The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging). 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. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. Programming languages are essential for software development. The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging). 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). A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. 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. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. Provided the functions in a library follow the appropriate run-time conventions (e.g., method of passing arguments), then these functions may be written in any other language. In the 9th century, the Arab mathematician Al-Kindi described a cryptographic algorithm for deciphering encrypted code, in A Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. However, readability is more than just programming style. He gave the first description of cryptanalysis by frequency analysis, the earliest code-breaking algorithm. However, readability is more than just programming style. There are many approaches to the Software development process. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. 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.