

Proficient programming usually requires expertise in several different subjects, including knowledge of the application domain, details of programming languages and generic code libraries, specialized algorithms, and formal logic. 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. In the 9th century, the Arab mathematician Al-Kindi described a cryptographic algorithm for deciphering encrypted code, in *A Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages*. 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. However, because an assembly language is little more than a different notation for a machine language, two machines with different instruction sets also have different assembly languages. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. 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. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. 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. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. 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. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. 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. 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. In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. 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. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages. 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. Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. 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.