

Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. 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. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. 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). Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. 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. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. For this purpose, algorithms are classified into orders using so-called Big O notation, which expresses resource use, such as execution time or memory consumption, in terms of the size of an input. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. 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. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. 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. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. 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. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. Assembly languages were soon developed that let the programmer specify instruction in a text format (e.g., ADD X, TOTAL), with abbreviations for each operation code and meaningful names for specifying addresses.