The mostpopular programming languages according to the article - Best Programming Languages to Learn in 2013: The Elite Eight (by Kasia Mikoluk) are - Java, C, C++, C#, Objective-C, PHP, Python and Ruby. The author ranked them based on their rating in TIOBE and their job availability. C is the oldest developed in the early 1970’s, later came the C++ and Objective-C languages which addressed some of the problems C had with objective oriented programming. Objective-C is mainly used in Apple OS X and iOS operating systems. C++ powers a large number of desktop applications like – the entire suite of Adobe Software, Mozilla Firefox, Google Chromium, Winamp and others. C# was developed a bit later in the year 2000, an object-oriented, multi-paradigm programming language which is a fundamental part of the .NET Framework of Microsoft, largely used for developing Microsoft platforms and the Windows OS. PHP is a newer scripting language mainly used in web developing. Python is a high-level programming language, which is being “rediscovered” in the past decade or so. Ruby is an object-oriented programming language, known for its simplicity and an easy to learn basis. JavaScript may be considered as n asset to this list - JavaScript is a [prototype-based](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prototype-based) [scripting language](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scripting_language) with [dynamic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dynamic_language) typing and has [first-class functions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First-class_functions), the most common use of JavaScript is to write functions that are embedded in or included from [HTML](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HTML) pages and that interact with the [Document Object Model](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Document_Object_Model) (DOM) of the page.