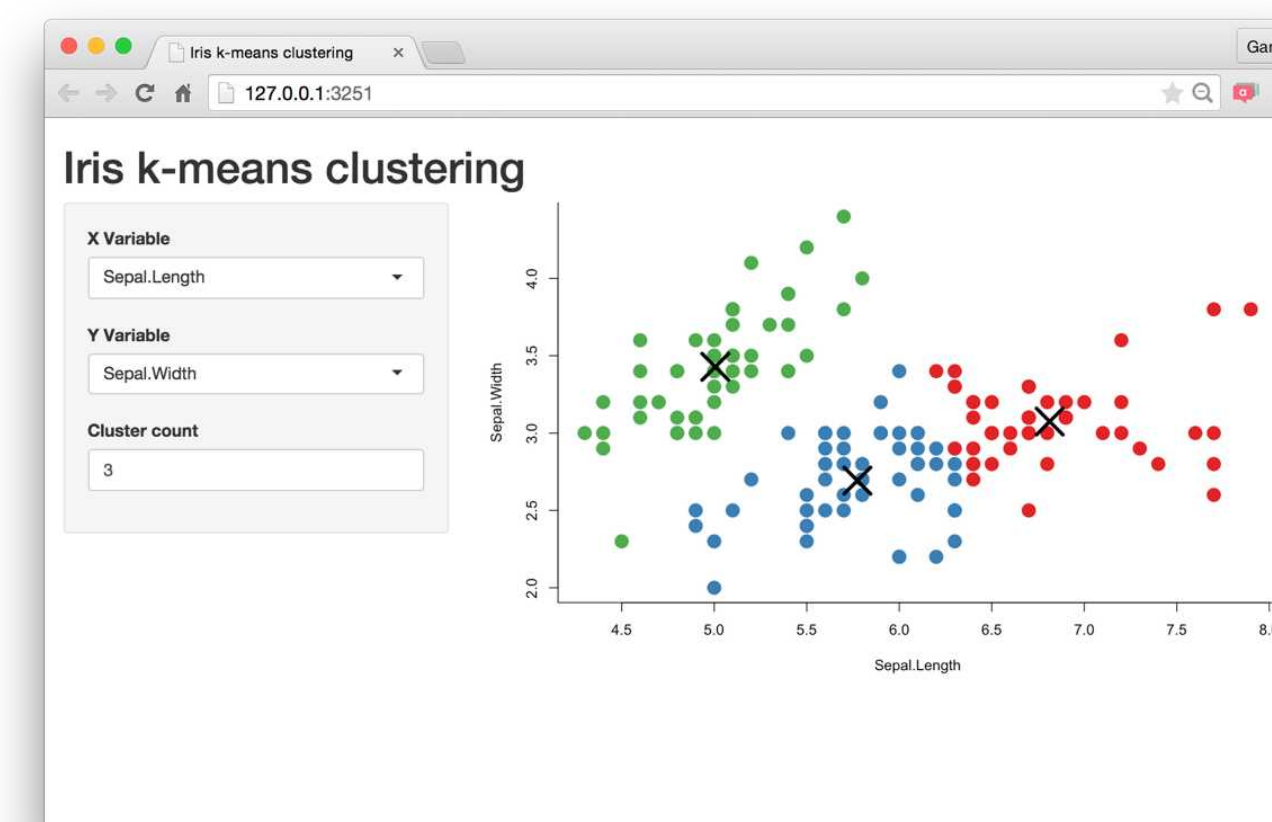
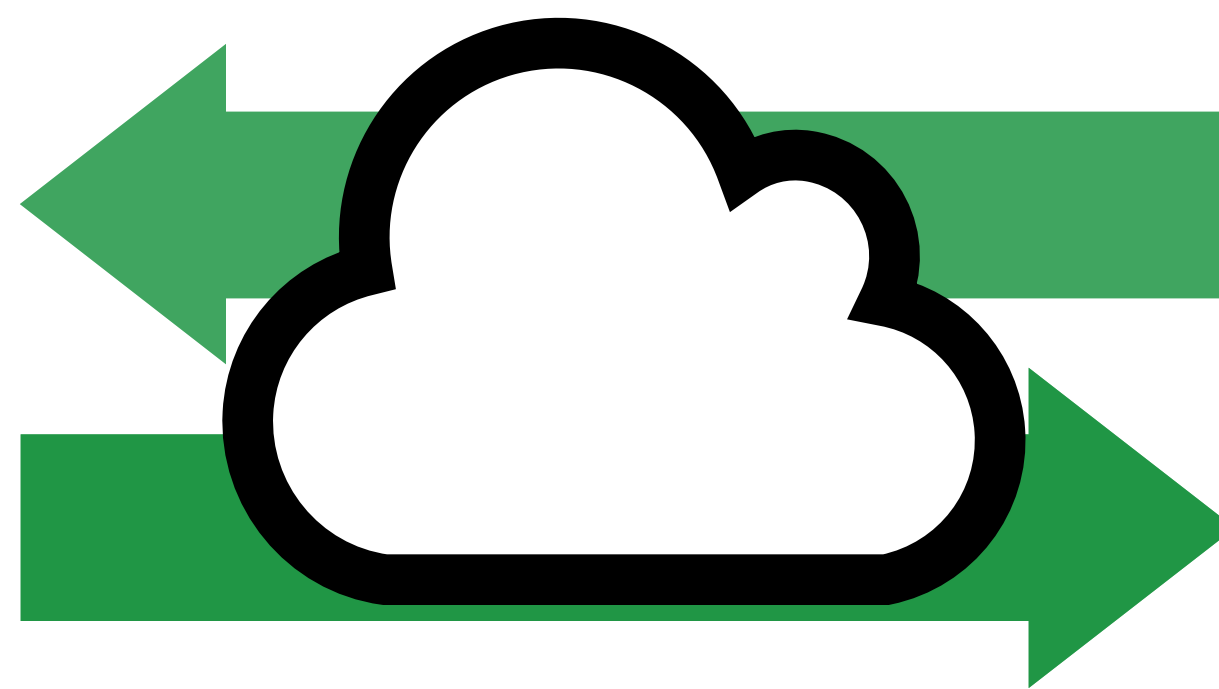
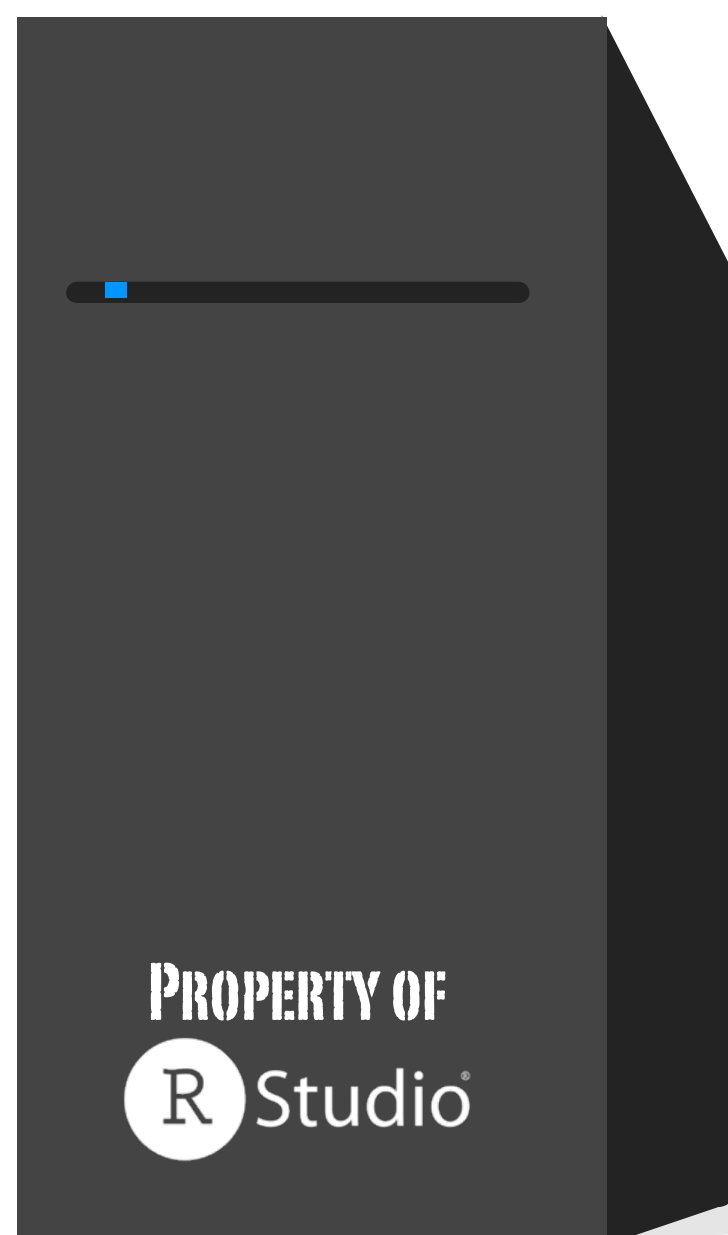
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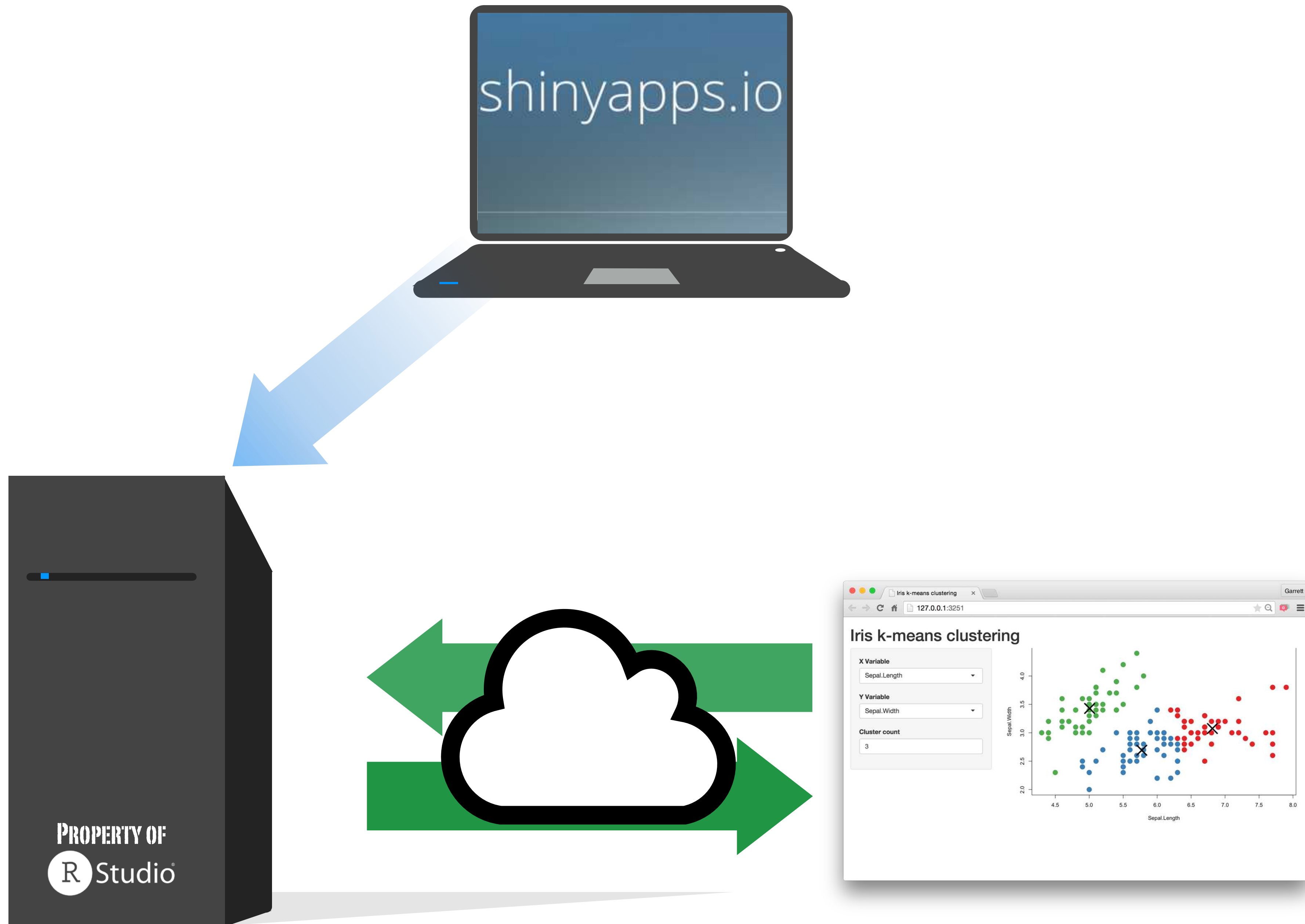


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A server maintained by RStudio

- free
- easy to use
- secure
- scalable

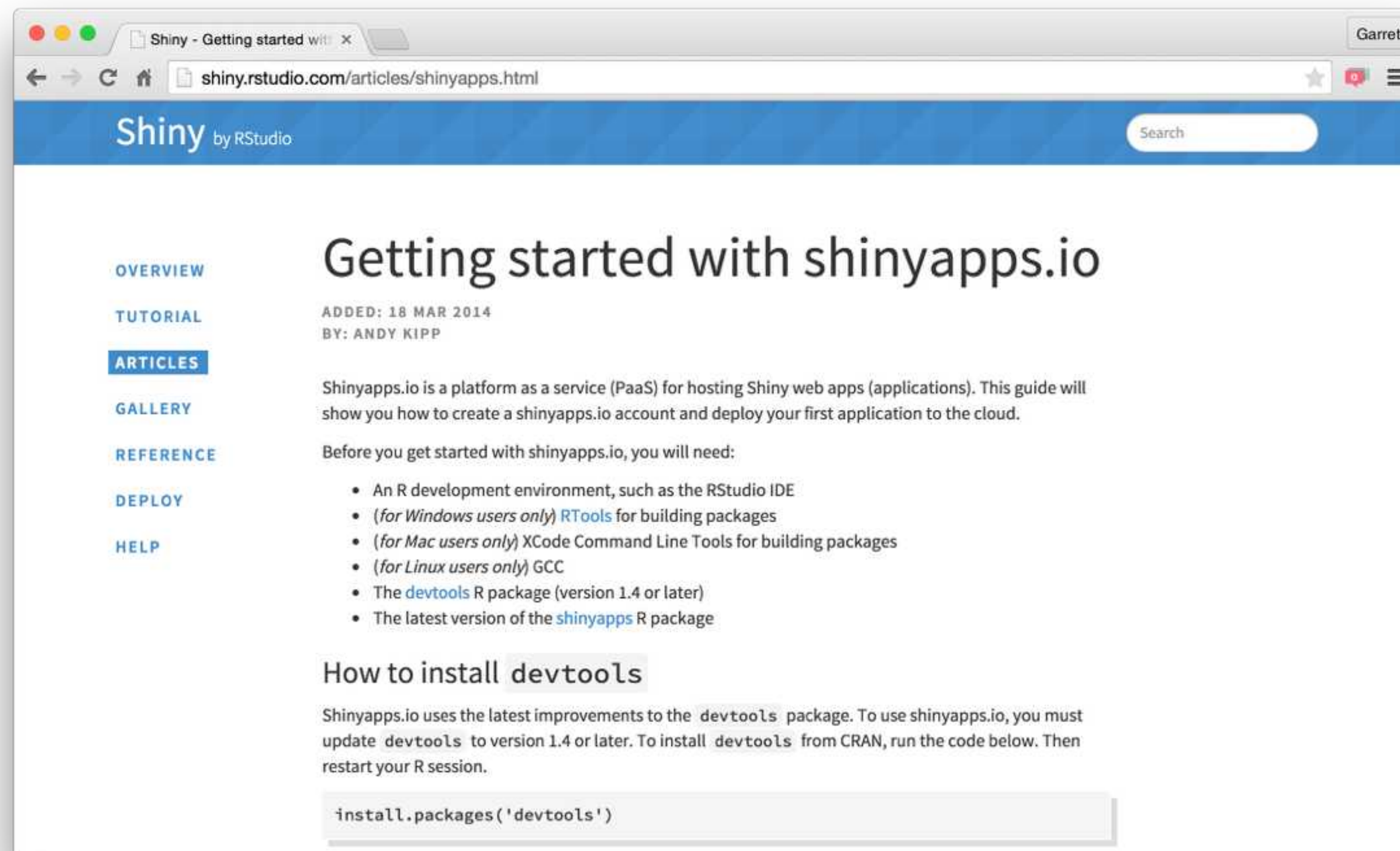






# Getting started guide

[shiny.rstudio.com/articles/shinyapps.html](http://shiny.rstudio.com/articles/shinyapps.html)



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New to Shiny? Deploy your applications to the cloud for FREE. Perfect for teachers and students or those who want a place to learn and play. No credit card required.

**5 Applications**

**25 Active Hours**

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Take your users' experience to the next level. shinyapps.io Basic lets you scale your application performance by adding R processes dynamically as usage increases.

**Unlimited Applications**

**250 Active Hours**

✓ **Multiple Instances**

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Need password protection? shinyapps.io Standard lets you authenticate your application users.

**Unlimited Applications**

**1000 Active Hours**

✓ **Authentication**

✓ **Multiple Instances**

✓ **Email Support**

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**Unlimited Applications**

**5000 Active Hours**

✓ **Authentication**

✓ **Multiple Users**

✓ **Multiple Instances**

✓ **Custom Domains\***

✓ **Email Support**

# Build your own server





# Shiny Server

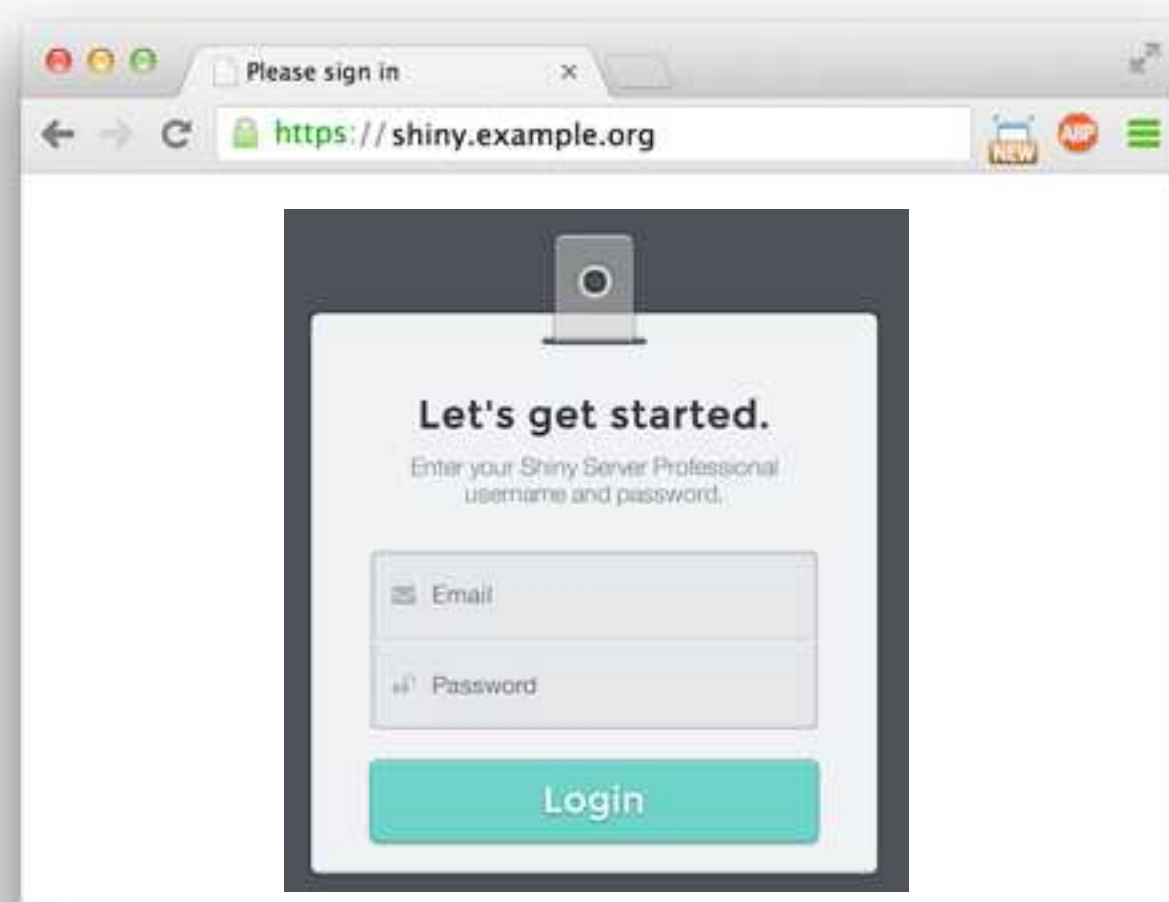
[www.rstudio.com/products/shiny/shiny-server/](http://www.rstudio.com/products/shiny/shiny-server/)

A back end program that builds a linux web server specifically designed to host Shiny apps.

# Shiny Server Pro

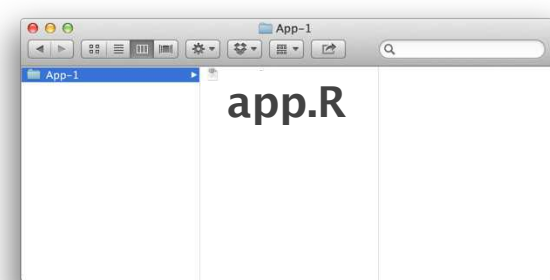
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- ✓ **Secure access** - LDAP, GoogleAuth, SSL, and more
- ✓ **Performance** - fine tune at app and server level
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45 day  
evaluation  
free trial

# Recap: Sharing



Save your app in its own directory as **app.R**, or **ui.R** and **server.R**



Host apps at **shinyapps.io** by:



1. Sign up for a free **shinyapps.io** account

```
library(shinyapps)
```

2. Install the **shinyapps** package

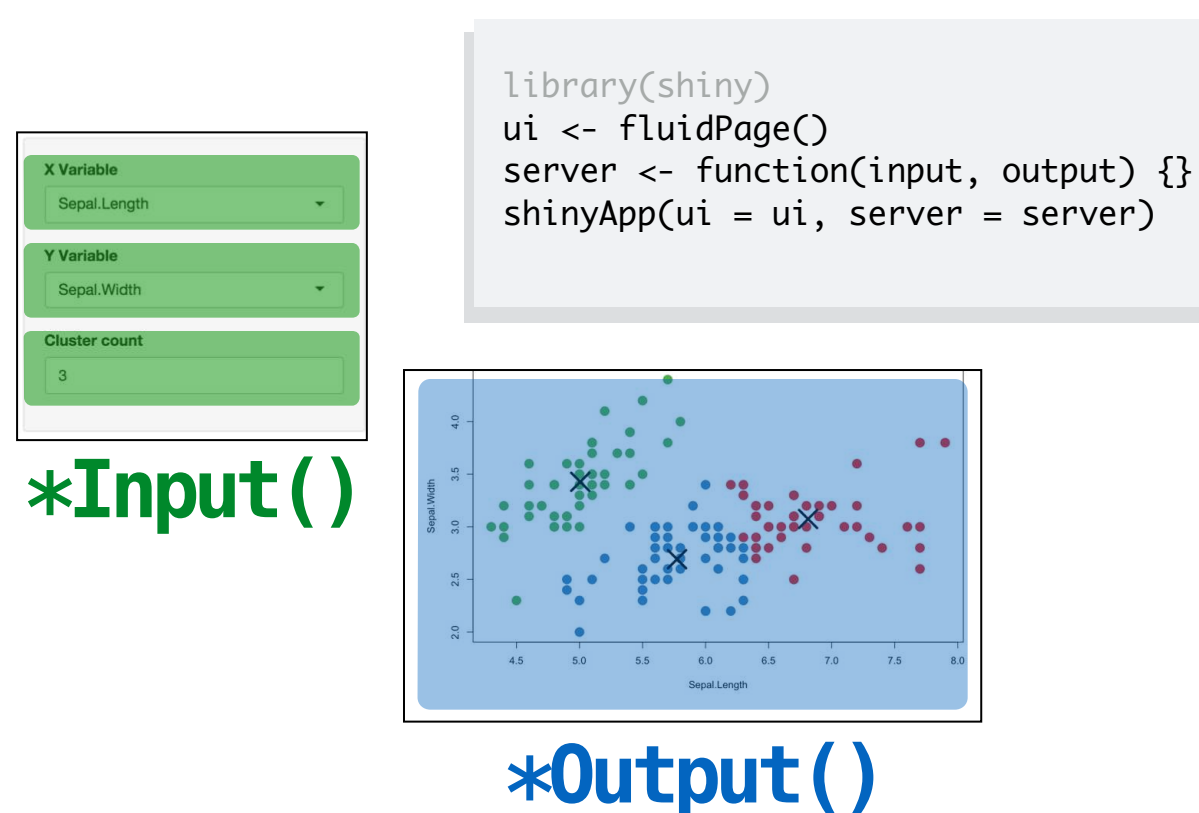


Build your own server with **Shiny Server** or **Shiny Server Pro**

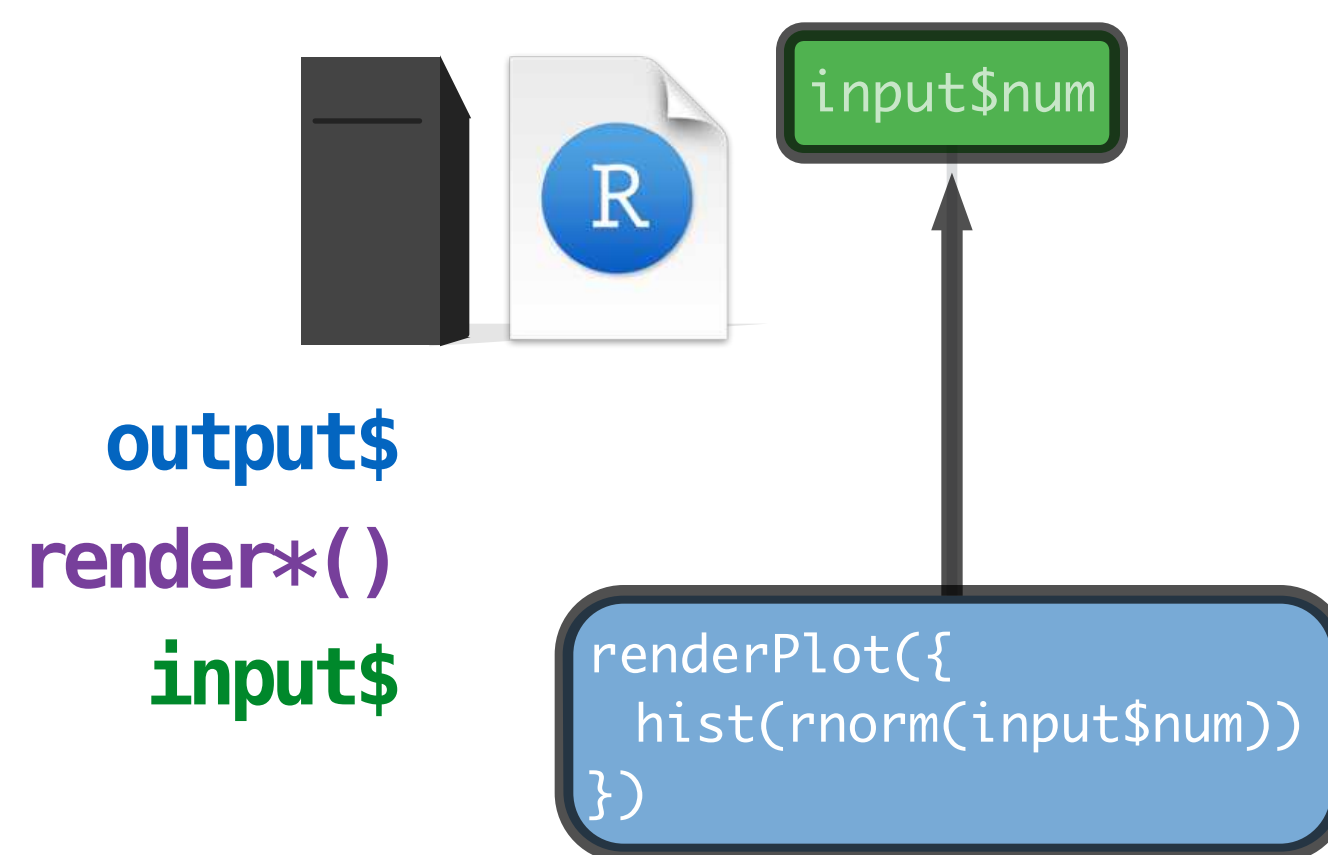


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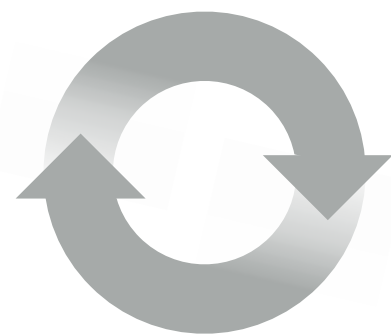
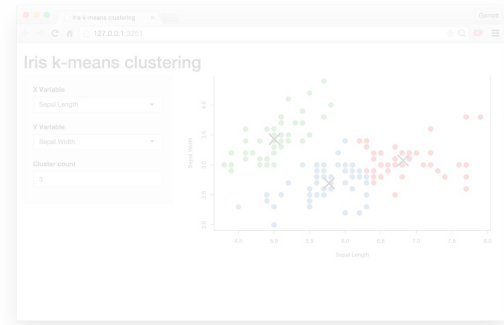


Create interactions



Share your apps

# How to start with Shiny



1. How to build a Shiny app (Today)

2. How to customize reactions (May 27)

3. How to customize appearance (June 3)

# The Shiny Development Center

[shiny.rstudio.com](http://shiny.rstudio.com)

