

It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). 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. 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. 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. 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. Some of these factors include: The presentation aspects of this (such as indents, line breaks, color highlighting, and so on) are often handled by the source code editor, but the content aspects reflect the programmer's talent and skills. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. 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. It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages. There are many approaches to the Software development process. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. 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. 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. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem. When debugging the problem in a GUI, the programmer can try to skip some user interaction from the original problem description and check if remaining actions are sufficient for bugs to appear. When debugging the problem in a GUI, the programmer can try to skip some user interaction from the original problem description and check if remaining actions are sufficient for bugs to appear. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem. As early as the 9th century, a programmable music sequencer was invented by the Persian Banu Musa brothers, who described an automated mechanical flute player in the Book of Ingenious Devices.