MOD300 Anvendt Python programmering og modellering

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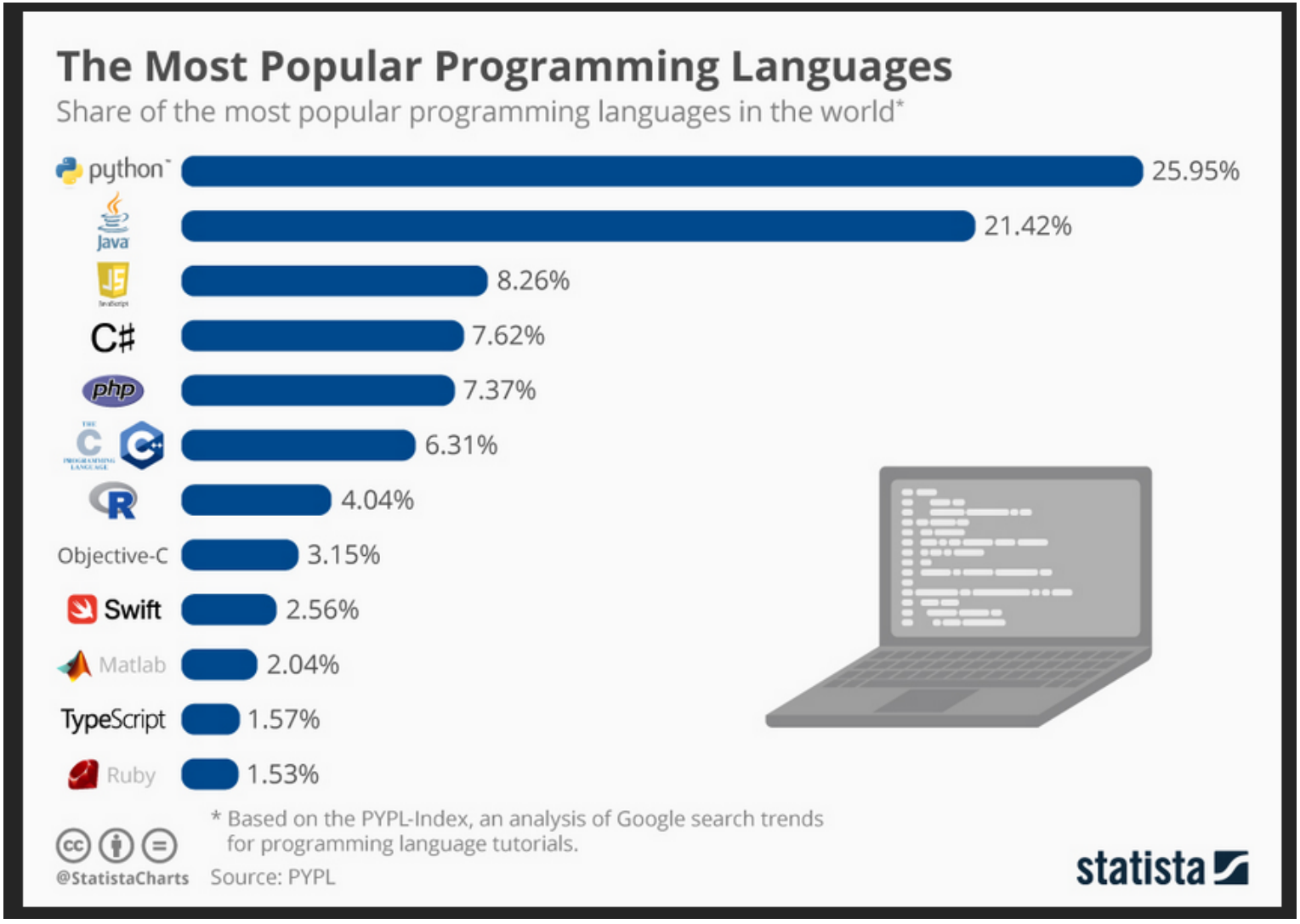
The Most Popular Programming Languages
Share of the most popular programming languages in the world*
python
25.95%
Java
21.42%
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C#
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What makes python sexy?

- Community
- Training material for LLMs
- Environments
- Integration with other software
- Speed
- Readability
- Re-usability
- M-L libraries
- Community standards

Coding standards

⏱️ Lifetime	Use
1-shot	🚫
Week+	Git + Github/GitLab
3 month+	+ Testing
6 month+	+ Documentation, automated testing

👨👨 Dev/Users	Use
1	Push to main
2+	+ Branches, merging
2+ (+students)	+ Code review
2+ (+external)	+ Release branch

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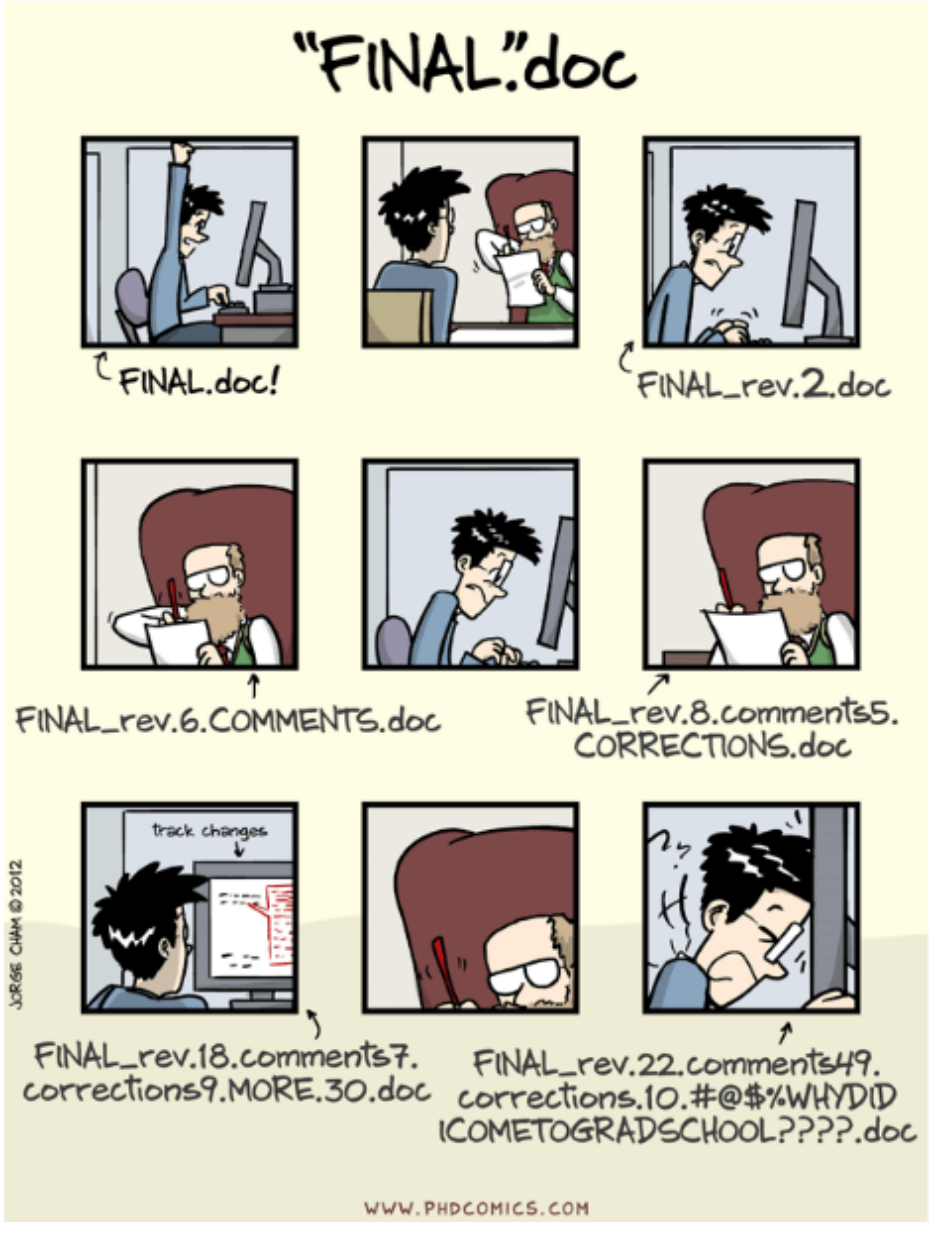

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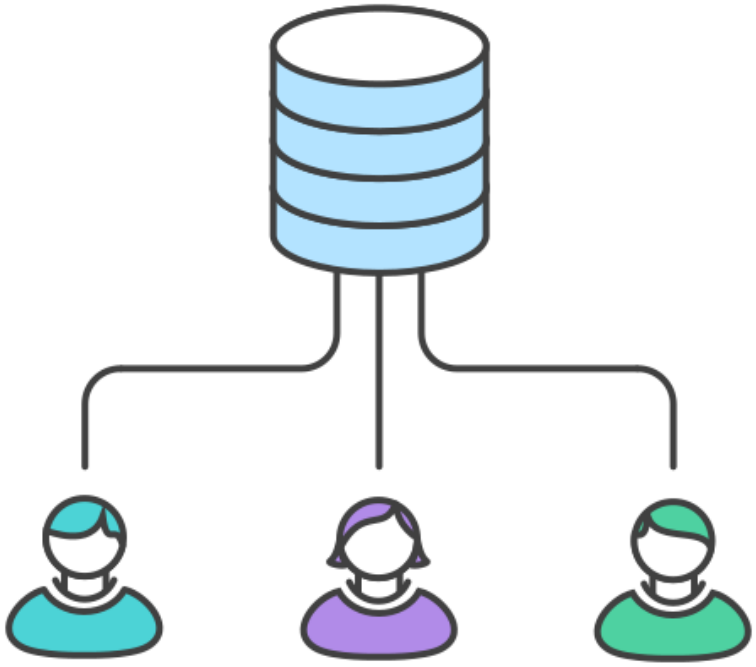

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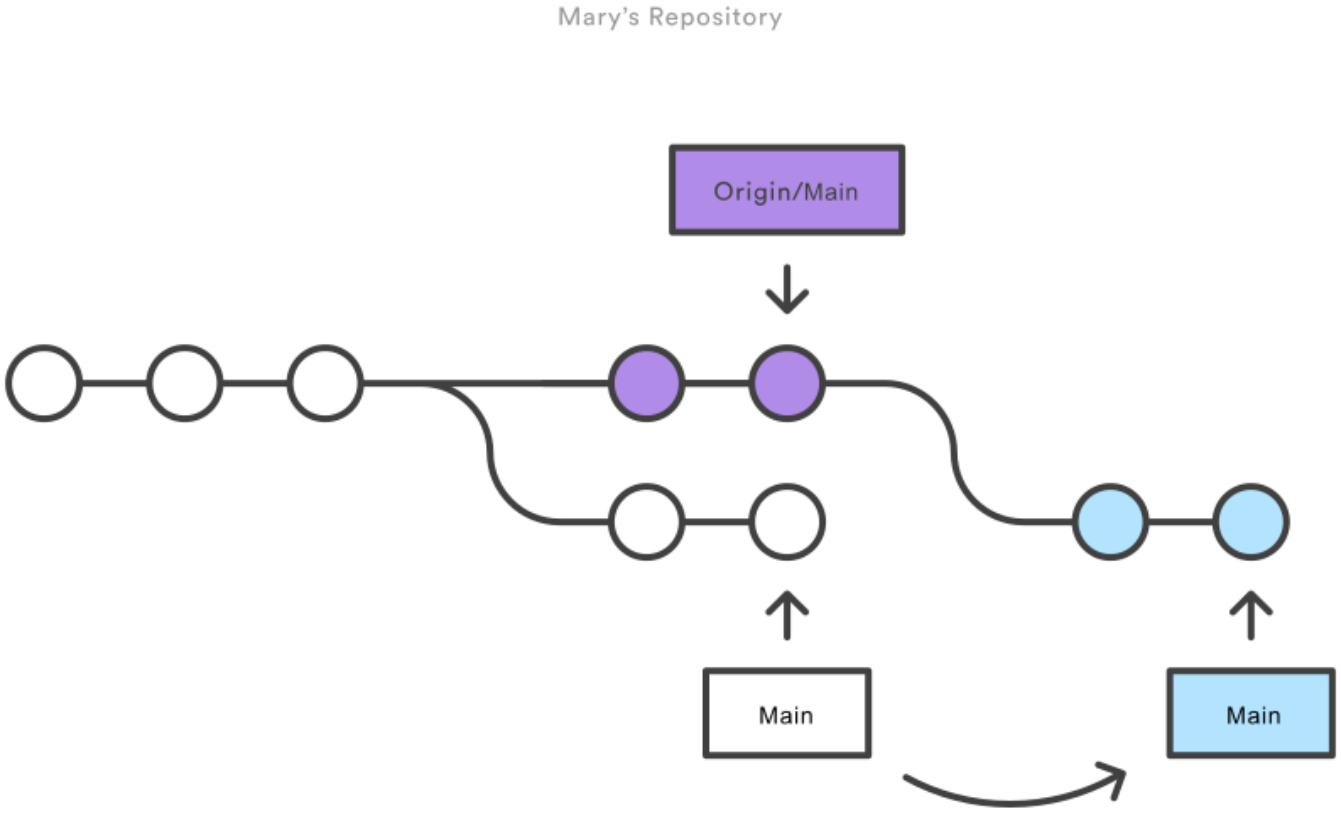

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It can help your CV! maybe...

"you can find the projects I worked on on my GitHub"
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