

The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging). However, readability is more than just programming style. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. 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. 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. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. 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. 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. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. 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. 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. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. 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. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. When debugging the problem in a GUI, the programmer can try to skip some user interaction from the original problem description and check if remaining actions are sufficient for bugs to appear. One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. 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 languages are more prone to some kinds of faults because their specification does not require compilers to perform as much checking as other languages. 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. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards.