

# DSA8022 – Visual Analytics

Practical Assessment

# Dataset

- This dataset (student.csv) describes student achievement in secondary education of two Portuguese schools using data attributes including subjects (mathematics, Portuguese language), student grades, demographic, social and school related features. It was collected by using school reports and questionnaires. Important note: attribute G3 has a strong correlation with attributes G2 and G1 because G3 is the 3rd period (i.e., final year) grade, while G1 and G2 are the 1st and 2nd period grades. It is more difficult to predict G3 without G2 and G1, but such predictions are insightful.
- You have an opportunity to gain insights through visual analytics.

# Dashboard Overview

- Using the **student.csv** dataset (available on Canvas), create an interactive dashboard using Shiny and ggplot2. A description of the attributes can be found in `student_attributes.txt` (also available on Canvas).
- The following slides present the expected dashboard (the theme and functionalities) that you will need to develop.
- Submission: upload your R code (such as `app.r`) to canvas.

## Student Overview Page

Bar Chart Tab

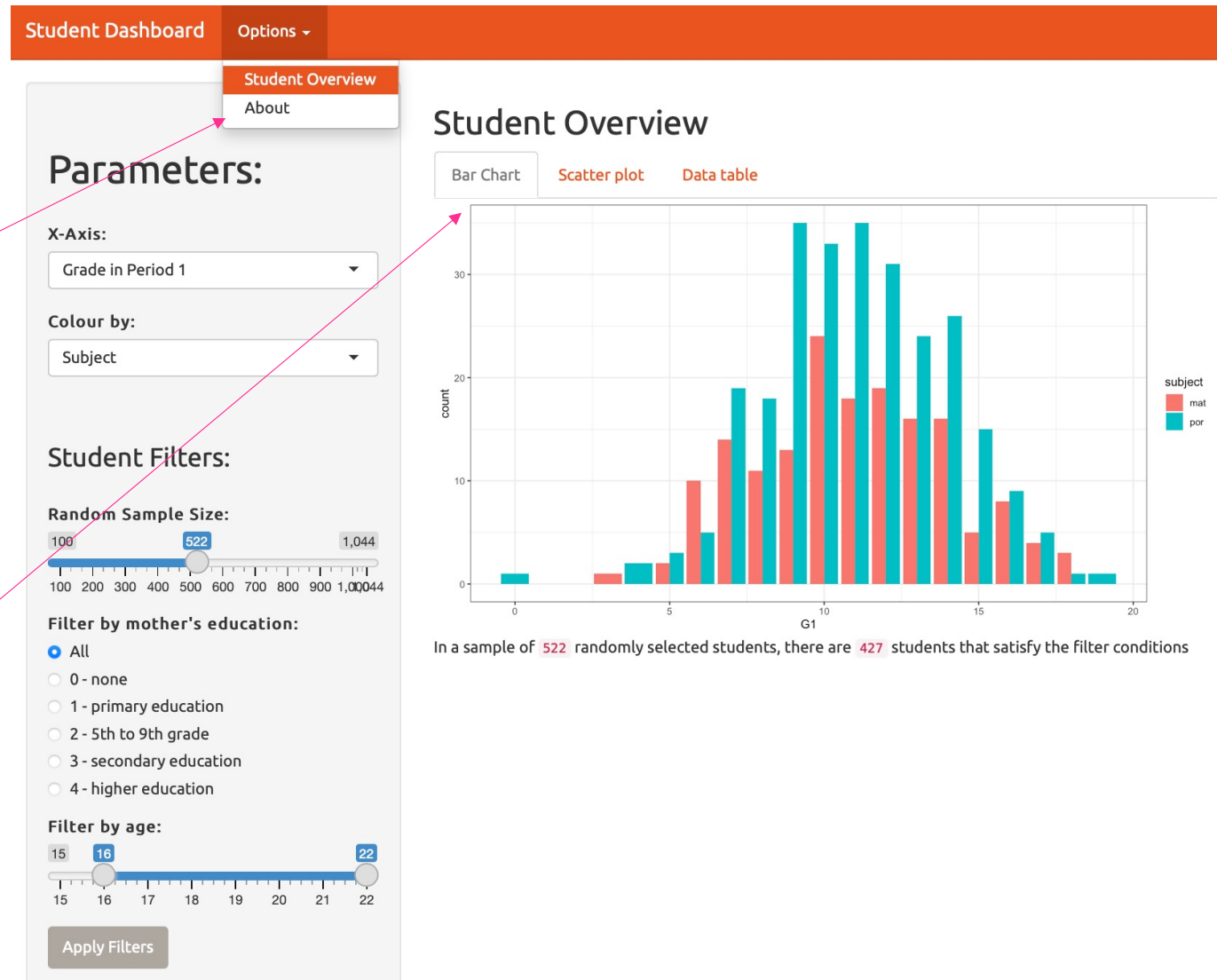
There are two pages:

- Student Overview
- About

In “Student Overview” page, there are three tab panels:

- Bar chart
- Scatter plot
- Data table

These panels have their own parameters, and are reactive to changes to the parameters. These panels are reactive to changes to filters only when Apply Filters button is pressed.



## Parameters:

X-Axis:

Grade in Period 1 ▾

Y-Axis:

Grade in Period 3 ▾

Colour by:

Subject ▾

## Student Filters:

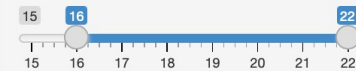
Random Sample Size:



Filter by mother's education:

- ☒ All
- ☐ 0 - none
- ☐ 1 - primary education
- ☐ 2 - 5th to 9th grade
- ☐ 3 - secondary education
- ☐ 4 - higher education

Filter by age:



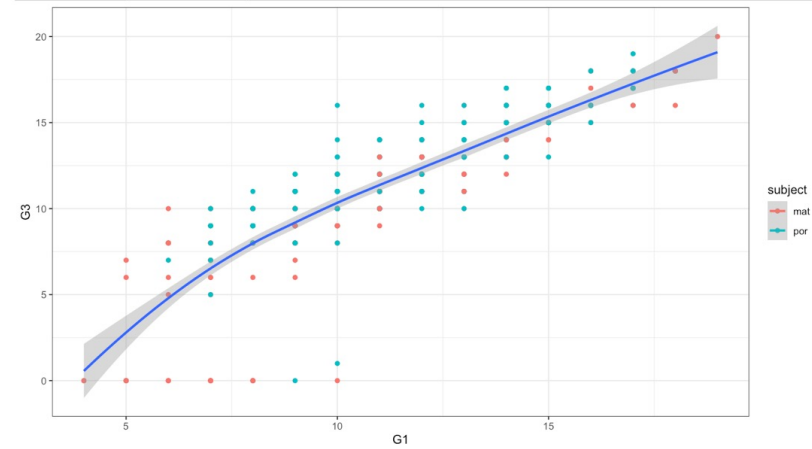
Apply Filters

## Student Overview

Bar Chart

Scatter plot

Data table

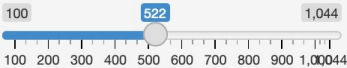


In a sample of 522 randomly selected students, there are 415 students that satisfy the filter conditions

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Student Filters:

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Apply Filters

Student Overview

Bar Chart Scatter plot Data table

Show 10 entries Search:

	subject	school	sex	famsize	Medu	Fedu	age	studytime
1	por	GP	M	LE3	4 - higher education	4 - higher education	18	2
2	mat	GP	F	LE3	4 - higher education	4 - higher education	16	2
3	por	GP	F	LE3	1 - primary education	1 - primary education	18	2
4	por	GP	M	GT3	3 - secondary education	2 - 5th to 9th grade	17	1
5	por	MS	M	LE3	1 - primary education	1 - primary education	18	2
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Showing 1 to 10 of 416 entries Previous 1 2 3 4 5 ... 42 Next

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## About Page

Student Dashboard

Options ▾

### About Data: A Summary

Size of the entire dataset is: 1044 , dimensionality is: 15 !  
Breakdown of data, grouped by school and sex and summarised  
by mean and standard deviation of absences, is given below:

school	sex	avg_absences	sd_absences
GP	F	5.38	7.71
GP	M	4.56	5.64
MS	F	2.36	3.19
MS	M	3.57	3.55

### About Author

My name is <insert\_your\_name\_here>

A Queen's University Belfast student

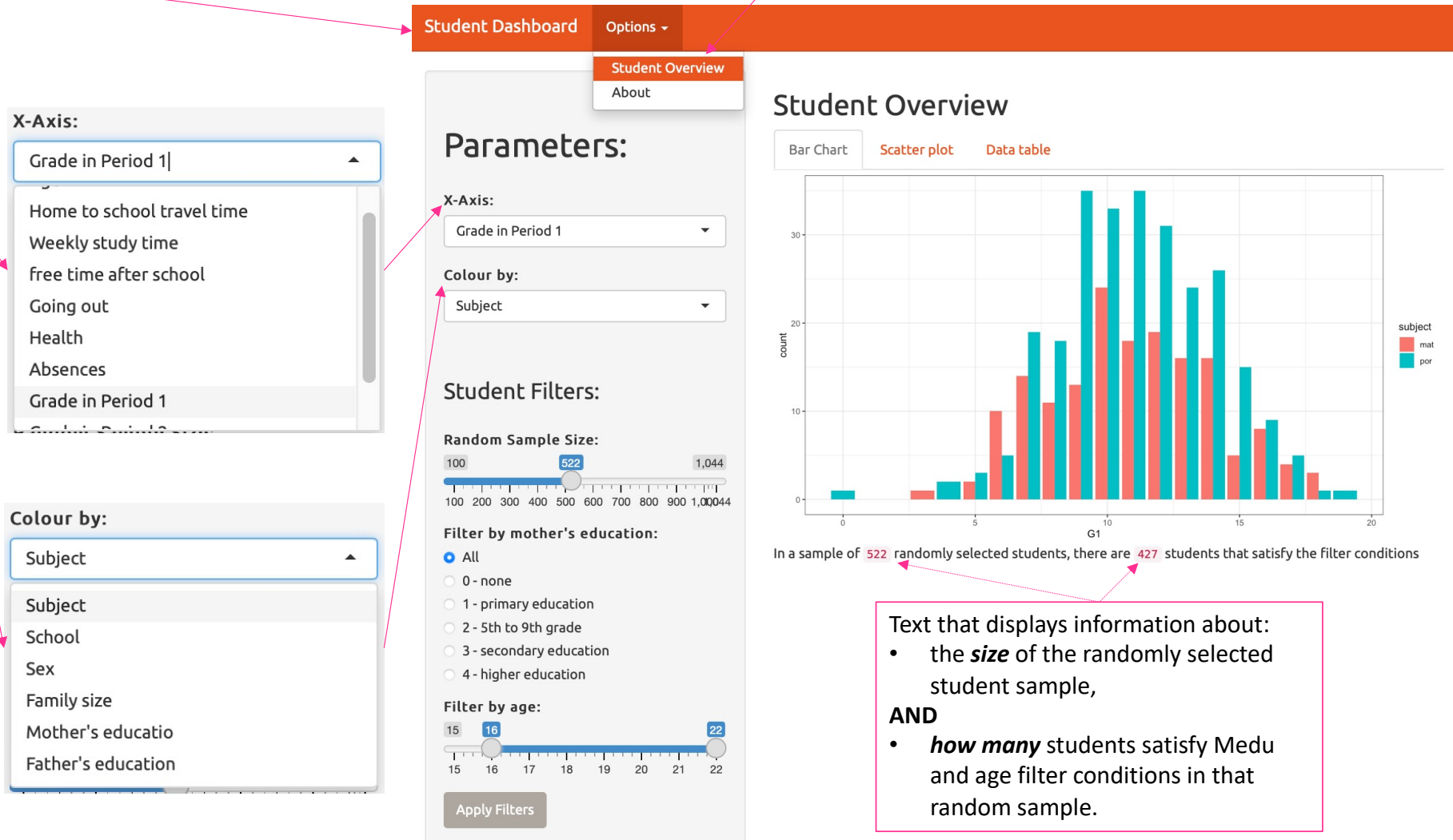


The page **theme** should be set properly to match the colours. **HINT:** consider using **shinytheme** function with a proper value.

The X-Axis selectInput should include **all ordinal numeric variables** in the student dataset

The “Colour by” selectInput should include **all categorical variables** in student dataset

Dropdown menu – to select page





Default values. **NB:** The input controls are **conditional** on plotOutput type (bar chart, scatter plot or data table).  
**HINT:** Use **conditionalPanel** function.

A dashboard user should be able to select desired number of **random** student samples

Perform the filtering procedure **on the selected random sample** to separate the observations where:

- **Mother's education** is equal to one of the labels that appear in the **Medu** column of the student dataset.  
**NB:** if the radio button **'All'** is selected, then all Medu labels should be included in the filtered dataset.

**AND**

- The values of the **age** variable are in the specified range

Data filtering process should be performed **ONLY** when the **'Apply Filters'** button is pressed.

Student Dashboard

Options ▾

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Grade in Period 1 ▾

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Grade in Period 3 ▾

Colour by:

Subject ▾

## Student Filters:

Random Sample Size:

100 522 1,044  
100 200 300 400 500 600 700 800 900 1,000 1,044

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Filter by age:

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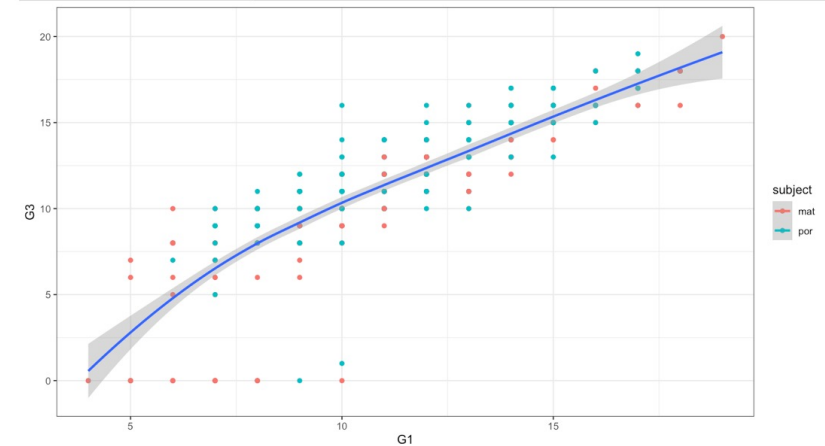
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**HINT:** Use **uiOutput** function to display this textual information

- **Minimum** random sample size should be manually set to 100.
- **Maximum** sample size should be equal to the student dataset size (which should be determined programmatically).
- **Starting position** of a slider should be a half of the student dataset size (which should be determined *programmatically*).

Default **Medu** Filter selection

**Programmatically** determine minimum and maximum age values.

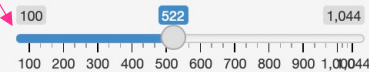
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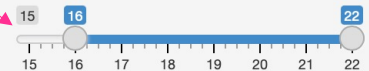
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### Heading 1

Text about the **size** of the dataset, its **dimensionality** (i.e., no of columns) and the summary table

Breakdown of data grouped by **school** and **sex** and summarised by **mean** and **standard** deviation of **absences**

There is a **horizontal line** here in black colour.

About Data and About Author need to be in **different rows**

## About Author

### Heading 1

My name is **<insert\_your\_name\_here>**

A **Queen's University Belfast** student

**Bold and Italic**

Width: 5 cells in the grid

About Author text and the "Shaping ..." image need to be in a **same row**

Empty space width: 4 cells



Width: 3 cells in the grid

Image URL:  
<https://bit.ly/3pQpS4b>

Hyperlink to: <http://www.qub.ac.uk>

# Grading

(based on implementation)

- Dashboard Layout Design (overall) **[15 marks]**
- “Student Overview” Page:
  - Bar Chart Functionality **[10 marks]**
  - Scatter Plot Functionality **[10 marks]**
  - Data Table Functionality **[10 marks]**
  - Conditional Panel **[10 marks]**
  - Textual Information about selected/filtered data **[5 marks]**
  - Student Filtering implementation **[10 marks]**
  - Apply Filters Button implementation **[10 marks]**
- “About” Page **[20 marks]**

**You may be invited to attend an interview session during marking.**