A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
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.  
As early as the 9th century, a programmable music sequencer was invented by the Persian Banu Musa brothers, who described an automated mechanical flute player in the Book of Ingenious Devices.  
Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected.  
Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability.  
There are many approaches to the Software development process.  
He gave the first description of cryptanalysis by frequency analysis, the earliest code-breaking algorithm.  
The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA.  
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).  
FORTRAN, the first widely used high-level language to have a functional implementation, came out in 1957, and many other languages were soon developed—in particular, COBOL aimed at commercial data processing, and Lisp for computer research.  
For this purpose, algorithms are classified into orders using so-called Big O notation, which expresses resource use, such as execution time or memory consumption, in terms of the size of an input.  
However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837.  
Transpiling on the other hand, takes the source-code from a high-level programming language and converts it into bytecode.  
This is interpreted into machine code.  
Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code.