# How to create applications using Shiny

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Part I: Introduction



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  - Collapse panels
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  - observe and observeEvent functions.
  - Updating elements
  - Reactive variables
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# Introduction

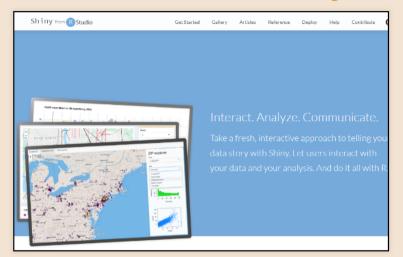


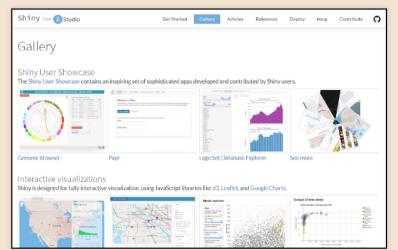
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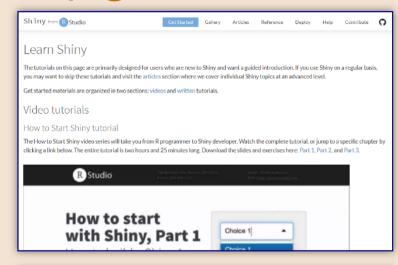
- Shiny in an R package meant to build web based interactive apps.
- It has been created by RStudio team. (Joe Chen)
- No knowledgment of web lenguages such as HTML, JavaScript or PHP is required. It only uses R code.
- Very flexible and powerful apps can be designed by writting small pieces of code.
- Useful to make your R written functions or packages be used by many users not familiarized with R who prefers "click" than "type".
- See Shiny web page with lots of examples and extensive help documents.

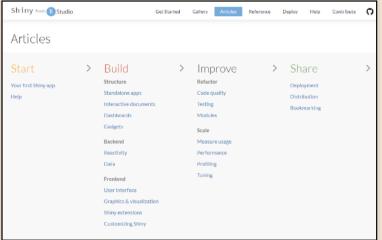


## Shiny website pages





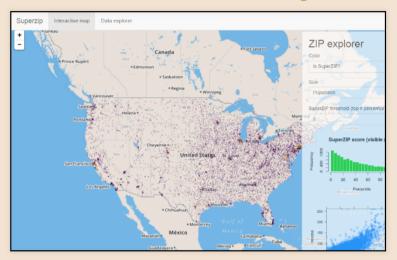


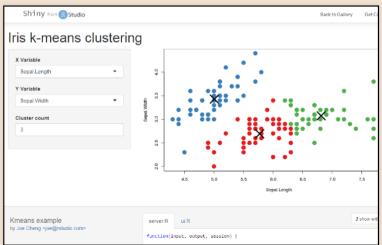


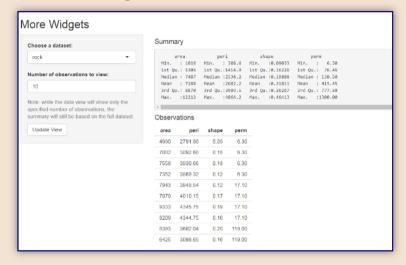




## Shiny website examples





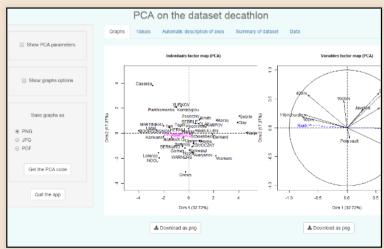


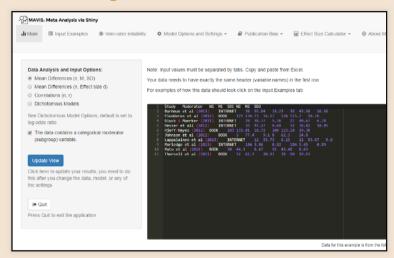
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## R packages with Shiny-GUIs











## How to use Shiny: (1) locally

#### **Requirements:**

R and shiny package must be installed in your PC or Mac.

#### **Steps**

- 1. Write the app code in two files named "ui.R" and "server.R" placed in the same folder.
- 2. Call runApp().

#### <u>Alternative</u>

- 1. Write all code in a single file file named app.R.
- 2.callrunApp(list(ui, server)) or shinyApp(ui, server).



## How to use Shiny: (2) remote server

#### Own server

#### • Advantages

- Accessible from any device with internet explorer.
- No need to have R, shiny or other packages/software.

#### • Requirements

- R, shiny and other required packages/sofware installed in the server.
- Install required software. More info here.
- OS must be Linux.

## Advantages

Shiny server

- Very simple: only need to install shinyapps and registrer to www.shinyapps.io/.
- Accessible from any device with internet explorer.
- Shiny server offers use statistics.

#### • <u>Inconveniences</u>

• Free up to a maximum number of hours and users.





## Shiny extensions: used in this course

Packages available on CRAN to improve both app appearance and functionality.

The ones we will see in the course:

- shinyBS: to create pop-ups, modals,... Visit its website here
- bsplus: complementary to shinyBS. Also, it creates carrouselles. Visit its website here
- shinyjs: to create toggles, hide or show elements, etc. Visit its website here
- **shinyjqui**: to make plots, tables, panels, etc. resizable. Visit its website here
- **shinyFeedback**: create alerts on input widgets when values out of range are introduced. Visit its website here
- **shinythemes**: change the app appearance. Visit its website here





#### Shiny extensions: available on CRAN

 shiny
 Web Application Framework for R

 shiny.semantic
 Semantic UI Support for Shiny

 shinyAce
 Ace Editor Bindings for Shiny

shinyaframe 'WebVR' Data Visualizations with 'RStudio Shiny' and 'Mozilla A-Frame'

shinybootstrap2 Bootstrap 2 Web Components for Use with Shiny

 shinyBS
 Twitter Bootstrap Components for Shiny

 shinvessloaders
 Add CSS Loading Animations to 'shiny' Outputs

shinvdashboard Create Dashboards with 'Shinv'

shinyDND Shiny Drag-n-Drop

 shiny
 Feedback
 Displays User Feedback Next to Shiny
 Inputs

 shiny
 Files
 A Server-Side File System Viewer for Shiny

shinyHeatmaply Deploy 'heatmaply' using 'shiny'

Shiny Image Manipulation, with an Emphasis on Journaling

Shiny Item Analysis Test and Item Analysis via Shiny

shinyjqui 'jQuery UI' Interactions and Effects for Shiny

<u>shiny</u>is Easily Improve the User Experience of Your Shiny Apps in Seconds

shiny KGode An Interactive Application for ODE Parameter Inference Using Gradient Matching

 shinyLP
 Bootstrap Landing Home Pages for Shiny Applications

 shinymaterial
 Implement Material Design in Shiny Applications

shiny RGL Shiny Wrappers for RGL

<u>shiny Shortcut</u> Creates an Executable Shortcut for <u>Shiny Applications</u>

shinystan Interactive Visual and Numerical Diagnostics and Posterior Analysis for Bayesian Models

Shiny Tester Functions to Minimize Bonehead Moves While Working with 'shiny'

shinythemes Themes for Shiny

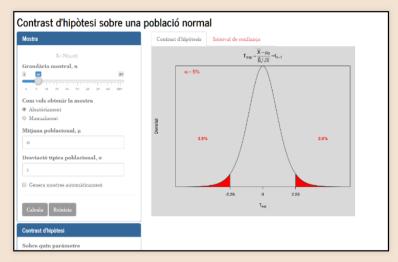
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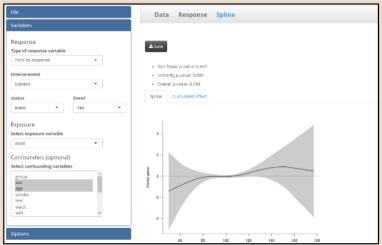
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#### "homemade" examples





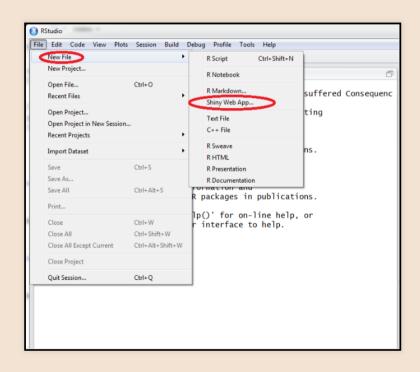


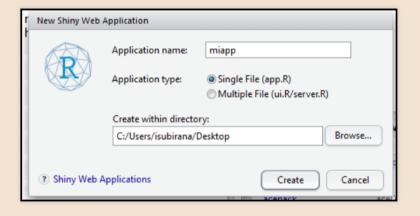


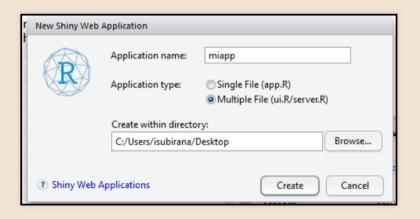




# My first app (RStudio)











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   3 # the 'Run App' button above.
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