

The Developer Trends

An analysis of Stack Overflow Survey trends

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



- **Present vs. Future** : JavaScript and Python dominate current use and the future trends while Rust and Go are also the second tier of the developer choices for the coming year.
- **Database Dominance** : PostgreSQL has solidified its position as the most loved and most-used professional database, overtaking MySQL in developer preference
- **Cloud Dominance** : AWS remains the most-used cloud platform, but the Microsoft Azure and Google Cloud also play important role for most developers
- **Web Frame Popularity** : Node.js and React are the most loved and most-used among developer



INTRODUCTION



The "Why" : Understanding the developer landscape

What is the Problem?

The tech industry move incredibly fast. **Developers, Companies, and students** need to know where to focus their energy, skills, and resources.

What is the Goal?

To analyze the Stack Overflow developer survey to find actionable insights. My project asks:

- What technologies are developers **using**?
- What do they **want** to use?
- What are the **future trends**

METHODOLOGY



1. The Data

Source: Stack Overflow Survey.

Challenge : Multi-select columns(e.g., "Python;SQL;JavaScript").

2. The Cleaning

Tool : Python(Pandas)

Process : "Unnested" (explode) nested columns to accurately count each technology individually.

3. The Visualization

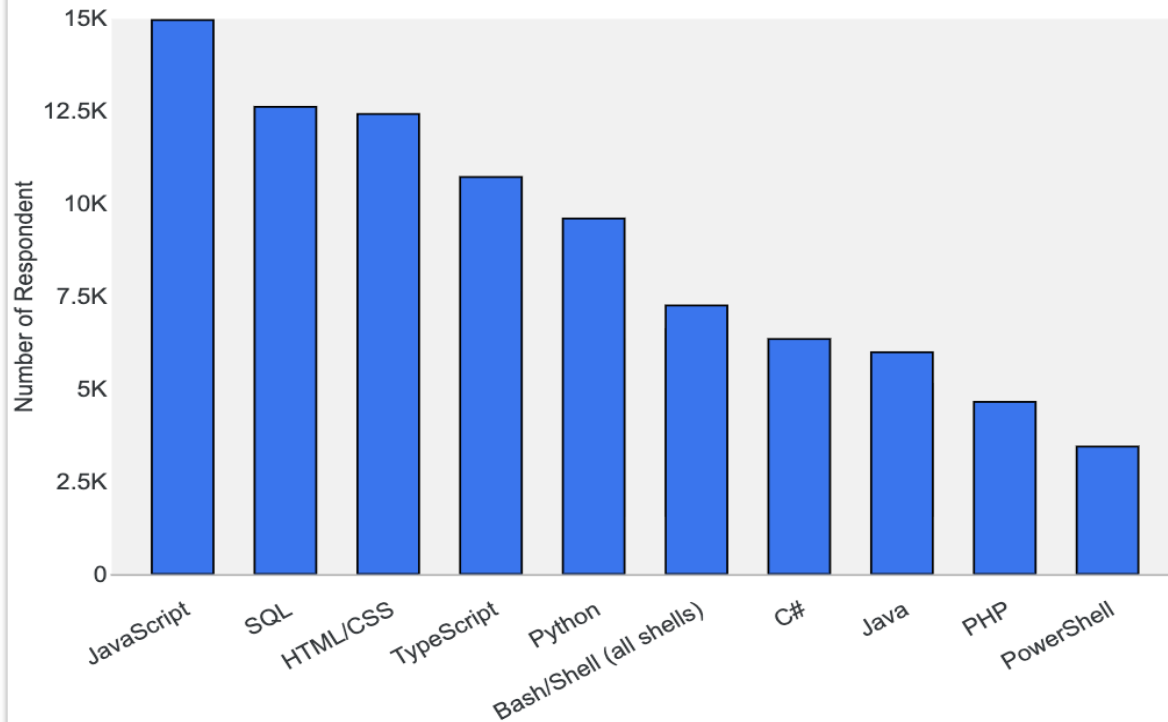
Tool: Google Looker Studio

Process : Blended flattened data with the main dataset using "ResponseId" as the key

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE TRENDS

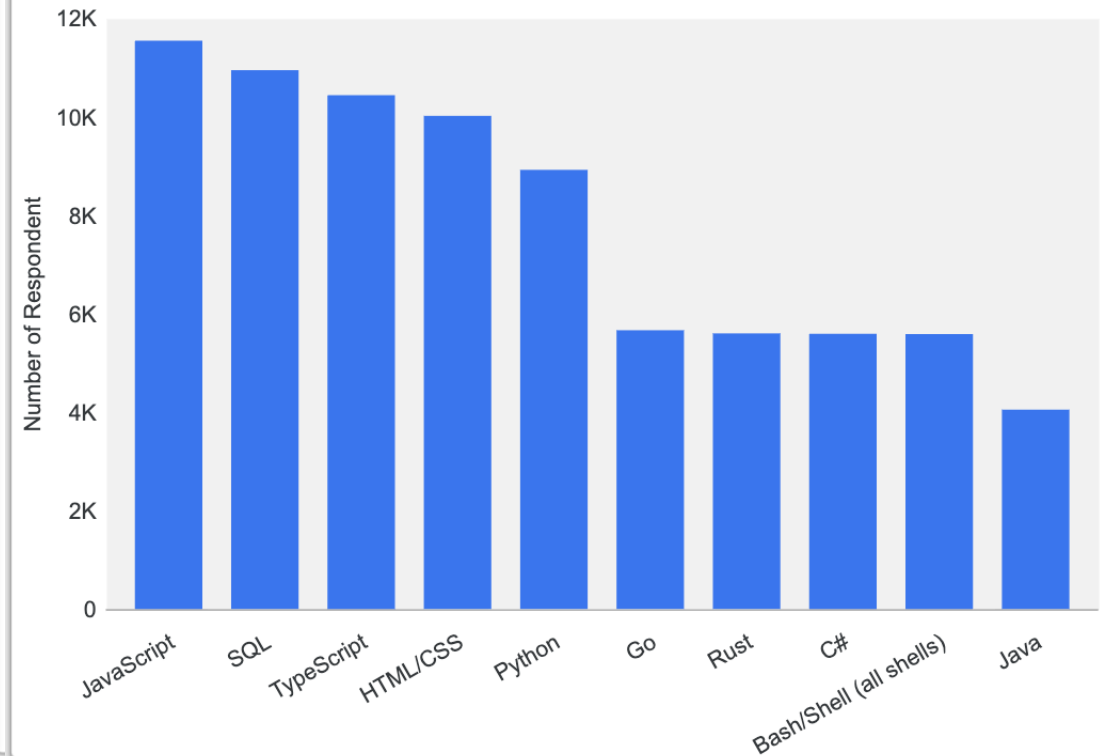
Current Year

Top 10 Languages Used



Next Year

Top 10 Languages Desired Next Year



PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE TRENDS - FINDINGS & IMPLICATIONS

Findings

- **JavaScript, SQL, HTML/CSS, TypeScript, Python** remain the most loved and used.
- **Go and Rust** surpass the C# and become the second-tier language for the coming year

Implications

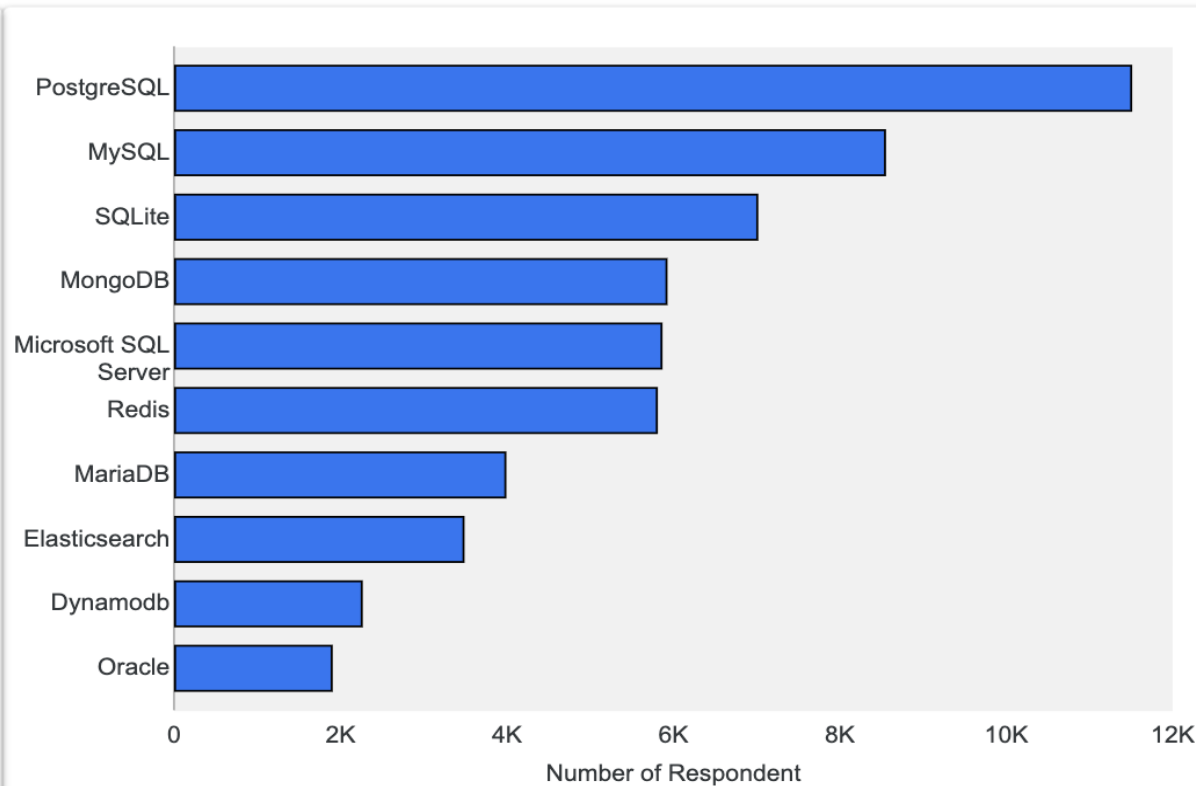
- **Developers:** mastery full-stack (JS/Python/SQL) to secure entry and mid-level roles.
- **Go & Rust:** Investing in these skills can access to cutting-edge infrastructure projects.
- **Companies** must expand their talent searches beyond the established "big five" to include niche expertise in languages like Rust and Go to future-proof their projects.



DATABASE TRENDS

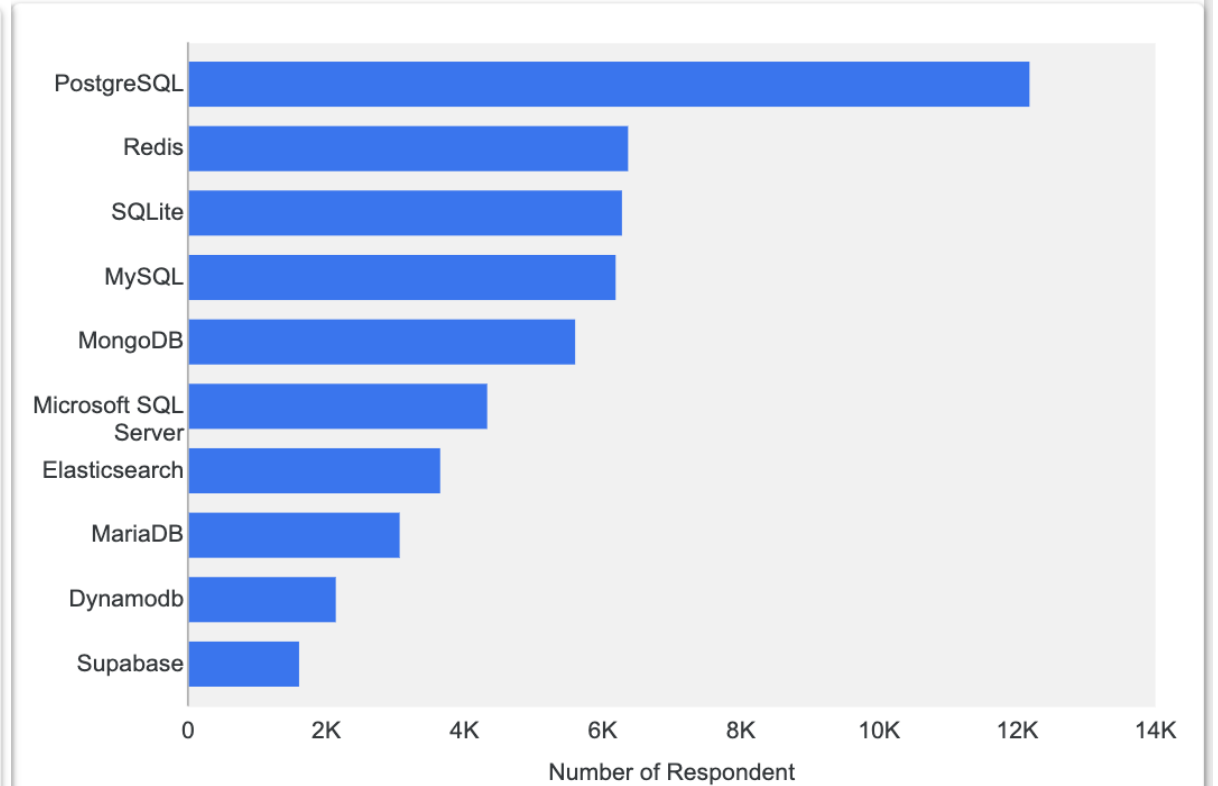
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DATABASE TRENDS - FINDINGS & IMPLICATIONS

Findings

- **PostgreSQL** is the most loved and used for current usage and the coming year
- **SQLite** and **Redis** surpass the MySQL for coming year

Implications:

Adopt a "Polyglot" Data Strategy

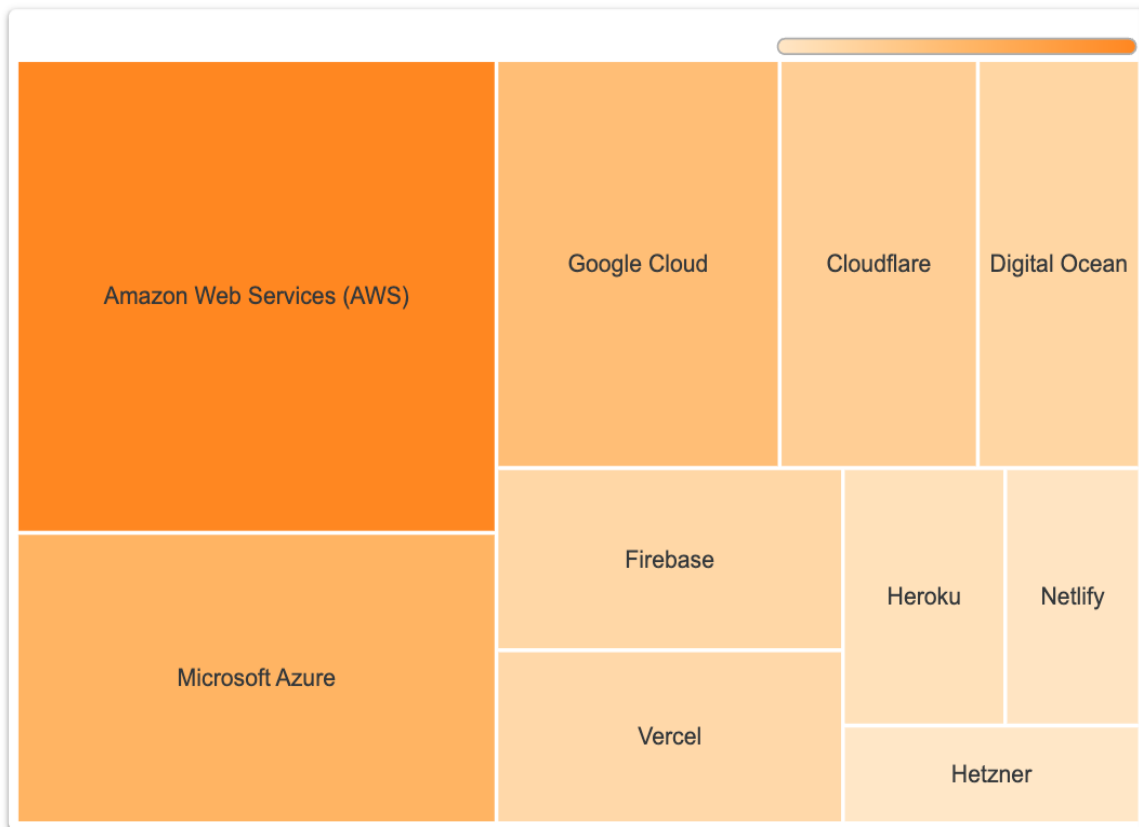
- **Speed Layer (Redis):** Use for caching, real-time data, and anything that needs sub-millisecond response times.
- **Core Layer (PostgreSQL):** Use for all complex, reliable, and structured transactional data.
- **Action:** Stop forcing one database to do everything. Master **PostgreSQL** for complexity and learn **Redis** for speed.



PLATFORM TRENDS

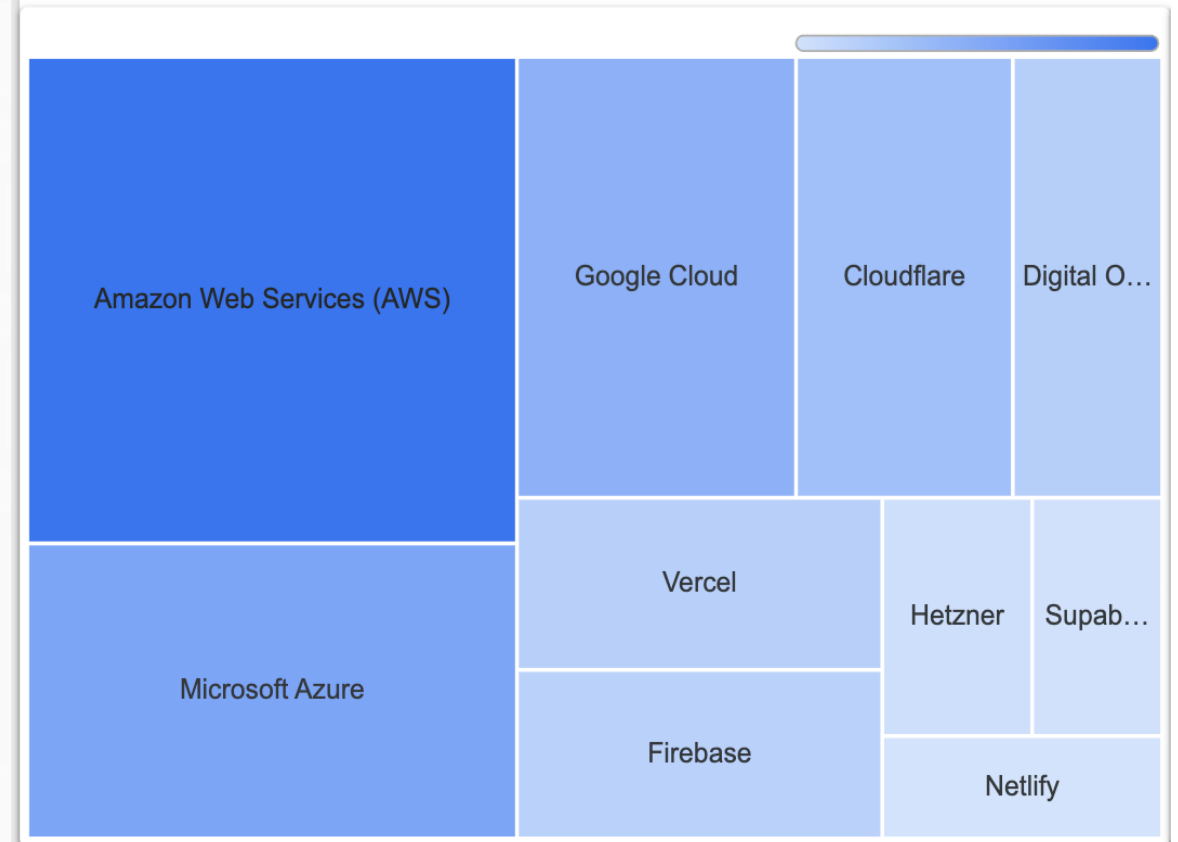
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PLATFORM TRENDS - FINDINGS & IMPLICATIONS

Findings

❖ **AWS** remain the champion, followed by **Microsoft Azure** and **Google Cloud** for current year and the coming year

Implications:

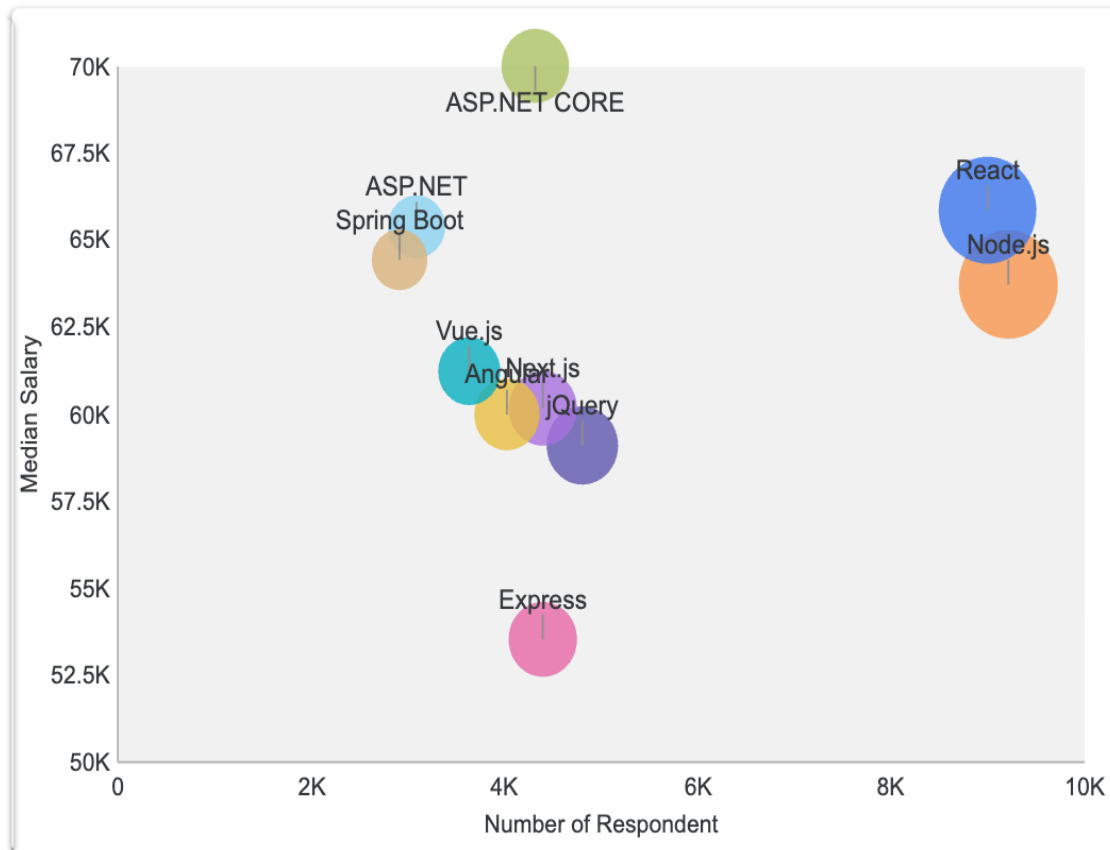
Since **AWS** is the dominant platform to master for the majority of jobs, businesses must plan for **multi-cloud proficiency** to maintain strategic flexibility and specialized services.



WEB FRAMEWORKS TRENDS

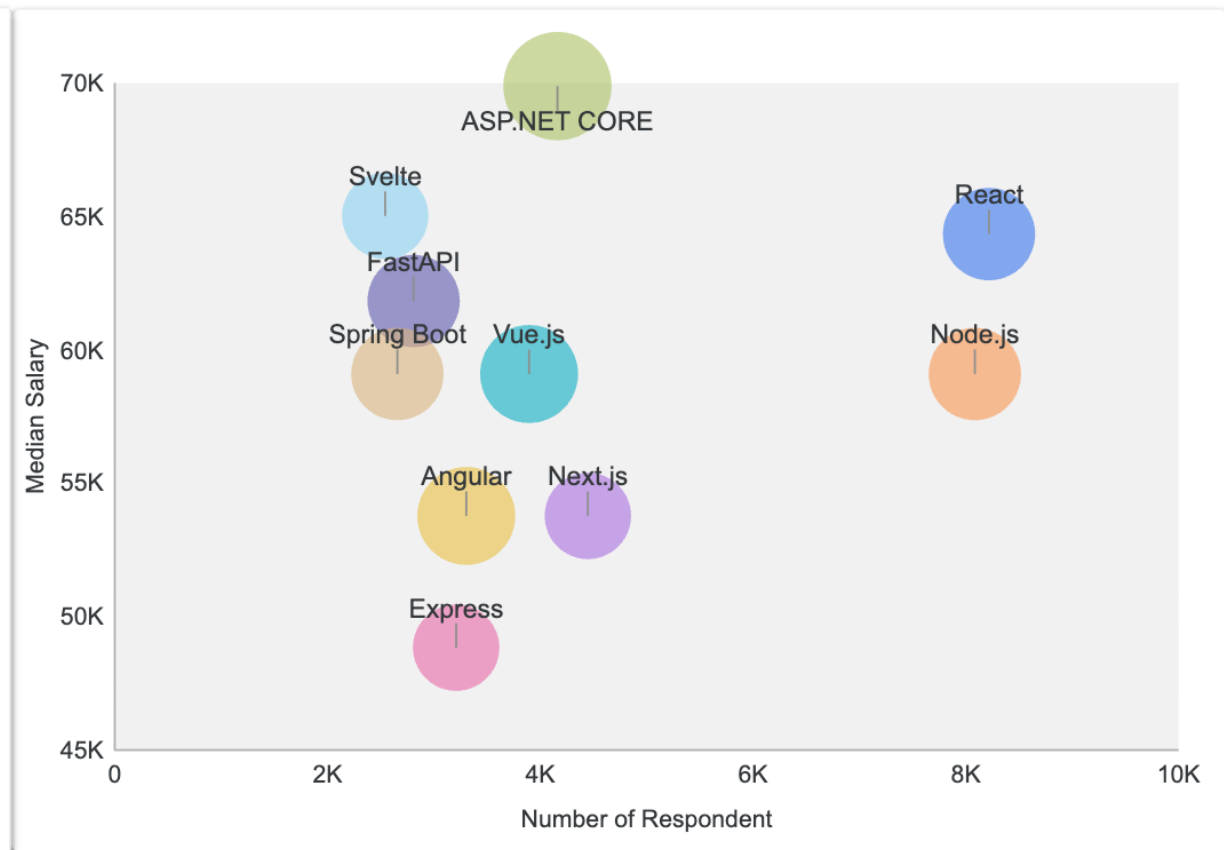
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Top 10 Web Frameworks Used



Next Year

Top 10 Desired Web Frameworks



WEB FRAMEWORKS TRENDS - FINDINGS & IMPLICATIONS

Findings

❖ **Node.js** and **React** are the significant dominance for current year and the coming year

Implications:

- The JavaScript ecosystem (**React and Node.js**) has become the **default standard** for web application development.
- Businesses and developers must prioritize **full-stack JavaScript proficiency** to maximize hiring potential and leverage the superior efficiency of a unified language across the entire application.

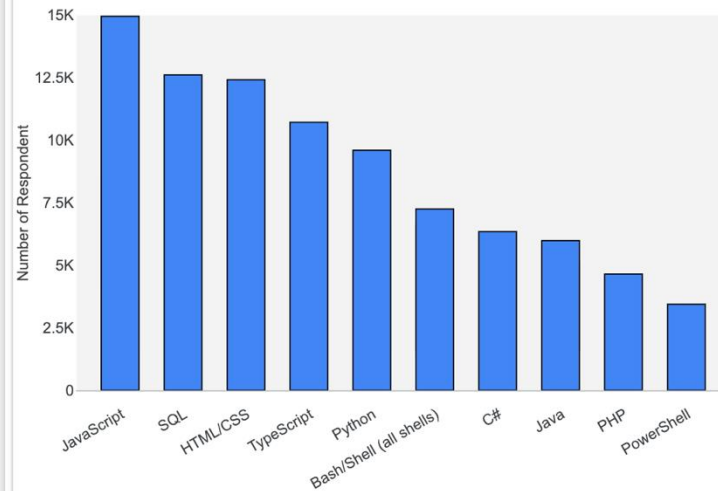


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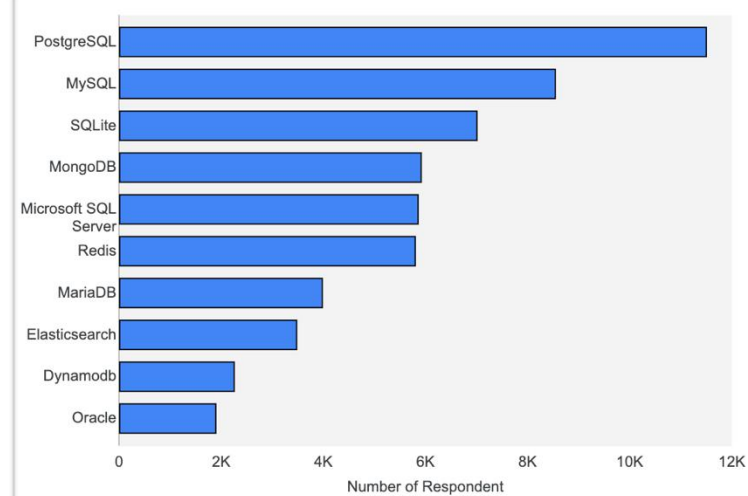


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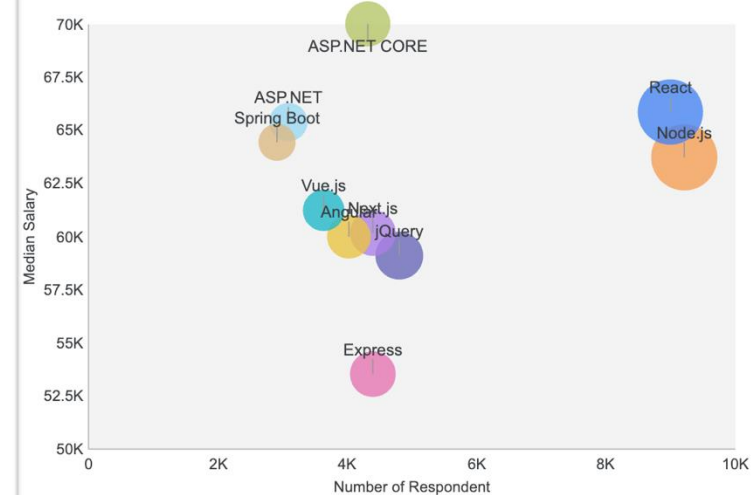
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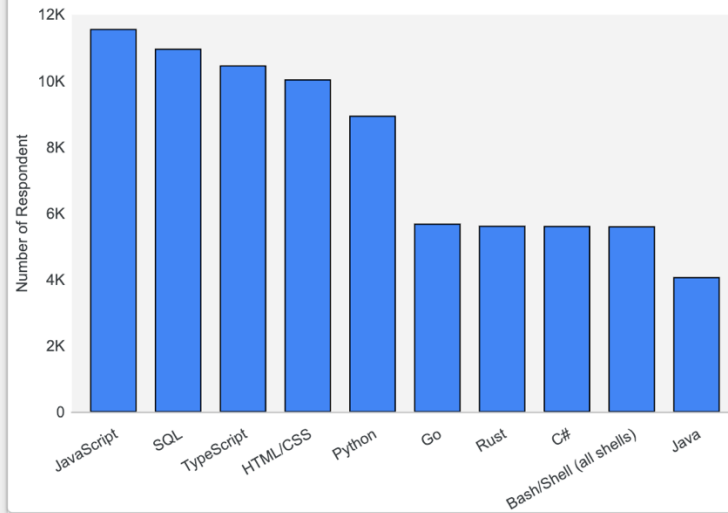


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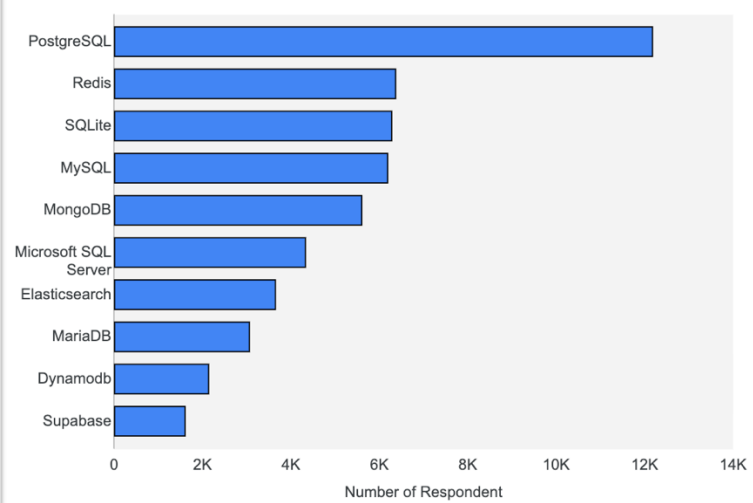


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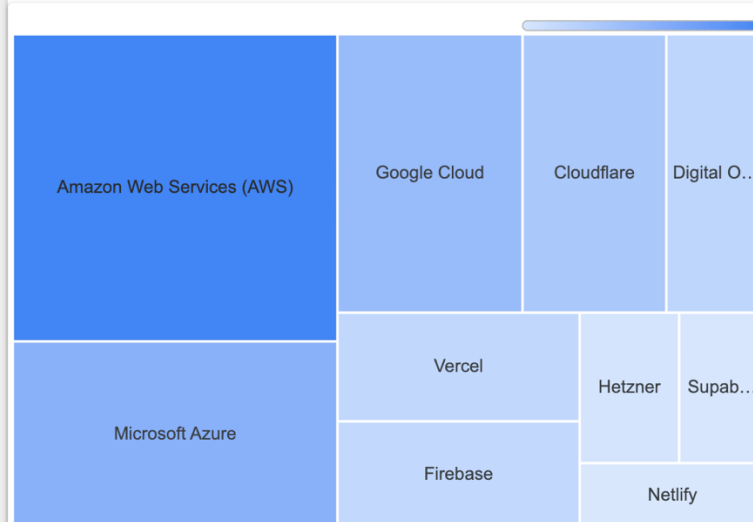
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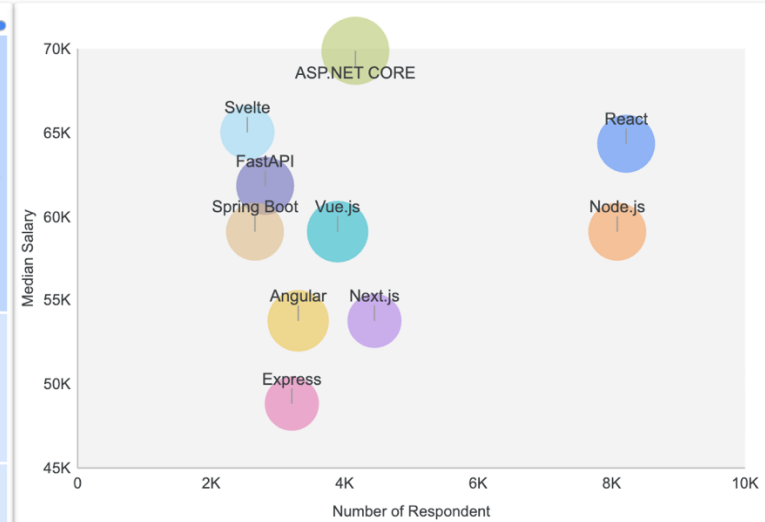
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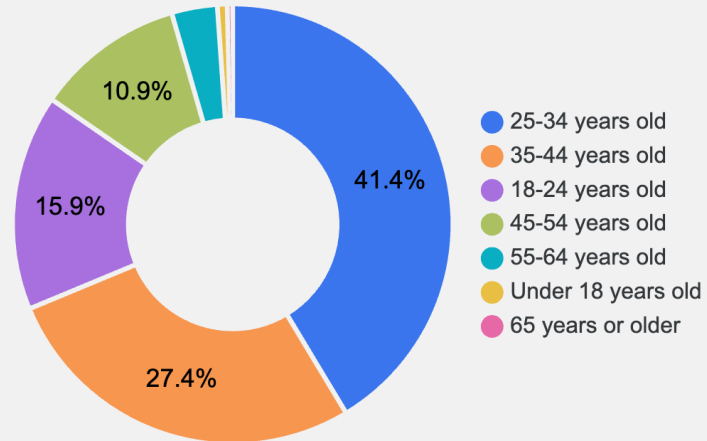


Top 10 Desired Web Frameworks

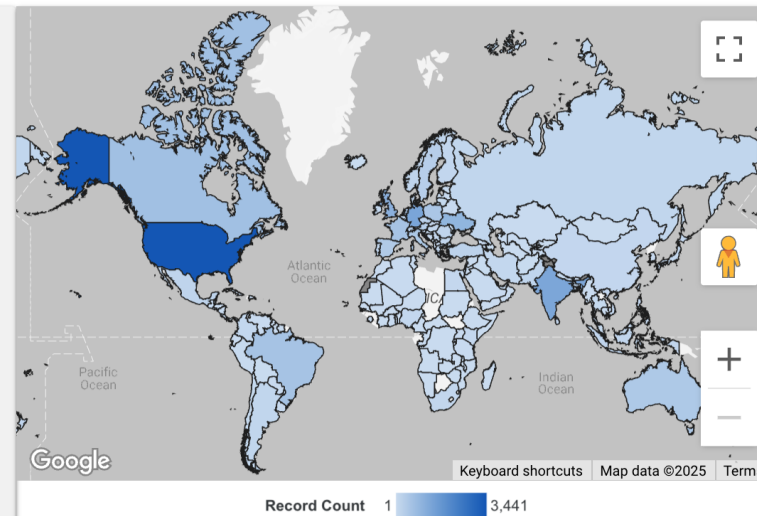


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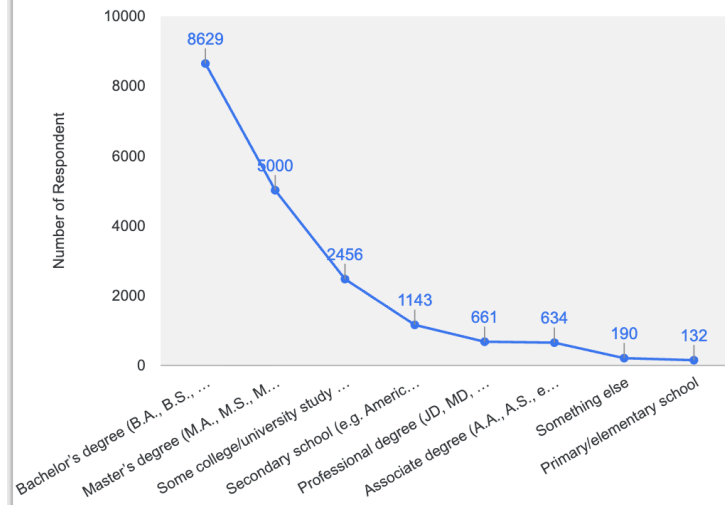
Respondents by Age



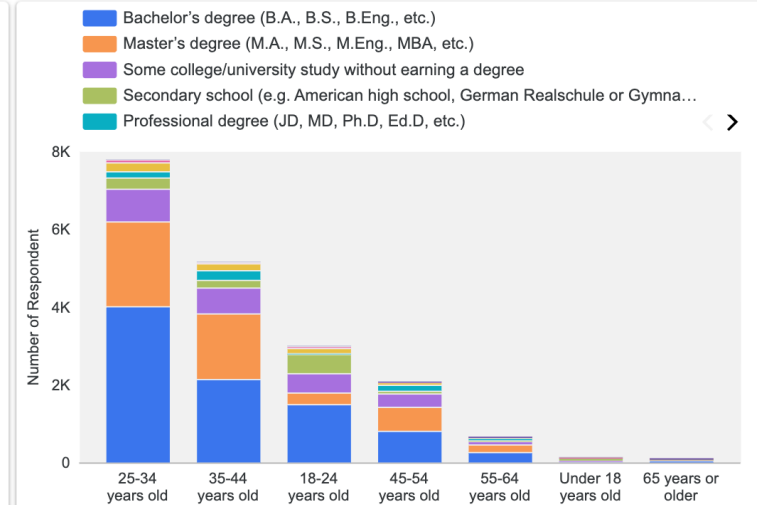
Respondent Count by Country



Respondent Distribution by Education Level



Respondent Count by Age, Classified by Education Level



DISCUSSION



OVERALL FINDINGS & IMPLICATIONS

- **Websites (Frontend):** Master **JavaScript** and **React**. This combination builds the part of the website that users actually see and interact with.
- **Backend Logic:** Learn **Python**. It's easy to start and powers most of the intelligent systems, data work, and APIs (the communication layer).
- **Data Storage:** Master **PostgreSQL**. It is the most reliable and popular database for storing all serious company information.
- **Cloud Platform:** Get comfortable with **AWS** (Amazon Web Services). This is the largest and most-used platform for running applications online.

CONCLUSION



1. Master the Basics: Start by becoming highly proficient in **JavaScript/React**, **Python**, and the **PostgreSQL** database. Due to it is foundation for nearly all modern jobs.

2. Invest in Speed: Once you have the basics, begin learning performance-focused languages like **Rust** or **Go**, and specialized speed tools like **Redis**.

In short: Learn the core well, then learn the specialized tools that make things fast.



APPENDIX



- Include any relevant additional charts, or tables that you may have created during the analysis phase.



JOB POSTINGS



POPULAR LANGUAGES

