

Welcome

Hello world!

Thank you for taking the 2023 Stack Overflow Developer Survey, the longest running survey of software developers (and anyone else who codes!) on Earth.

There are seven sections in this survey. The 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sections will appear in a random order.

- 1. Basic Information
- 2. Education, Work, and Career
- 3. Technology and Tech Culture
- 4. Stack Overflow Usage + Community
- 5. Artificial Intelligence
- 6. Professional Developer Series (Optional)
- 7. Final Questions

Most questions in this survey are optional. Required questions are marked with *.

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complete it in one sitting.

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By selecting "I agree" and submitting this survey, you acknowledge that you voluntarily consent to your anonymous answers being made publicly available.

\bigcirc	I agree		
0	I do not agree (selecting th	is will end th	e survey)

Qualification

Basic Information

The first section will focus on some basic information about who you are.

Most questions in this section are required. Required questions are noted with *.

Which of the following options best describes you today? For the purpose of this survey, a developer is "someone who writes code". *

\bigcirc	I am a	developer	by	profession
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I am not primarily a developer, but I write code sometimes as part of my work/studies

I used to be a developer by profession, but no longer am

I am learning to code

Code primarily as a hobby
O None of these
What is your age? *
Under 18 years old 18-24 years old 25-34 years old 35-44 years old 45-54 years old 55-64 years old 65 years or older Prefer not to say
Employment
Which of the following best describes your current employment status? Select all that
apply.
 Employed, full-time Employed, part-time Independent contractor, freelancer, or self-employed Not employed, but looking for work Not employed, and not looking for work
Student, full-time

\sqcup	Student, part-time
	Retired
	I prefer not to say
١	Which best describes your current work situation?
\bigcirc	Remote
\circ	In-person
\bigcirc	Hybrid (some remote, some in-person)
\	Which of the following best describes the code you write outside of work? Select all
t	hat apply.
	Hobby
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	Freelance/contract work
	Contribute to open-source projects
	Bootstrapping a business
	School or academic work
	Professional development or self-paced learning from online courses
	I don't code outside of work
	Other (please specify):

2 - Education + Work + Career

Education, work, and career

This section will focus on your education, work, and career.
Most questions in this section are optional. Required questions are noted with *.
Which of the following best describes the highest level of formal education that you've
completed? *
Primary/elementary school
Secondary school (e.g. American high school, German Realschule or Gymnasium, etc.)
) Some college/university study without earning a degree
) Associate degree (A.A., A.S., etc.)
) Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., B.Eng., etc.)
) Master's degree (M.A., M.S., M.Eng., MBA, etc.)
) Professional degree (JD, MD, Ph.D, Ed.D, etc.)
) Something else
How do you learn to code? Select all that apply.
Books / Physical media
Coding Bootcamp
Colleague
Friend or family member

Hackathons (virtual or in-person)
Online Courses or Certification
On the job training
Other online resources (e.g., videos, blogs, forum)
School (i.e., University, College, etc)
Other (please specify):
Care. (predec epeciny).
What online resources do you use to learn to code? Select all that apply.
What online resources do you use to learn to code! Select all that apply.
☐ Technical documentation
Blogs
Online books
Coding sessions (live or recorded)
How-to videos
Certification videos
☐ Video-based online courses
Written-based online courses
☐ Auditory material (e.g., podcasts)
Games that teach programming
Online challenges (e.g., daily or weekly coding challenges)
Interactive tutorial
Written tutorials
Online forum
Stack Overflow

Other (Please specify):
What online courses or certifications do you use to learn to code? Select all that apply
Codecademy
☐ Coursera
☐ edX
☐ Pluralsight
Skillsoft
☐ Udacity
Udemy
Other (Please specify):
Including any education, how many years have you been coding in total?
NOT including education, how many years have you coded professionally (as a part o your work)?

Which of the following describes your current job, the one you do most of the time? Please select only one.

0	Academic researcher
0	Cloud infrastructure engineer
0	Blockchain
0	Data or business analyst
0	Data scientist or machine learning specialist
0	Database administrator
0	Designer
0	Developer Advocate
0	Developer, back-end
0	Developer, desktop or enterprise applications
0	Developer, embedded applications or devices
0	Developer Experience
0	Developer, front-end
0	Developer, full-stack
0	Developer, game or graphics
0	Developer, mobile
0	Developer, QA or test
0	DevOps specialist
0	Educator
0	Engineer, data
0	Engineer, site reliability
0	Engineering manager
\bigcap	Hardware Engineer

\bigcirc	Marketing or sales professional
0	Product manager
0	Project manager
0	Research & Development role
0	Scientist
0	Senior Executive (C-Suite, VP, etc.)
0	Student
0	System administrator
0	Security professional
0	Other (please specify):
/	Approximately how many people are employed by the company or organization you
(currently work for? This should only include your primary company, and not the entire
ł	holding or parent company if that applies.
\bigcirc	Just me - I am a freelancer, sole proprietor, etc.
$\tilde{\mathcal{C}}$	2 to 9 employees
\sim	10 to 19 employees
\sim	20 to 99 employees
\sim	100 to 499 employees
\sim	500 to 999 employees
\sim	1,000 to 4,999 employees
\sim	5,000 to 9,999 employees
\bigcirc	10,000 or more employees
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I don't kno	W
What level your organ	of influence do you, personally, have over new technology purchases at ization?
O I have som	or no influence ne influence eat deal of influence
	king about new technology purchases at your organization, are you more given a short list of products/services to evaluate or be told to investigate on?
Given a lis Investigate	
_	ng a new tool or software, how do you discover and research available Select all that apply.
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	ead ratings or reviews on third party sites like G2 Crowd
] Re	esearch companies that have advertised on sites I visit
] Re	esearch companies that have emailed me
	Other (please specify):
Wh	nere do you live? *
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	nich currency do you use day-to-day? If your answer is complicated, please pick the e you're most comfortable estimating in. *
	nat is your current total annual compensation (salary, bonuses, and perks, before es and deductions)? Please enter a whole number in the box below, without any
pur	nctuation. If you are paid hourly, please estimate an equivalent yearly salary. If you efer not to answer, please leave the box empty.

3 - Tech and Tech Culture

Tech and tech culture

The next set of questions will focus on technology and tech culture.

Most questions in this section are optional. Required questions are noted with *.

Which **programming**, **scripting**, **and markup languages** have you done extensive development work in over the past year, and which do you want to work in over the next year? (If you both worked with the language and want to continue to do so, please check both boxes in that row.)

	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
Ada		
Apex		
APL		
Assembly		
Bash/Shell (all shells)		
С		
C#		
C++		

Clojure	Worked with PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
Cobol		
Crystal		
Dart		
Delphi		
Elixir		
Erlang		
F#		
Flow		
Fortran		
GDScript		
Go		
Groovy		
Haskell		
HTML/CSS		
Java		
JavaScript		
Julia		
Kotlin		
Lisp		
Lua		

MATLAB	Worked with ir PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
Nim		
Objective-C		
OCaml		
Perl		
PHP		
PowerShell		
Prolog		
Python		
R		
Raku		
Ruby		
Rust		
SAS		
Scala		
Solidity		
SQL		
Swift		
TypeScript		
VBA		
Visual Basic (.Net)		

	vvorked with in PAST year	want to work with NEXT year
Zig		
Other (Please Specify):		
the past year, and which do	ents have you done extensive you want to work in over the land want to continue to do so,	next year? (If you both
	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
BigQuery		
Cassandra		
Clickhouse		
Cloud Firestore		
Cockroachdb		
Cosmos DB		
Couch DB		
Couchbase		
Datomic		
DuckDB		
Dynamodb	\sqcup	\sqcup

Elasticsearch	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
Firebase Realtime Database		
Firebird		
H2		
IBM DB2		
InfluxDB		
MariaDB		
Microsoft Access		
Microsoft SQL Server		
MongoDB		
MySQL		
Neo4J		
Oracle		
PostgreSQL		
RavenDB		
Redis		
Snowflake		
Solr		
SQLite		
Supabase		
TiDB		

Other (Please Specify):	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year

Which **cloud platforms** have you done extensive development work in over the past year, and which do you want to work in over the next year? (If you both worked with the platform and want to continue to do so, please check both boxes in that row.)

	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
Amazon Web Services (AWS)		
Cloudflare		
Colocation		
Digital Ocean		
Firebase		
Fly.io		
Google Cloud		
Heroku		
Hetzner		
IBM Cloud Or Watson		
Linode		
Managed Hosting		
Microsoft Azure		П

	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
Netlify		
OpenShift		
OpenStack		
Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI)		
OVH		
Render		
Scaleway		
Vercel		
VMware		
Vultr		
Other (Please Specify):		
Which web frameworks and we development work in over the prext year? (If you both worked blease check both boxes in that	past year, and which do you with the framework and wa	u want to work in over the
	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
Angular		
AngularJS		

ASP.NET	Worked with PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
ASP.NET CORE		
Blazor		
Codelgniter		
Deno		
Django		
Drupal		
Elm		
Express		
FastAPI		
Fastify		
Flask		
Gatsby		
jQuery		
Laravel		
Lit		
NestJS		
Next.js		
Node.js		
Nuxt.js		
Phoenix		\sqcup

Play Framework	Worked within PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
Qwik		
React		
Remix		
Ruby on Rails		
Solid.js		
Spring Boot		
Svelte		
Symfony		
Vue.js		
WordPress		
Other (Please Specify):		
Which other frameworks and ling over the past year, and which worked with the framework and what row.)	do you want to work in o	over the next year? (If you both
	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
.NET (5+)		

	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
.NET Framework (1.0 - 4.8)		
.NET MAUI		
Apache Kafka		
Apache Spark		
Capacitor		
Cordova		
CUDA		
Electron		
Flutter		
GTK		
Hadoop		
Hugging Face Transformers		
Ionic		
JAX		
Keras		
Ktor		
MFC		
Micronaut		
Numpy		
Opencv		П

	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
OpenGL		
Pandas		
Qt		
Quarkus		
RabbitMQ		
React Native		
Scikit-Learn		
Spring Framework		
SwiftUI		
Tauri		
TensorFlow		
Tidyverse		
Torch/PyTorch		
Uno Platform		
Xamarin		
Other (Please Specify):		

Which developer tools for compiling, building and testing have you done extensive development work in over the past year, and which do you want to work in over the next year? (If you both worked with the technology and want to continue to do so, please check both boxes in that row.)

	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
Ansible		
Ant		
APT		
bandit		
Boost.Test		
build2		
Bun		
Cargo		
Catch2		
Chef		
Chocolatey		
CMake		
Composer		
cppunit		
CUTE		
Dagger		

Docker	Worked with PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
doctest		
ELFspy		
GNU GCC		
Godot		
Google Test		
Gradle		
Homebrew		
Kubernetes		
lest		
liblittletest		
LLVM's Clang		
Make		
Maven (build tool)		
Meson		
MSBuild		
MSVC		
Ninja		
Nix		
npm		
NuGet		

	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
Pacman		
Pip		
pnpm		
Podman		
Pulumi		
Puppet		
QMake		
SCons		
snitch		
Terraform		
tunit		
Unity 3D		
Unreal Engine		
Visual Studio Solution		
Vite		
Wasmer		
Webpack		
Yarn		
Other (Please Specify):		

Worked with in PAST year

Want to work with NEXT year

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Which **development environments** did you use regularly over the past year, and which do you want to work with over the next year? Please check all that apply.

	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
Android Studio		
Atom		
BBEdit		
CLion		
Code::Blocks		
condo		
DataGrip		
Eclipse		
Emacs		
Fleet		
Geany		
Goland		
Helix		
IntelliJ IDEA		

	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
IPython		
Jupyter Notebook/JupyterLab		
Kate		
Micro		
Nano		
Neovim		
Netbeans		
Notepad++		
Nova		
PhpStorm		
PyCharm		
Qt Creator		
Rad Studio (Delphi, C++ Builder)		
Rider		
RStudio		
RubyMine		
Spyder		
Sublime Text		
TextMate		
Vim		П

Want to work with NEXT year

Worked with in PAST year

Visual Studio		
Visual Studio Code		
VSCodium		
WebStorm		
Xcode		
Other (Please Specify):		
What is the primary operating	system in which you work?	•
	Personal use	Professional use
AIX	Personal use	Professional use
AIX Android	Personal use	Professional use
	Personal use	Professional use
Android		Professional use
Android Arch		Professional use
Android Arch BSD		
Android Arch BSD ChromeOS		
Android Arch BSD ChromeOS Cygwin		

	Personal use	Professional use
iOS		
iPadOS		
MacOS		
Other Linux-based		
Red Hat		
Solaris		
Ubuntu		
Windows		
Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL)		
Other (Please Specify):		
Which collaborative work ma i	nagement and/or code do	cumentation tools did you
use regularly over the past yea		•
ear? Select all that apply	,	
	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
	Worked Will III I AST year	Wall to Work With NEXT year
Adobe Workfront		
Airtable		
Asana		

	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
Azure Devops		
Basecamp		
Cerri		
Clickup		
Confluence		
Dingtalk (Teambition)		
Document360		
Doxygen		
GitHub Discussions		
Jira		
Leankor		
Linear		
Markdown File		
Microsoft Lists		
Microsoft Planner		
Miro		
Monday.com		
Notion		
Nuclino		
Planview Projectplace Or Clarizen		

	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
Redmine		
Redocly		
Shortcut		
Smartsheet		
Stack Overflow for Teams		
Swit		
Tettra Tettra		
Frello		
Vikis		
Vimi		
Vorkzone		
Vrike		
YouTrack		
Other (Please Separate With A Comma):		
John Marie		

Which **communication tools** did you use regularly over the past year, and which do you want to work with over the next year? Select all that apply

	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
Cisco Webex Teams		
Coolfire Core		
Discord		
Google Chat		
Google Meet		
IRC		
Jitsi		
Matrix		
Mattermost		
Microsoft Teams		
Ringcentral		
Rocketchat		
Signal		
Skype		
Slack		
Symphony		
Telegram		
Unify Circuit		
Whatsapp		
Wickr	П	П

	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
Wire		
Zoom		
Zulip		
Other (Please Separate With A Comma):		

Which **Al-powered search tools** did you use regularly over the past year, and which do you want to work with over the next year? Select all that apply.

	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
Andi		
Bing Al		
ChatGPT		
Google Bard Al		
Metaphor		
Neeva Al		
Perplexity AI		
Phind		
Quora Poe		
WolframAlpha		

You.com	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
Other (please specify)		
-	per tools did you use regularly with over the next year? Selec	t all that apply
	Worked with in PAST year	Want to work with NEXT year
Adrenaline		
AWS CodeWhisperer		
Codeium		
GitHub Copilot		
Mintlify		
Replit Ghostwriter		
Rubber Duck.Al		
Synk Code		
Tabnine		
Whispr Al		
Other (please specify)		

4 - Stack Community

Stack Overflow - usage and community

This section will focus on Stack Overflow usage and community questions.
Most questions in this section are optional. Required questions are noted with *.
Which of the following Stack Overflow sites have you visited? Select all that apply. *
Collectives on Stack Overflow
Stack Overflow for Teams (private knowledge sharing & collaboration platform for companies)
Stack Overflow
Stack Exchange
I have never visited Stack Overflow or the Stack Exchange network
How frequently would you say you visit Stack Overflow?
Less than once per month or monthly
A few times per month or weekly
A few times per week
Daily or almost daily

Multiple times per day
Do you have a Stack Overflow account?
○ No
Not sure/can't remember
How frequently would you say you participate in Q&A on Stack Overflow? By
participate we mean ask, answer, vote for, or comment on questions.
I have never participated in Q&A on Stack Overflow
Less than once per month or monthly
A few times per month or weekly
A few times per week
Daily or almost daily
Multiple times per day
Do you consider yourself a member of the Stack Overflow community?
O No, not at all
No, not really
O Neutral
Yes, somewhat
Yes, definitely

Not sure

5 - Artificial Intelligence

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

This section will focus on AI usage and sentiment.

Most questions in this section are optional. Required questions are noted with *.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools have gained prominence recently across industries. The following question asks for your perspective on Stack Overflow using AI technology to improve the current experience, for example by using AI to suggest better titles for your question. For your response, consider these sorts of improvements to the experience with/on Stack Overflow and not the presence or absence of content generated by AI and posted on Stack Overflow.

What is your opinion on Stack Overflow using AI tools to improve the current experience? What could AI help with most to improve Stack Overflow?

	Do you currently use AI tools in your development process? *
000	Yes No, but I plan to soon No, and I don't plan to
I	How favorable is your stance on using AI tools as part of your development workflow?
000000	Very favorable Favorable Indifferent Unfavorable Very unfavorable Unsure
	For the AI tools you use as part of your development workflow, what are the MOST important benefits you are hoping to achieve? Please check all that apply.
	Increase productivity Greater efficiency Improve collaboration Speed up learning Improve accuracy in coding None of the above

Othe	er (please explain)		
How much do you trust the a development workflow?	accuracy of the outp	out from AI tools as	part of your
Highly trustSomewhat trustNeither trust nor distrustSomewhat distrustHighly distrust			
Which parts of your develop which are you interested in apply.	•		
	Currently Using	Interested in Using	Not interested in Using
Learning about a codebase			
Project planning			
Writing code			
Documenting code			
Debugging and getting help			
Testing code			

	Currently Using	Interested in Using	Not interested in Using
Committing and reviewing code			
Deployment and monitoring			
Collaborating with teammates			
Other (please describe)			

Thinking about how your workflow and process changes over time, how similar or different do you anticipate your workflow to be 1 year from now as a result of AI tools you are currently using?

	Very different	Somewhat different	Neither different nor similar	Somewhat similar	Very similar
» Learning about a codebase					
» Project planning					
» Writing code					
» Documenting code					
» Debugging and getting help					
» Testing code					
» Committing and reviewing code					
» Deployment and monitoring					

	Very different	Somewhat different	Neither different nor similar	Somewhat similar	Very similar
» Collaborating with teammates					
» Other (please describe)					
Please describe how you would expect your workflow to be different, if at all, in 1 year as a result of Al advancements.					

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Professional Developer Series

In one of our previous pulse surveys, we saw that people valued being productive and having growth opportunities at work. By adding a **Professional Developer Series** to the survey we want to better understand the things that may impact your productivity and opportunities to learn.

Like the rest of the survey, your responses are completely anonymous. Most questions in this section are optional. Required questions are noted with *.

Blog post - New data: What developers look for in future job opportunities - December 7, 2021

Would you like to participate in the Professional Developer Series? *	
✓ Yes✓ No	
TeamsQuestions	
Are you an individual contributor or people manager?	
Individual contributorPeople manager	
How many years of working experience do you have?	
0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 Years of work experience	

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
I have interactions with people outside of my immediate team.	0	0	0	0	0
Knowledge silos prevent me from getting ideas across the organization (i.e., one individual or team has information that isn't shared with others)	0	0	0	0	0
I can find up-to-date information within my organization to help me do my job.	0	0	0	0	0
I am able to quickly find answers to my questions with existing tools and resources.	0	0	0	0	0
I know which system or resource to use to find information and answers to questions I have.	0	0	0	0	0
I often find myself answering questions that I've already answered before.	0	0	0	0	0
Waiting on answers to questions often causes interruptions and disrupts my workflow.	0	0	0	0	0
I feel like I have the tools and/or resources to quickly understand and work on any area of my company's code/system/platform.	0	0	0	0	0

How frequently do you experience each of the following?

Needing help from people outside of your immediate team?

Interacting with people outside of your immediate team?

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Encountering knowledge silos (where one individual or team has information that's not shared or distributed with other individuals or teams) at work?

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On an average day, how much time do you typically spend searching for answers or
solutions to problems you encounter at work? (This includes time spent searching on
your own, asking a colleague, and waiting for a response).

\bigcirc	Less than 15 minutes a day
\bigcirc	15-30 minutes a day
0	30-60 minutes a day
0	60-120 minutes a day
\bigcirc	Over 120 minutes a day

On an average day, how much time do you typically spend answering questions you get asked at work?

\bigcirc	Less than 15 minutes a day
0	15-30 minutes a day
0	30-60 minutes a day
0	60-120 minutes a day
\bigcirc	Over 120 minutes a day

My company has:

Innersource initiative

Al-assisted technology tool(s)
☐ DevOps function
Microservices
Developer portal or other central places to find tools/services
Continuous integration (CI) and (more often) continuous delivery
Automated testing
Observability tools
☐ None of these
What industry is the company you work for in?
Advertising Services
Advertising Services On During Services
Business Consulting and Services
Construction
Financial Services
Government Administration
O Healthcare
Higher Education
Information Services, IT, Software Development, or other Technology
○ Insurance
Contract Legal Services
Manufacturing, Transportation, or Supply Chain
Non-profit Organizations
Oil & Gas
Retail and Consumer Services
Telecommunications, Media, and Entertainment

Other
Does your team use Stack Overflow for Teams? Yes No No, but we want to use it
FinalThoughtsSurveyReview
Final Questions
How do you feel about the length of the survey this year? Too short Appropriate in length Too long
How easy or difficult was this survey to complete?

Neither easy nor difficultDifficult

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