

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. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. 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. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. 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. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers. Their jobs usually involve: Although programming has been presented in the media as a somewhat mathematical subject, some research shows that good programmers have strong skills in natural human languages, and that learning to code is similar to learning a foreign language. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. In the 9th century, the Arab mathematician Al-Kindi described a cryptographic algorithm for deciphering encrypted code, in A Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages. 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. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. 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. In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms).