It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability..  
Programming languages are essential for software development.  
Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process.  
However, readability is more than just programming style.  
 It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages.  
 Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms).  
 Following a consistent programming style often helps readability.  
There are many approaches to the Software development process.  
Languages form an approximate spectrum from "low-level" to "high-level"; "low-level" languages are typically more machine-oriented and faster to execute, whereas "high-level" languages are more abstract and easier to use but execute less quickly.  
Many programmers use forms of Agile software development where the various stages of formal software development are more integrated together into short cycles that take a few weeks rather than years.  
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.  
 Debugging is often done with IDEs. Standalone debuggers like GDB are also used, and these often provide less of a visual environment, usually using a command line.  
Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability.  
Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use.  
 In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form.