

# Introduction to Python

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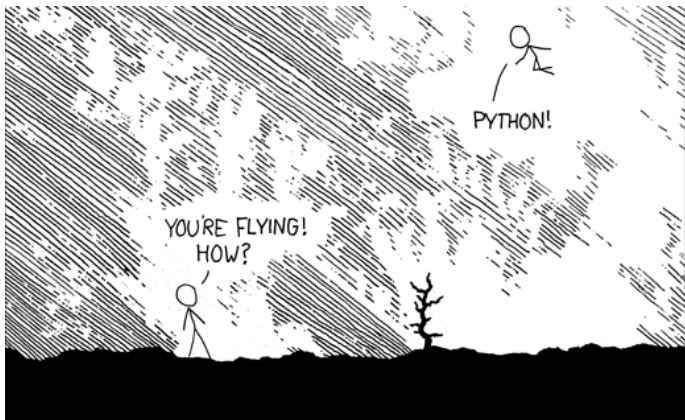
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*"Python makes you fly."*



<https://xkcd.com/353/>

# Why Python? Whetting our Appetite

Feb 2019	Feb 2018	Change	Programming Language	Ratings	Change
1	1		Java	15.876%	+0.89%
2	2		C	12.424%	+0.57%
3	4	▲	Python	7.574%	+2.41%
4	3	▼	C++	7.444%	+1.72%
5	6	▲	Visual Basic .NET	7.095%	+3.02%
6	8	▲	JavaScript	2.848%	-0.32%
7	5	▼	C#	2.846%	-1.61%
8	7	▼	PHP	2.271%	-1.15%
9	11	▲	SQL	1.900%	-0.46%
10	20	▲	Objective-C	1.447%	+0.32%

<http://www.tiobe.com/tiobe-index/>

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Worldwide, Feb 2019 compared to a year ago:

Rank	Change	Language	Share	Trend
1	↑	Python	26.42 %	+5.2 %
2	↓	Java	21.2 %	-1.3 %
3	↑	Javascript	8.21 %	-0.3 %
4	↑	C#	7.57 %	-0.5 %
5	↓↓	PHP	7.34 %	-1.2 %
6		C/C++	6.23 %	-0.3 %
7		R	4.13 %	-0.1 %
8		Objective-C	3.04 %	-0.8 %
9		Swift	2.56 %	-0.6 %
10		Matlab	1.98 %	-0.4 %

<http://pypl.github.io/>

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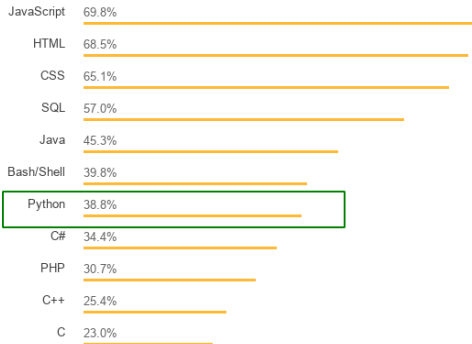


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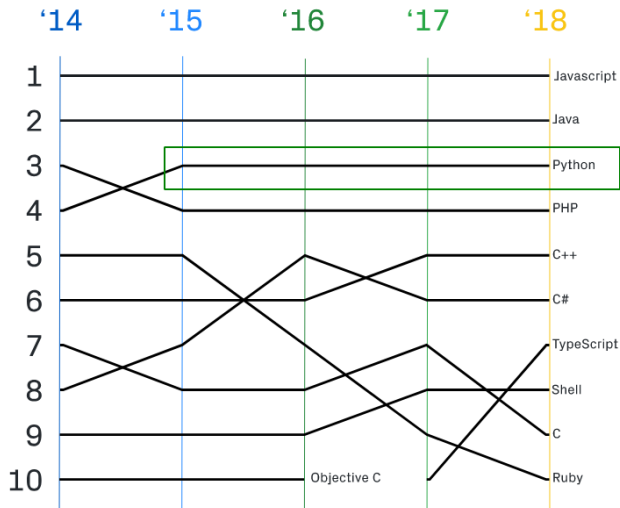
All Respondents

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<https://insights.stackoverflow.com/survey/2018>

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# Import everything from the given module.  
# (Use with caution!)  
from email import *
```



# Object-Oriented Programming

```
from math import sqrt

class Point:
    """Representation of a point in 2D space."""

    def __init__(self, x, y):
        self.x = x
        self.y = y

    def distance(self, other):
        return sqrt((other.x - self.x) ** 2 +
                    (other.y - self.y) ** 2)

a = Point(1, 2)
b = Point(3, 4)
print(a.distance(b))    # 2.8284271247461903
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```
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# 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

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Dive into Python 3

<http://www.diveintopython3.net/>



Learning Python, 5th Edition (2013)

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



Fluent Python (2015)

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