Programmable devices have existed for centuries..  
A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
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.  
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.  
Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems.  
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.  
  
 Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries.  
 Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users.  
 Following a consistent programming style often helps readability.  
As early as the 9th century, a programmable music sequencer was invented by the Persian Banu Musa brothers, who described an automated mechanical flute player in the Book of Ingenious Devices.  
 Readability is important because programmers spend the majority of their time reading, trying to understand, reusing and modifying existing source code, rather than writing new source code.  
 It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages.  
Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process.  
 Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages.