It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages..  
 In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form.  
 Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries.  
FORTRAN, the first widely used high-level language to have a functional implementation, came out in 1957, and many other languages were soon developed—in particular, COBOL aimed at commercial data processing, and Lisp for computer research.  
However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837.  
Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards.  
 Programmable devices have existed for centuries.  
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.  
Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected.  
This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs.  
Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability.  
Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help.  
By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers.  
When debugging the problem in a GUI, the programmer can try to skip some user interaction from the original problem description and check if remaining actions are sufficient for bugs to appear.  
 Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape.