

For example, COBOL is still strong in corporate data centers often on large mainframe computers, Fortran in engineering applications, scripting languages in Web development, and C in embedded software. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. Some of these factors include: The presentation aspects of this (such as indents, line breaks, color highlighting, and so on) are often handled by the source code editor, but the content aspects reflect the programmer's talent and skills. 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. 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. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. 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. Compilers harnessed the power of computers to make programming easier by allowing programmers to specify calculations by entering a formula using infix notation. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability. Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help. 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. Compilers harnessed the power of computers to make programming easier by allowing programmers to specify calculations by entering a formula using infix notation. Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). Computer programmers are those who write computer software. 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. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). Trade-offs from this ideal involve finding enough programmers who know the language to build a team, the availability of compilers for that language, and the efficiency with which programs written in a given language execute.