

Connecting UI Widgets with R Code in the Server

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Recap

- `app.R` file contains `ui`, `server`, and code to run the app
- UI can be built in many ways!
 - `bslib` functions give nice layouts and functionality (`page_sidebar()`, `cards()`, `value_box()`, etc.)
- Widgets (`*Input` functions), `Text`, `HTML` elements, etc. are added to the UI

UI: More About Widgets

- Widgets all follow the same structure
 - `widgetName("inputId", label = "Title the user sees", ...)`
 - The `inputId` is how you access the inputs when creating plots, summaries, etc. in the server

UI: Adding Elements

- Within **layout** functions add elements to UI separated by ,
 - Can add plain strings and formatted text (using HTML type functions)

shiny function HTML5 equivalent creates

p	<p>	A paragraph of text	div	<div>	A division of text with a uniform style
h1	<h1>	A first level header	span		An in-line division of text with a uniform style
h2	<h2>	A second level header	pre	<pre>	Text 'as is' in a fixed width font
h3	<h3>	A third level header	code	<code>	A formatted block of code
h4	<h4>	A fourth level header	img		An image
h5	<h5>	A fifth level header	strong		Bold text
h6	<h6>	A sixth level header	em		Italicized text
a	<a>	A hyper link	HTML		Directly passes a character string as HTML code
br	 	A line break (e.g. a blank line)			

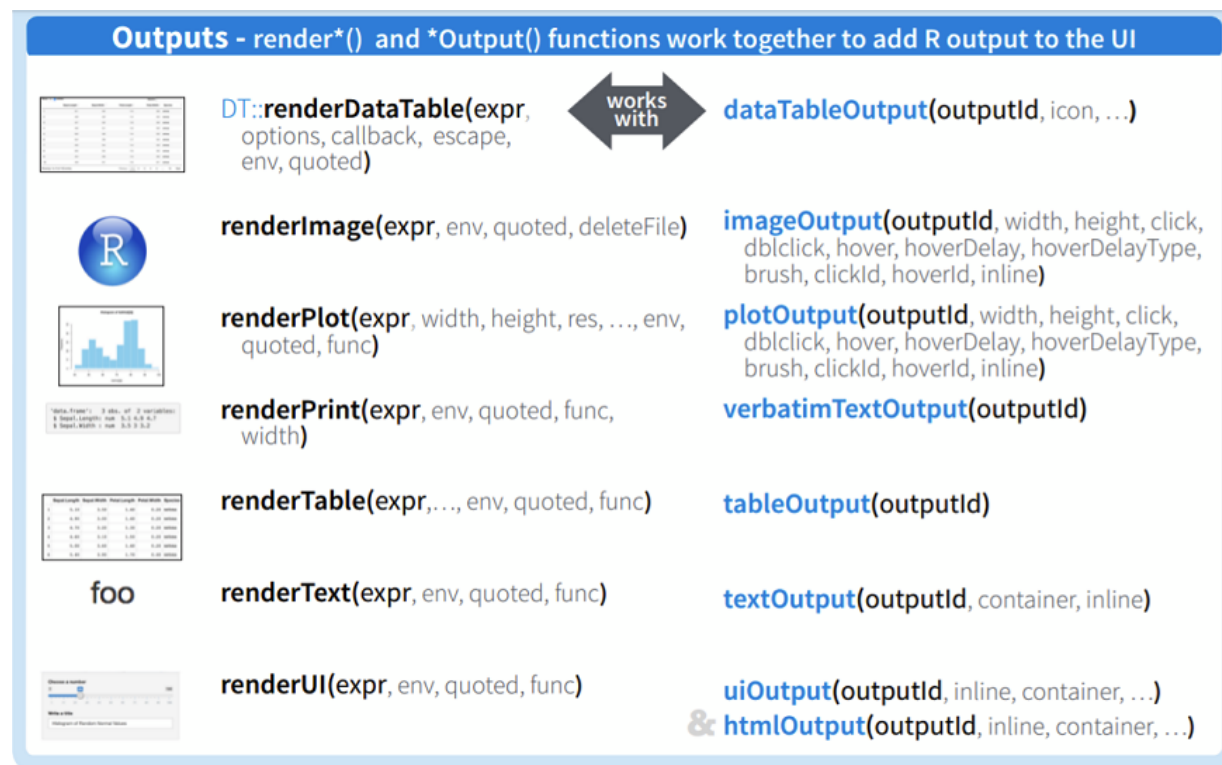
Widget & Text Example

- Check code for **kNN app** (**github** site)
 - Note the separation of elements by `,` within a layout-style function!

```
ui <- fluidPage(  
  pageWithSidebar(  
    headerPanel('k-Nearest Neighbours Classification'),  
    sidebarPanel(  
      sliderInput('k', 'Select the Number of Nearest Neighbours', value = 25, min = 1, max = 150),  
      checkboxInput('showN', label = "Show the neighbourhood for one point (click to select a point)"),  
      a("App credit: https://github.com/schoonees/kNN", href = "https://github.com/schoonees/kNN")  
    ),  
    mainPanel(  
      plotOutput('plot1', width = "600px", height = "600px", click = "click_plot")  
    )  
  )  
)
```

Server: Creating Outputs

- Outputs can be created in the UI using *Output functions
- These correspond to a particular render* function in the server



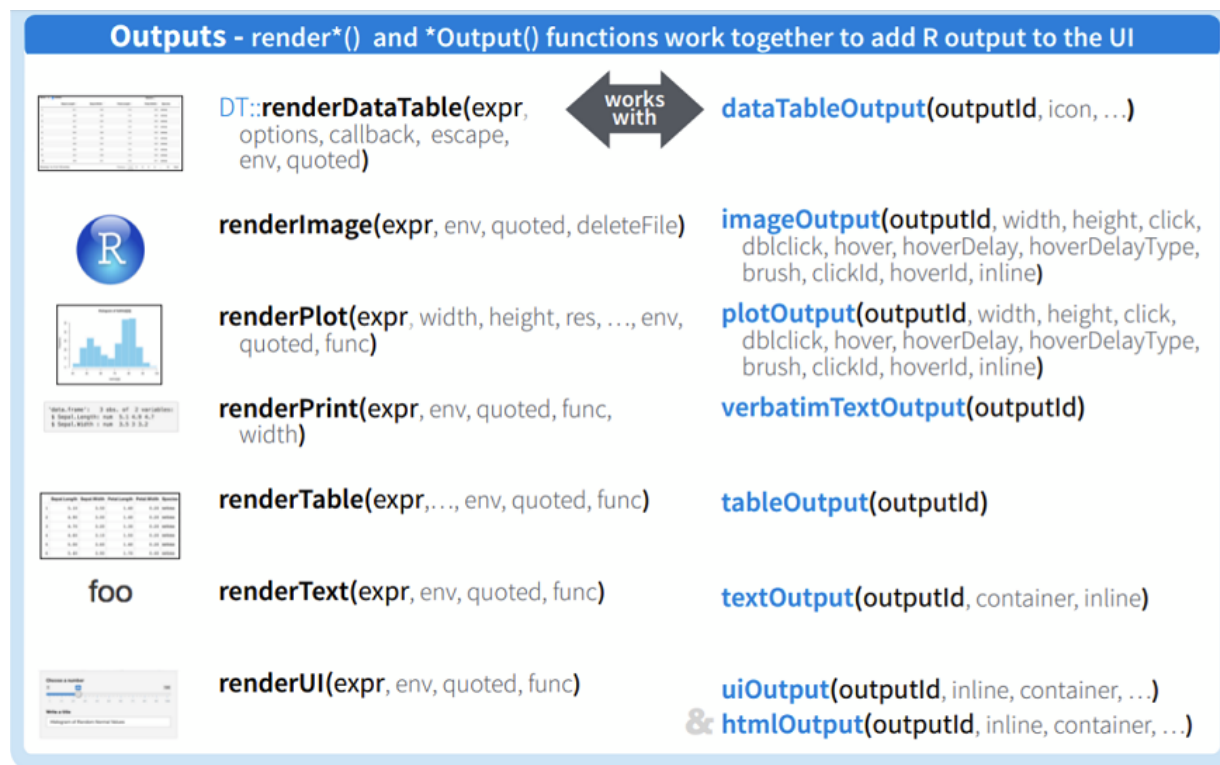
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```
output$plot1 <- renderPlot({...  
  ## Fit model  
  fit <- knn(train = train,  
             test = test,  
             cl = trainclass,  
             k = input$k,  
             prob = TRUE)  
  
  ...  
  ## Plot create empty plot  
  plot(train, asp = 1, type = "n", xlab = "x1", ylab = "x2",  
        xlim = range(pts2), ylim = range(pts2),  
        main = paste0(input$k, "-Nearest Neighbours"))  
  ...  
})
```

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- Corresponding `*Output` function goes in the UI

```
mainPanel(  
  plotOutput('plot1'),  
  textOutput('my_text') #goes with output$my_text <- renderText({...}) in server  
)
```

Back to the Tutorial!

- Read through the following pages of the Posit tutorial (**complete the** Your Turn **sections within these lessons** - no need to turn anything in, this is just to help you learn!)
 - Display reactive outputs
 - Use R scripts and data
 - Use reactive expressions
 - Share your apps