# Introduction to Python

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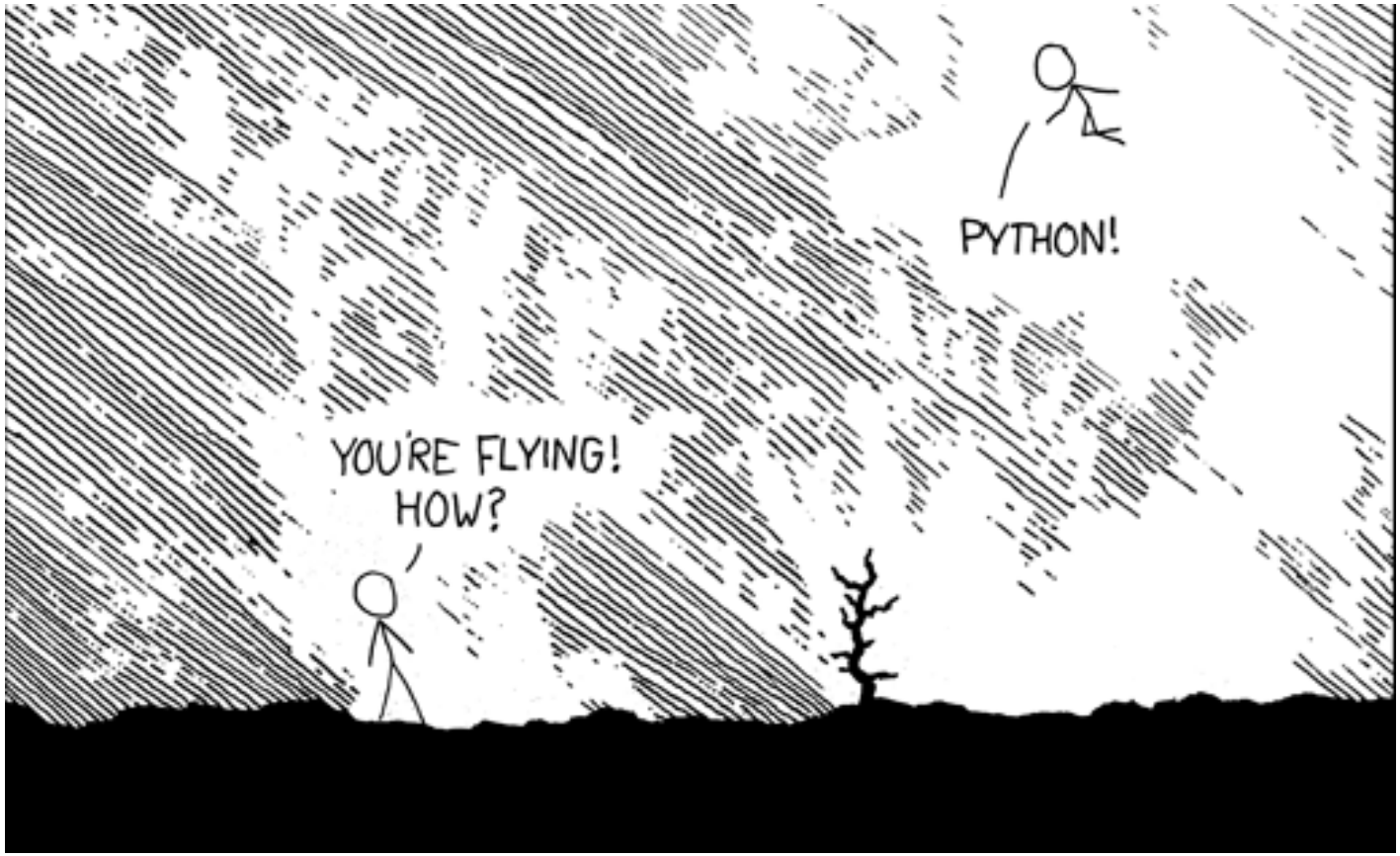
# Motto

*"Python makes you fly."*

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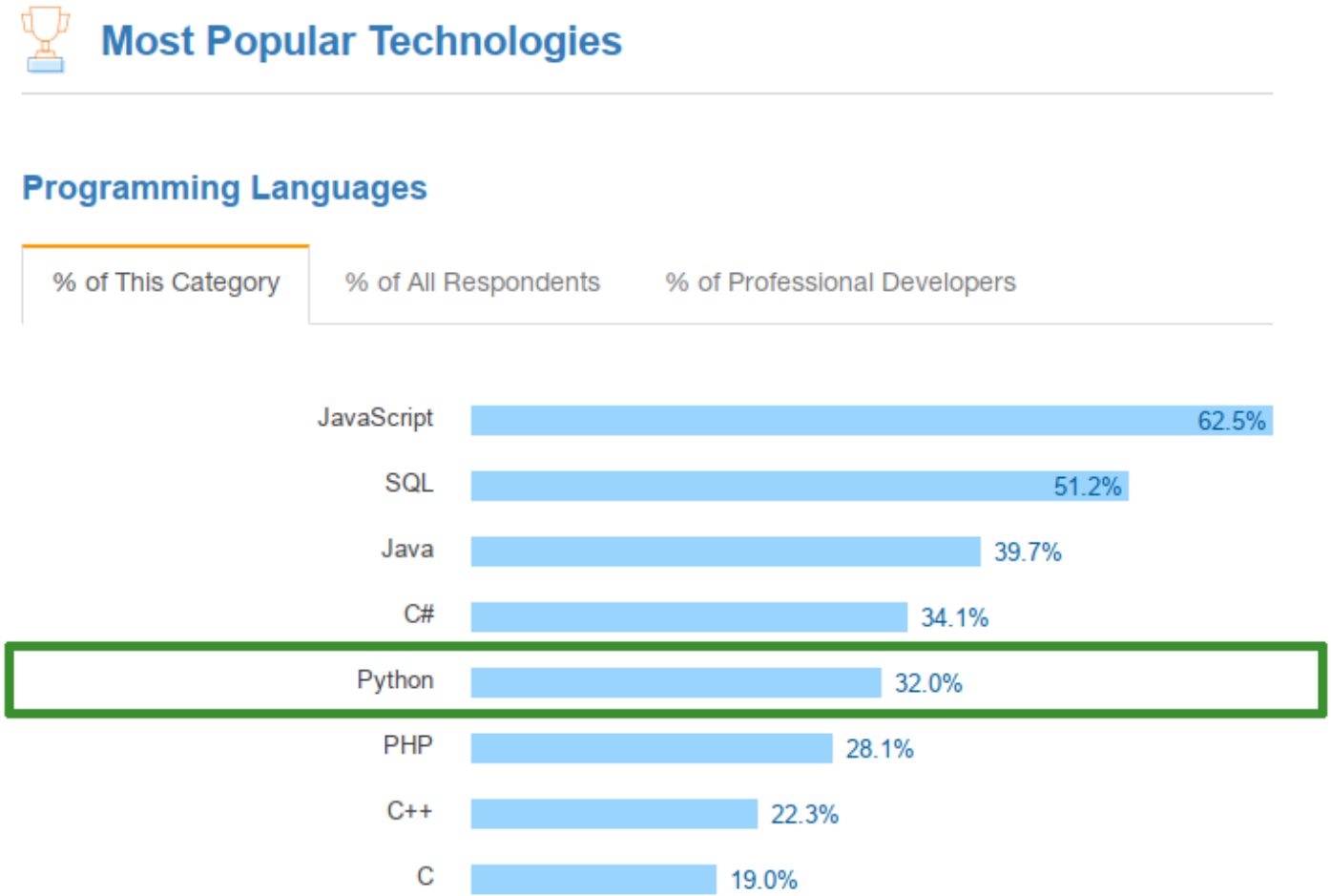


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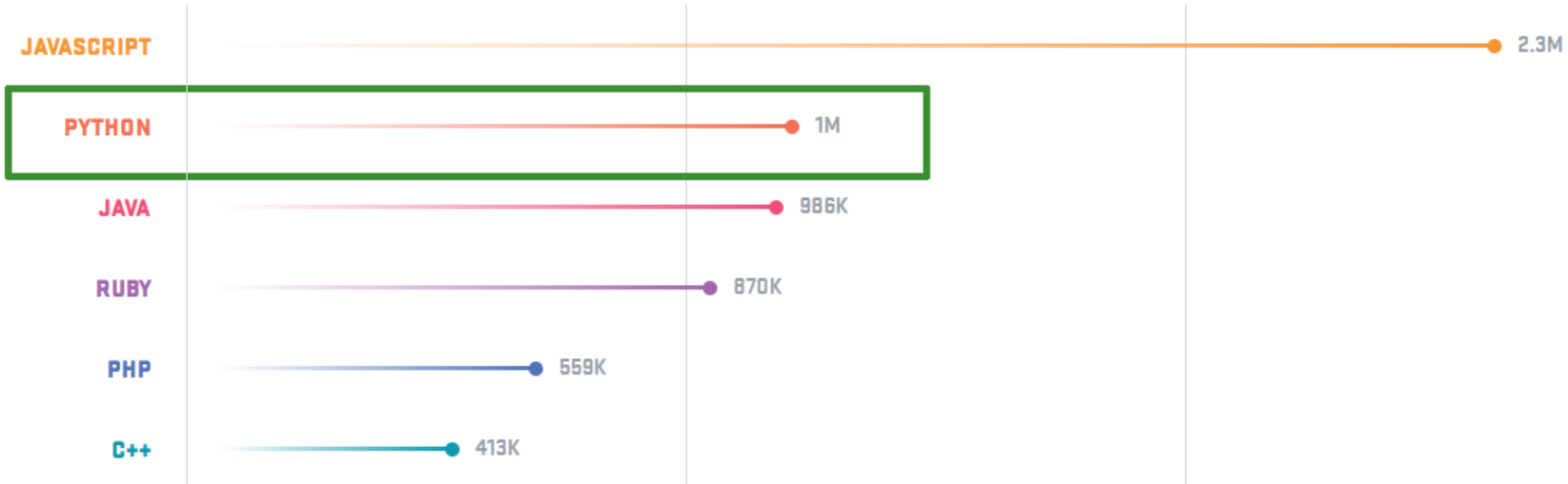


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    print('error')
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# Import everything from the given module.
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# Object-Oriented Programming

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    """Representation of a point in 2D space."""

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    def distance(self, other):
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    while True:
        yield a
        a, b = b, a + b

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- `sphinx` (documentation)
- `sqlalchemy` (database toolkit)
- `numpy`, `scipy` (scientific computing)
- `django`, `flask` (web frameworks)
- `coverage` (code coverage)
- `ply` (Python Lex and Yacc)
- `matplotlib` (2D plotting)
- `pygal` (charting)
- `pygame` (games)
- `pyqt` (GUI)
- `retdec-python` (decompilation)

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- multiparadigm (procedural, object oriented)
- strongly typed
- dynamically typed
- interpreted (translated to internal representation)
- modularity is directly supported (packages, modules)

# Where to Look for Further Information?

Python Programming Language – Official Website

https://www.python.org/

Python 3 Documentation

https://docs.python.org/3/

Official Python 3 Tutorial

https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/

Dive into Python 3

http://www.diveintopython3.net/

Learning Python, 5th Edition (2013)

http://shop.oreilly.com/product/0636920028154.do

Fluent Python (2015)

http://shop.oreilly.com/product/0636920032519.do