

Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA). Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. Readability is important because programmers spend the majority of their time reading, trying to understand, reusing and modifying existing source code, rather than writing new source code. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). 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. However, because an assembly language is little more than a different notation for a machine language, two machines with different instruction sets also have different assembly languages. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. Debugging is often done with IDEs. Standalone debuggers like GDB are also used, and these often provide less of a visual environment, usually using a command line. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. Readability is important because programmers spend the majority of their time reading, trying to understand, reusing and modifying existing source code, rather than writing new source code. Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help.

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