

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. 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. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. 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. 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. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA). Later a control panel (plug board) added to his 1906 Type I Tabulator allowed it to be programmed for different jobs, and by the late 1940s, unit record equipment such as the IBM 602 and IBM 604, were programmed by control panels in a similar way, as were the first electronic computers. There are many approaches to the Software development process. The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging). Computer programmers are those who write computer software. 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 Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. Programmers typically use high-level programming languages that are more easily intelligible to humans than machine code, which is directly executed by the central processing unit. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. Debugging is often done with IDEs. Standalone debuggers like GDB are also used, and these often provide less of a visual environment, usually using a command line. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. However, readability is more than just programming style. Computer programmers are those who write computer software. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). 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. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process.