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. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. 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 guickly. Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability. Computer programmers are those who write computer software. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. 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. 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. They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages. However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem. 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. 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. 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. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. 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. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those 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.