

In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. 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. 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. Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability. 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. Languages form an approximate spectrum from "low-level" to "high-level"; "low-level" languages are typically more machine-oriented and faster to execute, whereas "high-level" languages are more abstract and easier to use but execute less quickly. Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). Expert programmers are familiar with a variety of well-established algorithms and their respective complexities and use this knowledge to choose algorithms that are best suited to the circumstances. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. 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. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. 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. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability.