

Compilers harnessed the power of computers to make programming easier by allowing programmers to specify calculations by entering a formula using infix notation. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. Trade-offs from this ideal involve finding enough programmers who know the language to build a team, the availability of compilers for that language, and the efficiency with which programs written in a given language execute. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability. 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. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. 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. Debugging is often done with IDEs. Standalone debuggers like GDB are also used, and these often provide less of a visual environment, usually using a command line. 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. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. 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. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). 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. 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. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging). Debugging is often done with IDEs. Standalone debuggers like GDB are also used, and these often provide less of a visual environment, usually using a command line. 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, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837.