

Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability. Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems. For example, when a bug in a compiler can make it crash when parsing some large source file, a simplification of the test case that results in only few lines from the original source file can be sufficient to reproduce the same crash. 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. 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. Various visual programming languages have also been developed with the intent to resolve readability concerns by adopting non-traditional approaches to code structure and display. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. 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. 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. FORTRAN, the first widely used high-level language to have a functional implementation, came out in 1957, and many other languages were soon developed—in particular, COBOL aimed at commercial data processing, and Lisp for computer research. In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. 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. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. 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. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems. One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis.