

However, readability is more than just programming style. 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. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. 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. 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. They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. 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. 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. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. Trial-and-error/divide-and-conquer is needed: the programmer will try to remove some parts of the original test case and check if the problem still exists. However, with the concept of the stored-program computer introduced in 1949, both programs and data were stored and manipulated in the same way in computer memory. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. 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 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications.