

Web scraping in real-time in R with R Shiny interface

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# set working directory -----
setwd("D:/Ph.D_materials/Programming/R_programming/mdsr/cryptocurrencies")

# Load functions and packages -----
source("webscrap_pkg.R")

## package 'shinydashboard' successfully unpacked and MD5 sums checked
##
## The downloaded binary packages are in
## C:\Users\bigco\AppData\Local\Temp\RtmpM1ePwn\downloaded_packages

# create functions to minimize repeated code usage
# ----- get.data <- function(x){
# myurl <- read_html('https://coinmarketcap.com/gainers-losers/') # read our
# webpage as html myurl <- html_table(myurl) # convert to an html table for
# ease of use crypto_dat <- myurl[[1]] # pull the first item in the list
# crypto_dat$24h <- gsub('%', '', crypto_dat$24h) # cleanup - remove
# non-characters crypto_dat$24h <- as.numeric(crypto_dat$24h) #cleanup -
# convert percentages column to numeric so we can sort # crypto_dat$Symbol <-
# as.factor(crypto_dat$) # cleanup - convert coin symbol to factor # #
# crypto_dat$Symbol <- factor(crypto_dat$Symbol, # levels =
# crypto_dat$Symbol[order(crypto_dat$'% 1h')]) # sort by gain value crypto_dat
# # return the finished data.frame }
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# Import data and wrangle ----- read webpage as html and
# convert to html table
get_data <- function(x) {
  url <- read_html("https://coinmarketcap.com/gainers-losers/") %>%
    html_table()
  url %>%
    typeof() # this shows the data is a list

  # subset the first item
  crypto_dat <- url[[1]]
  crypto_dat %>%
    names()

  # rename # and 24 in data -----
  crypto_dat <- crypto_dat %>%
    rename(Number = "#", change = "24h") %>%
    separate(Name, into = c("Name", "Other"), sep = "(?<=[A-Za-z])(?=[0-9])")
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# split data name at digit point -----
crypto_dat = crypto_dat %>%
  mutate(Other = gsub("[[:digit:]]", "", Other), change = gsub("%", "", crypto_dat$change) %>%
    as.numeric()) %>%
  rename(Symbol = Other)

# return data
return(crypto_dat)
}

get_data()

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## # A tibble: 30 x 6
##   Number Name          Symbol Price      change 'Volume(24h)'
##   <int> <chr>          <chr> <chr>      <dbl> <chr>
## 1     30 Internet Computer ICP    $4.00      8.92 $25,672,118
## 2     64 Terra Classic   LUNC   $0.0...09466 7.99 $92,930,830
## 3     51 Fantom          FTM    $0.2557     5.93 $129,873,422
## 4     31 Filecoin        FIL    $3.64      5.08 $211,739,290
## 5     74 Injective       INJ    $5.88      4.25 $44,542,947
## 6     45 Aave            AAVE   $54.77     3.75 $38,551,384
## 7     27 Bitcoin Cash    BCH   $105.48     3.74 $74,463,761
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## 9     23 Uniswap         UNI    $4.26      3.35 $98,301,988
## 10    81 Sui             SUI    $0.6845     3.24 $401,830,812
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# sort data by percentage gain value in descending order
# -----
get_data() %>%
  arrange(desc(change))

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# Top coin name
top_coin_name <- get_data() %>%
  arrange(desc(change)) %>%
  select(Name) %>%
  first()

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top_coin_gain <- get_data() %>%
  arrange(desc(change)) %>%
  select(change) %>%
  first()
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# Build shiny app
# -----
# user interface (UI)
ui <- dashboardPage(skin = "yellow",

  # Create H E A D E R
  dashboardHeader(title = "Top Cryptocurrency Gainers"),

  # create S I D E B A R
  dashboardSidebar(
    h5("An interactive dashboard that shows the top gainers from the last 24hours from
      coinmarketcap.com and refreshes every 60 seconds."),

    br(),
    br(),
    br(),
    br(),
    br(),
    br(),
    br(),
    br(),
    br(),
    br(),

    h6("Built by Brad Lindblad in the R computing language
      [ R Core Team (2018). R: A language and environment for statistical computing. R Foundation for S
      Vienna, Austria. URL https://www.R-project.org/"]),
    br(),
    h6("R version 3.4.4 (2018-03-15) 'Someone to Lean On'")

  ),

  # B O D Y
  dashboardBody(
    fluidRow(
      # InfoBox
      infoBoxOutput("top.coin",
        width = 3),

      # InfoBox
      infoBoxOutput("top.name",
        width = 3)

    ),

    fluidRow(
      column(
        # Datatable
        box(
          status = "primary",
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    headerPanel("Cryptocurrency data"),
    solidHeader = T,
    br(),
    DT::dataTableOutput("table", height = "340px"),
    width = 6,
    height = "550px"
  ),

  # Chart
  box(
    status = "primary",
    headerPanel("Chart"),
    solidHeader = T,
    br(),
    plotOutput("plot", height = "400px"),
    width = 6,
    height = "500px"
  ),
  width = 12
)
)
)
)
#####
#### S E R V E R ####
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server <- function(input, output) {
# R E A C T I V E
  liveish_data <- reactive({
    invalidateLater(60000) # refresh the report every 60k milliseconds (60 seconds)
    get_data()            # call our function from above
  })

  live.infobox.val <- reactive({
    invalidateLater(60000) # refresh the report every 60k milliseconds (60 seconds)
    top_coin_gain         # call our function from above
  })

  live.infobox.coin <- reactive({
    invalidateLater(60000) # refresh the report every 60k milliseconds (60 seconds)
    top_coin_name         # call our function from above
  })

# D A T A   T A B L E   O U T P U T
output$table <- DT::renderDataTable(DT::datatable(
  data <- liveish_data()))

# P L O T   O U T P U T
output$plot <- renderPlot({
  (ggplot(data = liveish_data(), aes(x= reorder(Symbol, - change), y = change)) +
    geom_bar(stat="identity", aes(fill = change > 10 )) +

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scale_fill_manual(values = c("pink","green")) +
theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1)) +
labs(x = "Name of Cryptocurrency", y = "Change (%) in last 24hours " )
ggtitle("Gainers from the Last 24 Hours below and above 10%")) +
theme_bw()

})

# I N F O B O X   O U T P U T - V A L
output$top.coin <- renderInfoBox({
  infoBox(
    "Gain in Last 24 Hours",
    paste0(live.infobox.val(), "%"),
    icon = icon("signal"),
    color = "teal",
    fill = TRUE)
})

# I N F O B O X   O U T P U T - N A M E
output$top.name <- renderInfoBox({
  infoBox(
    "Top Coin Name",
    live.infobox.coin(),
    icon = icon("bitcoin"),
    color = "teal",
    fill = TRUE)
})

}

#####
#### D E P L O Y ####
#####
# Return a Shiny app objectshinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
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Cryptocurrency data

Chart