Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users..  
Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards.  
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.  
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.  
 Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages.  
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.  
Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems.  
Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help.  
The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA.  
 Debugging is often done with IDEs. Standalone debuggers like GDB are also used, and these often provide less of a visual environment, usually using a command line.  
For example, COBOL is still strong in corporate data centers often on large mainframe computers, Fortran in engineering applications, scripting languages in Web development, and C in embedded software.  
 A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling).  
 Readability is important because programmers spend the majority of their time reading, trying to understand, reusing and modifying existing source code, rather than writing new source code.  
 Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA).  
  
The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'.