Shiny : : CHEAT SHEET

Basics

A **Shiny** app is a web page (**UI**) connected to a computer running a live R session (**Server**)

Users can manipulate the UI, which will cause the server to update the UI's displays (by running R code).

APP TEMPLATE

Begin writing a new app with this template. Preview the app by running the code at the R command line.

```
library(shiny)
ui <- fluidPage()
server <- function(input, output){}
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

- **ui** - nested R functions that assemble an HTML user interface for your app
- **server** - a function with instructions on how to build and rebuild the R objects displayed in the UI
- **shinyApp** - combines `ui` and `server` into an app. Wrap with **runApp()** if calling from a sourced script or inside a function.

SHARE YOUR APP

The easiest way to share your app is to host it on shinyapps.io, a cloud based service from RStudio

1. Create a free or professional account at **http://shinyapps.io**
2. Click the **Publish** icon in the RStudio IDE or run:
   rsconnect::deployApp("<path to directory>**")**

Build or purchase your own Shiny Server at www.rstudio.com/products/shiny-server/

Building an App

Complete the template by adding arguments to fluidPage() and a body to the server function.

Add inputs to the UI with *Input() functions

Add outputs with *Output() functions

Tell server how to render outputs with R in the server function. To do this:

1. Refer to outputs with **output$<id>**
2. Refer to inputs with **input$<id>**
3. Wrap code in a **render*()** function before saving to output

```
library(shiny)

ui <- fluidPage(
  numericInput(inputId = "n",
    "Sample size", value = 25),
  plotOutput(outputId = "hist")
)

server <- function(input, output) {
  output$hist <- renderPlot({
    hist(rnorm(input$n))
  })
}

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

Save your template as **app.R**. Alternatively, split your template into two files named **ui.R** and **server.R**.

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library(shiny)
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    "Sample size", value = 25),
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}
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

```
# ui.R
fluidPage(
  numericInput(inputId = "n",
    "Sample size", value = 25),
  plotOutput(outputId = "hist")
)
```

ui.R contains everything you would save to ui.

```
# server.R
function(input, output) {
  output$hist <- renderPlot({
    hist(rnorm(input$n))
  })
}
```

server.R ends with the function you would save to server.

No need to call **shinyApp()**.

Save each app as a directory that holds an **app.R** file (or a **server.R** file and a **ui.R** file) plus optional extra files.

- app-name — The directory name is the name of the app
  - app.R
  - global.R — (optional) defines objects available to both ui.R and server.R
  - DESCRIPTION — (optional) used in showcase mode
  - README — (optional) data, scripts, etc.
  - <other files>
  - www — (optional) directory of files to share with web browsers (images, CSS, .js, etc.) Must be named "**www**"

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

Outputs

render*() and *Output() functions work together to add R output to the UI

		works with	
	DT::**renderDataTable**(expr, options, callback, escape, env, quoted)		**dataTableOutput**(outputId, icon, …)
R	**renderImage**(expr, env, quoted, deleteFile)		**imageOutput**(outputId, width, height, click, dblclick, hover, hoverDelay, inline, hoverDelayType, brush, clickId, hoverId)
	renderPlot(expr, width, height, res, …, env, quoted, func)		**plotOutput**(outputId, width, height, click, dblclick, hover, hoverDelay, inline, hoverDelayType, brush, clickId, hoverId)
	renderPrint(expr, env, quoted, func, width)		**verbatimTextOutput**(outputId)
	renderTable(expr,…, env, quoted, func)		**tableOutput**(outputId)
foo	**renderText**(expr, env, quoted, func)		**textOutput**(outputId, container, inline)
	renderUI(expr, env, quoted, func)	&	**uiOutput**(outputId, inline, container, …) **htmlOutput**(outputId, inline, container, …)

Inputs

collect values from the user

Access the current value of an input object with **input$<inputId>**. Input values are **reactive**.

Action	**actionButton**(inputId, label, icon, …)
Link	**actionLink**(inputId, label, icon, …)
☑ Choice 1 ☑ Choice 2 ☐ Choice 3	**checkboxGroupInput**(inputId, label, choices, selected, inline)
☑ Check me	**checkboxInput**(inputId, label, value)
	dateInput(inputId, label, value, min, max, format, startview, weekstart, language)
	dateRangeInput(inputId, label, start, end, min, max, format, startview, weekstart, language, separator)
Choose File	**fileInput**(inputId, label, multiple, accept)
1	**numericInput**(inputId, label, value, min, max, step)
••••••••	**passwordInput**(inputId, label, value)
◉ Choice A ○ Choice B ○ Choice C	**radioButtons**(inputId, label, choices, selected, inline)
Choice 1 Choice 1 Choice 2	**selectInput**(inputId, label, choices, selected, multiple, selectize, width, size) (also selectizeInput())
0 5 10	**sliderInput**(inputId, label, min, max, value, step, round, format, locale, ticks, animate, width, sep, pre, post)
Apply Changes	**submitButton**(text, icon) (Prevents reactions across entire app)
Enter text	**textInput**(inputId, label, value)

Reactivity

Reactive values work together with reactive functions. Call a reactive value from within the arguments of one of these functions to avoid the error `Operation not allowed without an active reactive context.`

CREATE YOUR OWN REACTIVE VALUES

```
# example snippets


ui <- fluidPage(
 textInput("a","","A")
)


server <-
function(input,output){
 rv <- reactiveValues()
 rv$number <- 5
}
```

***Input() functions**
(see front page)

reactiveValues(...)

Each input function creates a reactive value stored as **input$<inputId>**

reactiveValues() creates a list of reactive values whose values you can set.

RENDER REACTIVE OUTPUT

```
library(shiny)

ui <- fluidPage(
 textInput("a","","A"),
 textOutput("b")
)

server <-
function(input,output){
 output$b <-
  renderText({
   input$a
  })
}

shinyApp(ui, server)
```

render*() functions
(see front page)

Builds an object to display. Will rerun code in body to rebuild the object whenever a reactive value in the code changes.

Save the results to **output$<outputId>**

PREVENT REACTIONS

```
library(shiny)

ui <- fluidPage(
 textInput("a","","A"),
 textOutput("b")
)

server <-
function(input,output){
 output$b <-
  renderText({
   isolate({input$a})
  })
}

shinyApp(ui, server)
```

isolate(expr)

Runs a code block. Returns a **non-reactive** copy of the results.

TRIGGER ARBITRARY CODE

```
library(shiny)

ui <- fluidPage(
 textInput("a","","A"),
 actionButton("go","Go")
)

server <-
function(input,output){
 observeEvent(input$go,{
   print(input$a)
  })
}


shinyApp(ui, server)
```

observeEvent(eventExpr, handlerExpr, event.env, event.quoted, handler.env, handler.quoted, labe, suspended, priority, domain, autoDestroy, ignoreNULL)

Runs code in 2nd argument when reactive values in 1st argument change. See **observe()** for alternative.

MODULARIZE REACTIONS

```
ui <- fluidPage(
 textInput("a","","A"),
 textInput("z","","Z"),
 textOutput("b"))

server <-
function(input,output){
 re <- reactive({

paste(input$a,input$z)})
 output$b <- renderText({
   re()
  })
}
shinyApp(ui, server)
```

reactive(x, env, quoted, label, domain)

Creates a **reactive expression** that

- **caches** its value to reduce computation
- can be called by other code
- notifies its dependencies when it ha been invalidated

Call the expression with function syntax, e.g. `re()`

DELAY REACTIONS

```
library(shiny)

ui <- fluidPage(
 textInput("a","","A"),
 actionButton("go","Go"),
 textOutput("b")
)

server <-
function(input,output){
 re <- eventReactive(
  input$go,{input$a})
 output$b <- renderText({
   re()
  })
}

shinyApp(ui, server)
```

eventReactive(eventExpr, valueExpr, event.env, event.quoted, value.env, value.quoted, label, domain, ignoreNULL)

Creates reactive expression with code in 2nd argument that only invalidates when reactive values in 1st argument change.

UI - An app's UI is an HTML document.

Use Shiny's functions to assemble this HTML with R.

```
fluidPage(
  textInput("a","")
)
## <div class="container-fluid">
##  <div class="form-group shiny-input-container">
##     <label for="a"></label>
##     <input id="a" type="text"
##        class="form-control" value=""/>
##   </div>
## </div>
```

Returns HTML

HTML

Add static HTML elements with **tags**, a list of functions that parallel common HTML tags, e.g. **tags$a()**. Unnamed arguments will be passed into the tag; named arguments will become tag attributes.

tags$a	tags$data	tags$h6	tags$nav	tags$span
tags$abbr	tags$datalist	tags$head	tags$noscript	tags$strong
tags$address	tags$dd	tags$header	tags$object	tags$style
tags$area	tags$del	tags$hgroup	tags$ol	tags$sub
tags$article	tags$details	tags$hr	tags$optgroup	tags$summary
tags$aside	tags$dfn	tags$HTML	tags$option	tags$sup
tags$audio	tags$div	tags$i	tags$output	tags$table
tags$b	tags$dl	tags$iframe	tags$p	tags$tbody
tags$base	tags$dt	tags$img	tags$param	tags$td
tags$bdi	tags$em	tags$input	tags$pre	tags$textarea
tags$bdo	tags$embed	tags$ins	tags$progress	tags$tfoot
tags$blockquote	tags$eventsource	tags$kbd	tags$q	tags$th
tags$body	tags$fieldset	tags$keygen	tags$ruby	tags$thead
tags$br	tags$figcaption	tags$label	tags$rp	tags$time
tags$button	tags$figure	tags$legend	tags$rt	tags$title
tags$canvas	tags$footer	tags$li	tags$s	tags$tr
tags$caption	tags$form	tags$link	tags$samp	tags$track
tags$cite	tags$h1	tags$mark	tags$script	tags$u
tags$code	tags$h2	tags$map	tags$section	tags$ul
tags$col	tags$h3	tags$menu	tags$select	tags$var
tags$colgroup	tags$h4	tags$meta	tags$small	tags$video
tags$command	tags$h5	tags$meter	tags$source	tags$wbr

The most common tags have wrapper functions. You do not need to prefix their names with **tags$**

```
ui <- fluidPage(
  h1("Header 1"),
  hr(),
  br(),
  p(strong("bold")),
  p(em("italic")),
  p(code("code")),
  a(href="", "link"),
  HTML("<p>Raw html</p>")
)
```

CSS

To include a CSS file, use **includeCSS()**, or
1. Place the file in the **www** subdirectory
2. Link to it with

```
tags$head(tags$link(rel = "stylesheet",
  type = "text/css", href = "<file name>"))
```

JS

To include JavaScript, use **includeScript()** or
1. Place the file in the **www** subdirectory
2. Link to it with

```
tags$head(tags$script(src = "<file name>"))
```

IMAGES

To include an image
1. Place the file in the **www** subdirectory
2. Link to it with `img(src="<file name>")`

Layouts

Combine multiple elements into a "single element" that has its own properties with a panel function, e.g.

```
wellPanel(dateInput("a", ""),
          submitButton()
)
```

absolutePanel()	navlistPanel()
conditionalPanel()	sidebarPanel()
fixedPanel()	tabPanel()
headerPanel()	tabsetPanel()
inputPanel()	titlePanel()
mainPanel()	wellPanel()

Organize panels and elements into a layout with a layout function. Add elements as arguments of the layout functions.

fluidRow()

```
ui <- fluidPage(
 fluidRow(column(width = 4),
   column(width = 2, offset = 3)),
 fluidRow(column(width = 12))
)
```

flowLayout()

```
ui <- fluidPage(
 flowLayout( # object 1,
             # object 2,
             # object 3
 )
)
```

sidebarLayout()

```
ui <- fluidPage(
 sidebarLayout(
   sidebarPanel(),
   mainPanel()
 )
)
```

splitLayout()

```
ui <- fluidPage(
 splitLayout( # object 1,
              # object 2
 )
)
```

verticalLayout()

```
ui <- fluidPage(
 verticalLayout( # object 1,
                 # object 2,
                 # object 3
 )
)
```

Layer tabPanels on top of each other, and navigate between them, with:

```
ui <- fluidPage( tabsetPanel(
   tabPanel("tab 1", "contents"),
   tabPanel("tab 2", "contents"),
   tabPanel("tab 3", "contents")))
```

```
ui <- fluidPage( navlistPanel(
   tabPanel("tab 1", "contents"),
   tabPanel("tab 2", "contents"),
   tabPanel("tab 3", "contents")))
```

```
ui <- navbarPage(title = "Page",
   tabPanel("tab 1", "contents"),
   tabPanel("tab 2", "contents"),
   tabPanel("tab 3", "contents"))
```

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