

Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability. As early as the 9th century, a programmable music sequencer was invented by the Persian Banu Musa brothers, who described an automated mechanical flute player in the Book of Ingenious Devices. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic 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. In the 9th century, the Arab mathematician Al-Kindi described a cryptographic algorithm for deciphering encrypted code, in A Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages. 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. By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers. 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. 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. For example, COBOL is still strong in corporate data centers often on large mainframe computers, Fortran in engineering applications, scripting languages in Web development, and C in embedded software. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. In 1206, the Arab engineer Al-Jazari invented a programmable drum machine where a musical mechanical automaton could be made to play different rhythms and drum patterns, via pegs and cams. In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. 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. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug. 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. In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. Expert programmers are familiar with a variety of well-established algorithms and their respective complexities and use this knowledge to choose algorithms that are best suited to the circumstances. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected.