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).  
For example, COBOL is still strong in corporate data centers often on large mainframe computers, Fortran in engineering applications, scripting languages in Web development, and C in embedded software.  
There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks.  
However, while these might be considered part of the programming process, often the term software development is more likely used for this larger overall process – whereas the terms programming, implementation, and coding tend to be focused on the actual writing of code.  
Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment.  
Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use.  
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In 1206, the Arab engineer Al-Jazari invented a programmable drum machine where a musical mechanical automaton could be made to play different rhythms and drum patterns, via pegs and cams.  
Programming languages are essential for software development.  
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Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability.  
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Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected.  
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It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability.