

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. However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. 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. 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. However, because an assembly language is little more than a different notation for a machine language, two machines with different instruction sets also have different assembly languages. 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. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. However, because an assembly language is little more than a different notation for a machine language, two machines with different instruction sets also have different assembly languages. 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. Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging). Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. 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. However, readability is more than just programming style. 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. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. New languages are generally designed around the syntax of a prior language with new functionality added, (for example C++ adds object-orientation to C, and Java adds memory management and bytecode to C++, but as a result, loses efficiency and the ability for low-level manipulation). 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.