Interactive Web frameworks in R. Shiny, Plotly

R Nano Course Series

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Introduction

Interactive Analysis:

- High-dimensional data can be difficult to analyze.
- Interactive analysis and visualization can provide better understanding of variables and their significance.
- Explore relationship between multiple variables.

Web-based Content:

- View results beyond your own desktop.
- Share results with collaborators.
- Prepare web content for publication.

Introduction - Examples

Plotly Examples:

/Plotly_Examples/Example1/index.html

https://plot.ly/r/dashboard/

Shiny Examples:

http://webpopix.org:8080/old/tgi1/

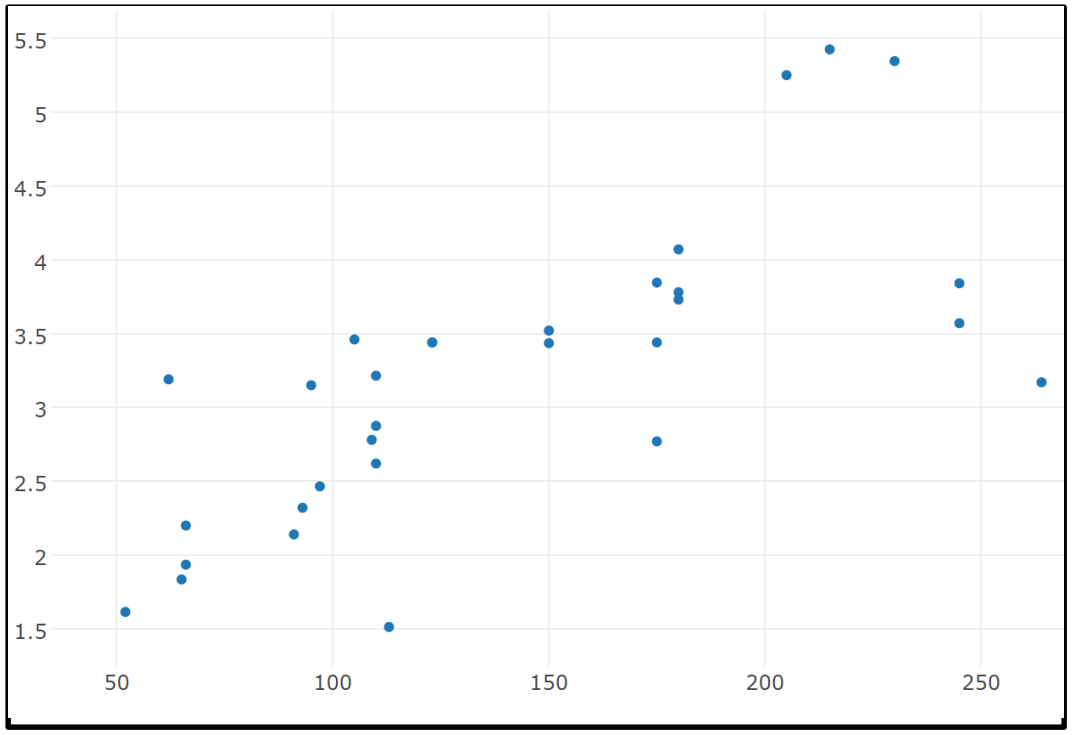
Plotly - https://plot.ly/

Plotting libraries for R, Matlab, Python, and JavaScript.

- Easy to use code for creating web-ready figures.
- Can be done with as little as one line of code.
- Available for free.
- Provides option to have your figures hosted on their cloud service for a fee. Payed version also gives access to online editing tool.

Plotly – Getting Started

```
install.packages("plotly")
library(plotly)
plot_ly(data=mtcars, x = mtcars$hp, y = mtcars$wt)
```



Plotly – index.html

- Figures generated by Plotly are output as an ‘index.html’ file which can be opened with any web browser.
- All data for the figure is stored in a self-contain folder that should be kept with the ‘index.html’ at all times.
- To make your figure available on the internet:
  1. Copy folder to your web hosting server.
  2. Create an account with Plotly for web publishing (fee).

Scatterplot

Why use Plotly instead of regular static figure?

1) Interactive Labels

2) Focus

```
plot_ly(data = diamonds, x = ~carat, y = ~price,
        color = ~carat, size = ~carat,
        text = ~paste("Price: $", price, '<br>Cut:', cut))
```

\Plotly_Examples\ScatterPlot\index.html

Box Plots

```
plot_ly(y = ~rnorm(50), type = "box") %>%
        add_trace(y = ~rnorm(50, 1))
```

Note: **%>%** is used for combining plots.

\Plotly_Examples\BoxPlot\index.html

Density Plot

```
data <- density(mtcars$mpg)
plot_ly(x=data$x,y=data$y,mode = 'lines', fill = 'tozeroy')
```

\Plotly_Examples\DensityPlot\index.html

\Plotly_Examples\RangePlot\index.html

3D Plot

plot_ly(z = ~volcano, type = "surface")

\Plotly_Examples\3dScatterPlot\index.html

\Plotly_Examples\SurfacePlot\index.html

\Plotly_Examples\3dCube\index.html

Combine Plots

```
data <- density(mtcars$mpg)
p1 <- plot_ly(x = data$x, y = data$y, mode = 'lines')
p2 <- plot_ly(x = data$x, y = data$y, mode = 'lines', color = 'red')

subplot(p1, p2)
```

\Plotly_Examples\CombinedPlot\index.html

ggplotly

```
p <- ggplot(diamonds, aes(x = carat, y = price)) +
      geom_point(aes(text = paste("Clarity:", clarity))) +
      geom_smooth(aes(colour = cut, fill = cut)) +
      facet_wrap(~ cut)

ggplotly(p)
```

\Plotly_Examples\ggplot\index.html

Reference

https://plot.ly/r/reference/

https://cpsievert.github.io/plotly_book/

https://plot.ly/api/

Shiny in R

- R package for creating Interactive Web Applications.
- Created by same developers who made Rstudio.
- No HTML, CSS, or JavaScript knowledge required.

Getting Started

```
install.packages("shiny")
library(shiny)
```

Iris

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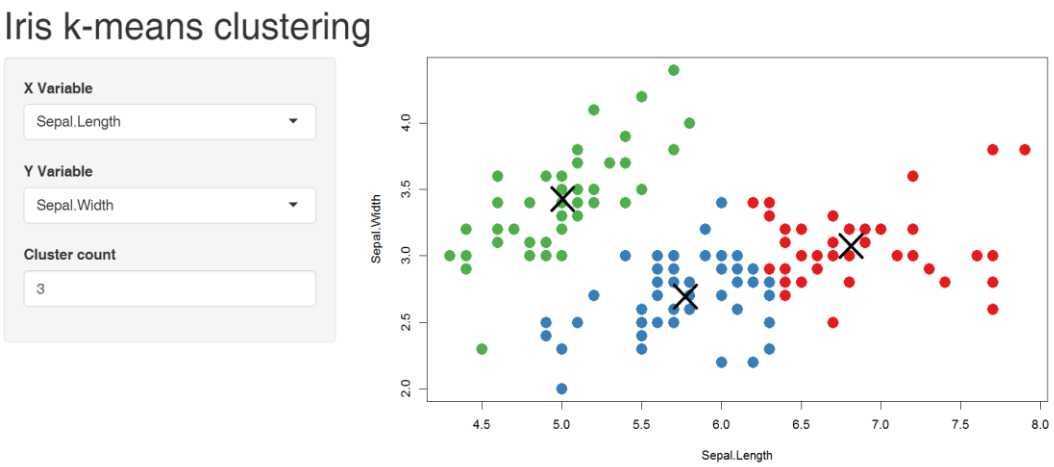


\Shiny_Examples\K-means\app.R

Basic Template

```
library(shiny)
ui <- fuildPage( )

server <- function(input,output){ }

shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

View (Front) / Controller (Back)

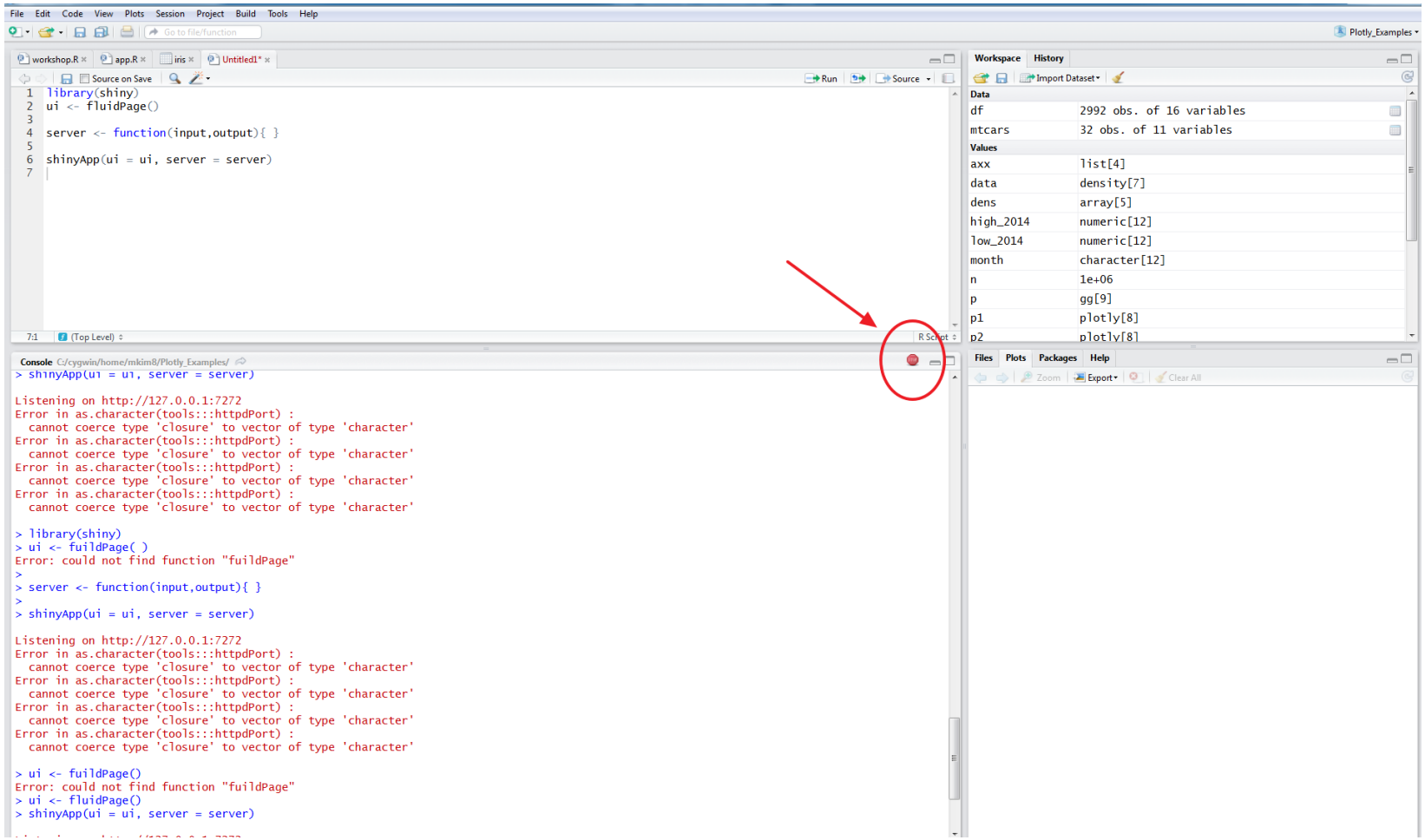
UI
(View)

ui <- fuildPage( )

Server
(Controller)

server <- function(input,output){ }

Close the app



First element to UI

```
library(shiny)
ui <- fluidPage("Hello World")

server <- function(input,output){ }

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```

UI Elements

Iris K-means clustering

X Variable

Sepal.Length

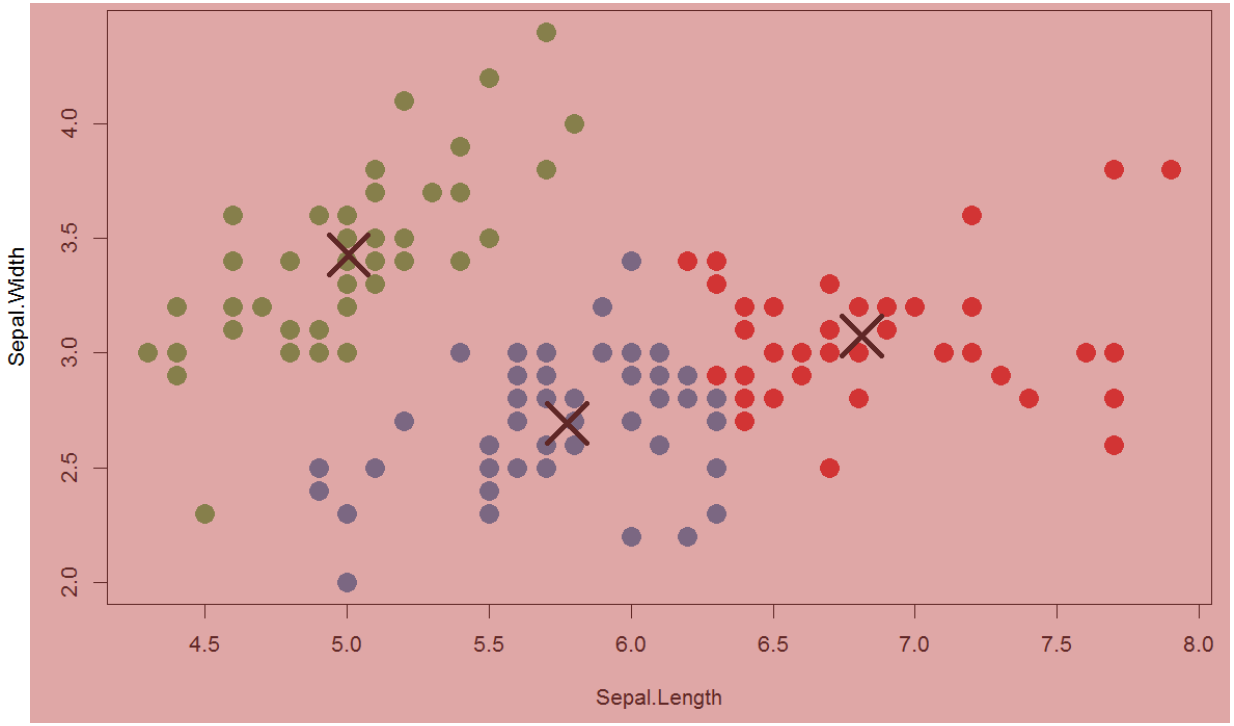
Y Variable

Sepal.Width

Cluster count

3

Input Elements



Output Elements

UI Elements : Inputs and Outputs

```
ui <- fluidPage(
  headerPanel("Iris k-means clustering"),
  sidebarPanel(
    selectInput('xcol', 'X Variable', names(iris)),
    selectInput('ycol', 'Y Variable', names(iris),selected = names(iris)[[2]]),
    numericInput('clusters', 'Cluster count', 3, min = 1, max = 9)
  ),
  mainPanel(
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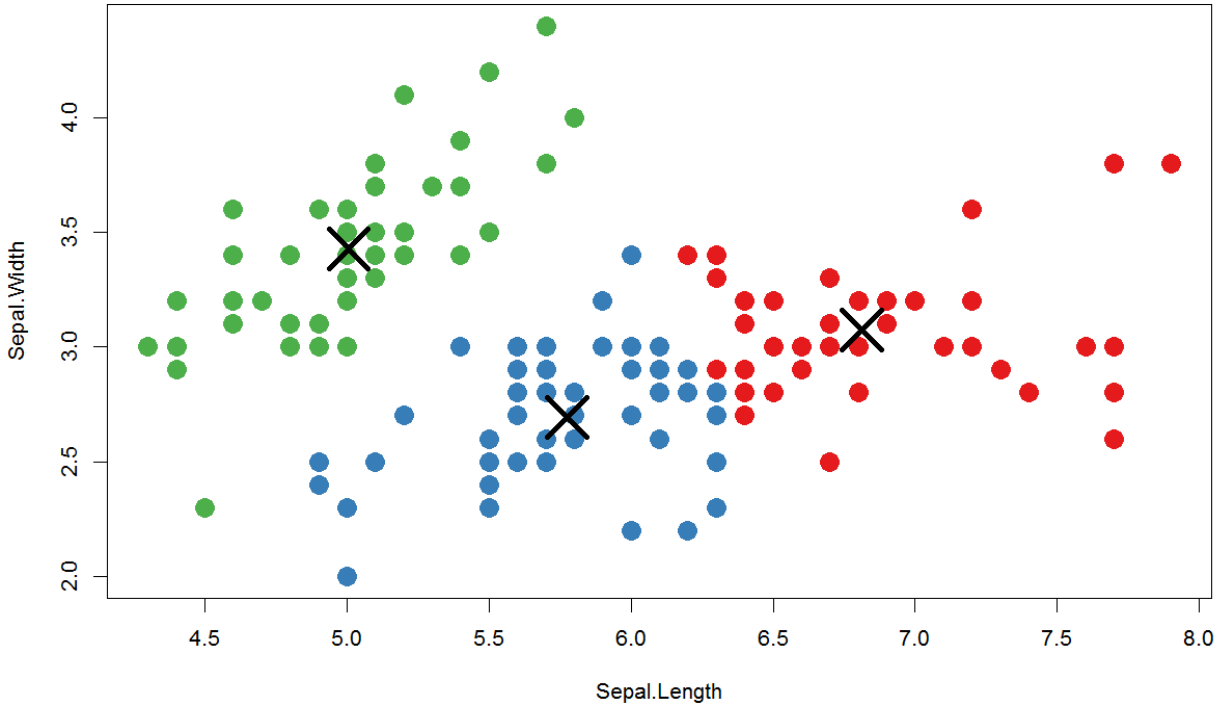

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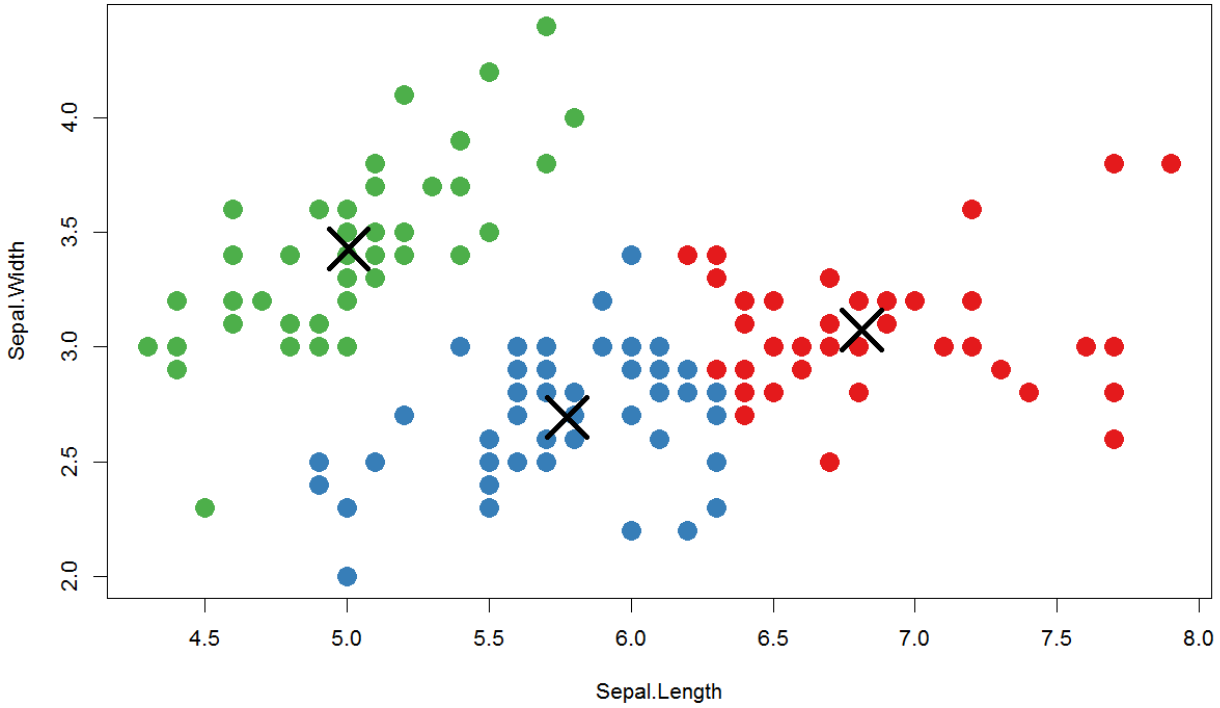

UI Element : Input

```
selectInput( 'xcol' , "X Variable" ,  names(iris) )
```

input name (reference)

Display Label

Input Arguments

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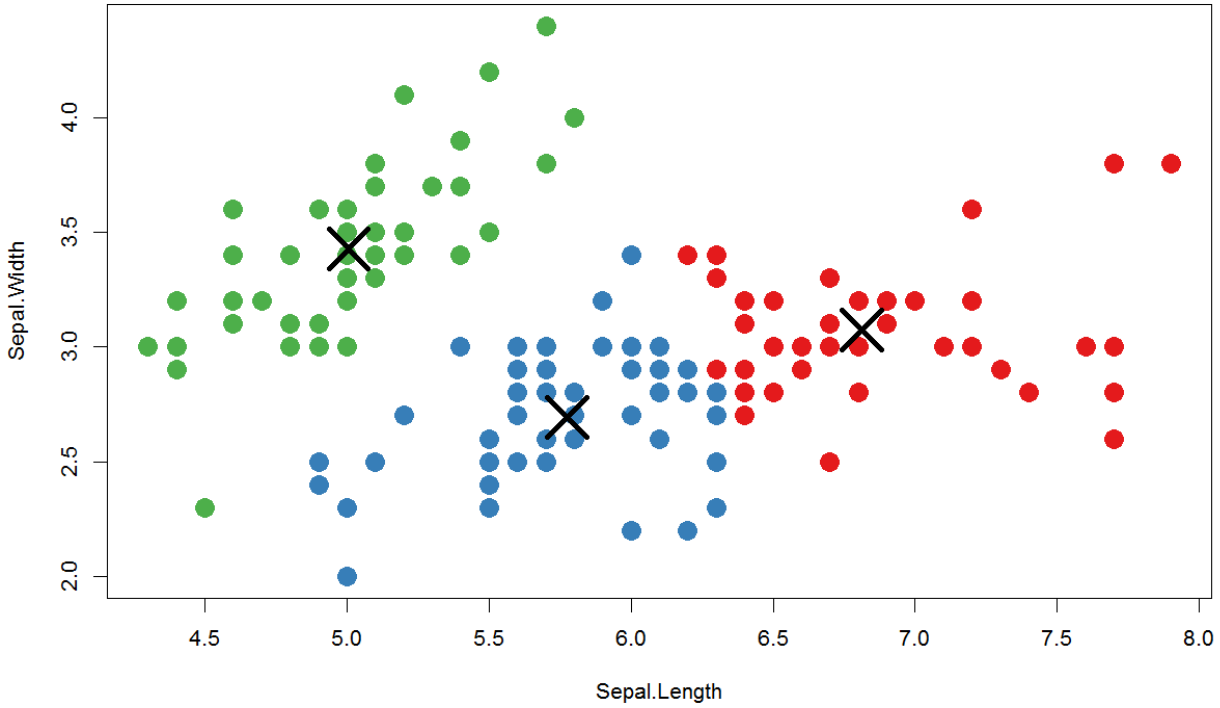


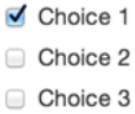
Buttons

`actionButton()`
`submitButton()`

Single checkbox

`checkboxInput()`

Checkbox group



`checkboxGroupInput()`

Date input

`dateInput()`

Date range

`dateRangeInput()`

File input

`fileInput()`

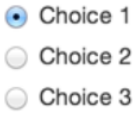
Numeric input

`numericInput()`

Password Input

`passwordInput()`

Radio buttons

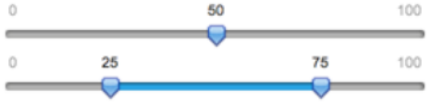


`radioButtons()`

Select box

`selectInput()`

Sliders



`sliderInput()`

Text input

`textInput()`

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http://shiny.rstudio.com/reference/shiny/latest/

UI Elements : Inputs and Outputs

```
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  sidebarPanel(
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  ),
  mainPanel(
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  )
)
```

UI Element : Output

Iris K-means clustering

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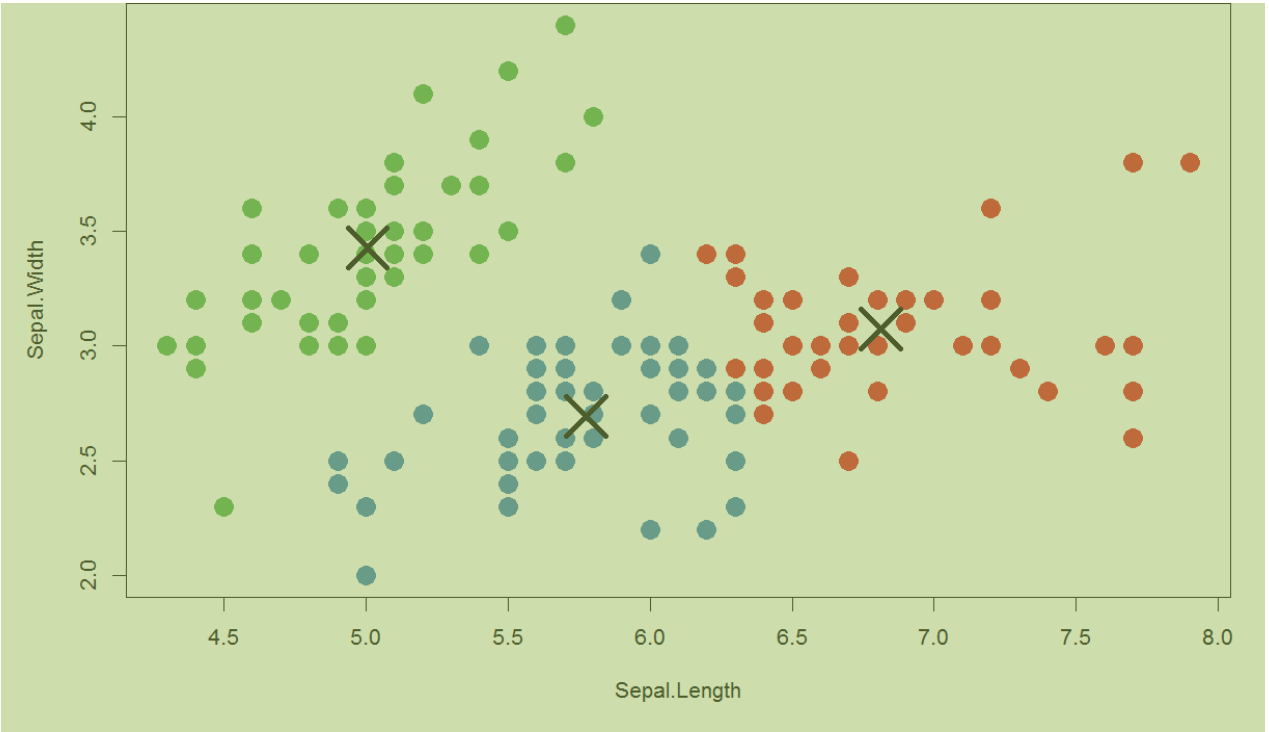

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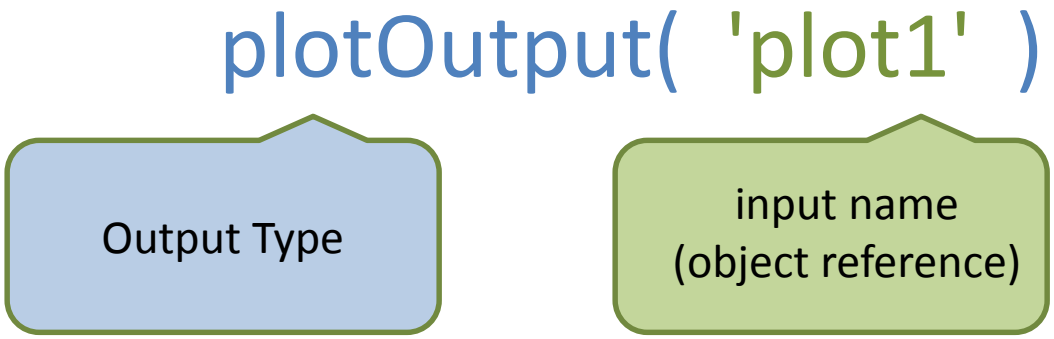

UI Element : Output

Function	Inserts
`dataTableOutput()`	an interactive table
`htmlOutput()`	raw HTML
`imageOutput()`	image
`plotOutput()`	plot
`tableOutput()`	table
`textOutput()`	text
`uiOutput()`	a Shiny UI element
`verbatimTextOutput()`	text

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UI Elements : Layout

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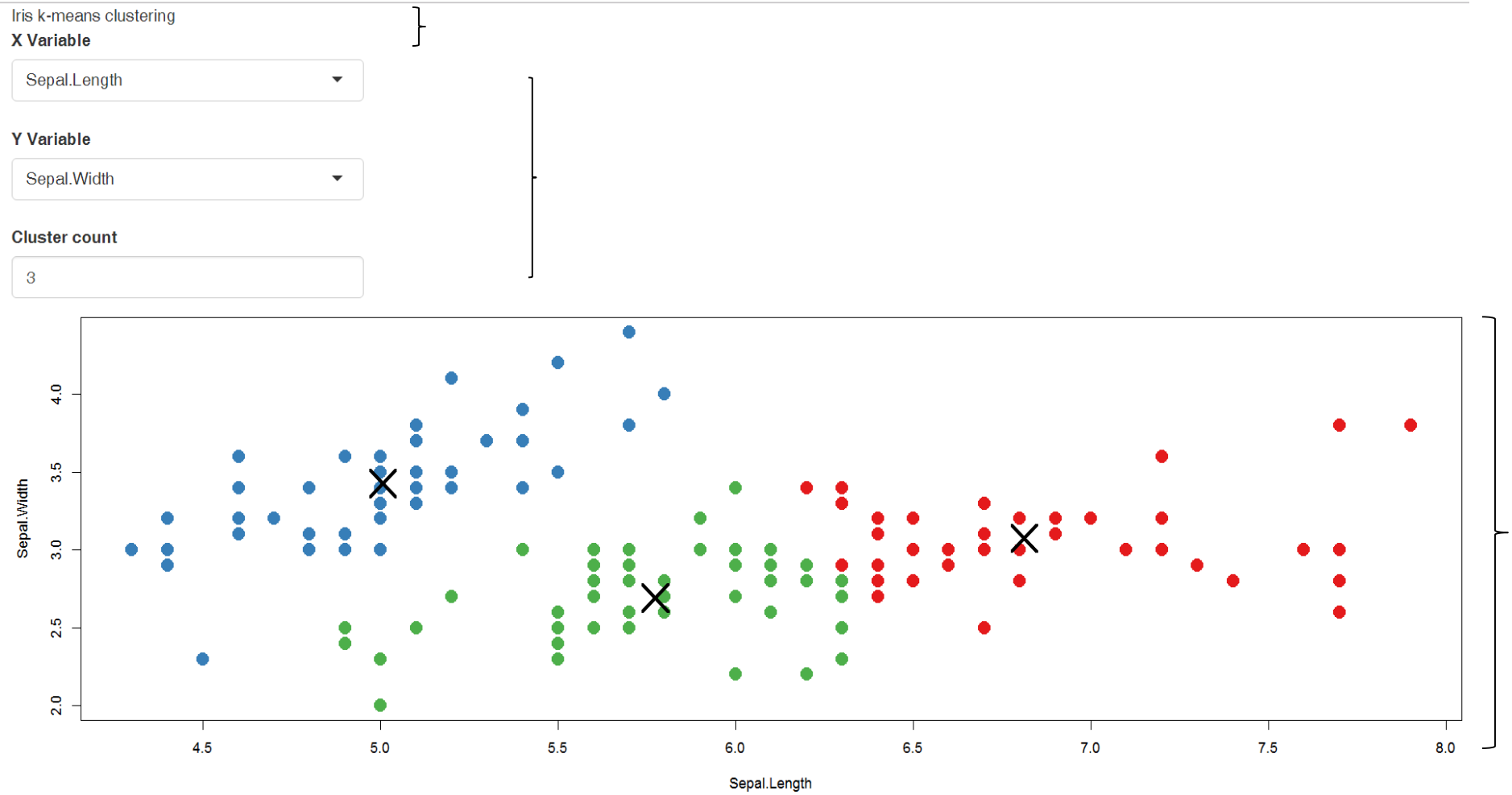
)
```

Without Layout



Layout

Iris K-means clustering

headerPanel( )

X Variable

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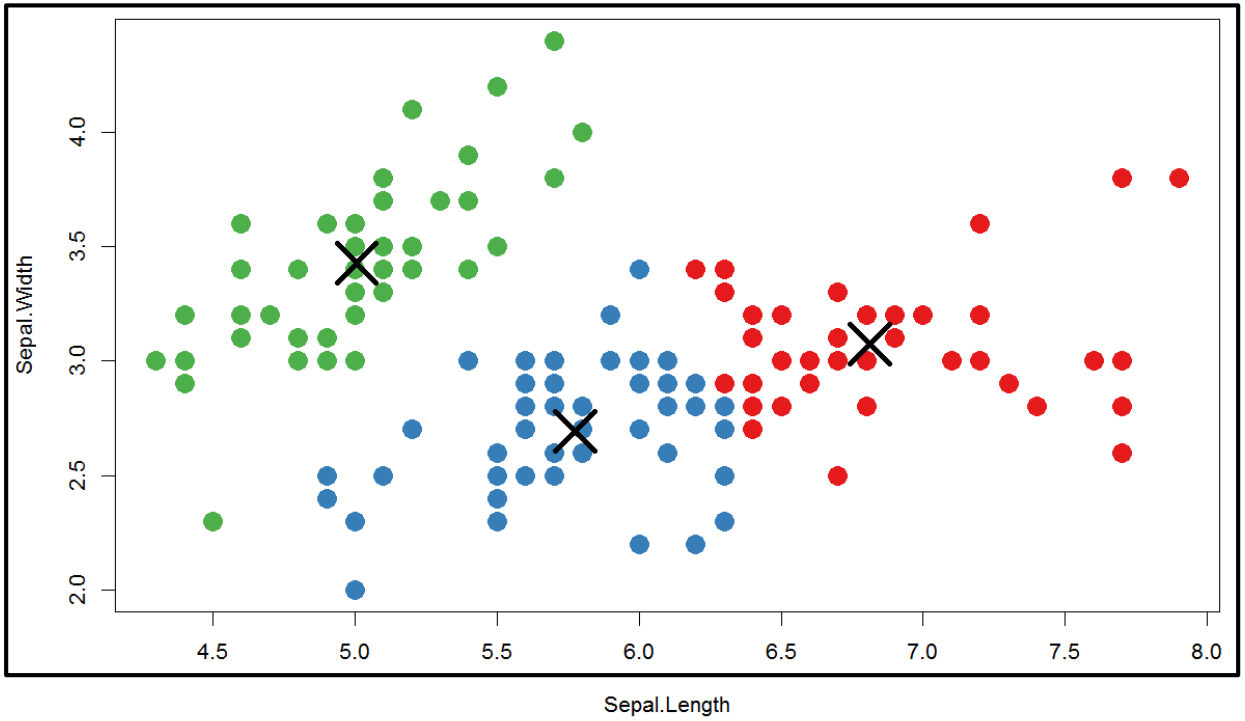
Y Variable

Sepal.Width

Cluster count

3

sidebarPanel( )



mainPanel( )

UI Elements: Commas

```
ui <- fluidPage(
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  sidebarPanel(
    selectInput('xcol', 'X Variable', names(iris)) ,
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    numericInput('clusters', 'Cluster count', 3, min = 1, max = 9)
  ) ,
  mainPanel(
    plotOutput('plot1')
  )
)
```

UI Elements

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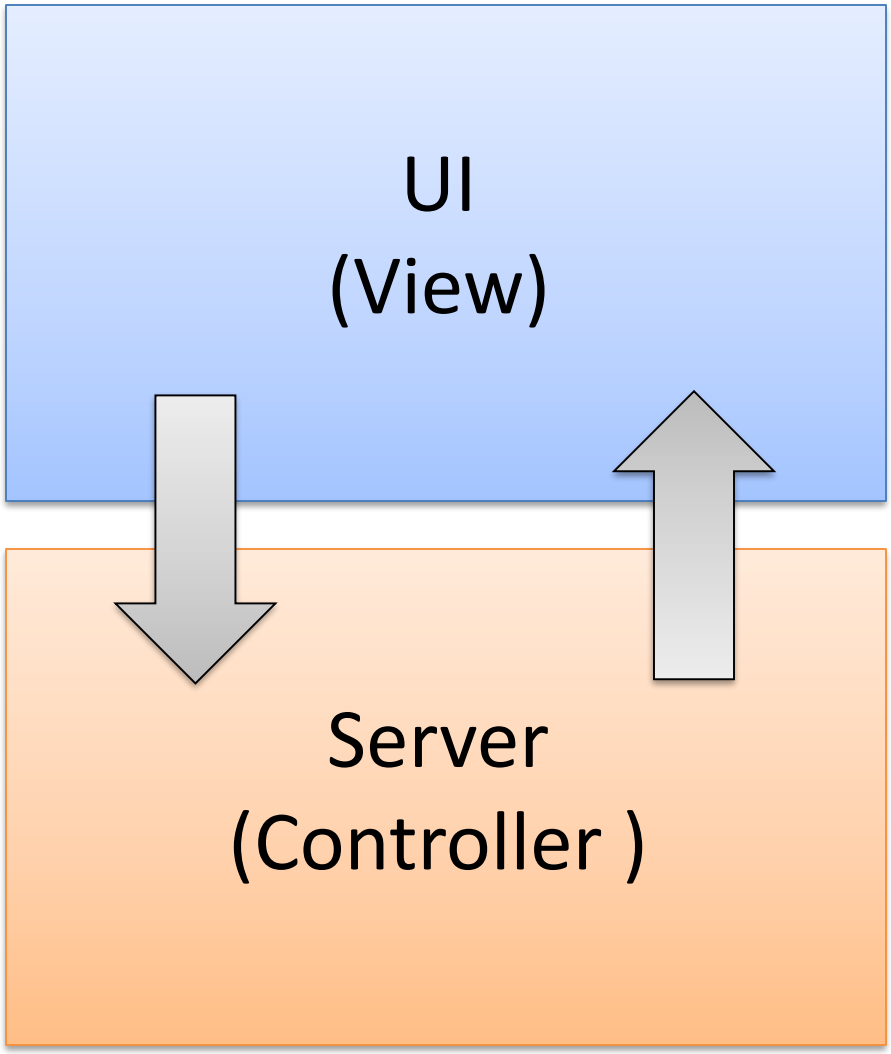
```

View (Front) / Controller (Back)



ui <- fuildPage( )

server <- function(input,output){ }

Template

```
library(shiny)
ui <- fuildPage( )

server <- function(input,output){  }

shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

Server Elements: Output

```
server <- function( input , output ) {

  output$plot1 <- renderPlot({
    par(mar = c(5.1, 4.1, 0, 1))
    plot(selectedData(), col = clusters()$cluster,pch = 20, cex = 3)
    points(clusters()$centers, pch = 4, cex = 4, lwd = 4)
  })

}
```

What gets sent to UI

output$plot1

plotOutput('plot1')

Use render*() to build objects

```
server <- function( input , output ) {

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}
```

Use the **render*()** function that creates the type of output you wish to make.

function	creates
`renderDataTable()`	An interactive table (from a data frame, matrix, or other table-like structure)
`renderImage()`	An image (saved as a link to a source file)
`renderPlot()`	A plot
`renderPrint()`	A code block of printed output
`renderTable()`	A table (from a data frame, matrix, or other table-like structure)
`renderText()`	A character string
`renderUI()`	a Shiny UI element

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Server Elements: Output

```
server <- function( input , output ) {
  output$plot1 <- renderPlot({
      plot( )
  })
}
```

Server Elements: Output

```
server <- function( input , output ) {
  output$plot1 <- renderPlot({

    par(mar = c(5.1, 4.1, 0, 1)) #Determines size of plot.
    plot(selectedData(), col = clusters()$cluster,pch = 20, cex = 3)
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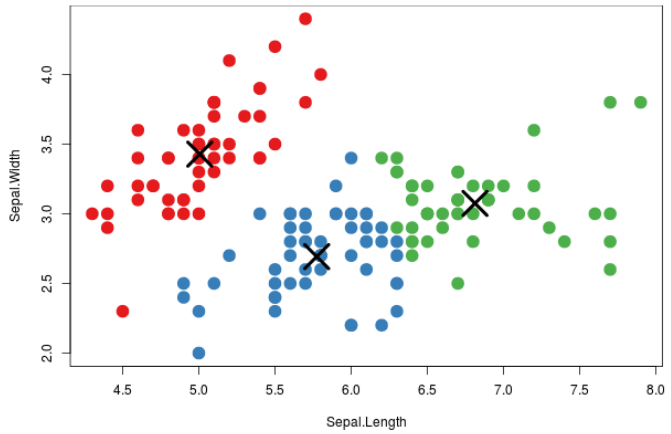
  })
}
```



UI Elements

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  ),
  mainPanel(
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  )
)
```

Server Elements: Input

```
server <- function( input , output ) {

 selectedData <- reactive({
    iris[ , c( input$xcol , input$ycol )]
  })

}
```

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Use reactive({ })

How does the ‘server’ know changes were made to the input variables?

Using reactive({ input$variable }) tells server this a variable that will be dynamically updated.

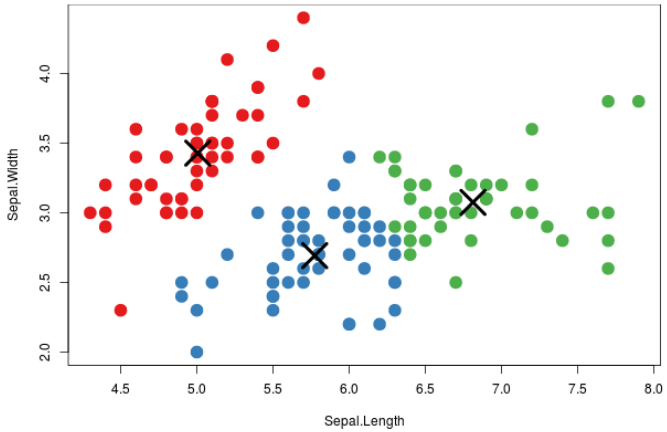
Server Elements: Input

```
server <- function( input , output ) {

 selectedData <- reactive({
    iris[ , c( input$xcol , input$ycol )]
  })

 clusters <- reactive({
    kmeans(selectedData(), input$clusters)
  })

}
```



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Basic Template

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```

ui.R and server.R

ui <- fuildPage( )

server <- function(input,output){ }

shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)

ui.R

```
library(shiny)
fluidPage(
   sliderInput()
   plotOutput()
)
```

server.R

```
library(shiny)
function(intput, output) {
    output$plot <- renderPlot({})
}
)
```

Sharing Online

Option 1 – Private Web Server

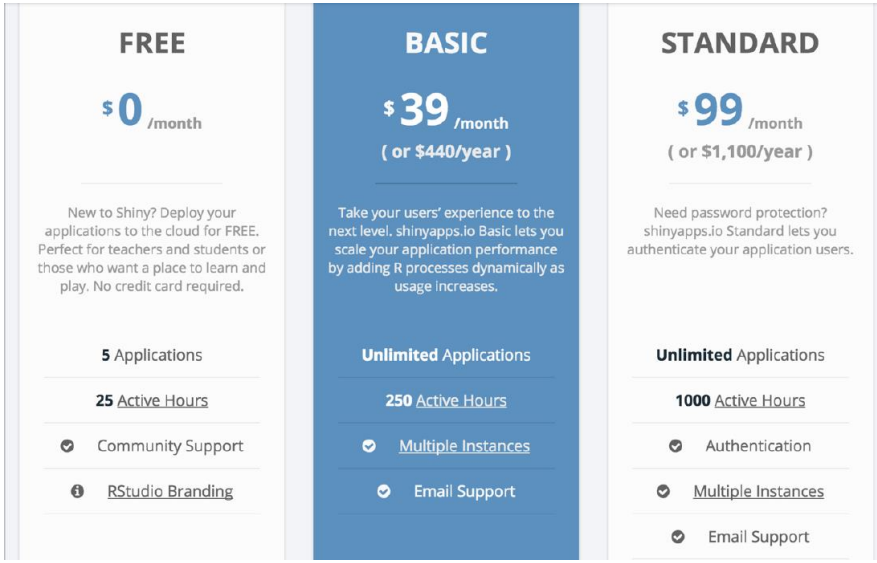
Shiny Server :

www.rstudio.com/products/shiny/shiny-server/

Option 2 – shinyapps.io

Publish Shiny Apps Online :

http://shiny.rstudio.com/articles/shinyapps.html



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