



# Introduction

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# “Bioinformatics”

**bio·in·for·mat·ics**  *noun plural but singular in construction* \bī-ō-in-fər-ma-tiks\

**Definition of BIOINFORMATICS** .....   

: the collection, classification, storage, and analysis of biochemical and biological information using computers especially as applied to molecular genetics and genomics

— **bio·in·for·mat·ic**  *adjective*



# “Bioinformatics”

## **Bioinformatics, Computational, and Systems Biology**

Bioimaging

Proteomics

Sequence Analysis

Molecular  
Dynamics

Genomics

Drug Discovery

Biomedical  
Informatics

Cheminformatics

Systems Modeling

Data Analysis

Protein Dynamics

Protein Structure



# “Programming”

pro·gram·ming *noun* \-mîng\

**Definition of PROGRAMMING**

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**1** : the planning, scheduling, or performing of a [program](#)

**2 a** : the process of instructing or learning by means of an instructional program

**b** : the process of preparing an instructional program



# “Programming”

## Computer programming

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

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## Computer programming

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**“Python”**





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# Python

Designed to be easy to learn

Full featured, powerful language

Free - Costs nothing and open-source

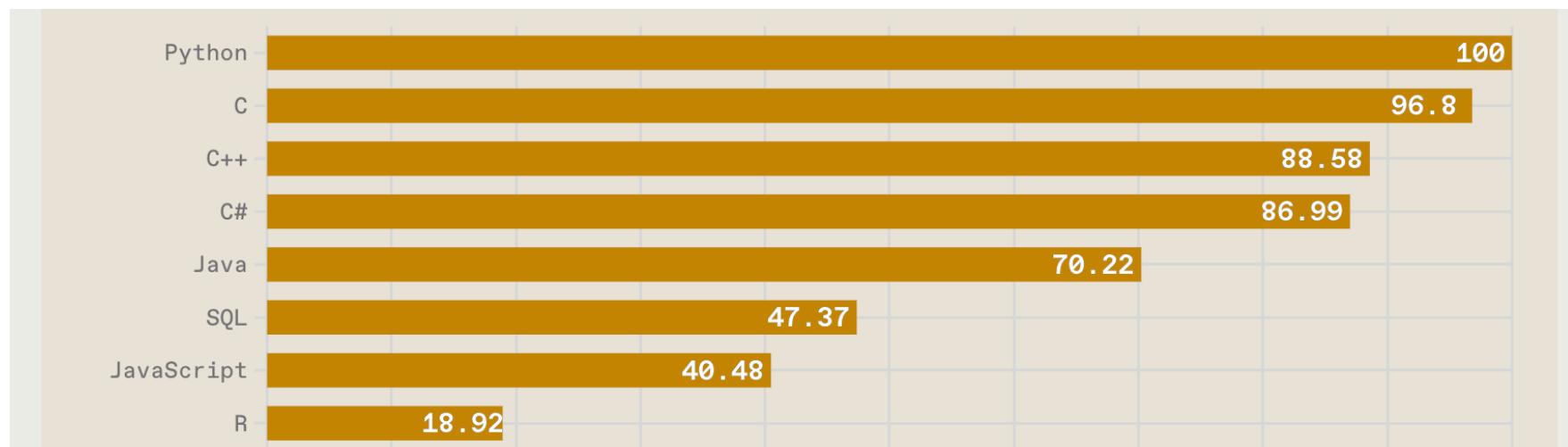
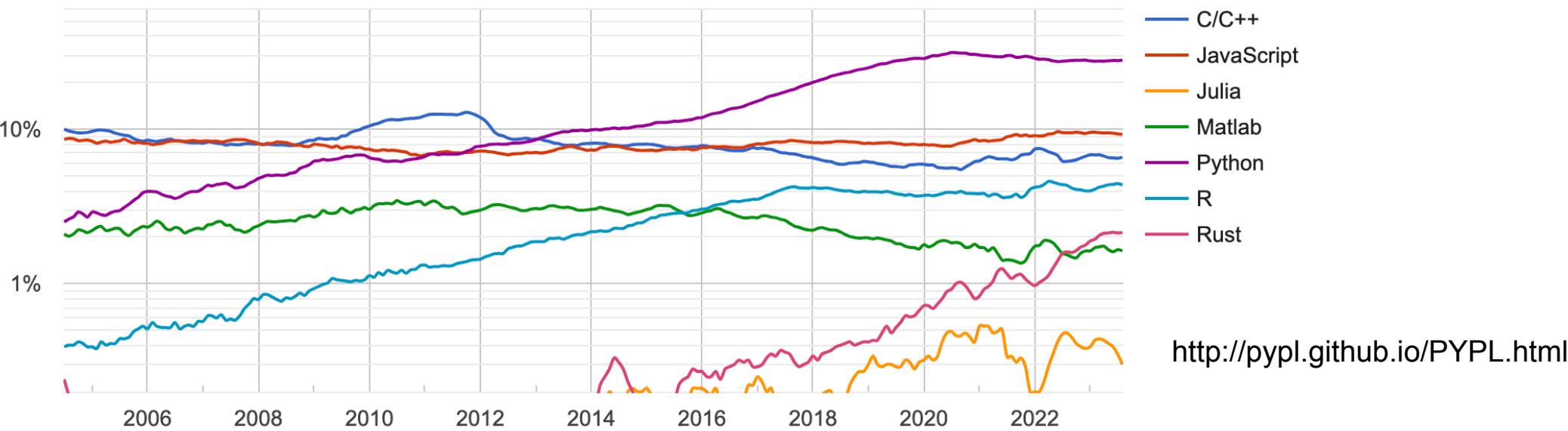
Ideal for *scripting*

Popular



**Worldwide**, Python is the most popular language, Python grew the most in the last 5 years (4.8%) and Java lost the most (-5.8%)

PYPL PopularitY of Programming Language





## # computational-biology

Here are 846 public repositories matching this topic...



## # genomics

Here are 2,245 public repos

Language: All ▾ Sort: Most stars ▾

Filter by language

✓ All	2,245
Python	657
R	299
Jupyter Notebook	179
HTML	122
C++	104
Shell	102

## # molecular-modeling

Here are 127 public repositories matching



## # Bioinformatics

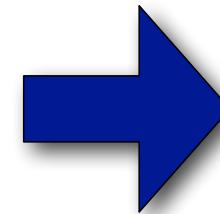
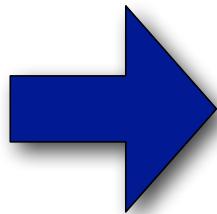
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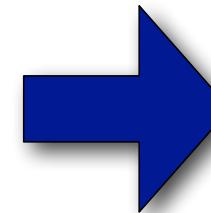
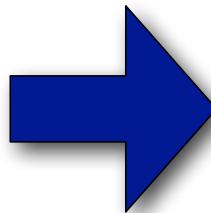
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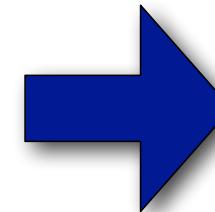
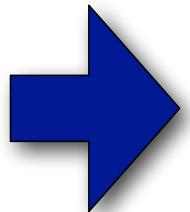
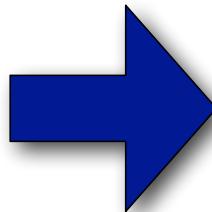
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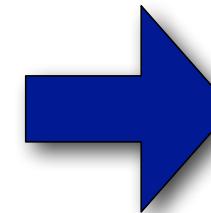
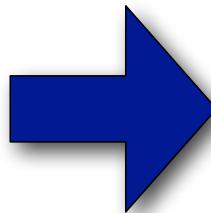


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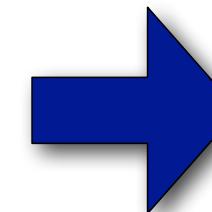
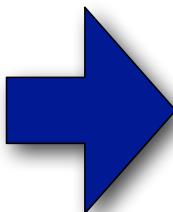
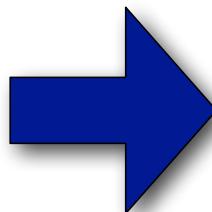


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“Analyze the data”

“Do it again”

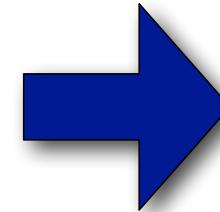
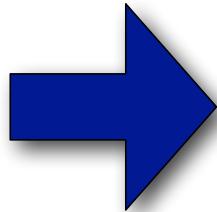


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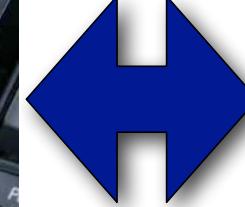
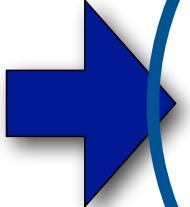
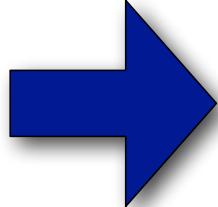


# Course Goals



“Analyze the data”

“Do it again”



“Do it again”



# Course Goals

Gain experience programming

Learn Python

Survey computational methods

*Improve skills to be a more productive  
and successful researcher*



# Logistics

12 Programming Assignments

Due midnight on Tuesday

Autograded - submit until it works

1 day late - 5 point penalty

Additional extensions require instructor approval

Each assignment worth ~7%

Final Project (create an assignment)

Final Grades

A: >93%

B: >85%



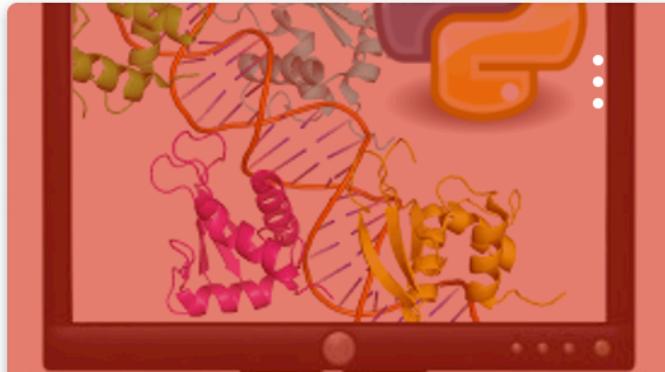
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Canvas Course Site

<https://canvas.pitt.edu/courses/223604>

Communication over Slack

<http://mscbio2025.slack.com>



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The screenshot shows the Slack interface for the '#general' channel of the 'mscbio2025' workspace. The sidebar on the left displays various workspace settings and user profiles. The main window shows a feed of messages and images. One message from 'dkoes' at 3:50 PM reads: 'Please bring a laptop to class.' Below the messages is a text input field for sending a message to the channel.



# Getting Help

General questions

Ask in #general

Use threaded conversations

Ask after class in classroom

One-on-one help

Office hours

Direct message on slack



# Academic Honesty

Do your own work

Do **not** share or look at other students' code

Do discuss concepts and problem solving strategies

Let's get started...