By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers..  
It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages.  
 A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling).  
 Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation.  
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.  
Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability.  
 Auxiliary tasks accompanying and related to programming include analyzing requirements, testing, debugging (investigating and fixing problems), implementation of build systems, and management of derived artifacts, such as programs' machine code.  
Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems.  
Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem.  
 Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties.  
Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment.  
 Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users.  
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.  
Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability.  
Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help.