In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form..  
 Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation.  
 Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties.  
However, readability is more than just programming style.  
Methods of measuring programming language popularity include: counting the number of job advertisements that mention the language, the number of books sold and courses teaching the language (this overestimates the importance of newer languages), and estimates of the number of existing lines of code written in the language (this underestimates the number of users of business languages such as COBOL).  
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.  
One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis.  
Programming languages are essential for software development.  
 Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications.  
For this purpose, algorithms are classified into orders using so-called Big O notation, which expresses resource use, such as execution time or memory consumption, in terms of the size of an input.  
Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards.  
He gave the first description of cryptanalysis by frequency analysis, the earliest code-breaking algorithm.  
Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability.  
A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837.