

Programming languages are essential for software development. 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. Trade-offs from this ideal involve finding enough programmers who know the language to build a team, the availability of compilers for that language, and the efficiency with which programs written in a given language execute. Later a control panel (plug board) added to his 1906 Type I Tabulator allowed it to be programmed for different jobs, and by the late 1940s, unit record equipment such as the IBM 602 and IBM 604, were programmed by control panels in a similar way, as were the first electronic computers. 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). Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. 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. However, with the concept of the stored-program computer introduced in 1949, both programs and data were stored and manipulated in the same way in computer memory. While these are sometimes considered programming, often the term software development is used for this larger overall process – with the terms programming, implementation, and coding reserved for the writing and editing of code per se. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. 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. It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones. There are many approaches to the Software development process. However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. He gave the first description of cryptanalysis by frequency analysis, the earliest code-breaking algorithm. For example, COBOL is still strong in corporate data centers often on large mainframe computers, Fortran in engineering applications, scripting languages in Web development, and C in embedded software. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process.