

Interactive: The Top Programming Languages 2018

Find the programming languages that are most important to you

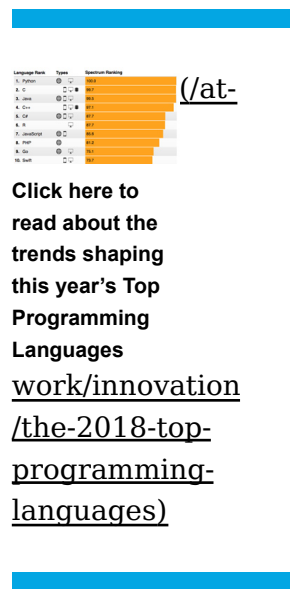
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This app ranks the popularity of dozens of programming languages. You can filter them by excluding sectors that aren't relevant to you, such as “Web” or “Embedded.” (Which sectors a language can be found listed in is based on typical use patterns we've seen in the wild.) Rankings are created by weighting and combining 11 metrics from 9 sources. We have one less source this year, as the Dice job site shut down its API. However, the Dice metric is still available for previous years' data. ([Read more about our method and sources \(/static/ieee-top-programming-languages-2018-methods\)](#)).

The default set of weights produces our *IEEE Spectrum* ranking—but there are preset weights for those more interested in what's trending or most looked for by employers. Don't like the presets? Create your own ranking by adjusting the weights yourself. To compare with a previous year's data, click “Add a Comparison” and then click “Edit Ranking,” which will give you the option to compare with data from 2014 to 2017.

This app was originally developed in collaboration with *IEEE Spectrum* by data journalist Nick Diakopoulos.





Language Rank Types Spectrum Ranking

1. Python		100.0
2. C++		81.7
3. Java		78.1
4. C#		71.7
5. JavaScript		67.7
6. PHP		61.7
7. Swift		51.7
8. Kotlin		41.7
9. Go		31.7
10. Rust		21.7

[Click here to read about the trends shaping this year's Top Programming Languages work/innovation/the-2018-top-programming-languages](#)





























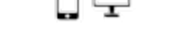
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Language Types (click to hide)

Web
 Mobile
 Enterprise
 Embedded

Language Rank	Types	Spectrum Ranking
1. Python		100.0

2. C++		98.3
3. C		98.3
4. Java		97.2
5. C#		92.7
6. R		82.8
7. PHP		82.7
8. JavaScript		82.6
9. Go		76.4
10. Assembly		74.2
11. Matlab		72.8
12. Scala		72.1
13. Ruby		71.3
14. HTML		70.5
15. Arduino		69.0
16. Shell		65.8
17. Perl		58.0
18. Swift		53.8
19. Processing		52.8
20. Objective-C		51.4
21. Fortran		51.1
22. Lua		49.3
23. SQL		48.6
24. Haskell		48.5
25. Visual Basic		43.8
26. Cuda		43.0
27. VHDL		42.9
28. Rust		41.6
29. Delphi		41.0
30. D		40.5

31. Verilog		39.5
32. Julia		34.1
33. Lisp		33.3
34. Clojure	 	30.7
35. LabView	 	30.1
36. Prolog		29.5
37. Erlang	 	29.3
38. ABAP		24.8
39. Cobol		24.6
40. SAS		22.8
41. Ada	 	22.3
42. TCL	 	21.7
43. Scheme	 	18.7
44. J		17.9
45. Ladder Logic		10.7
46. Ocaml	 	10.4
47. Actionscript	 	5.0
48. Forth		0.0