Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation..  
 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.  
 Computer programmers are those who write computer software.  
 Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications.  
However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837.  
 Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms).  
Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment.  
 New languages are generally designed around the syntax of a prior language with new functionality added, (for example C++ adds object-orientation to C, and Java adds memory management and bytecode to C++, but as a result, loses efficiency and the ability for low-level manipulation).  
A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability.  
Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use.  
 High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware.  
 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.  
 Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties.  
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.