

a computer program is just a collection of the instructions necessary to solve a specific problem. The basic operations of a computer system form what is known as the computer's instruction set. And the approach or method that is used to solve the problem is known as an algorithm.

So far as programming language concern these are of two types.

- 1) Low level language
- 2) High level language

Low level language:

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Low level languages are machine level and assembly level language. In machine level language computer only understand digital numbers i.e. in the form of 0 and 1. So, instruction given to the computer is in the form binary digit, which is difficult to implement instruction in binary code. This type of program is not portable, difficult to maintain and also error prone. The assembly language is on other hand modified version of machine level language. Where instructions are given in English like word as ADD, SUM, MOV etc. It is easy to write and understand but not understood by the machine. So the translator used here is assembler to translate into machine level. Although language is bit easier, programmer has to know low level details related to low level language. In the assembly level language the data are stored in the computer register, which varies for different computer. Hence it is not portable.

High level language:

These languages are machine independent, means it is portable. The language in this category is Pascal, Cobol, Fortran etc. High level languages are understood by the machine. So it need to translate by the translator into machine level. A translator is software which is used to translate high level language as well as low level language in to machine level language.

Three types of translator are there:

Compiler

Interpreter

Assembler

Compiler and interpreter are used to convert the high level language into machine level language. The program written in high level language is known as source program and the corresponding machine level language program is called as object program. Both compiler and interpreter perform the same task but there working is different. Compiler read the program at-a-time and searches the error and lists them. If the program is error free then it is converted into object program. When program size is large then compiler is preferred. Whereas interpreter read only one line of the source code and convert it to object code. If it check error, statement by statement and hence of take more time.

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Integrated Development Environments (IDE)

The process of editing, compiling, running, and debugging programs is often managed by a single integrated application known as an Integrated Development Environment, or IDE for short. An IDE is a windows-based program that allows us to easily manage large software programs, edit files in windows, and compile, link, run, and debug programs.

On Mac OS X, CodeWarrior and Xcode are two IDEs that are used by many programmers. Under Windows, Microsoft Visual Studio is a good example of a popular IDE. Kylix is a popular IDE for developing applications under Linux. Most IDEs also support program development in several different programming languages in addition to C, such as C# and C++.