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Later a control panel (plug board) added to his 1906 Type I Tabulator allowed it to be programmed for different jobs, and by the late 1940s, unit record equipment such as the IBM 602 and IBM 604, were programmed by control panels in a similar way, as were the first electronic computers.  
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.  
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Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards.  
Relatedly, software engineering combines engineering techniques and principles with software development.  
They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones.  
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.  
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Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment.  
However, readability is more than just programming style.  
However, because an assembly language is little more than a different notation for a machine language, two machines with different instruction sets also have different assembly languages.  
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 Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape.  
  
 Computer programming is the process of performing particular computations (or more generally, accomplishing specific computing results), usually by designing and building executable computer programs.