Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process..  
 High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware.  
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.  
Expert programmers are familiar with a variety of well-established algorithms and their respective complexities and use this knowledge to choose algorithms that are best suited to the circumstances.  
They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones.  
However, readability is more than just programming style.  
 New languages are generally designed around the syntax of a prior language with new functionality added, (for example C++ adds object-orientation to C, and Java adds memory management and bytecode to C++, but as a result, loses efficiency and the ability for low-level manipulation).  
Trial-and-error/divide-and-conquer is needed: the programmer will try to remove some parts of the original test case and check if the problem still exists.  
 The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging).  
 Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users.  
Programming languages are essential for software development.  
 Auxiliary tasks accompanying and related to programming include analyzing requirements, testing, debugging (investigating and fixing problems), implementation of build systems, and management of derived artifacts, such as programs' machine code.  
Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems.  
 Computer programmers are those who write computer software.  
Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use.