

It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. However, with the concept of the stored-program computer introduced in 1949, both programs and data were stored and manipulated in the same way in computer memory. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. Programmers typically use high-level programming languages that are more easily intelligible to humans than machine code, which is directly executed by the central processing unit. Debugging is often done with IDEs. Standalone debuggers like GDB are also used, and these often provide less of a visual environment, usually using a command line. Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability. For example, when a bug in a compiler can make it crash when parsing some large source file, a simplification of the test case that results in only few lines from the original source file can be sufficient to reproduce the same crash. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. 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. 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. Various visual programming languages have also been developed with the intent to resolve readability concerns by adopting non-traditional approaches to code structure and display. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). 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. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. 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. 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. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.