STACK OVERFLOW SURVEY

-Our Crystal Ball into the Future

Part 1

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – key findings from the analysis

Programming Languages	Databases	Frameworks and Platforms
 Python, JavaScrip, SQL: most used TypeScript, Go, Rust: growing demand 	 MySQL, PostgreSQL : dominating MongoDB, Firebase(NoSQL/cloud): rising 	 React, Node.js: widely used AWS, Azure strong; GCP: gaining ground

AI Tools	Demographic and Work Practices
 Benefits: productivity, automation Challenges: trust, integration, skills gap 	 Diverse age & education backgrounds Remote/hybrid work is mainstream

Business implications

- 1. Prioritise training for Python, Cloud, AI
- 2. Anticipate demand for emerging skills
- 3. Upskill workforce to close talent gaps





A. INTRODUCTION

Stack Overflow Developer Survey

- conducted by Stack Overflow platform
- captures users' professional experience, coding activities, tools and technologies used, and work practices on a **global scale**
- highlights preferences to
 - Programming Languages,
 - Databases,
 - Frameworks and Platforms
- provides insights into current usage and future trend.

Our Crystal Ball into the future

Purpose of Analysis

- Identify current technology usage (Programming Languages, Databases. Frameworks and Platforms)
- Explore future trends developers want to learn
- Understand demographics & work practices

- Target audience 🎯 🕿

- Business & technology stakeholders
- HR / Talent teams planning workforce skills
- Training & learning managers
- Value W
 - Data-driven insights for hiring & upskilling
 - Guide technology adoption strategies
 - Anticipate emerging developer skills



B. METHODOLOGY



Data Source

 Subset of Stack Overflow Developer Survey (global dataset), supplemented by job postings & training portals



Collection Methods: API access & web scraping, Import of .csv survey file ,
 SQL queries for structured extraction



Data Wrangling



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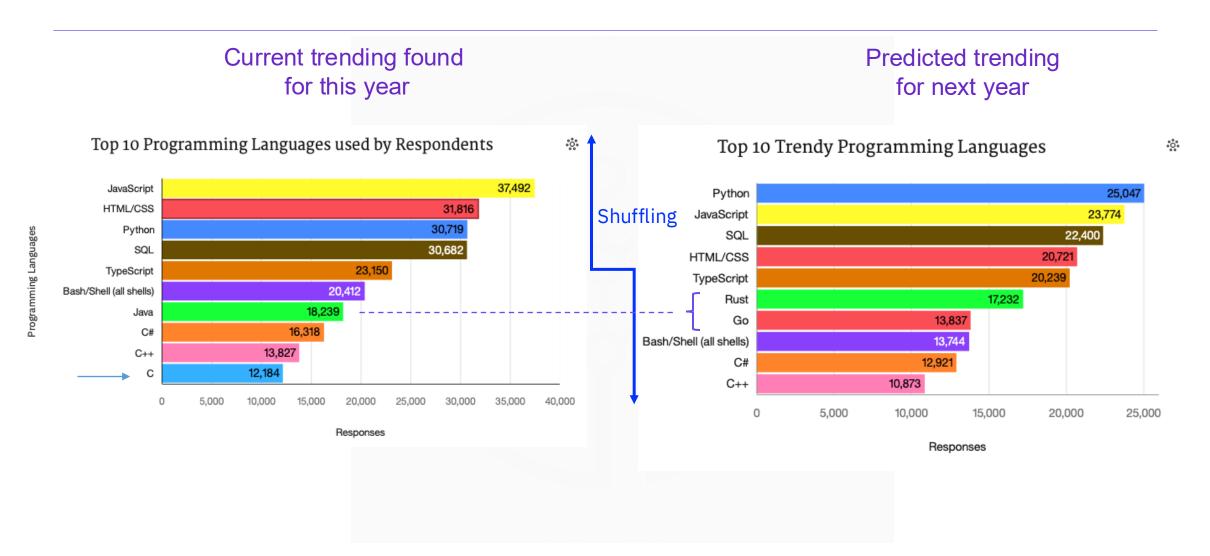


- removing of <u>duplicate rows</u>
- handling <u>missing values</u>
- Standardised categories (languages, databases, frameworks)
- Cleaned inconsistent responses for comparability





C. RESULTS - Programming language trend





C. RESULTS – Databases: findings and implications

Findings

- Python, JavaScript, and SQL are the most popular languages used for programming and they remain the most in-demand.
- TypeScript gaining momentum among web developers and continues to grow in popularity
- Rust and Go emerge as rising languages with strong developer interest.
- Java and C# remain strong in enterprise settings.
 C# together with Bash/Shell, and
 C++ remain relevant for specific use cases

Implications

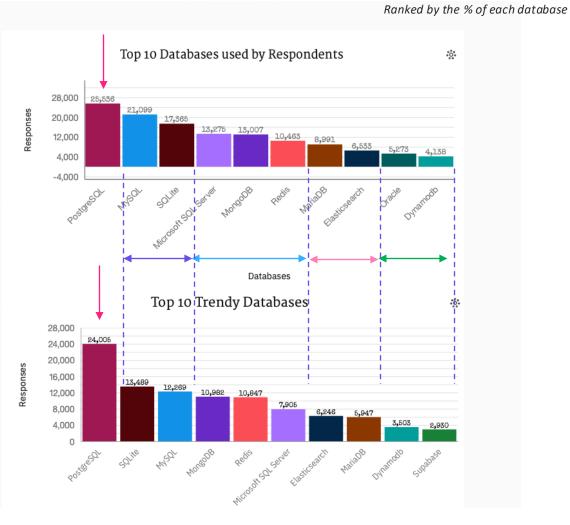
- The core and essential languages skills are Python,
 JavaScript, and SQL.
 - Python, JavaScript will stay central for data, web, and general development.
- TypeScript adoption suggests need <u>for modern front-</u> end skills
- Rust and Go represent future-oriented skills (performance, scalability, modern architectures)
- Legacy languages (Java and C#) still relevant for <u>large-scale systems</u>
- Early talent advantage if companies invested earlier
- Workforce planning should balance <u>established core</u> skills with <u>emerging demand</u>.



C. RESULTS – Databases

Current trend

Predicted trend





C. RESULTS - Programming language trends: findings & implications

Findings

- Top 3: PostgreSQL, MySQL, and SQLite
 - **PostgreSQL** leads strongly in future preference.
 - **SQLite** and **MySQL** remain in demand for lightweight and flexible use.
- Microsoft SQL Server and MongoDB also popular.
 - MongoDB shows a solid growth, reflecting interest in cloud-native and NoSQL solutions.
 - Likewise, **Redis** displays a similar trend.
 - Redis is also very popular for specialised use cases as seen with MariaDB and Elasticsearch
- Emerging: Supabase gaining attention among modern developers.

Implications

- Relational DBs remain the backbone of enterprise systems.
- SQL expertise continues to be essential.
- Organisations should <u>maintain support</u> for both traditional and NoSQL databases.
- PostgreSQL expertise will remain highly valuable
- Developers increasingly value open-source & cloud-ready databases.
- Upskilling in MongoDB, Redis, and newer platforms such as Supabase can future-proof teams.



DASHBOARD



The dashboard has 3 tabs:

- 1. Current Technology Usage
- 2. Future Technology Trend
- 3. Demographic

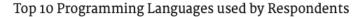


DASHBOARD TAB 1

Current Technology Usage

Future Technology Trend

Demographic

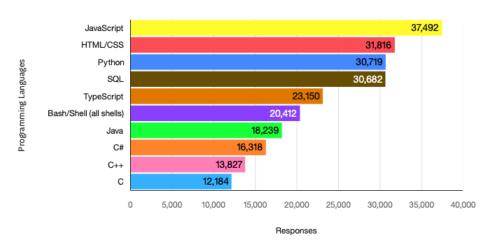


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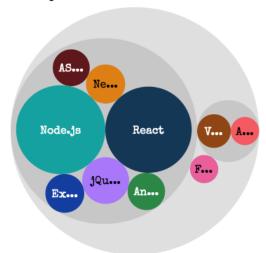
Top 10 Databases used by Respondents

Databases

Top 10 favourite Platforms from the survey



Top 10 Webframes in Trend







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DASHBOARD TAB 2

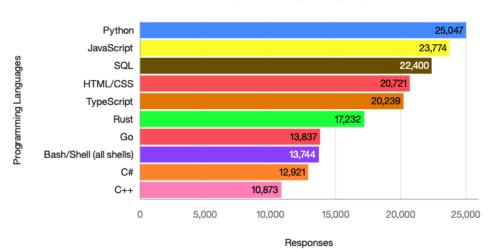
Current Technology Usage

Future Technology Trend

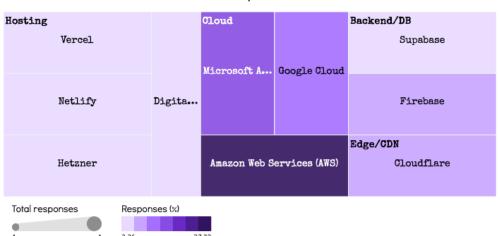
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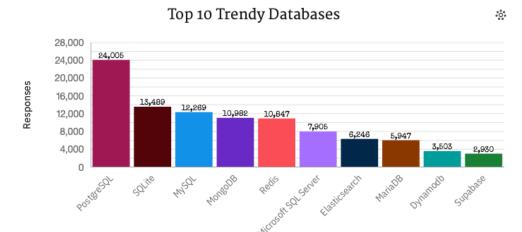
Top 10 Trendy Programming Languages

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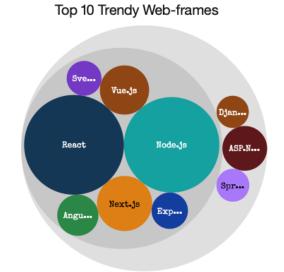


Top 10 Trendy Platforms belonged to Cloud, Hosting, Edge/CDN and Sackend/DB





Databases





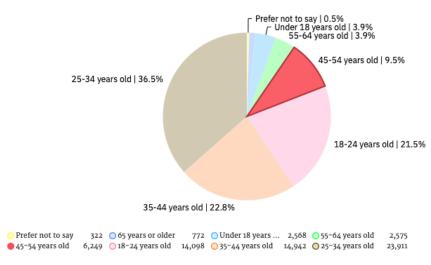


Current Technology Usage

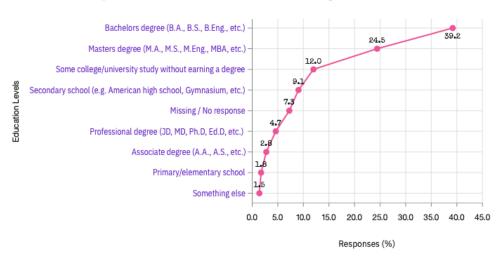
Future Technology Trend

Demographic

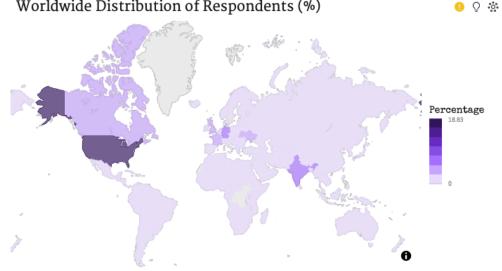
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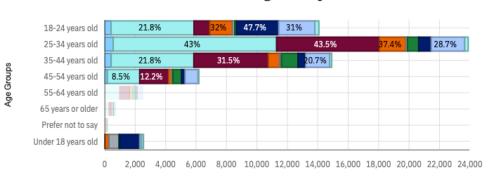
Respondents across Education Backgrounds (%)



Worldwide Distribution of Respondents (%) ₹ 🔅



Education Distribution within Each Age Group (%)



Total Responses per Age Group





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DISCUSSION – Insights from dashboard

Programming Languages

- Python, JavaScript, and SQL dominate current usage.
- Strong future demand for Go, Rust, TypeScript.

Databases

- Relational DBs (PostgreSQL, MySQL, SQLite) remain core.
- MongoDB, Redis, Supabase gaining traction.

Frameworks and Platforms

- React Node.js lead in web frameworks.
- Cloud platforms (Amazon Web Services, Azure, Google Cloud Platforms) central to enterprise strategies.

AI Tools

- · Boost productivity and automation.
- Key challenges: trust, integration, and skill gaps.

Demographic and Work Practices

- Respondent Demographics (N = 65,437)
- Majority aged 25–34 (36.5%), followed by 35–44
 (22.8%) and 18–24 (21.5%)
- Strong educational background: 39%
 Bachelor's and 25% Master's degrees
- Respondents represent a global distribution,
 ensuring diverse insight



Overall Findings & Broader Implications

Programming Languages

- Python dominance
- Emerging challengers (Rust and Go)
- Continuous learning required

Databases

- SQL still core
- Growth in NoSQL (MongoDB, Elasticsearch)
- Early adoption = edge

Frameworks and Platforms

- Cloud-native priority (AWS, Azure, GCP)
- Web & mobile frameworks evolving
- Remote/hybrid collaboration tools

AI Tools

- Expanding adoption of AI/ML libraries
- Increasing demand for automation
- Strategic investment in AI skills



Upskilling is critical → Continuous training in **Python**, **cloud**, and **AI** remains essential for long-term competitiveness.



 Tech adoption drives advantage → Early adoption of emerging programming languages and databases can secure a competitive edge.



 Flexible work is the norm → Workforce strategies must integrate remote and hybrid collaboration.



 Strategic alignment matters → Hiring, training, and tech investments should track with shifting developer trends



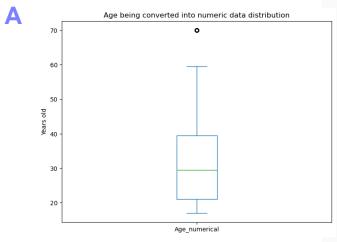
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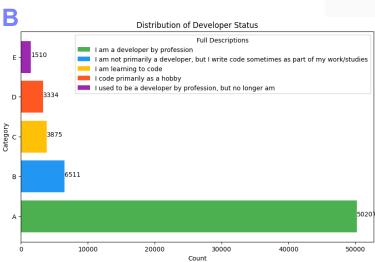
- The Stack Overflow survey reaffirms that the **tech landscape** is **evolving faster than ever**
- The dataset offers α glimpse into the future of
 - > Programming Languages, Databases, Frameworks and Platforms
- Rapid advances will create technical and talent gaps.
- These gaps can <u>only be bridged</u> through:
 - > continuous upskilling
 - > early adoption of emerging technologies
 - > and flexible workforce strategies
- Success depends on how well organizations
 - > align hiring, training, and investment with shifting trends.

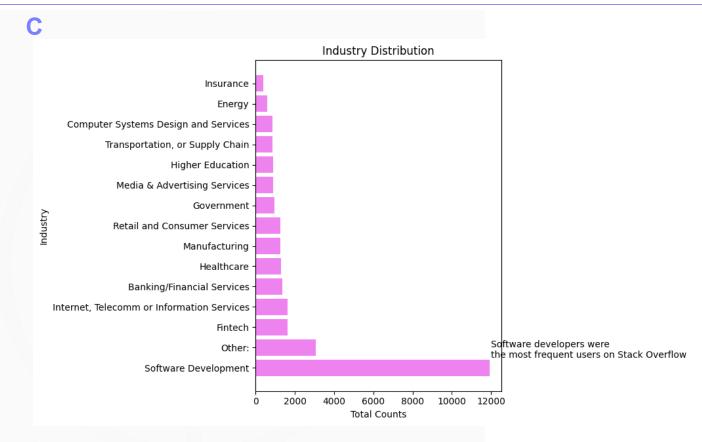




APPENDIX





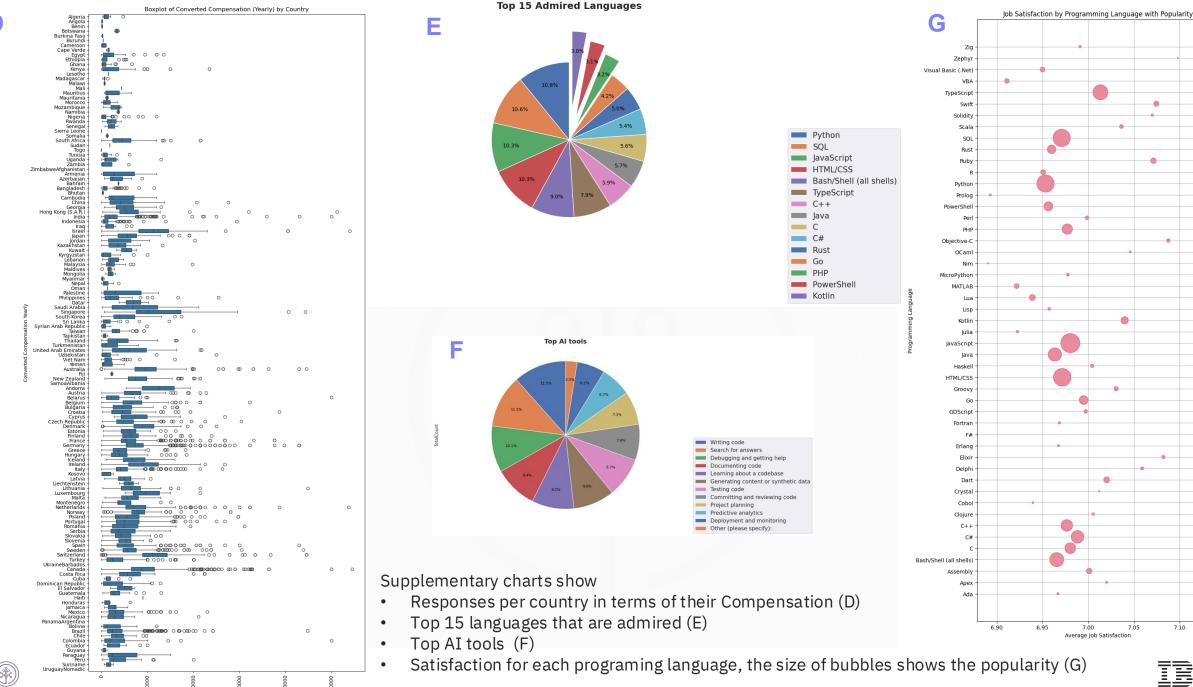


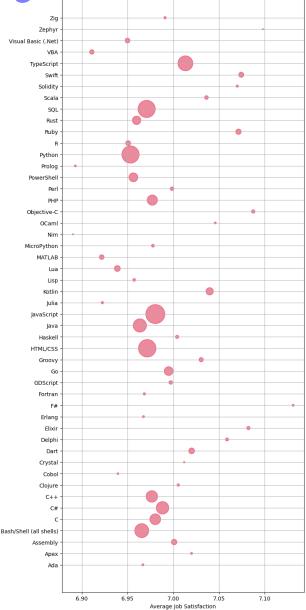
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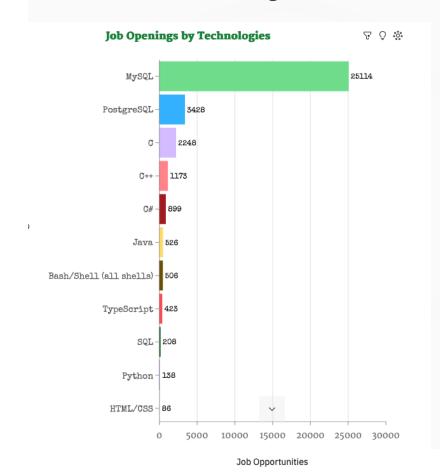






JOB POSTINGS

In Module 1 you have collected the job posting data using Job API in a file named "job-postings.xlsx". Present that data using a bar chart here. Order the bar chart in the descending order of the number of job postings.







POPULAR LANGUAGES

In Module 1 you have collected the job postings data using web scraping in a file named "popular-languages.csv". Present that data using a bar chart here. Order the bar chart in the descending order of salary.

