Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries..  
The following properties are among the most important:  
  
 In computer programming, readability refers to the ease with which a human reader can comprehend the purpose, control flow, and operation of source code.  
Trade-offs from this ideal involve finding enough programmers who know the language to build a team, the availability of compilers for that language, and the efficiency with which programs written in a given language execute.  
Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards.  
There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks.  
 Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties.  
One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis.  
Programmers typically use high-level programming languages that are more easily intelligible to humans than machine code, which is directly executed by the central processing unit.  
 New languages are generally designed around the syntax of a prior language with new functionality added, (for example C++ adds object-orientation to C, and Java adds memory management and bytecode to C++, but as a result, loses efficiency and the ability for low-level manipulation).  
Trial-and-error/divide-and-conquer is needed: the programmer will try to remove some parts of the original test case and check if the problem still exists.  
 Following a consistent programming style often helps readability.  
 Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users.  
 The first computer program is generally dated to 1843, when mathematician Ada Lovelace published an algorithm to calculate a sequence of Bernoulli numbers, intended to be carried out by Charles Babbage's Analytical Engine.  
 The academic field and the engineering practice of computer programming are both largely concerned with discovering and implementing the most efficient algorithms for a given class of problems.  
Some languages are more prone to some kinds of faults because their specification does not require compilers to perform as much checking as other languages.