By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers.  
Also, those involved with software development may at times engage in reverse engineering, which is the practice of seeking to understand an existing program so as to re-implement its function in some way.  
He gave the first description of cryptanalysis by frequency analysis, the earliest code-breaking algorithm.  
Compilers harnessed the power of computers to make programming easier by allowing programmers to specify calculations by entering a formula using infix notation.  
Assembly languages were soon developed that let the programmer specify instruction in a text format (e.g., ADD X, TOTAL), with abbreviations for each operation code and meaningful names for specifying addresses.  
Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected.  
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.  
This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs.  
Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment.  
Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards.  
 Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties.  
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.  
The source code of a program is written in one or more languages that are intelligible to programmers, rather than machine code, which is directly executed by the central processing unit.  
There are many approaches to the Software development process.  
Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help.