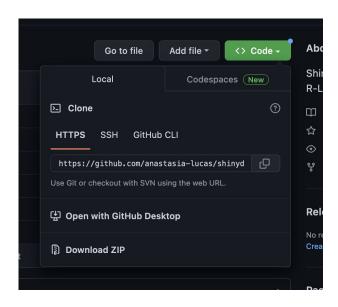
While we wait, please take the poll & download or clone the repo

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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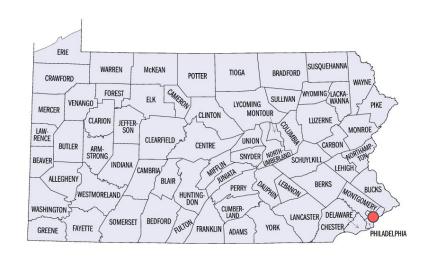
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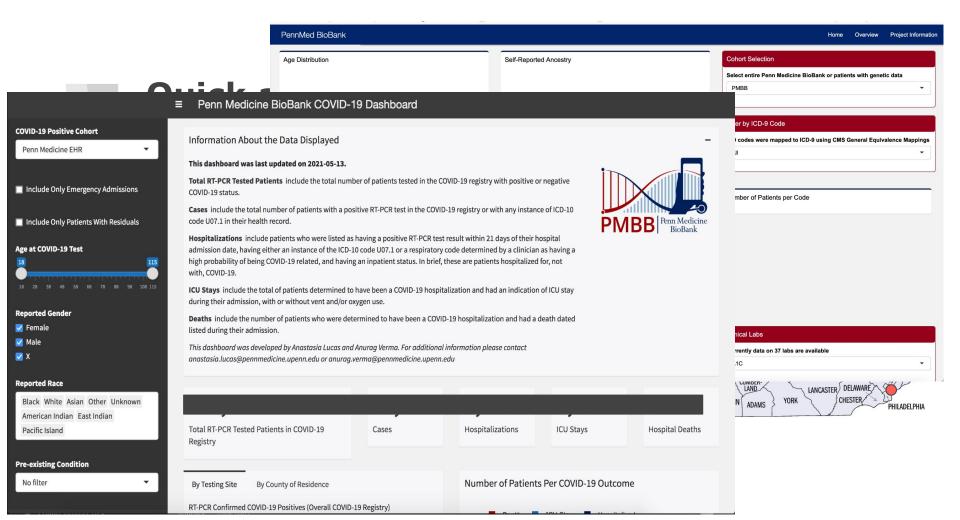


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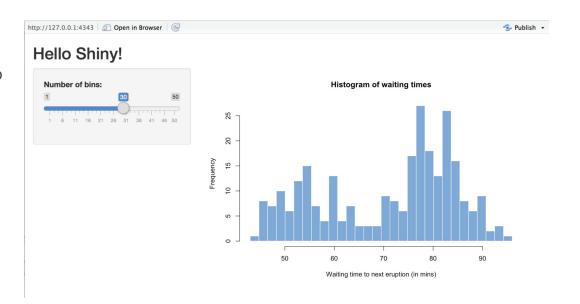
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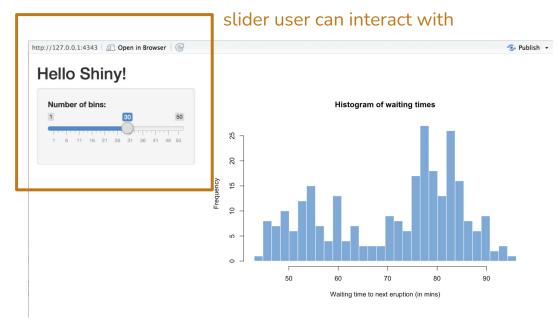
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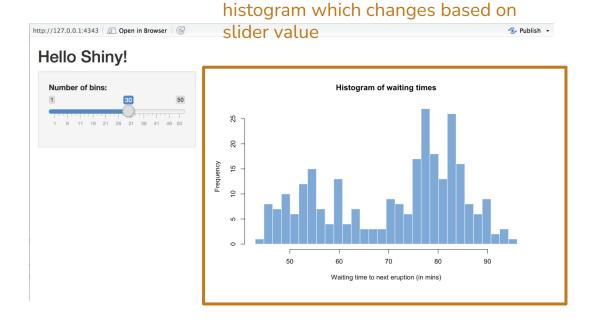
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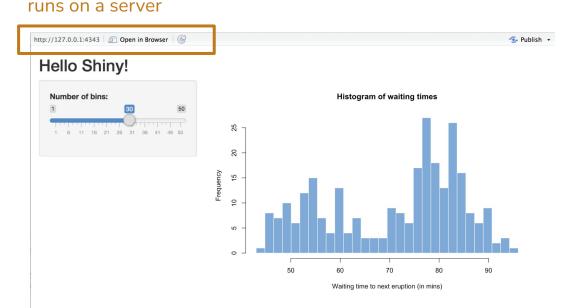
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Shiny apps allow for interactivity and reactivity

- 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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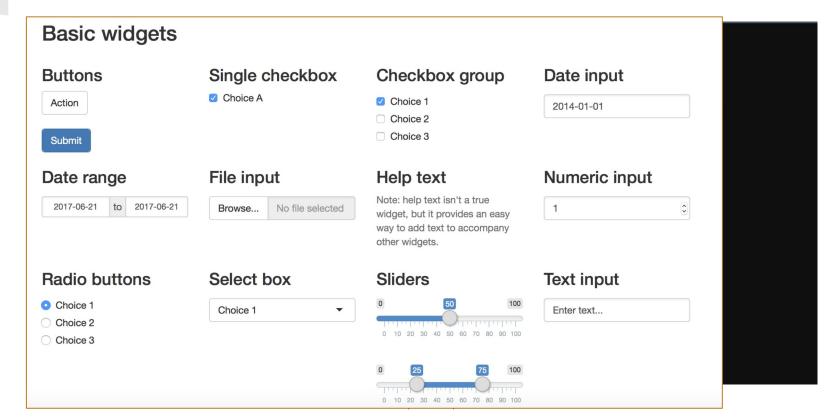
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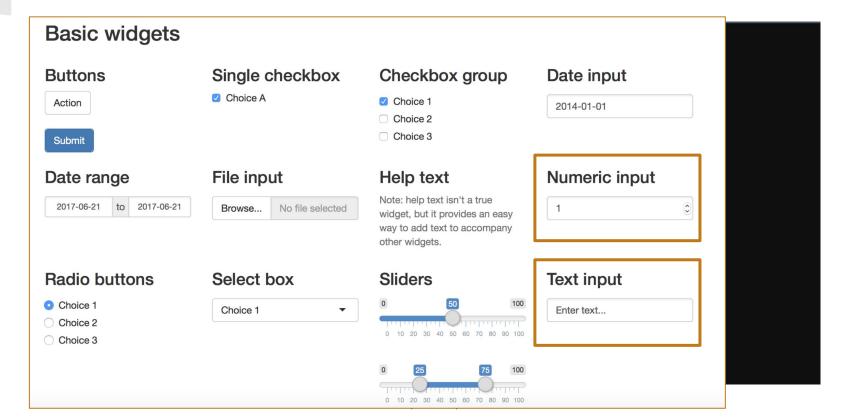
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- 3. a call to ShinyApp()

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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.
 - b. Free tier does not include authentication
- 2. Host on Shiny server
 - a. Open source
- 3. Deploy with RStudio Connect
 - a. Commercial software
 - b. Not free

^{*} 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.

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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