

In the 9th century, the Arab mathematician Al-Kindi described a cryptographic algorithm for deciphering encrypted code, in A Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. 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. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. Expert programmers are familiar with a variety of well-established algorithms and their respective complexities and use this knowledge to choose algorithms that are best suited to the circumstances. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. 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. 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. 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. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. 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. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. 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. 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. 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. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. Some languages are more prone to some kinds of faults because their specification does not require compilers to perform as much checking as other languages. Some languages are more prone to some kinds of faults because their specification does not require compilers to perform as much checking as other languages. 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. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA).