

Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA). Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. The choice of language used is subject to many considerations, such as company policy, suitability to task, availability of third-party packages, or individual preference. Computer programmers are those who write computer software. 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. 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. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. 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. 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. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. 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. 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. 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. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages. 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. 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). After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. Allen Downey, in his book *How To Think Like A Computer Scientist*, writes: Many computer languages provide a mechanism to call functions provided by shared libraries.