It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages..  
Proficient programming usually requires expertise in several different subjects, including knowledge of the application domain, details of programming languages and generic code libraries, specialized algorithms, and formal logic.  
 Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation.  
 Computer programmers are those who write computer software.  
It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability.  
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.  
 Debugging is often done with IDEs. Standalone debuggers like GDB are also used, and these often provide less of a visual environment, usually using a command line.  
 In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form.  
Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment.  
Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use.  
In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them.  
A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
 It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages.  
Provided the functions in a library follow the appropriate run-time conventions (e.g., method of passing arguments), then these functions may be written in any other language.  
One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis.