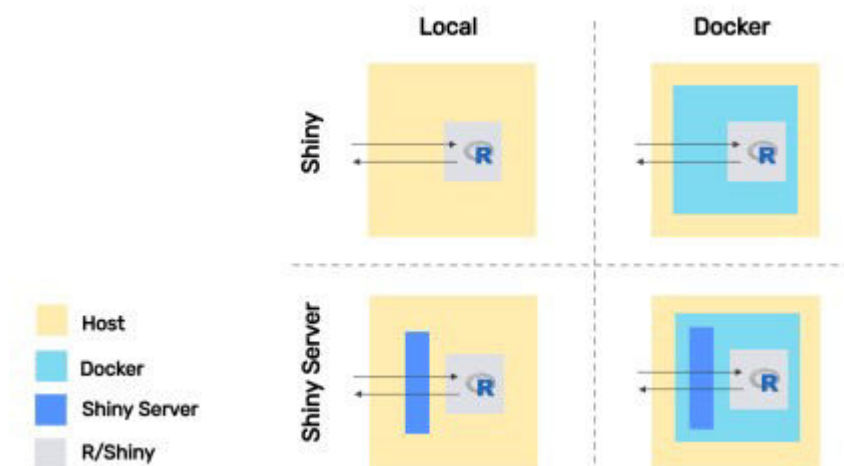I have described a few hosting patterns for Shiny apps in previous posts. It is time to compare these basic patterns. Should you host a local Shiny app on your server? Should you choose Shiny Server or Docker? Why not use both?

There are a couple of factors that you may want to consider when trying to determine which pattern is best for your self-hosting needs. I review these factors to help you make this decision.

The four basic patterns of Shiny app hosting