

Provided the functions in a library follow the appropriate run-time conventions (e.g., method of passing arguments), then these functions may be written in any other language. As early as the 9th century, a programmable music sequencer was invented by the Persian Banu Musa brothers, who described an automated mechanical flute player in the Book of Ingenious Devices. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). 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. Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability. However, readability is more than just programming style. 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. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. Various visual programming languages have also been developed with the intent to resolve readability concerns by adopting non-traditional approaches to code structure and display. 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. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. 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. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. 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. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code.