Deploying Over the Web

Once you've written your Shiny app, you can make it available to anyone who has a web browser, using our Shiny Server software. You can either host the applications on your own server, or let us host your Shiny applications for you.

If you want a simple way to distribute your Shiny app so that users can run them on their own computers, see Deploying Shiny Apps to Run Locally.

Self-hosted Shiny Server

With our Shiny Server software, you can deploy Shiny applications over the web so that users need only a web browser and your application's URL. You'll need a Linux server and Shiny Server.

Shiny Server is free and open source, though in the future we will offer a commercially licensed edition with additional features for larger organizations.

Pros
- Easiest for your users—only a web browser is required
- Take advantage of centralized computing resources

Cons
- Requires server setup and maintenance of a Linux server

RStudio-hosted Shiny Apps

Want to deploy over the web but prefer not to run your own server? We're currently alpha testing ShinyApps, a subscription-based hosting service. To apply for a free alpha test account, register now.

Pros
- Easiest for your users—only a web browser is required
- No need to run your own server
- Easy deployment to the web with one line of R code

Cons
- Code and data must be copied to our servers

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