

Wrapping up: hosting and best practices

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Before we begin

More shiny content:

https://lsw5077.github.io/shiny_workshop/

Libraries:

```
library(shiny)
```

```
library(tidyverse)
```

Agenda

- Best practices: general R
- Best practices: shiny
- Hosting: set your app free!

Best practices: general R

Any fool can write code that a computer can understand.
Good programmers write code that humans can understand.

– Martin Fowler, 2008.

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Best practice

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Best practice



Less-than-best practice

Best practices: Names and comments

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2 chickWeight2 <- chickWeight  
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7 # using the chickweight dataset from the  
8 # built-in datasets package  
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10 library(tidyverse)  
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12 chick_weight_avg <- ChickWeight  
13
```



Best practices: Formatting



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12 chick_weight_avg <- chickweight %>% group_by(Diet, Time) %>% mutate(Mean_Weight = mean(weight)) %>%  
13    select(Diet, Time, Mean_Weight) %>% distinct() %>% as.data.frame()  
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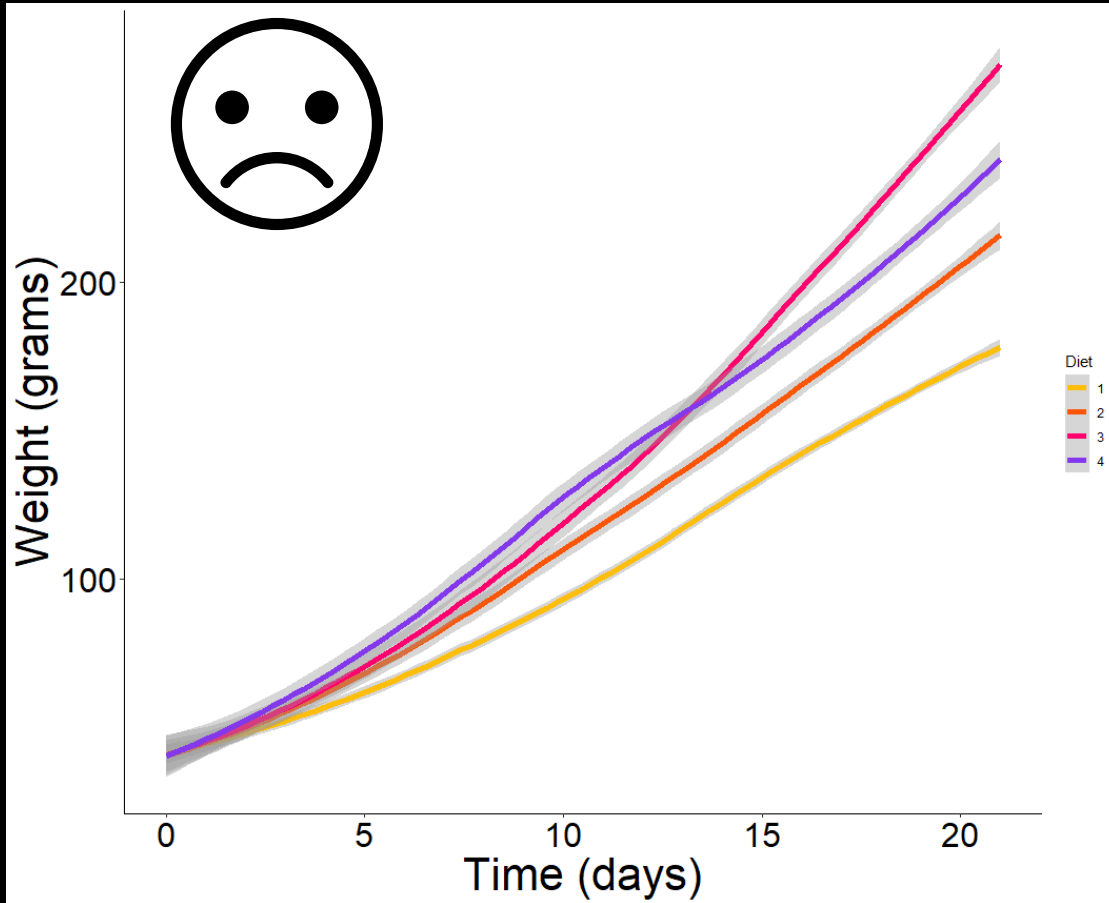
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10 library(tidyverse)  
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12 chick_weight_avg <- ChickWeight %>% # Take ChickWeight data from datasets package  
13    group_by(Diet, Time) %>% # Group by diet and time  
14    mutate(Mean_Weight = mean(weight)) %>% # Average weight among all chicks  
15    select(Diet, Time, Mean_Weight) %>% # Select mean weight, diet, and time columns  
16    distinct() %>% # Keep only unique rows  
17    as.data.frame() # Extract data as an ungrouped dataframe  
18  
19 # Plot chick weight  
20 # Make color-blind safe palette
```



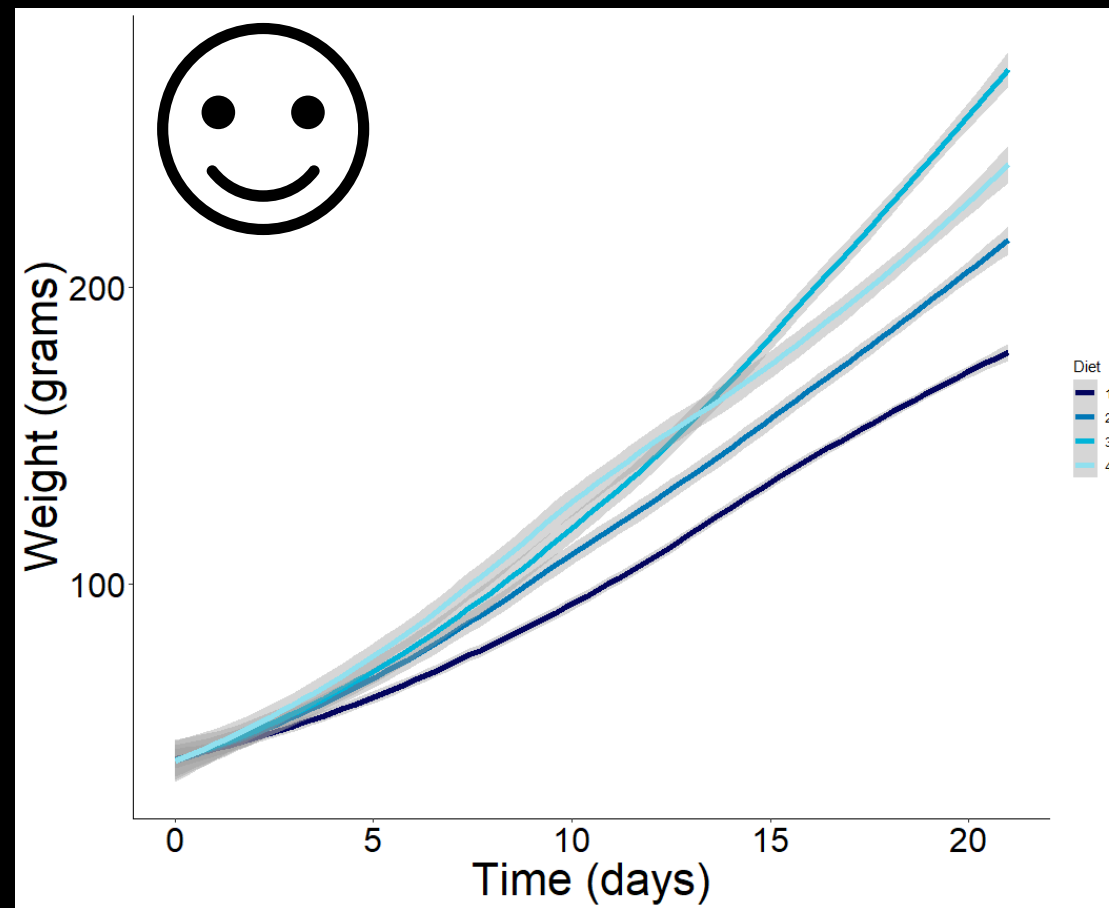
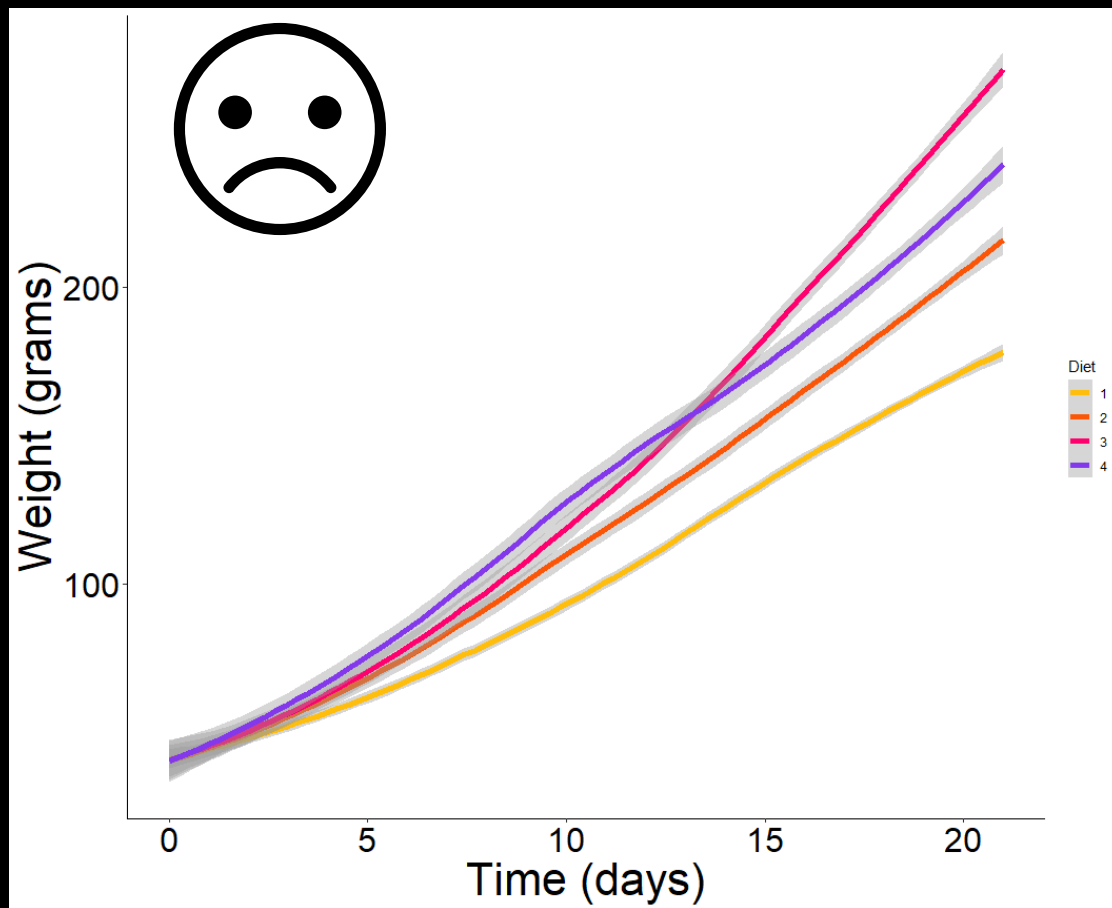
Best practices: Accessibility

```
19 # Plot chick weight
20 # Make color-blind safe palette
21
22 cb_unsafe <- c("#FFBE0B", "#FB5607", "#FF006E", "#8338EC")
23
24 cb_safe <- c("#03045E", "#0077B6", "#00B4D8", "#90E0EF")
25
26 # Plot w/ color-blind friendly colors and large text
27
28 ggplot(Chick_weight_Avg) +
29   geom_smooth(aes(x = Time, y = Mean_Weight, color = Diet), size = 2) +
30   scale_color_manual(values = cb_safe) +
31   labs(x = "Time (days)", y = "Weight (grams)") +
32   theme_classic() +
33   theme(axis.text = element_text(size = 24, color = "black"),
34         axis.title = element_text(size = 32, color = "black"))
```

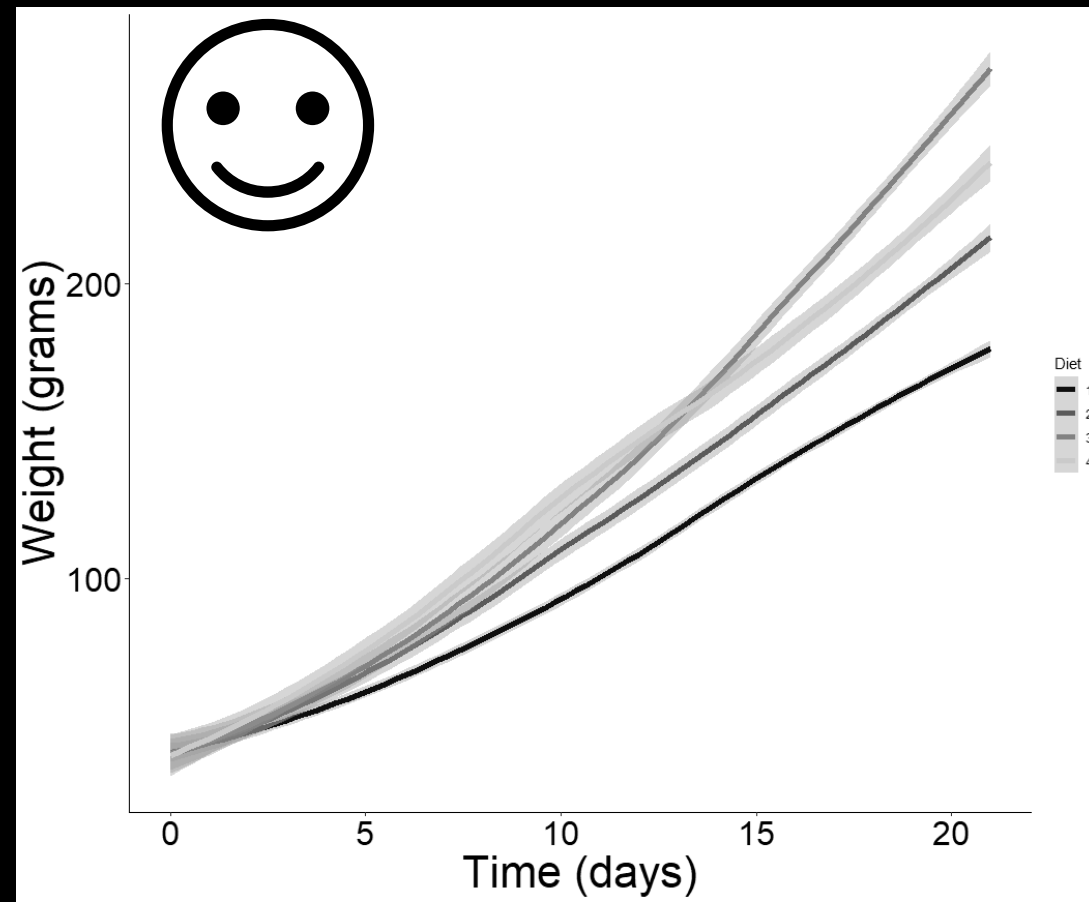
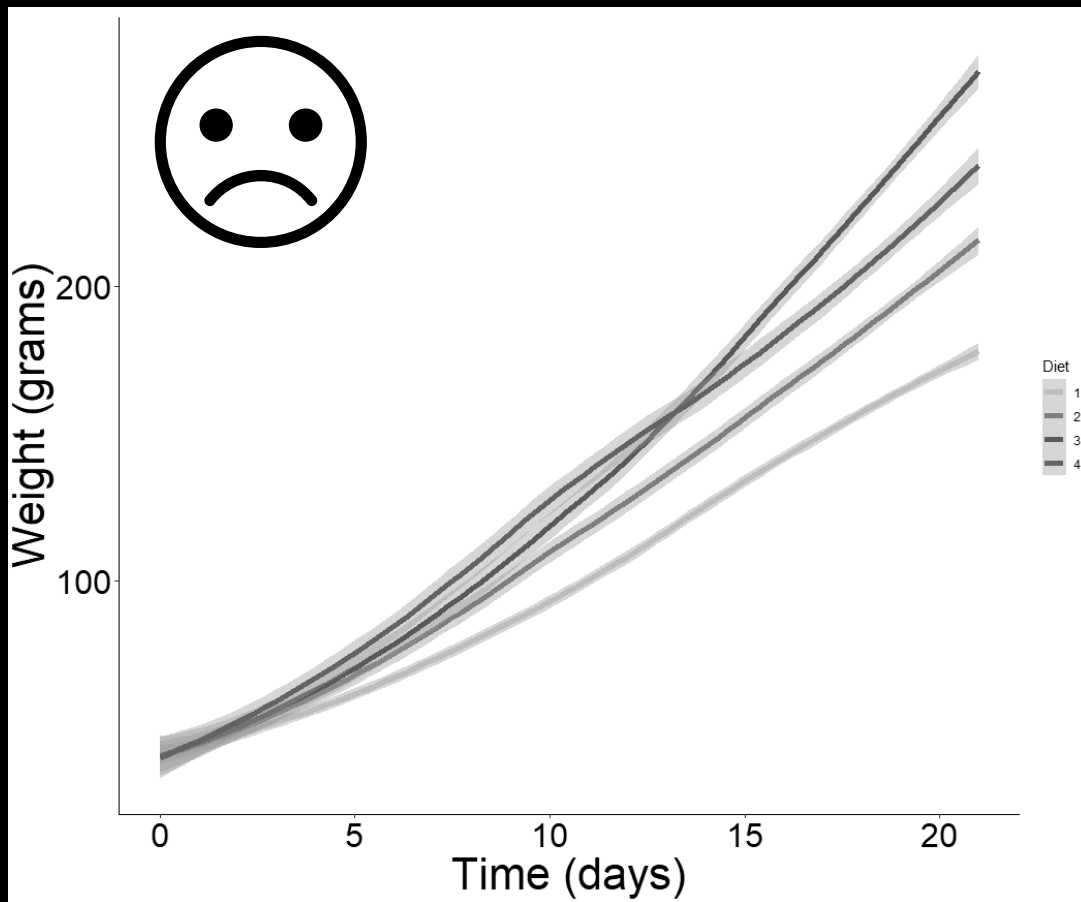
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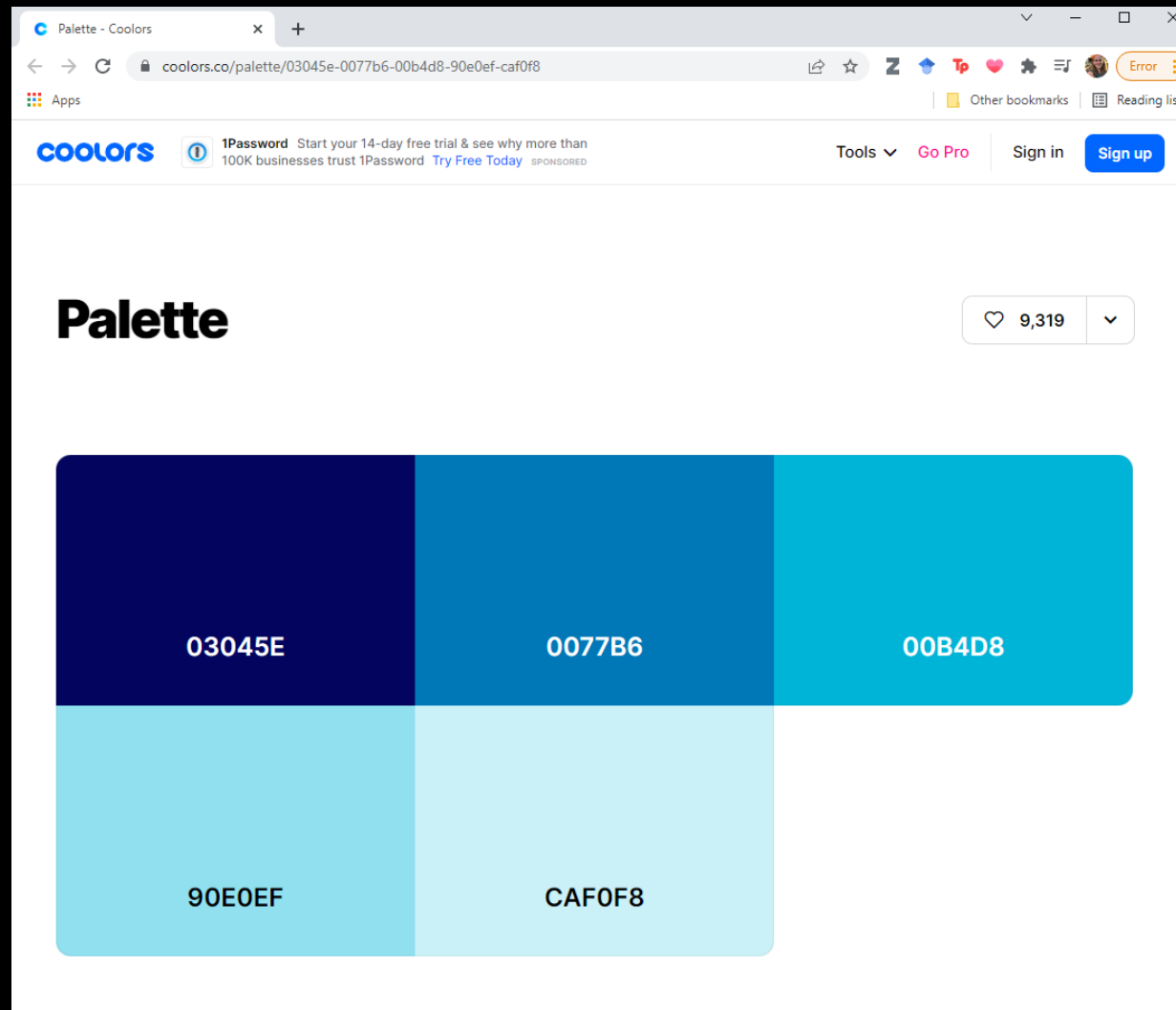
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Best practices: R

- Human-readable names
- Extensive comments
- Breathable formatting
- Accessible figures

Best practices: Shiny

- Image accessibility
- Citations

Do. Things. Once.

Hosting: options

shinyapps.io by RStudio

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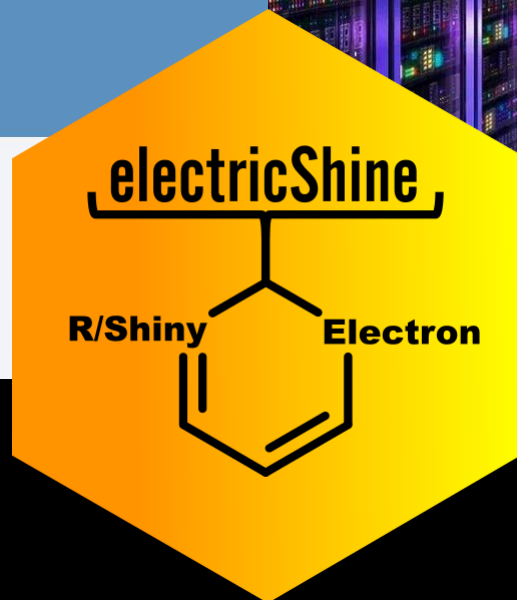
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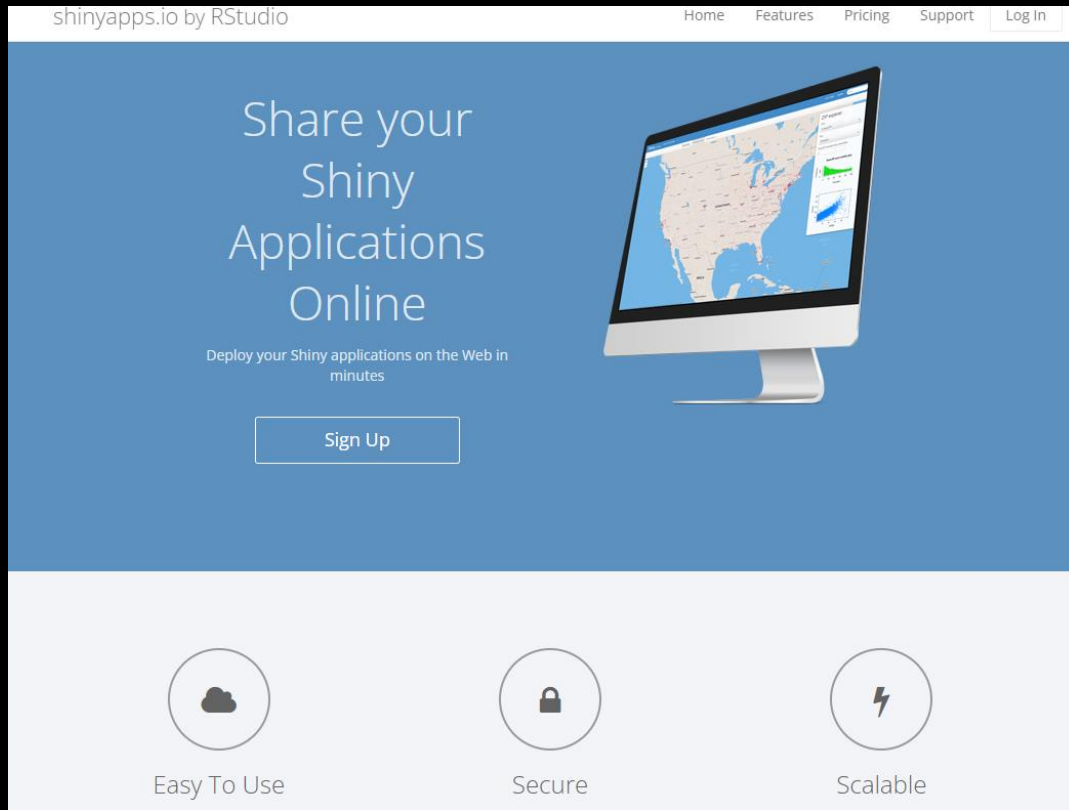
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Easy To Use

Secure



Hosting: shinyapps.io



Pros:

- Easy!
- Error logging
- Usage stats

Cons:

- Limited apps/server time
- Potentially expensive

Hosting: your own server



Pros:

- Cheap
- Full control

Cons:

- Needs IT expertise
- Requires Linux servers

Hosting: Internal deployment



Pros:

- Secure
- Can share apps offline

Cons:

- Only works on internal systems

Hosting: shinyapps.io