

Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). 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. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. 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. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). These compiled languages allow the programmer to write programs in terms that are syntactically richer, and more capable of abstracting the code, making it easy to target varying machine instruction sets via compilation declarations and heuristics. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. 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. 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. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages. In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. 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. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. The first computer program is generally dated to 1843, when mathematician Ada Lovelace published an algorithm to calculate a sequence of Bernoulli numbers, intended to be carried out by Charles Babbage's Analytical Engine. 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.