

Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug. 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. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. 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. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. 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. Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA). Computer programmers are those who write computer software. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. 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. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. 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. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. 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. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. 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. 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. In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. 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.