Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability..  
 Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties.  
 Readability is important because programmers spend the majority of their time reading, trying to understand, reusing and modifying existing source code, rather than writing new source code.  
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.  
 After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug.  
Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems.  
Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process.  
 Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA).  
 Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications.  
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.  
 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.  
The choice of language used is subject to many considerations, such as company policy, suitability to task, availability of third-party packages, or individual preference.  
A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code.  
The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA.