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.

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In [7]:
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import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
from datetime import datetime
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In [8]:
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```
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 rawOuestions:
            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:
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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]:

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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]:

```
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]:

```
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
```

In [12]:

```
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</pre>
                numPosts[0]+=1
                count+=1
            elif (d<=6): # Dawn
                numPosts[1]+=1
                count+=1
            elif(d<=9): # Morning</pre>
                numPosts[2]+=1
                count+=1
            elif(d<=12): # Mid Morning</pre>
                numPosts[3]+=1
                count+=1
            elif(d<=16): #Afternoon</pre>
                numPosts[4]+=1
                count+=1
            elif(d<=20): #Evening</pre>
                numPosts[5]+=1
                 count+=1
            elif(d<=24): #Night</pre>
                numPosts[6]+=1
                count+=1
    return numPosts, count
```

In []:

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. Because my bachelor degree in Computer Science, I have knowledge for some of them so I'll pick 5 more of the languages that I know: Java, Python, Php, R, Scala.

Java

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In [207]:
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```
qJava,count=getQuestionsbyLanguage('java')
listNumbersJava_wd_q=countWeekdays_Questions(qJava)
listNumbersJava_count=countPosts(qJava)
```

In [169]:

```
import time
time.sleep(70)

ansJava,count=getAnswersbyLanguage('java')
listNumbersJava_time=countTime(ansJava)
listNumbersJava_wd_ans=countWeekdays_Answers(ansJava)
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In [14]:
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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

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```
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 own 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 in my own computer.

In [81]:

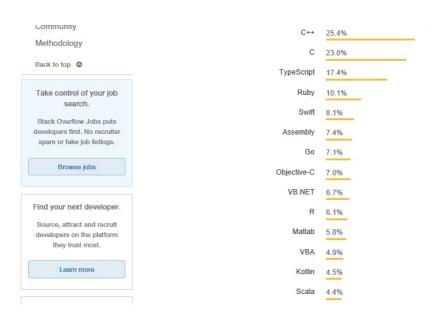
In [1]:

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

In [2]:

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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]
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```
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]
In [ ]:
In [ ]:
In [92]:
def
 percentLanguages (listNumbersScala count, listNumbersR count, listNumbersPython count, listNumbe
                                              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)
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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]:
 from IPython.display import Image
 Image("ranking.jpg")
Out[120]:
          Overview
                                                                                               JavaScript 69.8%
          Developer Profile
                                                                                                    HTML
                                                                                                             68.5%
       Technology
                                                                                                     CSS 65.1%
         I. Most Popular Technologies
            II. Most Loved, Dreaded, and
                                                                                                      SQL
                                                                                                              57.0%
            Wanted
                                                                                                             45.3%
                                                                                                     Java
            III. Development Environments and
                                                                                               Bash/Shell
                                                                                                              39.8%
            IV. Top Paying Technologies
                                                                                                               38.8%
                                                                                                   Python
            V. Correlated Technologies
            VI. Technology and Society
                                                                                                       C#
                                                                                                              34.4%
           Work
                                                                                                     PHP
                                                                                                              30.7%
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Next, we'll compare the information given by this ranking and the data was obtained using text mining.

In [83]:

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

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

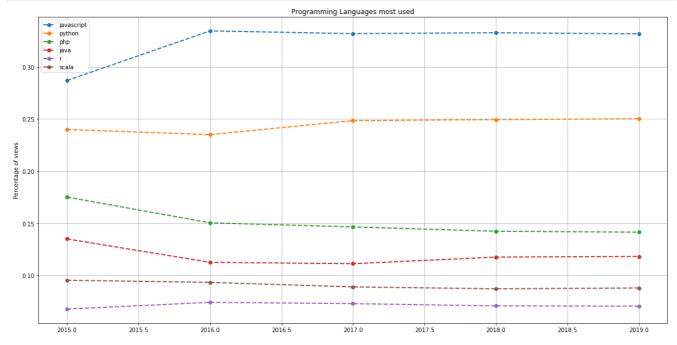
fig_size = plt.rcParams["figure.figsize"]
fig_size[0] = 20
fig_size[1] = 10
plt.rcParams["figure.figsize"] = fig_size
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In [103]:

```
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')

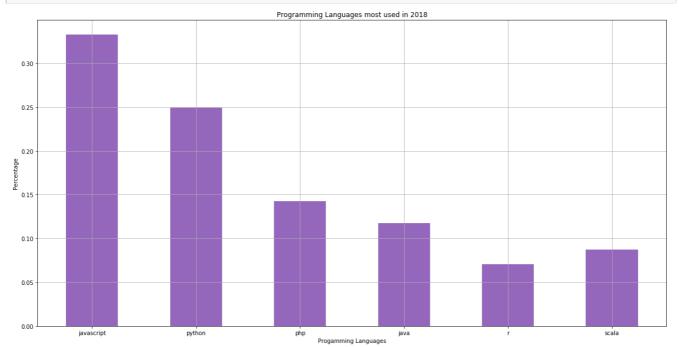
plt.title('Programming Languages most used')
plt.xlabel('Years')
plt.ylabel('Percentage of views')
plt.grid()
plt.legend(listLang)
plt.show()
```



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.

In [124]:

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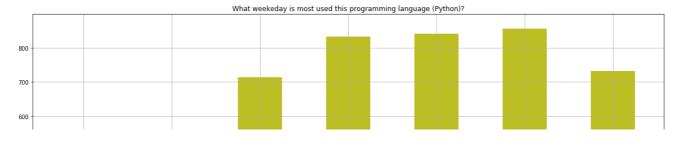
Understanding when is the best moment of the week and day to use any programming language

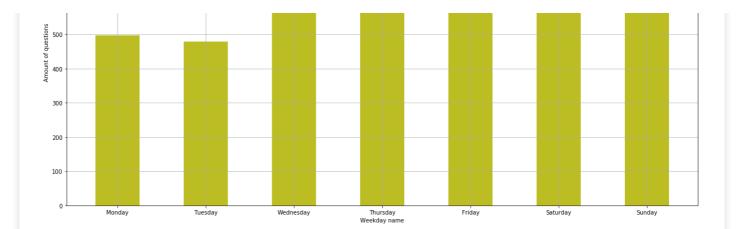
Because I like to spend my time with my friends on weekends, I try not to do any work in these days because I like to balance my own personal life. That's why I begin this analysis to understand what day of the week people trend to work with programming languages and also in what time.

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.

In [121]:

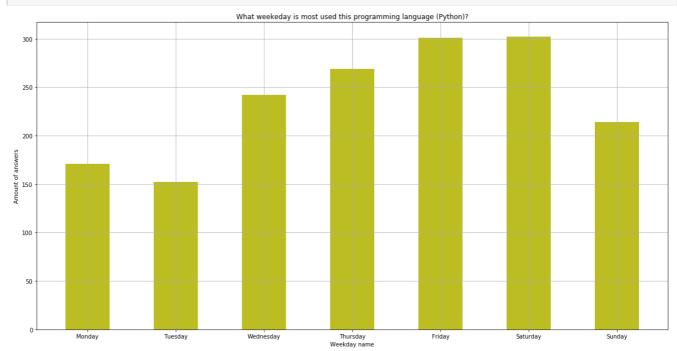
```
dates=['Monday','Tuesday','Wednesday','Thursday','Friday','Saturday','Sunday']
plt.title('What weekeday is most used this programming language (Python)?')
plt.xlabel('Weekday name')
plt.ylabel('Amount of questions')
plt.bar(dates,listNumbersPython_wd_q[0],color='C8',width=.5)
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
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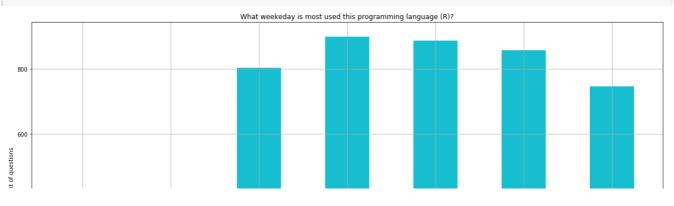
In [125]:

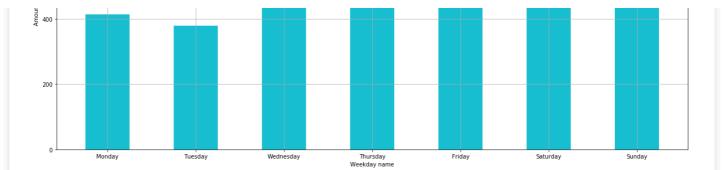
```
dates=['Monday','Tuesday','Wednesday','Thursday','Friday','Saturday','Sunday']
plt.title('What weekeday is most used this programming language (Python)?')
plt.xlabel('Weekday name')
plt.ylabel('Amount of answers')
plt.bar(dates,listNumbersPython_wd_ans[0],color='C8',width=.5)
plt.grid(True)
```



In [127]:

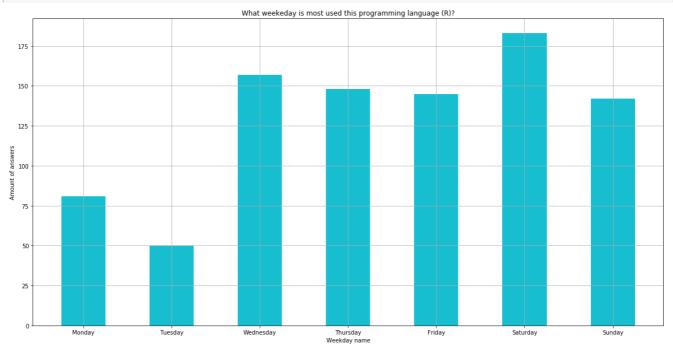
```
dates=['Monday','Tuesday','Wednesday','Thursday','Friday','Saturday','Sunday']
plt.title('What weekeday is most used this programming language (R)?')
plt.xlabel('Weekday name')
plt.ylabel('Amount of questions')
plt.bar(dates,listNumbersR_wd_q[0],color='C9',width=.5)
plt.grid(True)
```





In [128]:

```
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)
```



In [165]:

```
print ('ACCORDING THE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS MADE FOR EACH PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE')
                 ','Monday |','Tuesday |','Wednesday |','Thursday |','Friday |','Saturday |','Sund
print('
ay')
print('JavaScript:', end=" ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersJavaScr wd q[0][i], end="
                                                                  ")
print()
                ',end=" ")
print('Python:
                                                                  ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersPython_wd_q[0][i], end="
print()
                 ',end=" ")
print('Java:
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersJava_wd_q[0][i], end="
                                                               ")
print()
                 ',end=" ")
print('Php:
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersPhp_wd_q[0][i], end="
                                                               " )
print()
                 ',end=" ")
print('R:
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersR_wd_q[0][i], end="
print()
                 ',end=" ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersScala wd q[0][i], end="
print()
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JavaScript: 413.0
                    424.0
                             739.0
                                       900.0
                                                870.0
                                                         852.0
                                                                   741.0
          498.0
                    479.0
                             714.0
                                       833.0
                                                842.0
                                                          856.0
                                                                   732.0
Python:
                    377.0
                                                         889.0
Java:
          422.0
                             750.0
                                      867.0
                                                847.0
                                                                   774.0
Php:
          465.0
                    464.0
                             771.0
                                      822.0
                                               852.0
                                                        831.0
                                                                  745.0
                   380.0
513.0
                            802.0
764.0
                                               886.0
          414.0
                                     898.0
                                                        856.0
                                                                  746.0
R:
                                               843.0
          546.0
                                     810.0
                                                         745 0
                                                                   744 0
Scala:
```

In [169]:

```
print('ACCORDING THE NUMBER OF ANSWERS MADE FOR EACH PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE')
print('
                 ','Monday |','Tuesday |','Wednesday |','Thursday |','Friday |','Saturday |','Sund
av')
print('JavaScript:', end=" ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersJavaScr wd ans[0][i], end="
                                                                     ")
print()
                ',end=" ")
print('Python:
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersPython wd ans[0][i], end="
               ',end=" ")
print('Java:
                                                                  ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersJava wd ans[0][i], end="
print()
                 ',end=" ")
print('Php:
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()
                ',end=" ")
print('Scala:
                                                                   ")
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersScala wd ans[0][i], end="
print()
4
```

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

71.0

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.

83.0 110.0

93.0

90.0

Now, 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]:

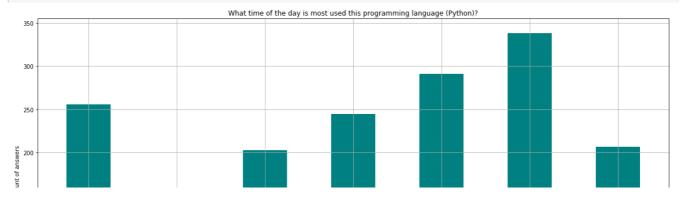
R:

Scala:

66.0

61.0

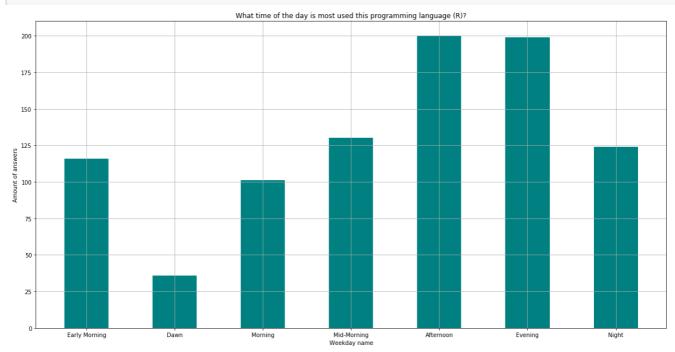
```
dates=['Early Morning','Dawn','Morning','Mid-Morning','Afternoon','Evening','Night']
plt.title('What time of the day is most used this programming language (Python)?')
plt.xlabel('Weekday name')
plt.ylabel('Amount of answers')
plt.bar(dates,listNumbersPython time[0],color='teal',width=.5)
plt.grid (True)
```



```
Early Morning Dawn Morning Mid-Morning Afternoon Evening Night
```

In [131]:

```
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)
```



In [160]:

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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()
                ',end=" ")
print('Python:
for i in range(7): print (listNumbersPython time[0][i], end="
print()
                ',end=" ")
print('Java:
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()
                ',end=" ")
print('R:
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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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
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

There are different 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. However, it is consistent 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 this programming languages?