Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem.  
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.  
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.  
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.  
However, while these might be considered part of the programming process, often the term software development is more likely used for this larger overall process – whereas the terms programming, implementation, and coding tend to be focused on the actual writing of code.  
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Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability.  
 Following a consistent programming style often helps readability.  
 High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware.  
 Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications.  
The purpose of programming is to find a sequence of instructions that will automate the performance of a task (which can be as complex as an operating system) on a computer, often for solving a given problem.  
Programming involves tasks such as analysis, generating algorithms, profiling algorithms' accuracy and resource consumption, and the implementation of algorithms (usually in a particular programming language, commonly referred to as coding).  
Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards.  
One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis.