

Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. 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. By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers. 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. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. 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. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. 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. 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. Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. 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. 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. These compiled languages allow the programmer to write programs in terms that are syntactically richer, and more capable of abstracting the code, making it easy to target varying machine instruction sets via compilation declarations and heuristics. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. 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. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. 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. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications.