

The choice of language used is subject to many considerations, such as company policy, suitability to task, availability of third-party packages, or individual preference. Trade-offs from this ideal involve finding enough programmers who know the language to build a team, the availability of compilers for that language, and the efficiency with which programs written in a given language execute. In the 9th century, the Arab mathematician Al-Kindi described a cryptographic algorithm for deciphering encrypted code, in *A Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages*. The academic field and the engineering practice of computer programming are both largely concerned with discovering and implementing the most efficient algorithms for a given class of problems. Some languages are more prone to some kinds of faults because their specification does not require compilers to perform as much checking as other languages. He gave the first description of cryptanalysis by frequency analysis, the earliest code-breaking algorithm. Languages form an approximate spectrum from "low-level" to "high-level"; "low-level" languages are typically more machine-oriented and faster to execute, whereas "high-level" languages are more abstract and easier to use but execute less quickly. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. While these are sometimes considered programming, often the term software development is used for this larger overall process – with the terms programming, implementation, and coding reserved for the writing and editing of code per se. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. Later a control panel (plug board) added to his 1906 Type I Tabulator allowed it to be programmed for different jobs, and by the late 1940s, unit record equipment such as the IBM 602 and IBM 604, were programmed by control panels in a similar way, as were the first electronic computers. There are many approaches to the Software development process. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). 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. Languages form an approximate spectrum from "low-level" to "high-level"; "low-level" languages are typically more machine-oriented and faster to execute, whereas "high-level" languages are more abstract and easier to use but execute less quickly. 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. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages. 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).