

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). In the 9th century, the Arab mathematician Al-Kindi described a cryptographic algorithm for deciphering encrypted code, in A Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages. Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. There are many approaches to the Software development process. 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. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. There are many approaches to the Software development process. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. Debugging is often done with IDEs. Standalone debuggers like GDB are also used, and these often provide less of a visual environment, usually using a command line. However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. Computer programmers are those who write computer software. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. Debugging is often done with IDEs. Standalone debuggers like GDB are also used, and these often provide less of a visual environment, usually using a command line. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. 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. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment.