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.  
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).  
There are many approaches to the Software development process.  
Relatedly, software engineering combines engineering techniques and principles with software development.  
This is interpreted into machine code.  
A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems.  
The purpose of programming is to find a sequence of instructions that will automate the performance of a task (which can be as complex as an operating system) on a computer, often for solving a given problem.  
By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers.  
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.  
Provided the functions in a library follow the appropriate run-time conventions (e.g., method of passing arguments), then these functions may be written in any other language.  
Their jobs usually involve:  
 Although programming has been presented in the media as a somewhat mathematical subject, some research shows that good programmers have strong skills in natural human languages, and that learning to code is similar to learning a foreign language.  
 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.  
 After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug.  
It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability.