

Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. 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. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. Allen Downey, in his book *How To Think Like A Computer Scientist*, writes: Many computer languages provide a mechanism to call functions provided by shared libraries. 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. Compilers harnessed the power of computers to make programming easier by allowing programmers to specify calculations by entering a formula using infix notation. 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). 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*. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. 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. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. Programming languages are essential for software development. For this purpose, algorithms are classified into orders using so-called Big O notation, which expresses resource use, such as execution time or memory consumption, in terms of the size of an input. Many programmers use forms of Agile software development where the various stages of formal software development are more integrated together into short cycles that take a few weeks rather than years. 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. When debugging the problem in a GUI, the programmer can try to skip some user interaction from the original problem description and check if remaining actions are sufficient for bugs to appear. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. However, readability is more than just programming style. Some of these factors include: The presentation aspects of this (such as indents, line breaks, color highlighting, and so on) are often handled by the source code editor, but the content aspects reflect the programmer's talent and skills. 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. 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. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs.