

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. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. 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). 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. Some of these factors include: The presentation aspects of this (such as indents, line breaks, color highlighting, and so on) are often handled by the source code editor, but the content aspects reflect the programmer's talent and skills. Trial-and-error/divide-and-conquer is needed: the programmer will try to remove some parts of the original test case and check if the problem still exists. By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers. 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. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. 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. Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. Computer programmers are those who write computer software. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. 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. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. 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. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process.