

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 following properties are among the most important: In computer programming, readability refers to the ease with which a human reader can comprehend the purpose, control flow, and operation of source code. Their jobs usually involve: Although programming has been presented in the media as a somewhat mathematical subject, some research shows that good programmers have strong skills in natural human languages, and that learning to code is similar to learning a foreign language. The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging). Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. 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. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. Computer programmers are those who write computer software. 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. 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. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. Their jobs usually involve: Although programming has been presented in the media as a somewhat mathematical subject, some research shows that good programmers have strong skills in natural human languages, and that learning to code is similar to learning a foreign language. Computer programmers are those who write computer software. 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. 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). Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process.