

In the 9th century, the Arab mathematician Al-Kindi described a cryptographic algorithm for deciphering encrypted code, in A Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages. Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability. Computer programmers are those who write computer software. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. 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. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. 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. Computer programmers are those who write computer software. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis. 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. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. 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. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. 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. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. 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. 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.