

Many programmers use forms of Agile software development where the various stages of formal software development are more integrated together into short cycles that take a few weeks rather than years. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem. Compilers harnessed the power of computers to make programming easier by allowing programmers to specify calculations by entering a formula using infix notation. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. The following properties are among the most important: In computer programming, readability refers to the ease with which a human reader can comprehend the purpose, control flow, and operation of source code. There are many approaches to the Software development process. Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. 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. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. 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. The following properties are among the most important: In computer programming, readability refers to the ease with which a human reader can comprehend the purpose, control flow, and operation of source code. 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. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. Many programmers use forms of Agile software development where the various stages of formal software development are more integrated together into short cycles that take a few weeks rather than years. 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. 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. 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. 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. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages.