

In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. 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. 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. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. 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. 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. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability. 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. It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages. 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. 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. 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. Various visual programming languages have also been developed with the intent to resolve readability concerns by adopting non-traditional approaches to code structure and display. Assembly languages were soon developed that let the programmer specify instruction in a text format (e.g., ADD X, TOTAL), with abbreviations for each operation code and meaningful names for specifying addresses. However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. Programming languages are essential for software development. In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages.