

There are many approaches to the Software development process. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. 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. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. 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. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages. In the 9th century, the Arab mathematician Al-Kindi described a cryptographic algorithm for deciphering encrypted code, in *A Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages*. The first computer program is generally dated to 1843, when mathematician Ada Lovelace published an algorithm to calculate a sequence of Bernoulli numbers, intended to be carried out by Charles Babbage's Analytical Engine. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. For example, when a bug in a compiler can make it crash when parsing some large source file, a simplification of the test case that results in only few lines from the original source file can be sufficient to reproduce the same crash. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. 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. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. While these are sometimes considered programming, often the term software development is used for this larger overall process – with the terms programming, implementation, and coding reserved for the writing and editing of code per se. 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. 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. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging).