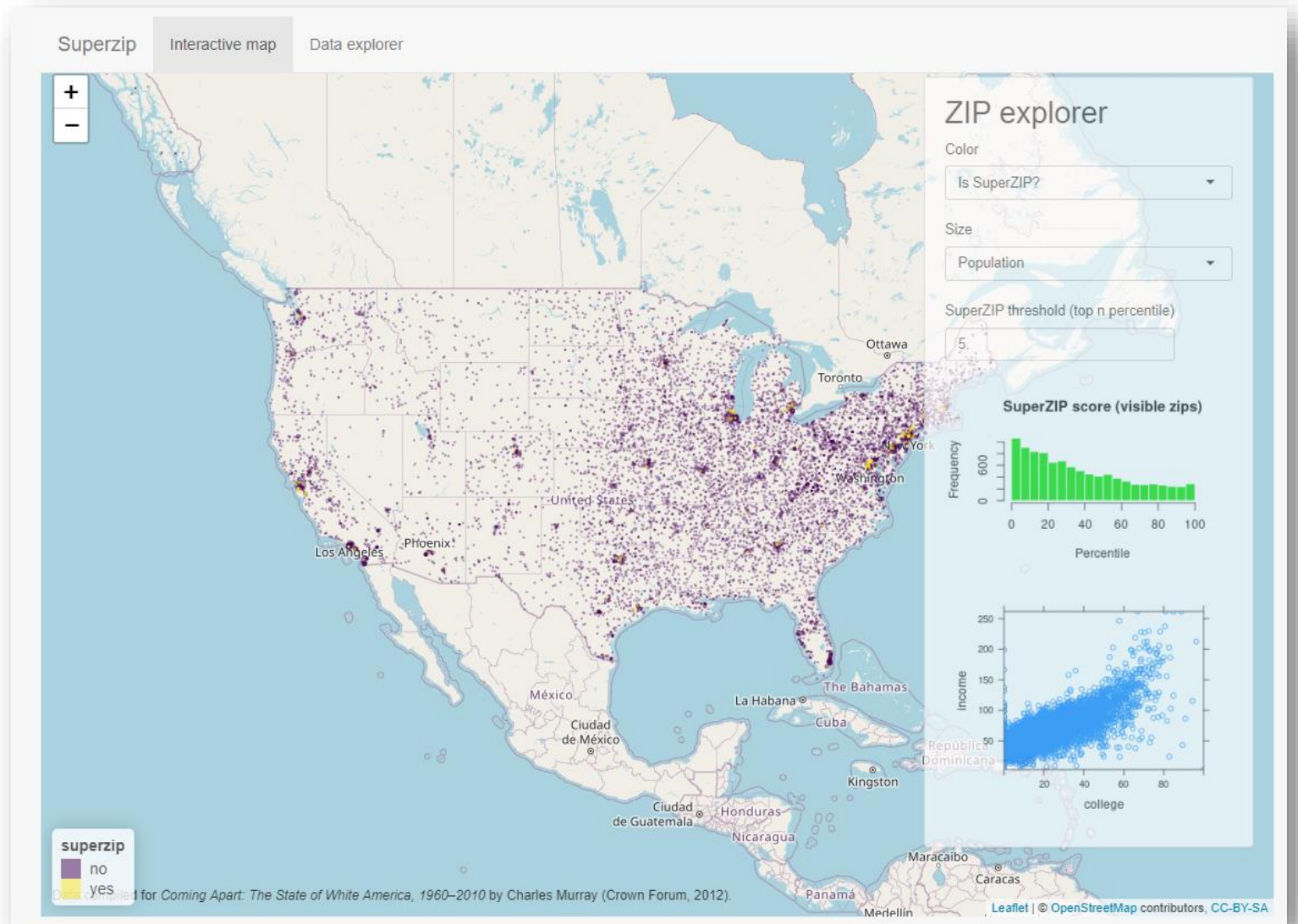


Bigfoot sightings: Learning to create Shiny modules by turning an existing app modular

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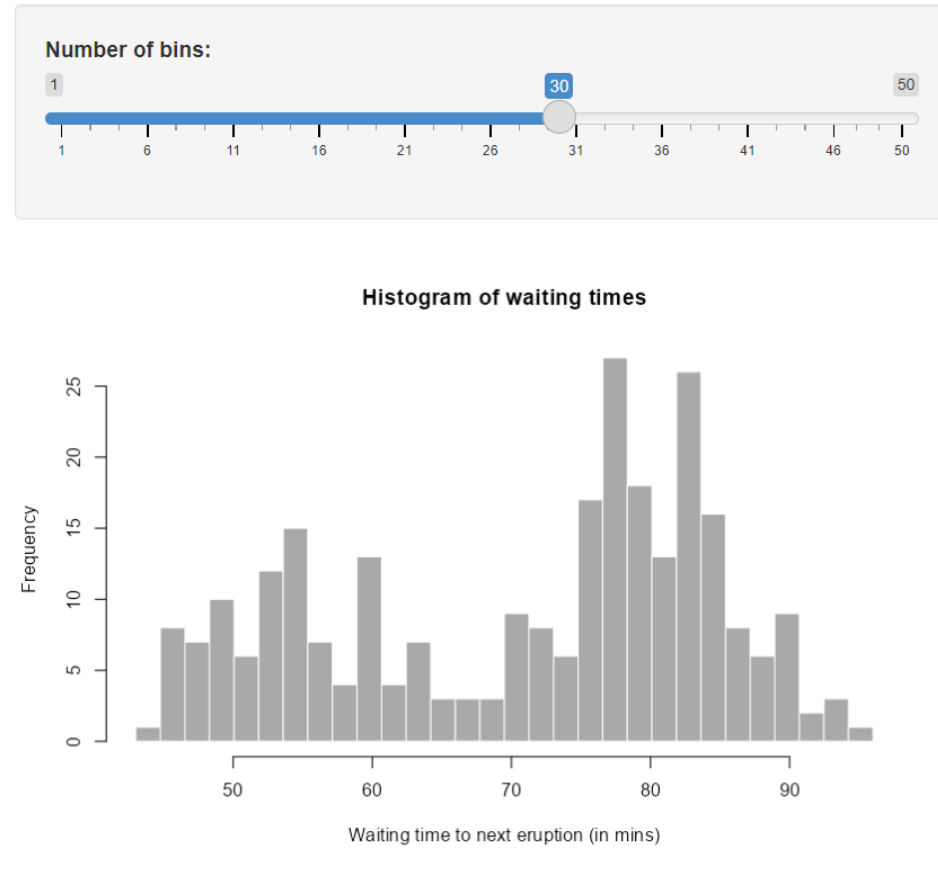


Shiny is a framework for building web applications using R and Python.



Learning Shiny.... A small app.R file

Old Faithful Geyser Data



```
# Define UI for application that draws a histogram
ui <- fluidPage(

  # Application title
  titlePanel("Old Faithful Geyser Data"),

  # sidebar with a slider input for number of bins
  sidebarLayout(
    sidebarPanel(
      sliderInput("bins",
                  "Number of bins:",
                  min = 1,
                  max = 50,
                  value = 30)
    ),

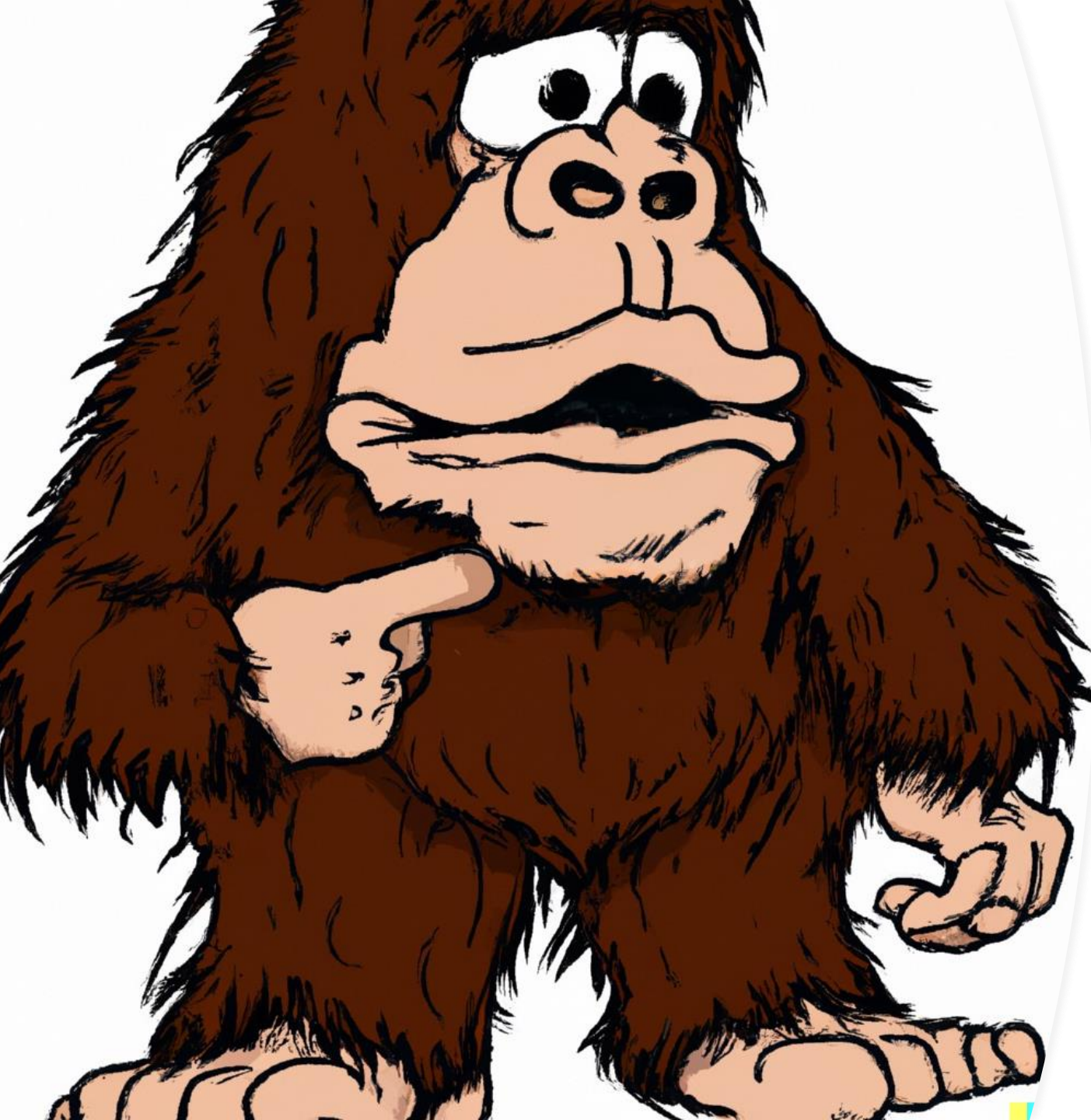
    # Show a plot of the generated distribution
    mainPanel(
      plotOutput("distPlot")
    )
  )
)

# Define server logic required to draw a histogram
server <- function(input, output) {

  output$distPlot <- renderPlot({
    # generate bins based on input$bins from ui.R
    x <- faithful[, 2]
    bins <- seq(min(x), max(x), length.out = input$bins + 1)

    # draw the histogram with the specified number of bins
    hist(x, breaks = bins, col = 'darkgray', border = 'white',
         xlab = 'waiting time to next eruption (in mins)',
         main = 'Histogram of waiting times')
  })
}

# Run the application
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
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The challenges with a monolith app.R file

- Difficult to keep track of components
- Challenging to debug if something fails
- Harder for someone new to learn and contribute
- Tedious to reuse its elements within itself and other applications

Enter Shiny modules... A reusable piece of Shiny code written as a function

Functions



Shiny

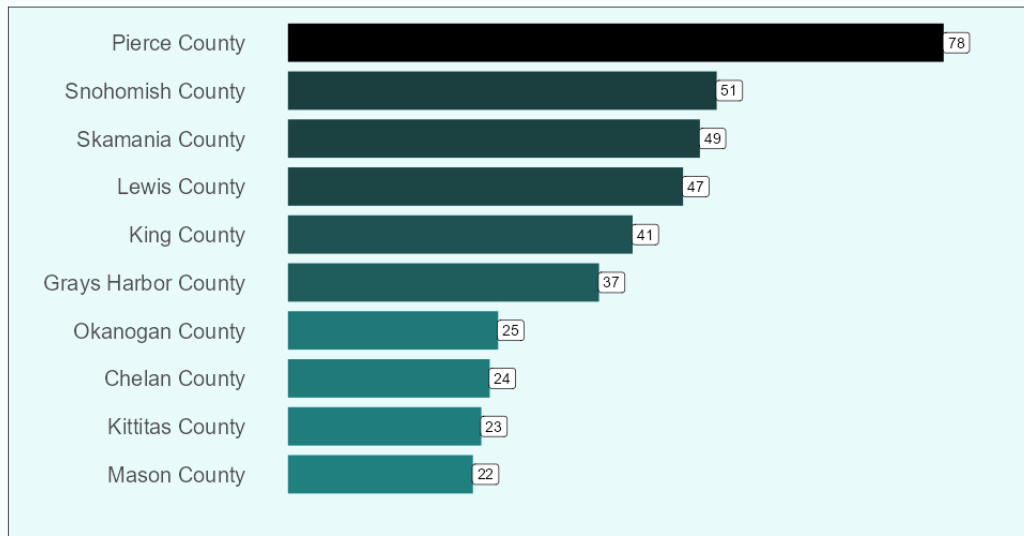
Let's learn to write modules with a Shiny application

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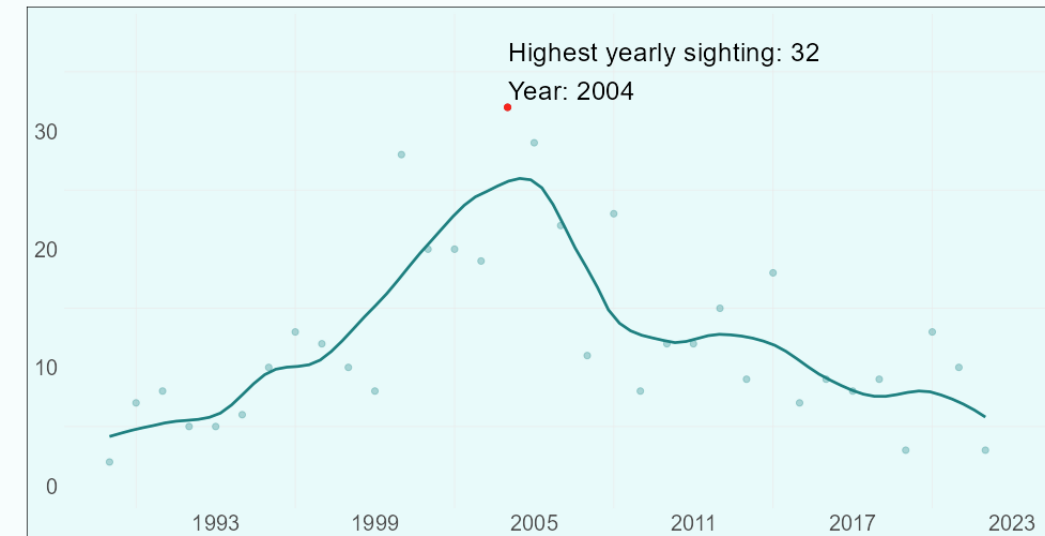
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Sightings for top 10 counties



Sightings over time



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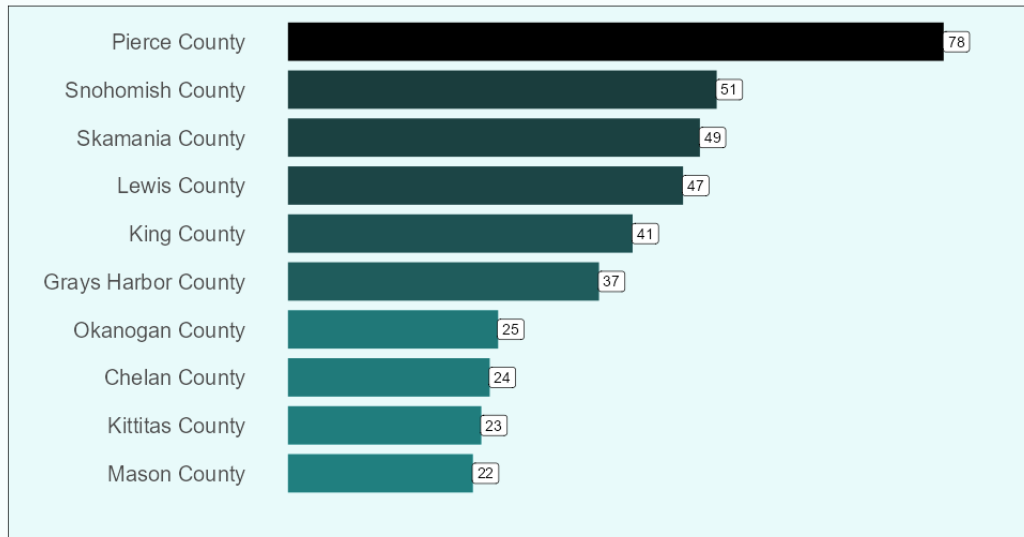
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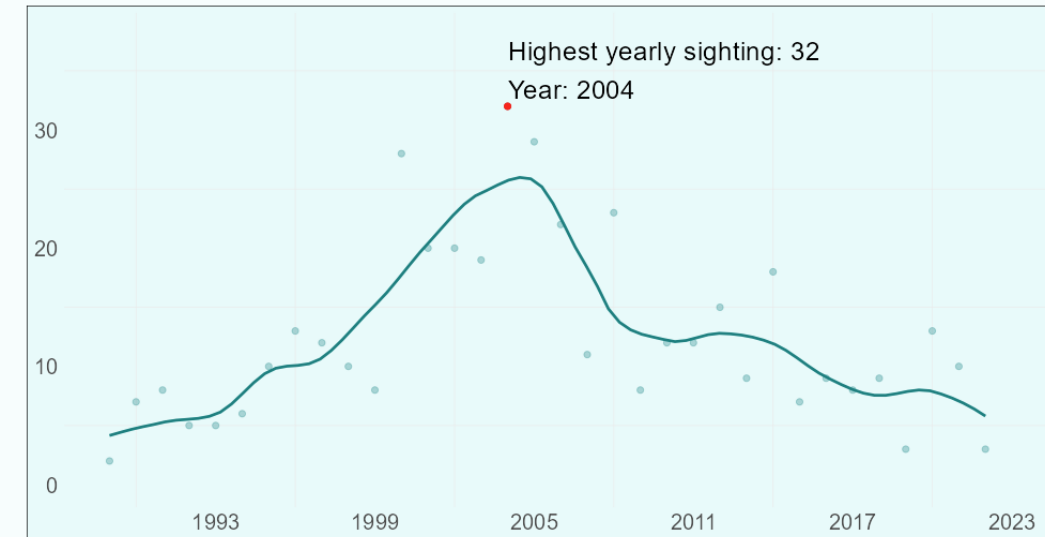
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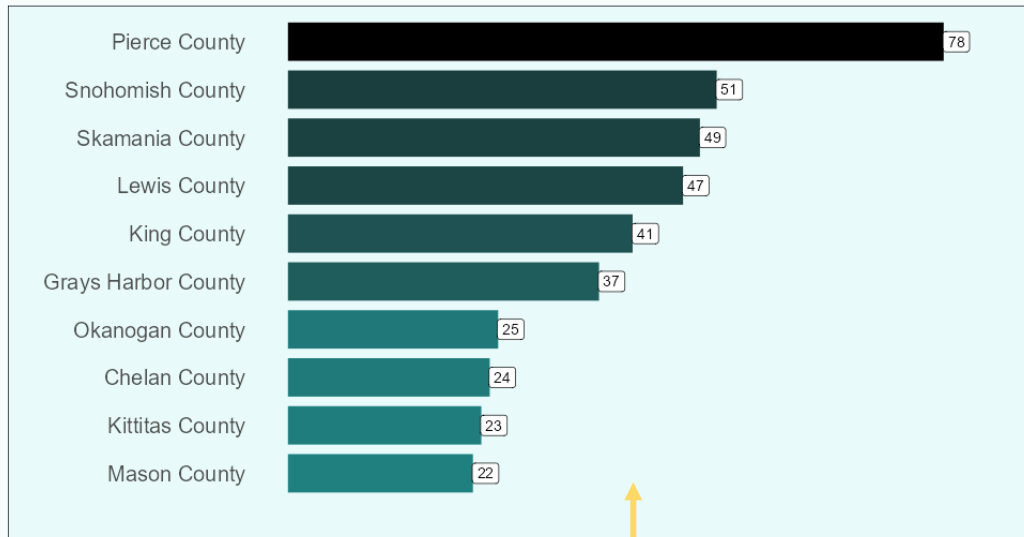
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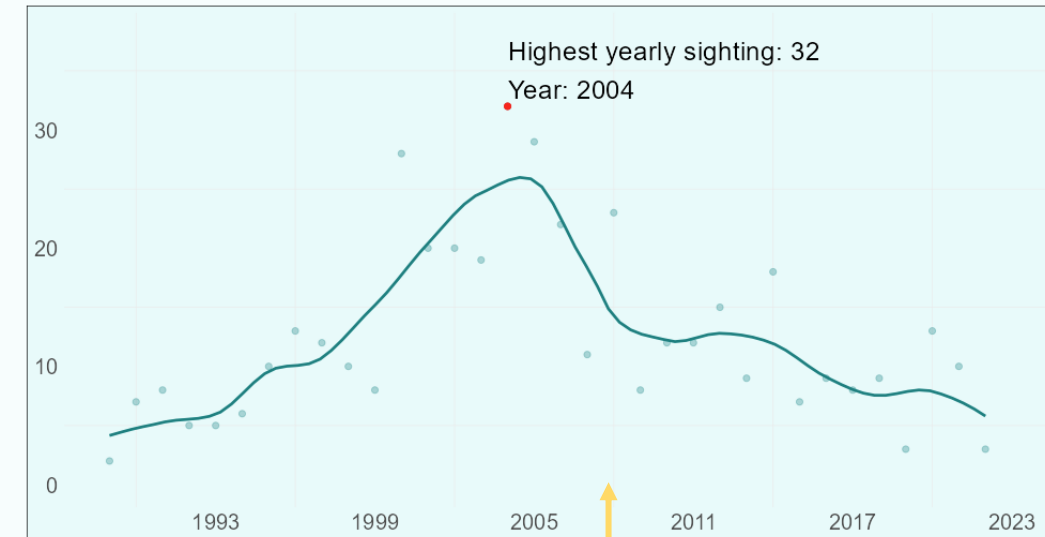
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Input for
filtering data

County plot
(on filtered data)

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*Note: All code is
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*State dropdown
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Step 2 : Create modules (baby shiny apps) for the distributed components

- Module 1: Module_input.R
 - Ui: Create state input ui
 - Server: Filter data based on state input
- Module 2: Module_countyplot.R
 - Ui: Create county plot ui
 - Server: Generate the county plot with ggplot code
- Module 3: Module_yearlyplot.R
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ui and server components are written as two separate modules, just like a shiny app.

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In this module we want to ask user to input “state” and then filter data based on the user input

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Think of ID as a blind date identification

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      ggplot() +
      geom_col(aes(county, n, fill = n), colour = NA, width = 0.8)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )

  # Yearly plot
  output$plotyearly <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(year) |>
      ggplot(aes(year, n)) +
      geom_point(aes(year, highest_count), alpha=1, size = 2)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )
}

# Run the application
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

Module 1: Module_input.R

A namespace is like a separate room that contains all the functions and variables specific to that module, preventing naming conflicts and keeping things organized

```
module_input_ui <- function(id, df, defaultstate = "Washington") {
  # Namespace
  ns <- NS(id)
  # Input UI command
  selectizeInput(inputId = ns("stateinput"), label = "Select state",
    choices = unique(df$state),
    selected = defaultstate, multiple = FALSE)
}

module_input_server <- function(id, df) {
  moduleServer(id,
    function(input, output, session) {
      # Filter data set based on input
      table <- reactive({df |> filter(state == input$stateinput)})
      return(table)
    }
  )
}
```

Each input name is encapsulated in ns() to ensure that it is properly namespaced and avoid conflicts with input names from other module calls in the main application

Step 3: Test your module

Call the module function from the main app.R file

Test app.R

```
source("../modules/module_input.R")

dataset <- read.csv("../data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

ui_test <- fluidPage(
  # Call the ui module as a function
  module_input_ui("input_test", df=dataset))

server_test <- function(input, output, session) {
  # Call the server module as a function
  data_filtered <- module_input_server("input_test", df=dataset)
}

# Call the shiny app
shinyApp(ui=ui_test, server=server_test)
```

Module 1: Module_input.R

```
module_input_ui <- function(id, df, defaultstate = "Washington") {
  # Namespace
  ns <- NS(id)
  # Input UI command
  selectizeInput(inputId = ns("stateinput"), label = "Select state",
    choices = unique(df$state),
    selected = defaultstate, multiple = FALSE)
}

module_input_server <- function(id, df) {
  moduleServer(id,
    function(input, output, session) {
      # Filter data set based on input
      table <- reactive({df |> filter(state == input$stateinput)})
      return(table)
    }
  )
}
```

Shiny App output

Select state

Washington ▼

Step 3: Test your module

Call the module function from the main app.R file

Test app.R

```
source("../modules/module_input.R")
```

```
dataset <- read.csv("../data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")
```

```
ui_test <- fluidPage(  
  # Call the ui module as a function  
  module_input_ui("input_test", df=dataset))
```

```
server_test <- function(input, output, session) {  
  # Call the server module as a function  
  data_filtered <- module_input_server("input_test", df=dataset)  
}
```

```
# Call the shiny app  
shinyApp(ui=ui_test, server=server_test)
```

Source your module_input.R file

Module 1: Module_input.R

```
module_input_ui <- function(id, df, defaultstate = "Washington") {  
  # Namespace  
  ns <- NS(id)  
  # Input UI command  
  selectizeInput(inputId = ns("stateinput"), label = "Select state",  
                 choices = unique(df$state),  
                 selected = defaultstate, multiple = FALSE)  
}  
  
module_input_server <- function(id, df) {  
  moduleServer(id,  
    function(input, output, session) {  
      # Filter data set based on input  
      table <- reactive({df |> filter(state == input$stateinput)})  
      return(table)  
    }  
  )  
}
```

Shiny App output

Select state

Washington ▼

Step 3: Test your module

Call the module function from the main app.R file

Test app.R

```
source("../modules/module_input.R")

dataset <- read.csv("../data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

ui_test <- fluidPage(
  # Call the ui module as a function
  module_input_ui("input_test", df=dataset))

server_test <- function(input, output, session) {
  # Call the server module as a function
  data_filtered <- module_input_server("input_test", df=dataset)
}

# Call the shiny app
shinyApp(ui=ui_test, server=server_test)
```

Call the ui module and server module functions from the main app ui and server

Module 1: Module_input.R

```
module_input_ui <- function(id, df, defaultstate = "Washington") {
  # Namespace
  ns <- NS(id)
  # Input UI command
  selectizeInput(inputId = ns("stateinput"), label = "Select state",
    choices = unique(df$state),
    selected = defaultstate, multiple = FALSE)
}

module_input_server <- function(id, df) {
  moduleServer(id,
    function(input, output, session) {
      # Filter data set based on input
      table <- reactive({df |> filter(state == input$stateinput)})
      return(table)
    }
  )
}
```

Shiny App output

Select state

Washington ▼

Step 3: Test your module

Call the module function from the main app.R file

Test app.R

```
source("../modules/module_input.R")

dataset <- read.csv("../data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

ui_test <- fluidPage(
  # Call the ui module as a function
  module_input_ui("input_test", df=dataset))

server_test <- function(input, output, session) {
  # Call the server module as a function
  data_filtered <- module_input_server("input_test", df=dataset)
}

# Call the shiny app
shinyApp(ui=ui_test, server=server_test)
```

Call the shiny app command

Module 1: Module_input.R

```
module_input_ui <- function(id, df, defaultstate = "Washington") {
  # Namespace
  ns <- NS(id)
  # Input UI command
  selectizeInput(inputId = ns("stateinput"), label = "Select state",
                 choices = unique(df$state),
                 selected = defaultstate, multiple = FALSE)
}

module_input_server <- function(id, df) {
  moduleServer(id,
    function(input, output, session) {
      # Filter data set based on input
      table <- reactive({df |> filter(state == input$stateinput)})
      return(table)
    }
  )
}
```

Shiny App output

Select state

Washington ▼

Shiny app is created

Step 4: Replicate modularization for other decomposed components

- **COMPLETED - Module 1**: Module_input.R
 - Ui: Create state input ui
 - Server: Filter data based on state input
- **Module 2**: Module_countyplot.R
 - Ui: Create county plot ui
 - Server: Generate the county plot with ggplot code
- **Module 3**: Module_yearlyplot.R
 - Ui: Create yearly plot ui
 - Server: Generate the yearly plot with ggplot code

Original app.R file

```
dataset <- read.csv("../data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

ui <- fluidPage(h1("Bigfoot Sightings in the United States", align="center"),
  fluidRow(
    # Input state
    column(2,selectizeInput(inputId = "state",
      label = "Select State",
      choices = unique(dataset$state),
      selected = "Washington",
      multiple = FALSE)),

    # Show county plot
    column(5, plotOutput(outputId = "plotcounty")),

    # Show yearly plot
    column(5, plotOutput(outputId = "plotyearly"))
  ))

# Define server logic ----
server <- function(input, output, session) {

  # filter data based on user selection
  data_filtered <- reactive({dataset |> filter(state == input$state)})

  # County plot
  output$plotcounty <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(county) |>
      ggplot() +
      geom_col(aes(county, n, fill = n), colour = NA, width = 0.8)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )

  # Yearly plot
  output$plotyearly <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(year) |>
      ggplot(aes(year, n)) +
      geom_point(aes(year, highest_count), alpha=1, size = 2)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )
}

# Run the application
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

Module 2: Module_countyplot.R

```
module_county_ui <- function(id) {
  # Namespace
  ns <- NS(id)
  plotOutput(outputId = ns("plotcounty"))
}

module_county_server <- function(id, df_filtered) {
  moduleServer(id,
    function(input, output, session) {
      # County plot code
      output$plotcounty <- renderPlot(
        df_filtered() |>
          count(county) |>
          ggplot() +
          geom_col(aes(county, n, fill = n),
            colour = NA, width = 0.8)
        # ... rest of the plot code
      )
    }
  )
}
```

Original app.R file

```
dataset <- read.csv("../data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

ui <- fluidPage(h1("Bigfoot Sightings in the United States", align="center"),
  fluidRow(
    # Input state
    column(2, selectizeInput(inputId = "state",
      label = "Select State",
      choices = unique(dataset$state),
      selected = "Washington",
      multiple = FALSE)),

    # Show county plot
    column(5, plotOutput(outputId = "plotcounty")),

    # Show yearly plot
    column(5, plotOutput(outputId = "plotyearly"))
  ))

# Define server logic ----
server <- function(input, output, session) {

  # filter data based on user selection
  data_filtered <- reactive({dataset |> filter(state == input$state)})

  # County plot
  output$plotcounty <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(county) |>
      ggplot() +
      geom_col(aes(county, n, fill = n), colour = NA, width = 0.8)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )

  # Yearly plot
  output$plotyearly <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(year) |>
      ggplot(aes(year, n)) +
      geom_point(aes(year, highest_count), alpha=1, size = 2)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )

}

# Run the application
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

Module 3: Module_yearlyplot.R

```
module_yearly_ui <- function(id) {
  # Namespace
  ns <- NS(id)
  plotOutput(outputId = ns("plotyearly"))
}
```

```
module_yearly_server <- function(id, df_filtered) {
  moduleServer(id,
    function(input, output, session) {
      # Yearly plot code
      output$plotyearly <- renderPlot(
        df_filtered() |>
          count(year) |>
          ggplot(aes(year, n)) +
          geom_point(aes(year, highest_count), alpha=1, size = 2)
        # ... rest of the plot code
      )
    }
  )
}
```

Original app.R file

```
dataset <- read.csv("../data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

ui <- fluidPage(h1("Bigfoot Sightings in the United States", align="center"),
  fluidRow(
    # Input state
    column(2,selectizeInput(inputId = "state",
      label = "Select State",
      choices = unique(dataset$state),
      selected = "Washington",
      multiple = FALSE)),

    # Show county plot
    column(5, plotOutput(outputId = "plotcounty")),

    # Show yearly plot
    column(5, plotOutput(outputId = "plotyearly"))
  ))

# Define server logic ----
server <- function(input, output, session) {

  # filter data based on user selection
  data_filtered <- reactive({dataset |> filter(state == input$state)})

  # County plot
  output$plotcounty <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(county) |>
      ggplot() +
      geom_col(aes(county, n, fill = n), colour = NA, width = 0.8)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )

  # Yearly plot
  output$plotyearly <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(year) |>
      ggplot(aes(year, n)) +
      geom_point(aes(year, highest_count), alpha=1, size = 2)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )
}

# Run the application
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

Step 5: Call modules from the main app.R file

Updated app.R file

```
source("../modules/module_input.R")
source("../modules/module_countyplot.R")
source("../modules/module_yearlyplot.R")

dataset <- read.csv("../data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

# App with single section

ui <- fluidPage(h1("Bigfoot Sightings in the United States", align="center"),
  fluidRow(
    # Input state
    column(2,module_input_ui("inputs", dataset)),
    # Show county plot
    column(5, module_county_ui("countyplot")),
    # Show yearly plot
    column(5, module_yearly_ui("timeplot"))
  ))

# Define server logic ----
server <- function(input, output, session) {

  data_filtered <- module_input_server("inputs", dataset)
  module_county_server("countyplot", df_filtered = data_filtered)
  module_yearly_server("timeplot", df_filtered = data_filtered)

}

# Run the application
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

Original app.R file

```
dataset <- read.csv("../data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

ui <- fluidPage(h1("Bigfoot Sightings in the United States", align="center"),
  fluidRow(
    # Input state
    column(2,selectizeInput(inputId = "state",
      label = "Select State",
      choices = unique(dataset$state),
      selected = "Washington",
      multiple = FALSE)),

    # Show county plot
    column(5, plotOutput(outputId = "plotcounty")),

    # Show yearly plot
    column(5, plotOutput(outputId = "plotyearly"))
  ))

# Define server logic ----
server <- function(input, output, session) {

  # filter data based on user selection
  data_filtered <- reactive({dataset |> filter(state == input$state)})

  # County plot
  output$plotcounty <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(county) |>
      ggplot() +
      geom_col(aes(county, n, fill = n), colour = NA, width = 0.8)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )

  # Yearly plot
  output$plotyearly <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(year) |>
      ggplot(aes(year, n)) +
      geom_point(aes(year, highest_count), alpha=1, size = 2)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )
}

# Run the application
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

Source the module files

Updated app.R file

```
source("../modules/module_input.R")
source("../modules/module_countyplot.R")
source("../modules/module_yearlyplot.R")

dataset <- read.csv("../data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

# App with single section

ui <- fluidPage(h1("Bigfoot Sightings in the United States", align="center"),
  fluidRow(
    # Input state
    column(2,module_input_ui("inputs", dataset)),
    # Show county plot
    column(5, module_county_ui("countyplot")),
    # Show yearly plot
    column(5, module_yearly_ui("timeplot"))
  ))

# Define server logic ----
server <- function(input, output, session) {

  data_filtered <- module_input_server("inputs", dataset)
  module_county_server("countyplot", df_filtered = data_filtered)
  module_yearly_server("timeplot", df_filtered = data_filtered)

}

# Run the application
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

Original app.R file

```
dataset <- read.csv("../data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

ui <- fluidPage(h1("Bigfoot Sightings in the United States", align="center"),
  fluidRow(
    # Input state
    column(2,selectizeInput(inputId = "state",
      label = "Select State",
      choices = unique(dataset$state),
      selected = "Washington",
      multiple = FALSE)),

    # Show county plot
    column(5, plotOutput(outputId = "plotcounty")),

    # Show yearly plot
    column(5, plotOutput(outputId = "plotyearly"))
  ))

# Define server logic ----
server <- function(input, output, session) {

  # filter data based on user selection
  data_filtered <- reactive({dataset |> filter(state == input$state)})

  # County plot
  output$plotcounty <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(county) |>
      ggplot() +
      geom_col(aes(county, n, fill = n), colour = NA, width = 0.8)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )

  # Yearly plot
  output$plotyearly <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(year) |>
      ggplot(aes(year, n)) +
      geom_point(aes(year, highest_count), alpha=1, size = 2)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )
}

# Run the application
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

Call state input ui and server modules with "same" id

Updated app.R file

```
source("../modules/module_input.R")
source("../modules/module_countyplot.R")
source("../modules/module_yearlyplot.R")

dataset <- read.csv("../data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

# App with single section

ui <- fluidPage(h1("Bigfoot Sightings in the United States", align="center"),
  fluidRow(
    # Input state
    column(2,module_input_ui("inputs", dataset)),
    # Show county plot
    column(5, module_county_ui("countyplot")),
    # Show yearly plot
    column(5, module_yearly_ui("timeplot"))
  ))

# Define server logic ----
server <- function(input, output, session) {

  data_filtered <- module_input_server("inputs", dataset)
  module_county_server("countyplot", df_filtered = data_filtered)
  module_yearly_server("timeplot", df_filtered = data_filtered)

}

# Run the application
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```


Original app.R file

```
dataset <- read.csv("../data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

ui <- fluidPage(h1("Bigfoot Sightings in the United States", align="center"),
  fluidRow(
    # Input state
    column(2,selectizeInput(inputId = "state",
      label = "Select State",
      choices = unique(dataset$state),
      selected = "Washington",
      multiple = FALSE)),

    # Show county plot
    column(5, plotOutput(outputId = "plotcounty")),

    # Show yearly plot
    column(5, plotOutput(outputId = "plotyearly"))
  ))

# Define server logic ----
server <- function(input, output, session) {

  # filter data based on user selection
  data_filtered <- reactive({dataset |> filter(state == input$state)})

  # County plot
  output$plotcounty <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(county) |>
      ggplot() +
      geom_col(aes(county, n, fill = n), colour = NA, width = 0.8)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )

  # Yearly plot
  output$plotyearly <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(year) |>
      ggplot(aes(year, n)) +
      geom_point(aes(year, highest_count), alpha=1, size = 2)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )
}

# Run the application
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

Similarly, call country plot ui and server modules

Updated app.R file

```
source("../modules/module_input.R")
source("../modules/module_countyplot.R")
source("../modules/module_yearlyplot.R")

dataset <- read.csv("../data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

# App with single section

ui <- fluidPage(h1("Bigfoot Sightings in the United States", align="center"),
  fluidRow(
    # Input state
    column(2,module_input_ui("inputs", dataset)),
    # Show county plot
    column(5, module_county_ui("countyplot")),
    # Show yearly plot
    column(5, module_yearly_ui("timeplot"))
  ))

# Define server logic ----
server <- function(input, output, session) {

  data_filtered <- module_input_server("inputs", dataset)
  module_county_server("countyplot", df_filtered = data_filtered)
  module_yearly_server("timeplot", df_filtered = data_filtered)
}

# Run the application
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

Original app.R file

```
dataset <- read.csv("../data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

ui <- fluidPage(h1("Bigfoot Sightings in the United States", align="center"),
  fluidRow(
    # Input state
    column(2,selectizeInput(inputId = "state",
      label = "Select State",
      choices = unique(dataset$state),
      selected = "Washington",
      multiple = FALSE)),

    # Show county plot
    column(5, plotOutput(outputId = "plotcounty")),

    # Show yearly plot
    column(5, plotOutput(outputId = "plotyearly"))
  ))

# Define server logic ----
server <- function(input, output, session) {

  # filter data based on user selection
  data_filtered <- reactive({dataset |> filter(state == input$state)})

  # County plot
  output$plotcounty <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(county) |>
      ggplot() +
      geom_col(aes(county, n, fill = n), colour = NA, width = 0.8)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )

  # Yearly plot
  output$plotyearly <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(year) |>
      ggplot(aes(year, n)) +
      geom_point(aes(year, highest_count), alpha=1, size = 2)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )

  # Run the application
  shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

Similarly, call yearly plot ui and server modules

Updated app.R file

```
source("../modules/module_input.R")
source("../modules/module_countyplot.R")
source("../modules/module_yearlyplot.R")

dataset <- read.csv("../data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

# App with single section

ui <- fluidPage(h1("Bigfoot Sightings in the United States", align="center"),
  fluidRow(
    # Input state
    column(2,module_input_ui("inputs", dataset)),
    # Show county plot
    column(5, module_county_ui("countyplot")),
    # Show yearly plot
    column(5, module_yearly_ui("timeplot"))
  ))

# Define server logic ----
server <- function(input, output, session) {

  data_filtered <- module_input_server("inputs", dataset)
  module_county_server("countyplot", df_filtered = data_filtered)
  module_yearly_server("timeplot", df_filtered = data_filtered)

  # Run the application
  shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

Original app.R file

```
dataset <- read.csv("../data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

ui <- fluidPage(h1("Bigfoot Sightings in the United States", align="center"),
  fluidRow(
    # Input state
    column(2,selectizeInput(inputId = "state",
      label = "Select State",
      choices = unique(dataset$state),
      selected = "Washington",
      multiple = FALSE)),

    # Show county plot
    column(5, plotOutput(outputId = "plotcounty")),

    # Show yearly plot
    column(5, plotOutput(outputId = "plotyearly"))
  ))

# Define server logic ----
server <- function(input, output, session) {

  # filter data based on user selection
  data_filtered <- reactive({dataset |> filter(state == input$state)})

  # County plot
  output$plotcounty <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(county) |>
      ggplot() +
      geom_col(aes(county, n, fill = n), colour = NA, width = 0.8)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )

  # Yearly plot
  output$plotyearly <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(year) |>
      ggplot(aes(year, n)) +
      geom_point(aes(year, highest_count), alpha=1, size = 2)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )
}

# Run the application
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

Run the shiny app

Updated app.R file

```
source("../modules/module_input.R")
source("../modules/module_countyplot.R")
source("../modules/module_yearlyplot.R")

dataset <- read.csv("../data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

# App with single section

ui <- fluidPage(h1("Bigfoot Sightings in the United States", align="center"),
  fluidRow(
    # Input state
    column(2,module_input_ui("inputs", dataset)),
    # Show county plot
    column(5, module_county_ui("countyplot")),
    # Show yearly plot
    column(5, module_yearly_ui("timeplot"))
  ))

# Define server logic ----
server <- function(input, output, session) {

  data_filtered <- module_input_server("inputs", dataset)
  module_county_server("countyplot", df_filtered = data_filtered)
  module_yearly_server("timeplot", df_filtered = data_filtered)

}

# Run the application
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

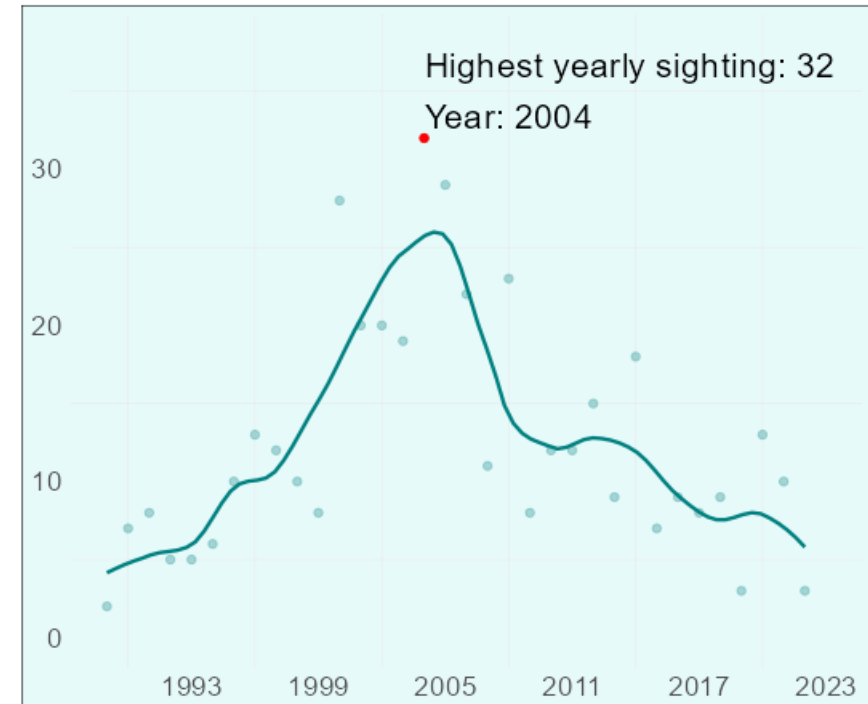
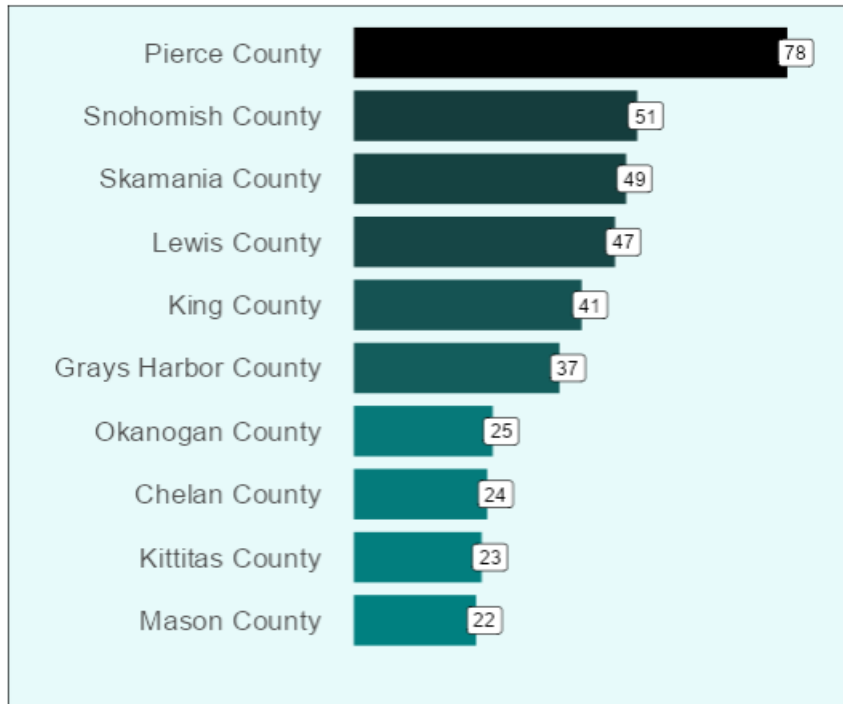
app.R is so clean and simple to read!!!

Shiny output

Bigfoot Sightings in the United States

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Now, let's replicate input and output plots for two state comparison

Like this ->



Original app.R file

```
dataset <- read.csv("./data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

ui <- fluidPage(h1("Bigfoot Sightings in the United States", align="center"),
  fluidRow(
    # Input state
    column(2,selectizeInput(inputId = "state",
      label = "Select State",
      choices = unique(dataset$state),
      selected = "Washington",
      multiple = FALSE)),

    # Show county plot
    column(5, plotOutput(outputId = "plotcounty")),

    # Show yearly plot
    column(5, plotOutput(outputId = "plotyearly"))
  ))

# Define server logic ----
server <- function(input, output, session) {

  # filter data based on user selection
  data_filtered <- reactive({dataset |> filter(state == input$state)})

  # County plot
  output$plotcounty <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(county) |>
      ggplot() +
      geom_col(aes(county, n, fill = n), colour = NA, width = 0.8)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )

  # Yearly plot
  output$plotyearly <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(year) |>
      ggplot(aes(year, n)) +
      geom_point(aes(year, highest_count), alpha=1, size = 2)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )
}

# Run the application
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

Updated app.R file – single module, **multiple** calls

```
source("./modules/module_input.R")
source("./modules/module_countyplot.R")
source("./modules/module_yearlyplot.R")

dataset <- read.csv("./data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

# App with two sections

ui <- fluidPage(h1("Bigfoot Sightings in the United States",
  align="center"),
  fluidRow(
    # Input state
    column(2,module_input_ui("inputs", dataset)),
    # Show county plot
    column(5, module_county_ui("countyplot")),
    # Show yearly plot
    column(5, module_yearly_ui("timeplot"))
  ),
  fluidRow(
    # Input state
    column(2,module_input_ui("inputs_2", dataset,
      defaultstate = "Ohio")),
    # Show county plot
    column(5, module_county_ui("countyplot_2")),
    # Show yearly plot
    column(5, module_yearly_ui("timeplot_2"))
  )
)

# Define server logic ----
server <- function(input, output, session) {

  data_filtered <- module_input_server("inputs", dataset)
  module_county_server("countyplot", df_filtered = data_filtered)
  module_yearly_server("timeplot", df_filtered = data_filtered)

  data_filtered_2 <- module_input_server("inputs_2", dataset)
  module_county_server("countyplot_2", df_filtered = data_filtered_2)
  module_yearly_server("timeplot_2", df_filtered = data_filtered_2)

}

# Run the application
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

Original app.R file

```
dataset <- read.csv("./data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

ui <- fluidPage(h1("Bigfoot Sightings in the United States", align="center"),
  fluidRow(
    # Input state
    column(2,selectizeInput(inputId = "state",
      label = "Select State",
      choices = unique(dataset$state),
      selected = "Washington",
      multiple = FALSE)),

    # Show county plot
    column(5, plotOutput(outputId = "plotcounty")),

    # Show yearly plot
    column(5, plotOutput(outputId = "plotyearly"))
  ))

# Define server logic ----
server <- function(input, output, session) {

  # filter data based on user selection
  data_filtered <- reactive({dataset |> filter(state == input$state)})

  # County plot
  output$plotcounty <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(county) |>
      ggplot() +
      geom_col(aes(county, n, fill = n), colour = NA, width = 0.8)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )

  # Yearly plot
  output$plotyearly <- renderPlot(
    data_filtered() |>
      count(year) |>
      ggplot(aes(year, n)) +
      geom_point(aes(year, highest_count), alpha=1, size = 2)
    # ... rest of the plot code
  )
}

# Run the application
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

NOTE: Unique ids amongst each module calls

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source("./modules/module_input.R")
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dataset <- read.csv("./data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

# App with two sections

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# Define server logic ----
server <- function(input, output, session) {

  data_filtered <- module_input_server("inputs", dataset)
  module_county_server("countyplot", df_filtered = data_filtered)
  module_yearly_server("timeplot", df_filtered = data_filtered)

  data_filtered_2 <- module_input_server("inputs_2", dataset)
  module_county_server("countyplot_2", df_filtered = data_filtered_2)
  module_yearly_server("timeplot_2", df_filtered = data_filtered_2)

}

# Run the application
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```


Updated app.R file – single module, multiple calls

```
source("../modules/module_input.R")
source("../modules/module_countyplot.R")
source("../modules/module_yearlyplot.R")

dataset <- read.csv("../data/bfro_reports_geocoded.csv")

# App with two sections

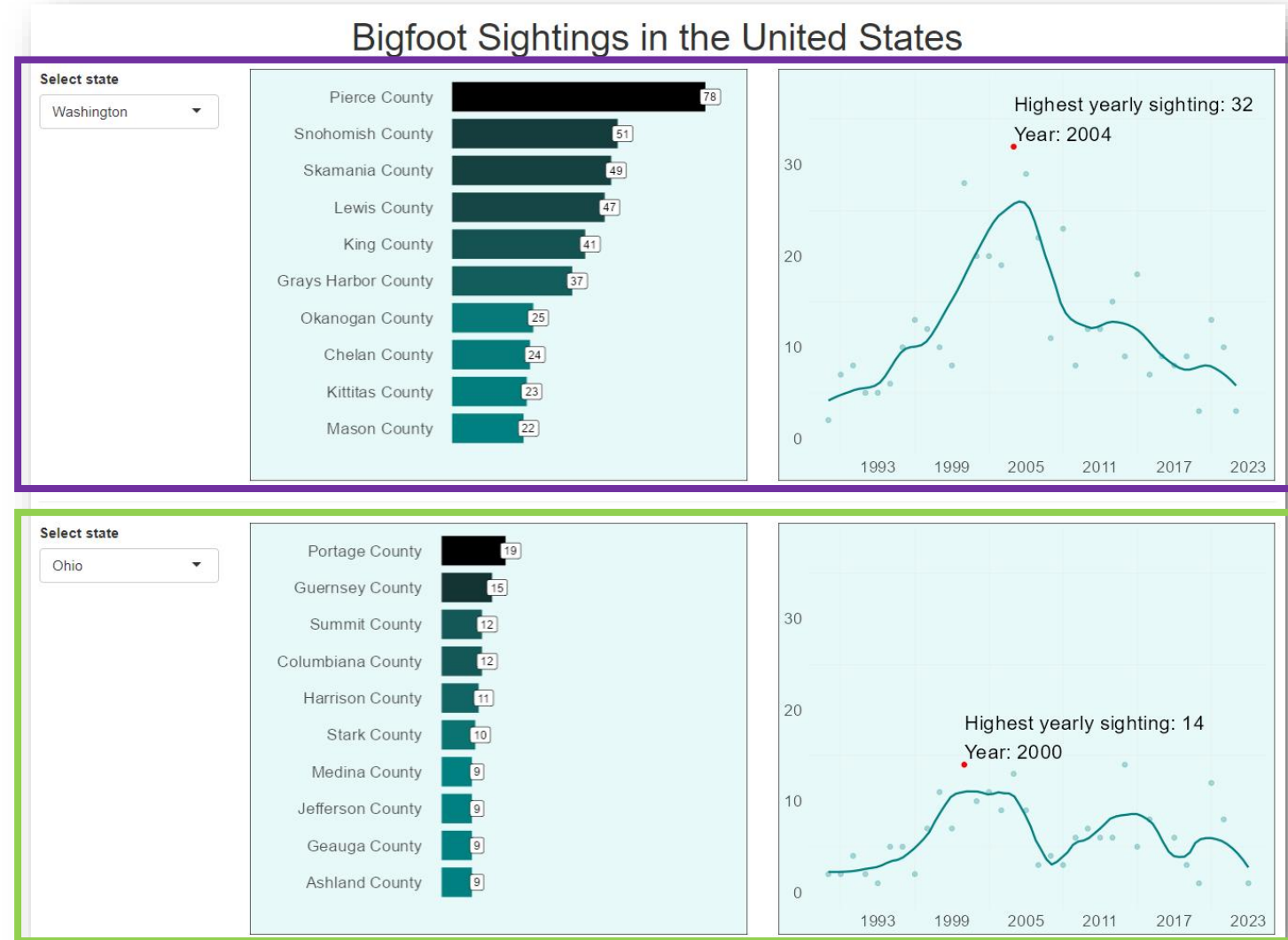
ui <- fluidPage(h1("Bigfoot Sightings in the United States",
  align="center"),
  fluidRow(
    # Input state
    column(2, module_input_ui("inputs", dataset)),
    # Show county plot
    column(5, module_county_ui("countyplot")),
    # Show yearly plot
    column(5, module_yearly_ui("timeplot"))
  ),
  br(),
  fluidRow(
    column(2, module_input_ui("inputs_2", dataset,
      defaultstate = "Ohio")),
    column(5, module_county_ui("countyplot_2")),
    column(5, module_yearly_ui("timeplot_2"))
  )
)

# Define server logic ----
server <- function(input, output, session) {
  data_filtered <- module_input_server("inputs", dataset)
  module_county_server("countyplot", df_filtered = data_filtered)
  module_yearly_server("timeplot", df_filtered = data_filtered)

  data_filtered_2 <- module_input_server("inputs_2", dataset)
  module_county_server("countyplot_2", df_filtered = data_filtered_2)
  module_yearly_server("timeplot_2", df_filtered = data_filtered_2)
}

# Run the application
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

Shiny App output



Original app.R

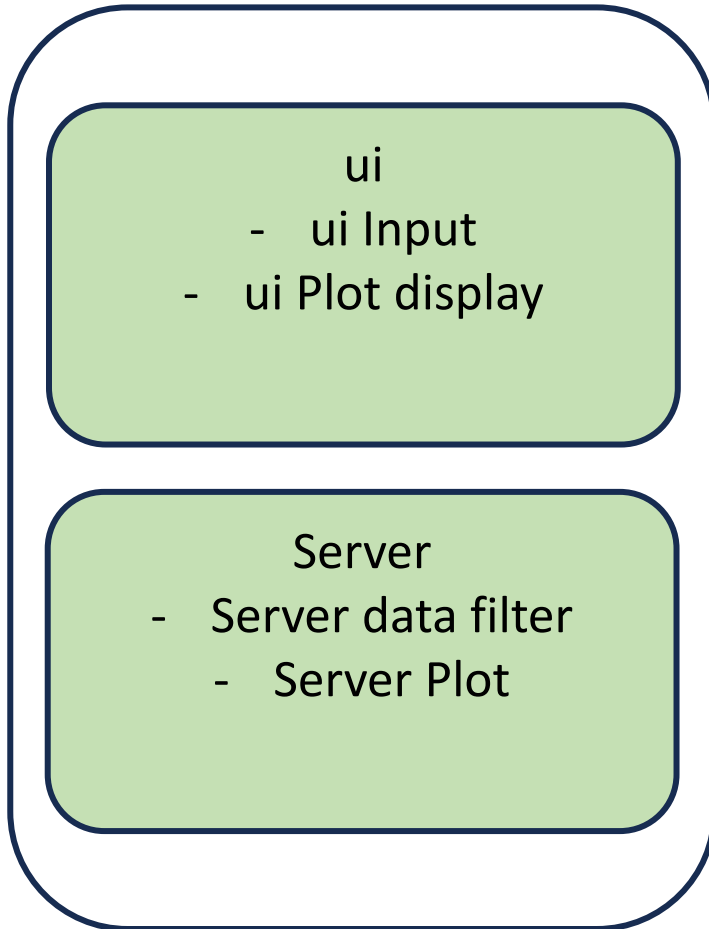
ui

- ui Input
- ui Plot display

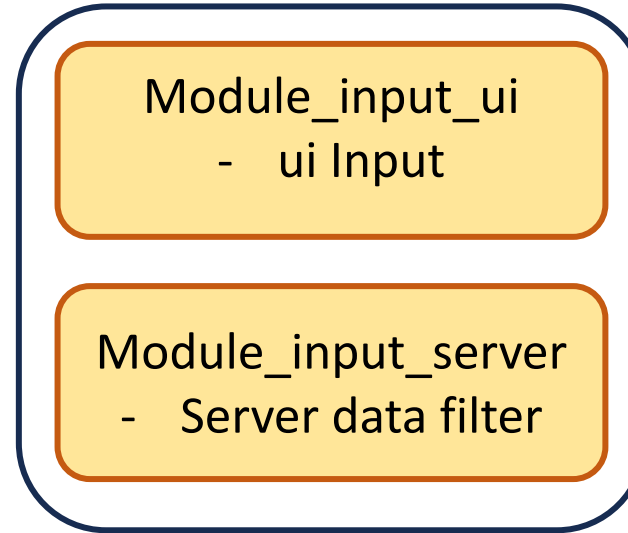
Server

- Server data filter
- Server Plot

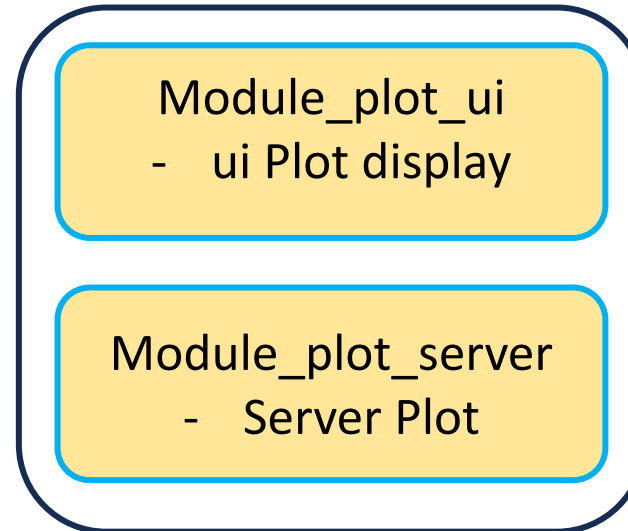
Original app.R



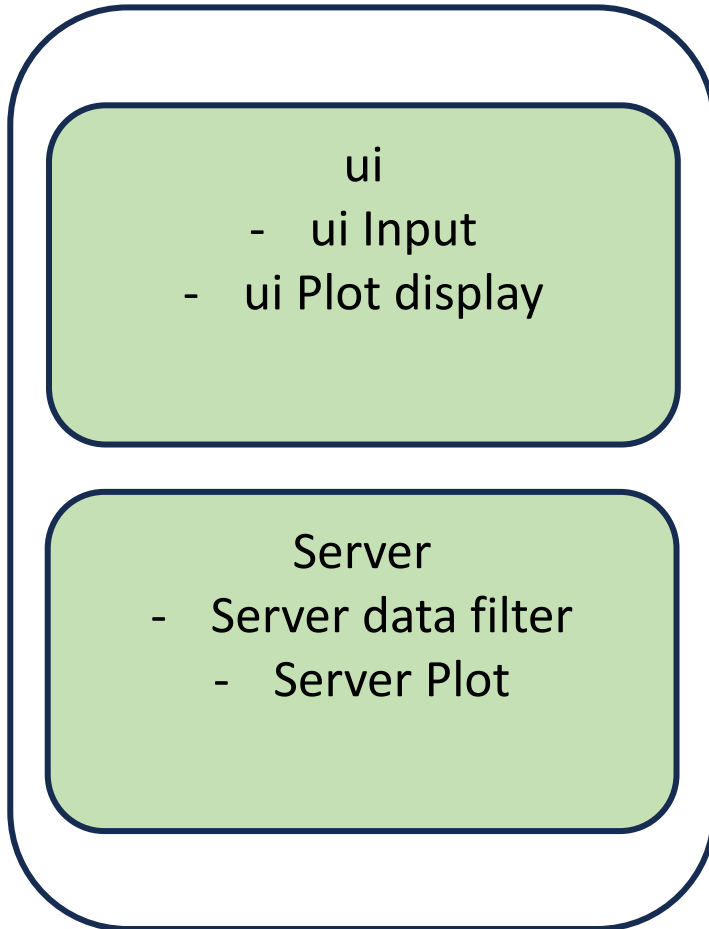
Module_input.R



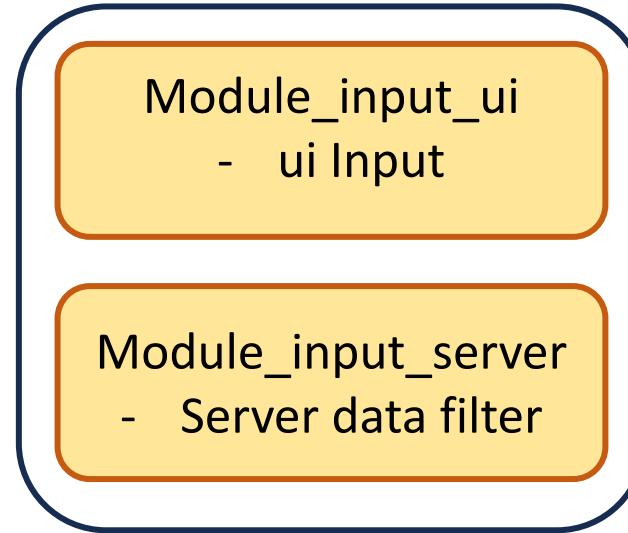
Module_plot.R



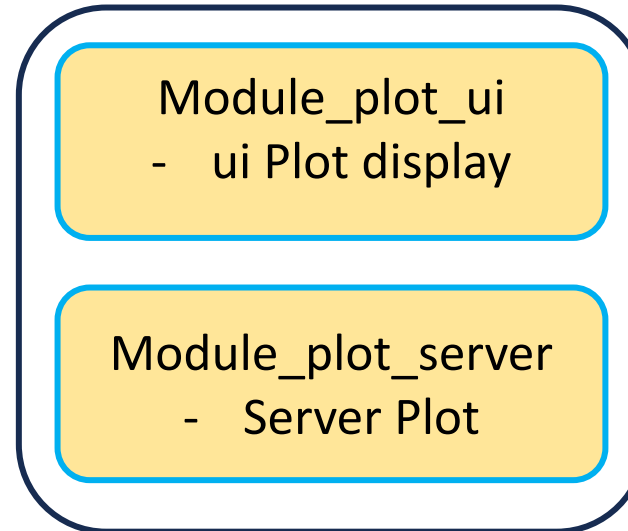
Original app.R



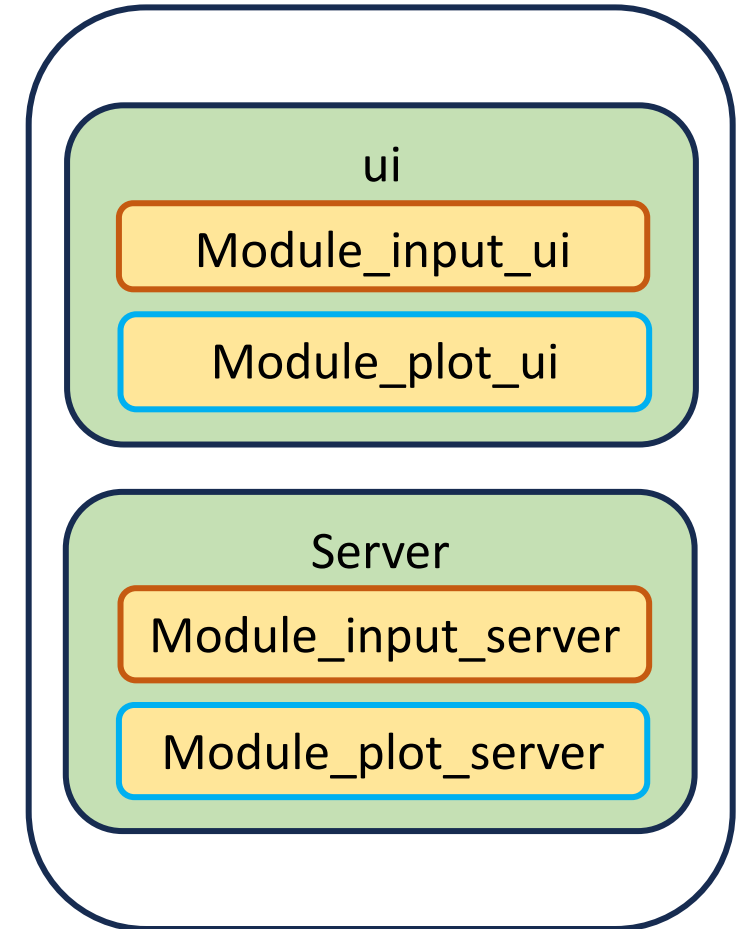
Module_input.R

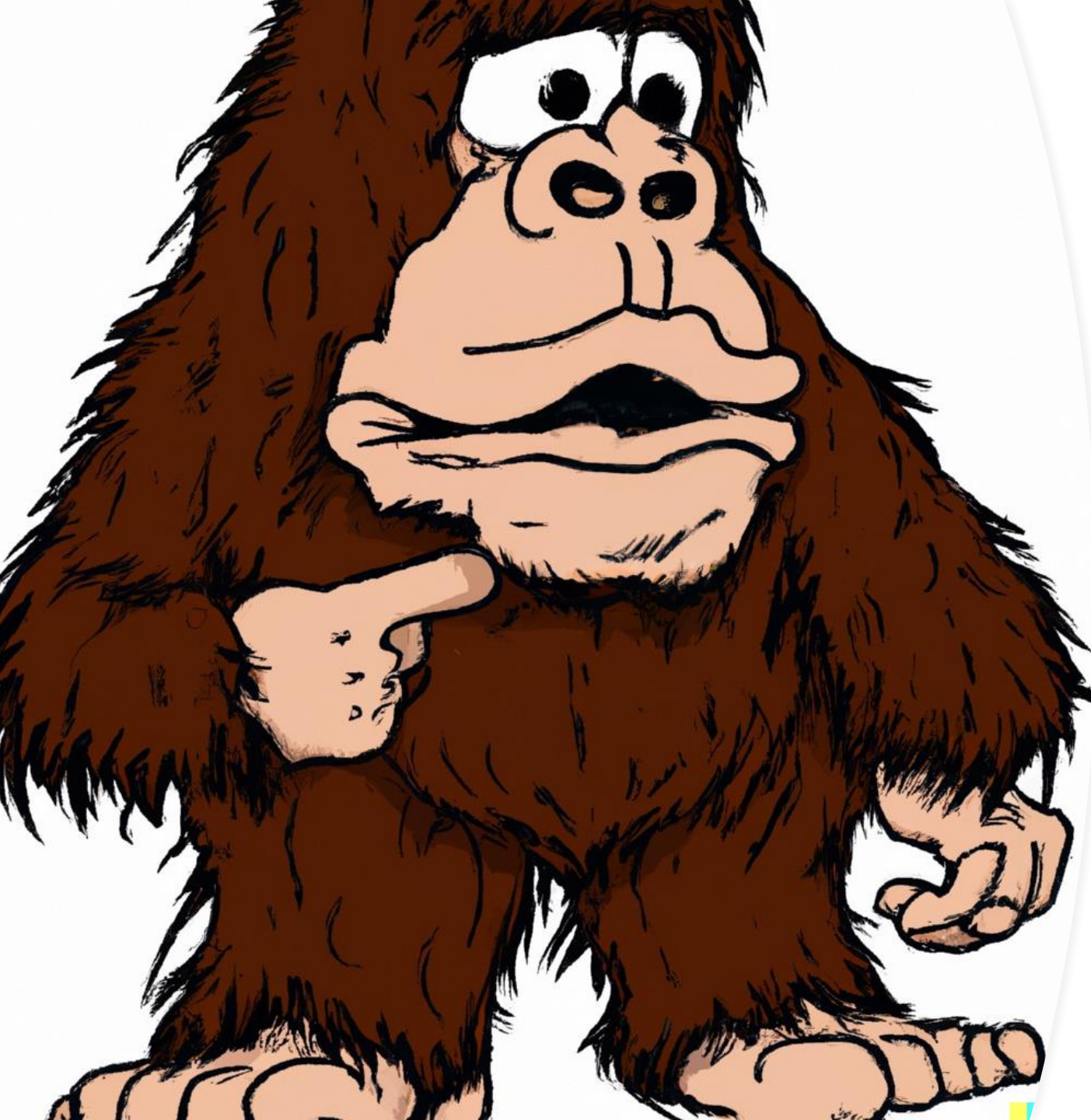


Module_plot.R



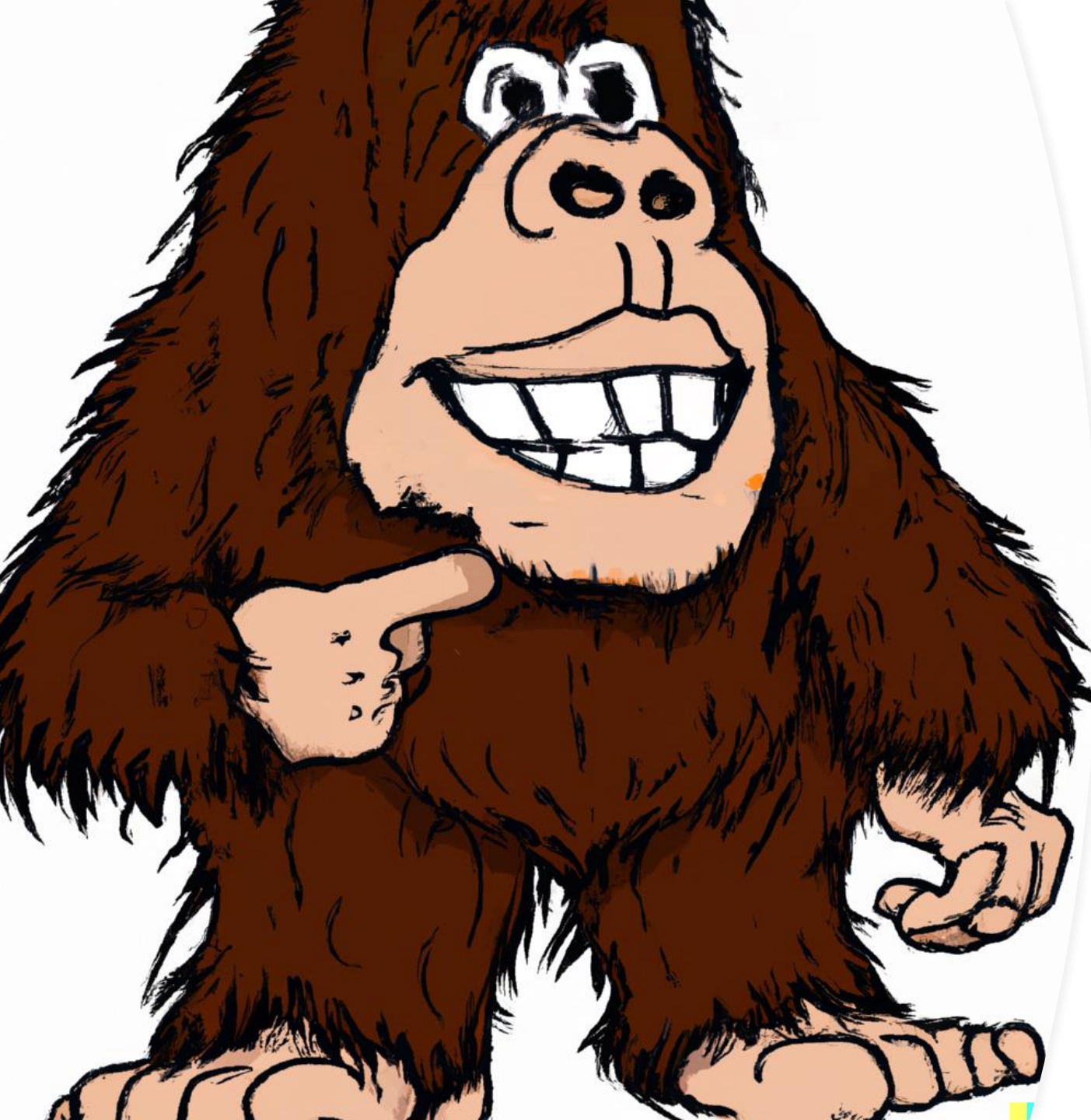
Modularized app.R





The challenges with a monolith app.R file

- Difficult to keep track of components
- Challenging to debug if something fails
- Harder for someone new to learn and contribute
- Tedious to reuse its elements within itself and other applications



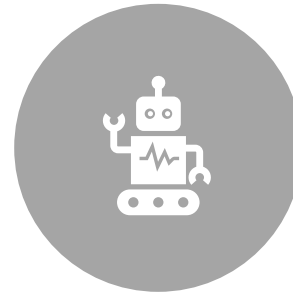
Benefits of modular approach

- Easy to keep track of components
- Single location to debug if something fails
- Structured cleanly for someone new to learn and contribute
- Element usability within itself and other applications

Next steps



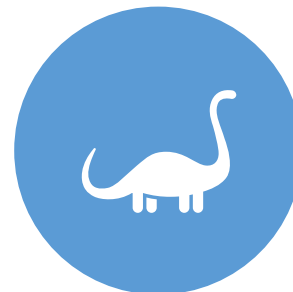
New to Shiny? Start with modular approach



Learned the monolith way? Start with converting an existing app modular



Check out Mastering Shiny book by Hadley Wickham



Check out Github repo for modular and non-modular bigfoot app code