

An Introduction to R Shiny

an interactive web-based application
for data visualization, analysis and more

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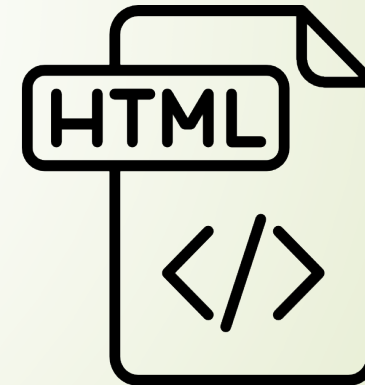
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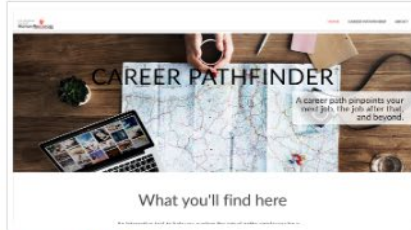
What is R Shiny?

- Shiny is an R package that makes it easy to build interactive web apps straight from R.



Shiny User Showcase <https://shiny.rstudio.com/gallery/>

Finance / Banking



Career PathFinder



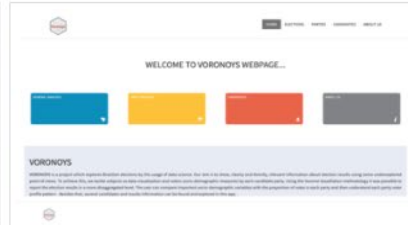
Identifying real estate investment opportunities

Government / Public sector

Mostly open data



Freedom of Press Index



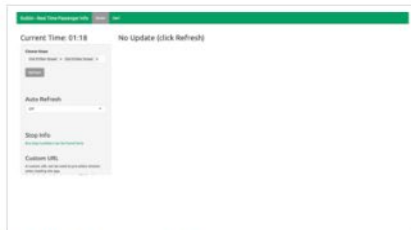
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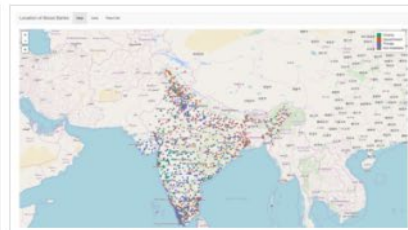
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Pasture Potential Tool for improving dairy farm profitability and environmental impact



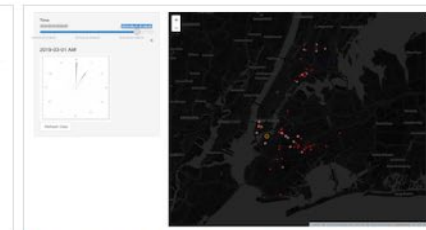
Dublin Transport Info



Locating Blood Banks in India



Utah Lake Water Quality Profile Dashboard



Animated NYC metro traffic

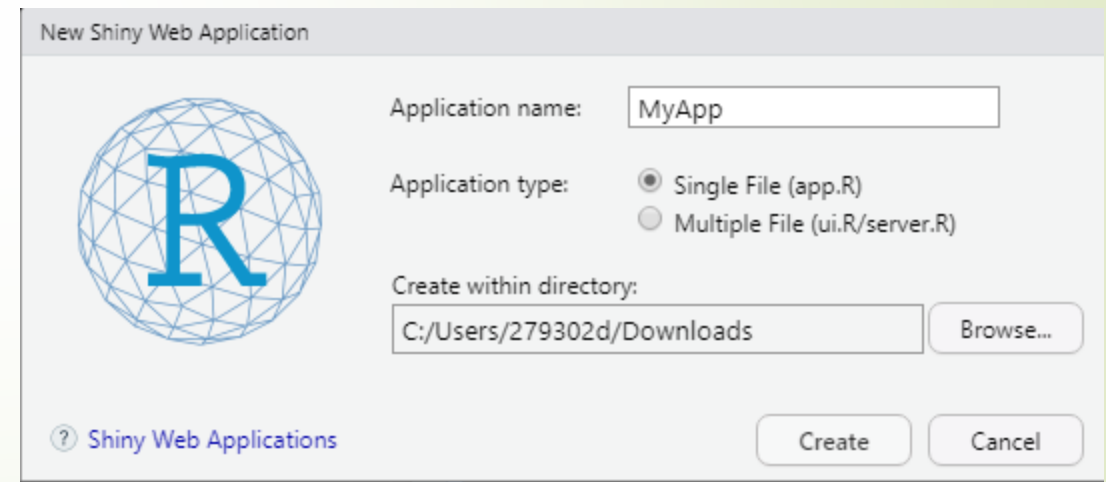
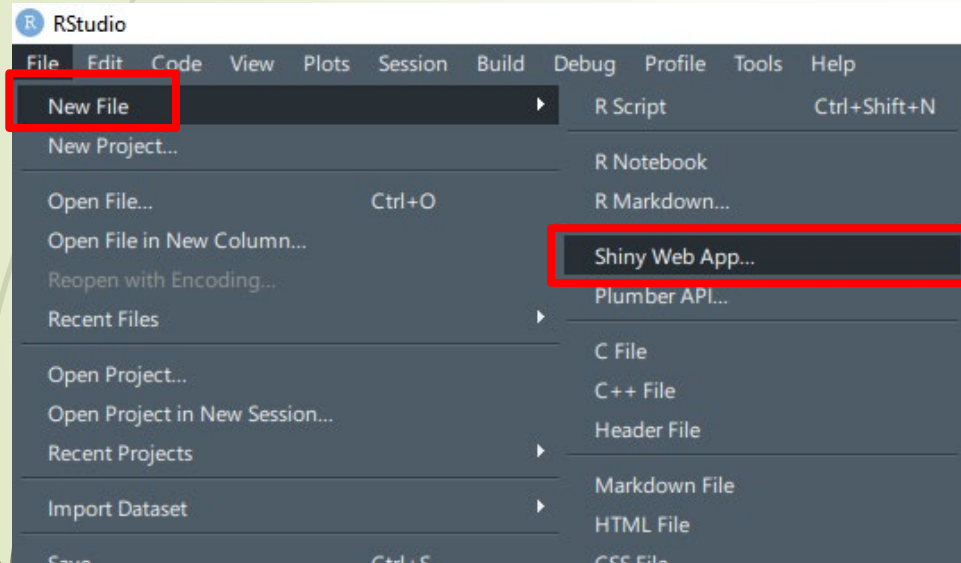


Why R Shiny?

- It's a powerful tool for building interactive for data visualization and analysis.
- It's in the R ecosystem.
- It's easy to deploy and host by R Studio.
- It's easy to customise to meet various of demands.
- No knowledge of HTML, CSS or JavaScript is required.

How to build a R Shiny App?

- `install.package("shiny")`
- Create a new Shiny Web App




```
# 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)
    ),

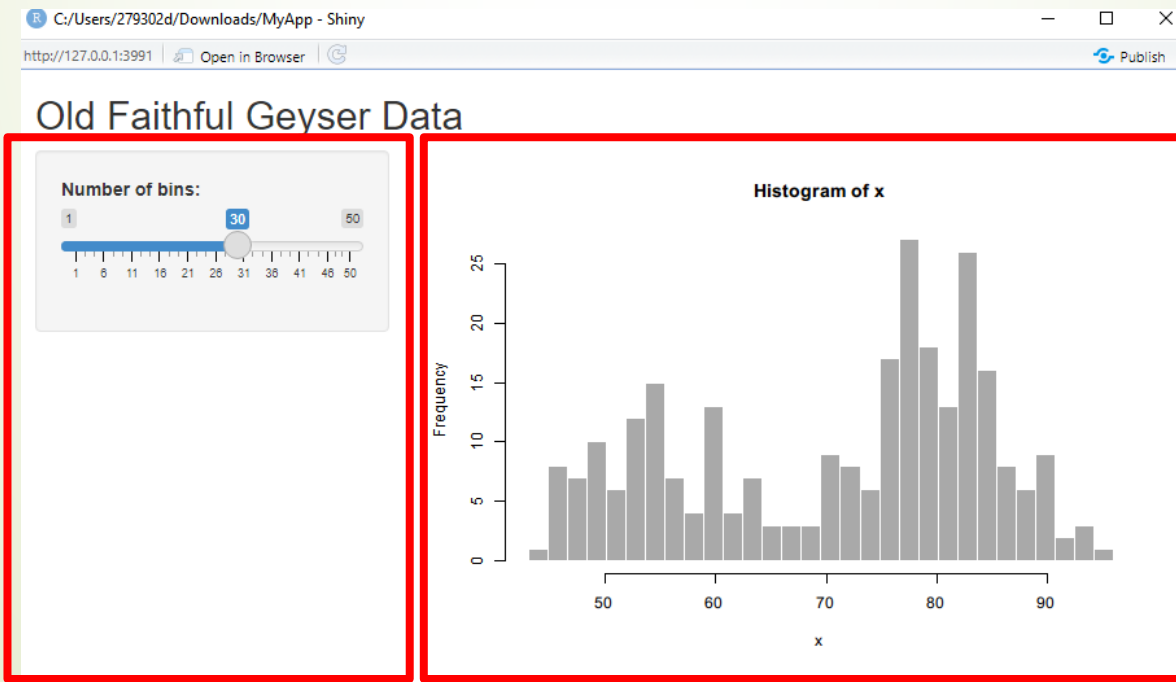
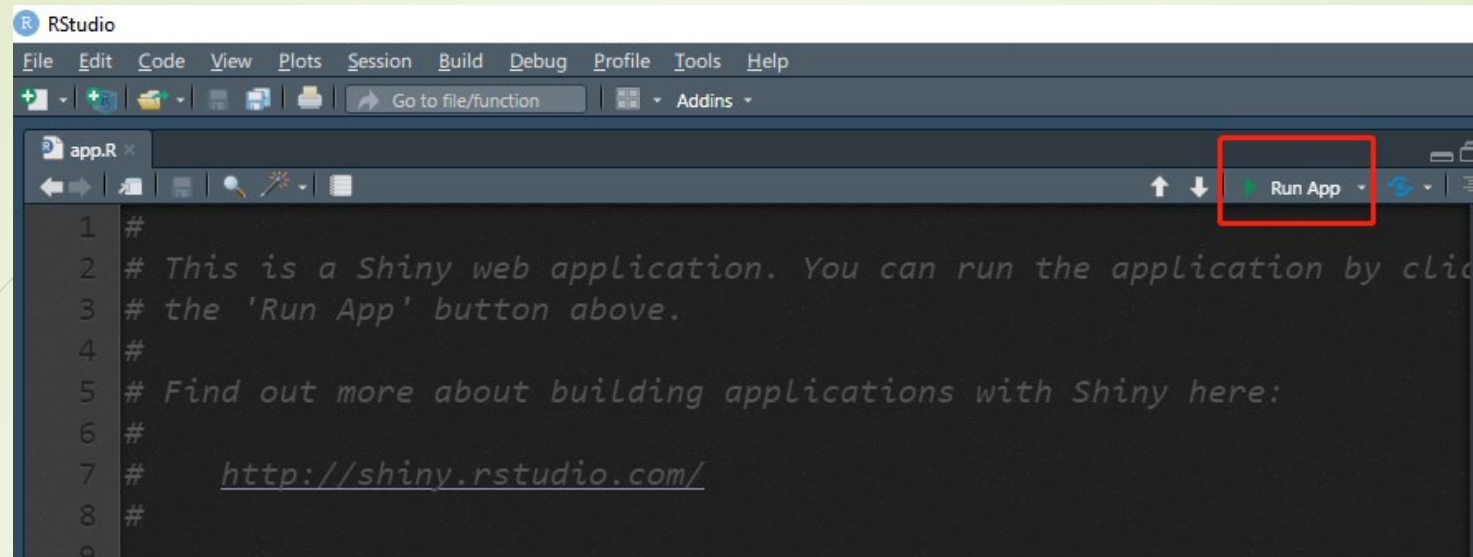
    # Show a plot of the generated distribution
    mainPanel(
      plotOutput("distPlot")
    )
  )
)
```

```
# 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')
  })
}
```

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



Sidebar panel

Main panel

Add more control widgets

http://127.0.0.1:3771 Open in Browser Publish

Basic widgets

Buttons

Action

Submit

Single checkbox

☒ Choice A

Checkbox group

☒ Choice 1
☐ Choice 2
☐ Choice 3

Date input

2014-01-01

Date range

2017-06-21 to 2017-06-21

File input

Browse... No file selected

Help text

Note: help text isn't a true widget, but it provides an easy way to add text to accompany other widgets.

Numeric input

1

Radio buttons

☒ Choice 1
☐ Choice 2
☐ Choice 3

Select box

Choice 1

Sliders

0 50 100

0 25 75 100

Text input

Enter text...

- Button (click, radio)
- Checkbox (single, multiple choice)
- Input box (numeric, text)
- Slider
- Select box (drop down menu)

Give it a try

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

    numericInput("Rand",
                 "Number of observations:",
                 value = 100,
                 min = 1,
                 max = 1000
    )
  ),
  # Show a plot of the generated distribution
  mainPanel(
    plotOutput("distPlot"),
    plotOutput("RandPlot")
  )
)
```

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# 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)

    # draw the histogram with the specified number of bins
    hist(x, breaks = bins, col = 'darkgray', border = 'black')
  })

  output$RandPlot <- renderPlot({
    x <- rnorm(input$Rand)
    plot(x)
  })
}
```

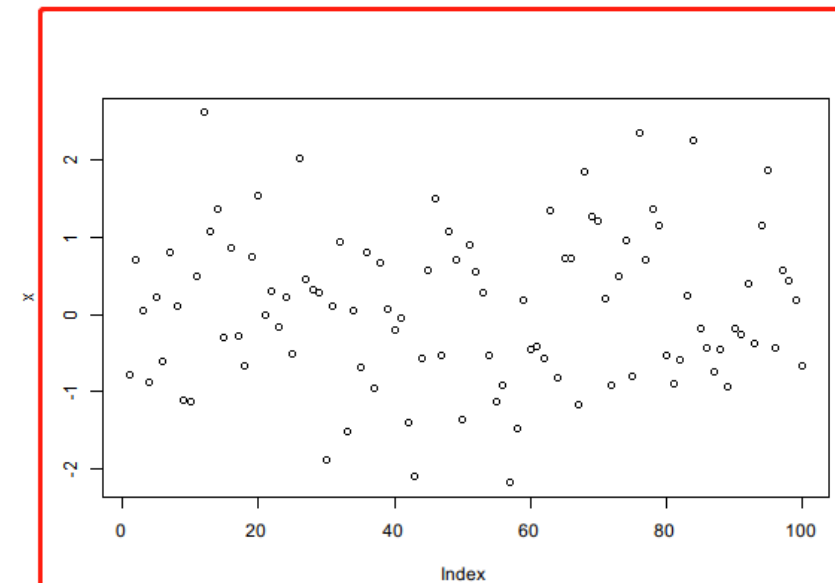
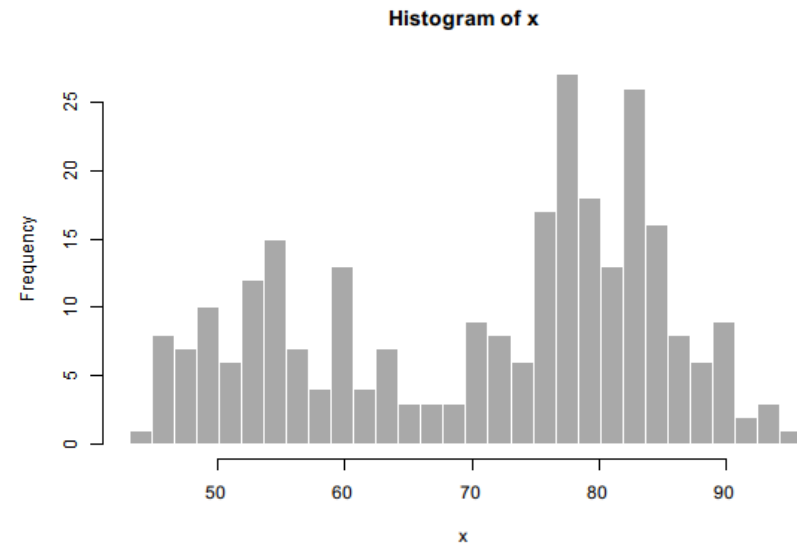
Old Faithful Geyser Data

Number of bins:

1 30 50

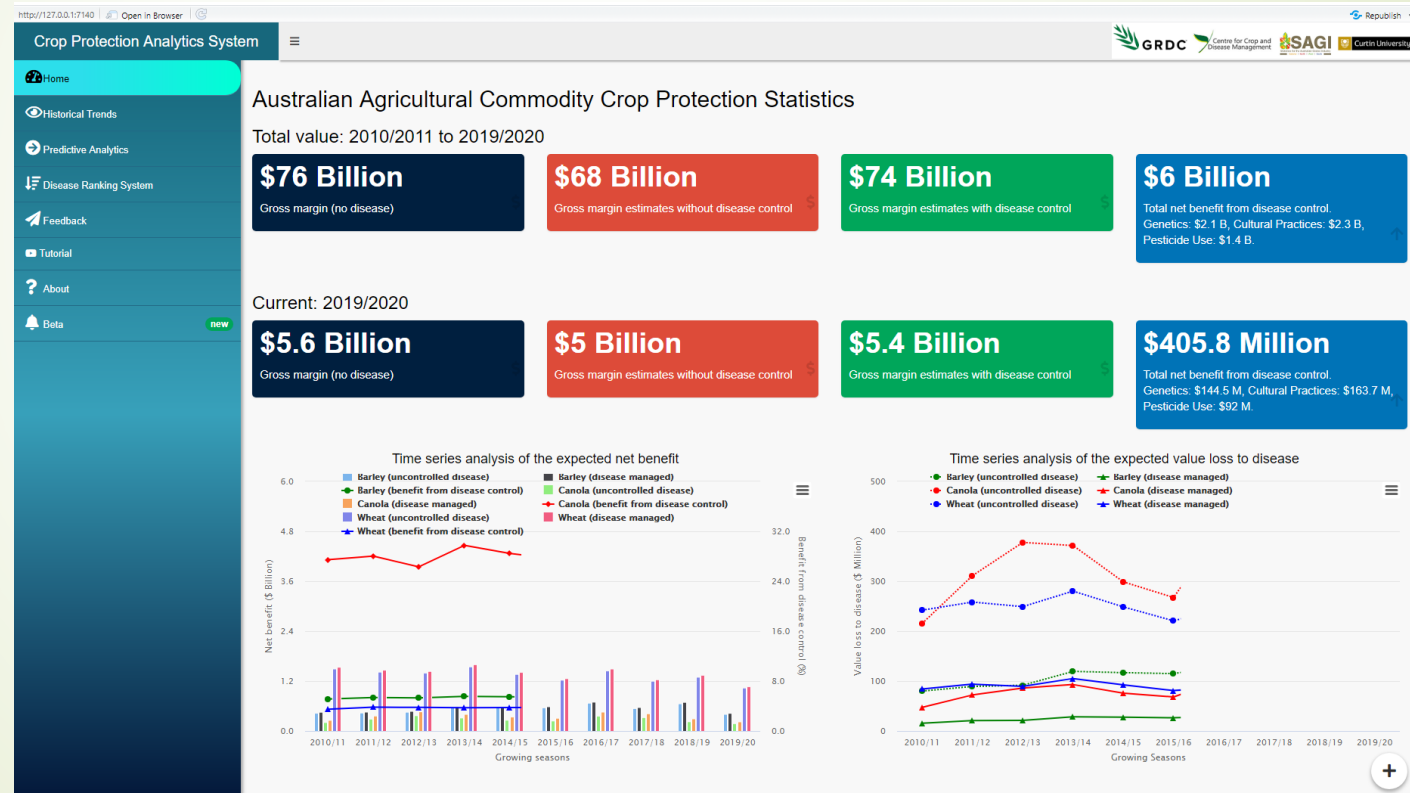
Number of observations:

100



The Crop Protection Analytics System (CPAS)

<https://www.ccdm.com.au/cpas/>



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