Text Mining of Stack Overflow

For me, weekends are not only days where I spend my time with my family and friends, but also where I think about what projects I am going to do in the next few days. I try to select my projects for the subjects are involved and how interesting are for me. This project was thought when I tried to solve a specific issue I had when I reviewed my code made in Python. That's why I checked the best website for programmers (of any language), which is Stack Overflow, to solve my problem. Now, I'll use it not to review my code, but to mine the different questions and answers and make an statistical analysis to the information I can obtain from them.

In this time, I'll make use of Beautiful Soup to help me mining the website easily.

In [7]:

```python
import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup

from datetime import datetime
```

In [8]:

```python
def getAnswersbyLanguage(language):
    questions=list()
    count=0
    for pag in range(1,2):
        rawText=getQuestionsbyPage('https://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/'+language,pag)

        soup=BeautifulSoup(rawText,'html.parser')
        rawQuestions=soup.select('.question-summary')

        for raw in rawQuestions:

            q=raw.select_one('.question-hyperlink').getText()
            hyperlink=raw.select_one('.question-hyperlink').get('href')

            timeResponses=getAnswers(hyperlink)


            if(raw.select_one('.relativetime')):
                timeQuestion=raw.select_one('.relativetime').attrs['title']
                views=raw.select_one('.views').attrs['title']
                pos=views.find(' ')
                numViews=convertStringToInt(views[:pos])
                tup = (q,timeQuestion,numViews,timeResponses)
                questions.append(tup)
            else:
                next

            count+=1
    return questions,count

def getQuestionsbyLanguage(language):
    questions=list()
    count=0
    for pag in range(1,101):
        rawQuestions=getQuestionsbyPage('https://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/'+language,pag)

        for raw in rawQuestions:

            q=raw.select_one('.question-hyperlink').getText()

            if(raw.select_one('.relativetime')):
                timeQuestion=raw.select_one('.relativetime').attrs['title']
                views=raw.select_one('.views').attrs['title']
                pos=views.find(' ')
                numViews=convertStringToInt(views[:pos])
                tup = (q,timeQuestion,numViews)
                questions.append(tup)
            else:
                next
```

```python
            count+=1
    return questions,count

def getQuestionsbyPage(http, page):
    res= requests.get(http+'?sort=votes&page='+str(page)+'&pagesize=50')
    soup=BeautifulSoup(res.text,'html.parser')
    rawQuestions=soup.select('.question-summary')
    return rawQuestions

def convertStringToInt(string):
    newString=''
    count=string.count(',')
    for i in range(count):
        pos=string.find(',')
        newString+=string[:pos]
        string=string[pos+1:]
    newString+=string
    return int(newString)

def getAnswers(hyperlink):
    res= requests.get('https://stackoverflow.com'+hyperlink)
    soup=BeautifulSoup(res.text,'html.parser')
    rawAnswer=soup.find(id='answers')
    arrayTime=list()
    if(rawAnswer):
        answers=rawAnswer.select('.relativetime')
        answers_cle=rawAnswer.select('.relativetime-clean')
        if(answers):
            for oneAnswer in answers:
                date=oneAnswer.attrs['title']
                #pos=date.find(' ')
                #date=date[:pos]
                arrayTime.append(date)
        if(answers_cle):
            for oneAnswer in answers_cle:
                date=oneAnswer.attrs['title']
                #pos=date.find(' ')
                #date=date[:pos]
                arrayTime.append(date)
    return arrayTime
```

In [9]:

```python
import numpy as np

def countPosts(questions):
    numPosts=np.zeros(5)
    count=0
    for que,dat,views in questions: #from the tuple, grab only the year ( it means the second
element)

        pos=dat.find('-')
        year=dat[:pos]
        if(year=='2019'):
            numPosts[4]+=views ## sum the number of views
            count+=1
        if(year=='2018'):
            numPosts[3]+=(views*2/3)
            numPosts[4]+=(views*1/3)
            count+=1
        elif(year=='2017'):
            numPosts[2]+=(views*2/5)
            numPosts[3]+=(views*2/5)
            numPosts[4]+=(views*1/5)
            count+=1
        elif(year=='2016'):
            numPosts[1]+=(views*2/7)
            numPosts[2]+=(views*2/7)
            numPosts[3]+=(views*2/7)
            numPosts[4]+=(views*1/7)
            count+=1
        elif(year=='2015'):
            numPosts[0]+=(views*2/9)
            numPosts[1]+=(views*2/9)
            numPosts[2]+=(views*2/9)
            numPosts[3]+=(views*2/9)
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            numPosts[4]+=(views*1/9)
            count+=1


    return numPosts,count
```

In [10]:

```python
def countWeekdays_Questions(questions):
    numPosts=np.zeros(7)
    count=0
    for que,dat,views in questions: #from the tuple, grab only the year ( it means the second
element)
        pos=dat.find(' ')
        d=datetime.strptime(dat[:pos],'%Y-%m-%d')
        d=d.strftime("%A")
        if(d=='Monday'):
            numPosts[6]+=1
            count+=1
        if(d=='Tuesday'):
            numPosts[5]+=1
            count+=1
        if(d=='Wednesday'):
            numPosts[4]+=1
            count+=1
        if(d=='Thursday'):
            numPosts[3]+=1
            count+=1
        if(d=='Friday'):
            numPosts[2]+=1
            count+=1
        if(d=='Saturday'):
            numPosts[1]+=1
            count+=1
        if(d=='Sunday'):
            numPosts[0]+=1
            count+=1

    return numPosts,count
```

In [11]:

```python
def countWeekdays_Answers(questions):

    numPosts=np.zeros(7)
    count=0
    for que,dat,views,datResp in questions: #from the tuple, grab only the year ( it means the
second element)
        for dRes in datResp:
            pos=dRes.find(' ')
            d=datetime.strptime(dRes[:pos],'%Y-%m-%d')
            d=d.strftime("%A")
            if(d=='Monday'):
                numPosts[6]+=1
                count+=1
            if(d=='Tuesday'):
                numPosts[5]+=1
                count+=1
            if(d=='Wednesday'):
                numPosts[4]+=1
                count+=1
            if(d=='Thursday'):
                numPosts[3]+=1
                count+=1
            if(d=='Friday'):
                numPosts[2]+=1
                count+=1
            if(d=='Saturday'):
                numPosts[1]+=1
                count+=1
            if(d=='Sunday'):
                numPosts[0]+=1
                count+=1

    return numPosts,count
```

```python
def countTime(questions):

    numPosts=np.zeros(7)
    count=0
    for que,dat,views,datResp in questions: #from the tuple, grab only the year ( it means the
second element)
        #print('-----------')
        for onedatRes in datResp:
            pos_space=onedatRes.find(' ')
            pos_point=onedatRes.find(':')
            d=int(onedatRes[pos_space:pos_point])
            #print(d)
            if(d<=4): # Early Morning
                numPosts[0]+=1
                count+=1
            elif(d<=6): # Dawn
                numPosts[1]+=1
                count+=1
            elif(d<=9): # Morning
                numPosts[2]+=1
                count+=1
            elif(d<=12): # Mid Morning
                numPosts[3]+=1
                count+=1
            elif(d<=16): #Afternoon
                numPosts[4]+=1
                count+=1
            elif(d<=20): #Evening
                numPosts[5]+=1
                count+=1
            elif(d<=24): #Night
                numPosts[6]+=1
                count+=1


    return numPosts,count
```

After doing all the methods needed to obtain the information of the programming language, it is time to pick what will be the languages that I'll analyze. According to the most recent survey made by Stack Overflow (https://insights.stackoverflow.com/survey/2018#technology), most popular programming language is JavaScript, and in the same ranking I can find multiples programming languages. I'll pick 5 more of the languages that I know: Java, Python, Php, R, Scala.

Java

```python
qJava,count=getQuestionsbyLanguage('java')
listNumbersJava_wd_q=countWeekdays_Questions(qJava)
listNumbersJava_count=countPosts(qJava)
```

```python
import time
time.sleep(70)

ansJava,count=getAnswersbyLanguage('java')
listNumbersJava_time=countTime(ansJava)
listNumbersJava_wd_ans=countWeekdays_Answers(ansJava)
```

JavaScript

```
qJavaScr,count=getQuestionsbyLanguage('javascript')
listNumbersJavaScr_wd_q=countWeekdays_Questions(qJavaScr)
listNumbersJavaScr_count=countPosts(qJavaScr)
```

In [ ]:

```
time.sleep(70)
ansJavaScr,count=getAnswersbyLanguage('javascript')
listNumbersJavaScr_time=countTime(ansJavaScr)
listNumbersJavaScr_wd_ans=countWeekdays_Answers(ansJavaScr)
```

Python

In [15]:

```
qPython,count=getQuestionsbyLanguage('python')
listNumbersPython_wd_q=countWeekdays_Questions(qPython)
listNumbersPython_count=countPosts(qPython)
```

In [ ]:

```
time.sleep(70)
ansPython,count=getAnswersbyLanguage('python')
listNumbersPython_time=countTime(ansPython)
listNumbersPython_wd_ans=countWeekdays_Answers(ansPython)
```

PHP

In [23]:

```
qPhp,count=getQuestionsbyLanguage('php')
listNumbersPhp_wd_q=countWeekdays_Questions(qPhp)
listNumbersPhp_count=countPosts(qPhp)
```

In [ ]:

```
time.sleep(70)
ansPhp,count=getAnswersbyLanguage('php')
listNumbersPhp_time=countTime(ansPhp)
listNumbersPhp_wd_ans=countWeekdays_Answers(ansPhp)
```

R

In [24]:

```
qR,count=getQuestionsbyLanguage('r')
listNumbersR_wd_q=countWeekdays_Questions(qR)
listNumbersR_count=countPosts(qR)
```

In [ ]:

```
time.sleep(70)
ansR,count=getAnswersbyLanguage('r')
listNumbersR_time=countTime(ansR)
listNumbersR_wd_ans=countWeekdays_Answers(ansR)
```

Scala

In [25]:

```
qScala,count=getQuestionsbyLanguage('scala')
listNumbersScala_wd_q=countWeekdays_Questions(qScala)
listNumbersScala_count=countPosts(qScala)
```

In [ ]:

```
time.sleep(70)
ansScala,count=getAnswersbyLanguage('scala')
listNumbersScala_time=countTime(ansScala)
listNumbersScala_wd_ans=countWeekdays_Answers(ansScala)
```

I have to add delay times to my code because I am working with requests methods, and sometimes the website doesn't allow me to get access to its data many times to avoid spam. Now, it is feasible to save this information to not calculate again (and takes some time to do it), so I'll use pickle and save them in my computer.

In [81]:

```
import pickle
scala_feat =
[listNumbersScala_wd_q,listNumbersScala_count,listNumbersScala_time,listNumbersScala_wd_ans]
r_feat = [listNumbersR_wd_q,listNumbersR_count,listNumbersR_time,listNumbersR_wd_ans]
php_feat = [listNumbersPhp_wd_q,listNumbersPhp_count,listNumbersPhp_time,listNumbersPhp_wd_ans]
python_feat =
[listNumbersPython_wd_q,listNumbersPython_count,listNumbersPython_time,listNumbersPython_wd_ans]
javaScr_feat =
[listNumbersJavaScr_wd_q,listNumbersJavaScr_count,listNumbersJavaScr_time,listNumbersJavaScr_wd_ans
]
java_feat =
[listNumbersJava_wd_q,listNumbersJava_count,listNumbersJava_time,listNumbersJava_wd_ans]

feat=[scala_feat,r_feat,php_feat,python_feat,javaScr_feat,java_feat]

#filehandler = open('features', 'wb')
#pickle.dump(feat, filehandler)
```

In [1]:

```
import pickle
filehandler = open('features', 'rb')
feat = pickle.load(filehandler)
```

In [2]:

```
scala_feat=feat[0]
r_feat=feat[1]
php_feat=feat[2]
python_feat=feat[7]
javaScr_feat=feat[8]
java_feat=feat[9]

listNumbersScala_wd_q=scala_feat[0]
listNumbersScala_count=scala_feat[1]
listNumbersScala_time=scala_feat[2]
listNumbersScala_wd_ans=scala_feat[3]

listNumbersR_wd_q=r_feat[0]
listNumbersR_count=r_feat[1]
listNumbersR_time=r_feat[2]
listNumbersR_wd_ans=r_feat[3]

listNumbersPhp_wd_q=php_feat[0]
listNumbersPhp_count=php_feat[1]
listNumbersPhp_time=php_feat[2]
listNumbersPhp_wd_ans=php_feat[3]

listNumbersPython_wd_q=python_feat[0]
listNumbersPython_count=python_feat[1]
listNumbersPython_time=python_feat[2]
listNumbersPython_wd_ans=python_feat[3]

listNumbersJavaScr_wd_q=javaScr_feat[0]
listNumbersJavaScr_count=javaScr_feat[1]
```

```
listNumbersJavaScr_time=javaScr_feat[2]
listNumbersJavaScr_wd_ans=javaScr_feat[3]

listNumbersJava_wd_q=java_feat[0]
listNumbersJava_count=java_feat[1]
listNumbersJava_time=java_feat[2]
listNumbersJava_wd_ans=java_feat[3]
```

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In [92]:

```python
def
percentLanguages(listNumbersScala_count,listNumbersR_count,listNumbersPhp_count,listNumbersPython_c
ount,
                  listNumbersJavaScr_count,listNumbersJava_count):
    listLanguages=['javascript','python','php','java','r','scala']
    percentViewLang=list()
    for i in range(5):
        totalListNumbers=listNumbersScala_count[0][i]+listNumbersR_count[0][i]+listNumbersPhp_count
[0][i]+\
                listNumbersPython_count[0][i]+listNumbersJavaScr_count[0][i]+listNumbersJava_count[
][i]

        percentViewLang.append((listNumbersScala_count[0][i]/totalListNumbers,listNumbersR_count[0]
[i]/totalListNumbers, \
                                listNumbersPhp_count[0][i]/totalListNumbers,listNumbersPython_count
0][i]/totalListNumbers, \
                                listNumbersJava_count[0]
[i]/totalListNumbers,listNumbersJavaScr_count[0][i]/totalListNumbers))


    return percentViewLang,listLanguages

percentView,listLang=percentLanguages(listNumbersJavaScr_count,listNumbersPython_count,listNumbersP
hp_count,
                  listNumbersJava_count,listNumbersR_count,listNumbersScala_count)
```
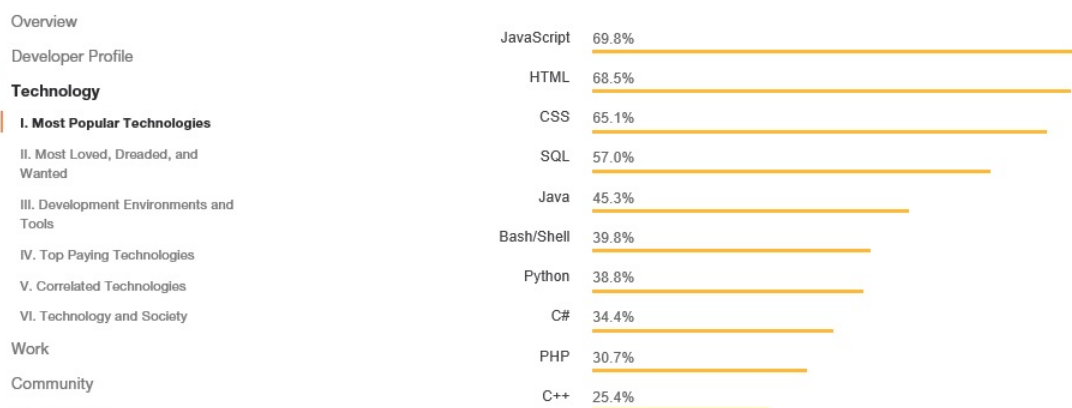
Finally, it is time to see in charts all the numbers and information calculated previously. I'll use matplotlib because it generates an easy framework to change the different parameters of the graphics. First, we will see the ranking given by the Stack Overflow's survey.

In [120]:

```python
from IPython.display import Image
Image("ranking.jpg")
```

Out[120]:

C	23.0%
TypeScript	17.4%
Ruby	10.1%
Swift	8.1%
Assembly	7.4%
Go	7.1%
Objective-C	7.0%
VB.NET	6.7%
R	6.1%
Matlab	5.8%
VBA	4.9%
Kotlin	4.5%
Scala	4.4%
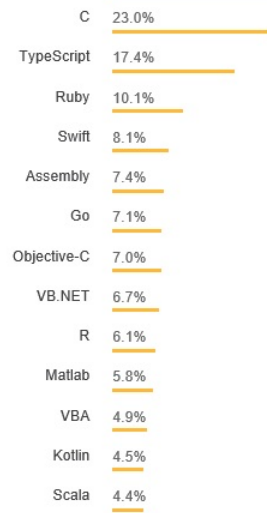
Next, we'll compare the information given by this ranking and the data was obtained using text mining.

In [83]:

```python
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline

years=[2015,2016,2017,2018,2019]

fig_size = plt.rcParams["figure.figsize"]
fig_size[0] = 20
fig_size[1] = 10
plt.rcParams["figure.figsize"] = fig_size
```
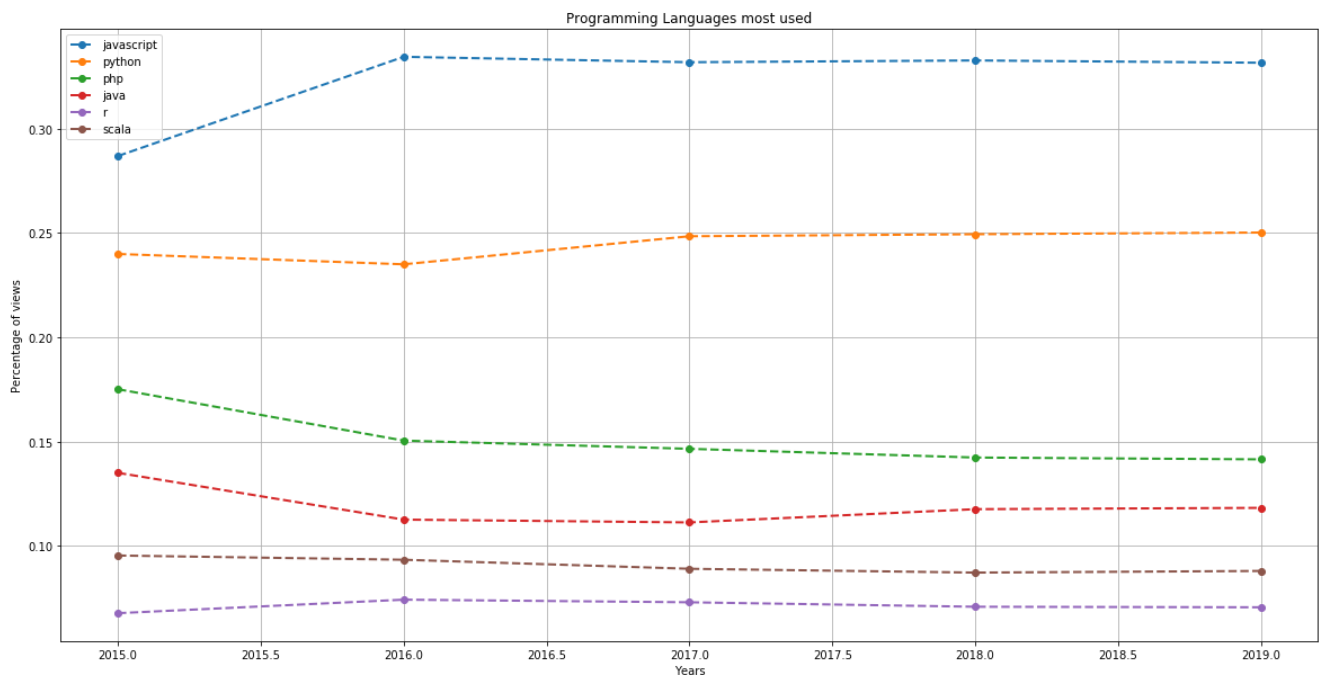
In [103]:

```python
totalV=list(map(list, zip(*percentView)))

for i in range(6): #amount of programming languages used
    plt.plot(years,totalV[i],linewidth = 2,marker='o', linestyle='dashed')

plt.title('Programming Languages most used')
plt.xlabel('Years')
plt.ylabel('Percentage of views')
plt.grid()
plt.legend(listLang)
plt.show()
```

The line chart above shows some trends are consistent through the years. Even 2019 is showed because this project was finished in May 27th (almost in the half of the year). Below, we will make a plot to compare with a bar chart the use of the languages in 2018.

```python
plt.title('Programming Languages most used in 2018')
plt.xlabel('Progamming Languages')
plt.ylabel('Percentage')
plt.bar(listLang,percentView[3],color='C4',width=.5)
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```
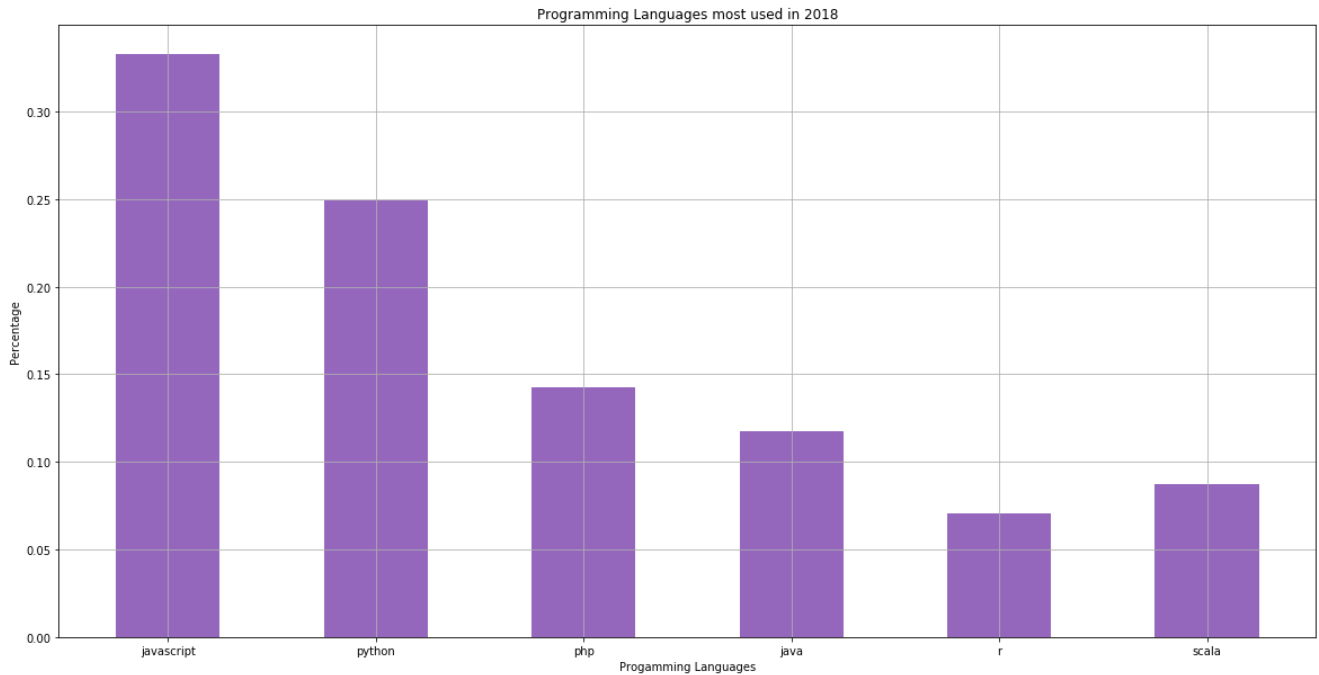

Understanding when is the best moment of the week and day to use any programming language

Because I like to spend my time with my friends on weekends, I try not to do any work in these days because I like to balance my own personal life. That's why I begin this analysis to understand what day of the week and in what time people trends to work with programming languages.

First, This analysis shows the weekday when is most used the programming languages. The bar chart below will compare the data of the questions and answers are made in these days.

```python
dates=['Monday','Tuesday','Wednesday','Thursday','Friday','Saturday','Sunday']
plt.title('What weekeday is most used this programming language (Python)?')
plt.xlabel('Weekday name')
plt.ylabel('Amount of questions')
plt.bar(dates,listNumbersPython_wd_q[0],color='C8',width=.5)
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```
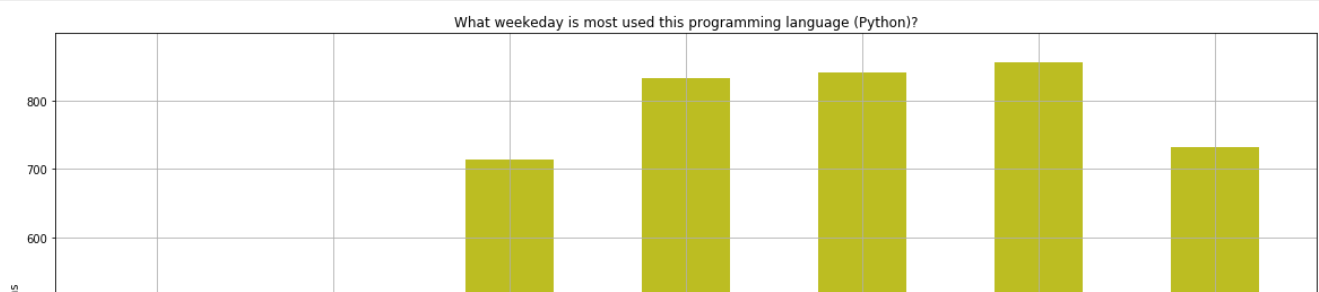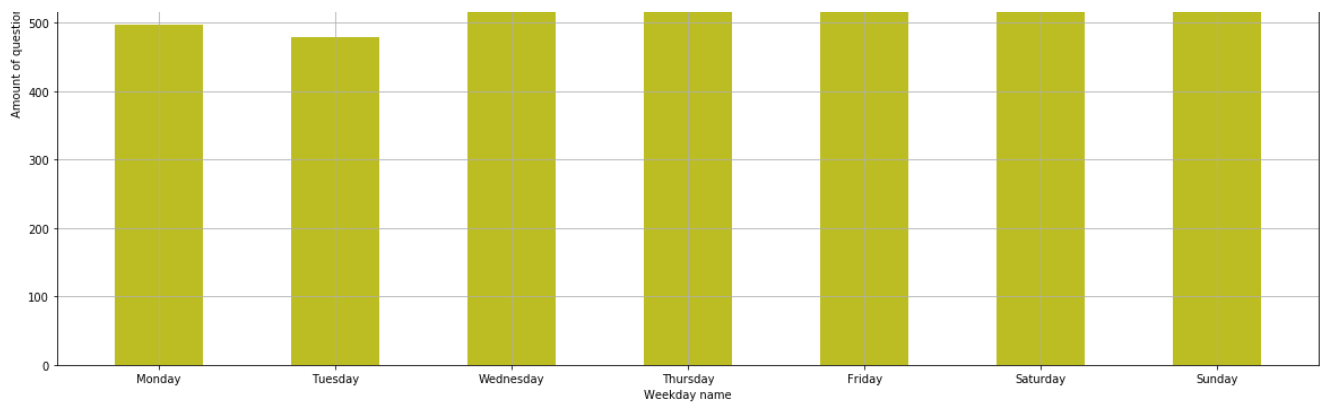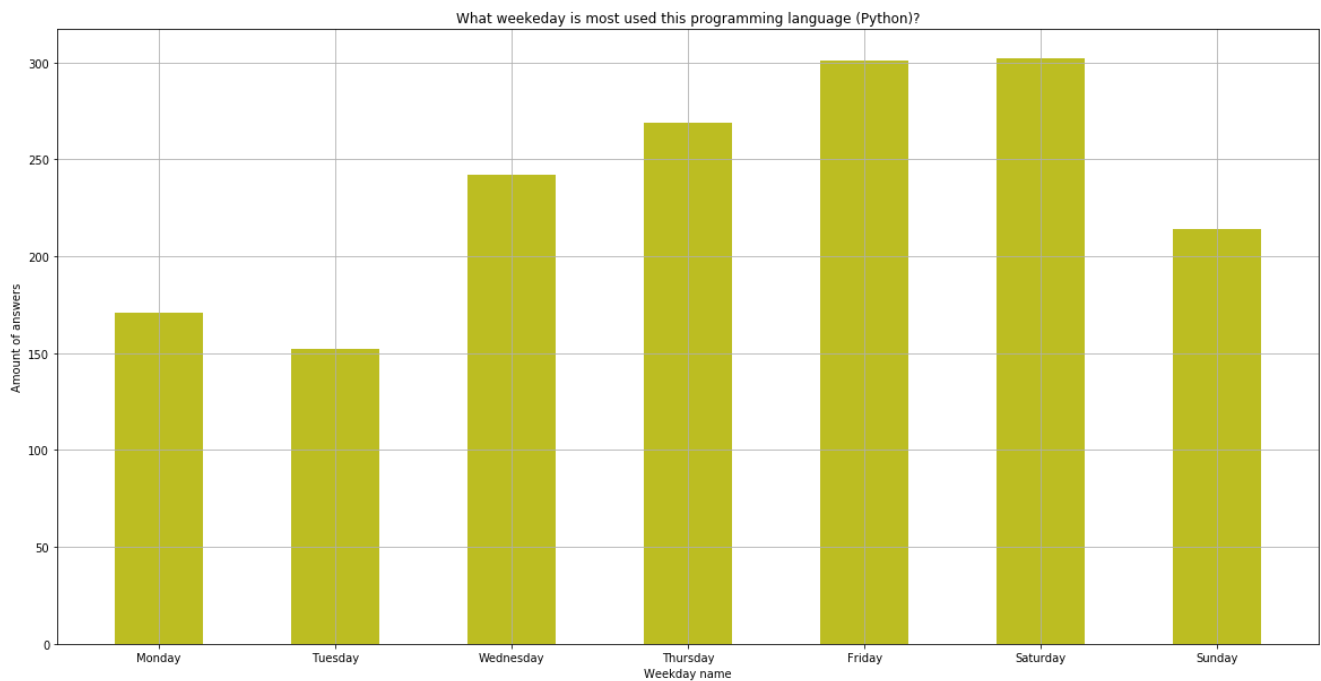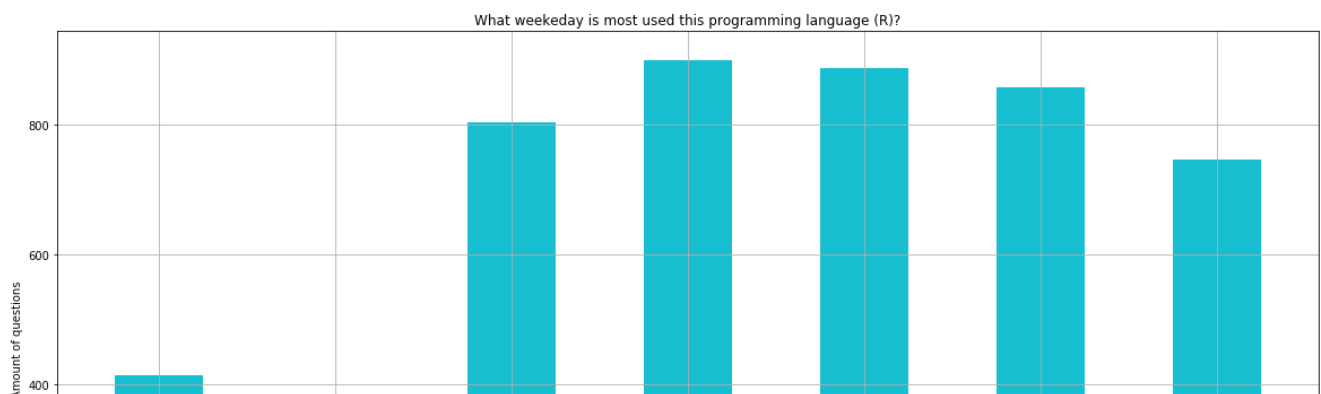
```
dates=['Monday','Tuesday','Wednesday','Thursday','Friday','Saturday','Sunday']
plt.title('What weekeday is most used this programming language (Python)?')
plt.xlabel('Weekday name')
plt.ylabel('Amount of answers')
plt.bar(dates,listNumbersPython_wd_ans[0],color='C8',width=.5)
plt.grid(True)
```
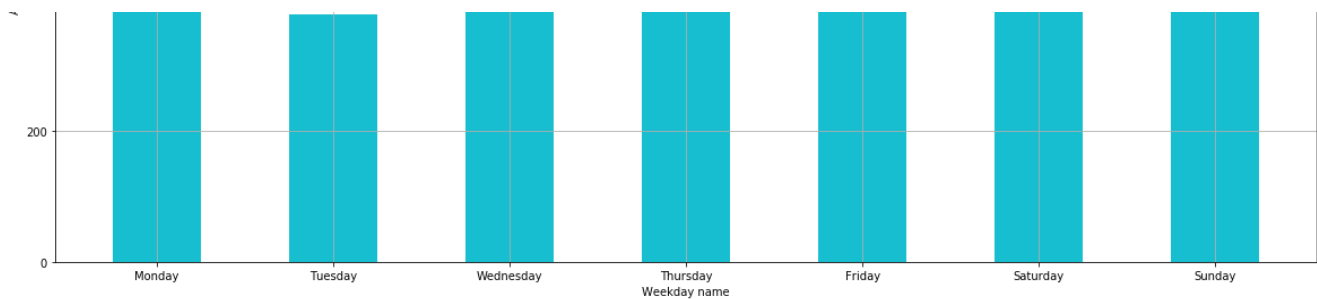
```
dates=['Monday','Tuesday','Wednesday','Thursday','Friday','Saturday','Sunday']
plt.title('What weekeday is most used this programming language (R)?')
plt.xlabel('Weekday name')
plt.ylabel('Amount of questions')
plt.bar(dates,listNumbersR_wd_q[0],color='C9',width=.5)
plt.grid(True)
```
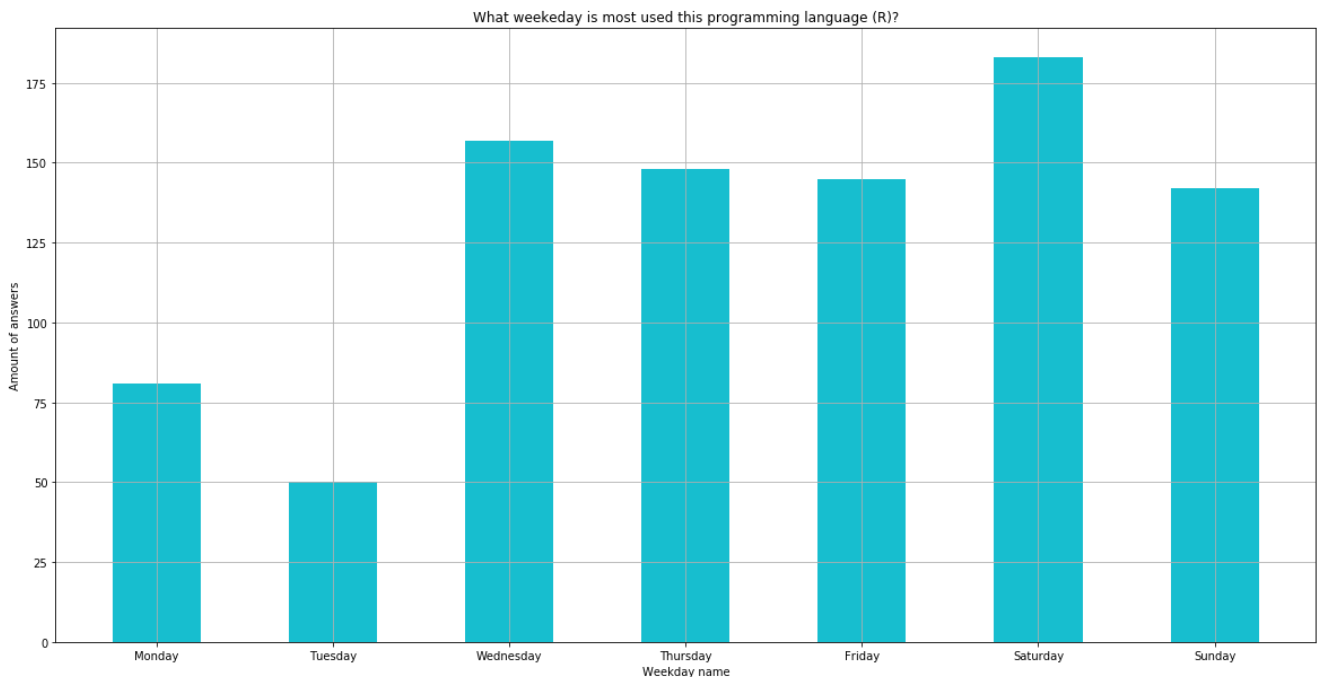
```python
dates=['Monday','Tuesday','Wednesday','Thursday','Friday','Saturday','Sunday']
plt.title('What weekeday is most used this programming language (R)?')
plt.xlabel('Weekday name')
plt.ylabel('Amount of answers')
plt.bar(dates,listNumbersR_wd_ans[0],color='C9',width=.5)
plt.grid(True)
```

```python
print('ACCORDING THE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS MADE FOR EACH PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE')
print('          ','Monday |','Tuesday |','Wednesday |','Thursday |','Friday |','Saturday |','Sund
ay')
print('JavaScript:', end="   ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersJavaScr_wd_q[0][i], end="        ")
print()
print('Python:    ',end="  ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersPython_wd_q[0][i], end="        ")
print()
print('Java:      ',end="  ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersJava_wd_q[0][i], end="       ")
print()
print('Php:       ',end="  ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersPhp_wd_q[0][i], end="        ")
print()
print('R:         ',end="  ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersR_wd_q[0][i], end="        ")
print()
print('Scala:     ',end="  ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersScala_wd_q[0][i], end="        ")
print()
```

```
ACCORDING THE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS MADE FOR EACH PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE
            Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday
JavaScript:  413.0       424.0       739.0       900.0       870.0       852.0       741.0
```

```
Python:      498.0      479.0      714.0      833.0      842.0      856.0      732.0
Java:        422.0      377.0      750.0      867.0      847.0      889.0      774.0
Php:         465.0      464.0      771.0      822.0      852.0      831.0      745.0
R:           414.0      380.0      802.0      898.0      886.0      856.0      746.0
Scala:       546.0      513.0      764.0      810.0      843.0      745.0      744.0
```

In [169]:

```python
print('ACCORDING THE NUMBER OF ANSWERS MADE FOR EACH PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE')
print('           ','Monday |','Tuesday |','Wednesday |','Thursday |','Friday |','Saturday |','Sund
ay')
print('JavaScript:', end="  ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersJavaScr_wd_ans[0][i], end="     ")
print()
print('Python:    ',end="  ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersPython_wd_ans[0][i], end="     ")
print()
print('Java:      ',end="  ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersJava_wd_ans[0][i], end="     ")
print()
print('Php:       ',end="  ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersPhp_wd_ans[0][i], end="     ")
print()
print('R:         ',end="  ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersR_wd_ans[0][i], end="     ")
print()
print('Scala:     ',end="  ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersScala_wd_ans[0][i], end="     ")
print()
```

```
ACCORDING THE NUMBER OF ANSWERS MADE FOR EACH PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE
            Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday
JavaScript: 161.0     199.0      270.0       305.0     308.0     333.0      236.0
Python:     171.0     152.0      242.0       269.0     301.0     302.0      214.0
Java:       140.0     169.0      267.0       252.0     342.0     346.0      228.0
Php:        139.0      99.0      216.0       206.0     212.0     267.0      210.0
R:           81.0      50.0      157.0       148.0     145.0     183.0      142.0
Scala:       66.0      61.0       71.0        90.0      83.0     110.0       93.0
```

After seeing these numbers, there are trends that people likes to work more from Wednesday to Sunday, and even more in Friday and Saturday. With this information I changed my mind about people prefers to work on Thursday and Friday. However, we can see less numbers on Monday and Tuesday, so the popular expression that says people doesn't like mondays are correct.

Next, the final analysis includes the times of the day when is most used any programming language that we are working in this project. To do this, we divide the times in 7 categories. Early morning incorporates the times from midnight to 4 am, Dawn includes from 4 am to 6 am, Morning, from 9 to 12m (noon), Mid-morning, from 12 to 16 pm, Evening, from 14 to 20 pm, Night, from 20 pm to 24 pm. This division is to analize better all the data into 7 categories instead of 24.

In [130]:

```python
dates=['Early Morning','Dawn','Morning','Mid-Morning','Afternoon','Evening','Night']
plt.title('What time of the day is most used this programming language (Python)?')
plt.xlabel('Weekday name')
plt.ylabel('Amount of answers')
plt.bar(dates,listNumbersPython_time[0],color='teal',width=.5)
plt.grid(True)
```
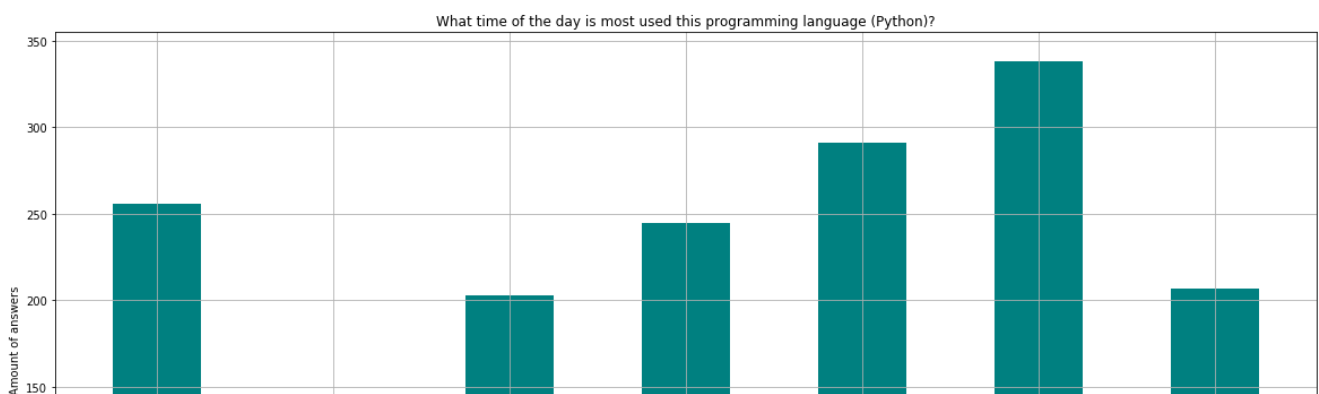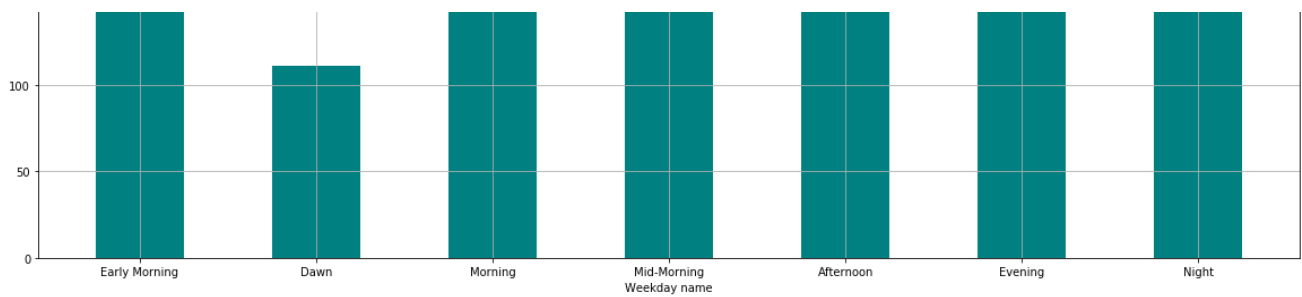
```python
dates=['Early Morning','Dawn','Morning','Mid-Morning','Afternoon','Evening','Night']
plt.title('What time of the day is most used this programming language (R)?')
plt.xlabel('Weekday name')
plt.ylabel('Amount of answers')
plt.bar(dates,listNumbersR_time[0],color='teal',width=.5)
plt.grid(True)
```
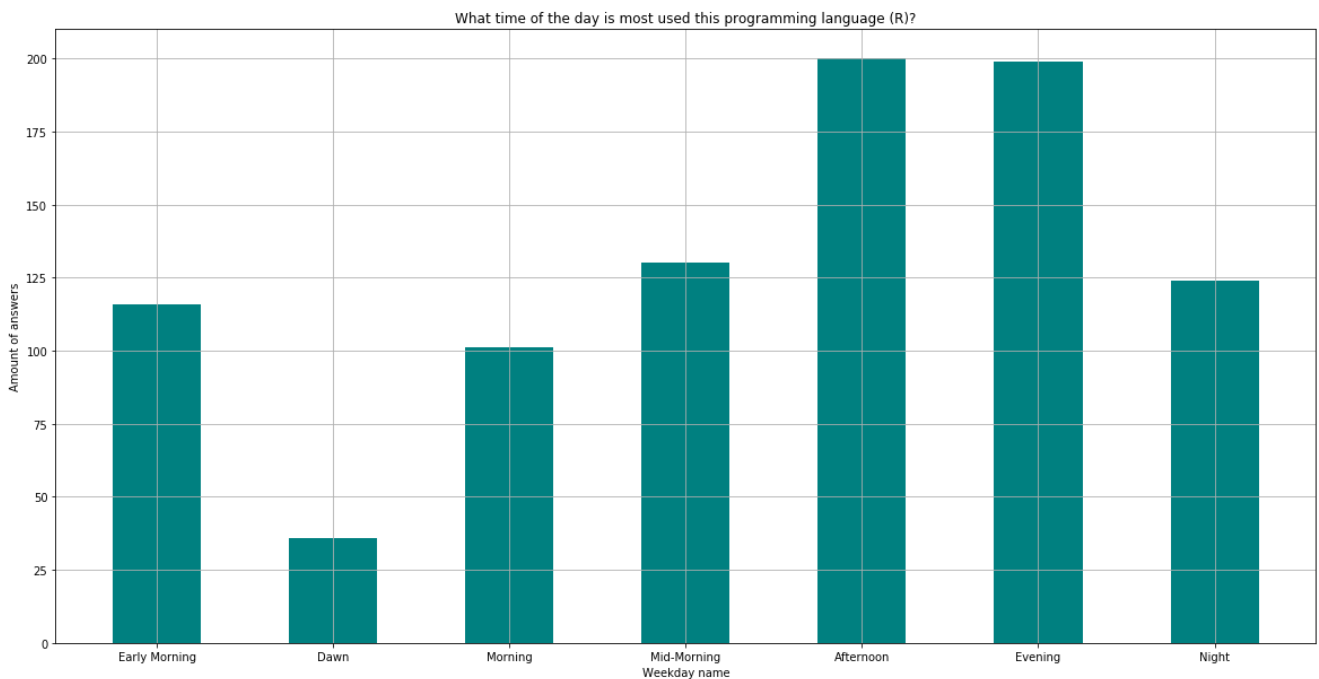
```python
print('ACCORDING THE NUMBER OF ANSWERS MADE FOR EACH PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE')
print('           ','Early Morning |','Dawn |','Morning |','Mid-morning |','Afternoon |','Evening |
','Night')
print('JavaScript:', end="   ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersJavaScr_time[0][i], end="       ")
print()
print('Python:    ',end="   ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersPython_time[0][i], end="       ")
print()
print('Java:      ',end="   ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersJava_time[0][i], end="       ")
print()
print('Php:       ',end="   ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersPhp_time[0][i], end="       ")
print()
print('R:         ',end="   ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersR_time[0][i], end="       ")
print()
print('Scala:     ',end="   ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersScala_time[0][i], end="       ")
```

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ACCORDING THE NUMBER OF ANSWERS MADE FOR EACH PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE
            Early Morning | Dawn | Morning | Mid-morning | Afternoon | Evening | Night
JavaScript:   195.0       112.0    233.0       361.0        372.0       359.0     180.0
Python:       256.0       111.0    203.0       245.0        291.0       338.0     207.0
```

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Java:       198.0       141.0       241.0       302.0       355.0       336.0       171.0
Php:        132.0        83.0       210.0       288.0       297.0       214.0       125.0
R:          116.0        36.0       101.0       130.0       200.0       199.0       124.0
Scala:       51.0        26.0        69.0       103.0       130.0       139.0        56.0
```

As we can see, there are similar trends in our information for each language. For example, Javascript users prefers to work in Mid-morning and Afternoon and Python users prefers to work in Afternoon and Evening. Hence, after reviewing all the data for each language, it is consistent to say that people prefers to work in afternoons and evenings when it is related to work with any programming language.

This is reflected in my own experience. My time peaks when I work really hard and more detailed are in the afternoon and evening. And you? This information also reflects your work experience using any of these programming languages?