

Titanic Survival - ShinyApp

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1 Description of the Shiny Application

1.1 Dataset Used

The application uses the built-in `Titanic` dataset available in the standard R library. The dataset contains aggregated information about passengers divided into the following variables:

- **Class** – passenger class (First, Second, Third, Crew)
- **Sex** – passenger sex (Male, Female)
- **Age** – age group (Child, Adult)
- **Survived** – survival status (Yes, No)
- **Freq** – number of passengers in a given category

1.2 Application Architecture

The application was built using the client–server architecture characteristic of the Shiny framework, which consists of two main components:

- **UI (User Interface)** – defines the structure and elements of the user interface
- **Server** – contains the reactive logic and generates the outputs

The user interface uses the `sidebarLayout`, which divides the screen into a sidebar panel with controls and a main panel with visualization.

1.3 User Interface Components

The sidebar panel contains the following reactive input elements:

- passenger class selection (`checkboxGroupInput`)
- passenger sex selection (`checkboxGroupInput`)

- age group selection (checkboxGroupInput)
- visualization mode selection (counts or survival rate)
- selection of grouping variable for the X axis (Class, Sex, Age)

The main panel contains a dynamically generated bar chart.

1.4 Reactive Mechanism

The central component of the application is the reactive function `filtered_data()`, which filters the dataset according to user selections. Any change in the input parameters automatically triggers recalculation of the data and updates the plot.

Additionally, the function `plot_data()` is used to compute aggregated values and survival rates according to the selected grouping variable.

This mechanism implements a reactive dependency graph model, where outputs are automatically updated in response to changes in inputs.

1.5 Data Visualization

The application generates a bar chart using the `ggplot2` library. Depending on the selected mode, the chart displays either:

- the number of passengers in each group, or
- the survival rate calculated as the ratio of survivors to the total number of passengers in each group

The plot is updated in real time in response to user interaction.

1.6 Summary

The application demonstrates the fundamental principles of building reactive web applications using the R Shiny framework, including:

- implementation of the UI-Server architecture
- use of reactive functions
- dynamic data visualization
- interactive data exploration by the user

2 AI usage

I used AI (ChatGPT 5.2) for translating the report from Polish to English.