

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. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis. 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. In the 9th century, the Arab mathematician Al-Kindi described a cryptographic algorithm for deciphering encrypted code, in A Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages. In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. 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. While these are sometimes considered programming, often the term software development is used for this larger overall process – with the terms programming, implementation, and coding reserved for the writing and editing of code per se. 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. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. 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. 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. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. There are many approaches to the Software development process. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug. 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. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. 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.