They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones. 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. 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. 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. 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). 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. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug. 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. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones. 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 few lines from the original source file can be sufficient to reproduce the same crash. One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. 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. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem. 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. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. 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. 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.