However, readability is more than just programming style.  
There are many approaches to the Software development process.  
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.  
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).  
However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837.  
Transpiling on the other hand, takes the source-code from a high-level programming language and converts it into bytecode.  
Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help.  
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.  
Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process.  
 Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages.  
 Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation.  
A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
 Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries.  
By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers.  
 Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms).