The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'..  
It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages.  
Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code.  
Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected.  
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.  
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.  
Languages form an approximate spectrum from "low-level" to "high-level"; "low-level" languages are typically more machine-oriented and faster to execute, whereas "high-level" languages are more abstract and easier to use but execute less quickly.  
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.  
 The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging).  
 A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling).  
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.  
Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process.  
 Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries.  
 Following a consistent programming style often helps readability.  
 Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages.