

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. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. 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. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. Later a control panel (plug board) added to his 1906 Type I Tabulator allowed it to be programmed for different jobs, and by the late 1940s, unit record equipment such as the IBM 602 and IBM 604, were programmed by control panels in a similar way, as were the first electronic computers. 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. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem. Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. 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. 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 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. There are many approaches to the Software development process. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. Methods of measuring programming language popularity include: counting the number of job advertisements that mention the language, the number of books sold and courses teaching the language (this overestimates the importance of newer languages), and estimates of the number of existing lines of code written in the language (this underestimates the number of users of business languages such as COBOL). 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 quickly.