

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. 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. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. However, readability is more than just programming style. 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. 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. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. 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. For example, when a bug in a compiler can make it crash when parsing some large source file, a simplification of the test case that results in only few lines from the original source file can be sufficient to reproduce the same crash. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. Computer programmers are those who write computer software. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug. One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis. The following properties are among the most important: In computer programming, readability refers to the ease with which a human reader can comprehend the purpose, control flow, and operation of source code. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem. For example, when a bug in a compiler can make it crash when parsing some large source file, a simplification of the test case that results in only few lines from the original source file can be sufficient to reproduce the same crash. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. New languages are generally designed around the syntax of a prior language with new functionality added, (for example C++ adds object-orientation to C, and Java adds memory management and bytecode to C++, but as a result, loses efficiency and the ability for low-level manipulation). Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. Assembly languages were soon developed that let the programmer specify instruction in a text format (e.g., ADD X, TOTAL), with abbreviations for each operation code and meaningful names for specifying addresses.