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Proficient programming thus usually requires expertise in several different subjects, including knowledge of the application domain, specialized algorithms, and formal logic.  
Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help.  
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Compiling takes the source code from a low-level programming language and converts it into machine code.  
Many programmers use forms of Agile software development where the various stages of formal software development are more integrated together into short cycles that take a few weeks rather than years.