Interactive visualization: R Shiny

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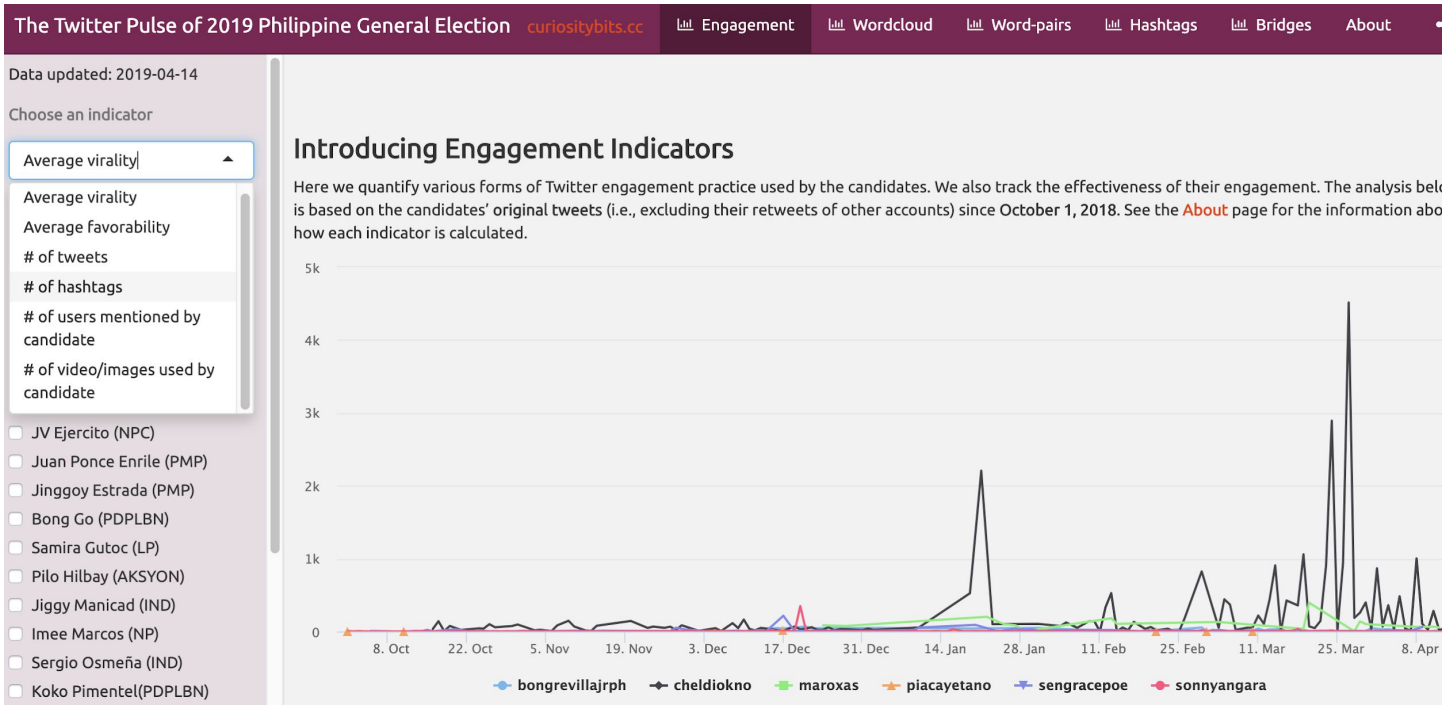
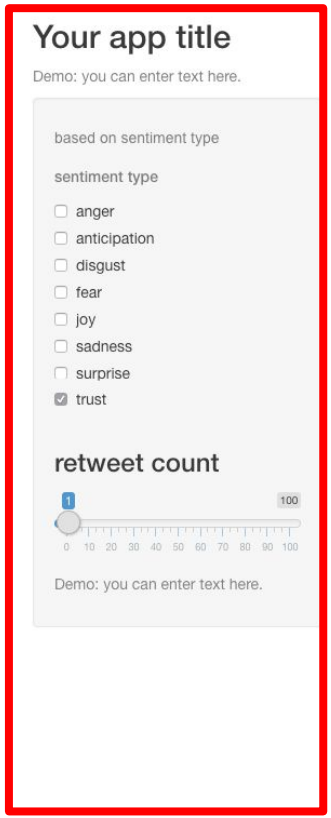
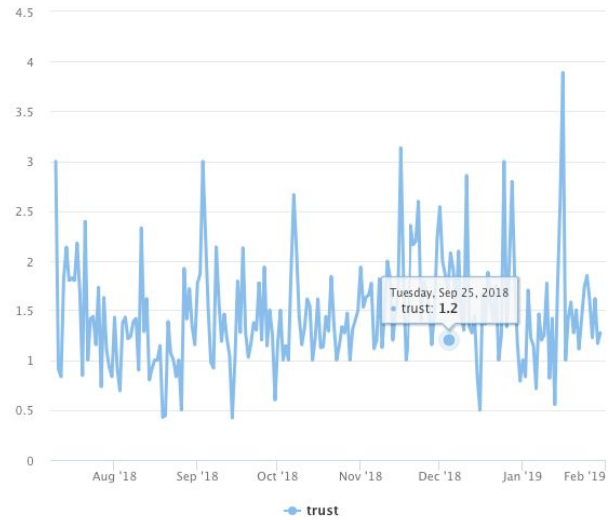
Examples of R Shiny apps



https://curiositybits.shinyapps.io/PH_Tracker_dashboard/

Components in a R Shiny app





Sidebar Panel: contains one or multiple ***control widgets***

Allow users to make selection or enter values

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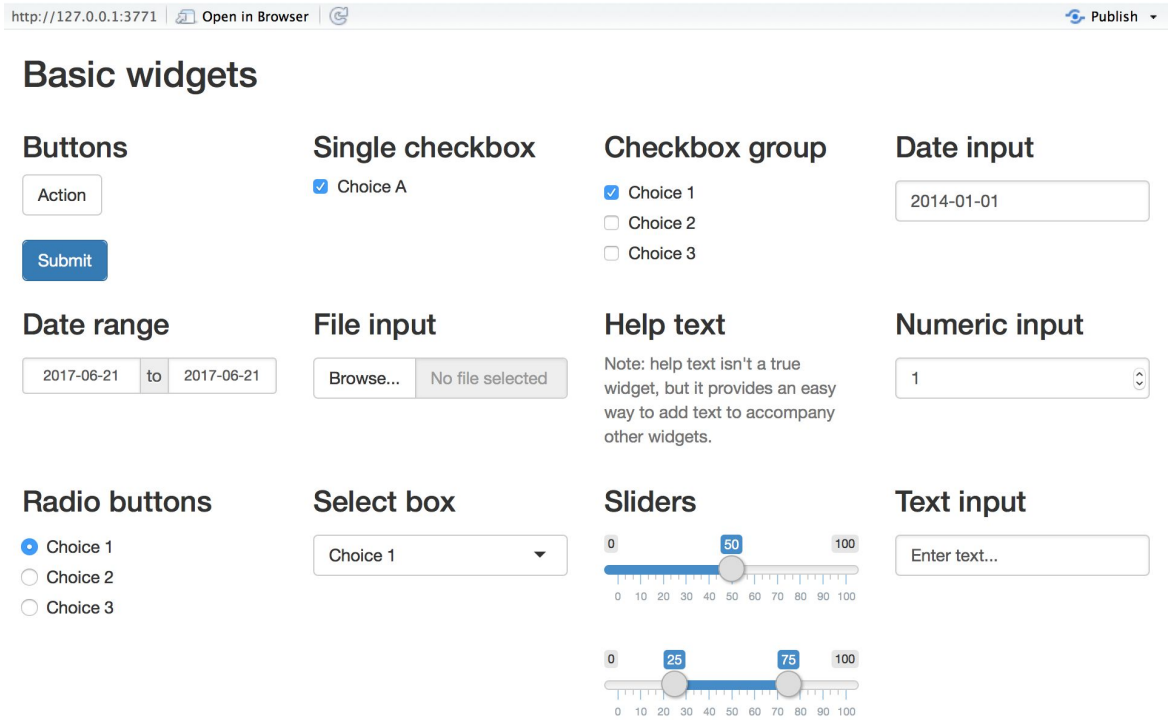

Basic widgets available in R Shiny

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

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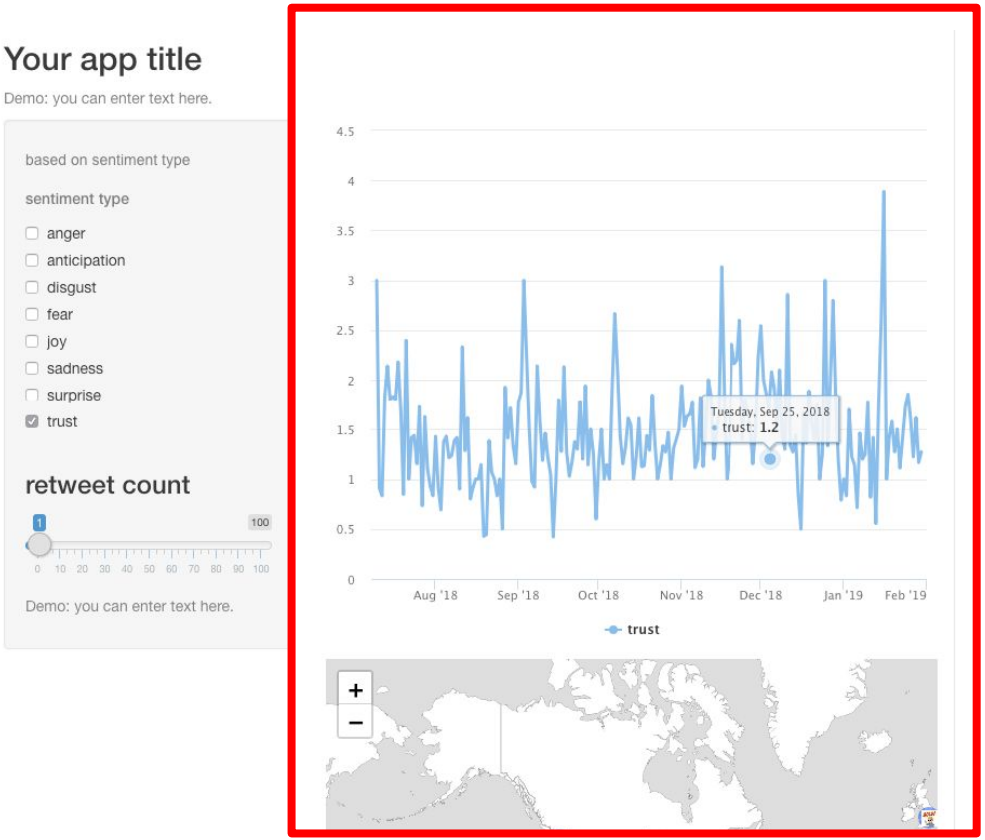
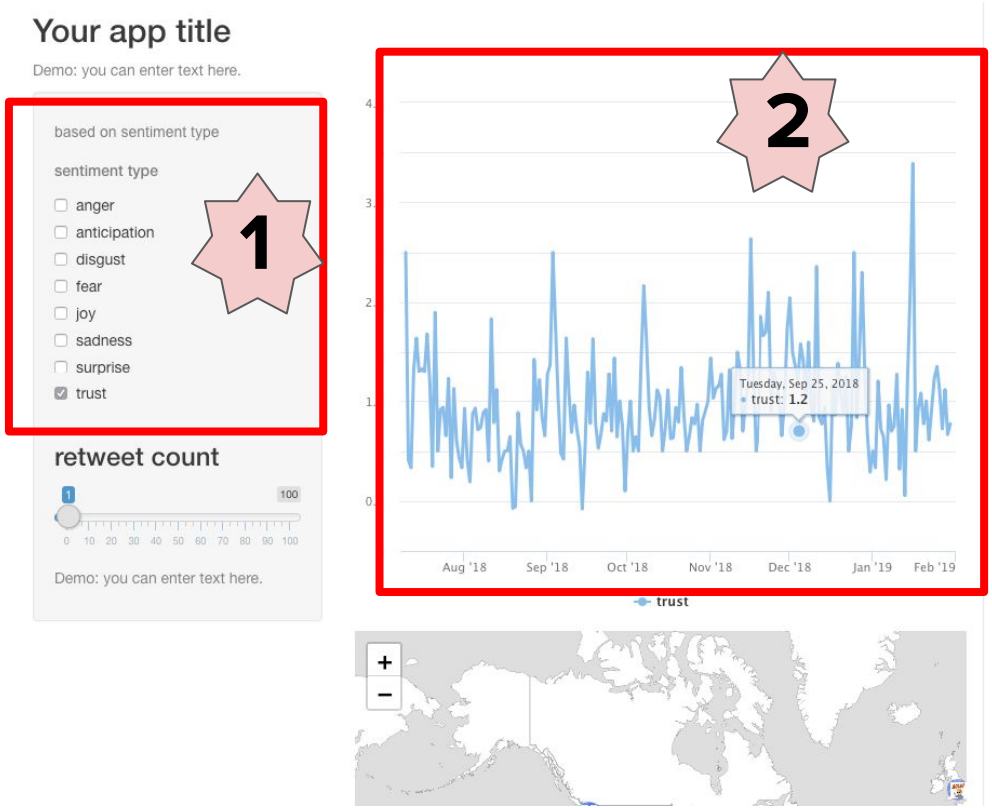


Main Panel: contains visual outputs

Outputs change in response to user selection

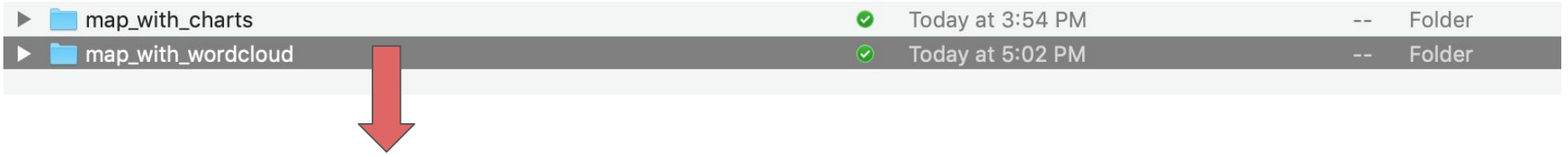
How does a R Shiny app work



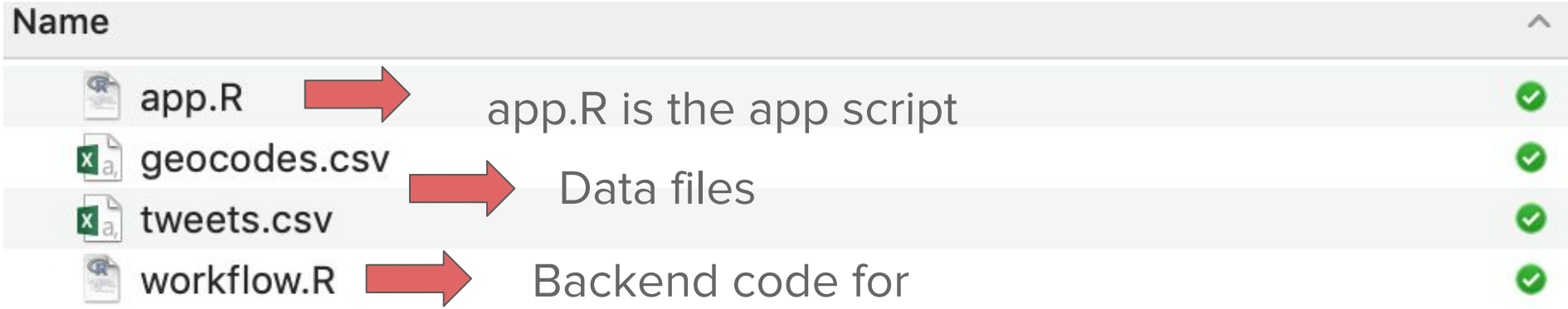
1. When a user makes a selection in the Sidebar Panel, it creates **an input value.**

2. **The input value** is used to select cases for visualization

What files does a R Shiny app consist of

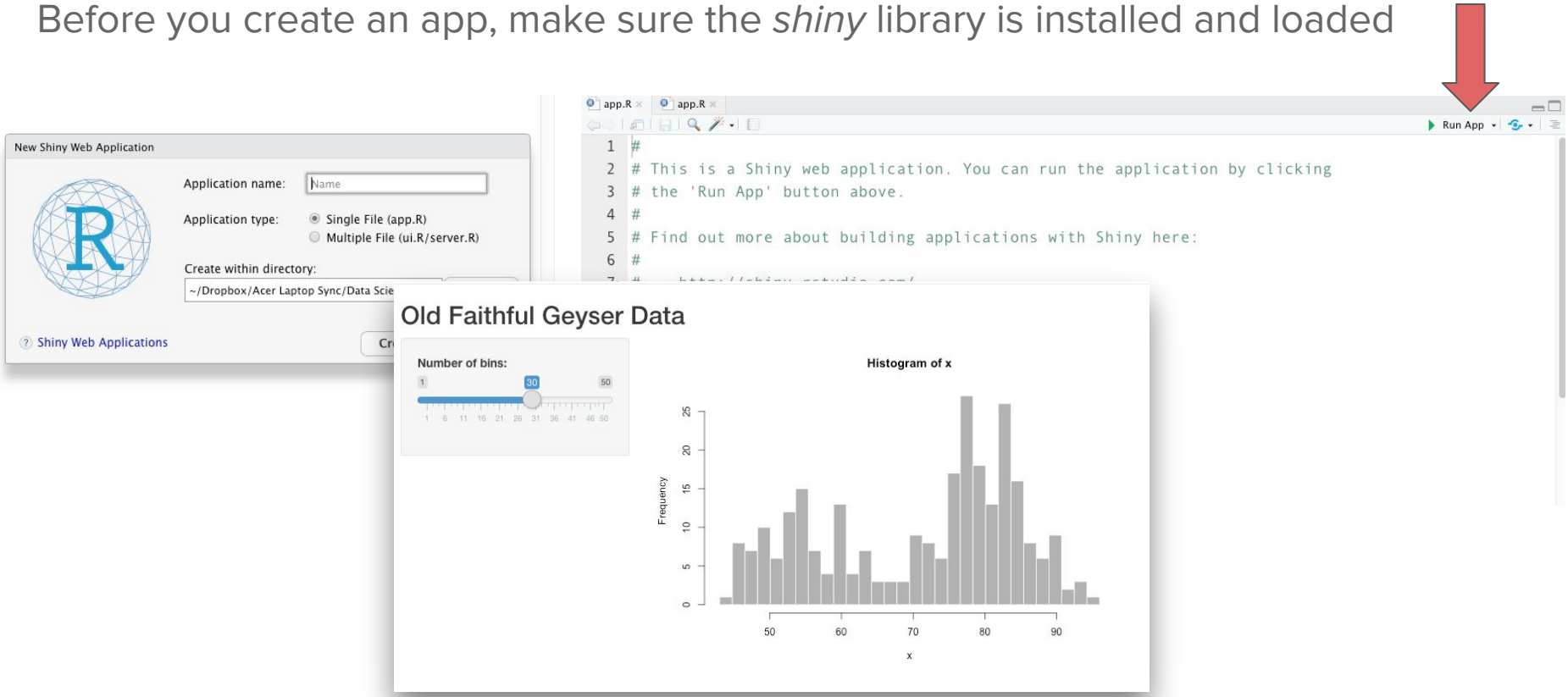


Each app has a stand-alone folder



Create an example

Before you create an app, make sure the *shiny* library is installed and loaded

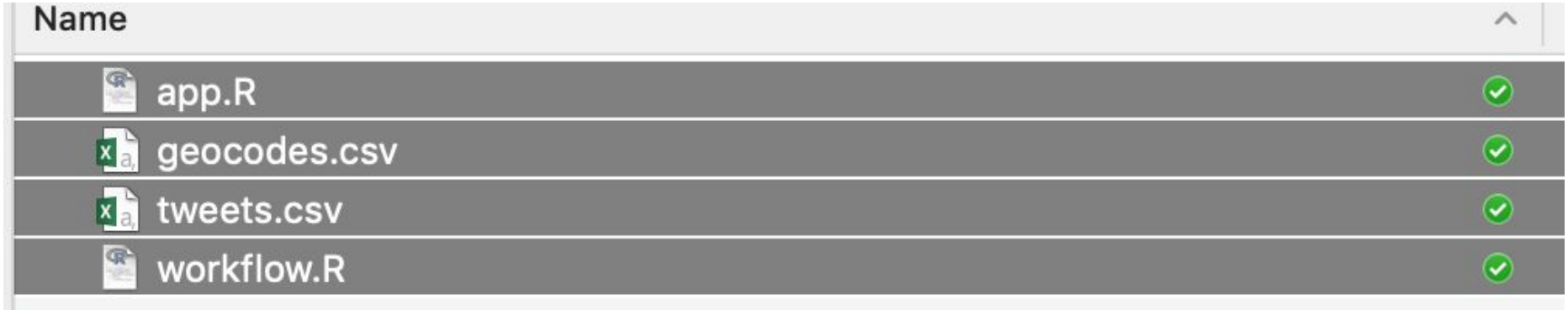


Test example files

Example files are available on Moodle

Create a folder in your laptop and move app.R and associated data files to the folder. Then open app.R in RStudio.

Make sure the example app works on your laptop



What's in app.R?

The **ui** part and the **server** part

```r
library(shiny)
library(rCharts)
library(lubridate)
library(highcharter)

# UI
ui <- fluidPage(

  # Application title
  titlePanel("Your app title"),

  p(
    class = "text-muted",
    paste("Demo: you can enter text here."
    )
  ),


  sidebarLayout(
    sidebarPanel(
      helpText(h5("based on sentiment type", style = "font-family: 'arial'; font-si12pt")),
      checkboxGroupInput("type",
```

```r
# SERVER
server <- function(input, output) {

  senti_data <- read.csv("senti_aggregated.csv", header = TRUE)

  geocodes <- read.csv("geocodes.csv", header = TRUE)

  senti_data$day <- as.Date(senti_data$day)

  output$chart1 <- renderHighchart({

    highchart() %>%
      hc_add_series(data=  senti_data[senti_data$variable %in% input$type,],"line", hcaes(x =
      hc_xAxis(type = "datetime")
  })

  output$mymap <- renderLeaflet({

    usericon <- makeIcon(
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      iconWidth = 15, iconHeight = 15
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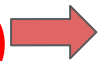

title

Text

sidebar

Q: What should I do if I want to change the app name to *Class Demo* and add an introduction?

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The **ui** part

```
21  sidebarLayout(
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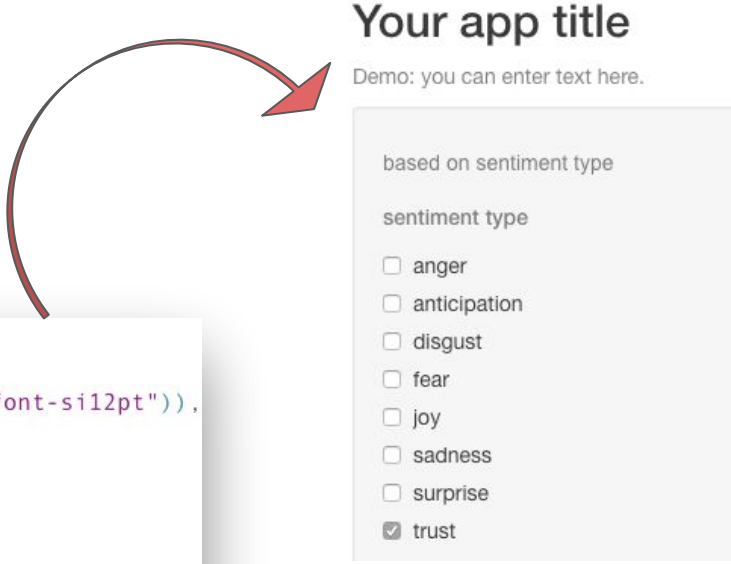
23      helpText(h5("based on sentiment type", style = "font-family: 'arial'; font-si12pt")),
24      checkboxGroupInput("type",
25                         label = (helpText(h5("sentiment type"))),
26
27                         choices = list("anger" = "anger",
28                                        "anticipation" = "anticipation",
29                                        "disgust" = "disgust",
30                                        "fear" = "fear",
31                                        "joy" = "joy",
32                                        "sadness" = "sadness",
33                                        "surprise"="surprise",
34                                        "trust"="trust"),
35                         selected = "trust"),
```



A list of choices available to users

Default selection

When a user selects anger, the selection creates an input value. The value is the string *anger*, the input value is stored as input$type

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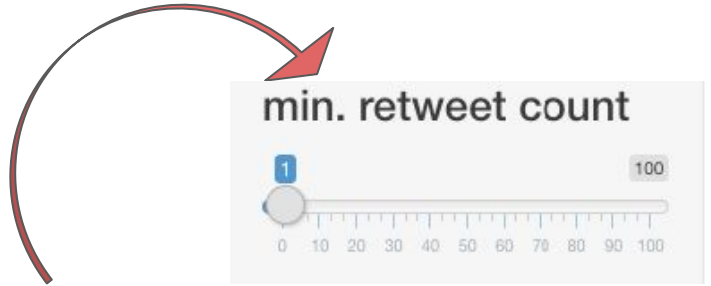
The **ui** part

```
36
37      sliderInput("slider1", h3("min. retweet count"),
38                  min = 0, max = 100, value = 1),
39
40      p(
41        class = "text-muted",
42        paste("Demo: you can enter text here."
43        )
44      )
45
46      ),
```



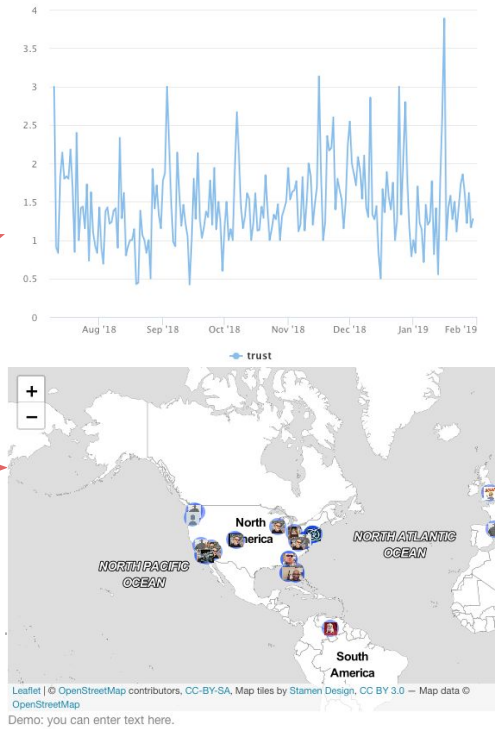
A slider bar

Every time a user sets on a number, it creates an input value. The input value is stored as input$slider1

What's in app.R?

The **ui** part

```
49      mainPanel(
50        highchartOutput("chart1",height = "500px"),
51
52        leafletOutput("mymap"),
53        p(class = "text-muted",paste("Demo: you can enter text here.")
54        )
55      )
56    )
57  )
```



What to visualize

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The **server** part

Do you remember the two input values created from user selection?

input$type
input$slider1

What's in app.R?

The **server** part: import data, process data, and create visualization

```
59 # SERVER
60 server <- function(input, output) {
61
62   senti_data <- read.csv("senti_aggregated.csv", header = TRUE)
63
64   geocodes <- read.csv("geocodes.csv", header = TRUE)
65
66   senti_data$day <- as.Date(senti_data$day)
67
68   output$chart1 <- renderHighchart({
69
70     highchart() %>%
71       hc_add_series(data=  senti_data[senti_data$variable %in% input$type,],"line", hcaes(x = day, y = value, group=variable)) %>%
72       hc_xAxis(type = "datetime")
73   })
74
```

Import the two data files from your app folder.

Clean and standardize the data if necessary.

The part where you create a highchart showing sentiment trends.

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```

	date_label	screen_name	variable	value	day	day_show
1	2018-07-01	TheDemocrats	anger	1.00000000	2018-07-01	2018-07-01
2	2018-07-02	TheDemocrats	anger	0.47619048	2018-07-02	2018-07-02
3	2018-07-03	TheDemocrats	anger	0.64285714	2018-07-03	2018-07-03
4	2018-07-04	TheDemocrats	anger	3.00000000	2018-07-04	2018-07-04
5	2018-07-05	TheDemocrats	anger	0.76923077	2018-07-05	2018-07-05
6	2018-07-06	TheDemocrats	anger	0.75000000	2018-07-06	2018-07-06
7	2018-07-07	TheDemocrats	anger	1.00000000	2018-07-07	2018-07-07
8	2018-07-08	TheDemocrats	anger	0.40000000	2018-07-08	2018-07-08
9	2018-07-09	TheDemocrats	anger	0.77777778	2018-07-09	2018-07-09
0	2018-07-10	GOP	anger	0.33333333	2018-07-10	2018-07-10
1	2018-07-10	TheDemocrats	anger	1.00000000	2018-07-10	2018-07-10

Use input$type as the filtering criteria to select cases from senti_data

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```
75  output$mymap <- renderLeaflet({
76
77    usericon <- makeIcon(
78      iconUrl = geocodes$profile_image_url,
79      iconWidth = 15, iconHeight = 15
80    )
81
82
83    leaflet(data = geocodes[geocodes$retweet_count >= input$slider1,]) %>%
84      addTiles() %>%
85      setView(lng = -98.35, lat = 39.50, zoom = 2) %>%
86      addMarkers(lng = ~lng, lat = ~lat,popup = ~ as.character(text),icon = usericon) %>%
87      addProviderTiles("Stamen.TonerLite") %>%  #more layers:http://leaflet-extras.github.io/leafle
88      addCircleMarkers(
89        stroke = FALSE, fillOpacity = 0.5)
90  })
91
92 }
```

Use input$slider1 as the filtering criteria to select cases from geocodes

In-class practice

Make sure the example app works on your laptop
See if you can add a new slider bar with the input value named “slider3” and the help text “min. Favorite count.”

Publish a R Shiny app

https://shiny.rstudio.com/articles/shinyapps.html

More resources

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

Other visualization options

Using R Markdown: https://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/