

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. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem. Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems. However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). Readability is important because programmers spend the majority of their time reading, trying to understand, reusing and modifying existing source code, rather than writing new source code. 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. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. Auxiliary tasks accompanying and related to programming include analyzing requirements, testing, debugging (investigating and fixing problems), implementation of build systems, and management of derived artifacts, such as programs' machine code. In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. 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. 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. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. However, readability is more than just programming style. 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. Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. 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. The academic field and the engineering practice of computer programming are both largely concerned with discovering and implementing the most efficient algorithms for a given class of problems. By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers.