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..  
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.  
Expert programmers are familiar with a variety of well-established algorithms and their respective complexities and use this knowledge to choose algorithms that are best suited to the circumstances.  
This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs.  
 Programmable devices have existed for centuries.  
There are many approaches to the Software development process.  
 Following a consistent programming style often helps readability.  
For example, when a bug in a compiler can make it crash when parsing some large source file, a simplification of the test case that results in only few lines from the original source file can be sufficient to reproduce the same crash.  
Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability.  
 Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages.  
Programmers typically use high-level programming languages that are more easily intelligible to humans than machine code, which is directly executed by the central processing unit.  
However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837.  
They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones.  
The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA.  
 It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages.