

Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. However, readability is more than just programming style. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA). Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. 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. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. For example, COBOL is still strong in corporate data centers often on large mainframe computers, Fortran in engineering applications, scripting languages in Web development, and C in embedded software. 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. 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. 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. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). Methods of measuring programming language popularity include: counting the number of job advertisements that mention the language, the number of books sold and courses teaching the language (this overestimates the importance of newer languages), and estimates of the number of existing lines of code written in the language (this underestimates the number of users of business languages such as COBOL). Computer programmers are those who write computer software. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. 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. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications.