



LEAFLET

FOR INTERACTIVE MAPS

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Motivation



“‘I have the same problem’ is a famous last post in many forum-threads on the esri forum.”

—sebastian

“R and Leaflet are free and open-source, ArcMap is very much not.”

—Geoffrey Arnold

Shapefiles

In R

PACKAGES

- ▶ Install these packages:
 - ▶ rgdal: <https://github.com/cran/rgdal/blob/master/inst/README>
 - ▶ rgeos
 - ▶ sp
 - ▶ leaflet
 - ▶ leaflet.extras

WHAT IS LEAFLET?

- R version of the Javascript API of Leaflet
- One of the ways to get interactive maps
 - Others include: tmap, mapview and plotly
- Documentation: <https://rstudio.github.io/leaflet/>

Getting spatial
data loaded into R

LOADING SPATIAL DATA

- ▶ Sometimes your source data will be a data frame which you will need to join to spatial data, other times it will be included
- ▶ It may also be a CSV with coordinates, in those instances no further cleaning needs to take place



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EXERCISE



- ▶ Create a map with layer controls
 - ▶ Get basemap provider names from here: <https://leaflet-extras.github.io/leaflet-providers/preview/>
 - ▶ Create 3 named basemap groups
 - ▶ Add a layer control that has the named base groups

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Shapes

TYPICAL ARGUMENTS

- lng (if a column)
- lat (if a column)
- layerId
- group (for layerControls)
- stroke (boolean, shape outline)
- color (outline color, hex values)
- weight (outline width)
- opacity (alpha of the line)
- fill (boolean)
- fillColor (hex color)
- fillOpacity (alpha of fill)
- And more!



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PALETTES

- palette (color brewer palette)
- domain (values to be colored)
- na.color
- alpha
- reverse (values of palette)
- bins
- pretty
- right (for cutting)
- n (number of quantities)
- probs
- levels
- ordered

LEGENDS

- position (“bottomright” etc...)
- pal (palette from colorBrewer)
- values (domain from data)
- na.labels
- bins (buckets)
- colors
- labFormat (separate function
labelFormat)
- title
- className (for custom CSS to apply)
- layerId (for input usage)
- group (for layerControls)
- digits
- big.mark
- transform (function to be applied to
labels)

EXERCISE



- ▶ Choropleth Polygon map with
 - ▶ Create a color palette for Life Expectancy at Birth (years) column in the merged Congressional District data.
 - ▶ addPolygons to a leaflet map and apply palette to column
 - ▶ Add a legend

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Hint: <https://rstudio.github.io/leaflet/choropleths.html>



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EXERCISE



- Go to leaflet_exercises.Rmd clusters code chunk
 - Use 311 data to create a cluster map
 - Create a factor palette
 - Create a legend
 - Make sure to include a basemap

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Hint: <https://rstudio.github.io/leaflet/markers.html>



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HOMEWORK



Homework 2