

python

Programming



Introduction to Python



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What is Python?

Python is a widely-used, interpreted, object-oriented, and high-level programming language with dynamic semantics, used for general-purpose programming

History of Python

1991

Python was created by "Guido van Rossum" in 1991 as an alternative scripting language for Linux

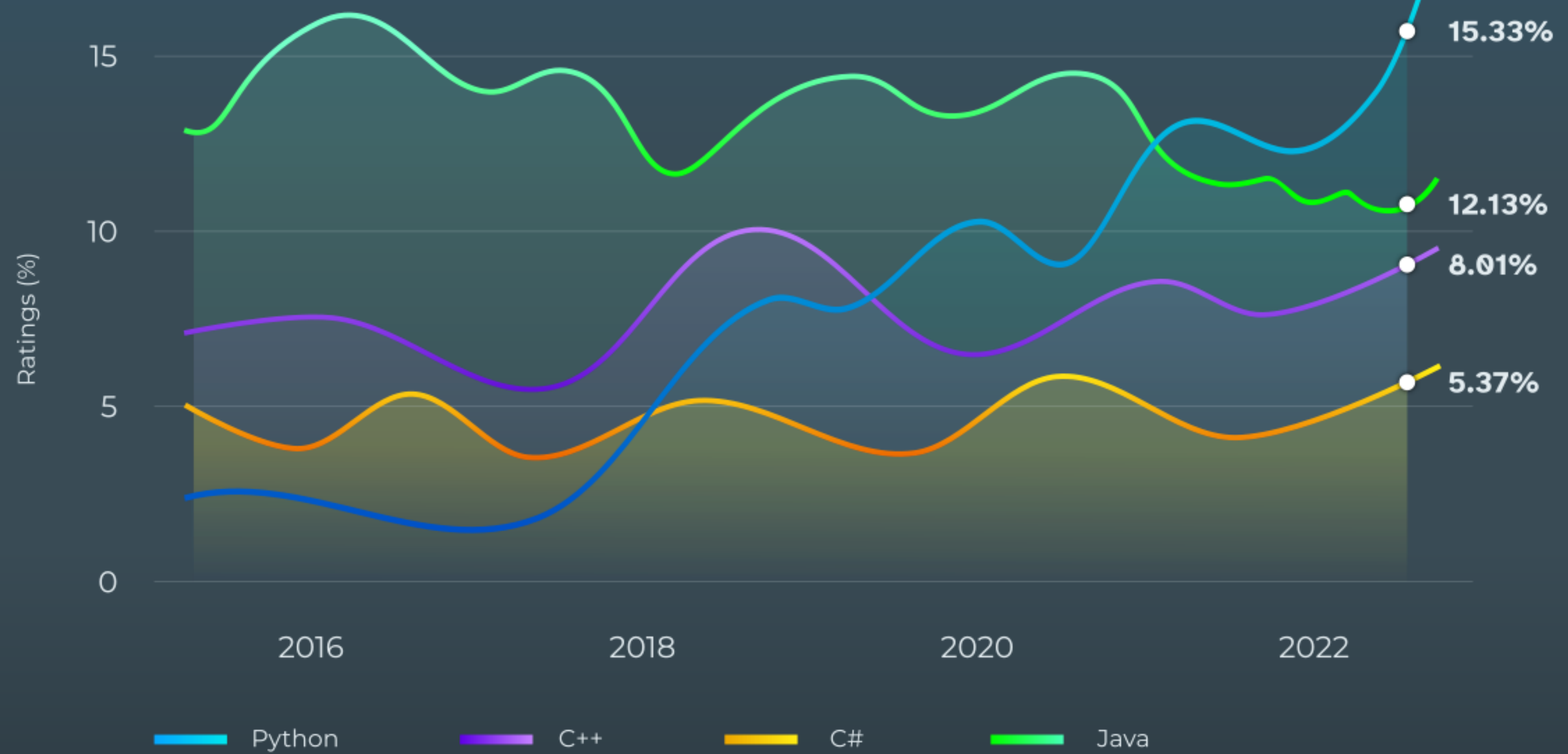
2005

Around 2005 it became a programming language

2008

In 2008, version 3 was released (which does not support backwards)
In 2019 they stopped supporting version 2

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Why is it Popular?

Some of the reasons why Python is very popular:

- It's an open source,
- It's simplicity in reading and writing,
- It supports different platforms, and integrates with different languages,
- Interpreted Language,
- Object oriented and functional
- And mainly because of the huge collection of **packages** it includes

Python installation

python.org

After installation we will get an interpreter window

It can be used in 2 ways:

1. Interactive - command and result
2. Running a .py file by the command:
`python file.py`





iPython

iPython Package (Interactive Python)

is a command shell for interactive computing, that offers shell syntax, tab completion, history and more.

installation command: `pip install ipython`

Anaconda

A set of IDEs (integrated development environment)

Free, contains good IDE tools:

Contains **Conda** - Anaconda's package manager

which installs lots of libraries and keeps the libraries compatible with Python versions.



PyCharm

It provides a user-friendly interface for coding, debugging and testing, working with db, client, etc.

Good option for more complex projects.



SPYDER

Integrated environment -
interpreter + scripts/files at the same time
Good option for tests.



JUPITER NOTEBOOK

Browser-based environment, Interactive, saved as a notebook.
Can be shared with others (also through the cloud),
allow adding comments, HTML code and more.
Saved with the .ipynb extension





Python Variables and Data Types

Python Syntax

- Python uses indentation to indicate a block of code (and not in {})
(Best practice - use tabs (4 spaces), but one space is enough)
We have to use the same number of spaces in the same code block.
- To use the packages - we will import them by:
Import math
math.floor(5.8888)
- we can add comments by #

Python Variables

- Variables in python are dynamically types - they are created the moment you first assigning a value to it.
- The type is not declared in python, it can be changed later (bad practice)
- `type()` function - returns the data type of a variable
- Variable names are case-sensitive

- input & output:
name = input("Please enter your name:")
print("Hello", name)
- Exchange between variables:
var1 = 1
var2 = 2
var1, var2 = var2, var1
- Delete variables: by the "del" keyword
del var1

- Global variable

Global variables can be used by everyone, both inside functions and out.

```
x = "awesome"  
def myfunc():  
    print("Python is " + x)  
myfunc()
```

To create or use a global variable inside a function, we can use the global keyword.

```
def myfunc():  
    global x  
    x = "fantastic"
```

Data Types

- Boolean: True , False
- Numbers: 3.1415, 1234, 999L, 3+4j
- Strings: 'spam', "guido's"
- Lists: [1, [2, 'three'], 4]
- Dictionaries: {'food':'spam', 'taste':'yum'}
- Tuples: (1, 'spam', 4 , 'U')

Null

optional_data = **None**

Boolean

returns: True / False

operators:

== , != , < , <= , > , >=

Numbers

Int, float and complex
operators:

`+, -, /, //, %, +=, -=, *, **`

functions:

`int(x) / float(x)`

`abs(x)`

`pow(x**y)`

`sqrt(x)`