

However, readability is more than just programming style. Some languages are more prone to some kinds of faults because their specification does not require compilers to perform as much checking as other languages. They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). He gave the first description of cryptanalysis by frequency analysis, the earliest code-breaking algorithm. 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. 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. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. Allen Downey, in his book *How To Think Like A Computer Scientist*, writes: Many computer languages provide a mechanism to call functions provided by shared libraries. 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. 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. The first computer program is generally dated to 1843, when mathematician Ada Lovelace published an algorithm to calculate a sequence of Bernoulli numbers, intended to be carried out by Charles Babbage's Analytical Engine. In the 9th century, the Arab mathematician Al-Kindi described a cryptographic algorithm for deciphering encrypted code, in *A Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages*. 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. Programmers typically use high-level programming languages that are more easily intelligible to humans than machine code, which is directly executed by the central processing unit. By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. 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. While these are sometimes considered programming, often the term software development is used for this larger overall process – with the terms programming, implementation, and coding reserved for the writing and editing of code per se. For this purpose, algorithms are classified into orders using so-called Big O notation, which expresses resource use, such as execution time or memory consumption, in terms of the size of an input. Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. 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. 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.