

How to create a Shiny web app in R

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What is Shiny?

A web page connected to a computer running a live R session -
Shiny cheat sheet

And all you need is:

- ▶ R-studio
- ▶ `install.packages("shiny")` and `library(shiny)`
- ▶ Basic R knowledge (for using templates) and good R knowledge for doing more tailored apps

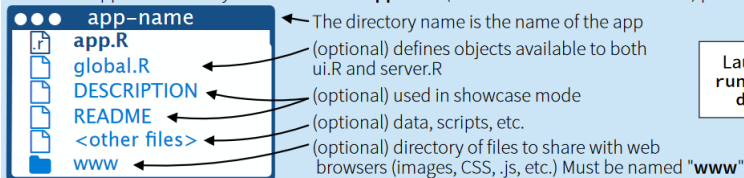
Templates

<https://shiny.rstudio.com/gallery/>

Shiny file structure

- ▶ `ui.R` define the user interface
- ▶ `server.R` compute the function, graph etc. depending on the input from the user
- ▶ `global.R` contain all additional code for the app
- ▶ All files are saved in a folder with the name of the app

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.



Launch apps with
`runApp(<path to directory>)`

How to learn Shiny (except for this tutorial)

Basic tutorials

<https://shiny.rstudio.com/tutorial/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJl0EE_RE4o&list=PLH6mU1kedUy-aGYi-w1XqSiGtViFK9NpI

<https://github.com/aagarw30/R-Shinyapp-Tutorial>

Shiny-cheatsheet

<http://shiny.rstudio.com/images/shiny-cheatsheet.pdf>

Simple example

http://127.0.0.1:4397

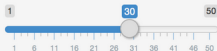
Open in Browser



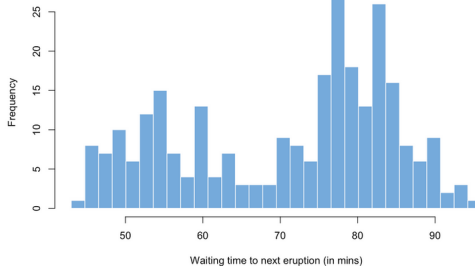
Publish

Hello Shiny!

Number of bins:



Histogram of waiting times



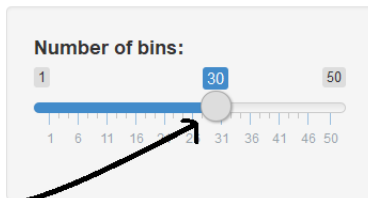
<https://shiny.rstudio.com/articles/basics.html>

```

# UI for app that draws a histogram
ui <- fluidPage(
  # App title ----
  titlePanel("Hello Shiny!"),
  # Sidebar layout with input
  # and output definitions
  sidebarLayout(
    # Sidebar panel for inputs
    sidebarPanel(
      # Input: Number of bins
      sliderInput(inputId = "bins",
        label = "Number of bins:",
        min = 1,
        max = 50,
        value = 30)
    ),
    # Main panel for displaying outputs
    mainPanel(
      # Output: Histogram ----
      plotOutput(outputId = "distPlot")
    )
  )

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Hello Shiny!



ui.R and server.R

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```
server.R ✕  
# Server logic to draw a histogram  
server <- function(input, output){  
  output$distPlot <- renderPlot({  
    x <- faithful$waiting  
    bins <- seq(min(x), max(x),  
                length.out = input$bins +  
    hist(x, breaks = bins, col = "#75AA  
    border = "white",  
    xlab = "Waiting time to next erupti  
    main = "Histogram of waiting times"  
    })  
  })  
}
```

Ways to use Shiny

- ▶ Visualize a complex function: <https://afheritability.shinyapps.io/afheritability/>
- ▶ Create a user interface for an R package:
<https://github.com/jstockwin/EpiEstimApp/wiki>
- ▶ To collect information and collaborate:
<https://daattali.com/shiny/mimic-google-form/>
- ▶ Even games!: <https://daattali.com/shiny/lightsout/>

Thank you!