Python

The Easy Way

Course Objectives

Learn about Python, its uses and really understand it.

Python Inventor

guido van rossum

Python History

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Python was developed by Guido Van Rossum in the late eighties and early nineties at the National Research Institute for Mathematics and Computer Science in the Netherlands.

Python is derived from many other languages, including ABC, Modula-3, C,C++, Unix shell and other scripting languages.

Python is copyrighted like Perl, Python source code is now available under GNU General Public License.

Python is now maintained by a core development team at the institute, although Guido Van Rossum still holds a vital role in directing its progress.

Python 1.0 was released in November 1994. In 2000, Python 2.0 was released. Python 2.7.11 is the latest edition of Python 2.

Python 3.0 was released in 2008, and Python 3.8 is the latest edition of Python 3.

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Python is a high-level, interpreted, interactive and object oriented scripting language.

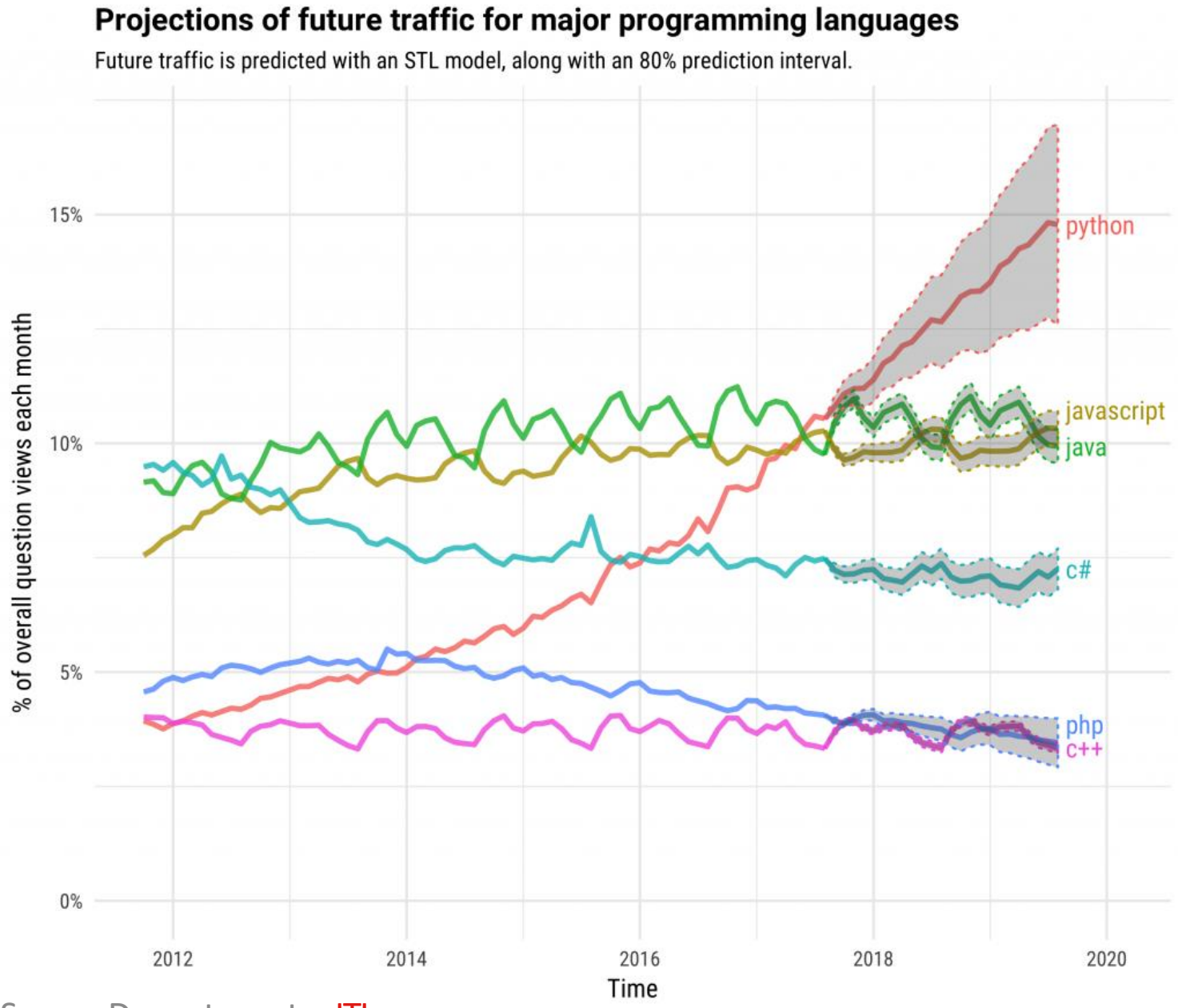
Python is designed to be highly readable. It uses English keywords frequently whereas the other languages use punctuations. It has fewer syntactical constructions than other languages.

Python is interpreted, processed at runtime by the interpreter. You do not need to compile your program before executing it. This is similar to PERL & PHP.

Python is interactive, you can actually sit a Python prompt and interact with interpreter directly to write your programs.

Python is Object-Oriented, it supports Object-Oriented style or technique of programming that encapsulates code within objects.

The Incredible Growth of Python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Why Python

Easy To learn

Rapid Development

General Purpose Language

Python Features

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A simple language which is easier to learn:

Python has a very simple and elegant syntax, it's much easier to read and write compared to other languages like C++, Java, C#.

Python allows you to focus on the solution rather syntax

Free and open-source:

You can freely use and distribute even for commercial use.

You can make changes to Python's source code.

Portability:

It runs seamlessly on almost all platform including Windows, Mac OS and Linux.

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Extensible and Embeddable:

Suppose an application requires high performance, You can easily combine pieces of C/C++ or other languages with Python Code.

A high-level, interpreted language:

Unlike C/C++, you don't have to worry about daunting tasks like memory management, garbage collection and so on.

When you run Python Code, It automatically converts your code to the language your computer understands, You don't need to worry about any lower-language level operations.

Python Features

Large standard libraries to solve common tasks:

Python has a number of standard libraries which makes life of a programmer much easier since you don't have to write all the code yourself. For example: Need to connect MySQL database on a web serve? You can use MySQLdb library using import MySQLdb.

Standard libraries in Python are well tested and used by hundreds of people. So you can be sure that it won't break your application.

Object-Oriented:

Everything in Python is an object. Object Oriented programming (OOP) helps you solve a complex problem intuitively.

With OOP, you are able to divide these complex problems into smaller sets by creating objects.

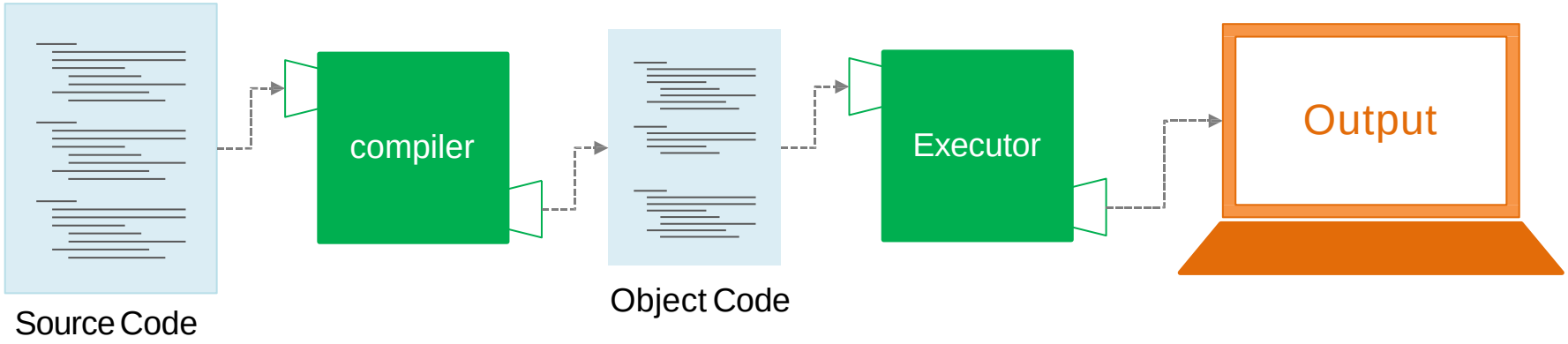
Python 2 or 3

Python 2 is the legacy, Python 3 is the future of the language

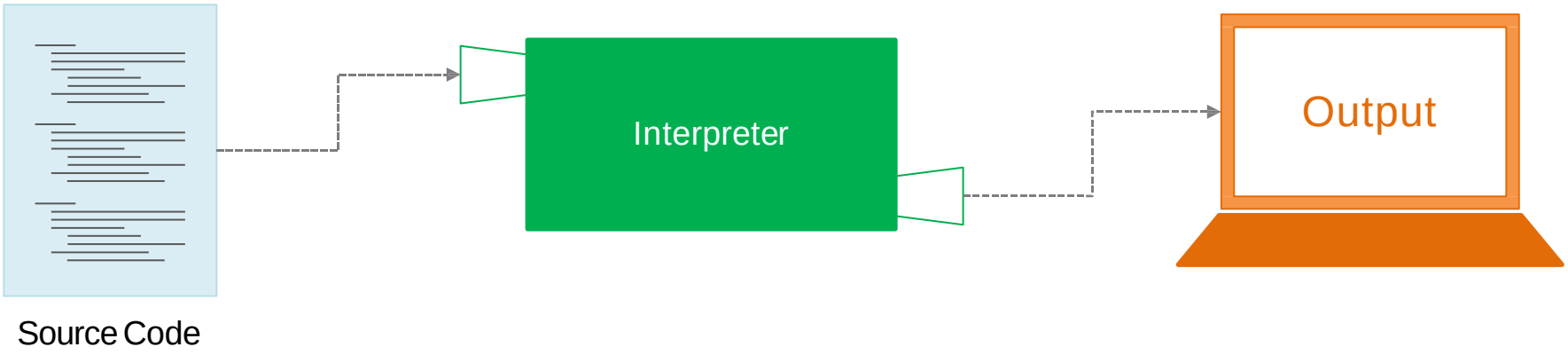
How does python work?

Compiler vs Interpreter

Compiler



Interpreter



Python is Interpreted Language

Hello World Program

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print("Hello, World")
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