

Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. 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. 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*. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. 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. In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. In 1206, the Arab engineer Al-Jazari invented a programmable drum machine where a musical mechanical automaton could be made to play different rhythms and drum patterns, via pegs and cams. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. Readability is important because programmers spend the majority of their time reading, trying to understand, reusing and modifying existing source code, rather than writing new source code. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. Programming languages are essential for software development. He gave the first description of cryptanalysis by frequency analysis, the earliest code-breaking algorithm. However, readability is more than just programming style. 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. One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. In 1206, the Arab engineer Al-Jazari invented a programmable drum machine where a musical mechanical automaton could be made to play different rhythms and drum patterns, via pegs and cams. 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. Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help.