

Computer programmers are those who write computer software. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. Expert programmers are familiar with a variety of well-established algorithms and their respective complexities and use this knowledge to choose algorithms that are best suited to the circumstances. 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. In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. The choice of language used is subject to many considerations, such as company policy, suitability to task, availability of third-party packages, or individual preference. 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). 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. Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. 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. These compiled languages allow the programmer to write programs in terms that are syntactically richer, and more capable of abstracting the code, making it easy to target varying machine instruction sets via compilation declarations and heuristics. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). Trial-and-error/divide-and-conquer is needed: the programmer will try to remove some parts of the original test case and check if the problem still exists. It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). 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. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug.