

INTERACTIVE WEB APPS WITH SHINY

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REFERENCES

Material covered in these slides is based on the following resources:

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

Official Shiny tutorials: <https://shiny.rstudio.com/tutorial/written-tutorial/lesson1/>

Materials from previous years: <https://bios524-r-2021.netlify.app/class/10-class/>

Other resources: <https://debruine.github.io/shinyintro/index.html>

Example source: <https://www.r-bloggers.com/2019/12/r-shiny-for-beginners-annotated-starter-code/>

PREREQUISITES

Basic familiarity with R and RStudio:

- Data import
- Data processing
- Data visualization
- If/else statements
- ...

```
install.packages("shiny")
```

```
library(ggplot2)

pets <- read.csv("pets.csv")

dv <- sample(c("score", "weight"), 1)

if (dv == "score") {
  g <- ggplot(pets, aes(pet, score, fill = country))
} else if (dv == "weight") {
  g <- ggplot(pets, aes(pet, weight, fill = country))
}

g + geom_violin(alpha = 0.5)
```

Source: <https://debruine.github.io/shinyintro/index.html>

LECTURE OUTLINE

Setting up a folder to *host* your Shiny app

Source code structure of a Shiny app

Adding content into User Interface (UI)

Introducing interactive elements to control the app (a.k.a. widgets)

Connecting widgets to reactive output

EXAMPLE SHINYAPPS

`runExample("01_hello", display.mode = "normal")` # a histogram

`runExample("02_text")` # tables and data frames

`runExample("03_reactivity")` # a reactive expression

`runExample("04_mpg")` # global variables

`runExample("05_sliders")` # slider bars

`runExample("06_tabsets")` # tabbed panels

`runExample("07_widgets")` # help text and submit buttons

`runExample("08_html")` # Shiny app built from HTML

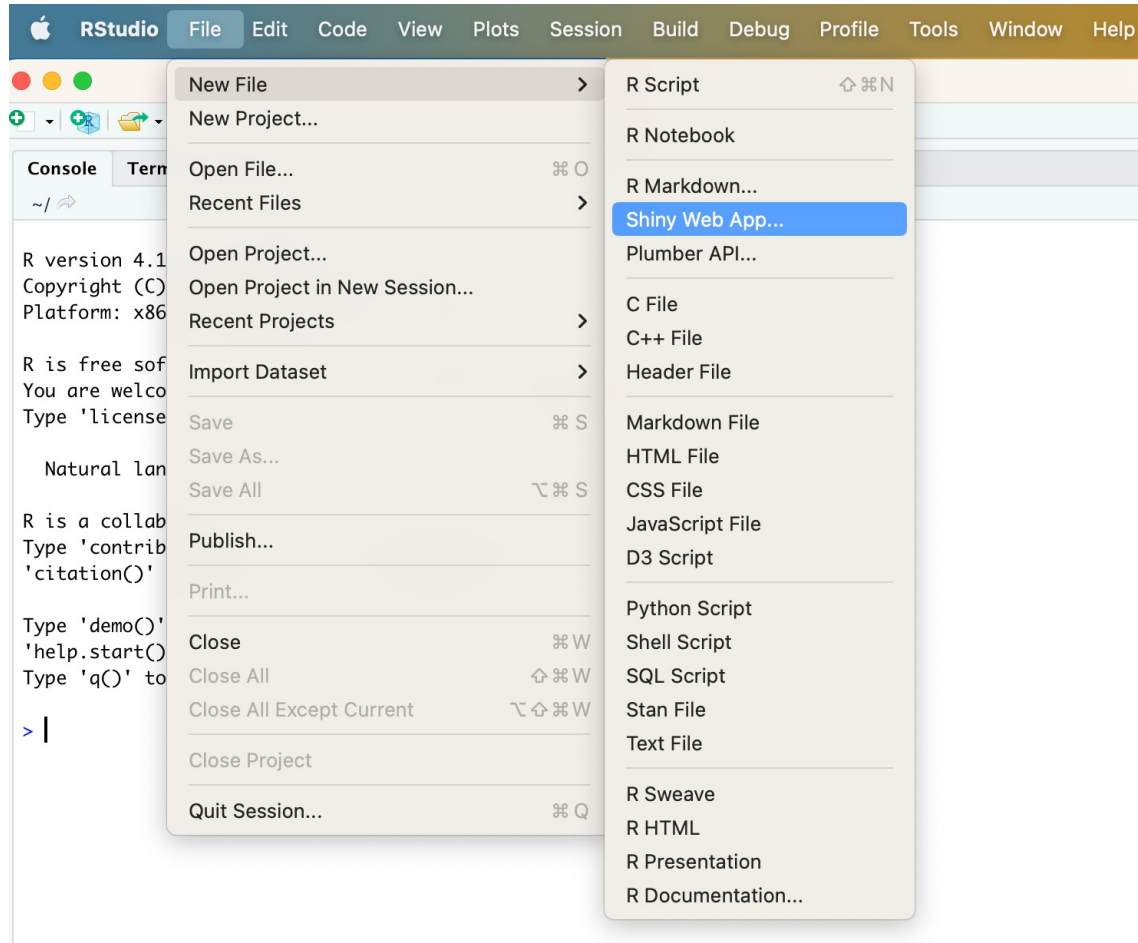
`runExample("09_upload")` # file upload wizard

`runExample("10_download")` # file download wizard

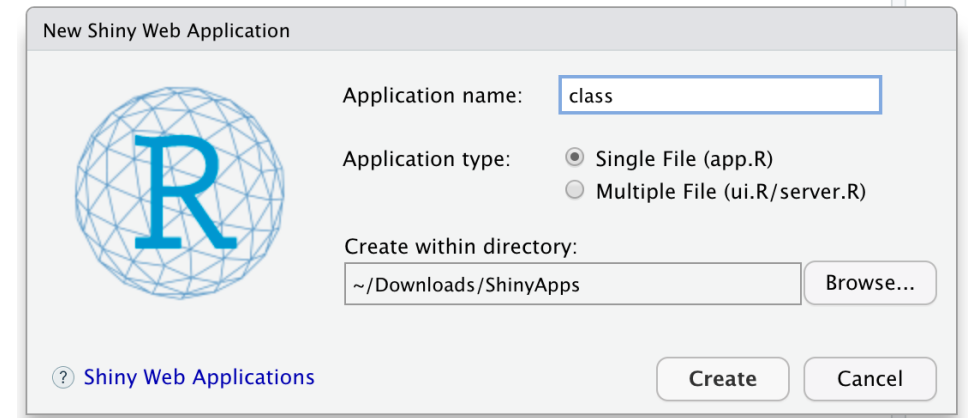
`runExample("11_timer")` # an automated timer

YOUR FIRST DEMO

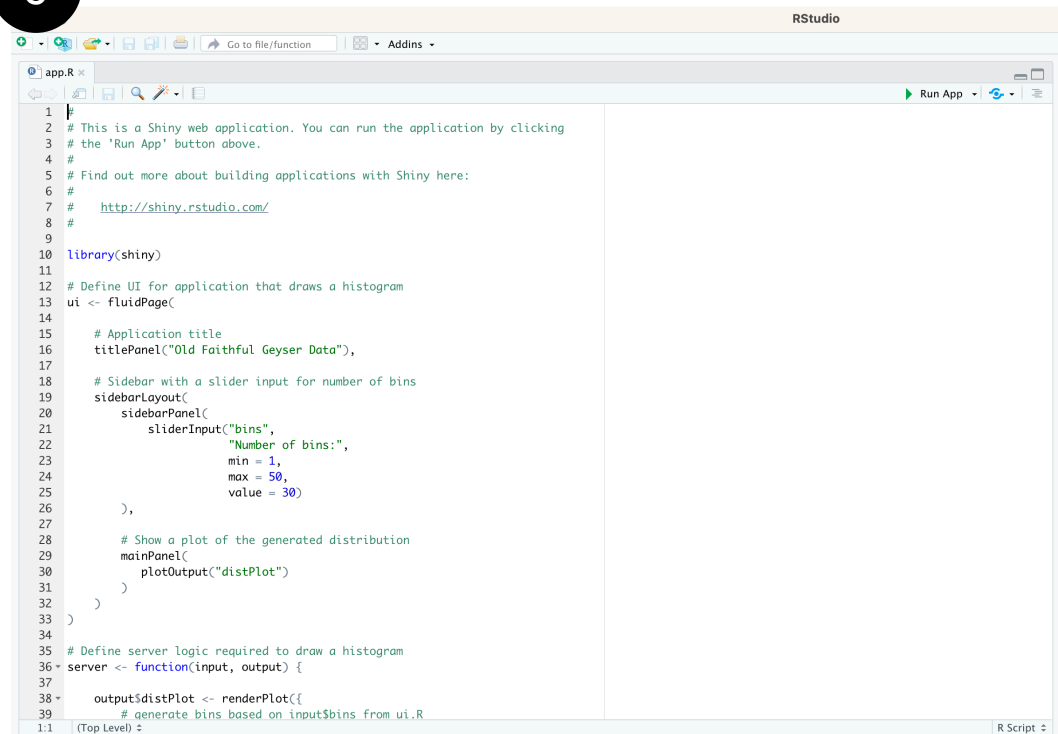
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Refer to <https://debruine.github.io/shinyintro/index.html> for practicing!

DIRECTORY OF A SHINY APP

Shiny apps are contained in a single script called **app.R**

Once you save it in a directory, you can run the app by running **runApp()**

Example:

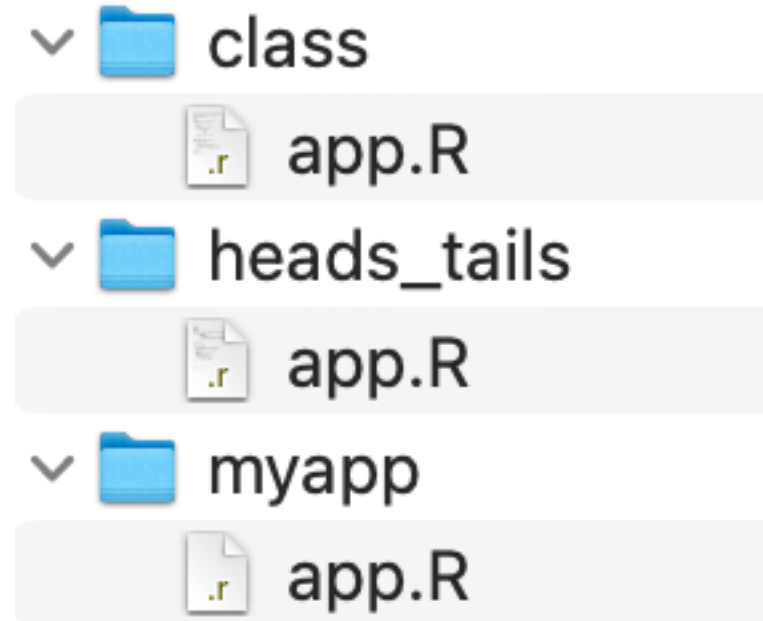
```
library(shiny)
```

```
runApp("~/Downloads/ShinyApps/class/")
```

```
runApp("~/Downloads/ShinyApps/heads_tails/")
```

```
runApp("~/Downloads/ShinyApps/myapp/")
```

```
display.mode = "showcase" # allows to see the app code
```



STRUCTURE OF A SHINY APP

```
library(shiny)

# See above for the definitions of ui and server
ui <- ...

server <- ...

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

Example.

```
shinyapp {snippet}
```

just start typing

shiny|

shinymod	{snippet}
shinyapp	{snippet}
shinyApp	{shiny}
shinyAppDir	{shiny}
shinyAppFile	{shiny}
shinyAppTemplate	{shiny}
shinyOptions	{shiny}

```
library(shiny)
ui <- fluidPage(
  ${0}
)
server <- function(input, output, session) {
```


CREATE YOUR SHINY APP

```
library(shiny)
```

```
# Define UI ----
```

```
ui <- fluidPage( )
```

```
# Define server logic ----
```

```
server <- function(input, output) { }
```

```
# Run the app ----
```

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

ADD SOME LAYOUT

```
ui <- fluidPage(  
  titlePanel("title panel"),  
  sidebarLayout(  
    sidebarPanel("sidebar panel"),  
    mainPanel("main panel") )  
)
```

ADD SOME MORE LAYOUT

```
ui <- fluidPage(  
  titlePanel("My Shiny App"),  
  sidebarLayout(  
    sidebarPanel(),  
    mainPanel(  
      h1("First level title", align = "center"),  
      h2("Second level title"),  
      h3("Third level title"),  
      h4("Fourth level title"),  
      h5("Fifth level title"),  
      h6("Sixth level title") ) ) )
```

TEXT FORMATTING

```
ui <- fluidPage(  
  titlePanel("My Shiny App"),  
  sidebarLayout( sidebarPanel(),  
    mainPanel(  
      p("p creates a paragraph of text."),  
      strong("strong() makes bold text."),  
      em("em() creates italicized (i.e, emphasized) text."),  
      br(),  
      code("code displays your text similar to computer code"),  
      div("div creates segments of text with a similar style. This division of text is all blue  
because I passed the argument 'style = color:blue' to div", style = "color:blue") ) ) )
```

CONTROL WIDGETS

Buttons

Checkbox

File input

Select box

Sliders

Text or numeric input

...

Basic widgets

Buttons

Action

Submit

Single checkbox

Choice A

Checkbox group

Choice 1
 Choice 2
 Choice 3

Date input

2014-01-01

Date range

2017-06-21 to 2017-06-21

File input

Browse... No file selected

Help text

Note: help text isn't a true widget, but it provides an easy way to add text to accompany other widgets.

Numeric input

1

Radio buttons

Choice 1
 Choice 2
 Choice 3

Select box

Choice 1

Sliders

0 50 100
0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

0 25 75 100
0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

Text input

Enter text...

<https://shiny.rstudio.com/tutorial/written-tutorial/lesson3/>

ADD SOME WIDGETS

```
sidebarPanel(  
  helpText("some help text"),  
  selectInput(inputId = "sample",  
    label = "Select sample:", choices = c("a","b","c")),  
  sliderInput(inputId = "cutoff",  
    label = "Select a threshold:", min = 0, max = 255, value = 10)  
)
```

DISPLAY REACTIVE OUTPUT

Step 1: Add an R object to the UI

```
mainPanel( textOutput("selected_cutoff") )
```

Step 2: Provide R code to build the object (happens inside `server`).

```
server <- function(input, output) {  
  output$selected_cutoff <- renderText({ paste("You have selected", input$cutoff) })  
}
```

Output function	Creates
dataTableOutput	DataTable
htmlOutput	raw HTML
imageOutput	image
plotOutput	plot
tableOutput	table
textOutput	text
uiOutput	raw HTML
verbatimTextOutput	text

HEADS AND TAILS

```
# Define UI ----  
ui <- fluidPage(  
  sidebarLayout(  
    sidebarPanel(sliderInput(inputId = "n", label = "No of flips:", min = 10, max =  
1000, value = 10),  
      sliderInput(inputId = "prob", label = "Success rate:", min = 0, max = 1,  
value = 0.5)  
    ),  
    mainPanel( plotOutput(outputId = "bars") )  
  ))
```


HEADS AND TAILS: OUTPUT

Testing first:

```
rbinom(n=25, size = 1, prob =0.5)
```

```
barplot(table(rbinom(n=25, size = 1, prob =0.5)))
```

Wrap it in the output:

```
output$bars <- renderPlot({ barplot(table(rbinom(n=25, size = 1, prob =0.5))) })
```

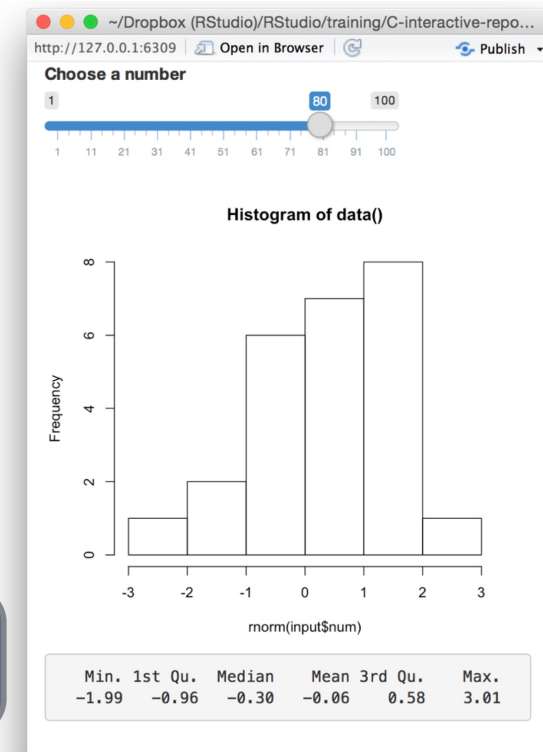
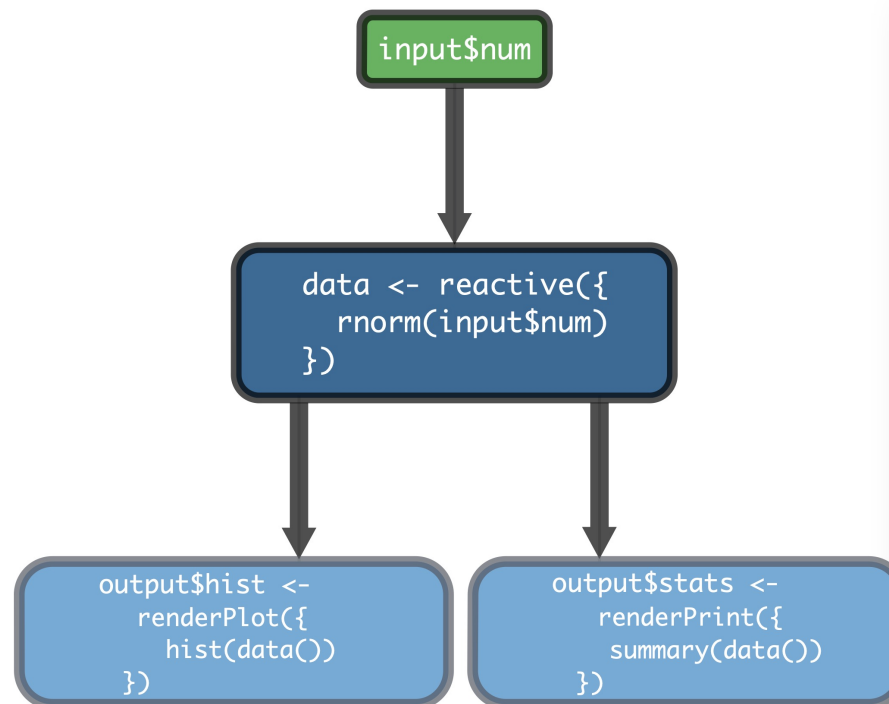
Connect to dynamic input:

```
output$bars <- renderPlot({ barplot(table(rbinom(n = input$n,size = 1,prob = input$prob)))  
})
```

REACTIVE EXPRESSION

```
data <- reactive(table(rbinom(input$num, 1, input$prob)))
```

```
output$bars <- renderPlot({  
  barplot(data())  
})
```



ADD REACTIVE EXPRESSION

modify mainPanel in the ui:

```
mainPanel(plotOutput(outputId = "bars"),  
          plotOutput(outputId = "hist"))
```

and update the server:

```
server <- function(input, output) {  
  data <- reactive(table(rbinom(input$n, input$size, input$prob)))  
  output$bars <- renderPlot({ barplot(data()) })  
  output$hist <- renderPlot({ hist(data()) })  
}
```

EXAMPLE: MORE TESTING OF REACTIVE EXPRESSION

```
library(shiny)

ui <- fluidPage(
  sidebarLayout(
    sidebarPanel(sliderInput(inputId = "n", label = "No. of coin flips", min = 10, max = 1000, value = 10),
      sliderInput(inputId = "prob", label = "Success of rate", min = 0, max = 1, value = 0.5) ),
    mainPanel( plotOutput(outputId = "xxxxx"),
      plotOutput(outputId = "aaa"),
      plotOutput(outputId = "cccc" ) )
  )
)

server <- function(input, output, session) {
  call_it_something <- reactive(table(rbinom(n=input$n, size = 1, prob = input$prob))) # values are drawn just once and saved in this reactive expression

  output$xxxxx <- renderPlot({ barplot(call_it_something() ) })
  output$aaa <- renderPlot({ barplot(call_it_something() ) })

  output$cccc <- renderPlot({barplot(table(rbinom(n=input$n, size = 1, prob = input$prob))) }) # since we do not use reactive expression, values will be drawn on the fly and the result will
  be different from the two above
}

shinyApp(ui, server)
```

HEADS AND TAILS: ESTHETICS

```
output$bars <- renderPlot({
  flips <- tibble(flips = rbinom(input$n, 1, input$prob)) %>%
  mutate(flips = if_else(flips == 1, "Heads", "Tails"))
  flips %>%
  count(flips) %>%
  ggplot(aes(flips, n, fill = flips)) +
  geom_col() +
  geom_label(aes(flips, n, label = n), size = 5) +
  theme(legend.position = "none",
        axis.text = element_text(size = 15)) +
  labs(x = "", y = "") +
  ggtitle(str_c("Results of ", input$n,
               " flips with Heads probability ",
               sprintf("%.2f", input$prob)))
})
```

```
library(dplyr)
library(ggplot2)
library(stringr)
library(tibble)
```

(1) SHARE YOUR APP VIA GITHUB

Host your code on GitHub: https://github.com/rstudio/shiny_example/ (repository must be public) and run your app from within R using `runGitHub()` or `runUrl()`.

Example:

```
shiny::runGitHub("shiny_example", "rstudio")
```

```
shiny::runUrl('https://github.com/rstudio/shiny_example/archive/main.tar.gz')
```

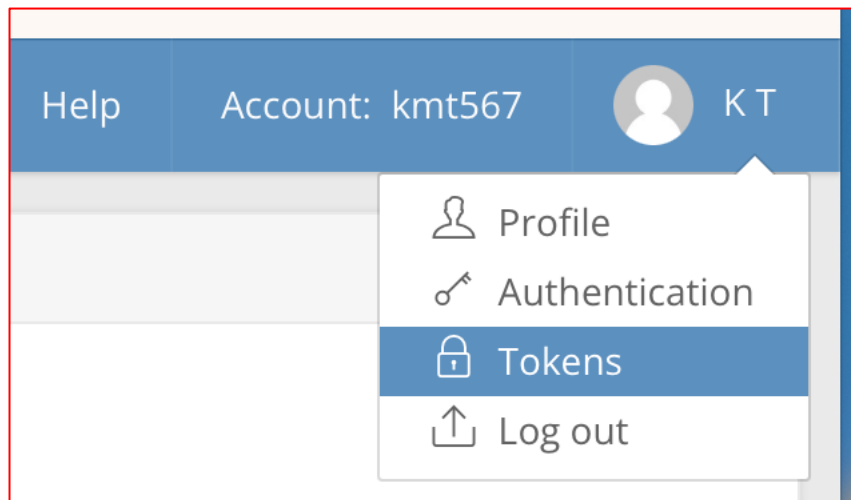
```
# Hosted on my GitHub account: https://github.com/kmt555/MyShinyApps
```

```
shiny::runGitHub(repo = "MyShinyApps", username = "kmt555", ref = "main")
```

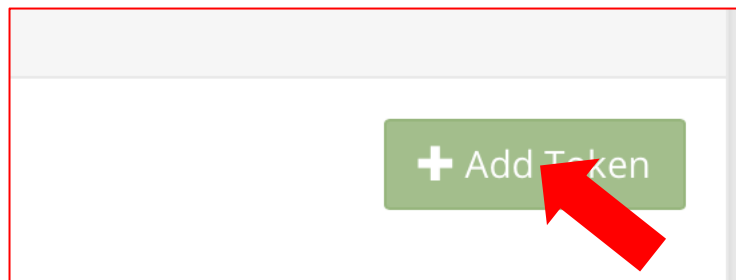
(2) SHARE YOUR APP WITH SHINYAPPS.IO

1 Create an account on shinyapps.io and collect a "token"

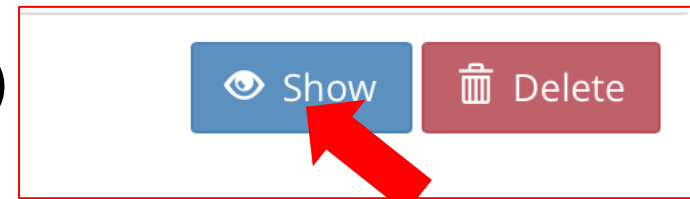
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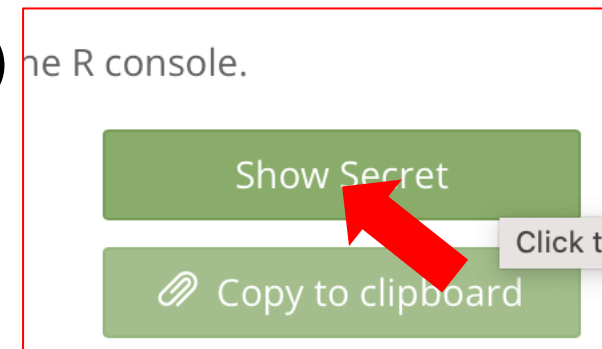
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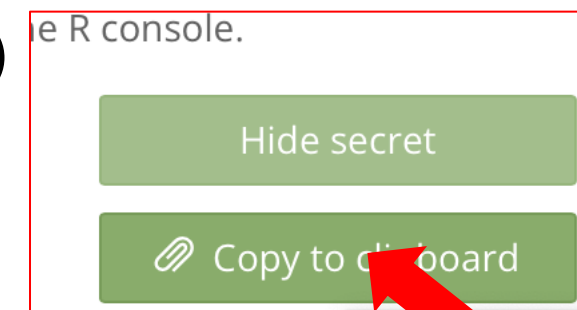
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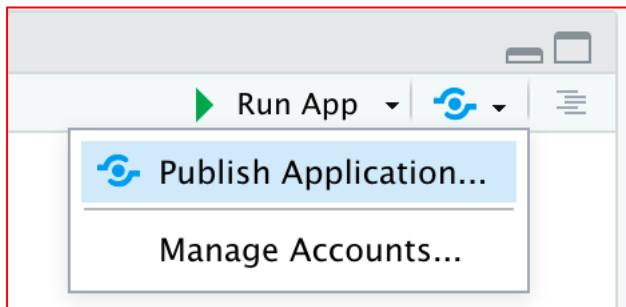


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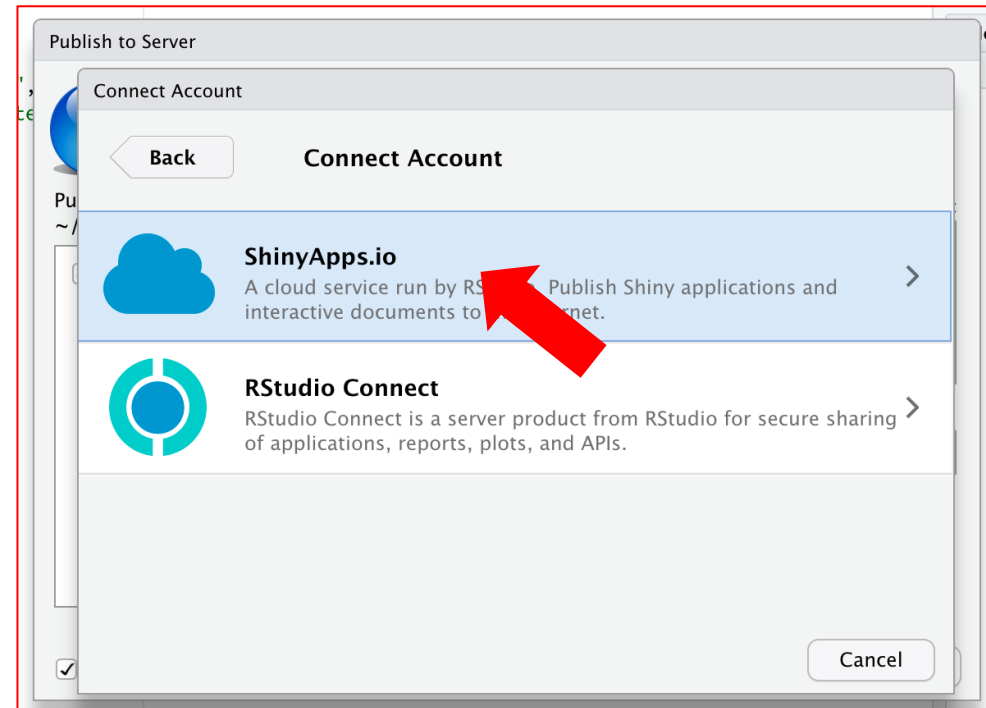
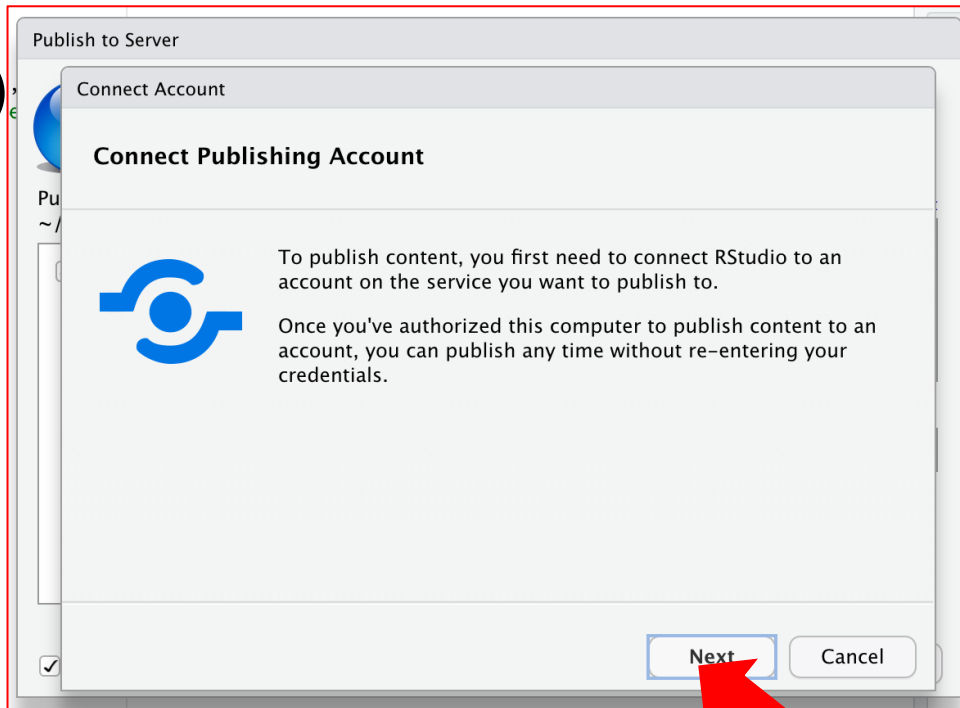
CONNECT YOUR RSTUDIO WITH SHINYAPPS.IO

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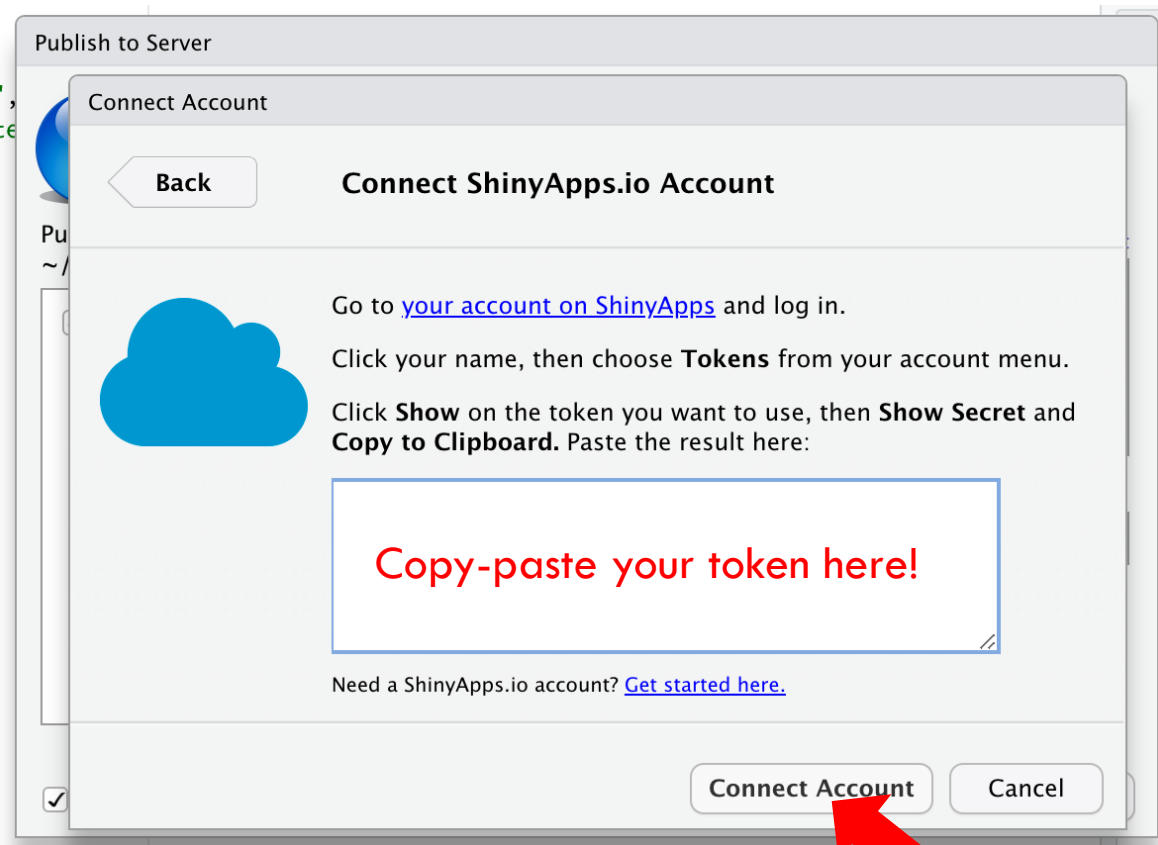
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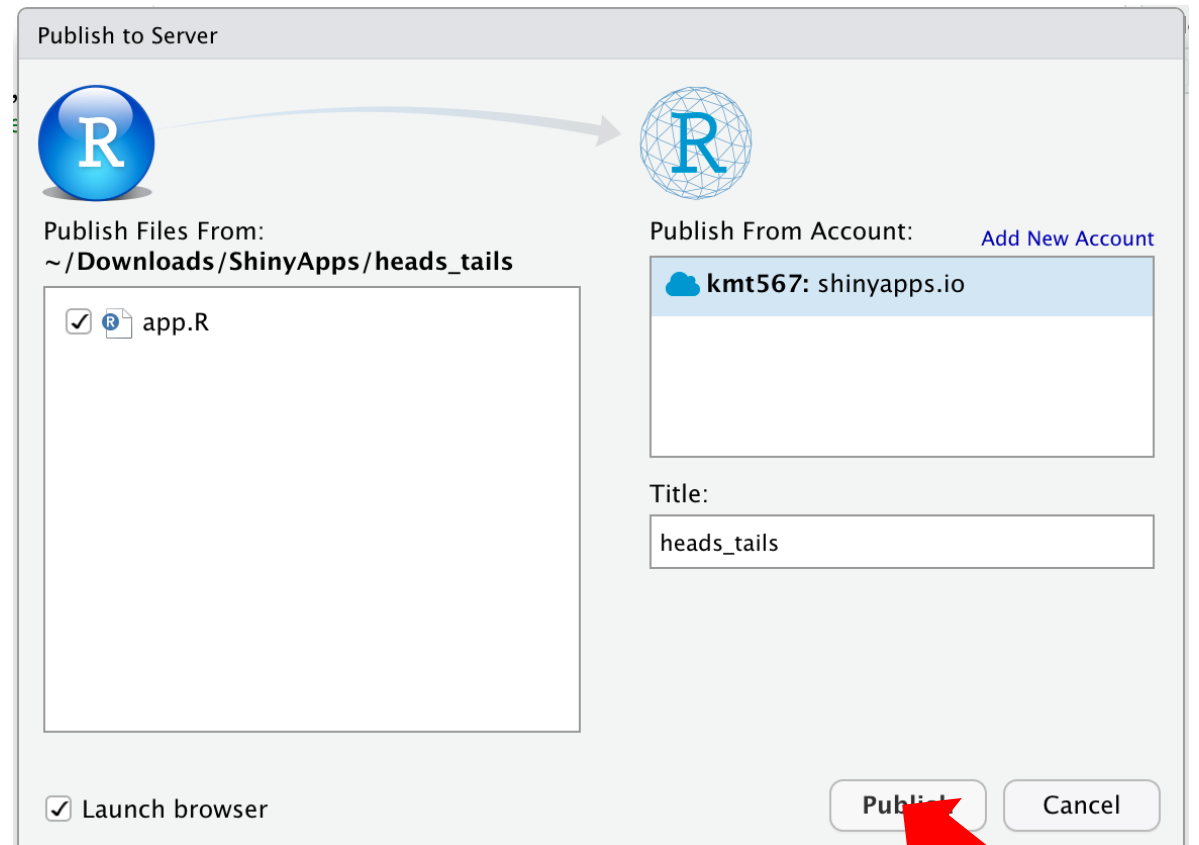


SHINYAPPS.IO ...

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ACTION BUTTONS

```
library(shiny)

ui <- fluidPage(
  actionButton(inputId = "clicks", label = "Click me") )

server <- function(input, output) {
  observeEvent(input$clicks, { print(as.numeric(input$clicks)) })
}

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

USE ACTION BUTTONS TO DELAY REACTIONS

```
library(shiny)
ui <- fluidPage(
  sliderInput(inputId = "num", label = "Choose a number", value = 25, min = 1, max =
100),
  plotOutput("hist") )

server <- function(input, output) {

output$hist <- renderPlot({ hist(rnorm(input$num))
}) }

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

ADD BUTTON

```
library(shiny)
ui <- fluidPage(
  sliderInput(inputId = "num", label = "Choose a number", value = 25, min = 1, max =
100),
  actionButton(inputId = "go", label = "Update"), plotOutput("hist") )

server <- function(input, output) {
data <- eventReactive(input$go, { })
  output$hist <- renderPlot({ hist(rnorm(input$num))
  }) }

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

```
server <- function(input, output) {  
data <- eventReactive(input$go, { rnorm(input$num) })  
output$hist <- renderPlot({ hist(data())  
})  
}
```

REACTIVEVALUES ()

```
library(shiny)

ui <- fluidPage(
  actionButton(inputId = "norm", label = "Normal"),
  actionButton(inputId = "unif", label = "Uniform"),
  plotOutput("hist") )

server <- function(input, output) {
  rv <- reactiveValues(data = rnorm(100))
  observeEvent(input$norm, { rv$data <- rnorm(100) })
  observeEvent(input$unif, { rv$data <- runif(100) })

  output$hist <- renderPlot({ hist(rv$data) }) }

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

