

- Programming language:
  - A formal language for describing computation
  - A “user” interface to a computer
  - Syntax and semantics
  - Compiler, translator, and interpreter
  - A tool to support a programming paradigm
- Assembly code = low level programming language. High = java
- The different types of programming language styles are:
  - **Imperative style:** deal with algorithms + data and both are equal importance. Good for **decomposition** (tackle problem into pieces) eg: pascal and c
  - **Functional style:** for functions. Good for **reasoning** eg: lisp and sml
  - **Logical programming styles:** based on facts and rules. Good **for searching** eg: prolog
  - **Objective oriented programming:** objects have attribute and activities and interact with others. Good for **modelling** eg: C++, Java
- Good programming language: (need, user, application)
  - **Ease of design and coding:** so full control and easy to understand
  - **Debugging:** find all mistakes in trial room
  - **Maintenance:** deploy a program
  - **Reusability:** codes (are changeable, recycle, flexible and add more functionalities)
- Criteria for designing a good programming language:
  - **Readability:** Make sure the programming language is understood, comprehended easily and accurately
  - **Write-ability:** so when you write code it needs to be nicer and clean so understandable
  - **Reliability:** assure a coded program will not behave in an unexpected or disastrous way. So generate same function every time
  - **Uniformity:** features should look similar & behave similar
  - **Maintainability:** make sure errors can be found and corrected and new features for the language can be added. So error checking
- A programming language has components:
  - Interpreter: basic form of program that will convert our programs to some output. Eg: source code will be converted to output by translator.
  - Compilation: source file goes through compiler to generate assembly file.
- How will a high language programming language will be converted to machine code:
  - Step 1: Source code may go through the pre-processor to convert the source code to pre-processed code.
  - Step 2: The pre-processed code will get compiled by compiler to assembly code.
  - Step 3: Assembly code will be go through assembler. Therefore, object code file is created.

- Step 4: The object file is linked and give filename.obj. Environment for code is given
- Step 5: Linker: all the other object files, and library files are linked.
- Step 6: exe files created. Stored in secondary storage ie harddisc
- Step 7: The most efficient way to run an executable is the exe will be loaded by loader to primary memory to be able to run