

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. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. 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. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages. 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. It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. 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. 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. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. In the 9th century, the Arab mathematician Al-Kindi described a cryptographic algorithm for deciphering encrypted code, in A Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. He gave the first description of cryptanalysis by frequency analysis, the earliest code-breaking algorithm. There are many approaches to the Software development process. Debugging is often done with IDEs. Standalone debuggers like GDB are also used, and these often provide less of a visual environment, usually using a command line. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. 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.