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Interactive Visualization with R

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About me

- CTO of RStudio (glorified software engineer)
- Creator of Shiny
- Co-creator of htmlwidgets
- No stats, data science, or data viz background

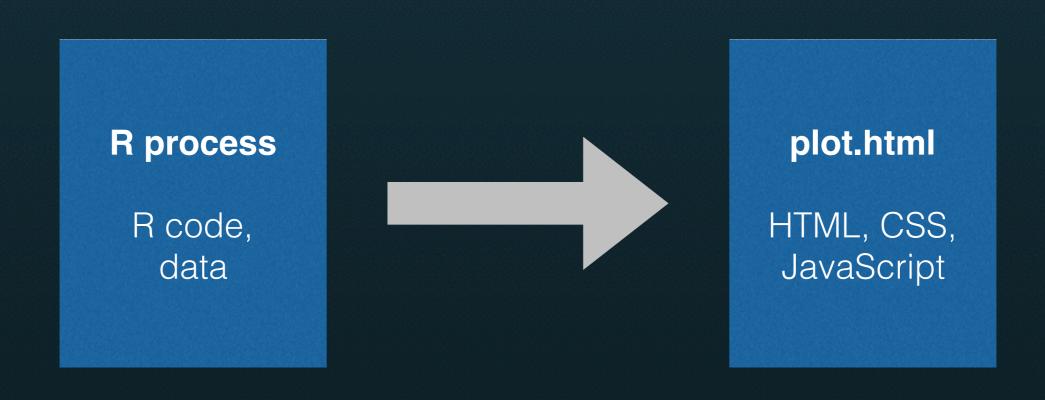
(Inspired by a blog post by Zev Ross)

ggplot2 is great!

- Very concise plot specification
- Nice looking results, even by default
- One of the reasons people love R
- · But...
 - Can't conveniently zoom or identify shapes
 - Enter <u>Leaflet.js</u> and the <u>leaflet</u> R package

HTML generation

Use data and R code and export them to HTML



HTML generation

- Far from a new approach, in R or any other commonly used programming language
- Implementations are ad-hoc, monolithic
- Easy to get the details wrong (JS dependency management, offline use, resizing behaviors)

htmlwidgets

- Created in collaboration with Ramnath Vaidyanathan and Kenton Russell, initially released in December 2014
- Provides a common foundation for invoking HTML/JavaScript widgets from R

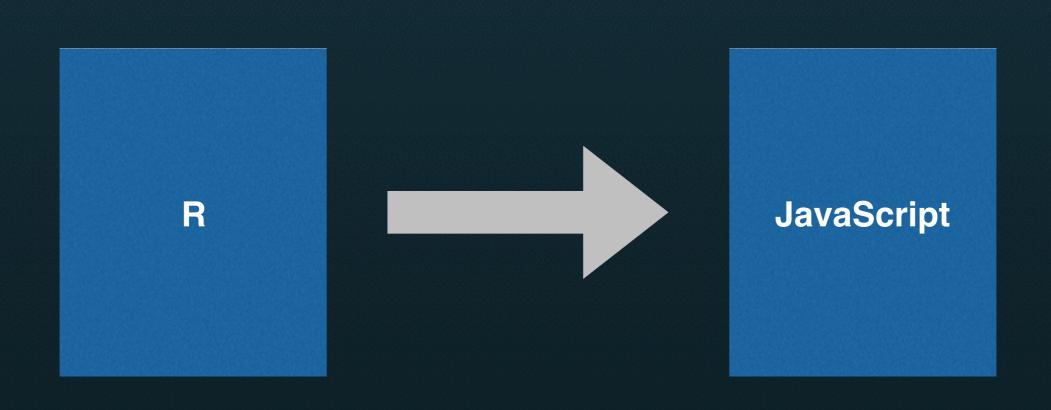
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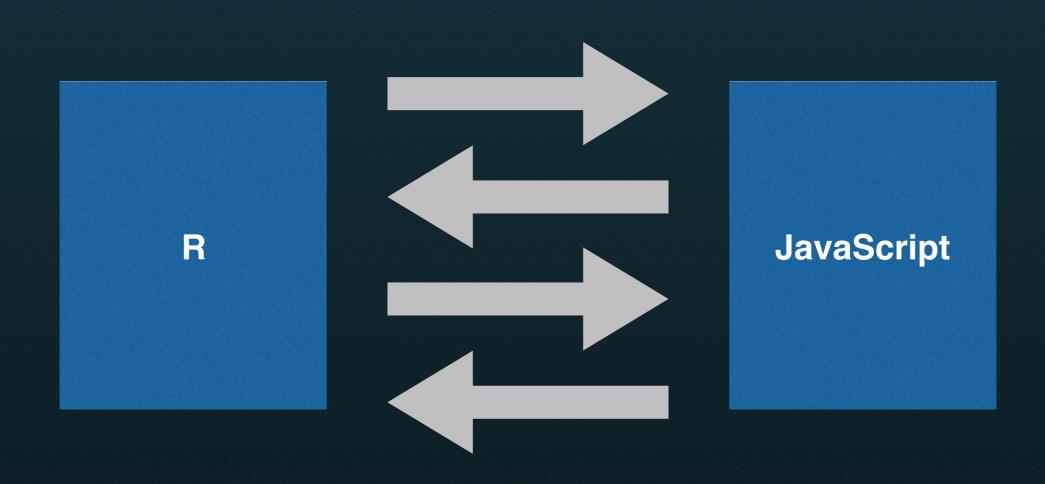
- Still uses an HTML generation approach, but no longer ad-hoc
- Can combine multiple widgets in a single page
- Encourages nice resizing behavior
- Use widgets in more places than just the console

Also, entire websites, e.g.: http://rstudio.github.io/leaflet/

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Shiny



RStudio HTML landscape

- htmlwidgets: interactive plots
- Shiny: interactive web apps
- R Markdown: document authoring format
- Each of these can stand alone, but also designed to work together in any combination

To learn more

- htmlwidgets.org
- rmarkdown.rstudio.com
- rmarkdown.rstudio.com/flexdashboard
- shiny.rstudio.com

Slides and code:

http://tinyurl.com/odsc2016-joe

Thank you!

Questions?