

A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging). However, readability is more than just programming style. 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. 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. 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. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. 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. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. 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. 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 of these factors include: The presentation aspects of this (such as indents, line breaks, color highlighting, and so on) are often handled by the source code editor, but the content aspects reflect the programmer's talent and skills. Compilers harnessed the power of computers to make programming easier by allowing programmers to specify calculations by entering a formula using infix notation. However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging). The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. 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. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837.