Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries..  
Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected.  
One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis.  
 Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA).  
There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks.  
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.  
 A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling).  
  
However, readability is more than just programming style.  
The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA.  
  
The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'.  
For this purpose, algorithms are classified into orders using so-called Big O notation, which expresses resource use, such as execution time or memory consumption, in terms of the size of an input.  
  
 Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks.  
Assembly languages were soon developed that let the programmer specify instruction in a text format (e.g., ADD X, TOTAL), with abbreviations for each operation code and meaningful names for specifying addresses.  
Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability.