

# Package ‘IDEAFilter’

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**Type** Package

**Version** 0.2.1

**Title** Agnostic, Idiomatic Data Filter Module for Shiny

**Description** When added to an existing shiny app, users may subset any developer-chosen R data.frame on the fly. That is, users are empowered to slice & dice data by applying multiple (order specific) filters using the AND (&) operator between each, and getting real-time updates on the number of rows effected/available along the way. Thus, any downstream processes that leverage this data source (like tables, plots, or statistical procedures) will re-render after new filters are applied. The shiny module’s user interface has a 'minimalist' aesthetic so that the focus can be on the data & other visuals. In addition to returning a reactive (filtered) data.frame, 'IDEAFilter' as also returns 'dplyr' filter statements used to actually slice the data.

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**URL** <https://biogen-inc.github.io/IDEAFilter/>,  
<https://github.com/Biogen-Inc/IDEAFilter>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/Biogen-Inc/IDEAFilter/issues>

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testthat

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| IDEAFilter | <i>IDEA data filter module server function</i> |
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## Description

Serves as a wrapper for [shiny\\_data\\_filter](#) and utilizes `moduleSever()` for a more modern implementation of the data item filter.

## Usage

```
IDEAFilter(  
  id,  
  data,  
  ...,  
  col_subset = NULL,  
  preselection = NULL,  
  verbose = FALSE  
)
```

## Arguments

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <code>id</code>           | a module id name  |
| <code>data</code>         | a <code>data.frame</code> or reactive expression returning a <code>data.frame</code> to use as the input to the filter module |
| <code>...</code>          | placeholder for inclusion of additional parameters in future development  |
| <code>col_subset</code>   | a vector containing the list of allowable columns to filter on  |
| <code>preselection</code> | a list that can be used to pre-populate the filter  |
| <code>verbose</code>      | a logical value indicating whether or not to print log statements out to the console  |

**Value**

a reactive expression which returns the filtered data wrapped in an additional class, "shiny-DataFilter\_df". This structure also contains a "code" field which represents the code needed to generate the filtered data.

**See Also**

[IDEAFilter\\_ui](#), [shiny\\_data\\_filter](#)

**Examples**

```
if(all(c(interactive(), require("dplyr"), require("IDEAFilter")))) {
  library(shiny)
  library(IDEAFilter)
  library(dplyr) # for data pre-processing and example data

  # prep a new data.frame with more diverse data types
  starwars2 <- starwars %>%
    mutate_if(~is.numeric(.) && all(Filter(Negate(is.na), .) %% 1 == 0), as.integer) %>%
    mutate_if(~is.character(.) && length(unique(.)) <= 25, as.factor) %>%
    mutate(is_droid = species == "Droid") %>%
    select(name, gender, height, mass, hair_color, eye_color, vehicles, is_droid)

  # create some labels to showcase column select input
  attr(starwars2$name, "label") <- "name of character"
  attr(starwars2$gender, "label") <- "gender of character"
  attr(starwars2$height, "label") <- "height of character in centimeters"
  attr(starwars2$mass, "label") <- "mass of character in kilograms"
  attr(starwars2$is_droid, "label") <- "whether character is a droid"

  ui <- fluidPage(
    titlePanel("Filter Data Example"),
    fluidRow(
      column(8,
        verbatimTextOutput("data_summary"),
        verbatimTextOutput("data_filter_code")),
      column(4, IDEAFilter_ui("data_filter"))))

  server <- function(input, output, session) {
    filtered_data <- IDEAFilter("data_filter", data = starwars2, verbose = FALSE)

    output$data_filter_code <- renderPrint({
      cat(gsub("%>%", "%>% \n ",
        gsub("\\s{2,}", " ",
          paste0(
            capture.output(attr(filtered_data(), "code")),
            collapse = " ")))
    })
  })

  output$data_summary <- renderPrint({
    if (nrow(filtered_data())) show(filtered_data())
  })
}
```

```

      else "No data available"
    })
  }

  shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
}

```

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shiny\_data\_filter      *Shiny data filter module server function*

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## Description

Shiny data filter module server function

## Usage

```
shiny_data_filter(input, output, session, data, verbose = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| input   | requisite shiny module field specifying incoming ui input reactiveValues                            |
| output  | requisite shiny module field capturing output for the shiny data filter ui                          |
| session | requisite shiny module field containing the active shiny session                                    |
| data    | a data.frame or reactive expression returning a data.frame to use as the input to the filter module |
| verbose | a logical value indicating whether or not to print log statements out to the console                |

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