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.  
One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis.  
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.  
 Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape.  
  
 Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks.  
However, with the concept of the stored-program computer introduced in 1949, both programs and data were stored and manipulated in the same way in computer memory.  
 Programmable devices have existed for centuries.  
 Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages.  
Many programmers use forms of Agile software development where the various stages of formal software development are more integrated together into short cycles that take a few weeks rather than years.  
There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks.  
 Following a consistent programming style often helps readability.  
Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process.  
 Computer programmers are those who write computer software.  
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.