The first computer program is generally dated to 1843, when mathematician Ada Lovelace published an algorithm to calculate a sequence of Bernoulli numbers, intended to be carried out by Charles Babbage's Analytical Engine..  
A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
 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.  
 Various visual programming languages have also been developed with the intent to resolve readability concerns by adopting non-traditional approaches to code structure and display.  
 Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms).  
It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages.  
However, readability is more than just programming style.  
 After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug.  
 Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties.  
 Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation.  
This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs.  
 High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware.  
However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837.  
FORTRAN, the first widely used high-level language to have a functional implementation, came out in 1957, and many other languages were soon developed—in particular, COBOL aimed at commercial data processing, and Lisp for computer research.  
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.