

In the 9th century, the Arab mathematician Al-Kindi described a cryptographic algorithm for deciphering encrypted code, in A Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem. In 1206, the Arab engineer Al-Jazari invented a programmable drum machine where a musical mechanical automaton could be made to play different rhythms and drum patterns, via pegs and cams. By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging). 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. 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. 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. 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. They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. 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. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems. Compilers harnessed the power of computers to make programming easier by allowing programmers to specify calculations by entering a formula using infix notation. 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. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. 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. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. 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. Computer programmers are those who write computer software.