

These compiled languages allow the programmer to write programs in terms that are syntactically richer, and more capable of abstracting the code, making it easy to target varying machine instruction sets via compilation declarations and heuristics. 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). Programmers typically use high-level programming languages that are more easily intelligible to humans than machine code, which is directly executed by the central processing unit. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. Assembly languages were soon developed that let the programmer specify instruction in a text format (e.g., ADD X, TOTAL), with abbreviations for each operation code and meaningful names for specifying addresses. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. 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. In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. Programming languages are essential for software development. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. However, readability is more than just programming style. New languages are generally designed around the syntax of a prior language with new functionality added, (for example C++ adds object-orientation to C, and Java adds memory management and bytecode to C++, but as a result, loses efficiency and the ability for low-level manipulation). Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. 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. 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. 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. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. Provided the functions in a library follow the appropriate run-time conventions (e.g., method of passing arguments), then these functions may be written in any other language. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages.