

However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. Provided the functions in a library follow the appropriate run-time conventions (e.g., method of passing arguments), then these functions may be written in any other language. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). 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. Many programmers use forms of Agile software development where the various stages of formal software development are more integrated together into short cycles that take a few weeks rather than years. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. 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. 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. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers. However, readability is more than just programming style. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug. These compiled languages allow the programmer to write programs in terms that are syntactically richer, and more capable of abstracting the code, making it easy to target varying machine instruction sets via compilation declarations and heuristics. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability. The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging). Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. Allen Downey, in his book *How To Think Like A Computer Scientist*, writes: Many computer languages provide a mechanism to call functions provided by shared libraries. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. 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. 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.