

Dashboards

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What is in a dashboard?



Dashboards

- Automatically updating
 - Not just based on user gestures
 - But also when data source changes
- Many viewers looking at the same data
- May or may not be interactive



Motivation

- You have new data coming in constantly, continuously, or on a schedule
- When new data comes in, it's automatically received, and transformed, aggregated, summarized, etc.
- May want to call attention to exceptional results



- Static:

- R code runs once and generates an HTML page
- Generation of this HTML can be scheduled

- Dynamic:

- Client web browser connects to an R session running on server
- User input causes server to do things and send information back to client
- Interactivity can be on client and server
- aCan update data in real time
- User potentially can do anything that R can do



flexdashboard vs. shinydashboard

flexdashboard	shinydashboard
R Markdown	Shiny UI code
Super easy	Not quite as easy
Static or dynamic	Dynamic
CSS flexbox layout	Bootstrap grid layout



flexdashboard



Your turn

- library(flexdashboard)
- File → New file → R Markdown → From Template
- Create three plots that go in each of the panes using built-in R datasets or any data we have used in the workshop (or your own data)

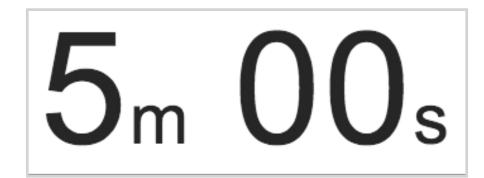




Your turn

- Open apps/dashboards/flexdashboard_01.Rmd
- How is it different than Shiny apps we have been building so far, how is it similar?
- Make a change to the layout of the dashboard, see http://
 rmarkdown.rstudio.com/flexdashboard/using.html#layout for help
- Change the theme of the dashboard, see http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/flexdashboard/using.html#appearance for help







Shiny documents

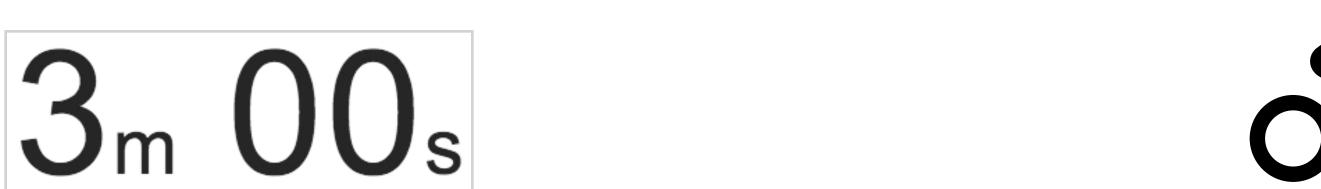
- Add runtime: shiny to header.
- Add inputs in code chunks.
- Add renderXyz functions in code chunks.
 - No need for outputx < assignment, or for xyz0utput functions.



Your turn

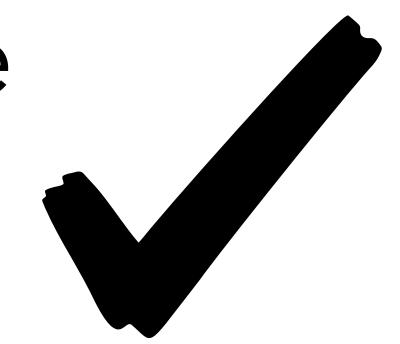
- Continue working on apps/dashboards/flexdashboard_01.Rmd
- Add another UI widget, a radioButton, that allows the user to select whether the plot used to visualize the distribution of weight should be histogram or a violin plot







Solution to the previous exercise



apps/dashboards/flexdashboard_02.Rmd

SOLUTION

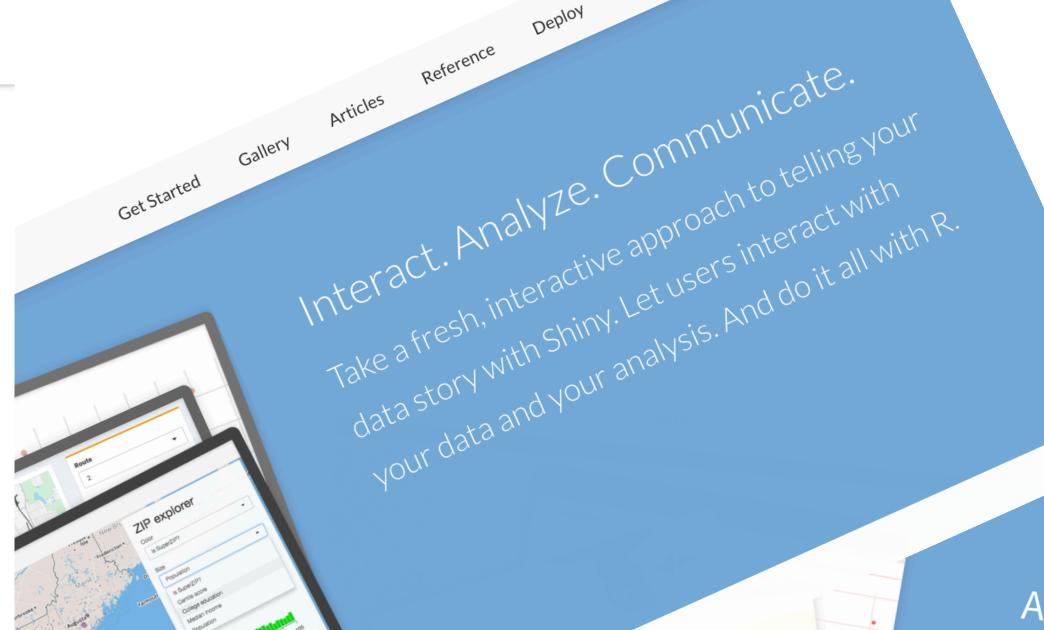


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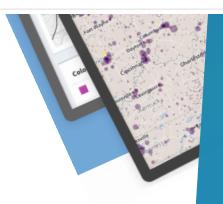
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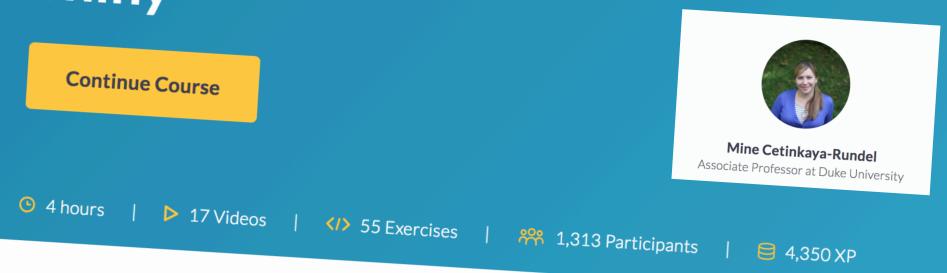
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