

Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. 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. 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. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. 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. One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis. Proficient programming usually requires expertise in several different subjects, including knowledge of the application domain, details of programming languages and generic code libraries, specialized algorithms, and formal logic. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). 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). Computer programmers are those who write computer software. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. 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. Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help. 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. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. 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. The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging). The choice of language used is subject to many considerations, such as company policy, suitability to task, availability of third-party packages, or individual preference. Expert programmers are familiar with a variety of well-established algorithms and their respective complexities and use this knowledge to choose algorithms that are best suited to the circumstances. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem.