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. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. 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 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. 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. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. 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. 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. They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones. 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. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. 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. One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). Programmable devices have existed for centuries. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA). Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA). 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. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. 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. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages. 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.