There are many approaches to the Software development process. Programming languages are essential for software development. Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. 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. 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). A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). 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. 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. When debugging the problem in a GUI, the programmer can try to skip some user interaction from the original problem description and check if remaining actions are sufficient for bugs to appear. 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. Allen Downey, in his book How To Think Like A Computer Scientist, writes: Many computer languages provide a mechanism to call functions provided by shared libraries. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. Computer programmers are those who write computer software. Programming languages are essential for software development. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. 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. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. Their jobs usually involve: Although programming has been presented in the media as a somewhat mathematical subject, some research shows that good programmers have strong skills in natural human languages, and that learning to code is similar to learning a foreign language. 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. When debugging the problem in a GUI, the programmer can try to skip some user interaction from the original problem description and check if remaining actions are sufficient for bugs to appear. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. Compilers harnessed the power of computers to make programming easier by allowing programmers to specify calculations by entering a formula using infix notation.