In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them.  
Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems.  
They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones.  
He gave the first description of cryptanalysis by frequency analysis, the earliest code-breaking algorithm.  
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.  
A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837.  
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.  
Programming languages are essential for software development.  
 A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling).  
Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process.  
 In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form.  
However, readability is more than just programming style.  
Methods of measuring programming language popularity include: counting the number of job advertisements that mention the language, the number of books sold and courses teaching the language (this overestimates the importance of newer languages), and estimates of the number of existing lines of code written in the language (this underestimates the number of users of business languages such as COBOL).  
 Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties.