

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. 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. 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. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. 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. Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA). There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. Computer programmers are those who write computer software. 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. Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks. 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. Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability. 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, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. 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. 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. Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation. 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. Proficient programming usually requires expertise in several different subjects, including knowledge of the application domain, details of programming languages and generic code libraries, specialized algorithms, and formal logic. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability.