

We Analyzed 30,000 GitHub Projects - Here Are The Top 100 Libraries in Java, JS and Ruby

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One of the biggest dilemmas developers face every day is which software libraries to use. Go with the hot new framework or the "boring" tried-and-tested one that's been around for 10 years? One of the main things that make frameworks successful is their communities of users and contributors. While it can be easy to know how many people contribute to a project (especially if it's open source), it's pretty hard to know how many are actually using it. We decided to take a data-driven approach to answer these questions. GitHub hosts more than a million projects today. Projects range from small utilities and test apps all the way to massive infrastructure projects with hundreds of contributors. As such, it provides a fairly diverse and up-to-date dataset to explore, one which is also indicative of the trends in closed-source and enterprise software. We chose the 3 top languages on GitHub – Java, Ruby and JavaScript. For each one we analyzed 10,000 projects (i.e. GitHub repositories



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