

In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. 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 very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. Readability is important because programmers spend the majority of their time reading, trying to understand, reusing and modifying existing source code, rather than writing new source code. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. 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. 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. However, because an assembly language is little more than a different notation for a machine language, two machines with different instruction sets also have different assembly languages. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. 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. 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. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. 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. Proficient programming usually requires expertise in several different subjects, including knowledge of the application domain, details of programming languages and generic code libraries, specialized algorithms, and formal logic. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. Proficient programming usually requires expertise in several different subjects, including knowledge of the application domain, details of programming languages and generic code libraries, specialized algorithms, and formal logic. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). 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.