While these are sometimes considered programming, often the term software development is used for this larger overall process – with the terms programming, implementation, and coding reserved for the writing and editing of code per se..  
 Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties.  
A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
 The academic field and the engineering practice of computer programming are both largely concerned with discovering and implementing the most efficient algorithms for a given class of problems.  
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.  
  
It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability.  
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.  
Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem.  
 In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form.  
Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help.  
 Programmable devices have existed for centuries.  
 After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug.  
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.  
 A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling).