

Adding Interactivity

Web-based

Dashboards

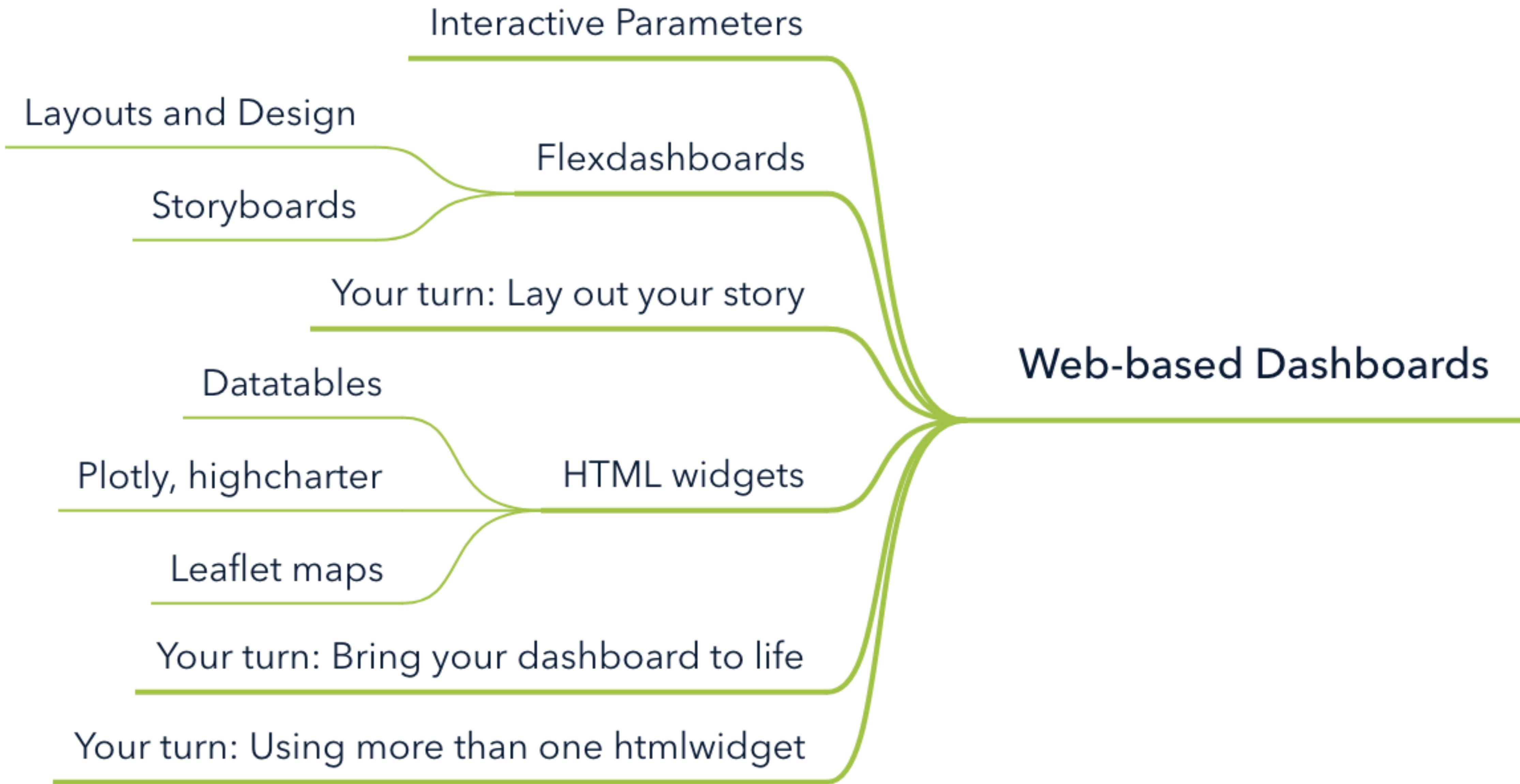
Shiny

What makes dashboards interactive

What makes a good dashboard design

Client-side and server-side dashboards

Your turn: Building your first dashboard





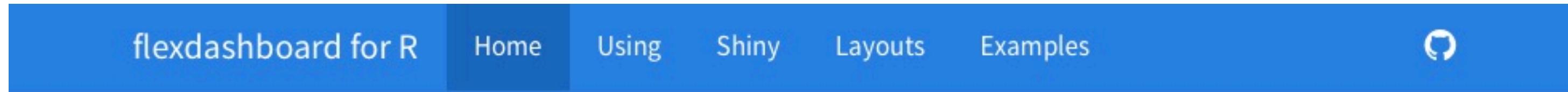
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R Markdown and Interactive Dashboards

Adding Interactivity

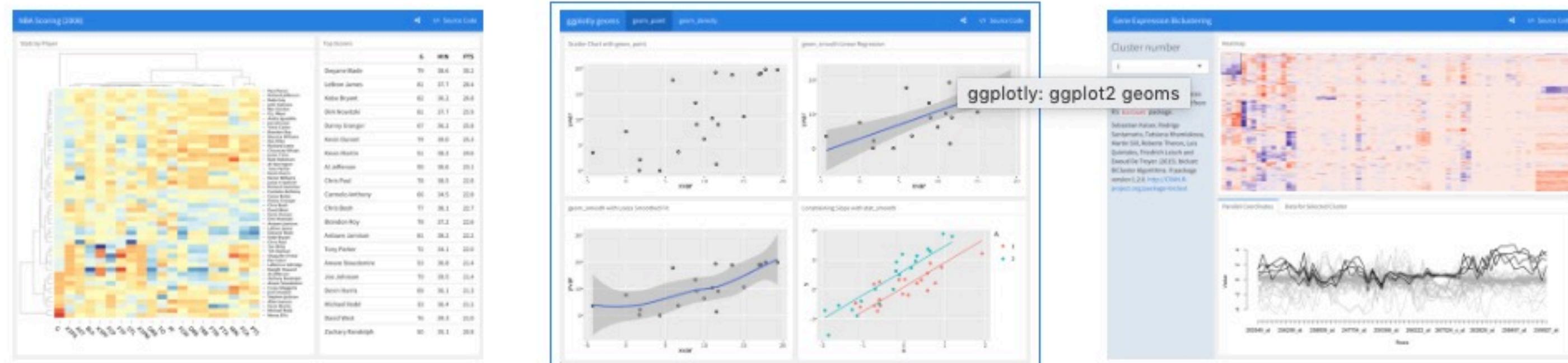
FLEXDASHBOARD REFERENCE

<https://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/flexdashboard/>



flexdashboard: Easy interactive dashboards for R

- Use [R Markdown](#) to publish a group of related data visualizations as a dashboard.
- Support for a wide variety of components including [htmlwidgets](#); base, lattice, and grid graphics; tabular data; gauges and value boxes; and text annotations.
- Flexible and easy to specify row and column-based [layouts](#). Components are intelligently re-sized to fill the browser and adapted for display on mobile devices.
- [Storyboard](#) layouts for presenting sequences of visualizations and related commentary.
- Optionally use [Shiny](#) to drive visualizations dynamically.



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Dashboard Components

What are the common building blocks of a dashboard?

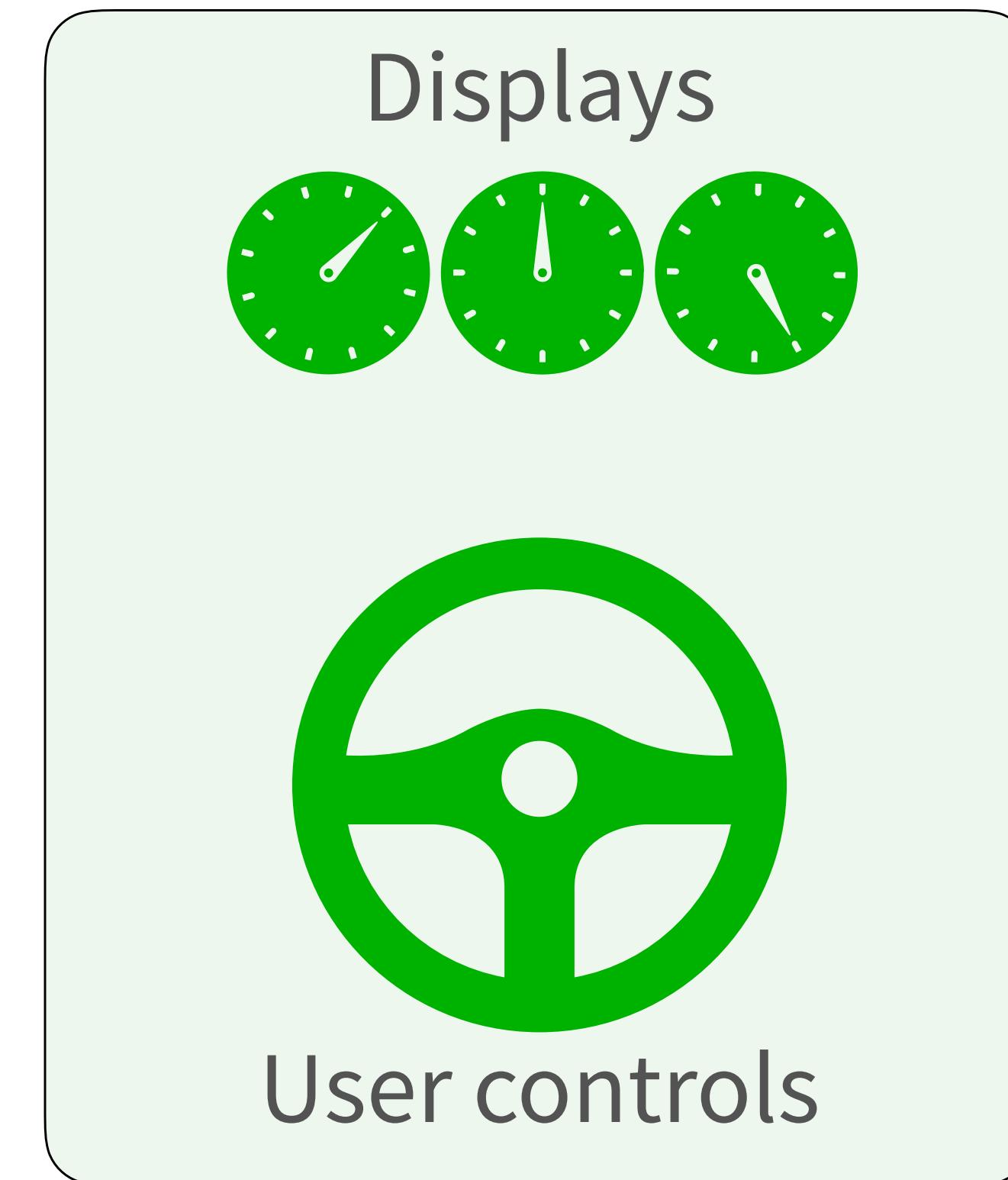


Hint: the fact that these two dashboards look different is also a building block.



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DASHBOARDS ARE COMPOSED OF...



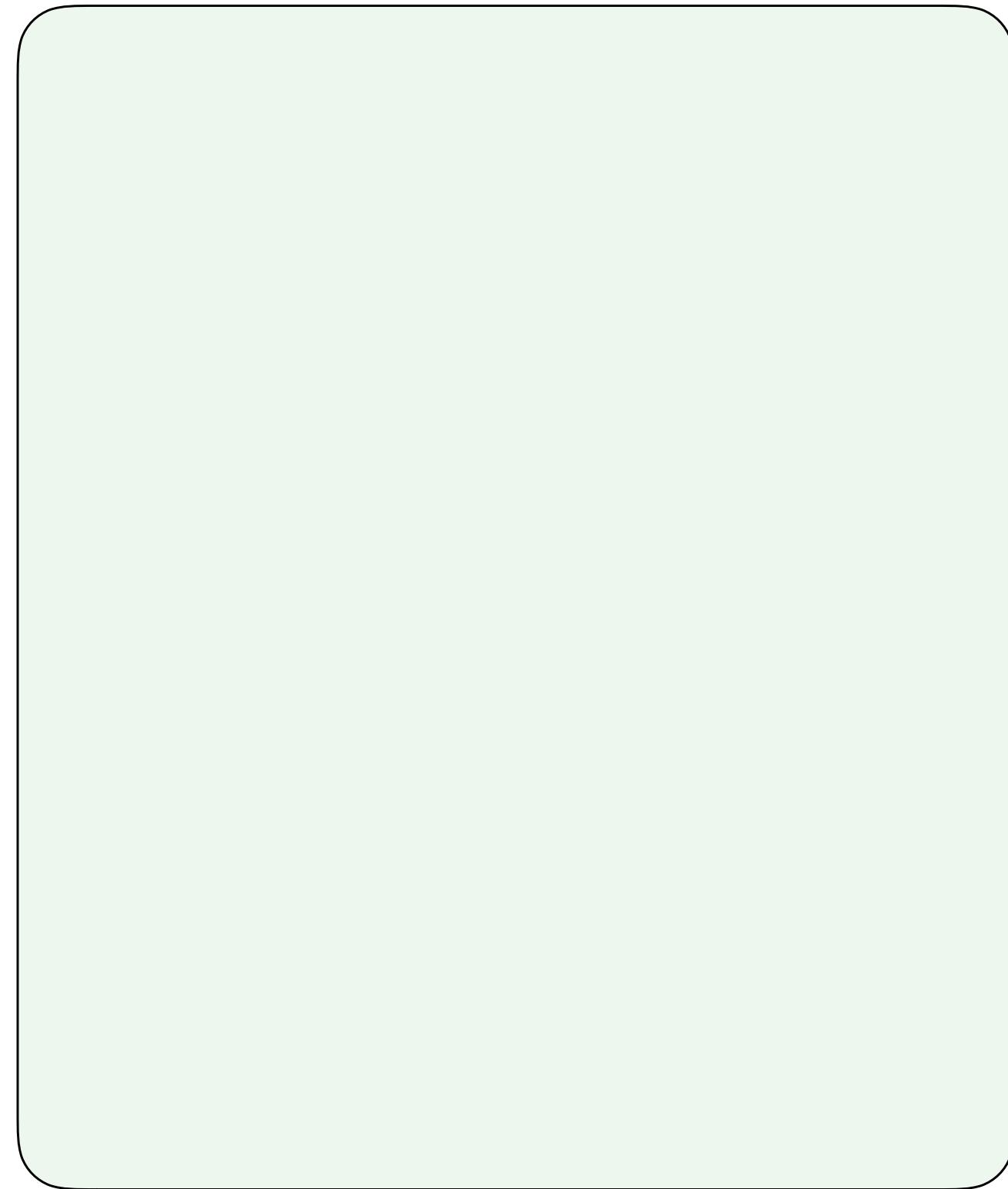
Layout



*Dashboards have three
building blocks:*

- 1. Controls*
- 2. Displays*
- 3. Layouts*

LET'S START WITH...



Layout



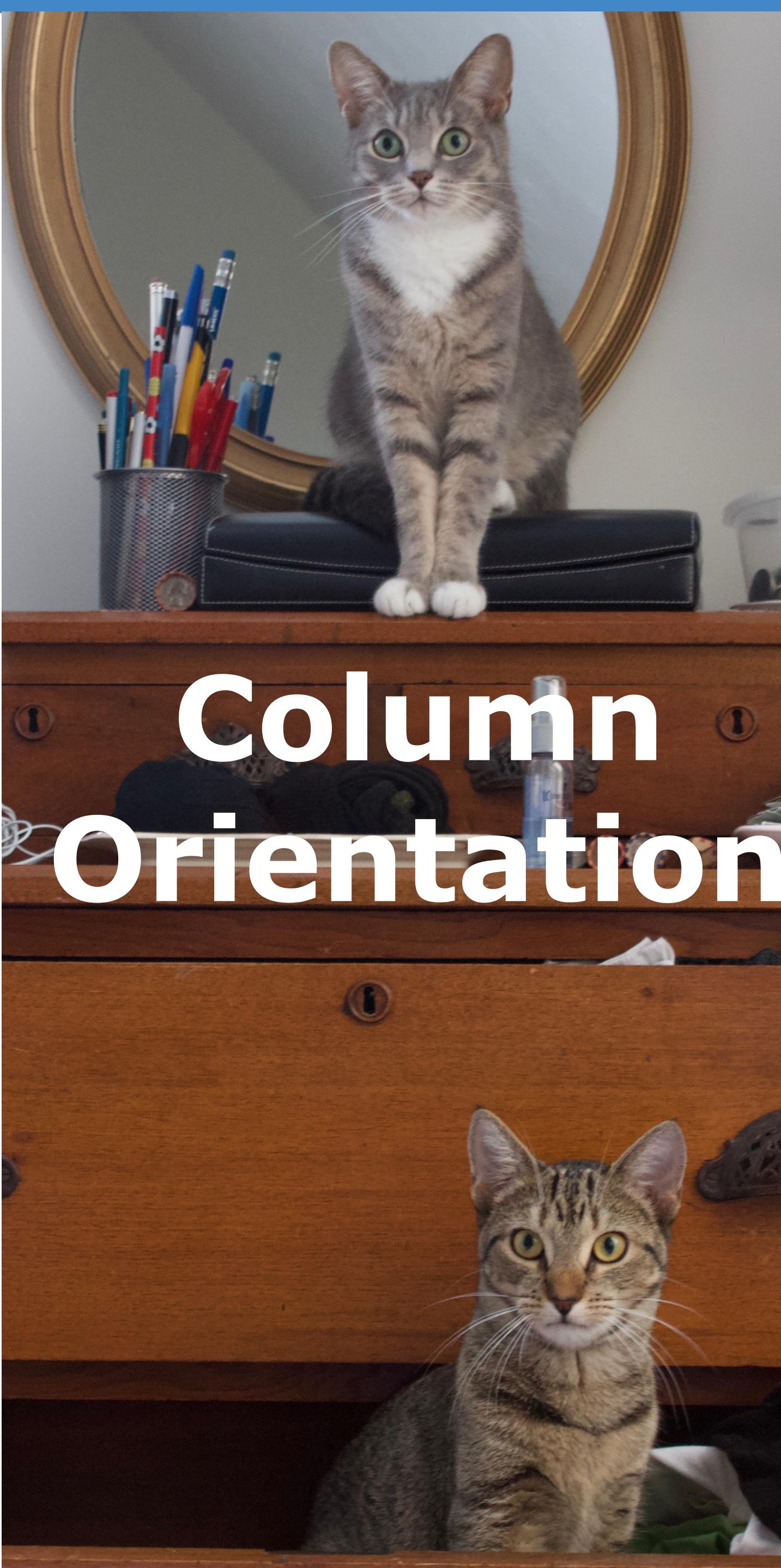
DESPITE STANDARDIZATION, CAR DASHBOARD DESIGN IS ESSENTIAL TO THE PRODUCT



*R Markdown layouts use
header information to mark
rows and columns on pages*

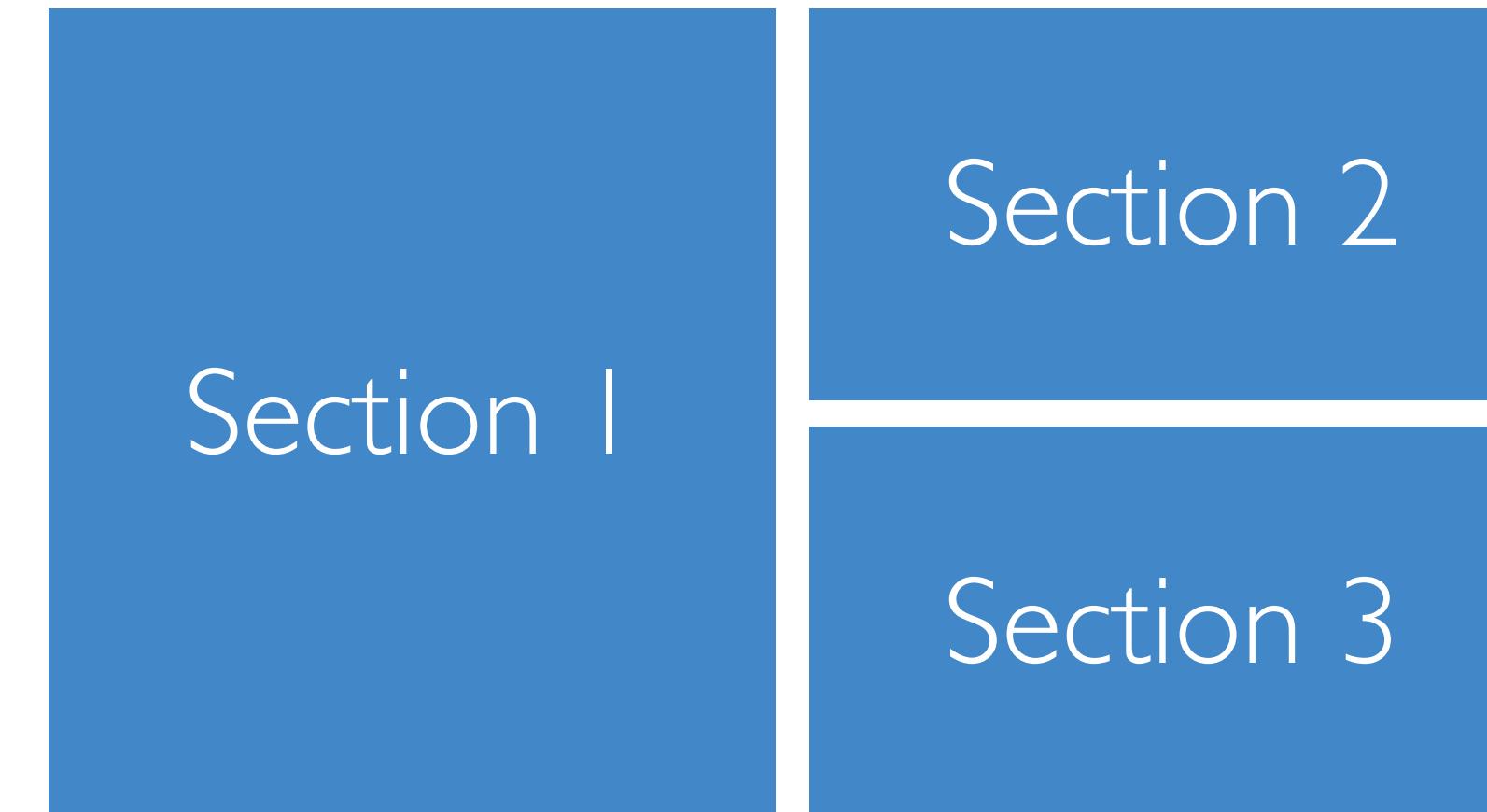
YOUR FIRST DECISION: ROW OR COLUMN ORIENTATION?

- Our layout maps the one-dimensional R Markdown code onto a grid.
- Your `orientation` YAML parameter determines whether you want your level 2 sections to be laid out on the grid according to columns or rows.

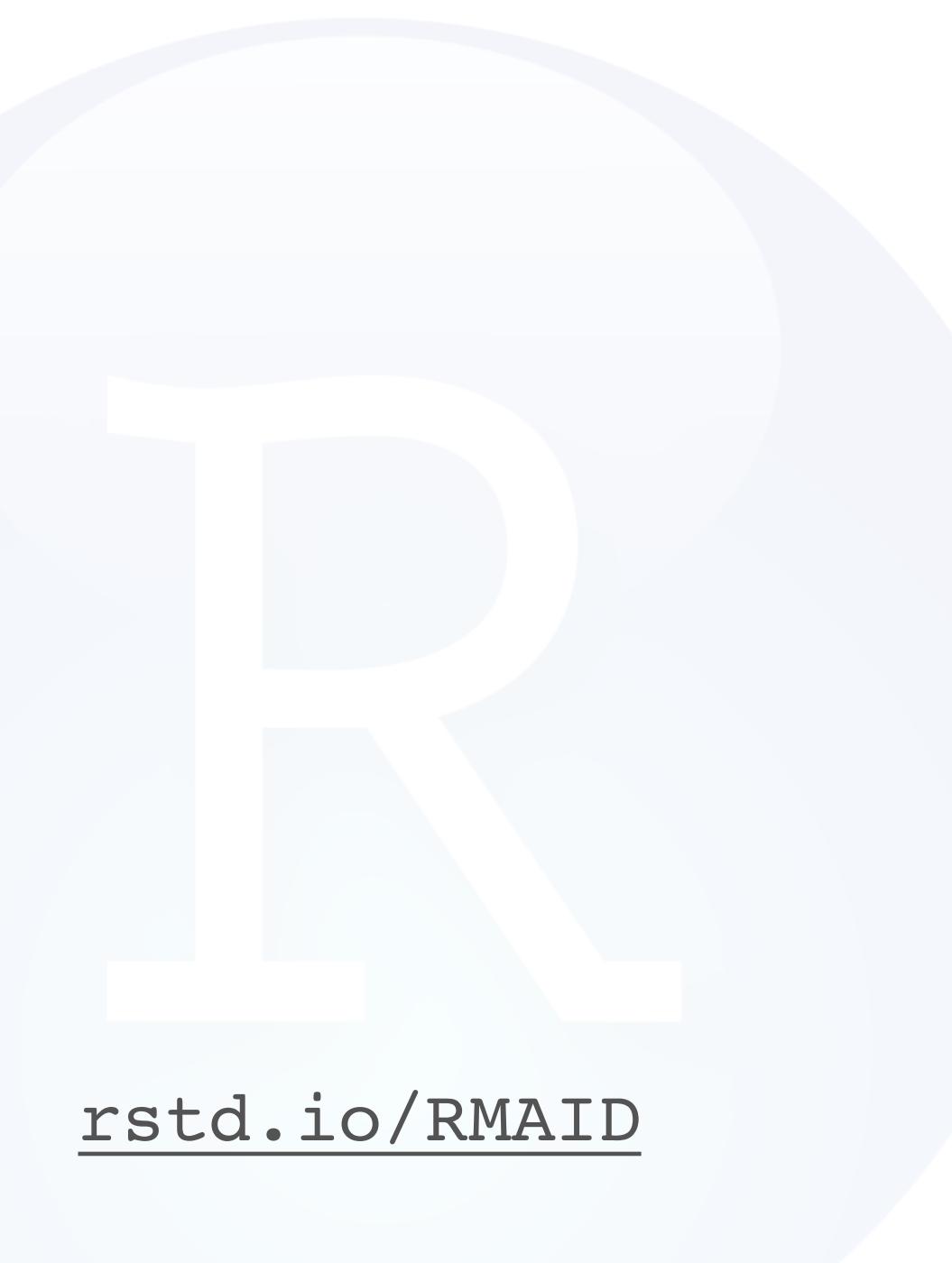


Column Orientation

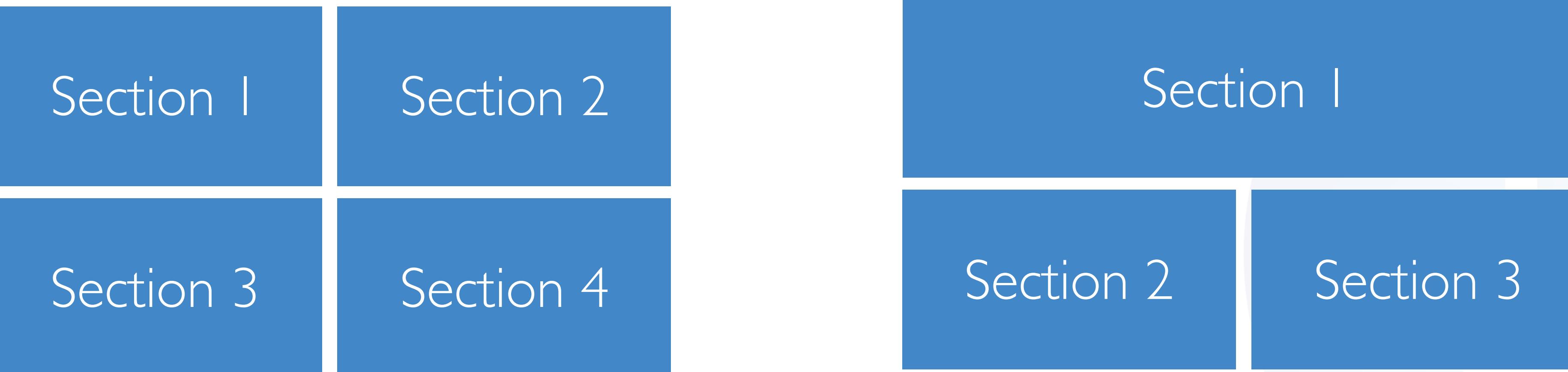
COLUMN ORIENTATION



or



Row Orientation



LAYOUT INTERPRETATIONS

R Markdown Symbol	Alternate Symbol	flexdashboard orientation: rows	flexdashboard orientation: columns
#	====	Top level page	Top level page
##	-----	New row	New column
###		New column in row	New row in column

EXERCISE 41

Parameterize A Report

1. Open the project **04-Web-Based-Dashboards**
2. Click on **41-layout-column-orientation.Rmd** in the Files pane to open that file
3. Knit the file and observe the result
4. Change the YAML line **orientation: columns** to **orientation: rows** and re-knit.
5. Try adding a **### Text Description** row at the bottom of column 1 and putting some text below it. Knit the result. Try improving the aesthetics of the result by adding **{row-height=250}** to **### Text Description**. Play with the row-height value for the best look to your eyes.
6. Add the text **{.tabset .tabset-fade}** to the end of the text **## Column 2** (which is actually row 2 now). What has changed?

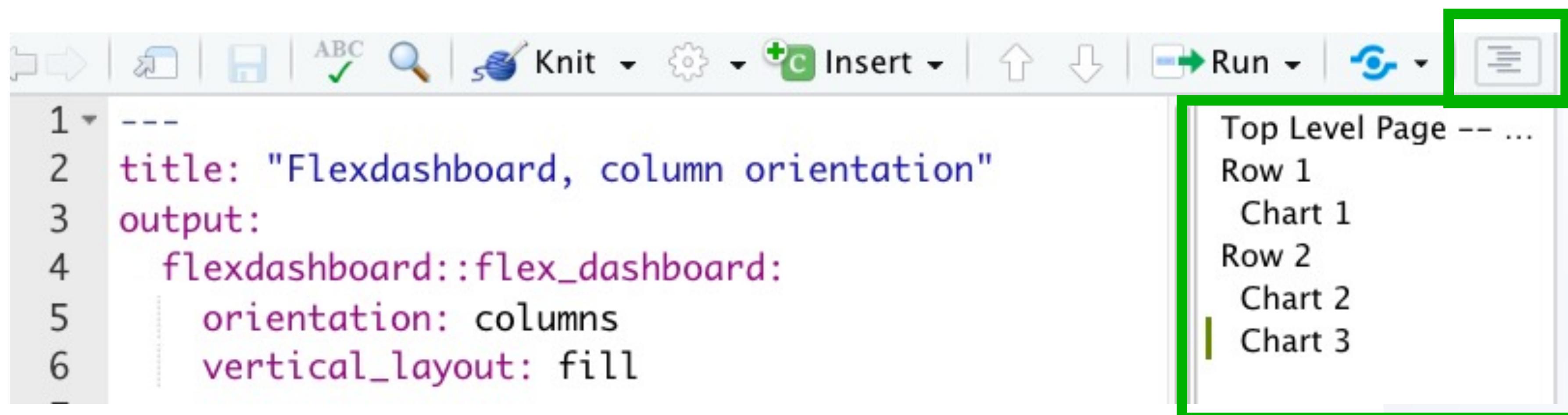
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OBSERVATIONS

- Layout documentation is at

<https://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/flexdashboard/layouts.html#overview>

- You may find the RStudio IDE outline button useful for keeping track of your layout hierarchy.



OBSERVATIONS (CONTINUED)

- You can create multiple pages by adding more level 1 headers (`# header`).
- Column and row orientations are local to each page. You change the orientation by appending `{data-orientation=rows}` or `{data-orientation=columns}` to your level 1 header
- Level 4 headers or more don't do anything in dashboards

STORYBOARDS ALLOW MORE TEXT IN YOUR LAYOUT

- This layout allows you to tell a story through a sequence of graphs with text descriptions
- The R Markdown syntax doesn't really make sense. You identify Frames with level 3 headers, and then you add commentary after ***
- You can't use Level 1 or Level 2 headers with Storyboards

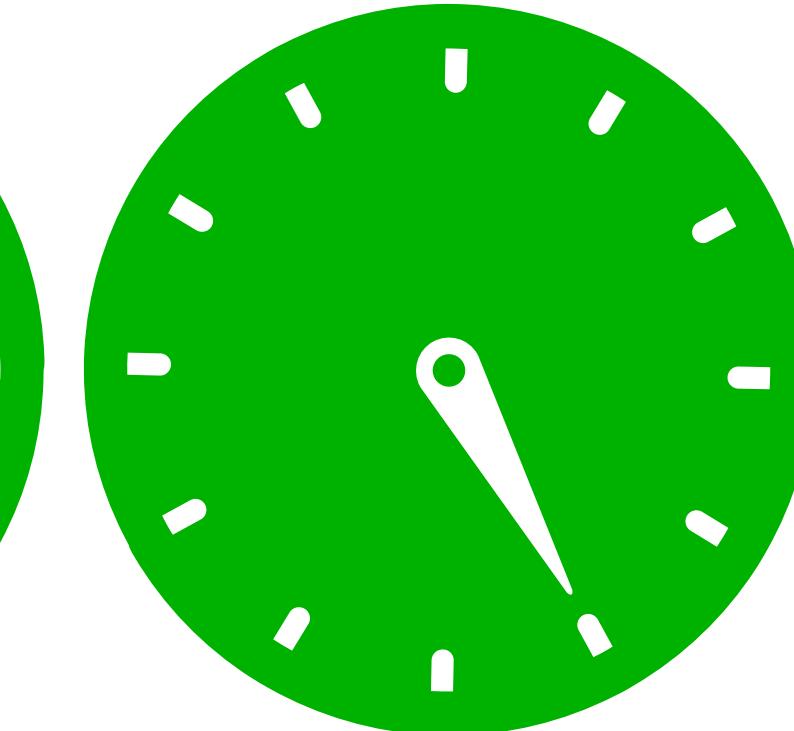
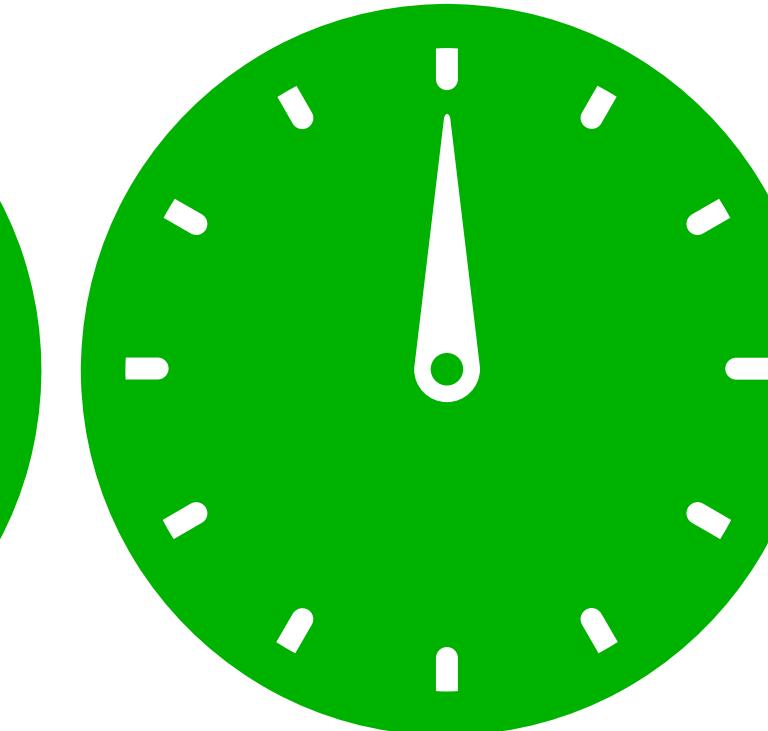
Try a Storybook Dashboard

Knit the `42-storyboard-layout.Rmd`
How is this layout different from the grid layouts?

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Displays



*HTML widgets create display
interactivity using the user's
browser*

HTML WIDGETS CREATE DISPLAY INTERACTIVITY

- HTML Widgets create interactivity within a Flexdashboard layout pane.
- See all 106 submitted HTML Widgets at: <http://gallery.htmlwidgets.org>
- You can develop your own if you know Javascript.
- We'll focus on a few:
 - Valueboxes and Gauges for individual values
 - Plotting with plotly
 - Tables with datatable (DT)
 - Maps with leaflet

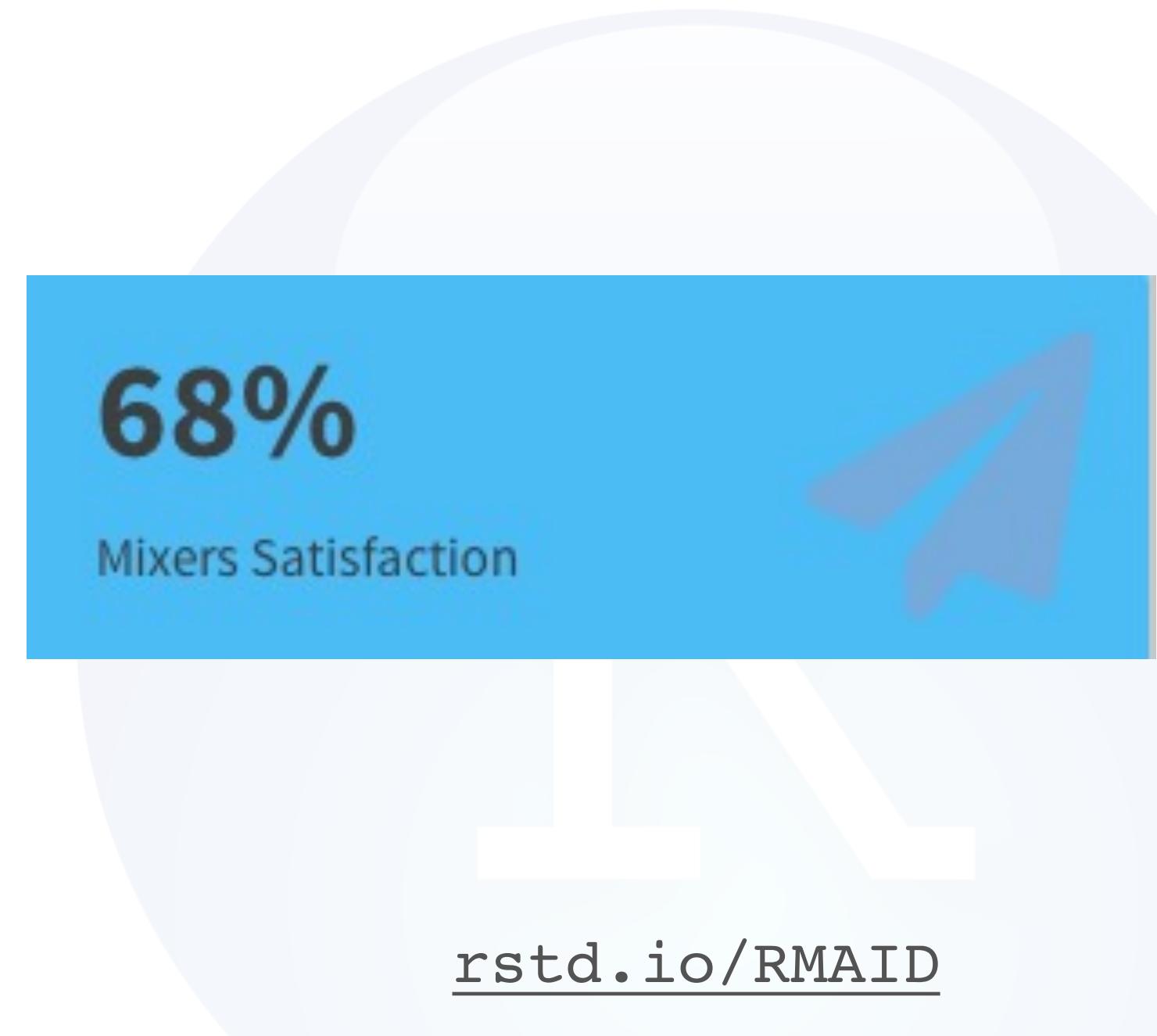
VALUEBOXES SHOW SINGLE VALUES

- They dress up single values with an icon and a color

```
valueBox(params$conf_attendees, "Attendees", icon = "fa-users")
```

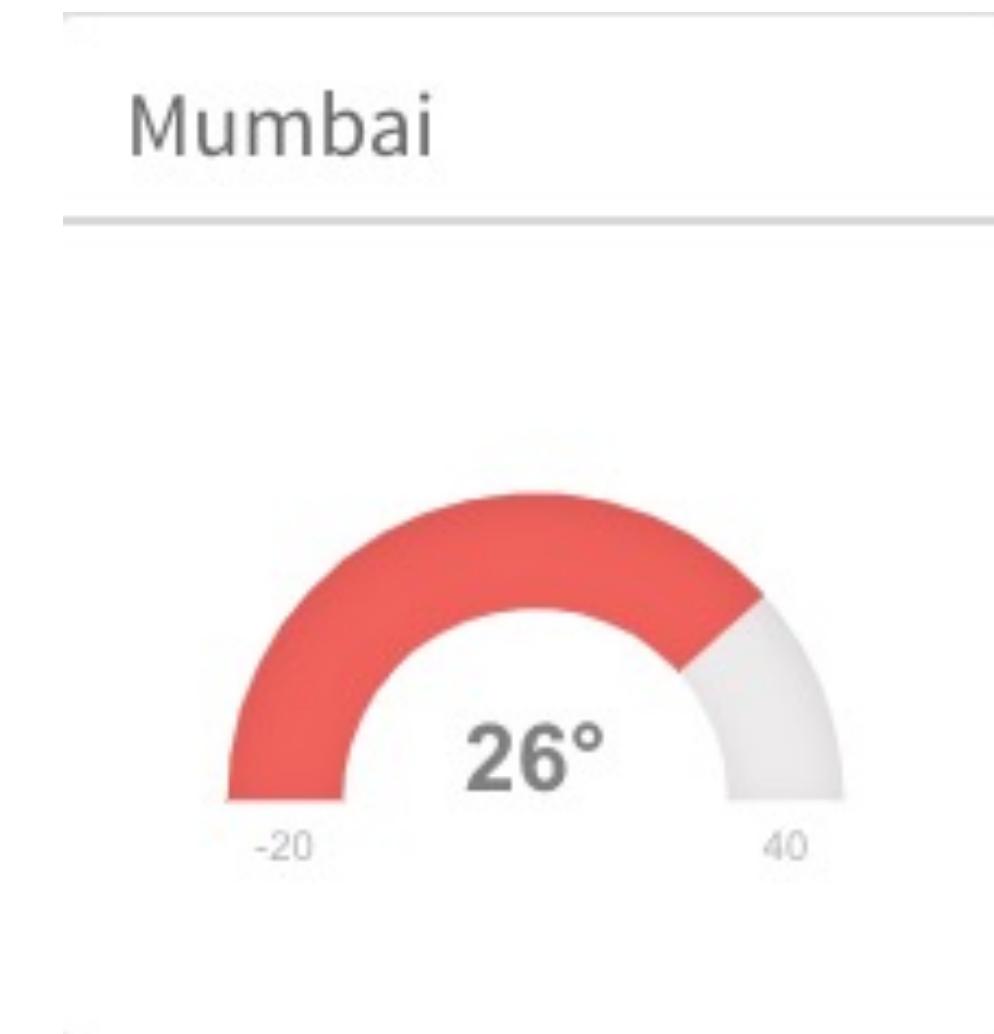
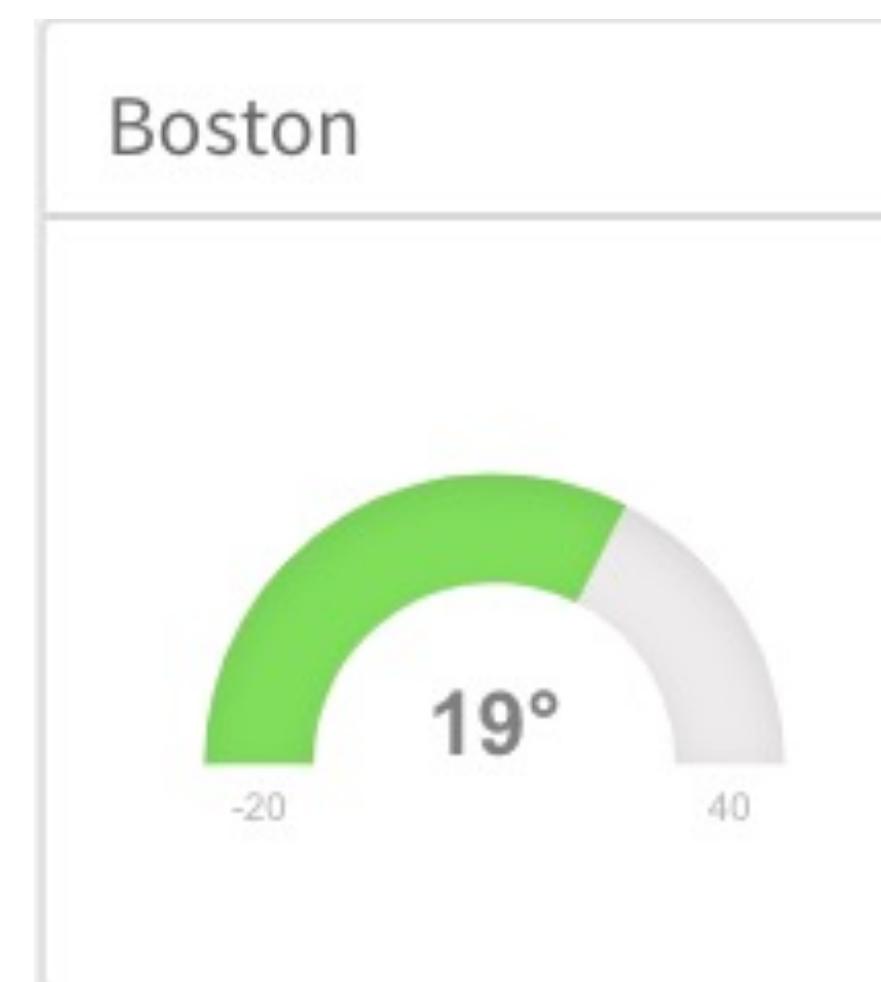


```
valueBox(paste0(mixers_sat_percent, "%"),  
        icon = "fa-paper-plane",  
        color = ifelse(mixers_sat_percent >= 50,  
                      ifelse(mixers_sat_percent >= 75, params$success_color,  
                            params$warning_color),  
                      params$danger_color))
```



GAUGES SHOW SINGLE VALUES IN CONTEXT

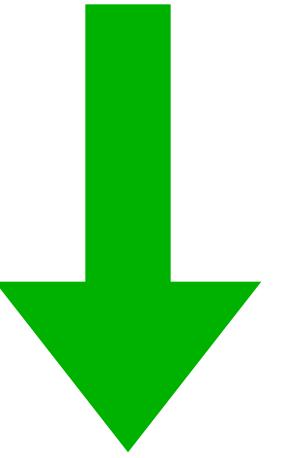
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gauge(my_weather$temperature, min = gauge_minimum_temp, max =  
gauge_maximum_temp, symbol = "°",  
      sectors = gaugeSectors(warning = c(gauge_minimum_temp, gauge_cold_temp),  
                                success = c(gauge_cold_temp, gauge_hot_temp),  
                                danger = c(gauge_hot_temp, gauge_maximum_temp),  
      colors = gauge_colors))
```



PLOTTING WITH PLOTLY

- Plotly allows you to make any ggplot interactive
- Simply assign your ggplot output to a variable and ggplotly that variable

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(disp, hp, color = cyl)) + geom_point()
```

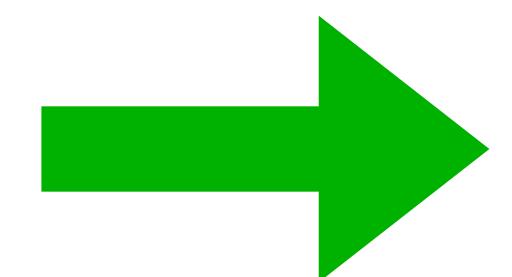


```
g <- ggplot(mtcars, aes(disp, hp, color = cyl)) + geom_point()  
ggplotly(g)
```

TABLES WITH DATA TABLE

- Displays tables in a nice paged output
- Allows interactive searching and sorting of a table
- Easy to use: just use DT::dataframe(data_frame) to display your table.
- Gotcha: the data table library is called DT, not datatable.

DT::datatable(mtcars)

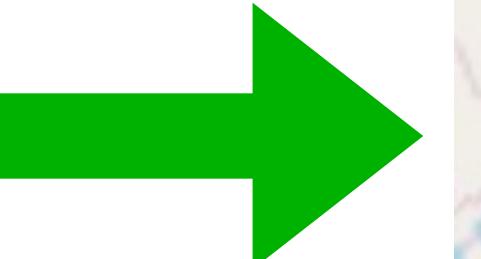


Show 10 entries Search:											
	mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
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Mazda RX4 Wag	21	6	160	110	3.9	2.875	17.02	0	1	4	4
Datsun 710	22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.32	18.61	1	1	4	1
Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.215	19.44	1	0	3	4

MAPS WITH LEAFLET

- An easy way to create maps with overlays
- All you need is a `data.table` or `tibble` that has columns `lat` and `lng` for latitude and longitude
- `leaflet() %>% addTiles()` gives you a basic map
- Usually you just pipe in new layers of markers or polygons that show your data

```
leaflet() %>%  
  addTiles() %>%  
  addCircleMarkers(data =  
    latest_earthquakes)
```



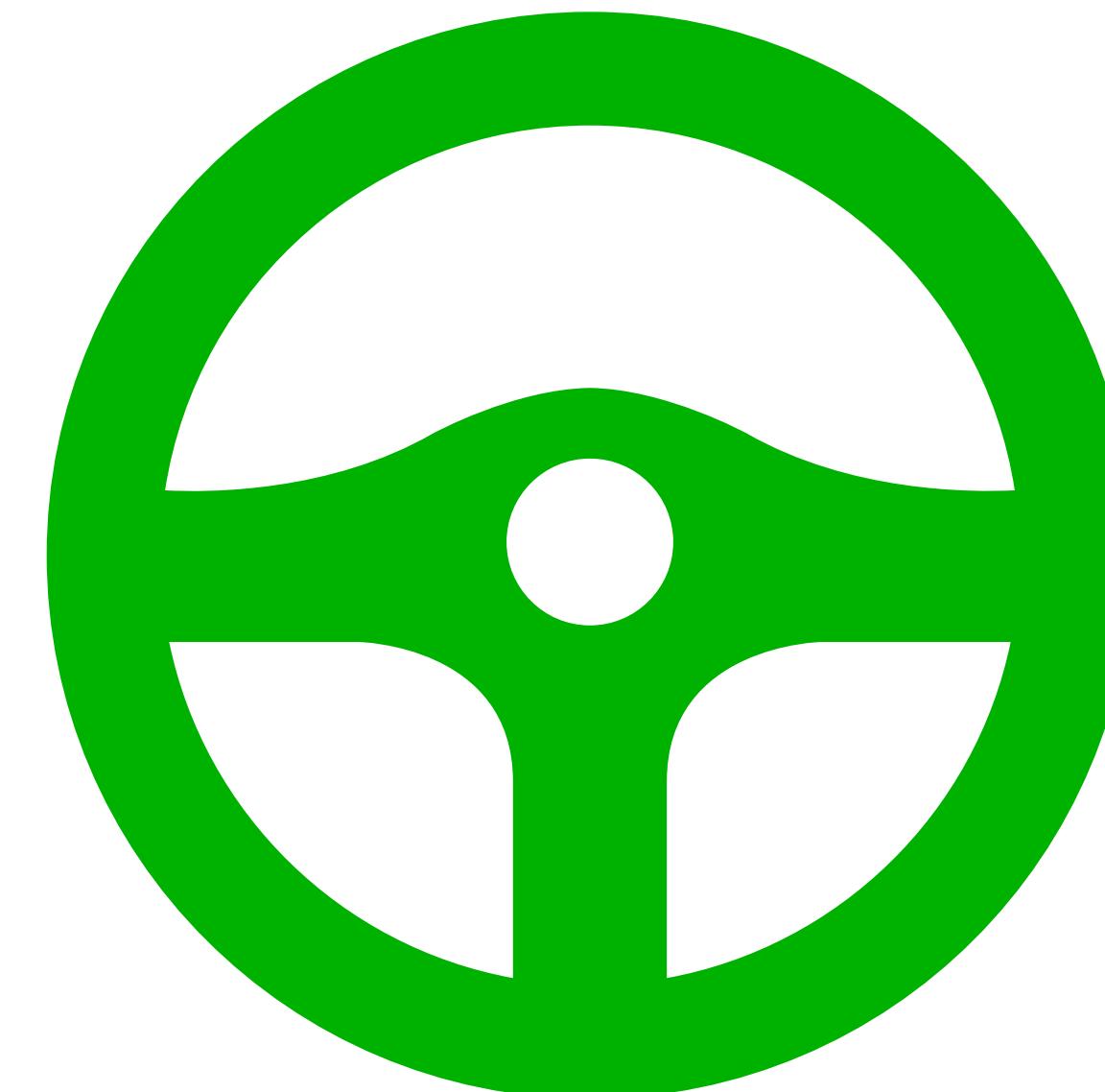
Build Your Output Dashboard

1. Click on **43-add-displays.Rmd** in the Files pane to open that file
2. Convert all the ggplots to **plotly** widgets.
3. Change the **mtcars** pane to display a datatable
4. Add layers in the Earthquakes Map pane to display **latest_earthquakes**.

Hint: make one change at a time and test each one before knitting.

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User controls



FRANKLY, WE ONLY HAVE TWO CONTROL OPTIONS SO FAR

- Parameterized reports where you edit the parameters and knit the source
- Parameterized reports where you do a Knit with Parameters

To BUILD INTERACTIVE CONTROLS, WE NEED



Shiny

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*We build interactive controls
using either knitting with
parameters or using Shiny*

SUMMARY

- Dashboards consist of 3 components
 - Layouts constructed using R Markdown headers and YAML directives specifying
 - Row orientation
 - Column orientation
 - Storyboard panes
 - Displays built from R code and HTML widgets
 - Valueboxes
 - Plotly
 - Datatable
 - Leaflet
 - Interactive controls which need Shiny or some other mechanism