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In the 1960s and 1970s, the introduction of high-level programming languages like C, FORTRAN, and COBOL made it much easier for people to write software for computers. Before these languages, programmers had to write code in machine language or assembly, which were complex and specific to each type of computer. High-level languages allowed programmers to write in a more straightforward, human-readable way, which could then be translated into machine code. This change enabled faster and more efficient software development, leading to the creation of more complex programs like operating systems, business applications, and scientific models. The key idea behind high-level languages is that they made programming simpler and more accessible, allowing more people to build better software and pushing the development of computers forward.

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