

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 is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages. Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. 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. The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging). However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. 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. Programming languages are essential for software development. 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. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. Proficient programming usually requires expertise in several different subjects, including knowledge of the application domain, details of programming languages and generic code libraries, specialized algorithms, and formal logic. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA). However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. Trial-and-error/divide-and-conquer is needed: the programmer will try to remove some parts of the original test case and check if the problem still exists. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). For example, when a bug in a compiler can make it crash when parsing some large source file, a simplification of the test case that results in only few lines from the original source file can be sufficient to reproduce the same crash. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms).