

In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers. They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug. Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. 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. One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis. 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. In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. 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. 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). The academic field and the engineering practice of computer programming are both largely concerned with discovering and implementing the most efficient algorithms for a given class of problems. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. There are many approaches to the Software development process. 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. 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. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling).