

There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. Auxiliary tasks accompanying and related to programming include analyzing requirements, testing, debugging (investigating and fixing problems), implementation of build systems, and management of derived artifacts, such as programs' machine code. 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. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. 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. 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. 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. In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging). In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability. 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. 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. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis. By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. 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. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers.