

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). 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. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. The academic field and the engineering practice of computer programming are both largely concerned with discovering and implementing the most efficient algorithms for a given class of problems. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). Programmers typically use high-level programming languages that are more easily intelligible to humans than machine code, which is directly executed by the central processing unit. In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. 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. 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*. Their jobs usually involve: Although programming has been presented in the media as a somewhat mathematical subject, some research shows that good programmers have strong skills in natural human languages, and that learning to code is similar to learning a foreign language. Auxiliary tasks accompanying and related to programming include analyzing requirements, testing, debugging (investigating and fixing problems), implementation of build systems, and management of derived artifacts, such as programs' machine code. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. Programming languages are essential for software development. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). 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. For example, when a bug in a compiler can make it crash when parsing some large source file, a simplification of the test case that results in only few lines from the original source file can be sufficient to reproduce the same crash. 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. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). 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. Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems.