

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. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. 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. These compiled languages allow the programmer to write programs in terms that are syntactically richer, and more capable of abstracting the code, making it easy to target varying machine instruction sets via compilation declarations and heuristics. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem. However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. 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. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. 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). 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. 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. 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. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. 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.