

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. 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. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. 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. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. 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. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. 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. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability. 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. 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. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. 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). Allen Downey, in his book *How To Think Like A Computer Scientist*, writes: Many computer languages provide a mechanism to call functions provided by shared libraries. 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.