Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications..  
Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process.  
The following properties are among the most important:  
  
 In computer programming, readability refers to the ease with which a human reader can comprehend the purpose, control flow, and operation of source code.  
 Programmable devices have existed for centuries.  
Proficient programming usually requires expertise in several different subjects, including knowledge of the application domain, details of programming languages and generic code libraries, specialized algorithms, and formal logic.  
Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment.  
Trade-offs from this ideal involve finding enough programmers who know the language to build a team, the availability of compilers for that language, and the efficiency with which programs written in a given language execute.  
 A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling).  
However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837.  
Programming languages are essential for software development.  
 Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users.  
A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
Assembly languages were soon developed that let the programmer specify instruction in a text format (e.g., ADD X, TOTAL), with abbreviations for each operation code and meaningful names for specifying addresses.  
There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks.  
For example, COBOL is still strong in corporate data centers often on large mainframe computers, Fortran in engineering applications, scripting languages in Web development, and C in embedded software.