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Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability.  
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To produce machine code, the source code must either be compiled or transpiled.  
Proficient programming thus usually requires expertise in several different subjects, including knowledge of the application domain, specialized algorithms, and formal logic.  
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Relatedly, software engineering combines engineering techniques and principles with software development.