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Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem.  
Many programmers use forms of Agile software development where the various stages of formal software development are more integrated together into short cycles that take a few weeks rather than years.  
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).  
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Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards.  
 Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms).  
  
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