Technology Trend Discovery Using Stack Overflow Survey Data

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Key findings: Trending languages, Databases, Web frameworks, platforms, job satisfaction insights, and recommendations

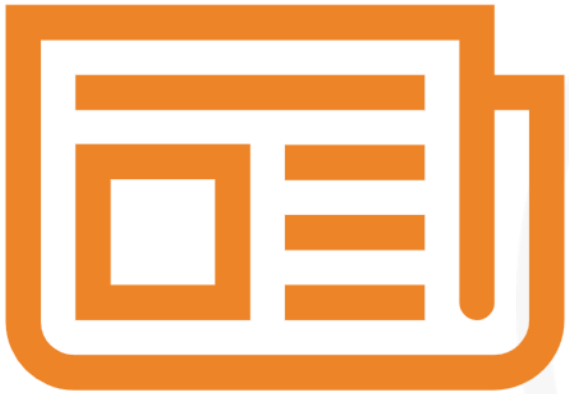
- Current Technology Usage
  - Top 10 Programming Languages
  - Top 10 Databases
  - Top 10 Platforms
  - Top 10 Web Frameworks
- Future Technology Trends
  - Top 10 Programming language desired for next year
  - Top 10 Databases desired for next year
  - Top 10 Platforms desired for next year
  - Top 10 Web Frameworks desired for next year

- Demographics
  - Respondent distribution by Age
  - Respondent Count by Country
  - Respondent distribution by Formal Education Level.
  - Respondent Count by Age, classified by Education Level.

INTRODUCTION

- Purpose of the Report:
  - Analyze the Stack Overflow Developer Survey dataset to uncover key trends in programming languages, platforms, database, job satisfaction, and technology preferences.
  - Provide actionable insights to guide hiring, training, and technology adoption strategies.
- Target Audience:
  - Tech Managers and Team Leads – to understand developer preferences and skill gaps.
  - HR and Recruitment Teams – to benchmark salaries and hiring priorities.
  - Data Analysts and Business Strategists – to identify market trends and technology adoption patterns.
- Value of the Report:
  - Identifies high-demand programming languages, databases, platforms and frameworks , helping with training and recruitment planning.
  - Highlights salary and satisfaction trends to inform retention strategies.
  - Provides insights into emerging technologies, aiding strategic decision-making and competitive advantage.

METHODOLOGY

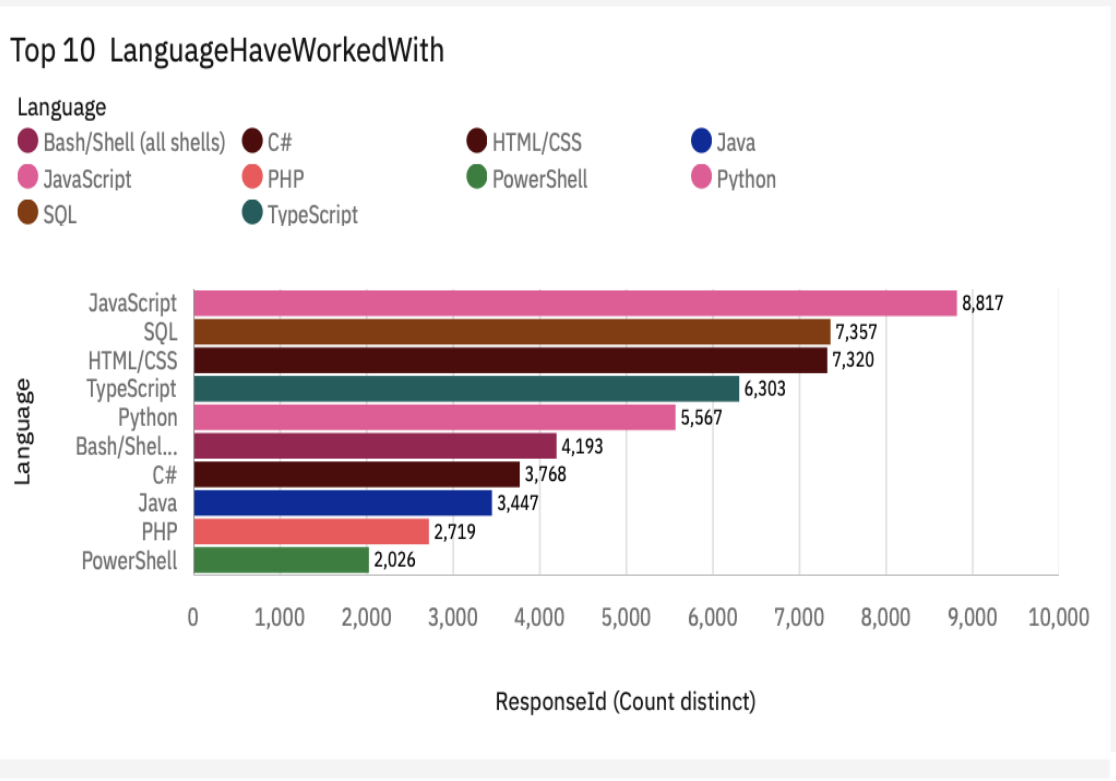


- Data Sources:
  - Stack Overflow Developer Survey 2026 (CSV dataset)
- Data Collection Methods:
  - Data collected using APIs
  - Self-reported responses covering: demographics, technologies used, Technologies want to use, salary, job satisfaction, and work preferences
  - Sample size: ~65,000 respondents
- Data Wrangling & Preparation Steps:
  - **Data Cleaning:** Removed incomplete responses and handled missing values.
  - **Standardization:** Converted salary to USD, normalized age and experience fields.
  - **Splitting Columns:** Separated multiple languages/tools into individual entries for analysis.
  - **Aggregation:** Calculated median salaries, counts, and top technologies.
  - **Filtering:** Focused analysis on key fields: Age, Country, LanguageWorkedWith, LanguageDesireNextYear, JobSat, DevType, ConvertedComp.

RESULTS

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE TRENDS

Current Year



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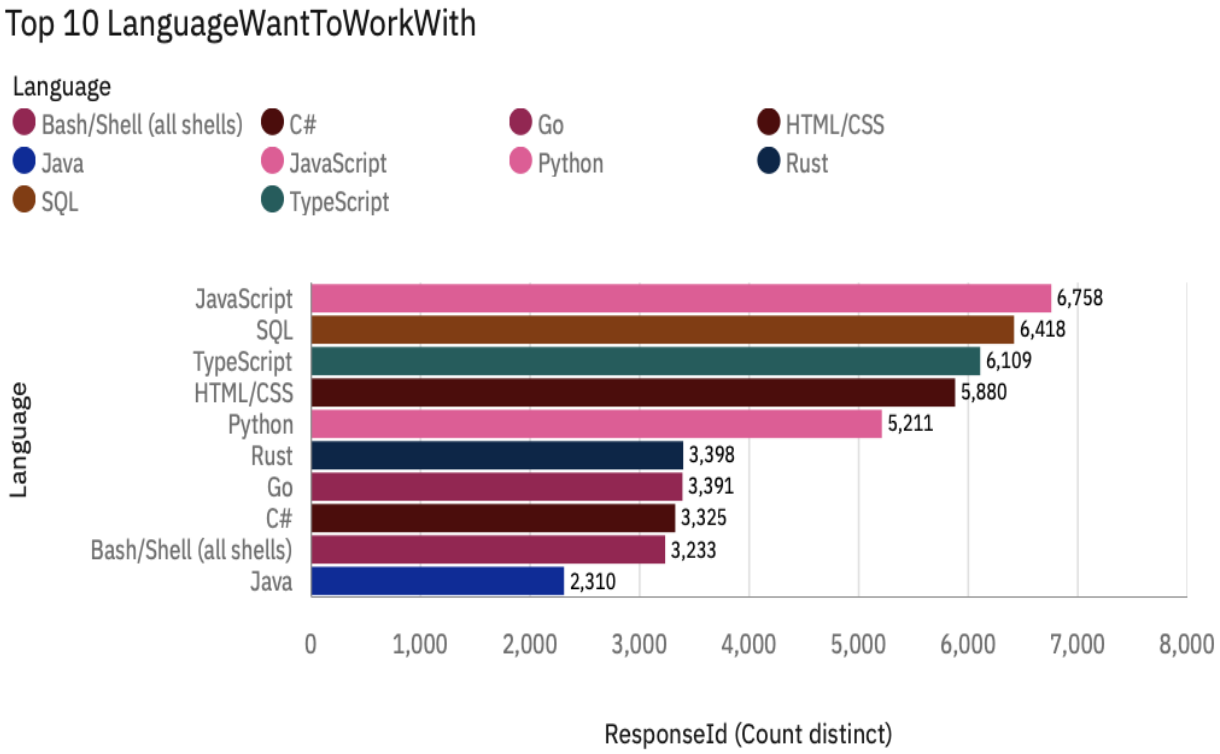

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE TRENDS - FINDINGS & IMPLICATIONS

Findings

- JavaScript is the most popular language to use in the current and also in the future
- SQL is in the second most popular in both current and future.
- Rust has an emerging trend in future

Implications

- JavaScript, SQL , HTML/CSS and Python have demand in current and future trend.
- Rust and Go are going to be new trend in future and need to be focused.
- PHP and Powershell have lost their momentum. People are looking for other languages apart from them

DATABASE TRENDS

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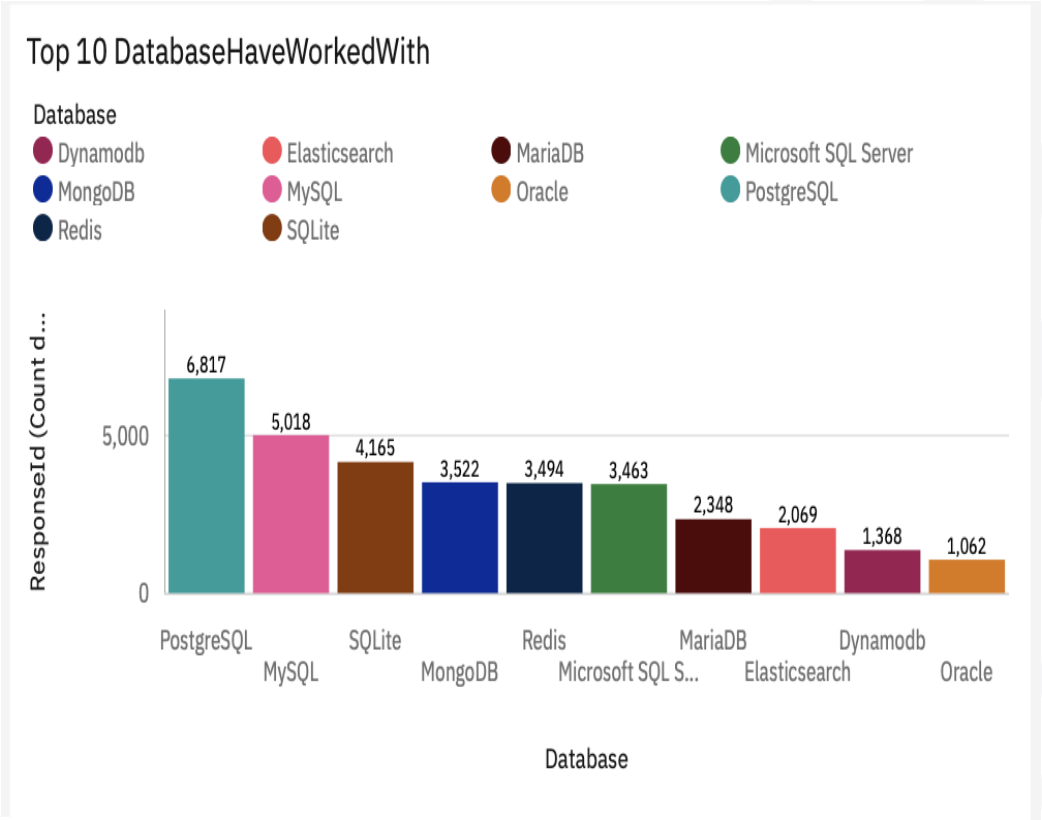

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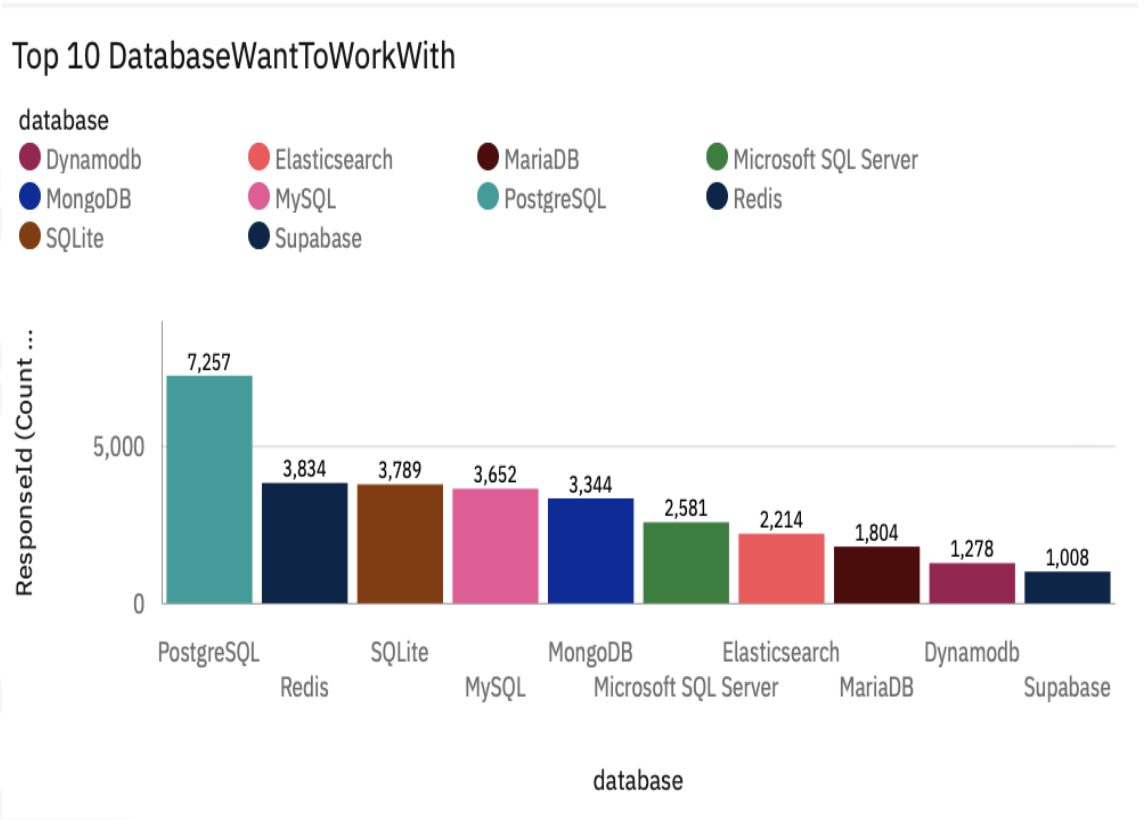


DATABASE TRENDS - FINDINGS & IMPLICATIONS

Findings

- PostgreSQL is not only widely used but also highly desired for future projects
- MySQL and SQLite remain reliable choices, but innovation momentum is slower than PostgreSQL.
- Redis is gaining traction for performance-critical and real-time applications.
- Developers are shifting away from heavier or vendor-locked solutions toward open-source and flexible databases.

Implications

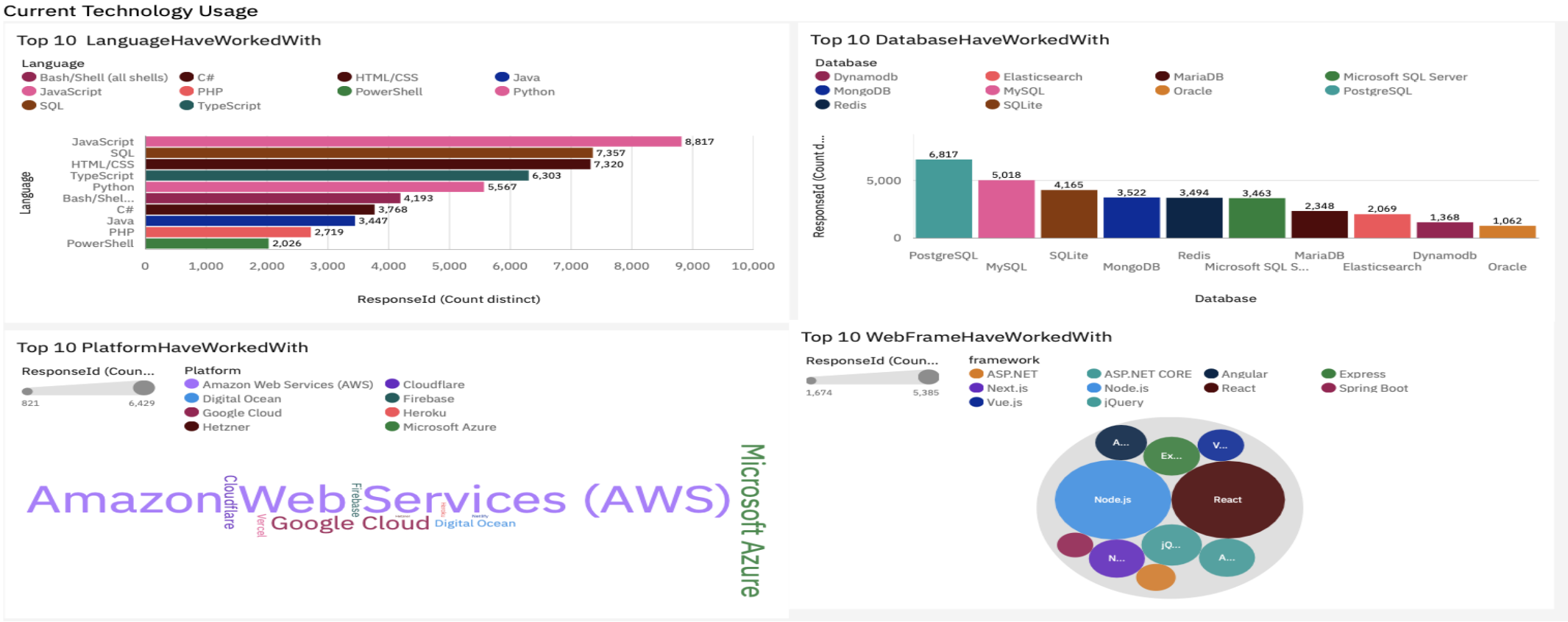
- Developers are increasingly favoring open-source, high-performance databases—especially PostgreSQL and Redis—signaling a shift toward scalable and flexible data architectures.
- Redis shows increasing future interest, reflecting a growing focus on performance, caching, and real-time data processing.
- Overall, the database ecosystem shows consolidation around a few widely adopted technologies, with PostgreSQL, MySQL, Redis, and MongoDB forming the core of modern data stacks.

DASHBOARD

Github link for Dashboard

Survey Dashboard

DASHBOARD TAB 1 – Current Technology



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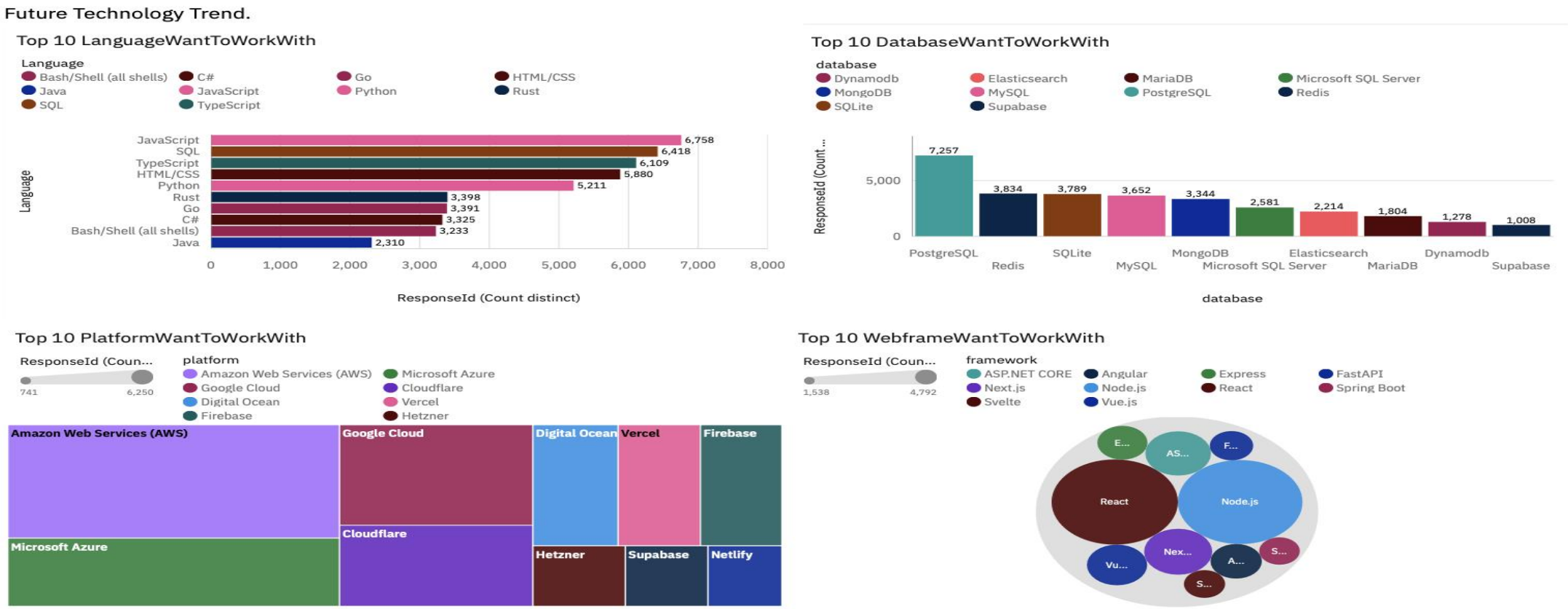
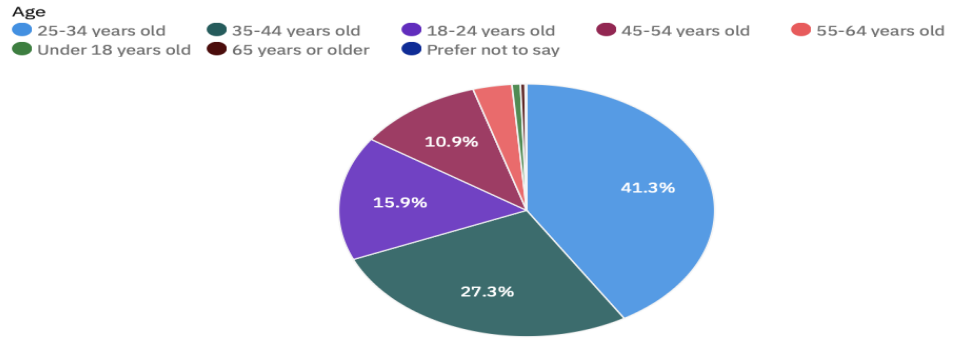


DASHBOARD TAB 3-Demographics

Demographics

Respondent distribution by Age



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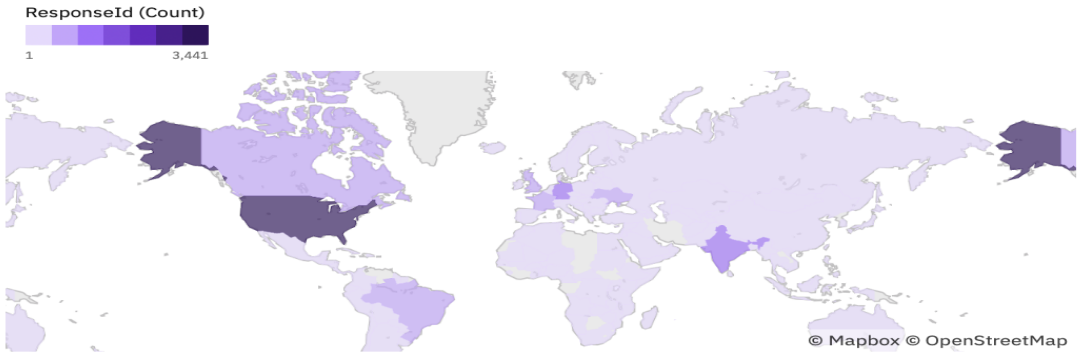
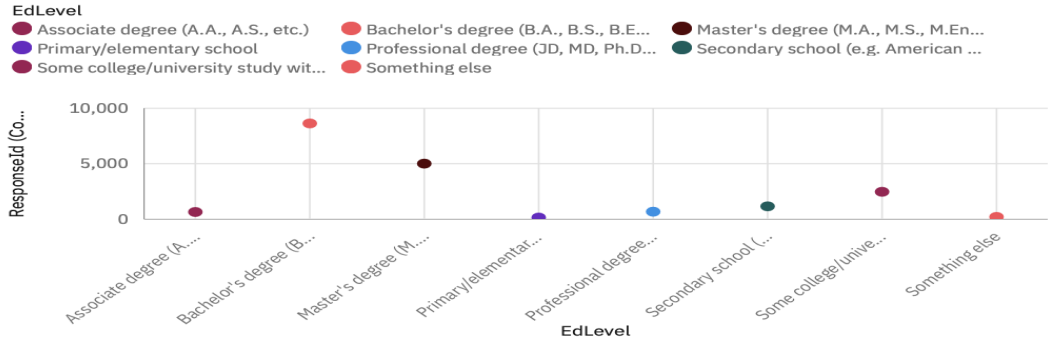


Respondent distribution by Formal Education Level



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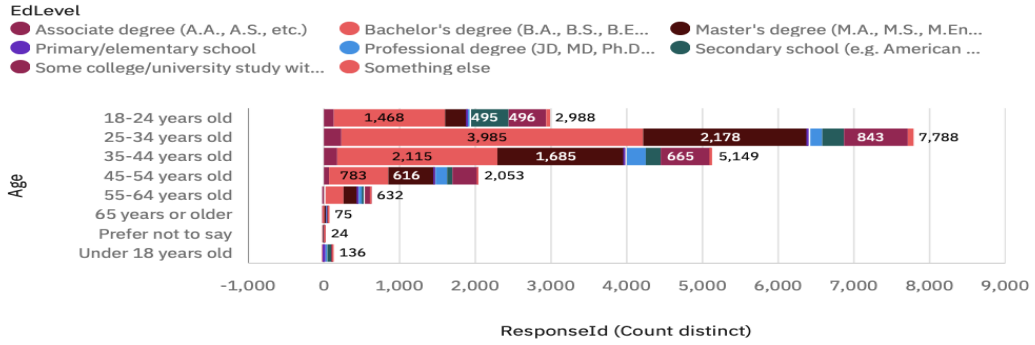


DISCUSSION

OVERALL FINDINGS & IMPLICATIONS

Findings:

- JavaScript, SQL, Python, and TypeScript dominate both current usage and future preference, indicating strong continuity in core programming skills.
- PostgreSQL leads among databases in both current use and future interest, followed by MySQL, SQLite, Redis, and MongoDB.
- Redis shows noticeably higher future interest compared to current usage, suggesting increasing focus on performance and real-time data needs.
- React and Node.js remain the most widely used and desired web frameworks, reflecting stability in modern web development stacks.
- Cloud platforms such as AWS, Azure, and Google Cloud consistently rank highest for both current use and future preference.
- The respondent demographic is dominated by 25–44 year-olds, with most respondents holding a Bachelor's or Master's degree, indicating a highly skilled and experienced developer population.

Implications:

- Technology adoption trends show strong alignment between present usage and future intent, suggesting maturity and low volatility in core technology choices.
- Open-source technologies continue to play a central role across languages, databases, and frameworks.
- Performance, scalability, and ecosystem support appear to be key drivers of future technology preference.
- Cloud-first and full-stack development skills remain critical as platforms, frameworks, and databases converge into integrated technology stacks.
- Demographic patterns suggest that trends largely reflect the priorities of mid-career professionals, shaping mainstream industry adoption.

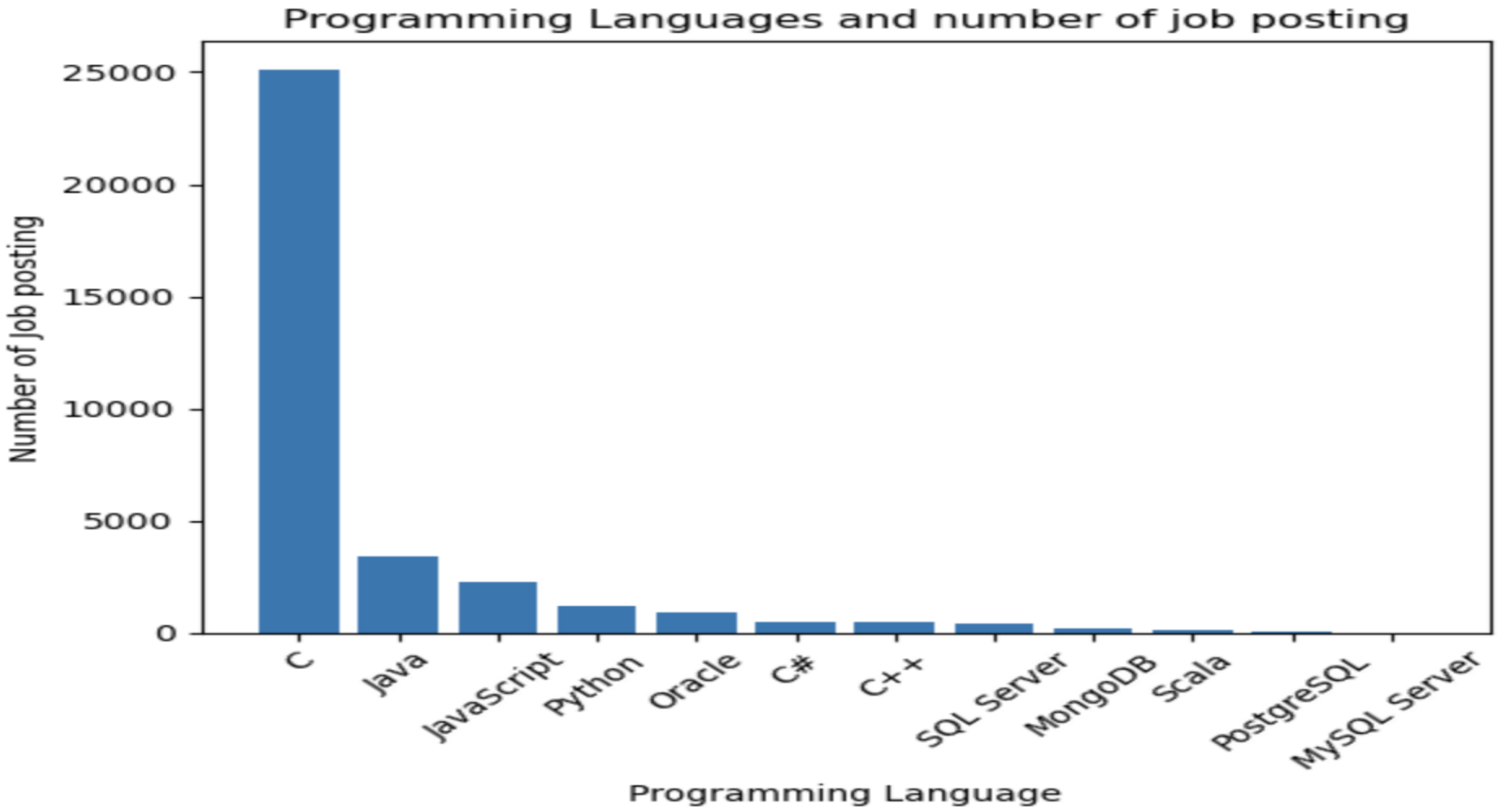
CONCLUSION

- The dashboard analysis reveals strong consistency between current technology usage and future preferences, indicating stability in core development tools and platforms. Programming languages such as JavaScript, SQL, Python, and TypeScript continue to dominate, reflecting their versatility and long-term relevance across application domains.
- Database trends highlight PostgreSQL as the leading choice for both present use and future adoption, supported by steady interest in MySQL, SQLite, MongoDB, and Redis. The growing preference for Redis suggests an increasing emphasis on performance and real-time data processing. In web development, React and Node.js remain central technologies, while cloud platforms such as AWS, Microsoft Azure, and Google Cloud continue to define modern deployment strategies.
- Demographic insights show that the majority of respondents are mid-career professionals with higher education, reinforcing the credibility of the observed trends as representative of mainstream industry practices. Overall, the dashboard indicates a technology ecosystem that is mature, open-source–driven, and cloud-centric, with incremental evolution rather than disruptive change.

APPENDIX

- Including popular programming languages and number of job posting from https://www.kaggle.com/promptcloud/jobs-on-naukricom
- Second one is popular programming language and average annual salary ,collected through web scraping .

JOB POSTINGS



POPULAR LANGUAGES