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Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems.  
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This is interpreted into machine code.  
It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability.  
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Also, those involved with software development may at times engage in reverse engineering, which is the practice of seeking to understand an existing program so as to re-implement its function in some way.  
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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.  
 Tasks accompanying and related to programming include testing, debugging, source code maintenance, implementation of build systems, and management of derived artifacts, such as the machine code of computer programs.  
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.  
Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards.