

Creating Shiny Apps for biostatisticians and bioinformaticians

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Part II: Layout of the form elements

Outline

Part II: Form design

- Input elements
- Output elements
- Layout
- Conditional panels
- Exercise

Input elements

Type	Function	Arguments	Example
Numeric input	numericInput	<i>inputId, label, value, min, max, step</i>	<div>Enter your age</div> <input type="text" value="40"/>
Text input	textInput	<i>inputId, label, value, width, placeholder</i>	<div>Enter your name</div> <input type="text"/>
Text input	textAreaInput	<i>inputId, label, value, width, placeholder cols,...</i>	<div>Text</div> <div>line1 line2</div>
Password input	passwordInput	<i>inputId, label, value, width</i>	<div>Enter password</div> <input type="password" value="*****"/>
Options list	radioButtons	<i>inputId, label, choices, selected, inline, width</i>	<div>Enter your gender</div> <div> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female </div>
Drop-down list	selectInput	<i>inputId, label, choices, selected, multiple, selectize, width, size</i>	<div>Enter your race</div> <div>White ▾</div>
Drop-down list	selectizeInput	<i>... + options</i>	
Numeric input (minimum, maximum)	sliderInput	<i>inputId, label, min, max, value, step, animate</i>	<div>Score the product (0-10)</div> <div> <input type="range" value="5"/> </div>
True/False	checkboxInput	<i>inputId, label, value, width</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> I accept
Button	actionButton	<i>inputId, label, icon, width</i>	<input type="button" value="submit"/>
Date	dateInput	<i>inputId, label, value, format="yyyy-mm-dd", ...</i>	<div>Choose date</div> <div> <input type="text" value="2018-06-21"/> </div> <div> « June 2018 » </div> <div> Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa </div> <div> 27 28 29 30 31 1 2 </div>

textAreaInput

- `textAreaInput` as `textInput` gets an introduced text.
- In `textAreaInput` the user can enter more than one line (use `cols` argument).
- Drag the arrow on bottom-left corner to resize the window.

```
ui <- fluidPage(  
  textAreaInput("text", "Text", cols=4)  
)  
server <- function(input, output){}  
shinyApp(ui, server)
```

Text

line1
line2

Drop-down list

- Use **selectInput**, **selectizeInput** functions.
- To select more than one item **multiple=TRUE**.
- When **multiple=TRUE**, drop-down list can be displayed in two formats:
 1. **Simple format**: items placed in a column (one below the other). Number of shown items (windows height) can be set by the **size** argument.
 2. **"selectize" format**: It allows to search items in case-sensitive typing, and add more options by the **options** argument using the **selectizeInput** function. For more info visit [this web](#)

```

ui <- fluidPage(

  selectInput("list1", "One option",
    names(iris)),

  selectInput("list2", "Simple format",
    names(iris),
    multiple=TRUE,
    selectize=FALSE),

  selectInput("list3", "Simple format (height)",
    names(iris),
    multiple=TRUE,
    size=ncol(iris),
    selectize=FALSE),

  selectizeInput("list4", "Selectize",
    names(iris),
    multiple=TRUE,
    options=list(plugins=list('remove_button',
                              'drag_drop')))

)

server <- function(input, output){}

shinyApp(ui, server)

```

One option

Sepal.Length ▼

Simple format

Sepal.Length
Sepal.Width
Petal.Length
Petal.Width
Species

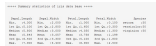

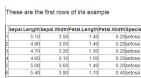
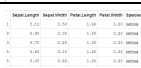

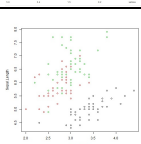
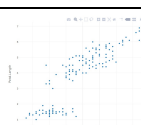

Simple format

Sepal.Length
Sepal.Width
Petal.Length
Petal.Width
Species

Selectize

Sepal.Width × Sepal.Length ×
Petal.Width ×

Output elements

Type	Function	Arguments	Example
R-console like text	verbatimTextOutput	outputId, placeholder	
Text (handled by cat)	textOutput	outputId, container, inline	
HTML interpreted text	htmlOutput	outputId, inline	
"Regular" table	tableOutput	outputId	
Dynamic table	dataTableOutput	outputId	
Plots	plotOutput imageOutput	outputId, width, height, click,...	
Dynamic plots	plotlyOutput	outputId, width, height, inline	
Dynamic maps	leafletOutput	outputId, width, height	

R-console like text

```
+++++ Summary statistics of iris data base +++++
```

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
Min. :4.300	Min. :2.000	Min. :1.000	Min. :0.100	setosa :50
1st Qu.:5.100	1st Qu.:2.800	1st Qu.:1.600	1st Qu.:0.300	versicolor:50
Median :5.800	Median :3.000	Median :4.350	Median :1.300	virginica :50
Mean :5.843	Mean :3.057	Mean :3.758	Mean :1.199	
3rd Qu.:6.400	3rd Qu.:3.300	3rd Qu.:5.100	3rd Qu.:1.800	
Max. :7.900	Max. :4.400	Max. :6.900	Max. :2.500	

```
ui <- fluidPage(  
  verbatimTextOutput("result")  
)  
  
server <- function(input, output) {  
  output$result <- renderPrint({  
    summary(iris)  
  })  
}  
  
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

In-line text

Age

You are 45 years old

```
ui <- fluidPage(  
  numericInput("agein", "Age", 30),  
  "You are",  
  textOutput("ageout", inline=TRUE),  
  "years old"  
)  
  
server <- function(input, output){  
  output$ageout <- renderText({  
    input$agein  
  })  
}  
  
shinyApp(ui, server)
```

Exercise: change `textOutput` and `renderText` by `verbatimTextOutput` and `renderPrint`

HTML interpreted text

These are the first rows of iris example

	Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
1	5.10	3.50	1.40	0.20	setosa
2	4.90	3.00	1.40	0.20	setosa
3	4.70	3.20	1.30	0.20	setosa
4	4.60	3.10	1.50	0.20	setosa
5	5.00	3.60	1.40	0.20	setosa
6	5.40	3.90	1.70	0.40	setosa

```
library(xtable)
ui <- fluidPage(
  htmlOutput("result")
)
server <- function(input, output) {
  output$result<-renderPrint({
    print(xtable(head(iris)))
  })
}
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

"Regular" table

	Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
1	5.10	3.50	1.40	0.20	setosa
2	4.90	3.00	1.40	0.20	setosa
3	4.70	3.20	1.30	0.20	setosa
4	4.60	3.10	1.50	0.20	setosa
5	5.00	3.60	1.40	0.20	setosa
6	5.40	3.90	1.70	0.40	setosa

```
ui <- fluidPage(  
  tableOutput("result")  
)  
server <- function(input, output) {  
  output$result<-renderTable({  
    head(iris)  
  })  
}  
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

Dynamic table

Show entries

Search:

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa
4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	setosa
5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2	setosa
5.4	3.9	1.7	0.4	setosa
4.6	3.4	1.4	0.3	setosa
5.0	3.4	1.5	0.2	setosa

```
ui <- fluidPage(  
  dataTableOutput("result")  
)  
server <- function(input, output) {  
  output$result<-renderDataTable({  
    iris  
  })  
}  
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

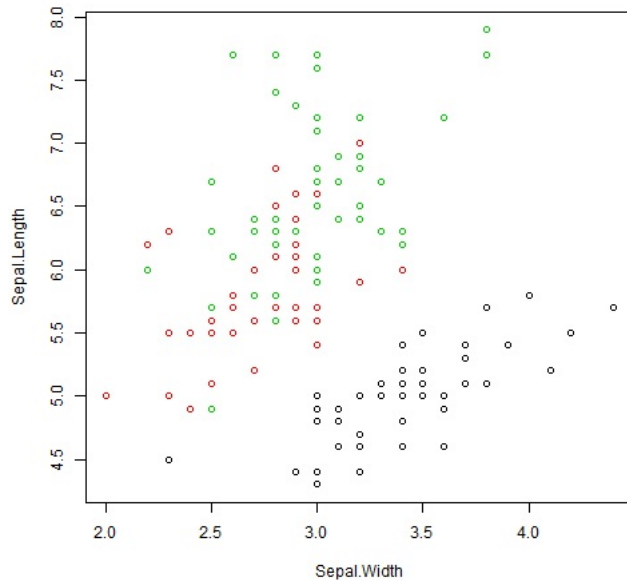
Dynamic table: extensions

- No need to plug into Shiny app
- Wrap the data.frame using **datatable** function from **DT** package to add more options (filter, rownames, download buttons, ...)

```
library(DT)
DT::datatable(iris,
  rownames=FALSE,
  filter="top",
  extensions='Buttons',
  options=list(dom='Bfrtip',
    buttons=c('copy', 'csv', 'excel', 'pdf', 'print')
  )
)
```

Execute this code in R or Rstudio

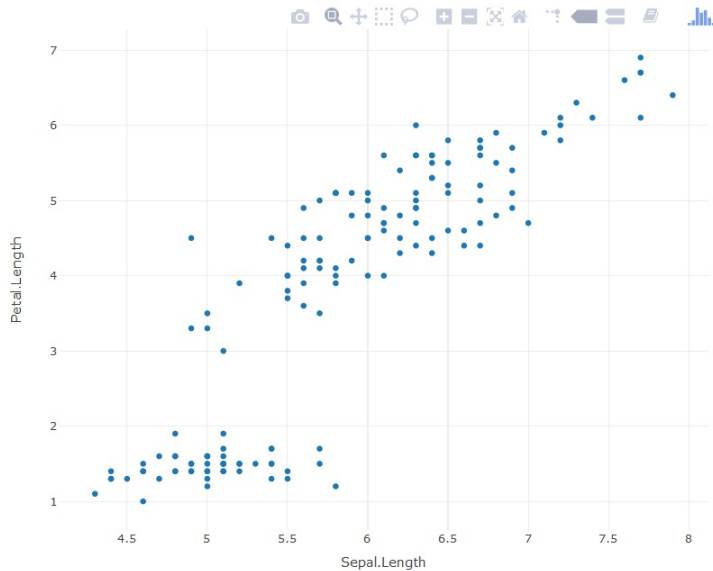
Plots



```
ui <- fluidPage(  
  plotOutput("result")  
)  
server <- function(input, output) {  
  output$result<-renderPlot({  
    plot(Sepal.Length ~ Sepal.Width,  
        col = Species, data = iris)  
  }, width = 500, height = 500)  
}  
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

How would the figure look like if width and height are not specified?

Dynamic plots



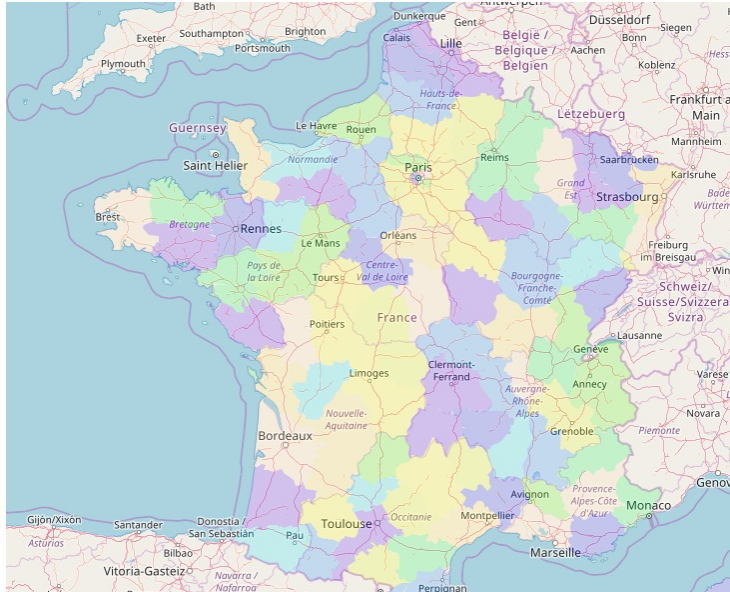
```
library(plotly)

ui <- fluidPage(
  plotlyOutput("result")
)

server <- function(input, output) {
  output$result<-renderPlotly({
    plot_ly(data=iris,
            x=~Sepal.Length,
            y=~Petal.Length)
  })
}

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

Dynamic map



```
library(leaflet)
library(maps)

fr <- map("france", fill=TRUE,
plot=FALSE)

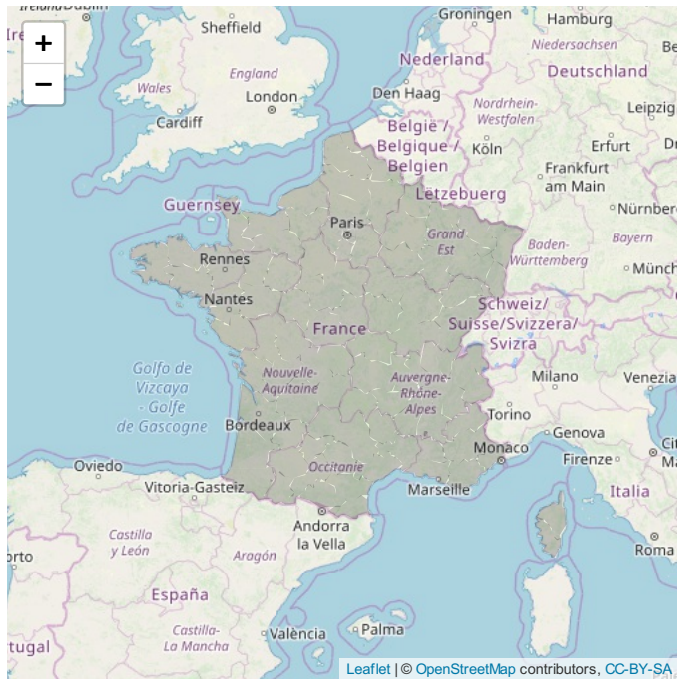
ui <- fluidPage(
  leafletOutput("plotmap")
)

server <- function(input, output) {
  output$plotmap<-renderLeaflet({
    leaflet(data=fr) %>%
      addTiles() %>%
      addPolygons(
        fillColor=topo.colors(10),
        stroke=FALSE)
  })
}

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

```
library(leaflet)
library(maps)
fr <- map("france", fill=TRUE, plot=FALSE)

leaflet(data=fr) %>% addTiles() %>%
  addPolygons(fillColor=topo.colors(10), stroke=FALSE)
```



Layout

Left and right panels

```
fluidPage(
```

```
  sidebarLayout(
```

```
    sidebarPanel(...),
```

```
    mainPanel(...)
```

```
  )
```

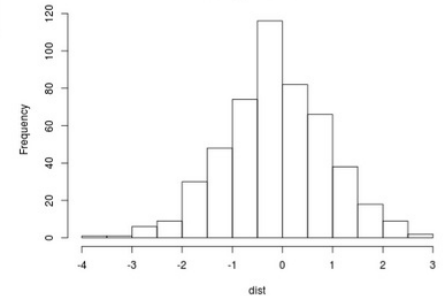
```
)
```

Hello Shiny!

Number of observations:

0 500 1,000

Histogram of dist



- This is the most common option.
- Equivalently, you can also use the function **bootstrapPage** instead of **fluidPage**.

Rows and columns specification

```
fluidPage(  
  fluidRow(  
    column(4, ...),  
    column(8, ...)  
  ),  
  fluidRow(  
    column(6, ...),  
    ...  
  ),  
  ...  
)
```

- This is the most flexible option.
- You can set the column width.
- Height of columns **cannot** be set.
- The sum of columns widths must be 12.
- You can place as many columns as desired, even nested.
- Every row is created by **fluidRow** function.

```

ui <- fluidPage(
  titlePanel("Grid example"),
  ...
  actionButton("submit", "")
)
server <- function(input, output) {}
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)

```

Grid example

Enter your name

Enter your age

Enter your gender

☒ Male
☐ Female

This is a very long text. This is a very long text. This is a very long text. This is a very long text. This is a very long text

Exercise: Complete the code to place the elements as in this example

General menu

```
navbarPage(  
  tabPage1(...),  
  tabPage1(...),  
)
```

- It is not as frequently used as the previous ones.
- The functionality is the same as for tabs which will be explain below.
- Usefull for "big" applications than can be split in "sub-applications", one for each general menu tab.

General menu	Students	Teachers	Subjects
Name and surnames <input type="text"/>			
Age <input type="text"/>			
Gender <input checked="" type="radio"/> boy <input type="radio"/> girl			

General menu	Students	Teachers	Subjects
Name and surnames <input type="text"/>			
Number of subjects <input type="text" value="2"/>			
Department <input type="text" value="Maths"/>			

Tabs

```
ui <- fluidPage(  
  tabsetPanel(id = "menu",  
    tabPanel("Table",  
      ),  
    tabPanel("Summary",  
      )  
  )  
)
```

Table	Summary				
Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species	
5.10	3.50	1.40	0.20	setosa	
4.90	3.00	1.40	0.20	setosa	
4.70	3.20	1.30	0.20	setosa	
4.60	3.10	1.50	0.20	setosa	
5.00	3.60	1.40	0.20	setosa	
5.40	3.90	1.70	0.40	setosa	

Table	Summary				
Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width		
Min. :4.300	Min. :2.000	Min. :1.000	Min. :0.100	setosa	
1st Qu.:5.100	1st Qu.:2.800	1st Qu.:1.600	1st Qu.:0.300	versicol	
Median :5.800	Median :3.000	Median :4.350	Median :1.300	virginica	
Mean :5.843	Mean :3.057	Mean :3.758	Mean :1.199		
3rd Qu.:6.400	3rd Qu.:3.300	3rd Qu.:5.100	3rd Qu.:1.800		
Max. :7.900	Max. :4.400	Max. :6.900	Max. :2.500		

- Elements are arranged one **behind** the other.
- Use **tabsetPanel** function to create a set of tabs.
- Use **tabPanel** function to create each single tab.
- You can use **navbarPage** as tabsetPanel inside **fluidPage**.
- With **navbarPage** you can insert icons in each tab (see next example).

Vertical tabs

- Use **navlistPage** to place tabs vertically.
- As for **navbarPage**, you can use **icon** argument inside **tabPanel** to create icons.

```
ui <- fluidPage(  
  navlistPanel(  
    tabPanel("Data", icon=icon("database"),  
      fileInput("down", ""))  
    ,  
    tabPanel("Analyses", icon=icon("calculator"),  
      numericInput("delta", "Enter delta", 3))  
  )  
)  
server <- function(input, output){}  
shinyApp(ui, server)
```



Merging several tabs (drop-down menu)

- Use **navbar** function with the tabs as its arguments.
- It is used inside **tabsetPanel** to create tabs.
- Although one tab does not contain a drop-down menu, **tabPanel** is used.
- You can specify the appearance with "type" argument of **tabsetPanel** function.

```
ui <- fluidPage(  
  tabsetPanel(id="menu", type="pills",  
    tabPanel("Tab 1",  
      ...  
    ),  
    navbarMenu("Drop-down",  
      tabPanel("Option 1",  
        ...  
      ),  
      tabPanel("Option 2",  
        ...  
      )  
    )  
  )  
)
```

The top screenshot shows a Shiny web application with a 'Summary' tab selected and a 'Table' dropdown menu. The table displays summary statistics for the Iris dataset.

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
Min. :4.300	Min. :2.000	Min. :1.000	Min. :0.100	setosa :50
1st Qu.:5.100	1st Qu.:2.800	1st Qu.:1.600	1st Qu.:0.300	versicolor:50
Median :5.800	Median :3.000	Median :4.350	Median :1.300	virginica :50
Mean :5.843	Mean :3.057	Mean :3.758	Mean :1.199	
3rd Qu.:6.400	3rd Qu.:3.300	3rd Qu.:5.100	3rd Qu.:1.800	
Max. :7.900	Max. :4.400	Max. :6.900	Max. :2.500	

The bottom screenshot shows the 'Table' dropdown menu open, displaying 'simple' and 'dynamic' options. The 'dynamic' option is selected. The table displays the first two rows of the Sepal.Length column.

Sepal.Length
1
2

Conditional Panels

Conditional Panels

- Conditional panels are used when some elements must be shown or not depending on some other input elements values.
- **conditionalPanel** function.
 - First argument: character. Logic expression written in "javascript" language.
 - Second argument: form elements that will be appear when the logic expression is TRUE.

```
conditionalPanel(  
  condition = "input.element==1",  
  ...  
)
```

Example 1

```
ui <- fluidPage(  
  radioButtons("type",  
    "What do you want to show?",  
    c("Table"=1, "Summary"=2)),  
  conditionalPanel(  
    condition = "input.type==1",  
    tableOutput("result1")  
  ),  
  conditionalPanel(  
    condition = "input.type==2",  
    verbatimTextOutput("result2")  
  )  
)  
  
server <- function(input, output) {  
  output$result1 <- renderTable(  
    head(iris)  
  )  
  output$result2 <- renderPrint(  
    summary(iris)  
  )  
}  
  
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

What do you want to show?

- ☒ Table
☐ Summary

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
5.10	3.50	1.40	0.20	setosa
4.90	3.00	1.40	0.20	setosa
4.70	3.20	1.30	0.20	setosa
4.60	3.10	1.50	0.20	setosa
5.00	3.60	1.40	0.20	setosa
5.40	3.90	1.70	0.40	setosa

What do you want to show?

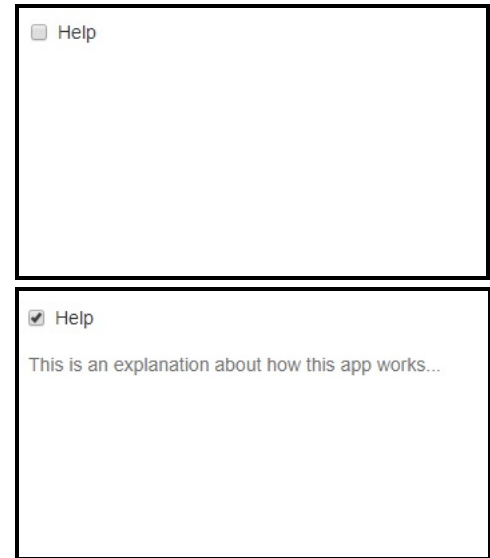
- ☐ Table
☒ Summary

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
Min. :4.300	Min. :2.000	Min. :1.000	Min. :0.100	setosa
1st Qu.:5.100	1st Qu.:2.800	1st Qu.:1.600	1st Qu.:0.300	versicol
Median :5.800	Median :3.000	Median :4.350	Median :1.300	virginica
Mean :5.843	Mean :3.057	Mean :3.758	Mean :1.199	
3rd Qu.:6.400	3rd Qu.:3.300	3rd Qu.:5.100	3rd Qu.:1.800	
Max. :7.900	Max. :4.400	Max. :6.900	Max. :2.500	

Exercise: use `tabsetPanel`

Example 2

```
ui <- fluidPage(  
  checkboxInput("help", "Help"),  
  conditionalPanel(  
    condition = "input.help",  
    helpText("This is an explanation  
              about how this app works...")  
  )  
)  
server <- function(input, output) {}  
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```



☐ Help

☒ Help

This is an explanation about how this app works...

This text appears and disappears clicking on the check box.

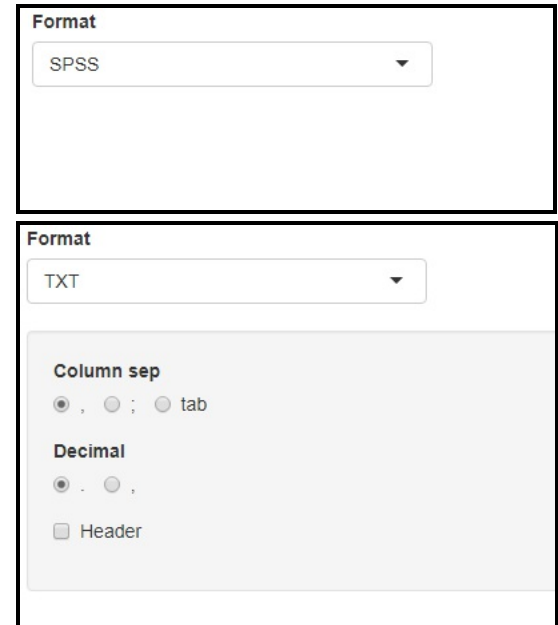
Example 3

```
library(shiny)
ui <- fluidPage(
  actionButton("toggle", "Toggle"),
  conditionalPanel(
    condition = "input.toggle%2==0",
    helpText("This is an explanation
             about how this app works...")
  )
)
server <- function(input, output) {}
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```



Example 4

```
ui <- fluidPage(  
  selectInput("format", "Format",  
    c("SPSS"=1, "EXCEL"=2, "TXT"=3, "R"=4)),  
  conditionalPanel(  
    condition = "input.format==3",  
    wellPanel(  
      radioButtons("sep", "Column sep",  
        c(",", ";", "tab"), inline = TRUE),  
      radioButtons("dec", "Decimal",  
        c(".", ","), inline = TRUE),  
      checkboxInput("header", "Header")  
    )  
  )  
)  
server <- function(input, output) {}  
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```



Format

SPSS

Format

TXT

Column sep

☒ , ☐ ; ☐ tab

Decimal

☒ . ☐ ,

☐ Header

Note the **wellPanel** function to create a frame around the elements, and the **inline** argument of **radioButtons** function to place the items in horizontal.

Example 5

```
ui <- fluidPage(  
  conditionalPanel(  
    condition = "input.menu=='panel 1'",  
    checkboxInput("check", "Admit")  
  ),  
  conditionalPanel(  
    condition = "input.menu=='panel 2'",  
    textInput("name", "Name", "")  
  ),  
  tabsetPanel(id = "menu",  
    tabPanel("panel 1",  
      "Content for checkbox"  
    ),  
    tabPanel("panel 2",  
      "Content for name"  
    )  
  )  
)  
  
server <- function(input, output) {}  
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

The top screenshot shows the 'panel 1' tab active, displaying a checkbox labeled 'Admit' and the text 'Content for checkbox'. The bottom screenshot shows the 'panel 2' tab active, displaying a text input field labeled 'Name' and the text 'Content for name'.

The result is different depending on the active tab.

Exercise

Exercise

Complete the code in the UI part to place the elements and tabs in the following form:

On the **left hand** of the form it must be a panel where:

- the user can choose one of the following distributions
 - exponential
 - normal
 - binomial
- Depending on the distribution selected, proper parameters must appear so that the user can enter their values:

On the **right hand** of the form there must be two tabs:

- First tab containing a histogram with 1,000 data randomly generated under the selected distribution with the specified parameters.
- Second tab containing a summary of generated data.

Distribution exercise

Choose distr

Binomial

Trials

10

Prob

0

0.5

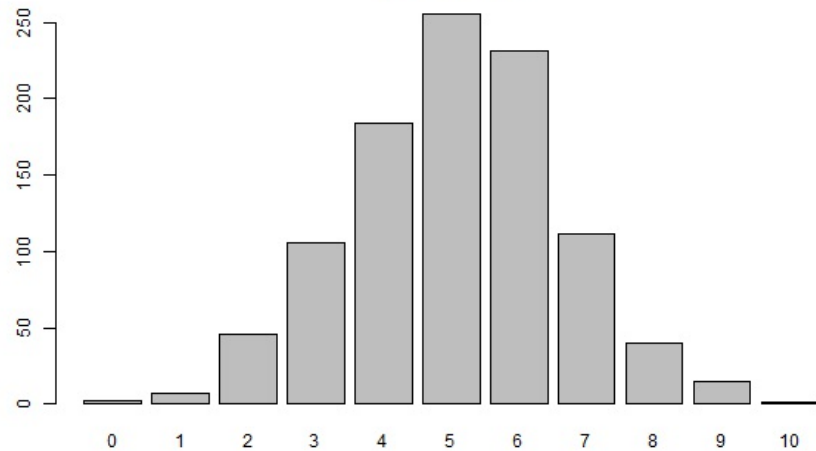
1

0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1

Plot

Summary

Distr: Binomial



```

ui <- fluidPage(
  titlePanel("Distribution"),
  sidebarLayout(
    sidebarPanel(
      ...
    ),
    mainPanel(
      ...
    )
  )
)

```

```

server <- function(input, output) {
  output$summary <- renderPrint({
    if (input$distr=="Normal")
      data <- rnorm(1000, input$mu, input$sd)
    if (input$distr=="Exponential")
      data <- rexp(1000, input$lambda)
    if (input$distr=="Binomial")
      data <- rbinom(1000, input$n, input$p)
    summary(data)
  })

  output$plot <- renderPlot({
    if (input$distr=="Normal")
      data <- rnorm(1000, input$mu, input$sd)
    if (input$distr=="Exponential")
      data <- rexp(1000, input$lambda)
    if (input$distr=="Binomial")
      data <- rbinom(1000, input$n, input$p)
    if (input$distr=="Binomial"){
      datafact <- factor(data, levels=0:input$n)
      barplot(table(datafact))
    } else {
      hist(data, main="")
    }
  })
  title(paste("Distr: ", input$distr))
}
}

```