

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. The following properties are among the most important: In computer programming, readability refers to the ease with which a human reader can comprehend the purpose, control flow, and operation of source code. Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability. 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. He gave the first description of cryptanalysis by frequency analysis, the earliest code-breaking algorithm. 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. 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. 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). Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. New languages are generally designed around the syntax of a prior language with new functionality added, (for example C++ adds object-orientation to C, and Java adds memory management and bytecode to C++, but as a result, loses efficiency and the ability for low-level manipulation). High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. 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. Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability. 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. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. He gave the first description of cryptanalysis by frequency analysis, the earliest code-breaking algorithm. It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. Later a control panel (plug board) added to his 1906 Type I Tabulator allowed it to be programmed for different jobs, and by the late 1940s, unit record equipment such as the IBM 602 and IBM 604, were programmed by control panels in a similar way, as were the first electronic computers. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. 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. 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. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation.