

Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. Trial-and-error/divide-and-conquer is needed: the programmer will try to remove some parts of the original test case and check if the problem still exists. Programming languages are essential for software development. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. The academic field and the engineering practice of computer programming are both largely concerned with discovering and implementing the most efficient algorithms for a given class of problems. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability. 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. 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. 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. 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. He gave the first description of cryptanalysis by frequency analysis, the earliest code-breaking algorithm. Computer programmers are those who write computer software. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. 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. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis. 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. 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. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. 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. By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers.