

Introduction to RStudio and Shiny servers





BarcelonaR - Workshop – 4th November 2020





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Who am I?

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Workshop Setup:

- Wi-Fi
- Network Name: N/A
- Password: N/A
- Requirements
 An active Gmail account
 Some patience





What is Google Cloud Platform?

Google Cloud Platform – known as GCP 📀 - is a collection of cloud

computing services that use the resources available at Google. GCP offers

services via the cloud that access Google's physical hardware

infrastructure such as: computers, hard disk drives, solid state drives and

networking. This is a **fast** and **cost effective** alternative to having to build

and maintain your own physical infrastructure.

Other popular services:

- Microsoft Azure Cloud Computing Platform & Services
- Amazon Web Services (AWS)



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Topics

Workshop aim:

Learn how to setup RStudio and Shiny servers on GCP and host a shiny app online.

► Topics:

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- Setup GCP Virtual Machine (VM) instance
- Setup RStudio server R Studio
- Setup Shiny server

Host a shiny app online



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Zoom etiquette

Use the buttons on the participants area to inform me how you are progressing with the workshop



Use Solution to let me know you have completed the task or solution to let me know you need a bit more time (within "more").



Setup GCP VM instance (for free)



In order to access the Google Cloud Platform you will need to do the following:

Create a Gmail account (if you don't have one already 😱)



- 2. Visit <u>https://console.cloud.google.com/</u> (you might need to sign in)
- Deal with the boring stuff (Terms of Service) 3.
- 4. Get \$300 free trial (for 12 months) 👸



Get started! 5.

> You might need to provide your card details - don't worry you are able to close your billing account if you want.





Live Demo Part 1







Try Google Cloud Platform for free

Step 1 of 2

Country

Spain

Terms of Service

I agree to the <u>Google Cloud Platform Terms of Service</u>, and the terms of service of <u>any applicable services and APIs</u>. I have also read and agree to the <u>Google Cloud Platform Free Trial Terms of Service</u>.

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Create a project

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Create a VM instance

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Project number 83761427300			0.6 Began at 2019-11-04 (11:46:04) All times are US/Pacific
ADD PEOPLE TO THIS PROJECT			0.2 → Go to Cloud status dashboard
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			Billing
Resources	*	\rightarrow Go to APIs overview	Estimated charges GBP
This project has no resources			
			→ View detailed charges
Trace	*		
No trace data from the past 7 days			(i) Error Reporting







Use the pin functionality to pin the services you use most frequently!

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Name Name is permanent rstudio-shiny-servers Labels (Optional)	Name you VM instance e.g. "rstudio-shiny-servers"
Region ? Zone ? Region is permanent Zone is permanent us-central1 (lowa) us-central1-a	You can select a different region/zone to specify the location the resource is used and where the data is stored.
Machine configuration Machine family General-purpose Compute-optimized Machine types for common workloads, optimized for cost and flexibility Series	Select the VM machine type e.g. "e2-medium" is OK
E2 CPU platform selection based on availability Machine type e2-medium (2 vCPU 4 GB memory)	The "stronger" the machine type (more CPUs and/or more memory) the more expensive it is to run!
vCPU Memory GPUs 1 shared core 4 GB -	 \$24.86 monthly estimate That's about \$0.034 hourly Pay for what you use: No upfront costs and per second billing ✓ Details







Select the OS image. We will use "Ubuntu 16.04 LTS"

Other OS images may also work but you would need to adjust the installation procedure.

Check the "Allow HTTP traffic" box to allow incoming traffic.



We will later setup specific Firewall rules to allow incoming traffic to RStudio and Shiny servers





VM instance is running!

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Configuring firewall rules to allow access via ports 8787 and 3838 means that you and others can access RStudio and Shiny servers from a web browser such as Chrome





"rstudio"	← Create a firewall rule	Targets Specified service account	
	Firewall rules control incoming or outgoing traffic to an instance. By default, incoming traffic from outside your network is blocked. Learn more Nam @ Lowercase, no spaces	Service account scope In this project In another project Target service account No service account	
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	Network 📀 default	Protocols and ports Allow all Specified protocols and ports	RStudio server
	Priority ② Priority can be 0 - 65535 Check priority of other firewall rules	✓ tcp: 8787	
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Filter resources

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	rstudio	Ingress	Apply to all	IP ranges: 0.0.0.0/0	tcp:8787	Allow	1000	default
	shiny	Ingress	Apply to all	IP ranges: 0.0.0.0/0	tcp:3838	Allow	1000	default
	default-allow-icmp	Ingress	Apply to all	IP ranges: 0.0.0.0/0	icmp	Allow	65534	default
	default-allow-internal	Ingress	Apply to all	IP ranges: 10.128.0.0/9	tcp:0-65535 udp:0-65535 icmp	Allow	65534	default
	default-allow-rdp	Ingress	Apply to all	IP ranges: 0.0.0.0/0	tcp:3389	Allow	65534	default
	default-allow-ssh	Ingress	Apply to all	IP ranges: 0.0.0.0/0	tcp:22	Allow	65534	default





Setup RStudio server



In order to setup RStudio server you will need to do the following:

- Connect to your VM instance (via Secure Shell - SSH)
- 2. Update and Upgrade stuff
- 3. Install 💽
- 4. Install R packages
- Install **R** Studio server 5.
- Create a user 6.
- 7. Access RStudio server! 👸



Remember you need to run commands as the "superuser" = sudo





Live Demo Part 2 – Connect to VM

Filter VM instances						
Name A	Zone	Recommendation	In use by	Internal IP	External IP	Connect
studio-shiny-servers	us-central1-a			10.128.0.2 (nic0)	34.67.35.39 🖒	SSH 🗸 🚦
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Update / Upgrade

data_islet@rstudio-shiny-servers:~\$ sudo apt-get update
...
data_islet@rstudio-shiny-servers:~\$ sudo apt-get upgrade

```
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] Y
```

data_islet@rstudio-shiny-servers:~\$ sudo apt-key adv --keyserver keyserver.ubuntu.com --recv-keys
E298A3A825C0D65DFD57CBB651716619E084DAB9

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. . .

data_islet@rstudio-shiny-servers:~\$ sudo echo "deb https://cloud.r-project.org/bin/linux/ubuntu
xenial-cran35/" | sudo tee -a /etc/apt/sources.list
...

data_islet@rstudio-shiny-servers:~\$ sudo apt-get update

You might need: sudo apt-get install dirmngr





Install R / Install packages

```
data_islet@rstudio-shiny-servers:~$ sudo apt-get install r-base r-base-dev
. . .
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] Y
data_islet@rstudio-shiny-servers:~$ sudo apt-get install libcurl4-openssl-dev libssl-dev libxml2-
dev
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] Y
. . .
data_islet@rstudio-shiny-servers:~$ sudo R
. . .
data_islet@rstudio-shiny-servers:~$ install.packages(c('shiny', 'rmarkdown'), Ncpus = 2)
. . .
q("no")
                              Time for a break and let it run!
```





Install RStudio server & add a user

```
data_islet@rstudio-shiny-servers:~$ sudo gpg --keyserver keys.gnupg.net --recv-keys
3F32EE77E331692F
. . .
data_islet@rstudio-shiny-servers:~$ sudo apt-get install gdebi-core
. . .
data_islet@rstudio-shiny-servers:~$ wget wget
https://download2.rstudio.org/server/xenial/amd64/rstudio-server-1.3.1093-amd64.deb
. . .
data_islet@rstudio-shiny-servers:~$ sudo gdebi rstudio-server-1.3.1093-amd64.deb
. . .
Do you want to install the software package? [y/N]: Y
. . .
data_islet@rstudio-shiny-servers:~$ sudo adduser <username>
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
Is the information correct? [Y/n] Y
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RStudio server is running!

In a web browser navigate to the following address: http://<External IP>:8787

Where <external ip=""> is found</external>	Filter VM instances						Colum	nns 🔻
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	Username:							
	Password:							
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RStudio server is running!

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Setup Shiny server



In order to setup Shiny server you will need to do the following:

- 1. Connect to your VM instance (via SSH)
- 2. Install Shirly server
- 3. Check shiny server status

4. Success! 🥁

Remember you need to run commands as the "superuser"





Live Demo Part 3 – Connect to VM

Filter VM instances							-
Name 🛆	Zone	Recommendation	In use by	Internal IP	External IP	Connect	
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Install Shiny server & check status

data_islet@rstudio-shiny-servers:~\$ sudo apt-get install gdebi-core
...
data_islet@rstudio-shiny-servers:~\$ wget https://download3.rstudio.org/ubuntu-14.04/x86_64/shinyserver-1.5.14.948-amd64.deb
...
data_islet@rstudio-shiny-servers:~\$ sudo gdebi shiny-server-1.5.14.948-amd64.deb
...
Do you want to install the software package? [y/N]: Y
...
data_islet@rstudio-shiny-servers:~\$ sudo systemctl status shiny-server
...



To start the shiny server: sudo systemctl start shiny-server



...



Shiny server is running!

In a web browser navigate to the following address: http://<External IP>:3838









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Live Demo Part 4 - Host a shiny app online



In order to host a shiny app online you will need to do the following:

- Log in to your RStudio server user account
- Create a folder that will contain the shiny 2. app scripts ... name it "my-app"
- 3. Write the ui.R script
- 4. Write the server.R script
- Create a symbolic link to the folder * 5.

- Test that it works 6.
- 7. Share the URL! 👸



*It's easier than it sounds





Example ui.R script



```
# Define UI for application
ui <- fluidPage(</pre>
```

```
# Application title
titlePanel("Hello BarcelonaR!"),
```

```
# Sidebar with an input
sidebarLayout(
   sidebarPanel(
     textInput("text_input", "Input text here:")
),
```

```
# Main with output
mainPanel(
   textOutput("text_output")
```





Example server.R script </>

library(shiny)

```
# Define server logic and R code
server <- function(input, output) {</pre>
```

```
output$text_output <- renderText({
    # Display text input
    paste("You typed:", input$text_input)
})</pre>
```

Create symbolic link

data_islet@rstudio-shiny-servers:~\$ sudo ln -s /home/<username>/my-app /srv/shiny-server/my-app



Your chosen RStudio server <username>





Your shiny app is hosted online!

In a web browser navigate to the following address: http://<External IP>:3838/<app-folder>

Where <External IP> is found just as before and <app-folder> is the name of the folder that contains the ui.R and server.R scripts

Hello BarcelonaR!	
Input text here:	You typed:



If you stop and start the GCP VM instance you will most likely get assigned a different <External IP> address!



Other improvements

- If your shiny app code is becoming larger and more complex then why not Build a Production Grade Shiny App with {golem}
- Write your shiny app in a project with code version control (such as GitHub)
- Make <External IP> static
- Add user authentication to Shiny Server with Nginx
- Create an SSL certificate for Shiny server (https)
- Control who can access your shiny apps (via GCP firewall settings)
- Create custom domains for RStudio server, Shiny server and for your shiny apps
- Check out: <u>https://docs.rstudio.com/shiny-server/</u> for a useful guide on how to customise other aspects of the Shiny server





Tips for troubleshooting

- If your shiny app crashes you can use the stored shiny server logs to view what happened
 - 1) navigate to cd /var/log/shiny-server/
 - 2) list of available logs ls
 - 3) view log cat <file-name>.log
- In most cases the issue might be due to file and/or folder permissions you might need to give root permissions to read/write/execute
- You might need to install necessary libraries using:
 - 1) sudo R
 - 2) install.packages('magrittr')

so that they are available at root level and to all users



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