

Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. Languages form an approximate spectrum from "low-level" to "high-level"; "low-level" languages are typically more machine-oriented and faster to execute, whereas "high-level" languages are more abstract and easier to use but execute less quickly. 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. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process.

Trial-and-error/divide-and-conquer is needed: the programmer will try to remove some parts of the original test case and check if the problem still exists. Programming languages are essential for software development. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. 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. There are many approaches to the Software development process. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. There are many approaches to the Software development process. 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. 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. 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. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. Methods of measuring programming language popularity include: counting the number of job advertisements that mention the language, the number of books sold and courses teaching the language (this overestimates the importance of newer languages), and estimates of the number of existing lines of code written in the language (this underestimates the number of users of business languages such as COBOL). Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. 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. Languages form an approximate spectrum from "low-level" to "high-level"; "low-level" languages are typically more machine-oriented and faster to execute, whereas "high-level" languages are more abstract and easier to use but execute less quickly. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling).