

Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. The following properties are among the most important: In computer programming, readability refers to the ease with which a human reader can comprehend the purpose, control flow, and operation of source code. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability. Assembly languages were soon developed that let the programmer specify instruction in a text format (e.g., ADD X, TOTAL), with abbreviations for each operation code and meaningful names for specifying addresses. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA). Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. Expert programmers are familiar with a variety of well-established algorithms and their respective complexities and use this knowledge to choose algorithms that are best suited to the circumstances. Auxiliary tasks accompanying and related to programming include analyzing requirements, testing, debugging (investigating and fixing problems), implementation of build systems, and management of derived artifacts, such as programs' machine code. However, because an assembly language is little more than a different notation for a machine language, two machines with different instruction sets also have different assembly languages. Their jobs usually involve: Although programming has been presented in the media as a somewhat mathematical subject, some research shows that good programmers have strong skills in natural human languages, and that learning to code is similar to learning a foreign language. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. 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. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. 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. For example, COBOL is still strong in corporate data centers often on large mainframe computers, Fortran in engineering applications, scripting languages in Web development, and C in embedded software. However, readability is more than just programming style. Programming languages are essential for software development.