Programming languages are essential for software development..  
Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process.  
By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers.  
 Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation.  
 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).  
There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks.  
 Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages.  
  
The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'.  
Their jobs usually involve:  
 Although programming has been presented in the media as a somewhat mathematical subject, some research shows that good programmers have strong skills in natural human languages, and that learning to code is similar to learning a foreign language.  
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.  
Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use.  
Expert programmers are familiar with a variety of well-established algorithms and their respective complexities and use this knowledge to choose algorithms that are best suited to the circumstances.  
In 1206, the Arab engineer Al-Jazari invented a programmable drum machine where a musical mechanical automaton could be made to play different rhythms and drum patterns, via pegs and cams.  
 Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users.  
Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment.