

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. In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems. 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 a few lines from the original source file can be sufficient to reproduce the same crash. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. 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. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. 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. Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability. Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. 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. Various visual programming languages have also been developed with the intent to resolve readability concerns by adopting non-traditional approaches to code structure and display. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem. Their jobs usually involve: Although programming has been presented in the media as a somewhat mathematical subject, some research shows that good programmers have strong skills in natural human languages, and that learning to code is similar to learning a foreign language. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. In the 9th century, the Arab mathematician Al-Kindi described a cryptographic algorithm for deciphering encrypted code, in *A Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages*. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. 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. Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug.