Some languages are more prone to some kinds of faults because their specification does not require compilers to perform as much checking as other languages..  
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.  
Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use.  
However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837.  
Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help.  
Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process.  
 The academic field and the engineering practice of computer programming are both largely concerned with discovering and implementing the most efficient algorithms for a given class of problems.  
A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment.  
By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers.  
 Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties.  
However, because an assembly language is little more than a different notation for a machine language, two machines with different instruction sets also have different assembly languages.  
 Allen Downey, in his book How To Think Like A Computer Scientist, writes:  
 Many computer languages provide a mechanism to call functions provided by shared libraries.  
Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability.  
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.