Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. 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. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. In the 9th century, the Arab mathematician Al-Kindi described a cryptographic algorithm for deciphering encrypted code, in A Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages. However, readability is more than just programming style. He gave the first description of cryptanalysis by frequency analysis, the earliest code-breaking algorithm. They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones. It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages. However, readability is more than just programming style. Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. As early as the 9th century, a programmable music sequencer was invented by the Persian Banu Musa brothers, who described an automated mechanical flute player in the Book of Ingenious Devices. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. 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. As early as the 9th century, a programmable music sequencer was invented by the Persian Banu Musa brothers, who described an automated mechanical flute player in the Book of Ingenious Devices. Some of these factors include: The presentation aspects of this (such as indents, line breaks, color highlighting, and so on) are often handled by the source code editor, but the content aspects reflect the programmer's talent and skills. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. Auxiliary tasks accompanying and related to programming include analyzing requirements, testing, debugging (investigating and fixing problems), implementation of build systems, and management of derived artifacts, such as programs' machine code. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. 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. Some of these factors include: The presentation aspects of this (such as indents, line breaks, color highlighting, and so on) are often handled by the source code editor, but the content aspects reflect the programmer's talent and skills. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape.