

Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. Various visual programming languages have also been developed with the intent to resolve readability concerns by adopting non-traditional approaches to code structure and display. 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. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. 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. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). 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. 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. 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. 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*. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help. 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. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. 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. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. Programmers typically use high-level programming languages that are more easily intelligible to humans than machine code, which is directly executed by the central processing unit. However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. Assembly languages were soon developed that let the programmer specify instruction in a text format (e.g., ADD X, TOTAL), with abbreviations for each operation code and meaningful names for specifying addresses. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. 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. 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. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. Programmable devices have existed for centuries.