

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. 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. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. 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. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. 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). Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help. However, readability is more than just programming style. Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA). 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. 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). They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. However, readability is more than just programming style. 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. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug. 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. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. In 1206, the Arab engineer Al-Jazari invented a programmable drum machine where a musical mechanical automaton could be made to play different rhythms and drum patterns, via pegs and cams. It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages. Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems.