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## R Shiny ggplot brush

How to make the brush work and highlight the selected points as red.

It seems the `brushedPoints` function is not working properly.

```
library(shiny)
library(ggplot2)

server <- function(input, session, output) {

  D = reactive({
    brushedPoints(mtcars, input$brush_1, allRows = TRUE)
  })

  output$Plot = renderPlot({
    set.seed(1)
    X = D()
    X[, "cyl"] = as.character(X[, "cyl"])

    ggplot(X, aes_string(x="cyl", y="mpg")) +
      geom_boxplot(outlier.shape = NA) +
      geom_jitter(aes(color = selected_)) +
      scale_color_manual(values = c("black", "red"), guide=FALSE)
```

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    })

    output$log = renderPrint({
      input$brush_1
    })

    output$Data = renderPrint({
      D()
    })
  }

  ui <- fluidPage(
    plotOutput("Plot", brush = "brush_1"),
    verbatimTextOutput("Data"),
    verbatimTextOutput("log")
  )

  shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)

```

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asked 1 hour ago



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## 1 Answer

The problem exist because you use different data in `brushedPoints` and `ggplot` : convert column to character

You can try edit data before `brushedPoints`

```

library(shiny)
library(ggplot2)

server <- function(input, session, output) {
  mt=mtcars
  mt[, "cyl"] = as.character(mt[, "cyl"])
  D=reactive({brushedPoints(mt, brush = input$brush_1, allRows = TRUE)})

```

```
output$Plot = renderPlot({
  set.seed(1)
  X <- D()
  ggplot(X,aes_string(x="cyl",y="mpg")) +
    geom_boxplot(outlier.shape = NA) +
    geom_jitter(aes(color = selected_))+
    scale_color_manual(values = c("black","red"),guide=FALSE)

})

output$log = renderPrint({
  input$brush_1
})

output$Data = renderPrint({
  D()
})
}

ui <- fluidPage(
  plotOutput("Plot",brush = "brush_1"),
  verbatimTextOutput("Data"),
  verbatimTextOutput("log")

)

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

## PS

for box plot brush work not plain , because all x-coordinates - discrete you can select it only if select middle of box ( point placed not in real position but shifted to left or right - because of `geom_jitter`)

As told [here](#) there is no way to use `geom_jitter` and brush

edited 19 mins ago

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