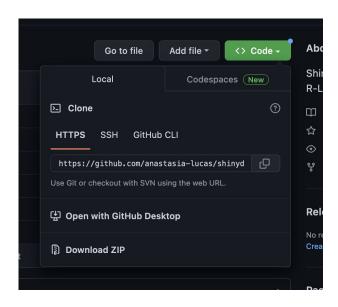
While we wait, please take the poll & download or clone the repo

Poll: https://forms.gle/Tm6mvEkgtWCEXV4y5

Exercises:

https://github.com/anastasia-lucas/shinydash-rladies-dc

- Exercises in exercises/
- Solutions in solutions/
- Make sure packages in utils.R are installed!



R-Ladies D.C. Introduction to Shiny dashboards

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Quick about me



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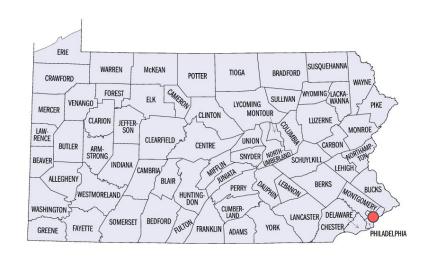
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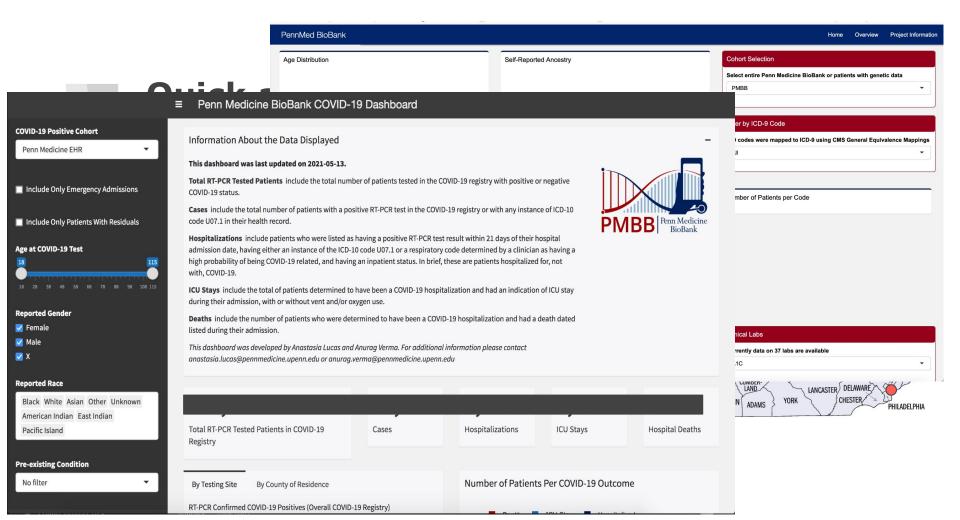


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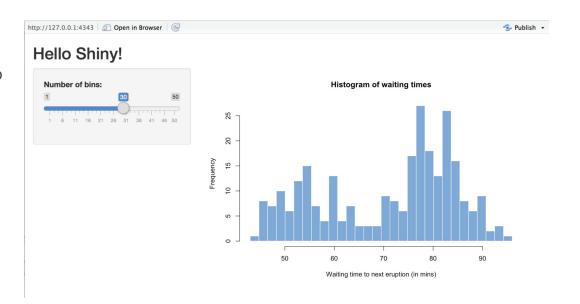
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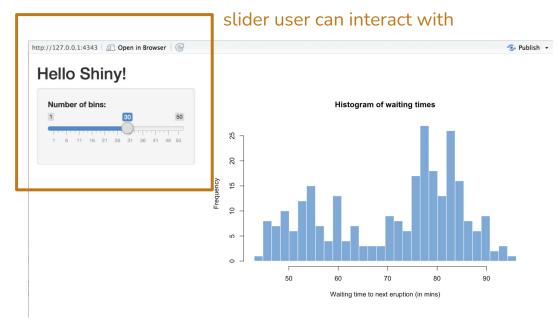
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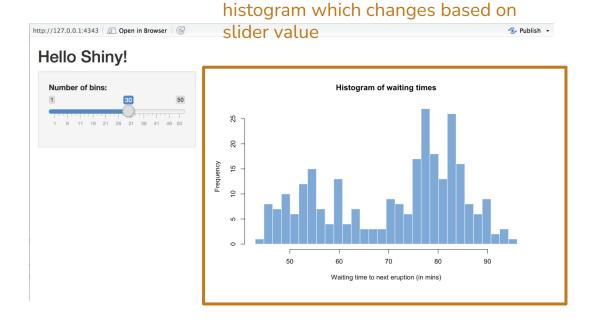
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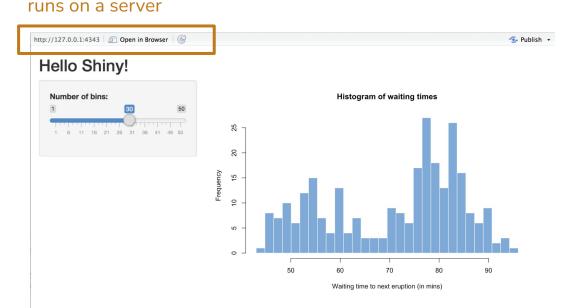
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Shiny apps allow for interactivity and reactivity

- Interactivity: an element reacts to user actions
 - o hover text, on-click actions, highlight on hover
 - {plotly}, {ggiraph}, {Shiny}
- Reactivity: data is updated from the server without refreshing the site
 - o changing binwidth, filtering, changing parameters in models
 - {Shiny}, {shinydashboard}, {flexdashboard}

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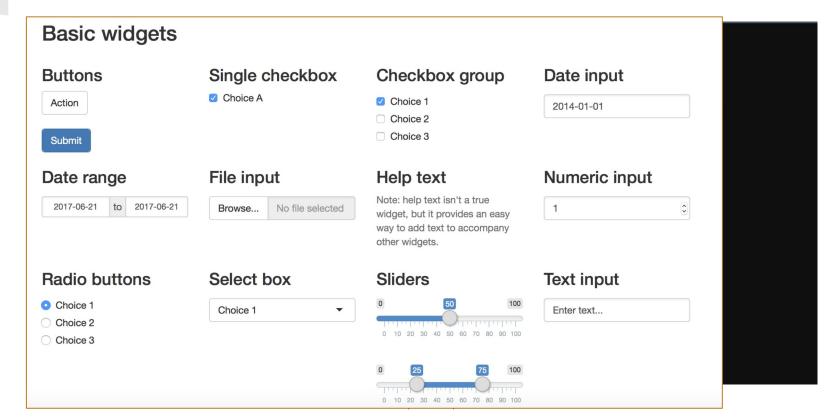
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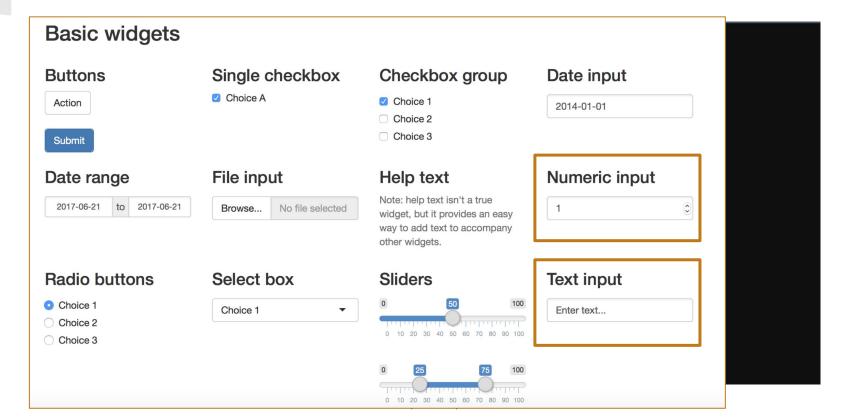
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- 3. a call to ShinyApp()

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1 vi <- {
2     ### UI
3     }
4
5 v server <- {
6     ### Server
7     }
8
9     shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
10
11     runApp(shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server))</pre>
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- Simply put, a collection of Shiny apps
- More generally, a graphical interface for users to quickly visualize important metrics



Image: https://db.rstudio.com/best-practices/dashboards/dashboard.png

Reasons to use Shiny dashboard

- Nice framework for making a professional looking product without wrangling with layouts
- You can do a lot without needing to know HTML and CSS
- If you already know flexdashboard, this may not provide a ton of advantages
 - o shinydashboardPlus that provides even more features and is built off of shinydashboard
- Run analyses on the fly

Things to think about before we start

Before we start coding, I like to ask myself a few questions

- 1. Who will my users be?
- 2. What insights do we want our users to be able to gain?
- 3. Is this the best way to present the data given #1 & #2?

and one more...

How will users access the dashboard?

R provides a couple of hosting options:

- 1. Deploy to the cloud using Shinyapps.io
 - a. Different pricing levels offer different features, limits on active users, etc.
- 2. Host on Shiny server
 - a. Open source
- 3. Deploy with RStudio Connect
 - a. Commercial software
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^{*} We needed authentication, so we set up the free Shiny server and app on an AWS server, then set up our website which had authentication to be a proxy for the server.

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RStudio Connect is a publishing platform for all the work your teams create in R and Python. Share Shiny and Dash applications, R Markdown reports and Jupyter Notebooks, dashboards, plots, Plumber and Flask APIs, and more in one convenient place. Use pushbutton or git-backed deployment, scheduled execution of reports, and flexible security policies to bring the power of data science to your entire enterprise. RStudio Connect is

Consider RStudio Connect if you can answer yes to these questions:

1. Do you want push button or git-backed publishing?

software that you run behind your firewall.

- 2. Do you want to publish R Markdown documents, Plumber API's, and Python Content in addition to Shiny (for R or Python) applications?
- 3. Do you want a user interface so that content creators can manage their own data products?

Shinyapps.io

Shinyapps.io is a software as a service (SaaS) product hosted in the cloud by RStudio. It has both free and paid plans. Anyone can publish their Shiny apps to shinyapps.io with the push of a button. You don't need to own a server or know how to configure a firewall to deploy and manage your applications in the cloud. No hardware, installation, or annual purchase contract required. Shinyapps.io is software that RStudio hosts for you in the cloud.

Use Shinyapps.io if you can answer yes to all of these questions:

- 1. Are you okay with your application being outside your firewall?
- 2. Are you okay with the data that the application is pulling from being accessible to our cloud?
- (You have to open up a hole in your firewall if the data is behind the firewall today.)
- 3. Are you okay with your end client creating a user account on shinyapps.io (if you are looking to use authentication).
- 4. Are you okay with a shared computation platform for your analyses? (for example, we don't have any SLAs today on performance)

Ways to make your dashboard easier to deploy

- Have separate scripts for data preprocessing
- Use a utils script that installs all needed packages
- Only load libraries that you use a lot of functions from, e.g. shiny, dplyr, ggplot2
 Otherwise use package::function() notation
- Use Conventional Commits & tag repos

Now let's do some exercises!

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