

By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers. In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. 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. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. 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. 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). 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. Computer programmers are those who write computer software. However, readability is more than just programming style. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug. 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. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. 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. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. 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. When debugging the problem in a GUI, the programmer can try to skip some user interaction from the original problem description and check if remaining actions are sufficient for bugs to appear. 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. 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. 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. 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). Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment.