It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones..  
 In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form.  
 Following a consistent programming style often helps readability.  
Methods of measuring programming language popularity include: counting the number of job advertisements that mention the language, the number of books sold and courses teaching the language (this overestimates the importance of newer languages), and estimates of the number of existing lines of code written in the language (this underestimates the number of users of business languages such as COBOL).  
 It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages.  
There are many approaches to the Software development process.  
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.  
  
The following properties are among the most important:  
  
 In computer programming, readability refers to the ease with which a human reader can comprehend the purpose, control flow, and operation of source code.  
 Computer programmers are those who write computer software.  
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.  
 Various visual programming languages have also been developed with the intent to resolve readability concerns by adopting non-traditional approaches to code structure and display.  
Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability.  
It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability.  
 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.