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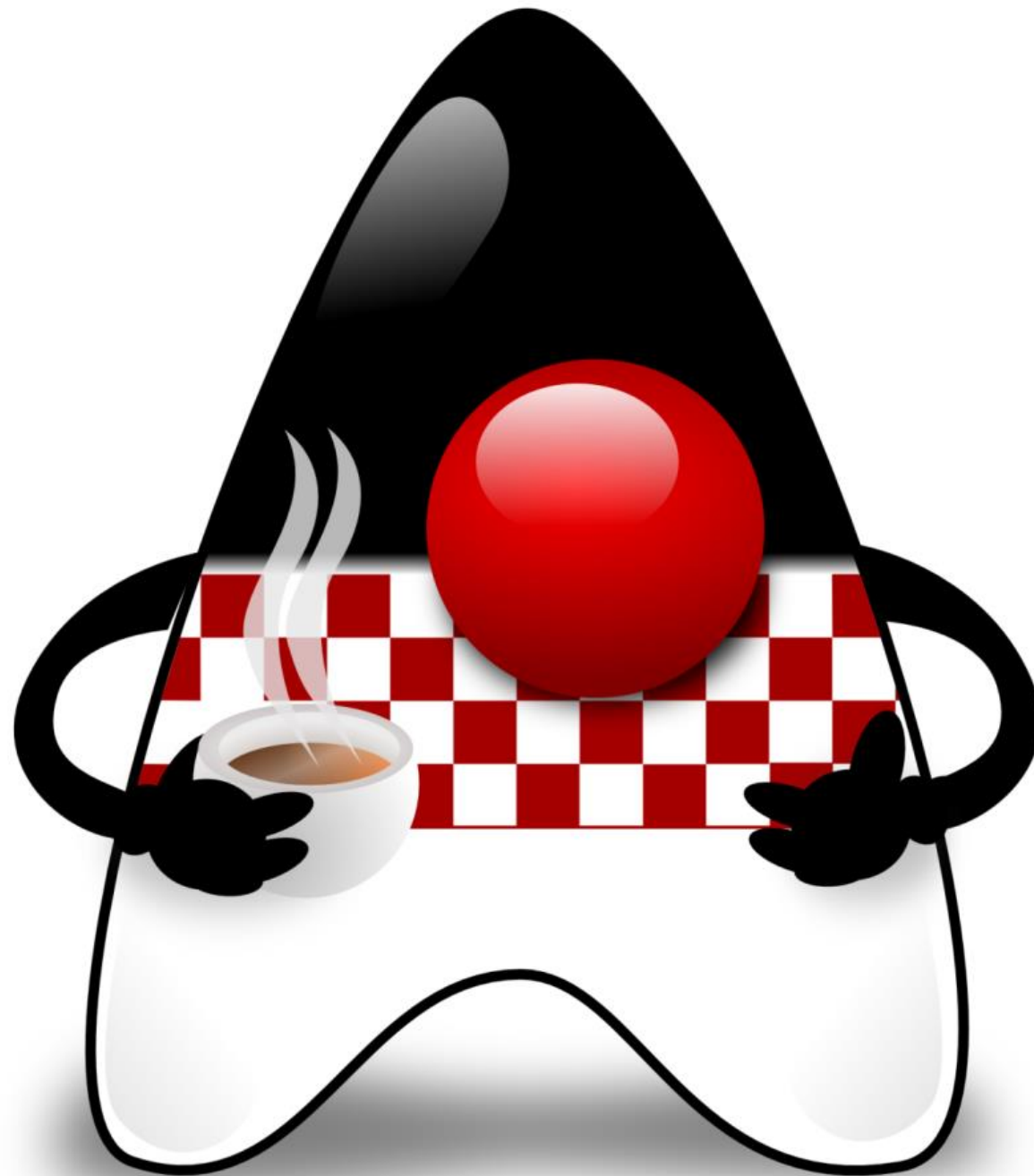
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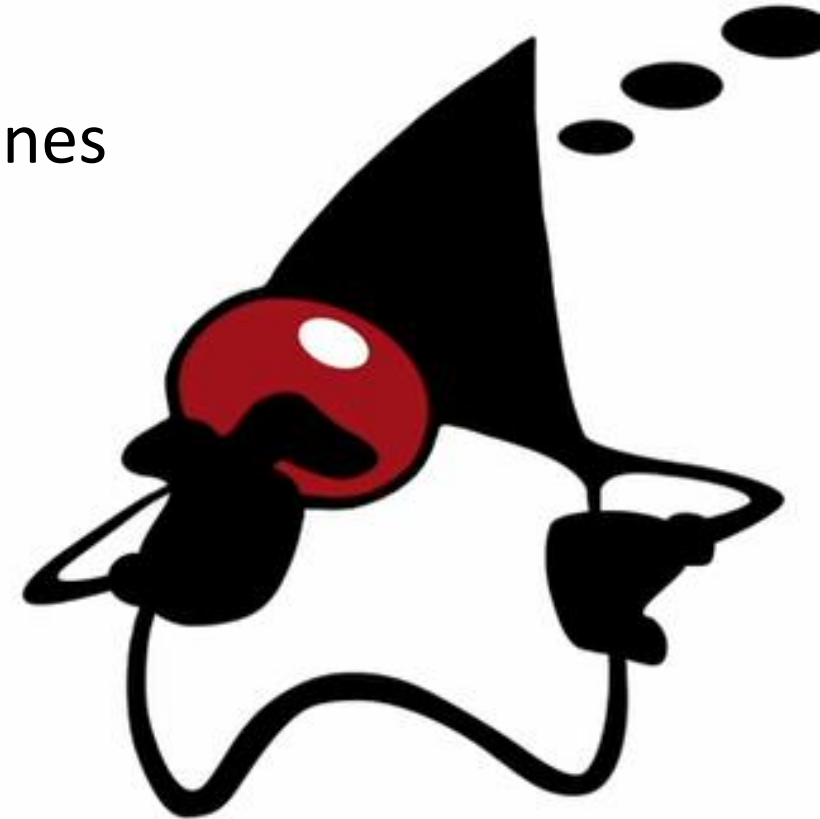
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# Assessing the **New Development** Landscape

- New programming **languages, polyglotism & interoperability**
- New software development **paradigms**
- New **frameworks** or new (different) versions of old ones
- Modern application **solutions**
- Variety of **deployment models**
- **Cloud-everywhere**
- **Microservices**
- **Anything/everything-as-a-service**
- ...





# Java Facts



- **#1 Development Platform** (still!)
  - Continued **growth** for **27+** years
- **#1 Programming Language**
  - In overall software development
- **60 Billion Active JVMs**
  - Expected to **grow** at over **9%** per year
- **38 Billion Cloud-based JVMs**
- **69%** of **Software Developers** run (some kind of...) Java apps

- **10 Million Java Developers**

- With many **Java Certificates**

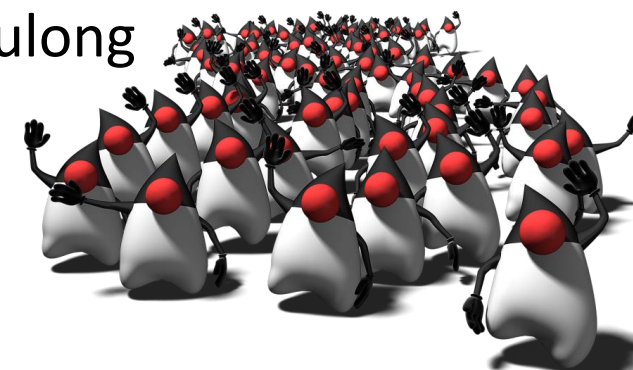


- **50+ JVM languages**

- JVM languages: Groovy, Kotlin, Scala, Clojure, JRuby, Jython, Fantom, Ceylon, Xtend, X10, LuaJ, Golo, Frege, Mirah, Eta, JavaScript...

- And **other languages** with **GraalVM**

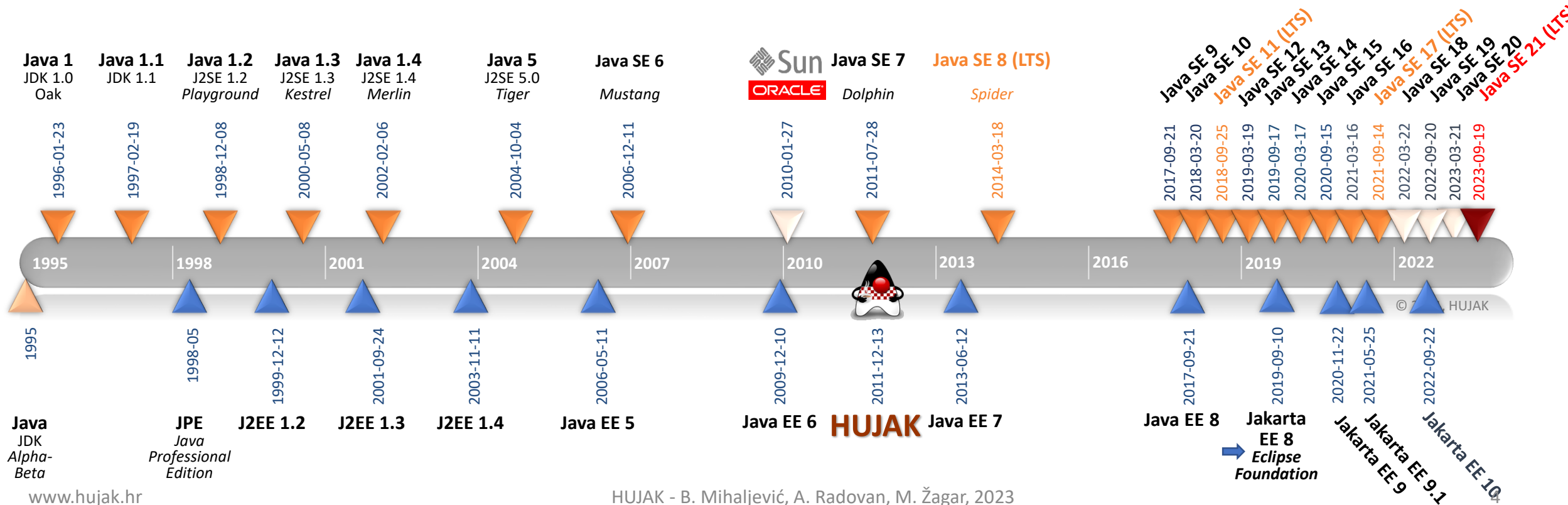
- With Truffle and Sulong





# Java Timeline

- 27+ years of history... a legend

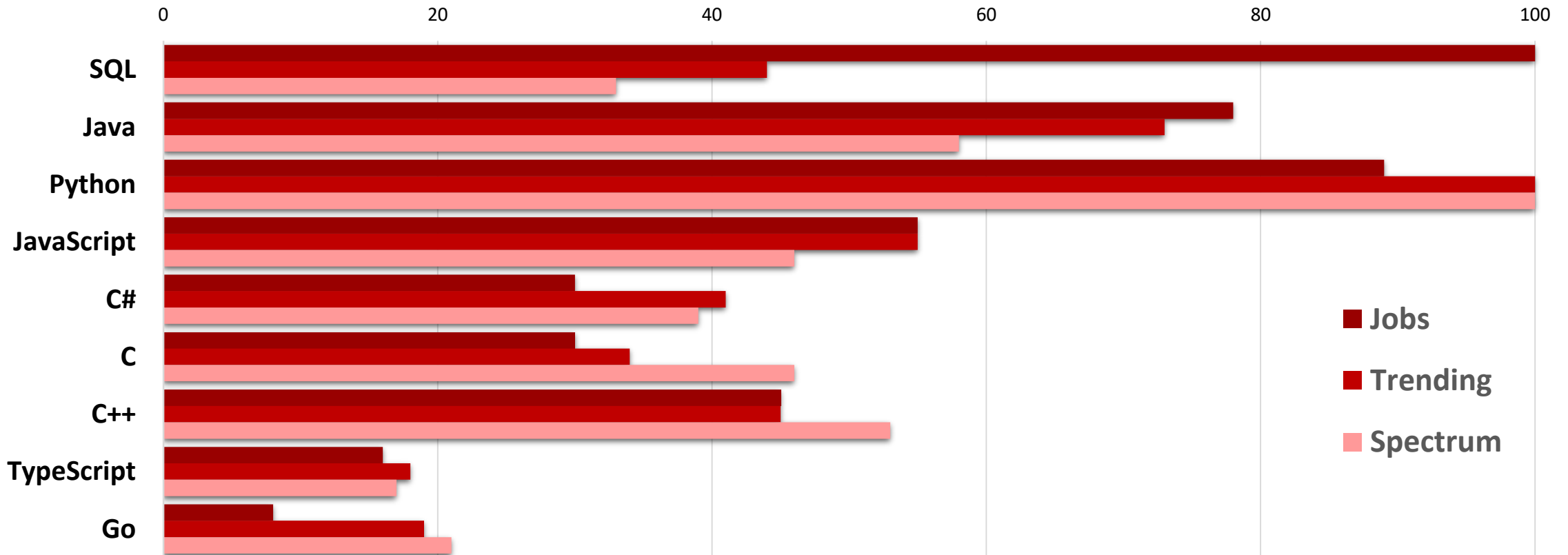




# Is Java **still popular**?

- **Top Programming Languages 2023 by IEEE Spectrum**

- Combining Google Search, Twitter, Stack Overflow, Reddit, IEEE Xplore, IEEE Jobs, CareerBuilder, GitHub

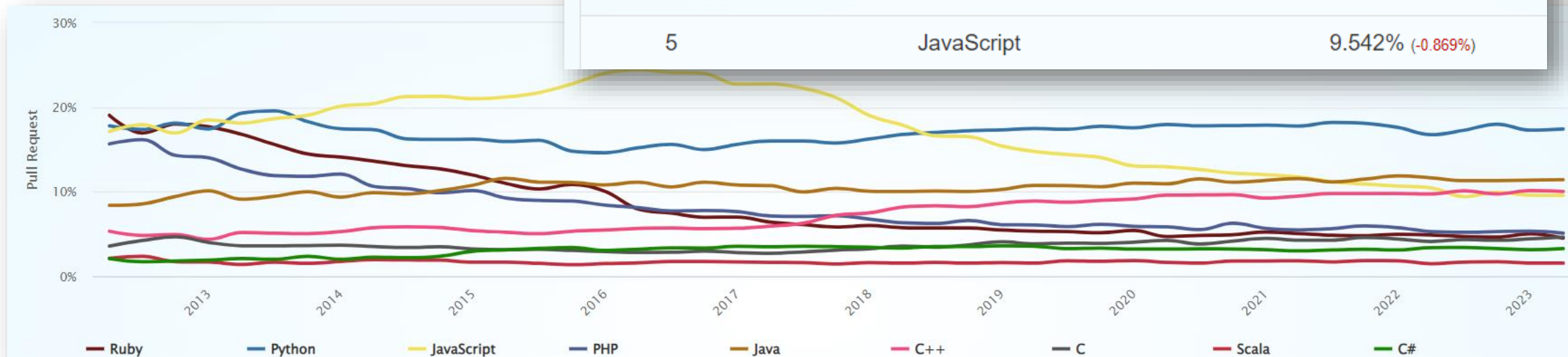




# Is Java **still popular**?

- **GitHut 2.0** in Q2 2023  
– Pull Requests

# Ranking	Programming Language	Percentage (YoY Change)
1	Python	17.355% (+0.673%)
2	Java	11.387% (-0.212%)
3	Go	10.877% (+1.574%)
4	C++	9.994% (+0.301%)
5	JavaScript	9.542% (-0.869%)

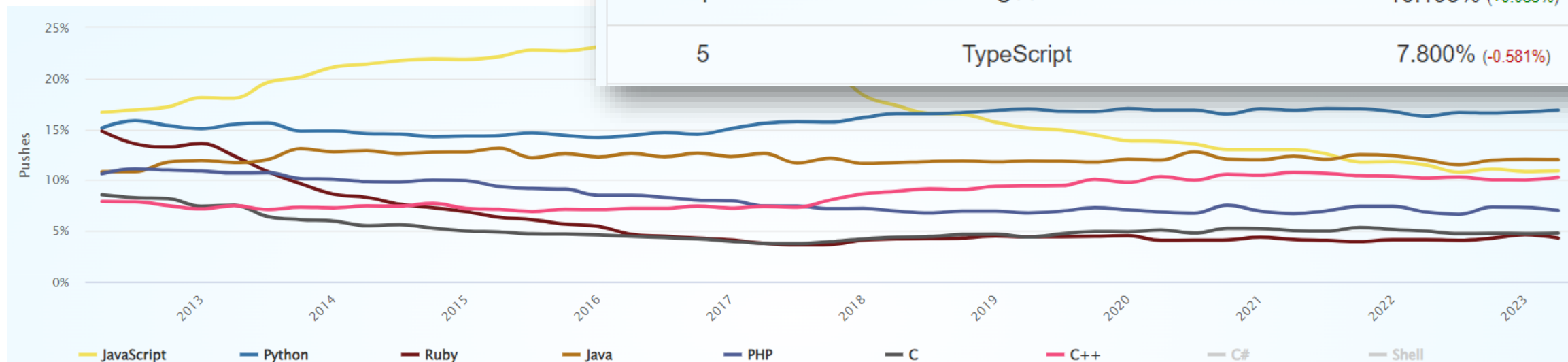




# Is Java **still popular**?

- **GitHut 2.0** in Q2 2023  
– Pushes

# Ranking	Programming Language	Percentage (YoY Change)
1	Python	16.758% (+0.594%)
2	Java	11.928% (+0.021%)
3	JavaScript	10.827% (-0.570%)
4	C++	10.195% (+0.055%)
5	TypeScript	7.800% (-0.581%)

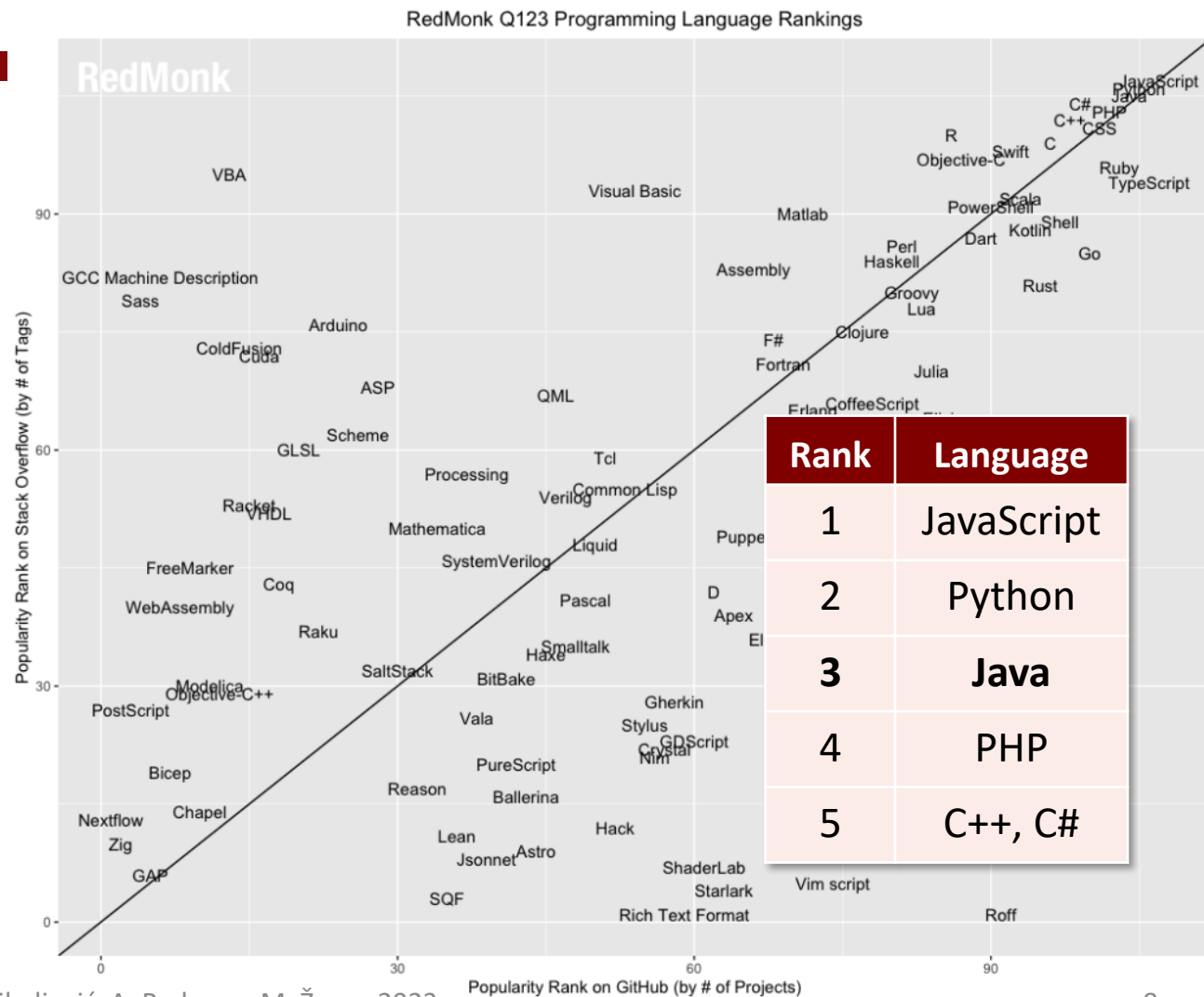
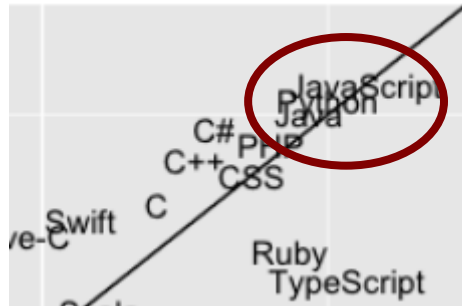




# Is Java **still** popular?

## • RedMonk Programming Language Rankings: January 2023

- Extraction of language rankings from **GitHub** and **Stack Overflow**
- Combining them to reflect both code (GitHub) and discussion (Stack Overflow) traction







# Available JDKs?

- One of many **OpenJDKs** or **Oracle JDK**
- **Oracle OpenJDK**
- **Amazon's Corretto OpenJDK**
- **Adoptium / Eclipse Temurin OpenJDK**
- **Azul Zulu OpenJDK**
- **RedHat's OpenJDK**
- **IBM Semeru OpenJDK**
- **Linux distribution's OpenJDK**
- **Alibaba Dragonwell OpenJDK**
- **Bellsoft Liberica OpenJDK**
- **SAP SapMachine OpenJDK**
- **Microsoft OpenJDK**
- ...
- **Oracle GraalVM CE or EE**



# Is Java **Moving Forward?**

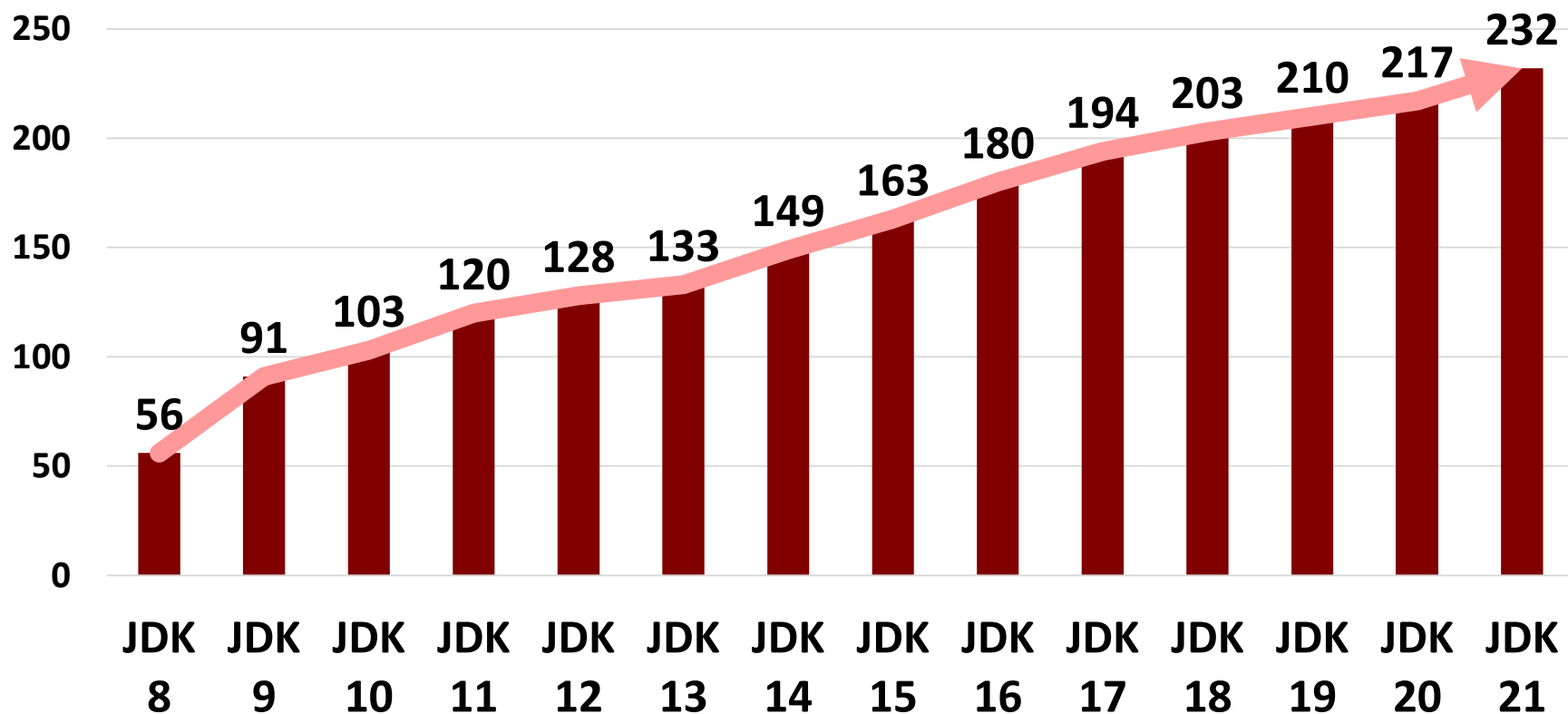
- a) **Variety of Tools, Libraries and Frameworks**
  - **Stable evolution** - incrementally and predictably
  - **Careful backward compatibility**
- b) **Community Trust, Acceptance, and Familiarity**
  - **No surprises** - open and transparent development model
  - **Community involvement** – entire community contributes to new features
- c) **Continuous Innovation and Predictability**
  - **Innovative improvements** - respecting contemporary software development
  - **Cautious innovation** - gradually introducing language/platform enhancements





# Constant Evolution through JEPs

## The number of JEPs in JDKs 8-21

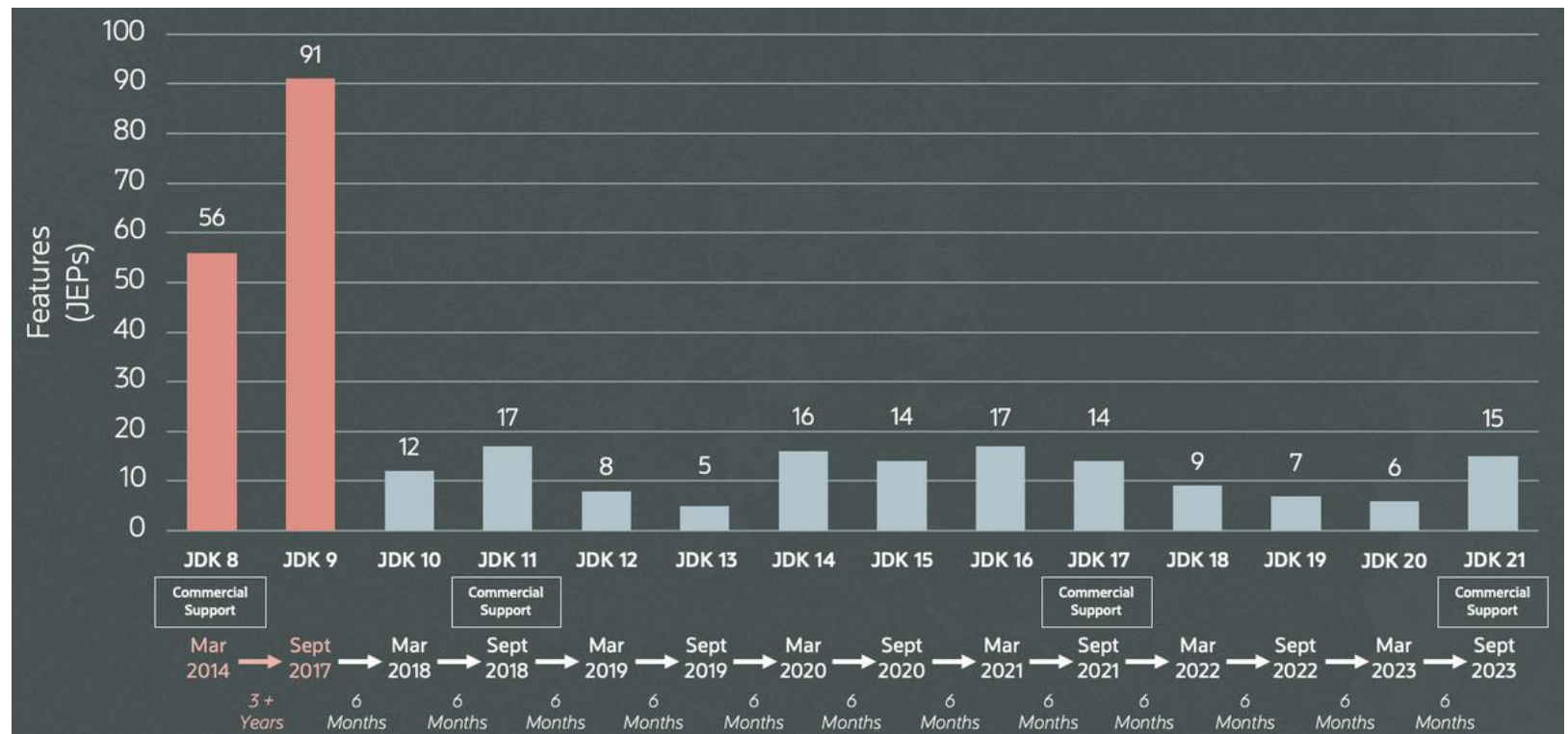


- The number of JEPs is on the **constant rise**
- Continuous flow of **new features**
- What about Long Term Support (LTS)?



# LTS (Long Term Support) Releases

- Accumulating improvements over 6-months feature releases
- New LTS (Long Term Support) release schedule → **every 2 years** (instead 3)
- LTS releases presented a significant number of JEPs
  - JDK 8 – 56 JEPs
  - JDK 9-11 – 29 JEPs
  - JDK 12-17 – 74 JEPs
  - JDK 18-21 – 38 JEPs





# Is Java "Free"?



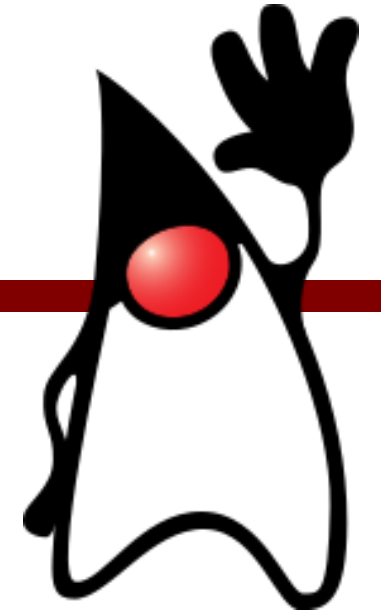
- Use of **OpenJDK** for **free** with **GPLv2+CE** license
- **Updates** (code patches) – **free of charge**
- **Support** (fixing bugs and answering questions) – it was **never free of charge**

## What about Oracle JDK?

- Oracle JDK **11-16** under **Oracle Technology Network (OTN)** license in **production** used with **commercial Java SE** subscription
  - Completely free JDK 11-16 are only OpenJDK binaries
- Oracle JDK **17+** with **Oracle No-Fee Terms and Conditions (NFTC)** licensing
  - Oracle JDK permits **free use** for all users, even commercial and production use



# Current State of Java?



Some questions for all of us:

- Still using **Java 8** (2014)?
- Switched to the "older" **Java 11 LTS** (2018)?
- Upgrading to the "old" **Java 17 LTS** (2021)?
- Anyone using "new" **Java 21 LTS** (2023)?



# Some Important Features

OpenJDK

Important features in Java 8-21:

- **Java Platform **Module System**** and **6-months/2-years OpenJDK** releases
- **Language Features** – Local-Variable Type Inference (vars), **Sealed** Classes, **Hidden** Classes, **Records**, **Switch** Expressions, **Pattern** Matching, Text **Blocks** ...
- **Libraries and APIs** – **Foreign-Memory Access** API, **Vector** API, Pseudo-Random Generator, Deserialization Filters...
- **Memory Management** – various **Garbage Collectors** and default **G1**
- **Easier Debugging and Modernizing Infrastructure**– Flight Recorder, JFT Event Streaming, NullPointerExceptions, Git, ports ...
- **Deprecations & Removals** – ~~CMS GC, Nashorn, Biased Locking, RMI Activation, Applet API, Security Manager...~~



# Innovation with Incubators and Preview

- **Experimental Features**

- Test-bed to gather feedback on nontrivial enhancements

- **Incubator Features**

- New API ideas and tools that, after stabilization, are most likely to be included in JDKs

- **Preview Features**

- Features believed to be implemented but subject to changes before becoming final
- **Fully implemented** and **fully specified**, yet **impermanent**, made available in a release to get real world use feedback from developers
- To try out has to be **enabled** at compile time and at runtime with **--enable-preview**

- **Early Access Releases**

- Allowing developers to prepare for the next version of JDK in advance





# JDK 19



- **JDK 19 in September 2022**

- **New features and APIs** at [openjdk.java.net/projects/jdk/19/](https://openjdk.java.net/projects/jdk/19/)

- **JEPs delivered:**

- JEP 405: **Record Patterns** (Preview)
- JEP 422: Linux/RISC-V Port
- JEP 424: **Foreign Function & Memory API** (Preview)
- JEP 425: **Virtual Threads** (Preview)
- JEP 426: **Vector API** (Fourth Incubator)
- JEP 427: **Pattern Matching for switch** (Third Preview)
- JEP 428: **Structured Concurrency** (Incubator)



# JDK 20



- **JDK 20 in March 2023**

- **New features and APIs** at [openjdk.org/projects/jdk/20/](https://openjdk.org/projects/jdk/20/)

- **JEPs delivered:**

- JEP 429: **Scoped Values** (Incubator)
- JEP 432: **Record Patterns** (Second Preview)
- JEP 433: **Pattern Matching for switch** (Fourth Preview)
- JEP 434: **Foreign Function & Memory API** (Second Preview)
- JEP 436: **Virtual Threads** (Second Preview)
- JEP 437: **Structured Concurrency** (Second Incubator)
- JEP 438: **Vector API** (Fifth Incubator)



# JDK 21



- **JDK 21** released on **September 19, 2023**
  - New features and APIs at [openjdk.org/projects/jdk/21/](https://openjdk.org/projects/jdk/21/)
- **JEPs delivered:**
  - JEP 430: **String Templates** (Preview)
  - JEP 431: **Sequenced Collections**
  - JEP 439: **Generational ZGC**
  - JEP 440: **Record Patterns**
  - JEP 441: **Pattern Matching for switch**
  - JEP 442: **Foreign Function & Memory API** (Third Preview)
  - JEP 443: **Unnamed Patterns and Variables** (Preview)
  - JEP 444: **Virtual Threads**
  - JEP 445: **Unnamed Classes and Instance Main Methods** (Preview)
  - JEP 446: **Scoped Values** (Preview)
  - JEP 448: **Vector API** (Sixth Incubator)
  - JEP 449: Deprecate the Windows 32-bit x86 Port for Removal
  - JEP 451: Prepare to Disallow the Dynamic Loading of Agents
  - JEP 452: Key Encapsulation Mechanism API
  - JEP 453: **Structured Concurrency** (Preview)



# JDK 22 – Foreseeable Future



- **JDK 22** to be released in **March 2024**
  - **New features and APIs** at [openjdk.org/projects/jdk/22/](https://openjdk.org/projects/jdk/22/)
- **JEPs targeted (so far):**
  - **JEP 454: Foreign Function & Memory API**
- **JEPs not targeted (yet):**
  - **JEP 455: Primitive types in Patterns, instanceof, and switch (Preview)**
  - **JEP 456: Unnamed Variables and Patterns**
  - **JEP 457: Class-File API (Preview)**
  - **JEP 458: Launch Multi-File Source-Code Programs**
  - **JEP 459: String Templates (Second Preview)**
  - **JEP 460: Vector API (Seventh Incubator)**
  - **JEP draft: Null-Restricted Value Class Types (Preview)**



# Virtual Threads

- JEP 444: **Virtual Threads** <https://openjdk.org/jeps/444>
  - Previously previewed in JDK 20 and 19, finalized in JDK 21
- Virtual threads are **lightweight JVM threads** that dramatically reduce the effort of writing and maintaining high-throughput concurrent applications
- Server applications written in the **simple thread-per-request** style to scale with near-optimal hardware utilization
- Existing code using **java.lang.Thread API** could **adopt** with minimal changes
- Easy **debugging** and **profiling** with current JDK tools
- Now with **guaranteed support** for **thread-local variables**
  - Ensures that more existing libraries can be used unchanged with virtual threads and assists with migrating task-oriented code to use virtual threads
- Developers can choose whether to use **virtual threads** or **platform threads**



# Virtual Threads

- Updated and new java.lang.Thread API:
  - Thread.**Builder**, methods **ofVirtual()**, **ofPlatform()**, **isVirtual()**, **startVirtualThread(Runnable)**, **getAllStackTraces()**
- *Example:* Creates a new unstarted virtual thread named "duke"

```
Thread thread =  
    Thread.ofVirtual().name("duke").unstarted(runnable);
```

- *Example:* Starts a virtual thread

```
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args)  
        throws InterruptedException {  
        var vThread = Thread.startVirtualThread(() -> {  
            System.out.println("Hello from virtual thread");  
        });  
        vThread.join();  
    }  
}
```



# Virtual Threads – Example

- *Example:* Obtains an `ExecutorService` that will create a new virtual thread for each submitted task, and then it submits 10000 tasks and waits for all of them to complete:

```
try (var executor =  
    Executors.newVirtualThreadPerTaskExecutor()) {  
    IntStream.range(0, 10000).forEach(i -> {  
        executor.submit(() -> {  
            Thread.sleep(Duration.ofSeconds(1));  
            return i;  
        });  
    });  
} // executor.close() called implicitly, and waits
```

- JDK runs it on a small number of OS threads, perhaps as few as one



# Virtual Threads – More ...

- *More examples:*
  - Nicolai Parlog [github.com/nipafx/loom-lab](https://github.com/nipafx/loom-lab)
  - Bazlur Rahman [github.com/rokon12/project-loom-slides-and-demo-code](https://github.com/rokon12/project-loom-slides-and-demo-code)
- Recommended to watch:
  - **Java 21 new feature: Virtual Threads** - [youtu.be/5E0LU85EnTI](https://youtu.be/5E0LU85EnTI)
  - **Virtual Threads and Structured Concurrency in Java 21 With Loom** - [www.youtube.com/live/QxxG66eQoTc](https://www.youtube.com/live/QxxG66eQoTc)
  - **Java 21: Focus on Virtual Threads and Pattern Matching** - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=d\\_XmNicqC2I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_XmNicqC2I)
  - **Virtual Thread Deep Dive** - Inside Java Newscast #23 <https://youtu.be/6dpHdo-UnCg>
  - **Launching 10 millions virtual threads with Loom** - JEP Café #12 [youtu.be/UVoGE0GZZPI](https://youtu.be/UVoGE0GZZPI)
  - **Java Asynchronous Programming Full Tutorial with Loom and Structured Concurrency** - JEP Café #13 [youtu.be/2nOj8MKHvmw](https://youtu.be/2nOj8MKHvmw)





# Structured Concurrency

- JEP 453: **Structured Concurrency** (Preview) [openjdk.org/jeps/453](https://openjdk.org/jeps/453)
  - The term was coined by [Martin Sústrik](#) and popularized by [Nathaniel J. Smith](#)
- Simplify multithreaded programming by **structured concurrency API** – treat multiple tasks running in different threads as a single unit of work
  - Streamlining error handling and cancellation, improving reliability, and enhancing observability in server applications
- In structured concurrency, **subtasks work on behalf of a task** – the task awaits the subtasks' results and monitors them for failures
- The power of structured concurrency for multiple threads comes from:
  - a) Well-defined **entry and exit points** for the flow of execution
  - b) A strict **nesting of the lifetimes of operations**
- Structured concurrency is a **great match for virtual threads**



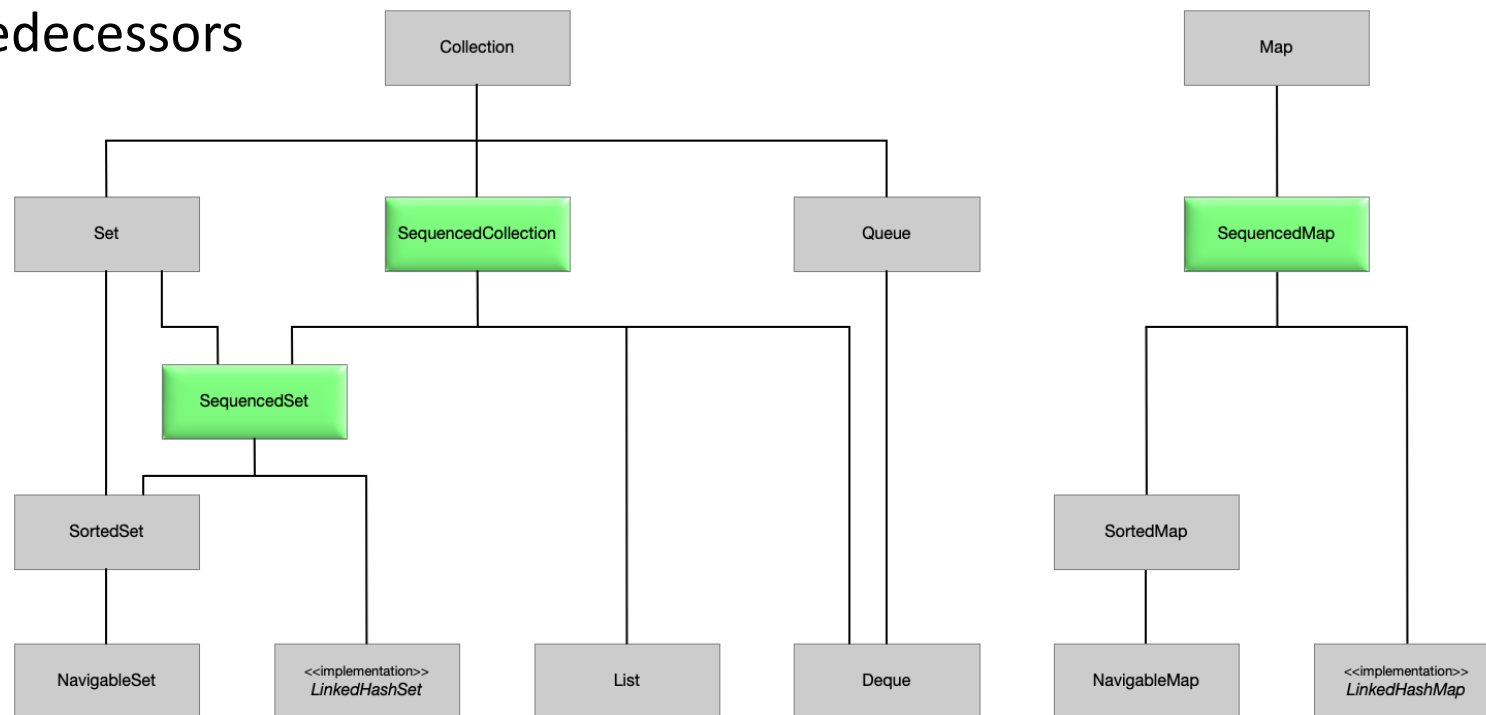
# Sequenced Collections

- JEP 432: **Sequenced Collections** <https://openjdk.org/jeps/431>
- Collections framework lacks a collection type to represent a sequence of elements with a defined **order** and using a uniform set of **operations**
- List and Deque both define an encounter order but their common supertype Collection does not
- SortedSet and LinkedHashSet both define an encounter order but Set and HashSet do not
- Neither Collection (too general) nor List (too specific) can describe a parameter or return value that has an encounter order
- New interfaces developed to represent **collections** with a defined encounter **order** (well-defined from first up to the last element)



# Sequenced Collections

- Retrofitting these new interfaces into the existing collections type hierarchy
  - Uniform **APIs** for accessing **first** and **last** elements, and processing elements in **reverse order**
- **Sequenced collection's** elements have a defined encounter order
  - All elements have successors/predecessors
  - Supports operations at either end, processing forward and reverse
- **Sequenced set** is a sequenced Set with no duplicate elements
- **Sequenced map** is a Map whose entries have a defined encounter order





# Sequenced Collections – Example

- *Example:* SequencedCollection interface methods

```
interface SequencedCollection<E> extends Collection<E> {
    SequencedCollection<E> reversed();           // new method
    void addFirst(E);                             // methods promoted from
Deque
    void addLast(E);
    E getFirst();
    E getLast();
    E removeFirst();
    E removeLast();
}
```

- *Example:* SequencedSet methods

```
interface SequencedSet<E> extends Set<E>, SequencedCollection<E> {
    SequencedSet<E> reversed();                 // covariant override
}
```



# Sequenced Collections – Example

- *Example:* SequencedMap methods

```
interface SequencedMap<K,V> extends Map<K,V> {  
    SequencedMap<K,V> reversed() ; // new methods  
    SequencedSet<K> sequencedKeySet() ;  
    SequencedCollection<V> sequencedValues() ;  
    SequencedSet<Entry<K,V>> sequencedEntrySet() ;  
    V putFirst(K, V) ;  
    V putLast(K, V) ;  
    Entry<K, V> firstEntry() ; // methods from NavigableMap  
    Entry<K, V> lastEntry() ;  
    Entry<K, V> pollFirstEntry() ;  
    Entry<K, V> pollLastEntry() ;  
}
```



# String Templates

- JEP 430: **String Templates** (Preview) [openjdk.org/jeps/430](https://openjdk.org/jeps/430)
  - JEP 459: String Templates (Second Preview) planned [openjdk.org/jeps/459](https://openjdk.org/jeps/459)
- Coupling literal text with **embedded expressions** and **template processors**
  - **Interpreted at run time**, possibly after further validation and transformation
  - Making it easy to express **strings that include values computed at run time**
  - Complement Java's existing string literals and text blocks with enhanced readability
- **Simplify** expressing strings that include **values computed at runtime**
  - Retain **flexibility** – Java libraries to define the formatting syntax
  - Improve the **security** – supports validation and transformation
- Simplify the use of APIs with strings in other languages (e.g., SQL, XML, JSON)
  - Develop non-string expressions combining literal text and embedded expressions
  - Does not change string concatenation (+), StringBuilder, and StringBuffer



# String Templates

- **STR** is a template processor performing **string interpolation** by replacing embedded expression with the (stringified) value of that expression
- *Example:* String template

```
String name = "Branko";
String info = STR."My name is \{name\}";
assert info.equals("My name is Branko");    // true
```
- String template expression **STR.**"**My name is \{name\}**" consists of:
  - Template processor (**STR**) and dot character (.)
  - Template ("**My name is \{name\}**") contain embedded expression (**\{name\}**)
- When a template expression is evaluated at run time, literal text is combined with the values of the embedded expressions in order to produce a result



# String Templates – Examples

- *Example:* Embedded expressions can be strings

```
String firstName = "John";  
String lastName  = "Smith";  
String sortName  = STR."\{lastName}, \{firstName}";
```

- *Example:* Embedded expressions can perform arithmetic

```
int x = 10, y = 20;  
String s = STR."\{x} + \{y} = \{x + y}";
```

- *Example:* Embedded expressions are evaluated (left to right)

```
int index = 0; // embedded expressions can be postfix increment  
String data = STR."\{index++}, \{index++}, \{index++} ";
```

- *Example:* Embedded expressions can invoke methods and access fields

```
String s = STR."You have a \{getOfferType()} waiting for you!";
```





# Record Patterns

- JEP 440: **Record Patterns** [openjdk.org/jeps/440](https://openjdk.org/jeps/440) – deconstruct record values
  - Since JDK 16 we have **record classes** as transparent carriers for data
  - Based on **Pattern Matching for switch** and **type patterns**
- **Record patterns** and **type patterns** can be nested to enable a powerful, declarative, and composable form of data navigation and processing
- **Declaration of local variables** for extracted components in **patterns**
- Initializes those variables by invoking the accessor methods when a value is **matched** against the pattern
- In effect, a record pattern disaggregates an instance of a record into its components



# Record Patterns

- *Example:* The record pattern tests whether a value is an instance of `Point`, and also **extracts** components (`x` and `y`) from the value directly

```
record Point(int x, int y) {}  
void printSum(Object o) {  
    if (o instanceof Point(int x, int y)) {  
        System.out.println(x+y);  
    }  
}
```

- *Example:* Inference of type arguments in **instanceof** expressions and **switch** statements and expressions works with **nested** record patterns

```
record Box<T>(T t) {}  
static void test1(Box<Box<String>> bbs) {  
    if (bbs instanceof Box<Box<String>>(Box( var s))) {  
        System.out.println("String " + s);  
    }  
}
```



# Foreign Function & Memory API

- JEP 454: **Foreign Function & Memory API** <https://openjdk.org/jeps/454>
  - Currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> Preview, evolved from JDK 18, 19, and 20 , coming in JDK 22
- API for statically-typed, pure-Java access to **native code**
- Java call to **native libraries** and **process native data** without the brittleness of JNI (Java Native Interface)
- Efficiently invoking foreign functions (outside of JVM) and by safely accessing foreign memory (not managed by JVM)
  - **Foreign Linker** API supports foreign function support
  - **Foreign Memory Access** API allows access to memory outside of heap
- *Examples:* Carl Dea (Azul) [github.com/carldea/panama4newbies](https://github.com/carldea/panama4newbies)



# Unnamed Classes and Instance Main Methods

- JEP 445: **Unnamed Classes and Instance Main Methods** (Preview)  
[openjdk.org/jeps/445](https://openjdk.org/jeps/445)
- Write first programs without needing to understand complex language features
- *Example*: Can we make this simpler?

```
public class HelloWorld {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println("Hello, World!");  
    }  
}
```

- YES! Optional **public, static, args,** and **unnamed classes** ("main class") with **automatic import** of static methods

```
void main() {  
    println("Hello, World!");  
}
```



# Scoped Values

- JEP 446: **Scoped Values (Preview)** [openjdk.org/jeps/446](https://openjdk.org/jeps/446)
- Scoped values may be **safely and efficiently shared to methods** without using method parameters
- A common pattern to **transfer control** from one component (e.g., "framework") to another (e.g., "application code") and then back
- Preferred to thread-local variables, especially when using large numbers of virtual threads
- In effect, a scoped value is an **implicit method parameter** - as if every method in a sequence of calls has an additional **invisible** parameter
  - Only the methods that have access to the scoped value object can access its value (the data)
- Possible to **pass data securely** from a caller to a faraway callee through intermediate methods that **do not declare a parameter** and have no access to the data



# Vector API

- JEP 460: **Vector API** (7<sup>th</sup> Incubator) [openjdk.org/jeps/460](https://openjdk.org/jeps/460)
  - Proposed in JDK 16, upgraded in JDK 17-21
- API for **vector computations** that reliably compile at runtime to optimal vector instructions on supported CPU architectures
  - Achieving performance superior to equivalent scalar computations
  - The latest incarnation includes performance enhancements and bug fixes
- Allows developers to **write complex vector algorithms** directly in Java



# Primitive types in Patterns, instanceof, and switch

- JEP 455: Primitive types in Patterns, instanceof, and switch (Preview)  
[openjdk.org/jeps/455](https://openjdk.org/jeps/455)
  - Promoted to Candidate status
- **Enhances pattern matching** by allowing primitive type patterns used in **all** pattern contexts
- Aligns the semantics of primitive type patterns with **instanceof**

- *Example:*

```
record Customer(String name, int age) { }  
if (json instanceof JsonObject(var map)  
    && map.get("name") instanceof JsonString(String name)  
    && map.get("age") instanceof JsonNumber(int age))  
{  
    return new Customer(name, age);    // no cast of age  
}
```

- Extends also **switch** to allow primitive constants as case labels



# Unnamed Variables and Patterns

- JEP 456: **Unnamed Variables and Patterns** [openjdk.org/jeps/456](https://openjdk.org/jeps/456)
  - Promoted to Target status to finalize it from JEP 443
- **Unnamed variables** can be initialized but not used
- **Unnamed patterns** match a record component without stating the component's name or type
- Both of these are denoted by the **underscore** (`_`) character
- The following declarations can introduce an **unnamed variable**:
  - A local variable declaration statement in a block
  - The resource specification of a try-with-resources statement
  - The header of a basic for loop
  - The header of an enhanced for loop
  - An exception parameter of a catch block
  - A formal parameter of a lambda expression





# Unnamed Variables – Examples

- **Example:** An enhanced for loop with side effects

```
static int count(Iterable<Order> orders) {  
    int total = 0;  
    for (Order _ : orders)           // unnamed variable  
        total++;  
    return total;  
}
```

- **Example:** Initialization of a for loop can declare unnamed local variables

```
for (int i = 0, _ = sideEffect(); i < 10; i++) { ... i ... }
```

- **Example:** In lambda whose parameter is irrelevant

```
stream.collect(Collectors.toMap(String::toUpperCase, _ -> "NODATA"))
```

- **Example:** In try-with-resources:

```
try (var _ = ScopedContext.acquire()) {  
    ... no use of acquired resource ...  
}
```



# Unnamed Variables – Examples

- **Example:** An assignment where the result of the expression is not needed

```
Queue<Integer> q = ... // x1, y1, z1, x2, y2, z2, ...
while (q.size() >= 3) {
    var x = q.remove();
    var y = q.remove();
    var _ = q.remove(); // Unnamed variable
    ... new Point(x, y) ...
}
```

- **Example:** A catch block

```
String s = ...
try {
    int i = Integer.parseInt(s);
    ... i ...
} catch (NumberFormatException _) {
    System.out.println("Bad number: " + s);
}
```



# Class-File API

- JEP 457: **Class-File API (Preview)** [openjdk.org/jeps/457](https://openjdk.org/jeps/457)
  - Promoted to Candidate status
- Provide an **API** for **reading, writing, and transforming** Java class files
- Initially as an internal **replacement for ASM** (Java bytecode manipulation and analysis framework) in the JDK with plans to open as a public API
- Brian Goetz (Java language architect at Oracle) characterized ASM as "*an old codebase with plenty of legacy baggage*" and provided background information on how this draft will evolve and ultimately replace it



# Projects – Longer-term Java Future

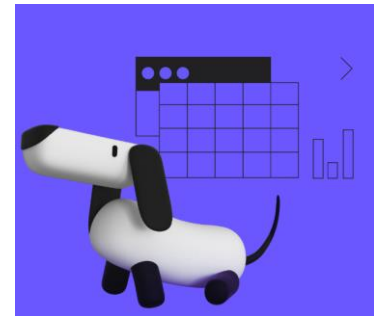
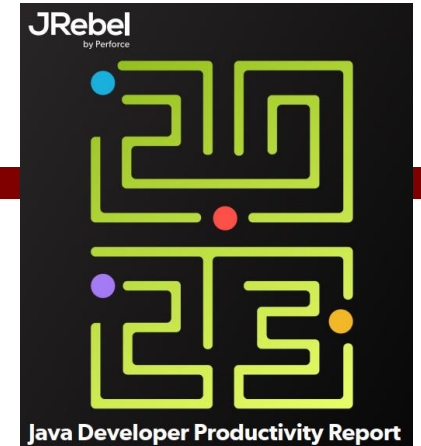
## OpenDJK Projects – [openjdk.java.net/projects/](https://openjdk.java.net/projects/)

- Project **Amber** – incubator for smaller, productivity-oriented **language features** and **simplifying syntax**
- Project **Valhalla** – incubator for **advanced JVM** and **language feature** candidates
- Project **Loom** – to **increase performance** and **reduce complexity** in concurrent applications
- Project **Panama** – to interconnect JVM and **native** code
- Project **Metropolis** – JVM re-written in Java, i.e. "**Java on Java**"
- Project **Leyden** – improve **start-up time** to achieve peak performance



# Some surveys

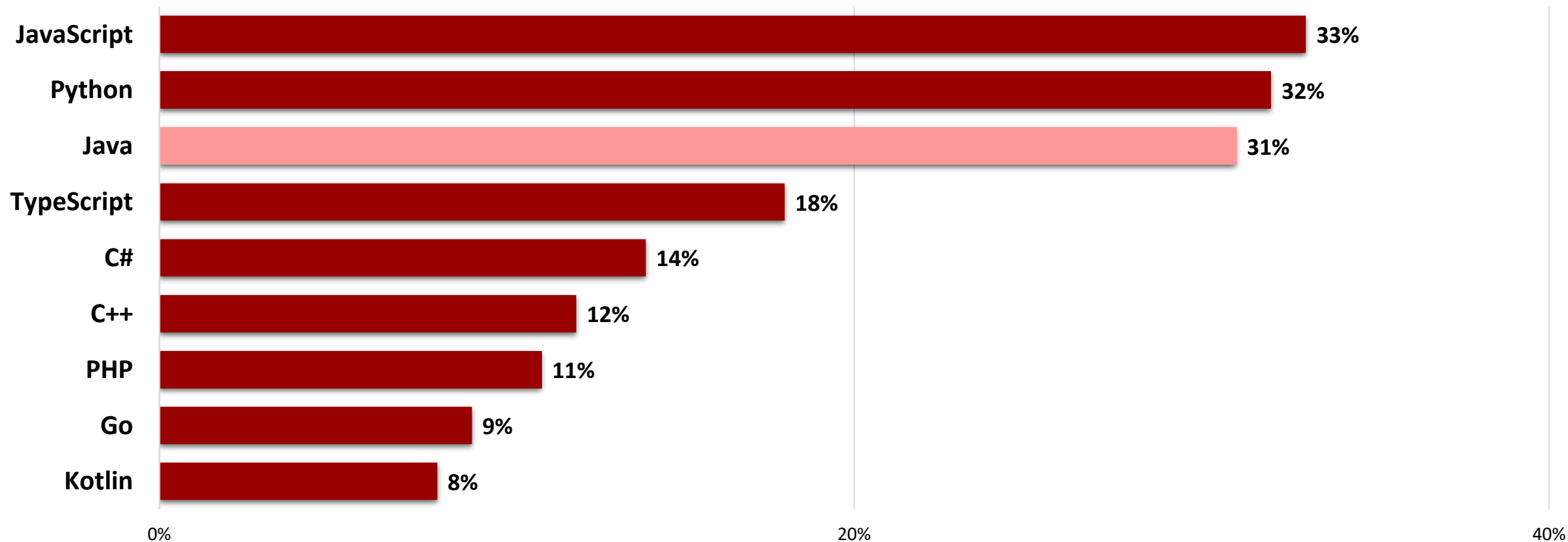
- **Developer Skills Report 2023** by **HackerRank**
  - HackerRank platform data
- **Java Developer Productivity Report 2023** by **JRebel**
  - 411 developers, Nov 2022 – Jan 2023
- **Developer Survey Report 2023** by **Jakarta EE**
  - 2204 developers
- **The State of Developer Ecosystem 2022** by **JetBrains**
  - 29269 developers from 187 countries in 2022
- **2023 Developer Survey** by **Stack Overflow**
  - 67237 developers in May 2023
- **2023 State of the Java Ecosystem** by **New Relic**





# Top Languages

- What is your **primary programming language** (JetBrains)?



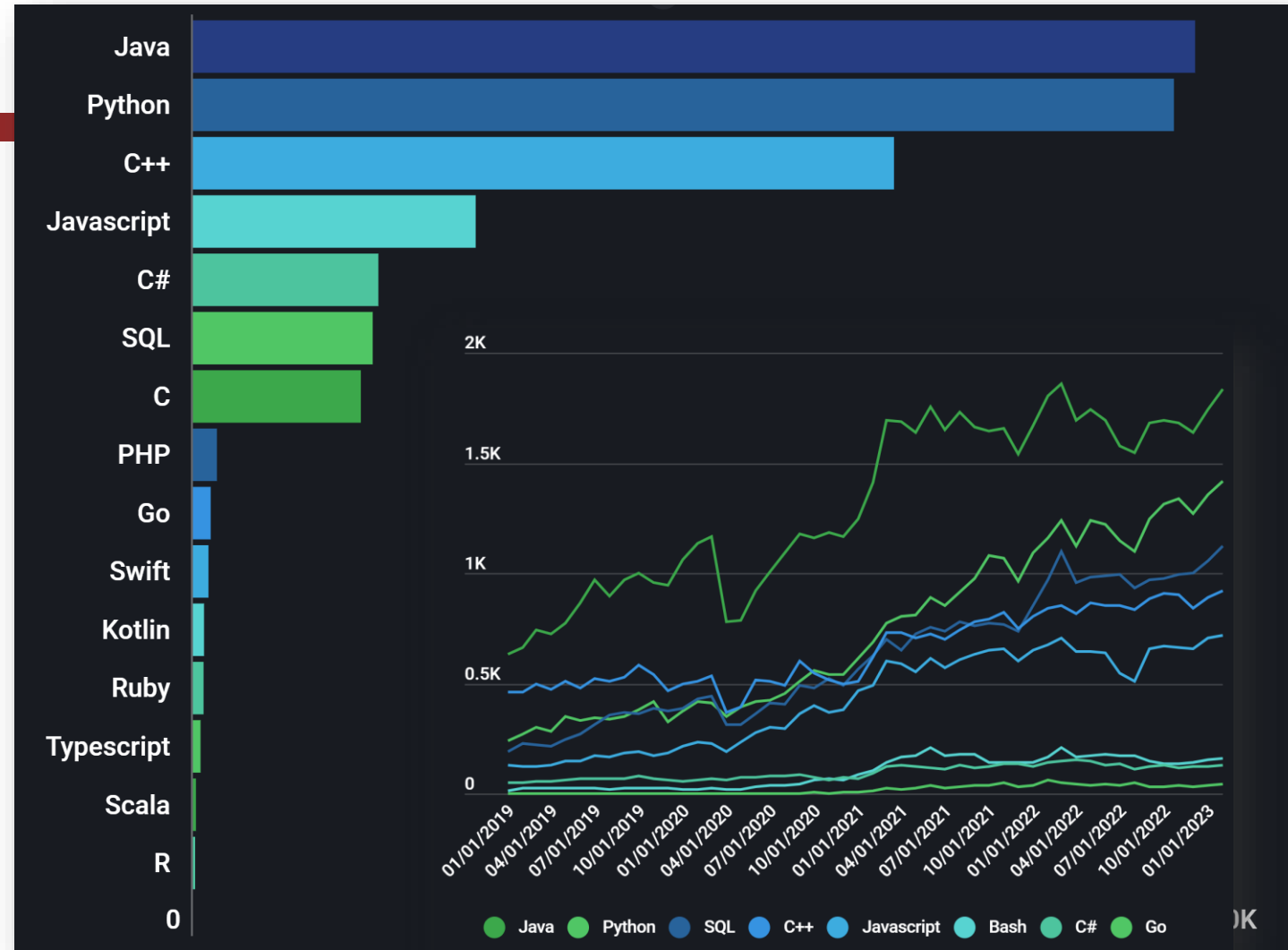


# Top Languages

- Languages preferred when having multiple options, by number of developers? (HackerRank)

• Java	558 832
• Python	547 018
• C++	390 921
• JS	157 660
• C#	103 397
• SQL	100 232
• C	93 636
• PHP	13 374
• Go	9 899

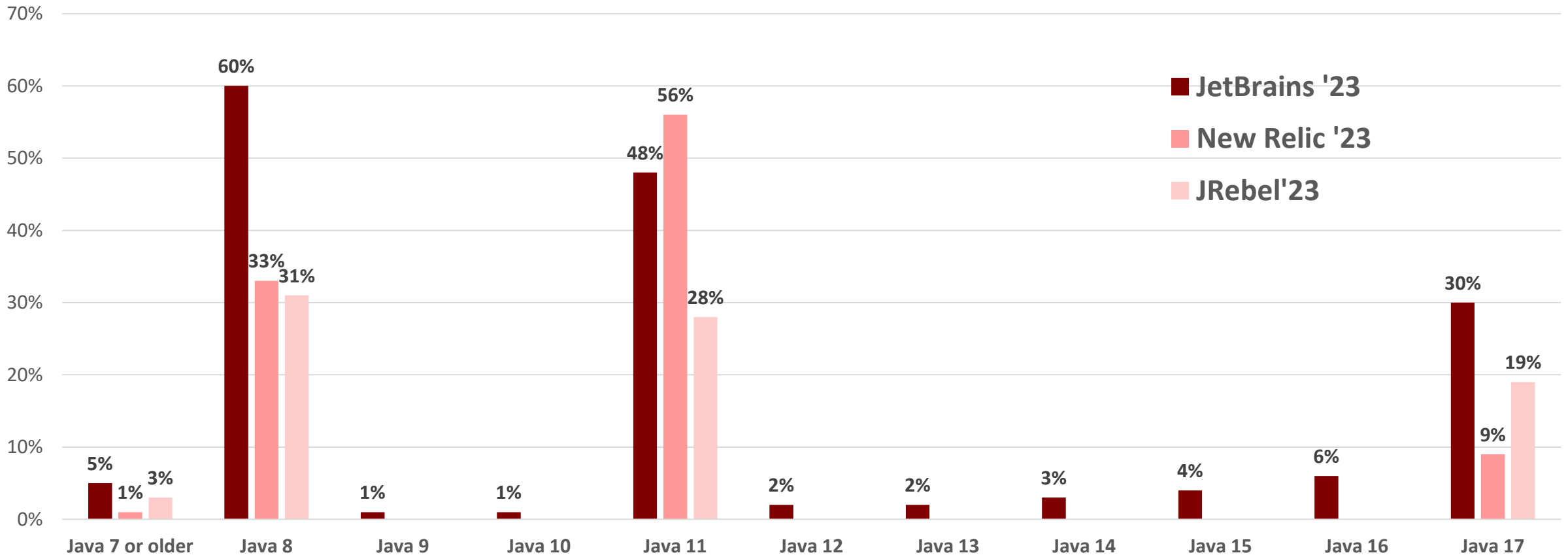
- ***"Java, Python, and SQL likely to extend their lead in 2023"***





# Versions of Java

- **Java platform versions used in projects? (JetBrains, New Relic, JRebel)**

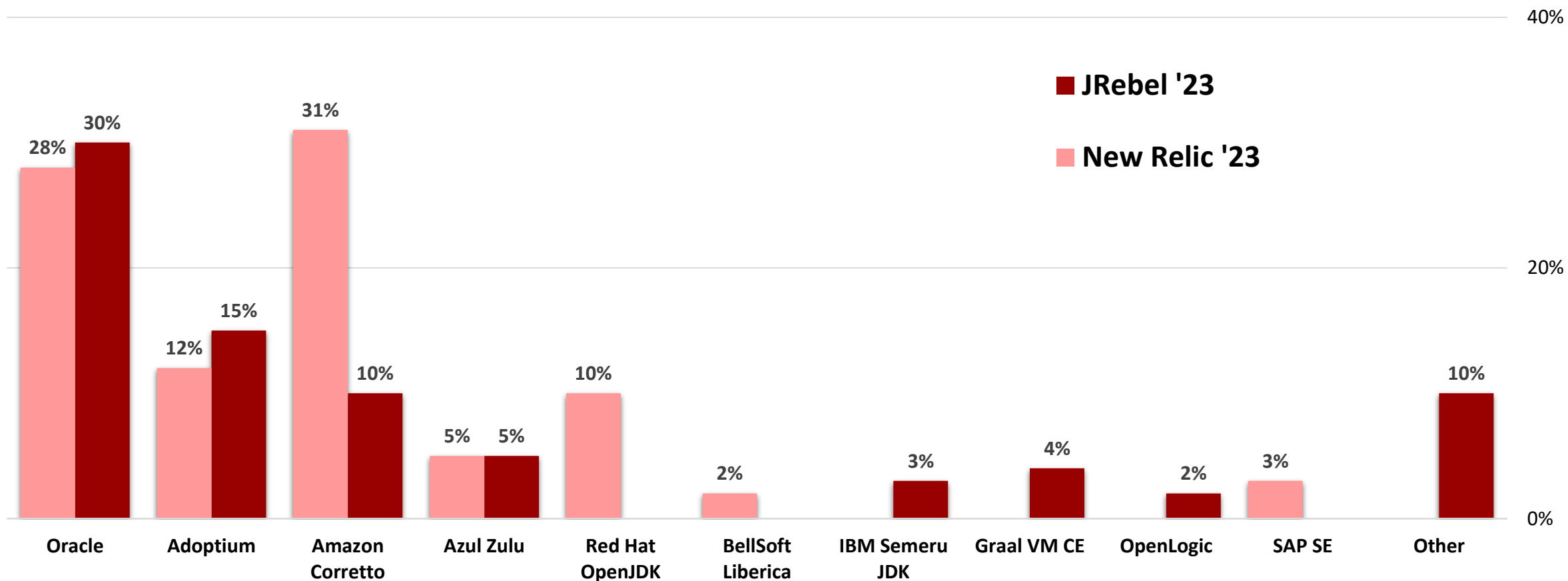






# JDK Distributions

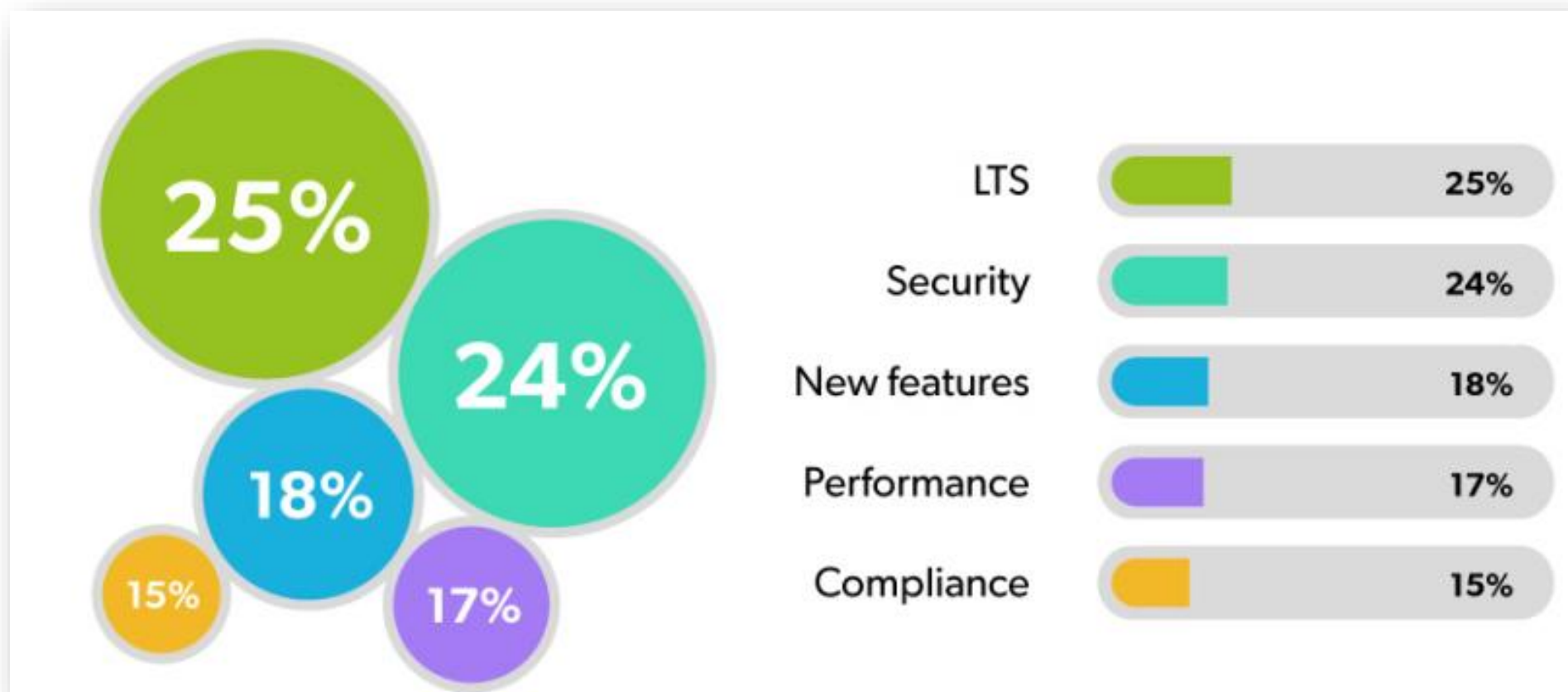
- Which JRE/JDK distribution do you use? (JRebel, New Relic)





# Upgrade Factors

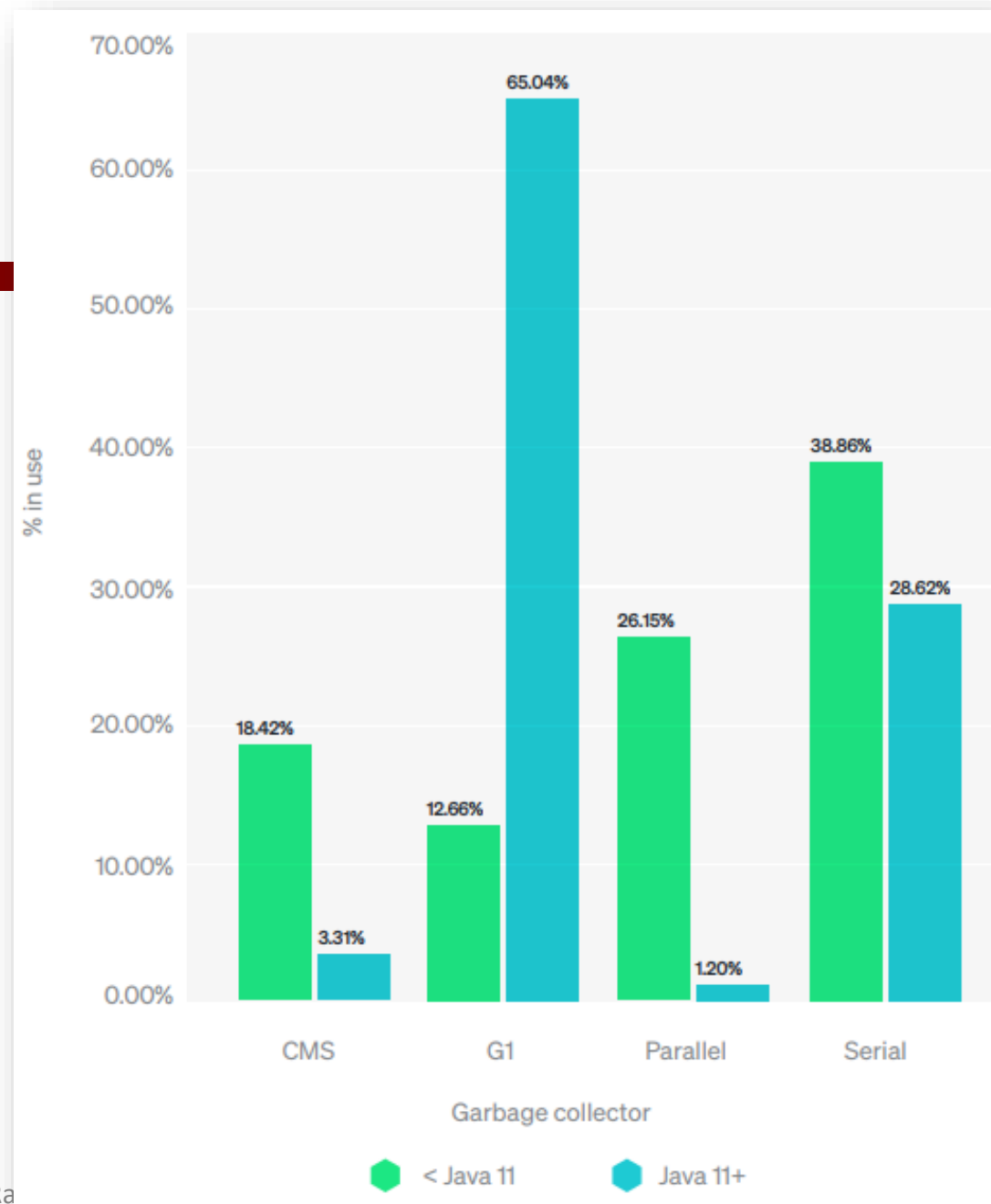
- Which **factors** influence your decision to **upgrade** JDK versions? (JRebel)





# Garbage Collectors

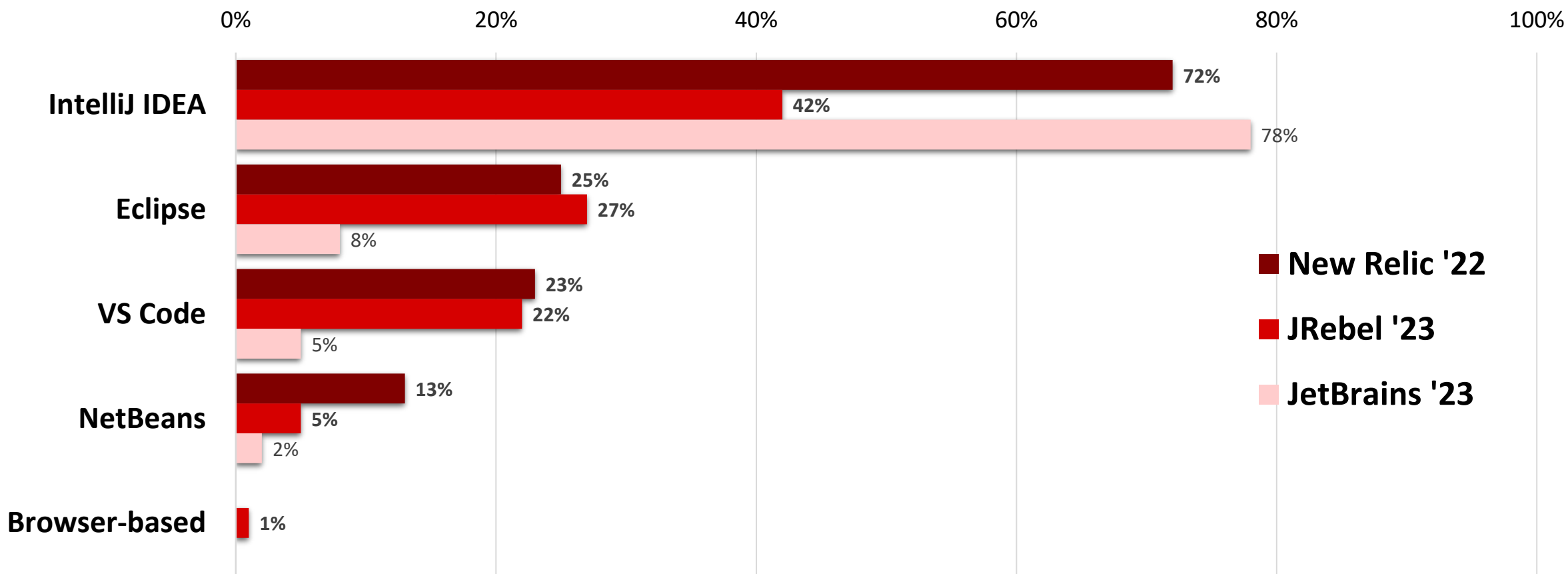
- **Garbage collectors used?** (New Relic)
- *Data shows that the **Garbage-First (G1)** garbage collector continues to be a clear favorite for those using Java 11 or later versions, with 65% of customers using it.*
- *Other experimental garbage collectors that have appeared post-Java 8 (**ZGC** and **Shenandoah**) still show small usage in production systems.*





# Most popular IDEs

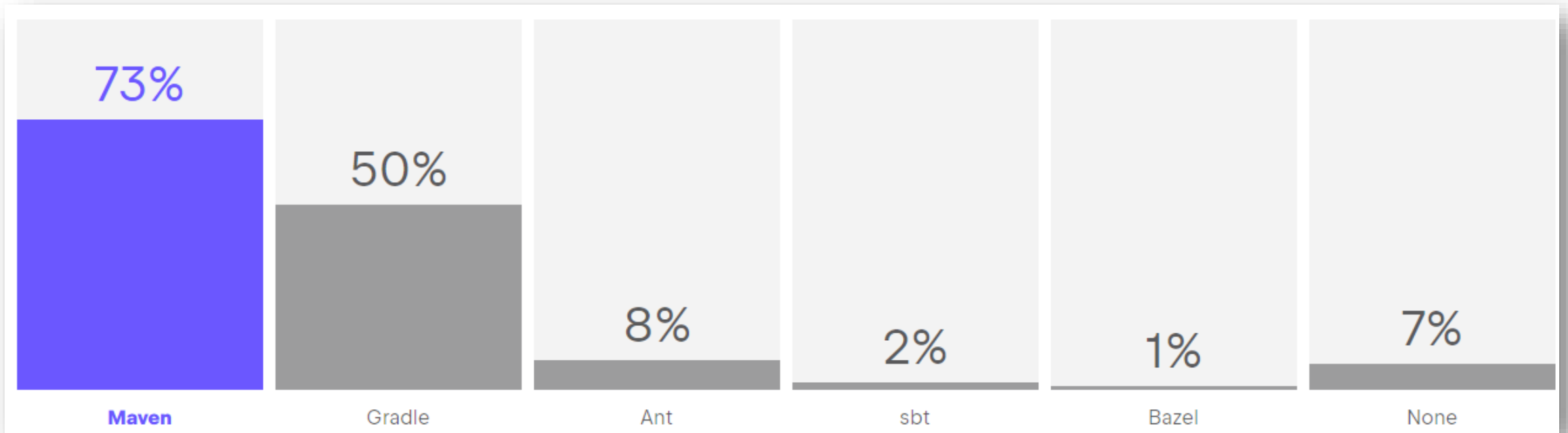
- The most popular IDEs used? (New Relic, JRebel, JetBrains)





# Build Tools

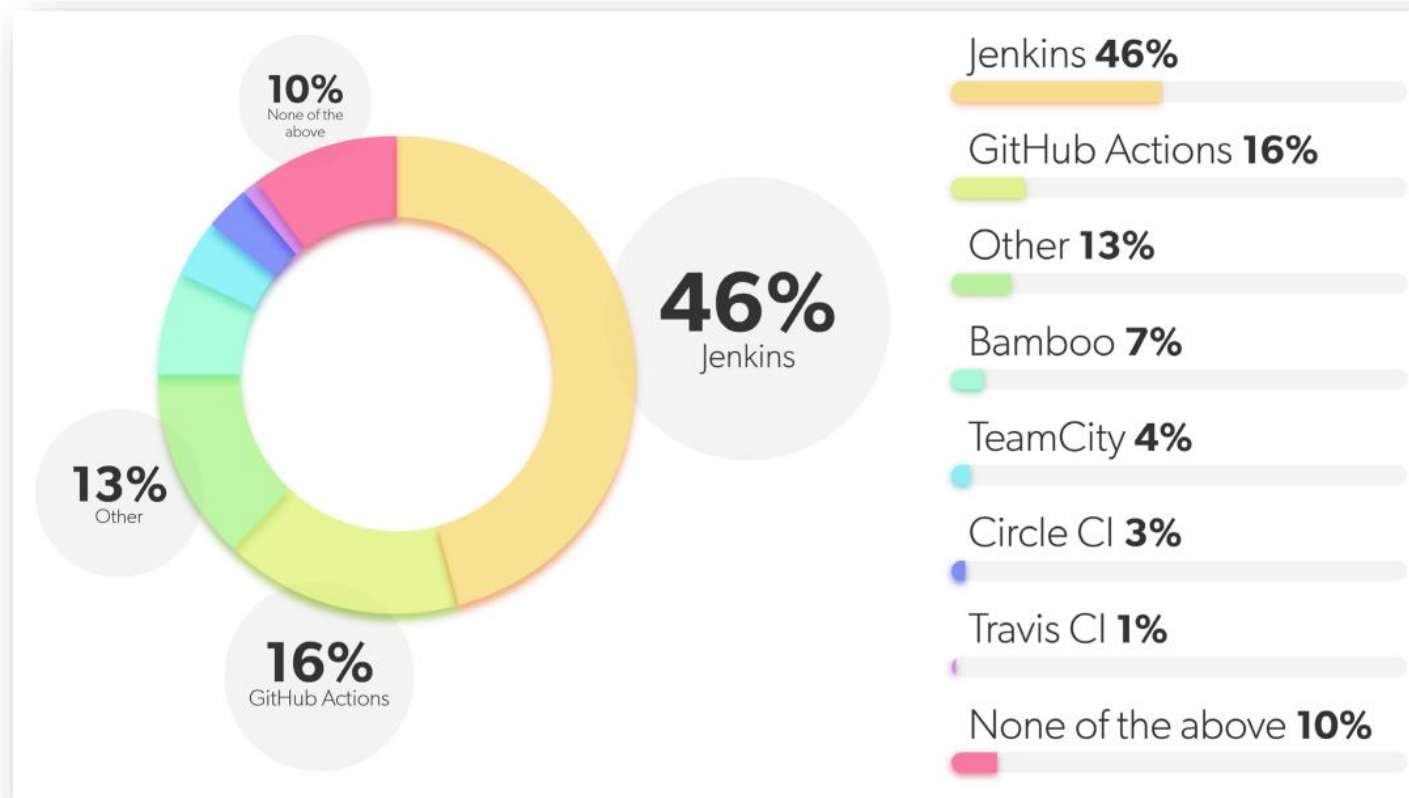
- Which **build systems** do you regularly use? (JetBrains)



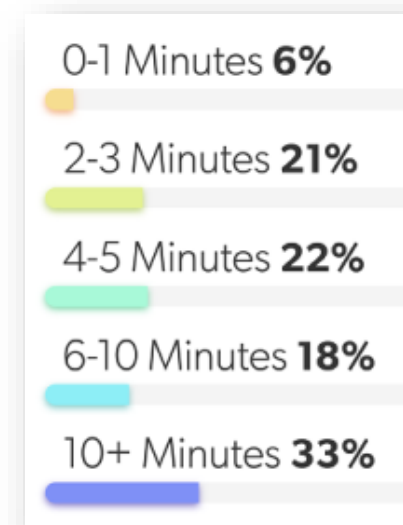


# CI/CD

- Which **CI/CD technologies** are you using? (JRebel)



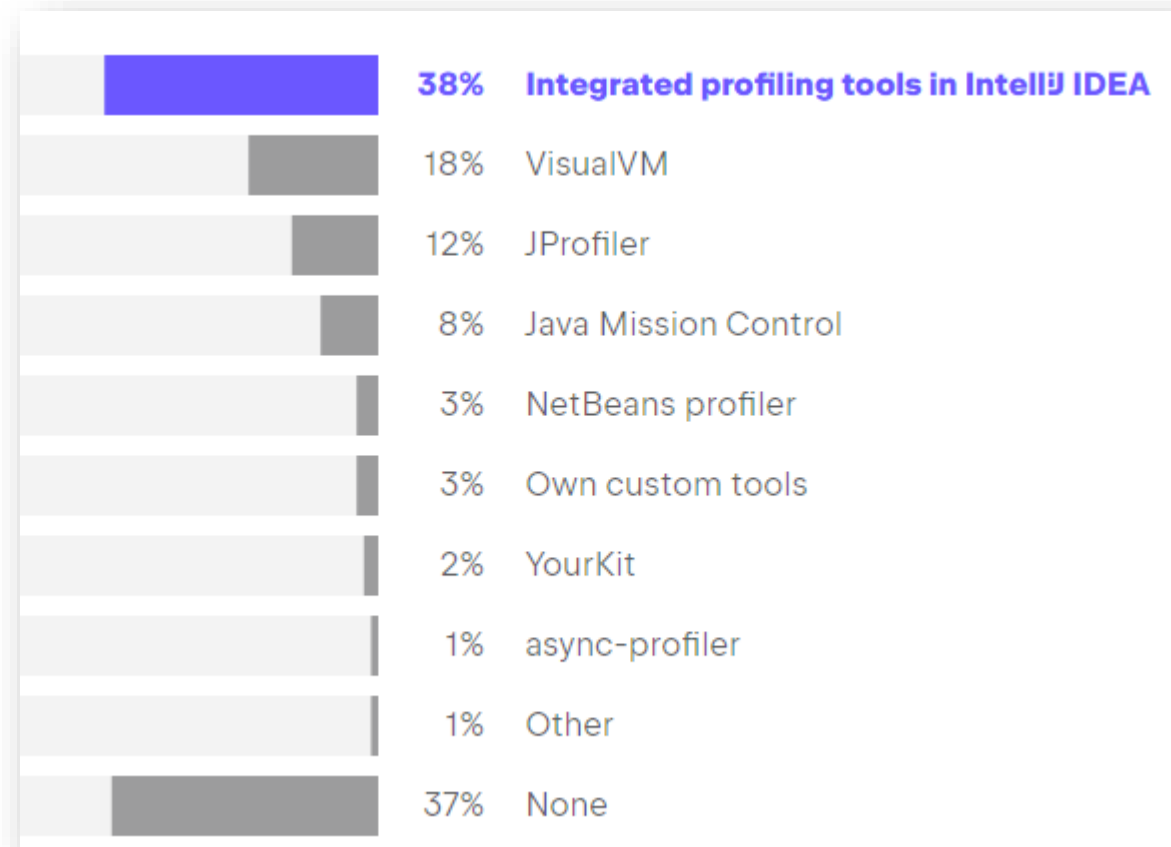
- **How long** does it take to complete CI/CD build?





# JVM Profilers

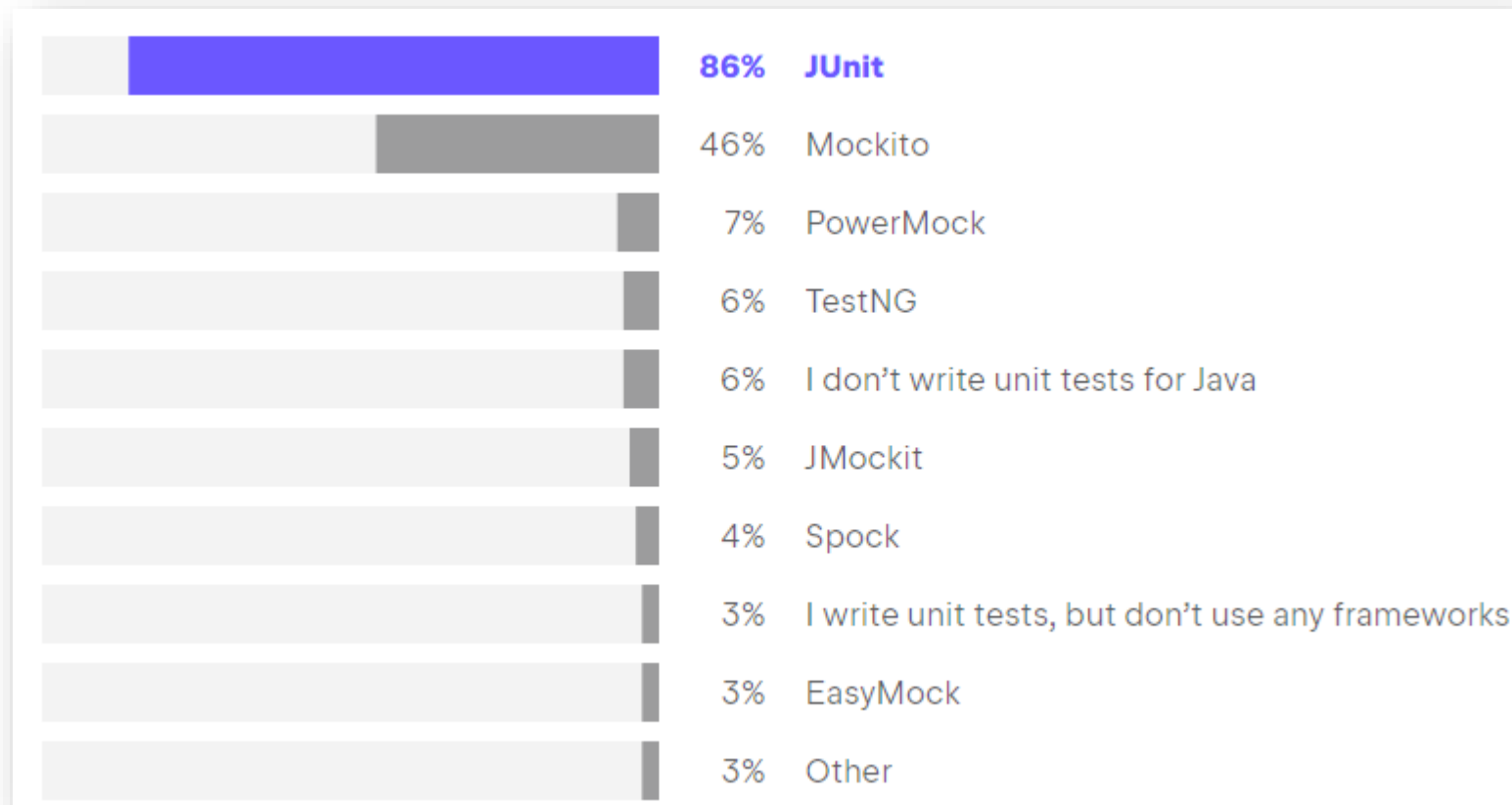
- Which JVM profilers do you regularly use? (JetBrains)





# Unit Testing

- Which unit-testing frameworks do you use? (JetBrains)

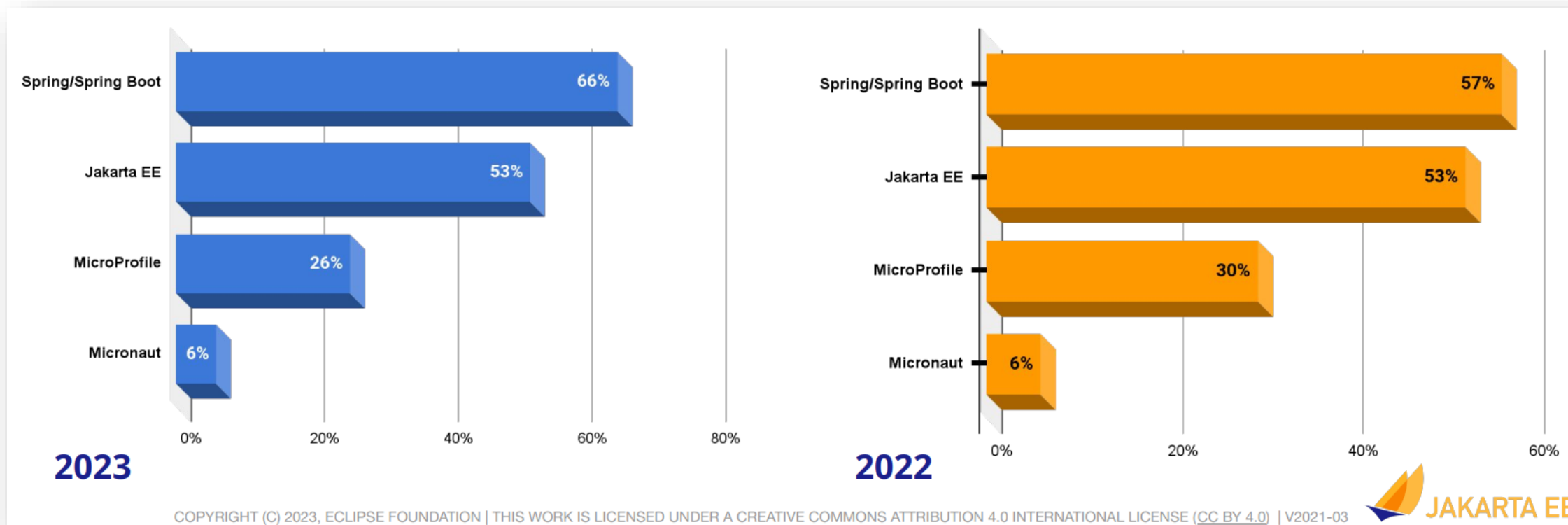






# Frameworks

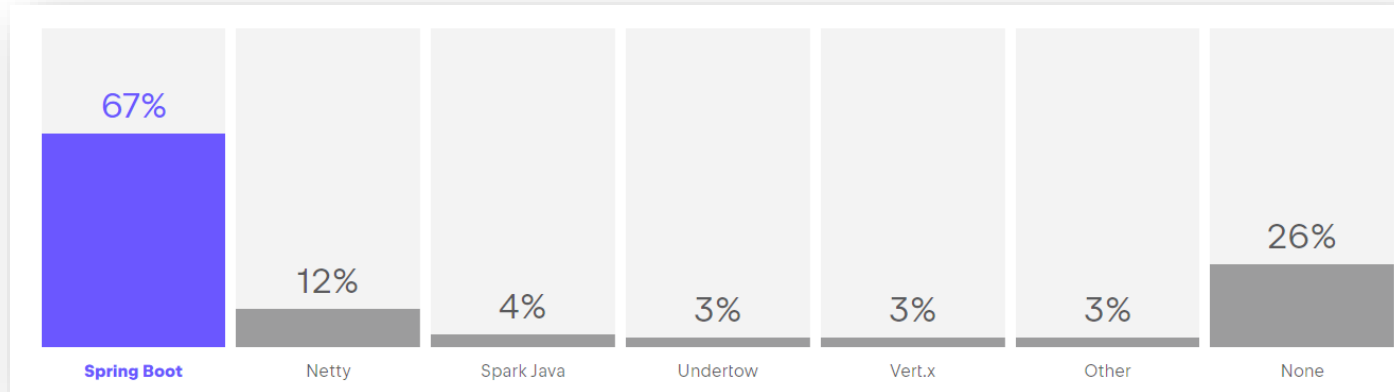
- Top app frameworks for building cloud native application? (JakartaEE)



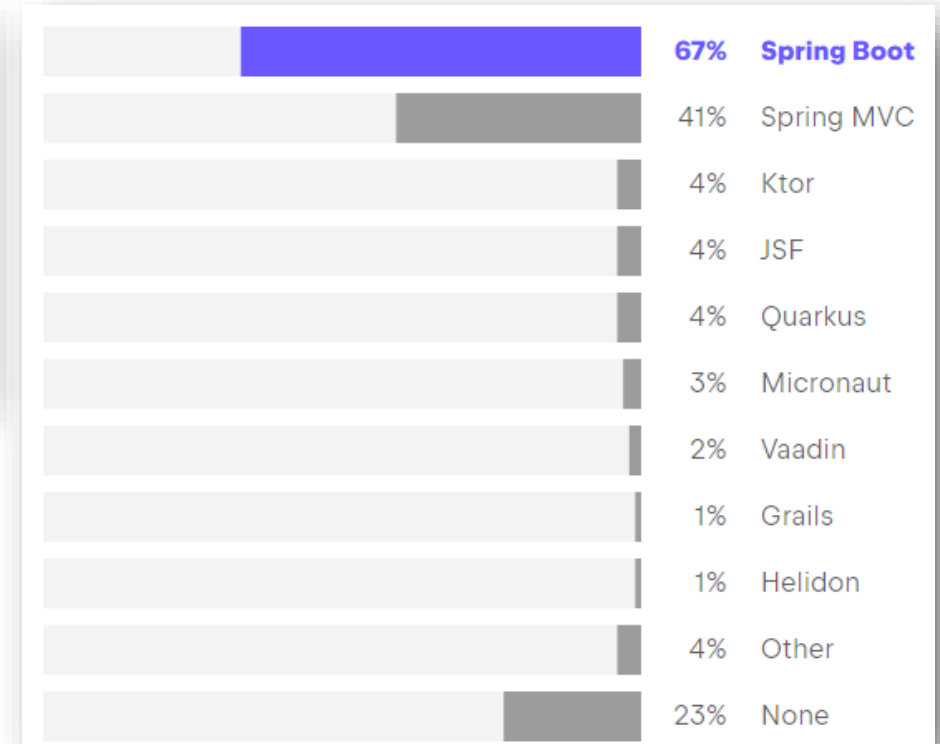


# Frameworks

- Which **frameworks** do you use (as alternative to an app server)? (JetBrains)



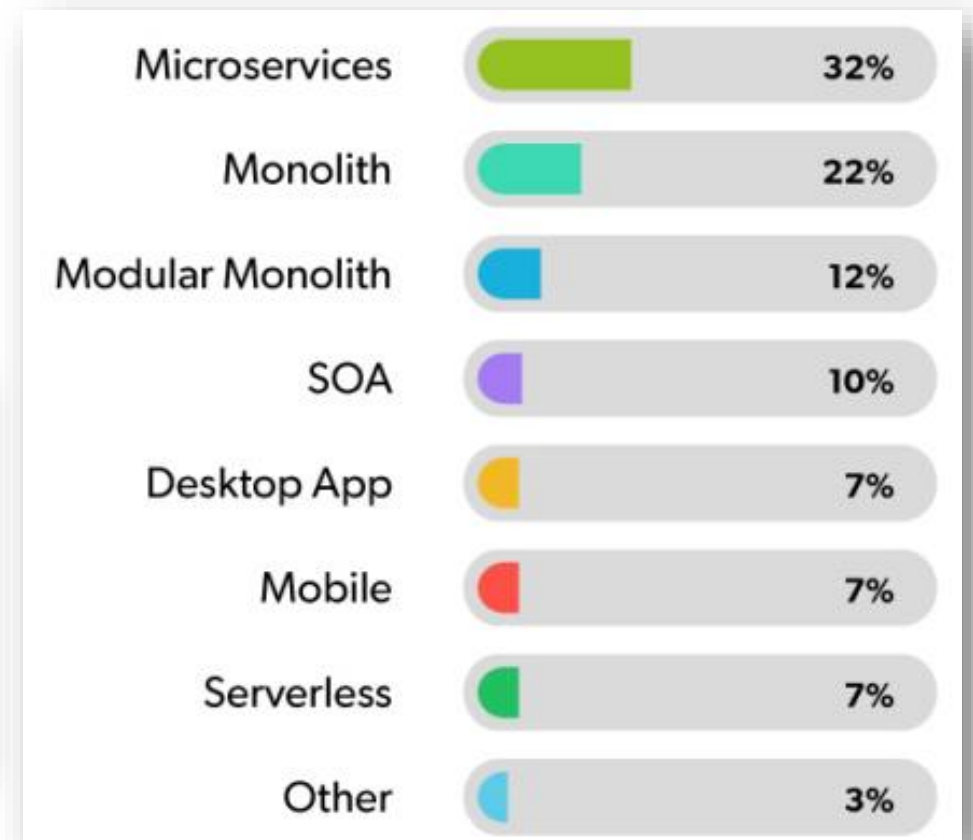
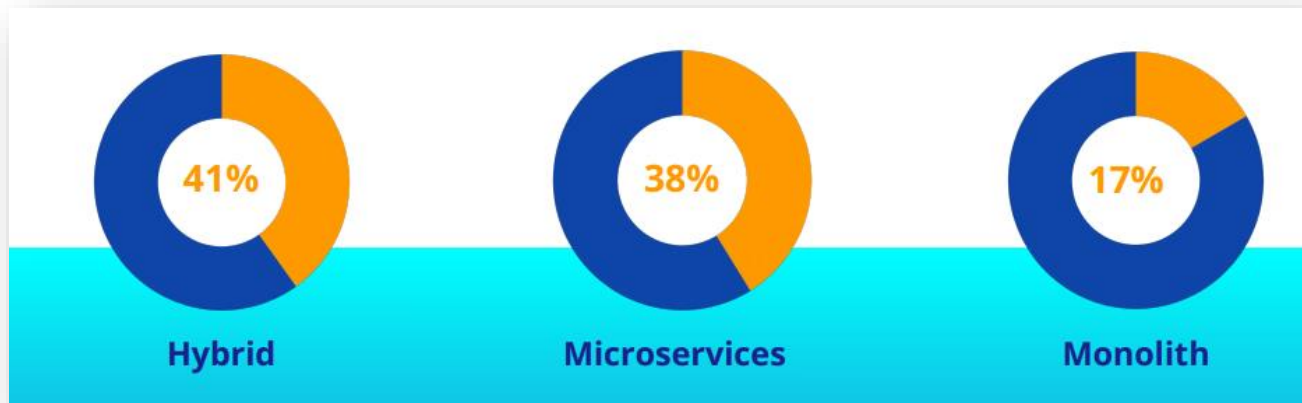
- What **web frameworks** do you use? (JetBrains)





# Architecture Trends

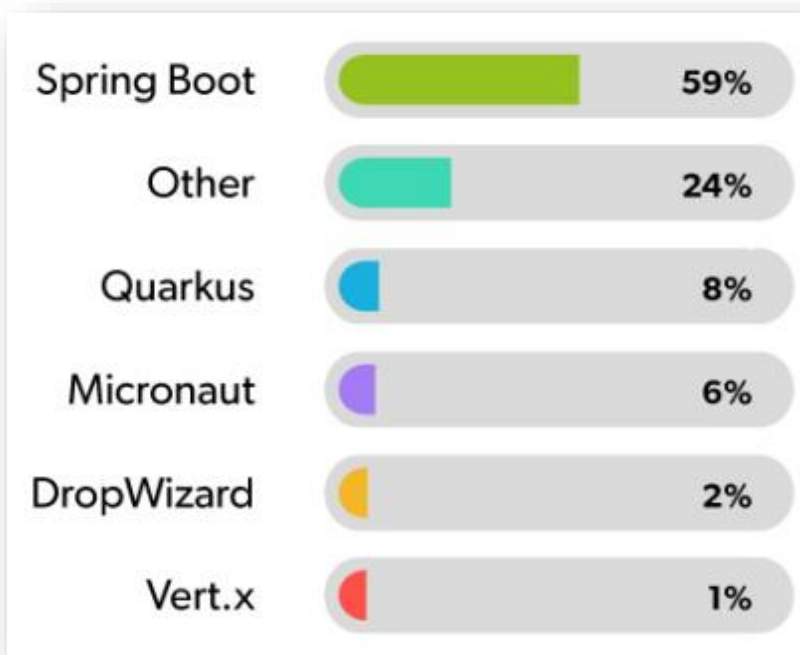
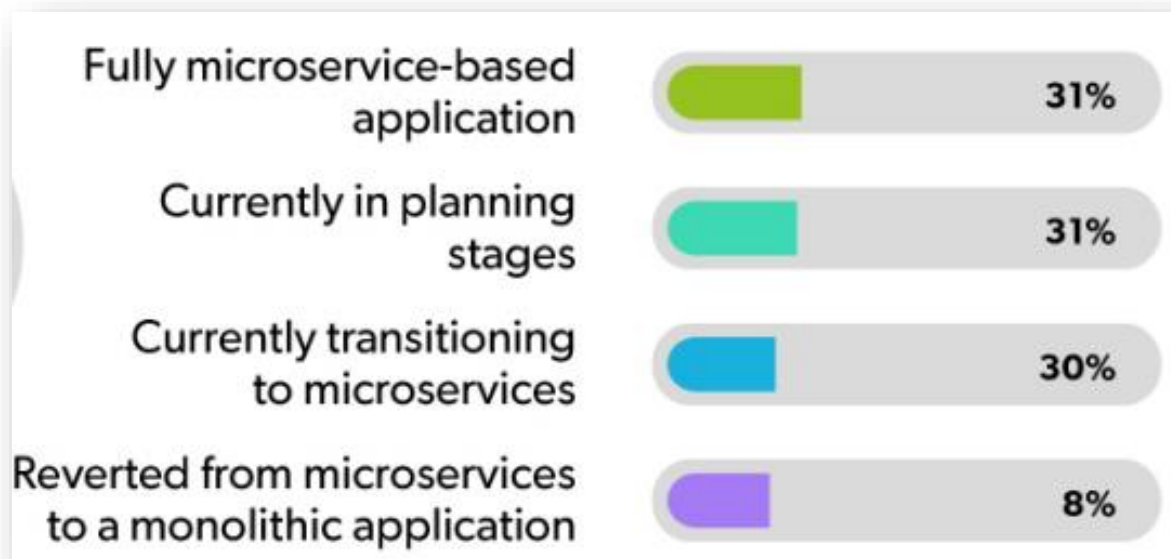
- What is the **architecture** of the main application you develop? (JRebel)
- „Top **architectural approaches** for implementing Java systems in the cloud? (Jakarta EE)





# Microservices

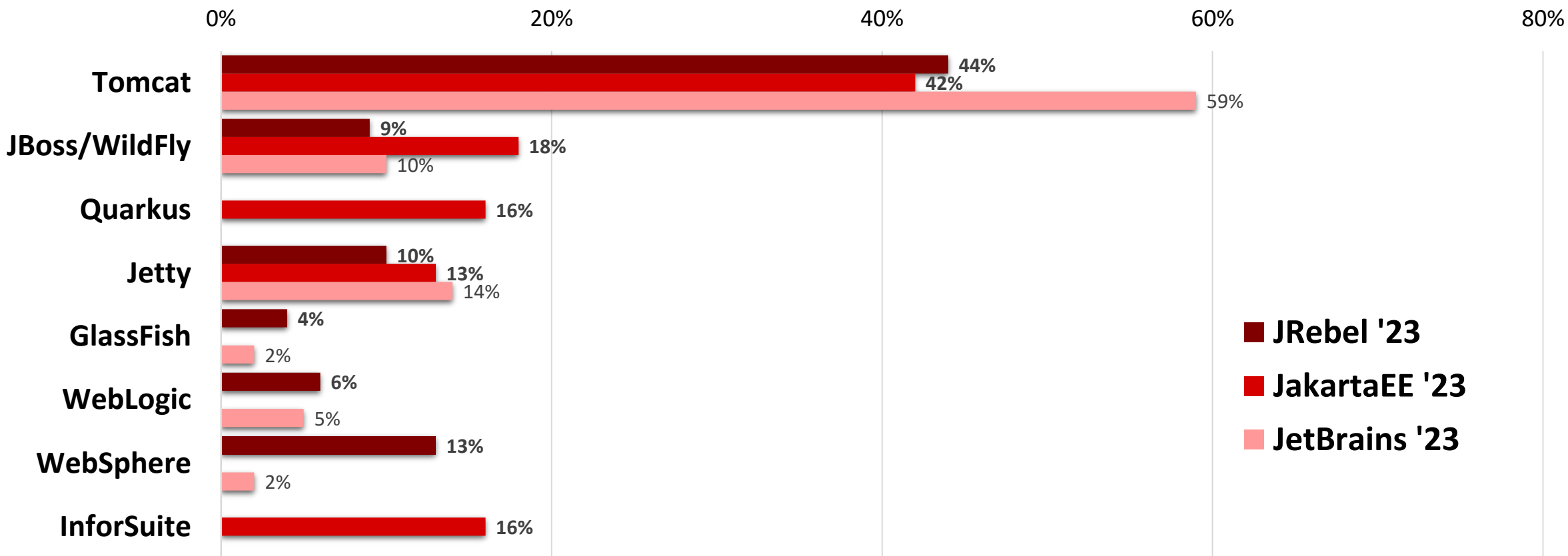
- What is your status for **Microservice** adoption? (JRebel)
  - What **Microservice Application Framework** on your main project? (JRebel)





# App Servers

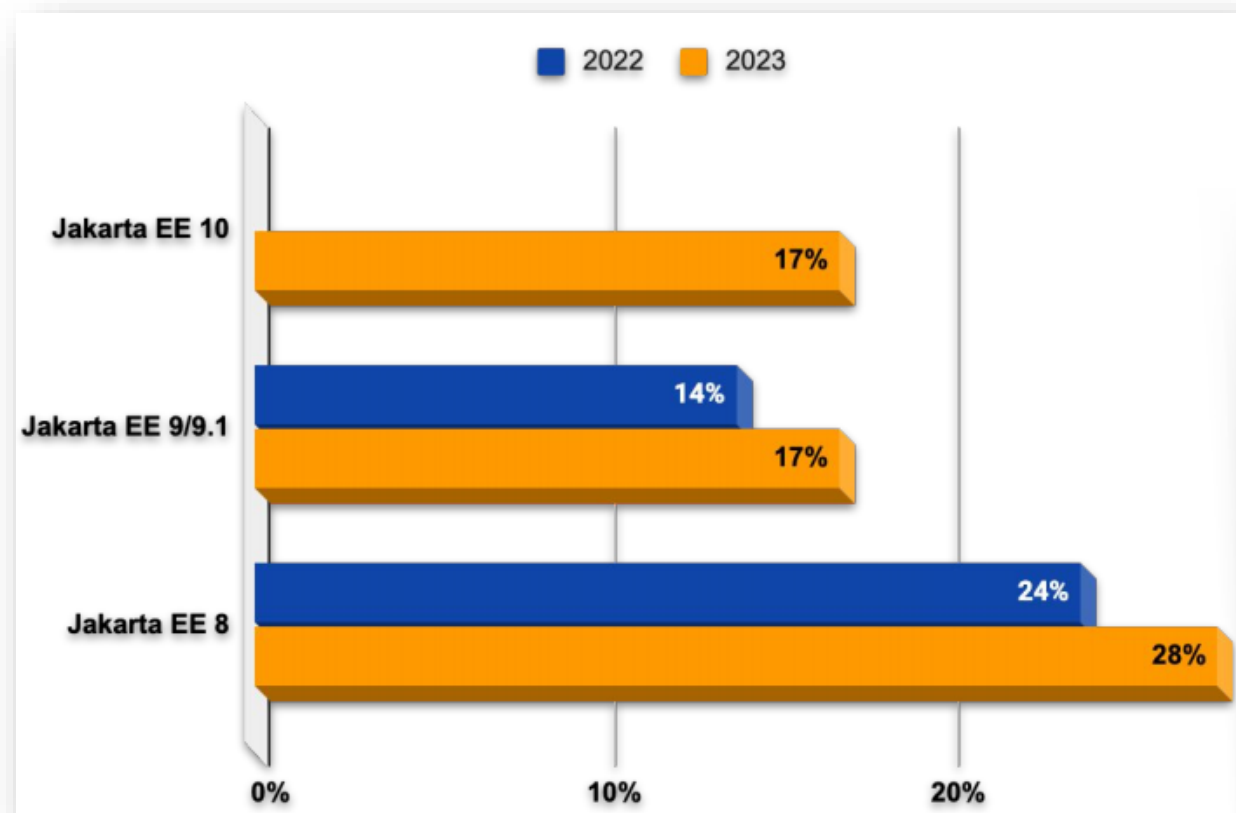
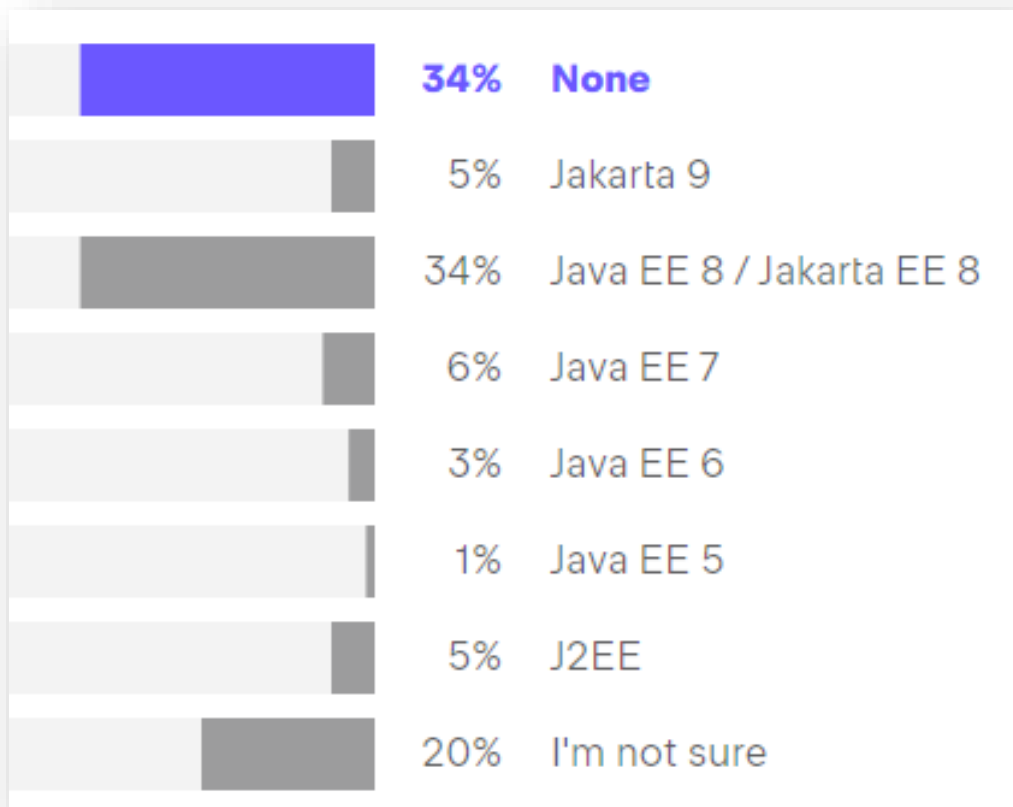
- What **Application Server** do you use on your main application? (JRebel)





# Java Enterprise

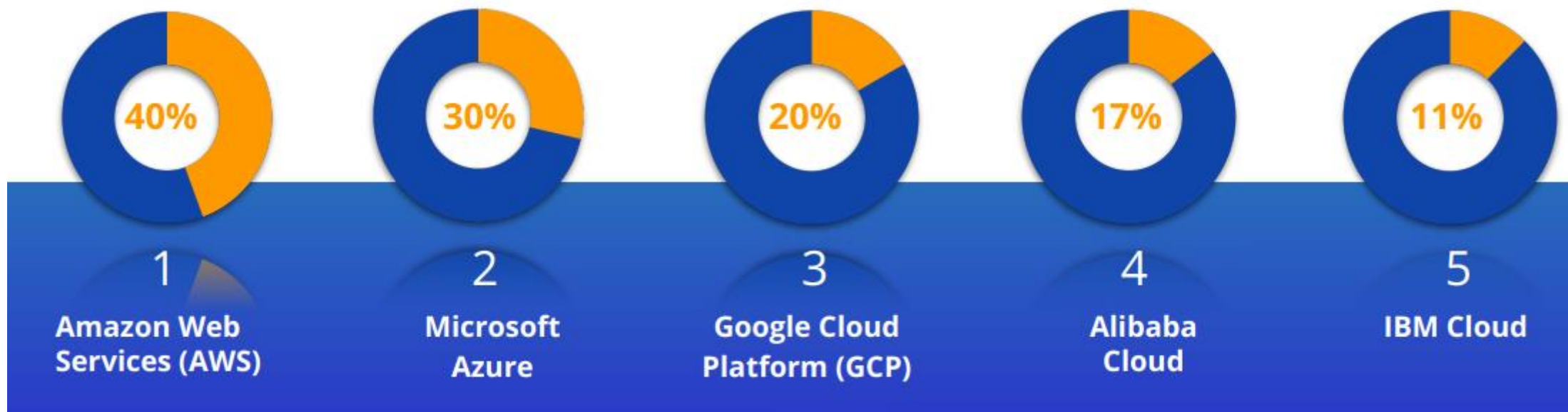
- Which versions of **Java Enterprise** do you use? (JetBrains, JakartaEE)





# Cloud Platforms

- Top Cloud Platform providers? (Jakarta EE)

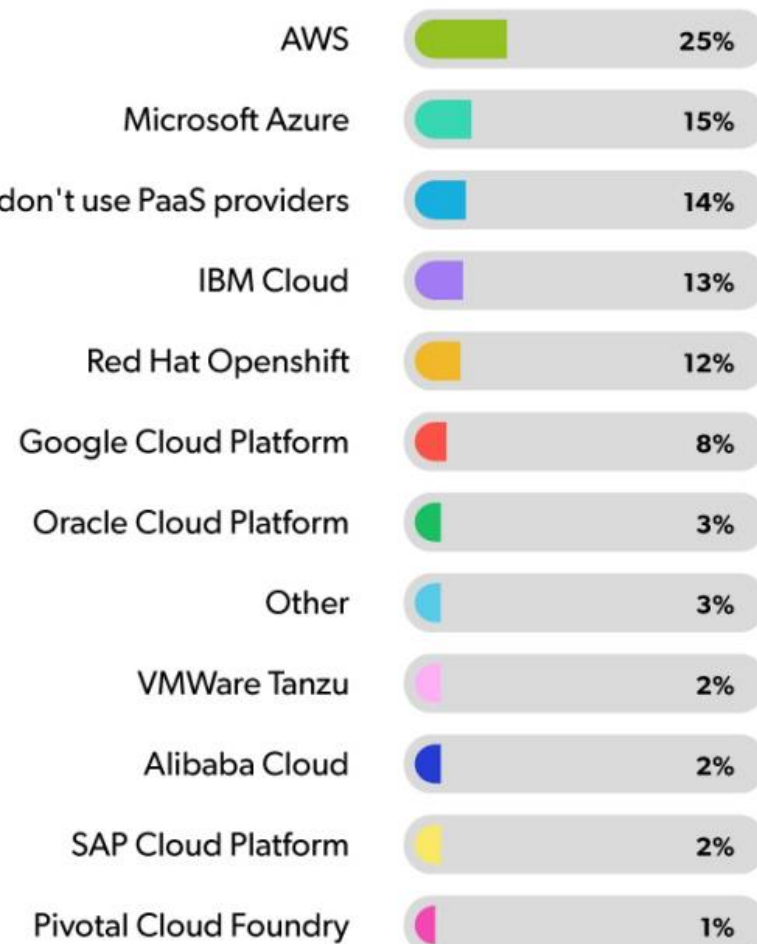
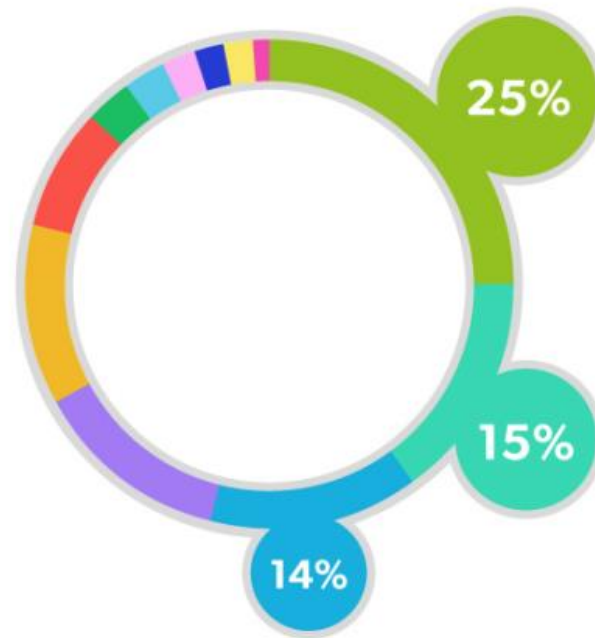




# PaaS Providers

- If you use a platform, who is your **PaaS provider?** (JR Rebel)

- How to learn?

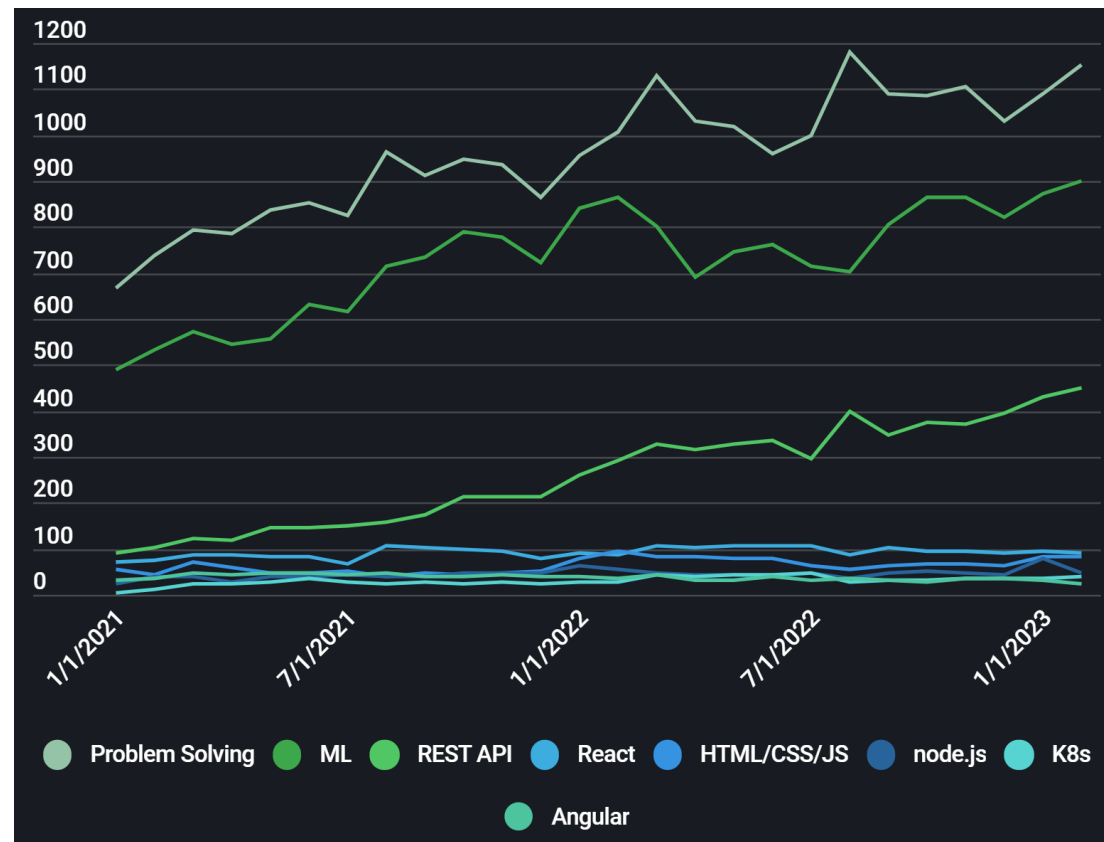
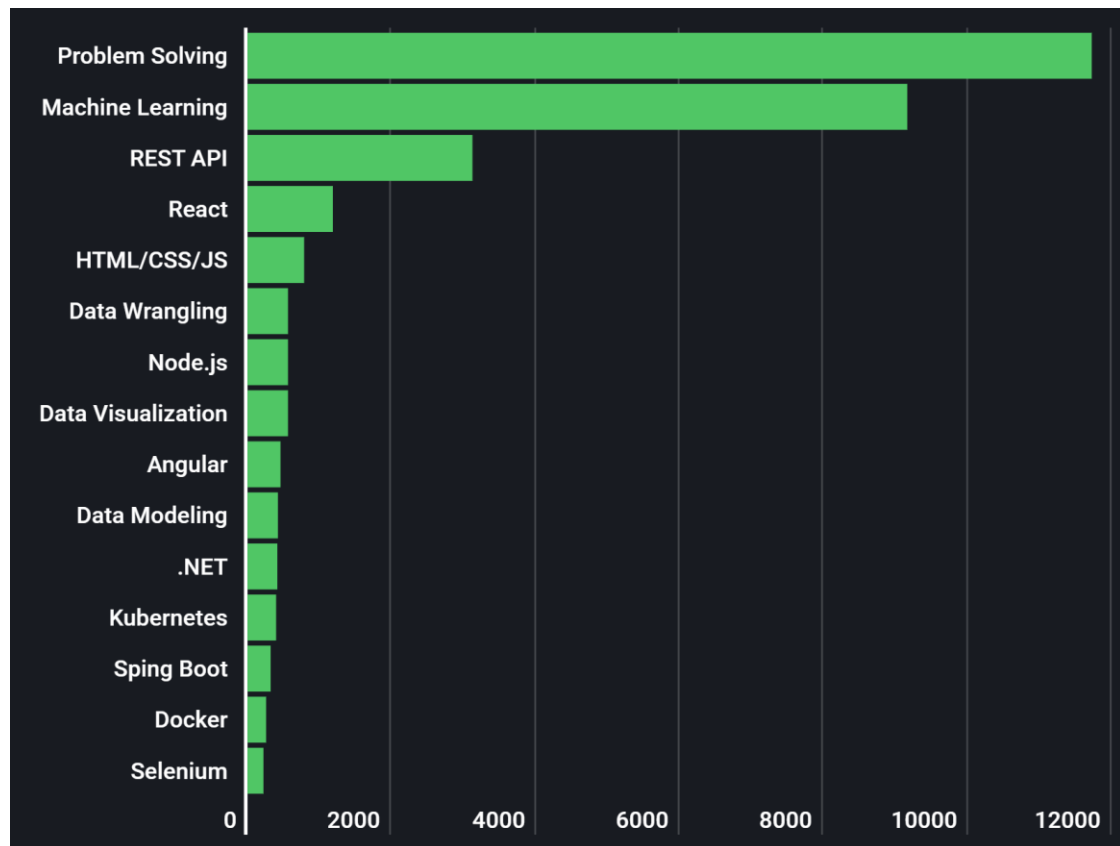






# Skills in Demand

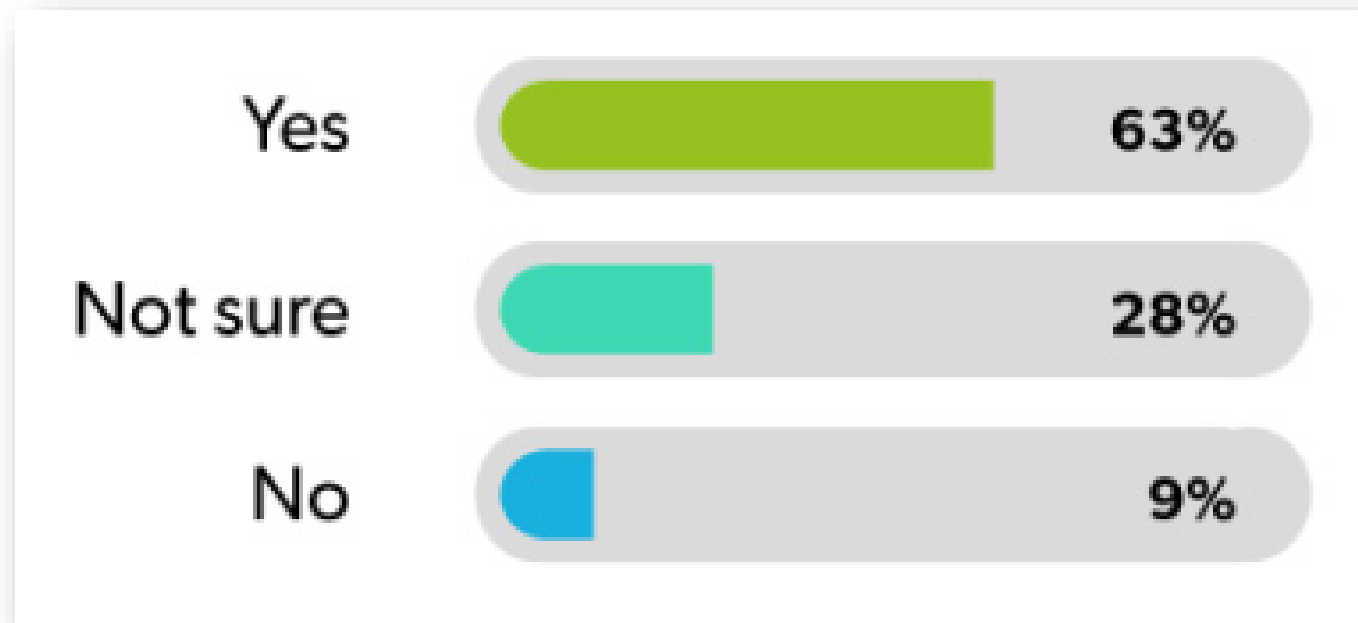
- Skills in demand by sum of monthly active mandatory tests? (HackerRank)





# Hiring Developers

- Does your company have plans to **hire additional Java Developers** in 2023? (JRebel)?

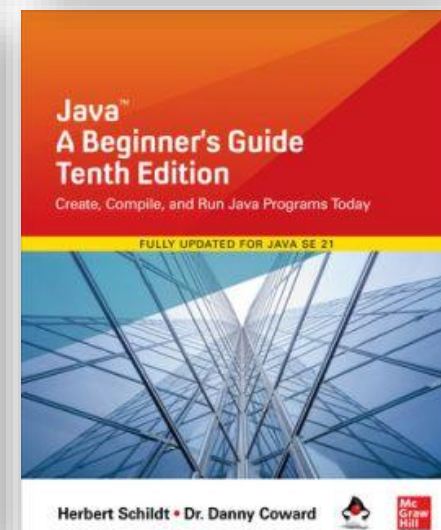
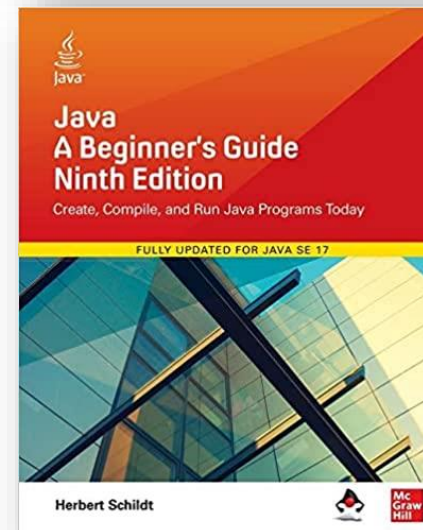
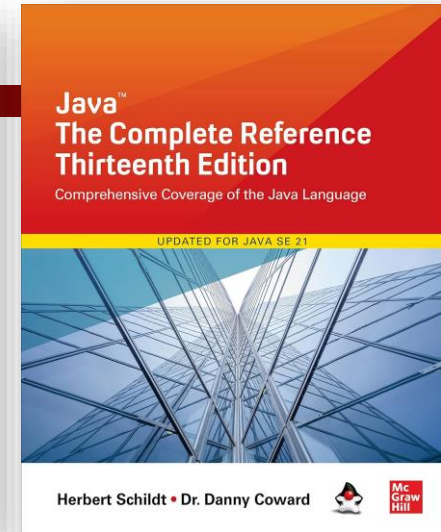
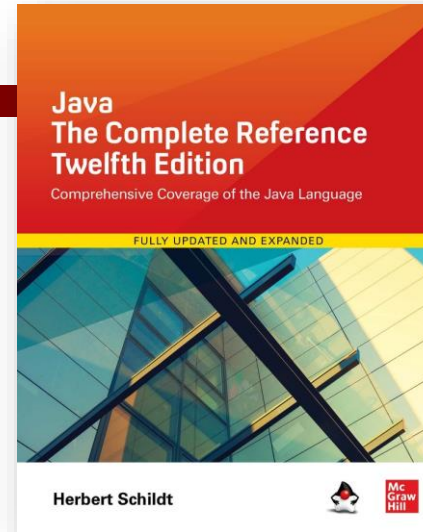


- Do they need to **know Java** first?



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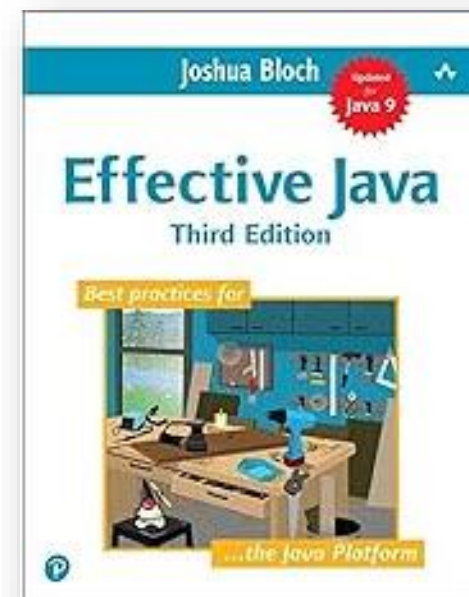
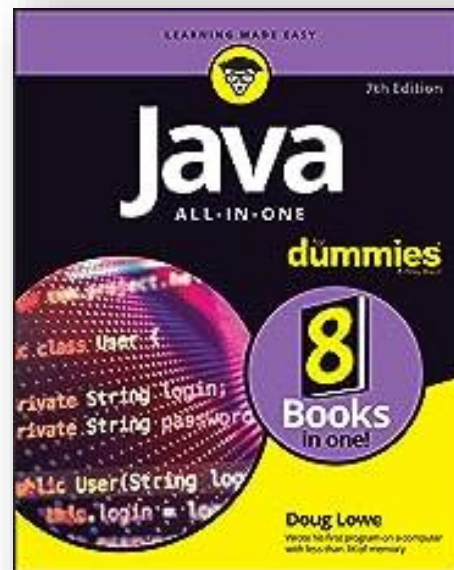
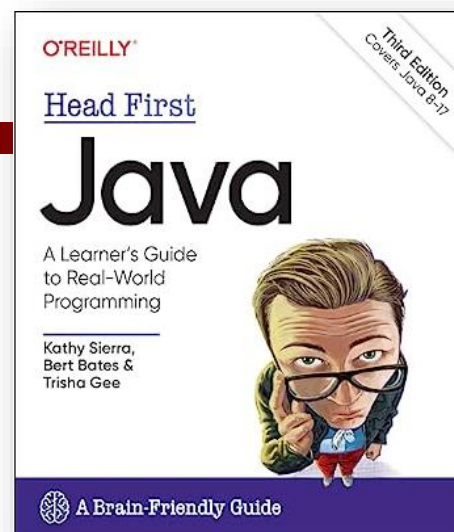
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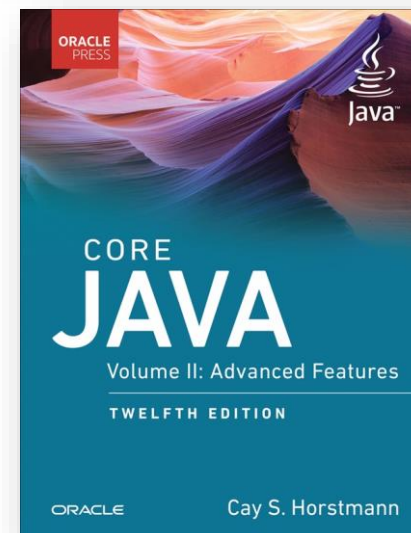
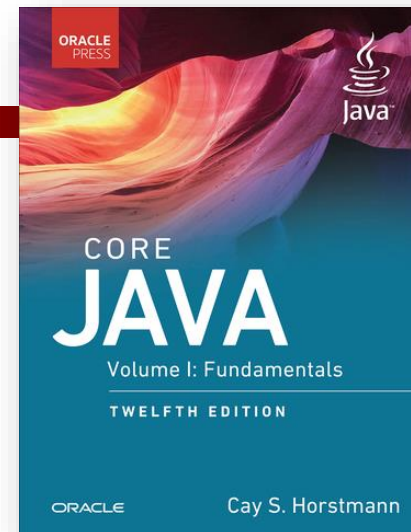
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  - 4.7\*, 752 pages, 56€
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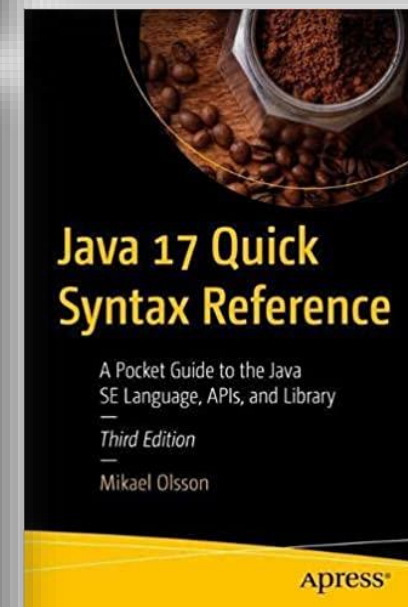
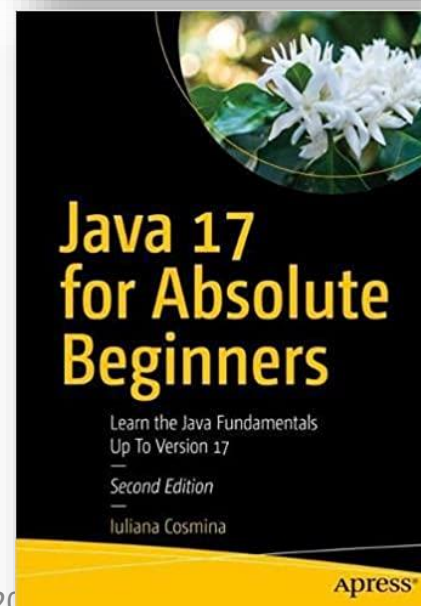
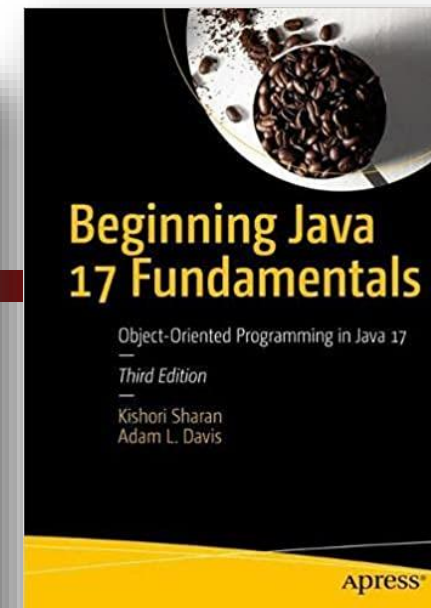
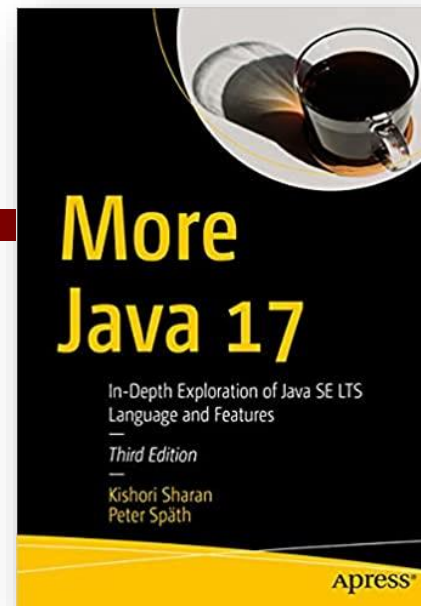
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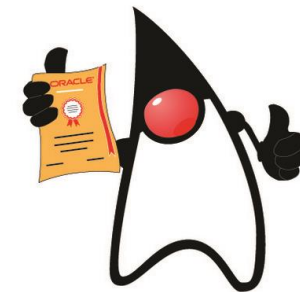
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- **Beginning Java 17 Fundamentals, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.**  
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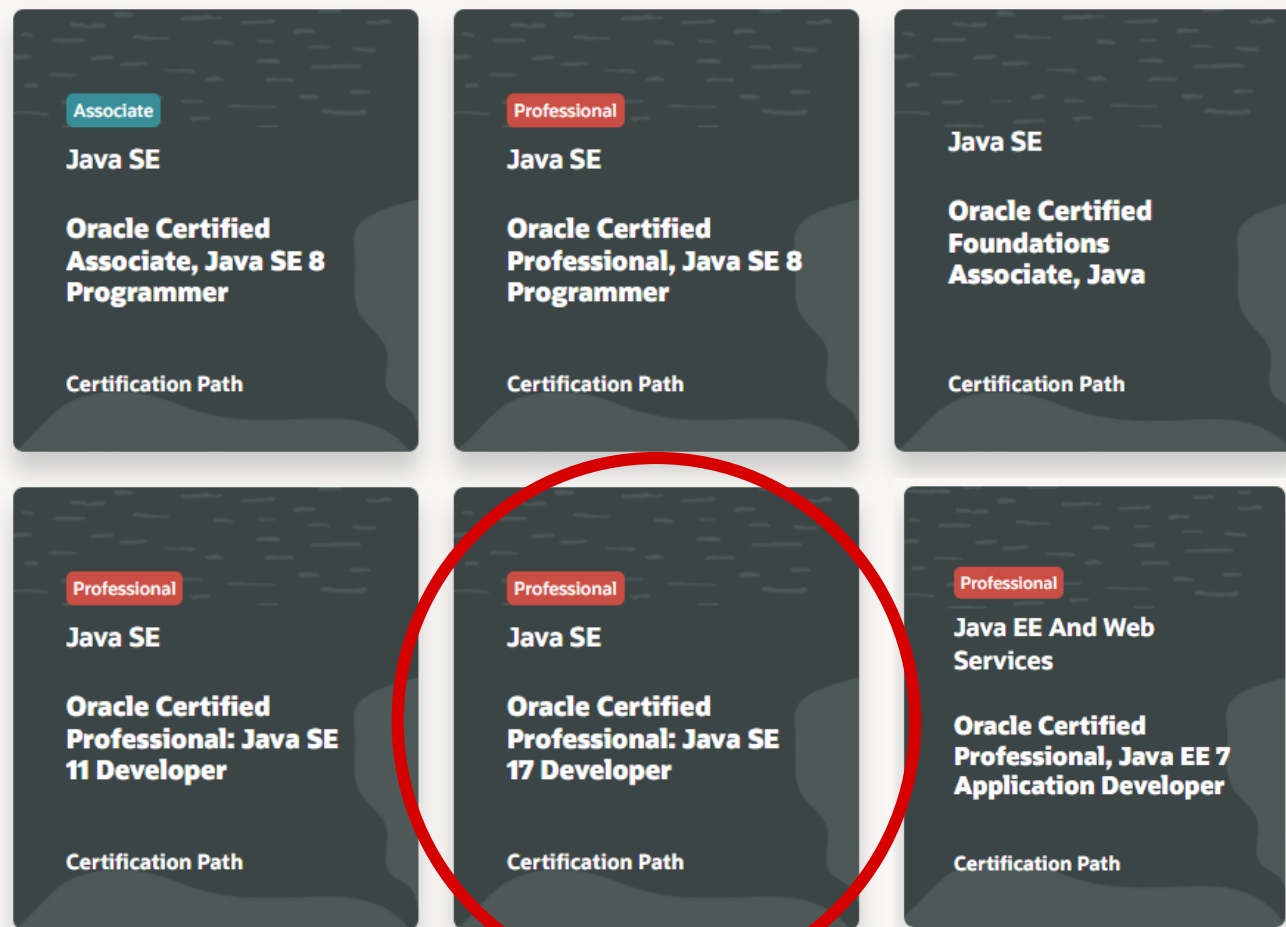




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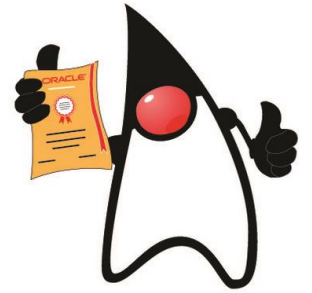


- **Oracle Certified Professional (OCP): Java SE 17 Developer**
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  - Oracle Certified Professional (OCP): Java SE 8 Programmer
  - Oracle Certified Professional (OCP): Helidon Microservices Developer
- Where is **Java 21** exam?





# Java Certifications



- **Oracle Certified Professional (OCP): Java SE 17 Developer**

- Exam: Java SE 17 Developer 1Z0-829
- Price: **228 €** | Duration: **90 Minutes** | Passing Score: **68%**

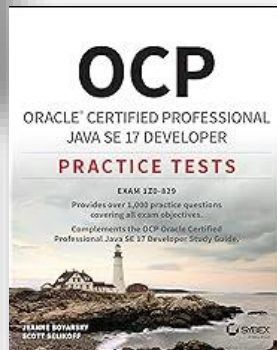
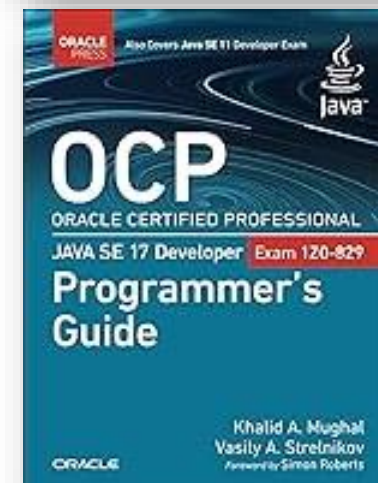
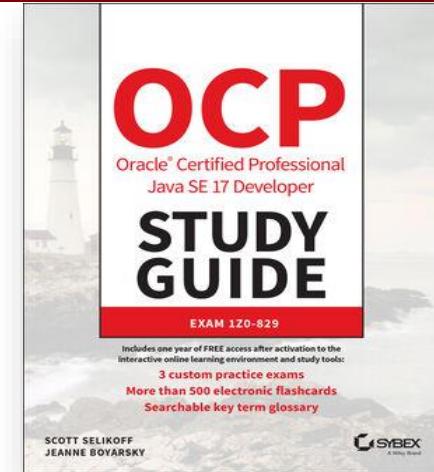
## Study Guides:

- **OCP Oracle Certified Professional Java SE 17 Developer Study Guide: Exam 1Z0-829**, by Scott Selikoff and Jeanne Boyarsky, May 2022, Wiley

- 1056 pages, Amazon rating: 4.7\*, approx. 45 €
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# Is Java **really** progressing?

This is only our Java community opinion 😊

- **Frequent** Java releases **every 6 months** with many JEPS ✓
- **Java LTS** releases every **2 years** for production ✓
- Faster access to **new features** and **many improvement ideas** ✓
- Still, a lot of **maintenance** and **housekeeping** ✓
- Java is (finally) **free** and **going forward!** ✓

We are looking forward to **new things!**



# Instead of the **conclusion**

Use Java **21 LTS** 😊  
or the previous Java **17 LTS**  
or (at least) Java **11 LTS**

- Any OpenJDK – **it's up to you** 😊
- Try to **abandon** older versions (older than Java 17, and definitely Java 8 or older) and **double-check** what is **@Deprecated**
- If possible, **migrate** at every **2 years** with LTS
- **Get involved** more with **HUJAK** and visit more **conferences!**



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