Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code.  
Proficient programming thus usually requires expertise in several different subjects, including knowledge of the application domain, specialized algorithms, and formal logic.  
By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers.  
A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected.  
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.  
Compiling takes the source code from a low-level programming language and converts it into machine code.  
Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use.  
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He gave the first description of cryptanalysis by frequency analysis, the earliest code-breaking algorithm.  
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.  
Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help.  
There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks.  
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.