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. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. There are many approaches to the Software development process. 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. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. 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. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages. 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. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic 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. 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. There are many approaches to the Software development process. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. 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. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. Methods of measuring programming language popularity include: counting the number of job advertisements that mention the language, the number of books sold and courses teaching the language (this overestimates the importance of newer languages), and estimates of the number of existing lines of code written in the language (this underestimates the number of users of business languages such as COBOL). Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. 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. In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability. Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA). Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment.