

By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers. Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability. 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. The following properties are among the most important: In computer programming, readability refers to the ease with which a human reader can comprehend the purpose, control flow, and operation of source code. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. 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. 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. 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. Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. 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. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. 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. 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. In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA). In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. He gave the first description of cryptanalysis by frequency analysis, the earliest code-breaking algorithm. However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. Programming languages are essential for software development.