It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability.  
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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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.  
There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks.  
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.  
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Some of these factors include:  
 The presentation aspects of this (such as indents, line breaks, color highlighting, and so on) are often handled by the source code editor, but the content aspects reflect the programmer's talent and skills.  
Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help.  
A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
 New languages are generally designed around the syntax of a prior language with new functionality added, (for example C++ adds object-orientation to C, and Java adds memory management and bytecode to C++, but as a result, loses efficiency and the ability for low-level manipulation).  
 Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation.  
 In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form.  
Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards.  
 The first computer program is generally dated to 1843, when mathematician Ada Lovelace published an algorithm to calculate a sequence of Bernoulli numbers, intended to be carried out by Charles Babbage's Analytical Engine.