

# WELCOME TO SHINY



# OUTLINE

- ▶ Anatomy of a Shiny app
  - ▶ User interface
  - ▶ Server function
  - ▶ Create the app
- ▶ Sharing your app
- ▶ Dashboards

All materials at  
[bit.ly/shiny-2017-08-10](https://bit.ly/shiny-2017-08-10)

*(including links to deployed apps used in demos)*

# **Anatomy of a Shiny app**

# WHAT'S IN AN APP?

```
library(shiny)  
ui <- fluidPage()
```

**User interface**  
controls the layout and  
appearance of app

```
server <- function(input, output) {}
```

**Server function**  
contains instructions  
needed to build app

```
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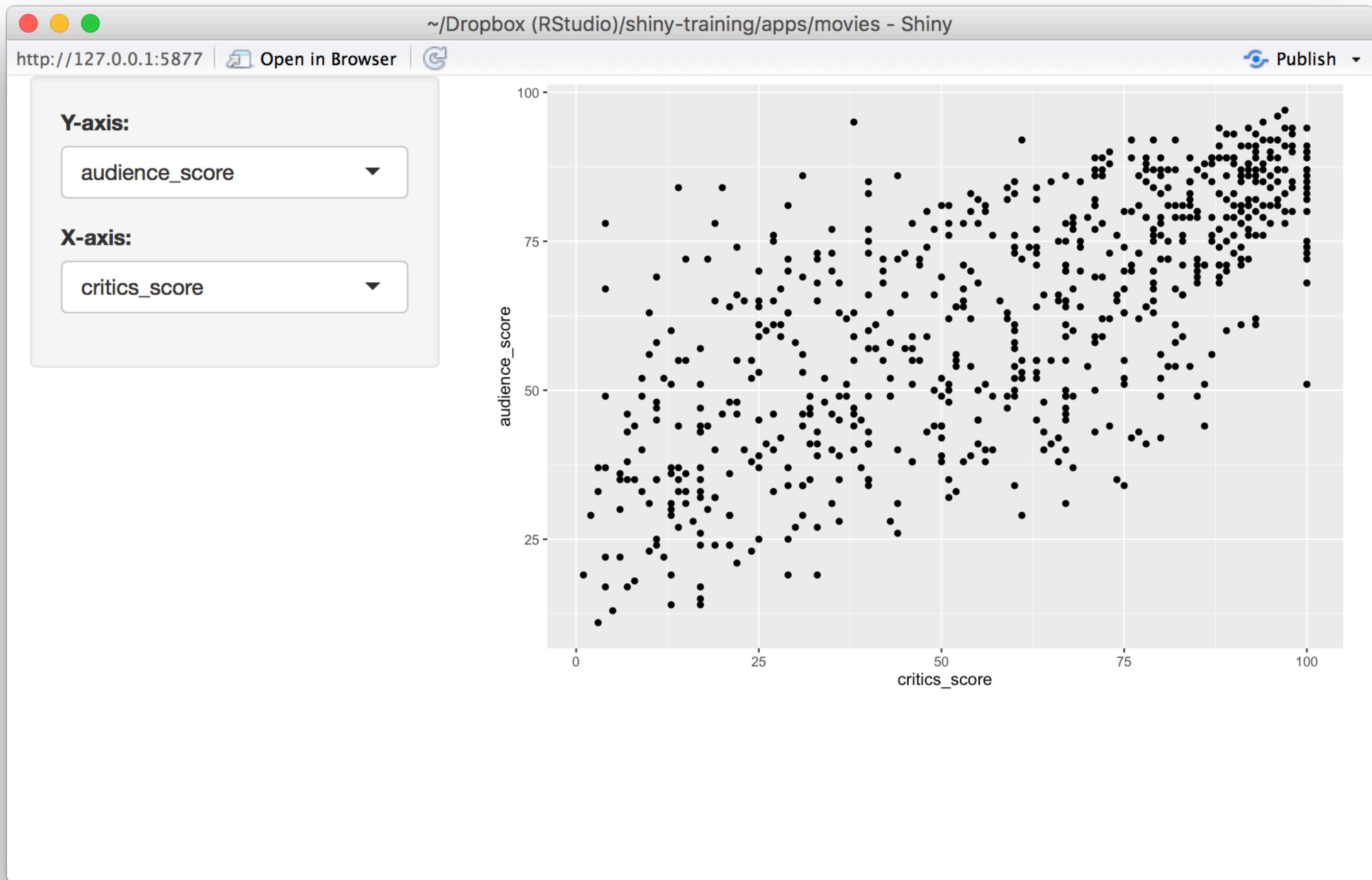


Goal: Build a simple movie browser app



`movies.Rdata`

Data from IMDB and Rotten Tomatoes on random sample of 651 movies released in the US between 1970 and 2014



# APP TEMPLATE

```
library(shiny)
library(ggplot2)
load("movies.Rdata")
ui <- fluidPage()

server <- function(input, output) {}

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



Dataset used for this app



# User interface

```
# Define UI for application that plots features of movies
ui <- fluidPage(

  # Sidebar layout with a input and output definitions
  sidebarLayout(
    # Inputs: Select variables to plot
    sidebarPanel(
      # Select variable for y-axis
      selectInput(inputId = "y", label = "Y-axis:",
                  choices = c("imdb_rating", "imdb_num_votes", "critics_score", "audience_score", "runtime"),
                  selected = "audience_score"),
      # Select variable for x-axis
      selectInput(inputId = "x", label = "X-axis:",
                  choices = c("imdb_rating", "imdb_num_votes", "critics_score", "audience_score", "runtime"),
                  selected = "critics_score")
    ),

    # Output: Show scatterplot
    mainPanel(
      plotOutput(outputId = "scatterplot")
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)
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Create fluid page layout

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Create a layout with a sidebar and main area

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Create a sidebar panel containing **input** controls that can in turn be passed to **sidebarLayout**



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**Y-axis:**

audience\_score ▼

**X-axis:**

critics\_score ▲

imdb\_rating

imdb\_num\_votes

critics\_score

audience\_score

runtime

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Create a main panel containing **output** elements that get created in the server function can in turn be passed to **sidebarLayout**

# Server function

```
# Define server function required to create the scatterplot
server <- function(input, output) {

  # Create the scatterplot object the plotOutput function is expecting
  output$scatterplot <- renderPlot({
    ggplot(data = movies, aes_string(x = input$x, y = input$y)) +
      geom_point()
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Renders a **reactive** plot that is suitable for assigning to an output slot

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Good ol' ggplot2 code,  
with **inputs** from UI

**Create the app**

```
# Create Shiny app  
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```




# DEMO

Putting it all together...

`apps/movies_01/app.R`

[https://minecr.shinyapps.io/movies\\_01/](https://minecr.shinyapps.io/movies_01/)



- 
- ▶ Add new select menu to color the points by
    - ▶ `inputId = "z"`
    - ▶ `label = "Color by:"`
    - ▶ `choices = c("title_type", "genre", "mpaa_rating", "critics_rating", "audience_rating")`
    - ▶ `selected = "mpaa_rating"`
  - ▶ Use this variable in the aesthetics of the **ggplot** function as the color argument to color the points by
  - ▶ Run the app in the Viewer Pane
  - ▶ See `apps/movies_02/app.R` or

[https://minecr.shinyapps.io/movies\\_02/](https://minecr.shinyapps.io/movies_02/)

# INPUTS

**Interactive Web Apps with shiny Cheat Sheet**  
learn more at shiny.studio.com

**R Studio**

**Basics**

A Shiny app is a web page (UI) connected to a computer running a live R session (Server).

Users can manipulate the UI, which will cause the server to update the UI's displays (by running R code).

**App template**

Begin writing a new app with this template. Preview the app by running the code at the R command line.

```
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- **ui** - nested R functions that assemble an HTML user interface for your app
- **server** - a function with instructions on how to build and rebuild the R objects displayed in the UI
- **shinyApp** combines **ui** and **server** into a functioning app. Wrap with **runApp()** if calling from a sourced script or inside a function.

**Share your app**

The easiest way to share your app is to host it on shinyapps.io, a cloud based service from RStudio.

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**Build or purchase your own Shiny Server**

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Action

**actionButton(inputId, label, icon, ...)**

Link

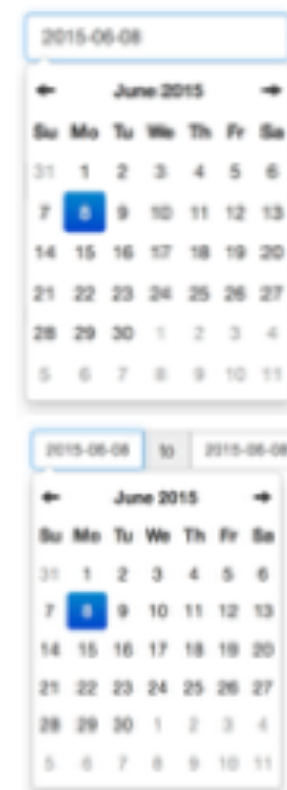
**actionLink(inputId, label, icon, ...)**

- ☒ Choice 1
- ☒ Choice 2
- ☐ Choice 3

**checkboxGroupInput(inputId, label, choices, selected, inline)**

- ☒ Check me

**checkboxInput(inputId, label, value)**



**dateInput(inputId, label, value, min, max, format, startview, weekstart, language)**



**dateRangeInput(inputId, label, start, end, min, max, format, startview, weekstart, language, separator)**

Choose File

**fileInput(inputId, label, multiple, accept)**

**numericInput(inputId, label, value, min, max, step)**

**passwordInput(inputId, label, value)**

- ☒ Choice A
- ☐ Choice B
- ☐ Choice C

**radioButtons(inputId, label, choices, selected, inline)**

Choice 1 | ▲

Choice 1

Choice 2

**selectInput(inputId, label, choices, selected, multiple, selectize, width, size) (also **selectizeInput()**)**

0 5 10


0 2 4 6 8 10

**sliderInput(inputId, label, min, max, value, step, round, format, locale, ticks, animate, width, sep, pre, post)**

Apply Changes

**submitButton(text, icon)**  
(Prevents reactions across entire app)

**textInput(inputId, label, value)**

- 
- ▶ Add new input variable to control the alpha level of the points
    - ▶ This should be a **sliderInput**
      - ▶ See [shiny.rstudio.com/reference/shiny/latest/](http://shiny.rstudio.com/reference/shiny/latest/) for help
    - ▶ Values should range from 0 to 1
    - ▶ Set a default value that looks good
  - ▶ Use this variable in the geom of the **ggplot** function as the alpha argument
  - ▶ Run the app in a new window
  - ▶ See **apps/movies\_03/app.R** or

[https://minecr.shinyapps.io/movies\\_03/](https://minecr.shinyapps.io/movies_03/)



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Users can manipulate the UI, which will cause the server to update the UI's displays (by running R code).  
Begin writing a new app with this template. Preview the app by turning the code at the R command line.

**App template**  
Save each app as a directory that contains an **app.R** file (or a **server.R** file and a **ui.R** file) plus optional extra files.  
The directory name is the name of the app.  
Optional: defines objects available to both ui.R and server.R.  
Optional: used in showcase mode.  
Optional: data, scripts, etc.  
Optional: directory of files to share with web browsers (images, CSS, JS, etc.) Must be named "www".

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## Building an App - Complete the template by adding arguments to fluidPage() and a body to the server function.

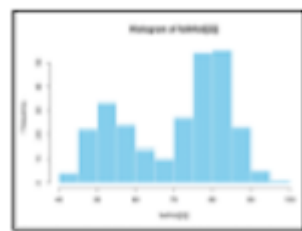
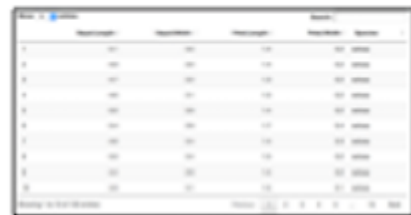
Add inputs to the UI with **\*input()** functions.  
Add outputs with **\*output()** functions.  
Tell server how to render outputs with R in the server function. To do this:  
1. Refer to outputs with **output\$**.  
2. Refer to inputs with **input\$**.  
3. Wrap code in a **render()** function before saving to output.

Save your template as **app.R**. Alternatively, split your template into two files named **ui.R** and **server.R**.  
The **ui.R** contains everything you would save to ui.  
The **server.R** ends with the function you would save to server.  
No need to call **shinyApp()**.

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**Outputs - render() and \*output() functions work together to add R output to the UI**

DT::renderDataTable(expr, options, callback, escape, env, quoted)	works with	dataTableOutput(outputId, icon, ...)
renderImage(expr, env, quoted, deleteFile)		imageOutput(outputId, width, height, click, dblclick, hover, hoverDelay, hoverDelayType, brush, clickId, hoverId, inline)
renderPlot(expr, width, height, res, ..., env, quoted, func)		plotOutput(outputId, width, height, click, dblclick, hover, hoverDelay, hoverDelayType, brush, clickId, hoverId, inline)
renderPrint(expr, env, quoted, func, width)		verbatimTextOutput(outputId)
renderTable(expr, ..., env, quoted, func)		tableOutput(outputId)
renderText(expr, env, quoted, func)		textOutput(outputId, container, inline)
renderUI(expr, env, quoted, func)		uiOutput(outputId, inline, container, ...)



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\$ Sepal.Length: num 5.1 4.9 4.7  
\$ Sepal.Width : num 3.5 3 3.2

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1	5.10	3.50	1.40	0.20	setosa
2	4.90	3.00	1.40	0.20	setosa
3	4.70	3.00	1.30	0.20	setosa
4	4.60	3.10	1.50	0.20	setosa
5	5.00	3.00	1.60	0.20	setosa
6	5.00	3.00	1.70	0.20	setosa

foo



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width)

**verbatimTextOutput**(outputId)

**renderTable**(expr,..., env, quoted, func)


**tableOutput**(outputId)

**renderText**(expr, env, quoted, func)

**textOutput**(outputId, container, inline)

**renderUI**(expr, env, quoted, func)

**uiOutput**(outputId, inline, container, ...)  
& **htmlOutput**(outputId, inline, container, ...)

- 
- ▶ Add a checkbox input to decide whether the data plotted should be shown in a data table
    - ▶ This should be a **checkboxInput** (see [shiny.rstudio.com/reference/shiny/latest/](http://shiny.rstudio.com/reference/shiny/latest/) for help)
  - ▶ Create a new output item using **DT::renderDataTable**, an **if** statement to check if the box is checked, and **DT::datatable**
    - ▶ Show first seven columns of movies data, show 10 rows at a time, and hide row names, e.g.
      - ▶ `data = movies[, 1:7]`
      - ▶ `options = list(pageLength = 10)`
      - ▶ `rownames = FALSE`
  - ▶ Add a **dataTableOutput** to the main panel
  - ▶ Run the app in a new Window, check and uncheck the box to test functionality
  - ▶ See `apps/movies_04/app.R` or [https://minecr.shinyapps.io/movies\\_04/](https://minecr.shinyapps.io/movies_04/)



**Sharing**  
**your app**

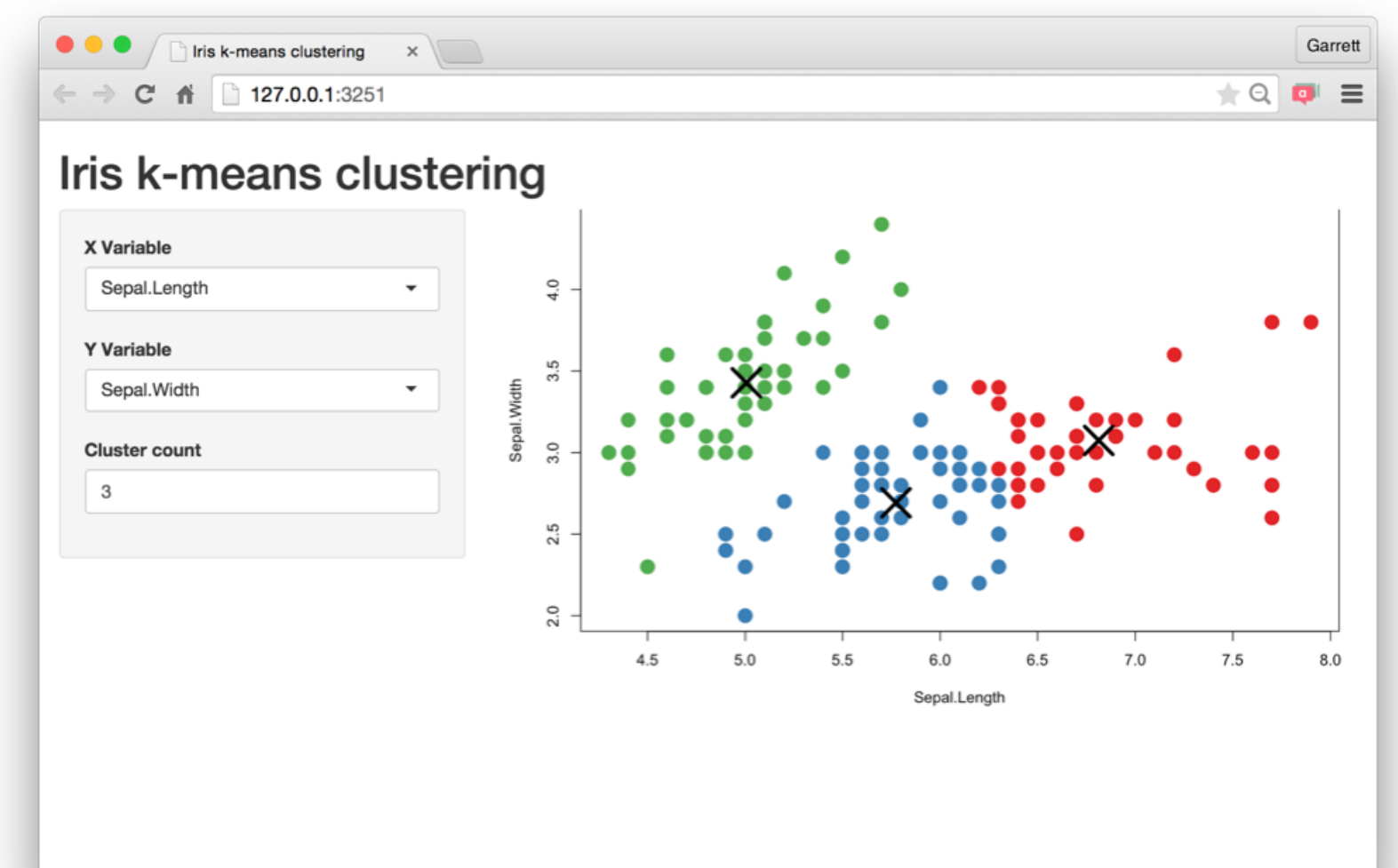
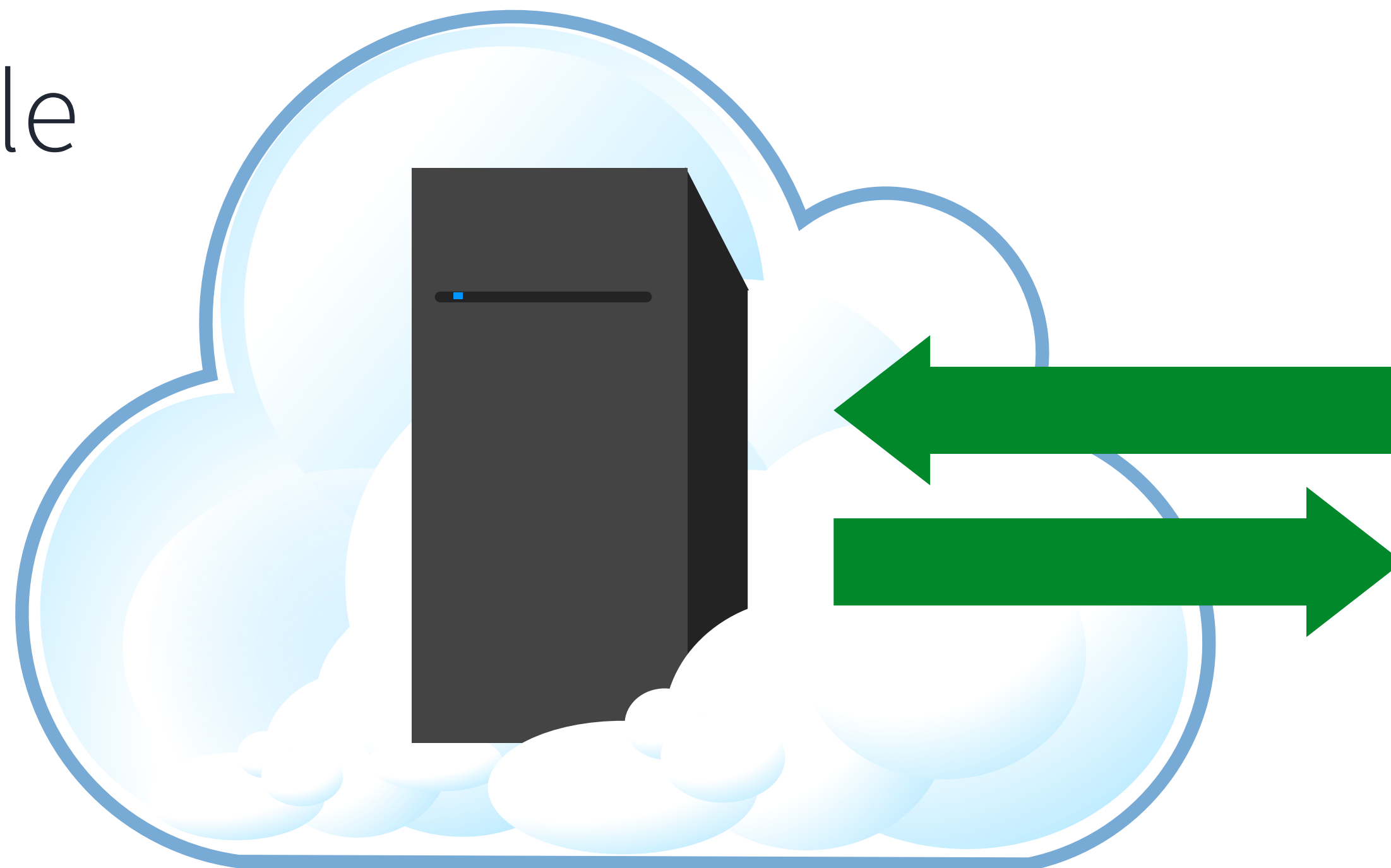
# shinyapps.io



# SHINYAPPS.IO

A server maintained by RStudio

- ▶ easy to use
- ▶ secure
- ▶ scalable




# Build your own server



# SHINY SERVER


[rstudio.com/products/shiny/shiny-server/](https://rstudio.com/products/shiny/shiny-server/)

- 
- ✓ **Deploy Shiny apps to the internet**
  - ✓ **Run on-premises**  
move computation closer to the data
  - ✓ **Host multiple apps on one server**
  - ✓ **Deploy inside the firewall**
  - ✓ **xcopy deployment**

Free &  
open  
source

# SHINY SERVER PRO


[rstudio.com/products/shiny/shiny-server/](https://rstudio.com/products/shiny/shiny-server/)

- 
- ✓ **Secure access**  
LDAP, GoogleAuth, SSL, and more
  - ✓ **Performance**  
fine tune at app and server level
  - ✓ **Management**  
monitor and control resource use
  - ✓ **Support**  
direct priority support

45 day  
evaluation  
free trial

# RSTUDIO CONNECT

[rstudio.com/products/connect/](https://rstudio.com/products/connect/)

- 
- ✓ **Push-button publish from RStudio**  
Shiny apps, R Markdown docs, and more
  - ✓ **Self-managed content**  
content authors decide permissions
  - ✓ **Scheduled reports**  
automatically run and email Rmd
  - ✓ **Support**  
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# **Dashboards**



DEMO

apps/movies\_05/movies\_05.Rmd

[https://minecr.shinyapps.io/movies\\_05/](https://minecr.shinyapps.io/movies_05/)

# DASHBOARDS

- ▶ Automatically updating
  - ▶ Not just based on user gestures
  - ▶ But also when data source changes
- ▶ Many viewers looking at the same data
- ▶ May or may not be interactive

# STATIC VS. DYNAMIC

- ▶ Static:
  - ▶ R code runs once and generates an HTML page
  - ▶ Generation of this HTML can be scheduled
- ▶ Dynamic:
  - ▶ Client web browser connects to an R session running on server
  - ▶ User input causes server to do things and send information back to client
  - ▶ Interactivity can be on client and server
  - ▶ Can update data in real time
  - ▶ User potentially can do anything that R can do

# FLEX VS. SHINY DASHBOARD

flexdashboard	shinydashboard
R Markdown	Shiny UI code
Super easy	Not quite as easy
Static or dynamic	Dynamic
CSS flexbox layout	Bootstrap grid layout



# DEMO

<https://jjallaire.shinyapps.io/shiny-crandash/>



