

Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages. Compilers harnessed the power of computers to make programming easier by allowing programmers to specify calculations by entering a formula using infix notation. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. For this purpose, algorithms are classified into orders using so-called Big O notation, which expresses resource use, such as execution time or memory consumption, in terms of the size of an input. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. 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. Compilers harnessed the power of computers to make programming easier by allowing programmers to specify calculations by entering a formula using infix notation. For example, COBOL is still strong in corporate data centers often on large mainframe computers, Fortran in engineering applications, scripting languages in Web development, and C in embedded software. 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. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). 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. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. When debugging the problem in a GUI, the programmer can try to skip some user interaction from the original problem description and check if remaining actions are sufficient for bugs to appear. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. 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. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. He gave the first description of cryptanalysis by frequency analysis, the earliest code-breaking algorithm. 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. 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). A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). There are many approaches to the Software development process. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties.