

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. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. Proficient programming usually requires expertise in several different subjects, including knowledge of the application domain, details of programming languages and generic code libraries, specialized algorithms, and formal logic. FORTRAN, the first widely used high-level language to have a functional implementation, came out in 1957, and many other languages were soon developed—in particular, COBOL aimed at commercial data processing, and Lisp for computer research. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. 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. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. 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). Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. 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. 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. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). Programmable devices have existed for centuries. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem. 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. Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs.