

Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA). The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. Later a control panel (plug board) added to his 1906 Type I Tabulator allowed it to be programmed for different jobs, and by the late 1940s, unit record equipment such as the IBM 602 and IBM 604, were programmed by control panels in a similar way, as were the first electronic computers. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. 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. 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. He gave the first description of cryptanalysis by frequency analysis, the earliest code-breaking algorithm. Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. However, readability is more than just programming style. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones. 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. 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. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. As early as the 9th century, a programmable music sequencer was invented by the Persian Banu Musa brothers, who described an automated mechanical flute player in the Book of Ingenious Devices. 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. 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. Assembly languages were soon developed that let the programmer specify instruction in a text format (e.g., ADD X, TOTAL), with abbreviations for each operation code and meaningful names for specifying addresses.