Programming languages are essential for software development..  
 Programmable devices have existed for centuries.  
Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help.  
It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones.  
Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards.  
  
The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'.  
FORTRAN, the first widely used high-level language to have a functional implementation, came out in 1957, and many other languages were soon developed—in particular, COBOL aimed at commercial data processing, and Lisp for computer research.  
 Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA).  
They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones.  
 It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages.  
This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs.  
Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems.  
However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837.  
It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability.  
However, with the concept of the stored-program computer introduced in 1949, both programs and data were stored and manipulated in the same way in computer memory.