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Harlan Herrick of IBM runs the first successful FORTRAN program.

Fortran is a general purpose, procedural, imperative programming language that is especially suited to numerical computation and scientific computing. Originally developed by IBM in the 1950s for scientific and engineering applications, Fortran came to dominate this area of programming early on and has been in continual use for over half a century in computationally intensive areas such as climate modeling, computational fluid dynamics, computational physics and computational chemistry.

