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With shinymeta:

```
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- A `metaReactive` does everything a regular `reactive` does, plus, can give you its own source code at runtime