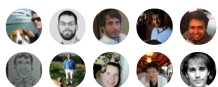


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GitHub has some tools for looking at the most popular projects on GitHub: <https://github.com/popular/watched>

You can break down popularity by language too: <https://github.com/languages>

For example, here are some of the most popular and trending C++ projects on GitHub: <https://github.com/languages/C++>

Of course, this is only useful for projects that are on GitHub, but it's a useful heuristic for general popularity.

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