

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. In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. 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. 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. 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). Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. Computer programmers are those who write computer software. In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. 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. 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. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers. 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. Provided the functions in a library follow the appropriate run-time conventions (e.g., method of passing arguments), then these functions may be written in any other 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. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. Provided the functions in a library follow the appropriate run-time conventions (e.g., method of passing arguments), then these functions may be written in any other language. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected.