

Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. 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. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. 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. These compiled languages allow the programmer to write programs in terms that are syntactically richer, and more capable of abstracting the code, making it easy to target varying machine instruction sets via compilation declarations and heuristics. 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. 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. Programming languages are essential for software development. 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. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. 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. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. Compilers harnessed the power of computers to make programming easier by allowing programmers to specify calculations by entering a formula using infix notation. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. 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. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. 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.