

Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. 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. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. 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. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. However, readability is more than just programming style. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. 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. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). Auxiliary tasks accompanying and related to programming include analyzing requirements, testing, debugging (investigating and fixing problems), implementation of build systems, and management of derived artifacts, such as programs' machine code. 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. In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. 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. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. In the 9th century, the Arab mathematician Al-Kindi described a cryptographic algorithm for deciphering encrypted code, in A Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages. 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. Trade-offs from this ideal involve finding enough programmers who know the language to build a team, the availability of compilers for that language, and the efficiency with which programs written in a given language execute. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers.