A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
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Trade-offs from this ideal involve finding enough programmers who know the language to build a team, the availability of compilers for that language, and the efficiency with which programs written in a given language execute.  
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.  
Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code.  
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Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use.  
 Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users.  
 Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation.