A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it..  
Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability.  
However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837.  
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.  
The choice of language used is subject to many considerations, such as company policy, suitability to task, availability of third-party packages, or individual preference.  
Proficient programming usually requires expertise in several different subjects, including knowledge of the application domain, details of programming languages and generic code libraries, specialized algorithms, and formal logic.  
 Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA).  
One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis.  
Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment.  
 A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling).  
 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).  
 In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form.  
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.  
Compilers harnessed the power of computers to make programming easier by allowing programmers to specify calculations by entering a formula using infix notation.  
 High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware.