

Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug. However, because an assembly language is little more than a different notation for a machine language, two machines with different instruction sets also have different assembly languages. 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. They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. 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. However, with the concept of the stored-program computer introduced in 1949, both programs and data were stored and manipulated in the same way in computer memory. It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages. Provided the functions in a library follow the appropriate run-time conventions (e.g., method of passing arguments), then these functions may be written in any other language. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt 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. In the 9th century, the Arab mathematician Al-Kindi described a cryptographic algorithm for deciphering encrypted code, in A Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. 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. 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. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. 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. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. 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. Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem.