

Expert programmers are familiar with a variety of well-established algorithms and their respective complexities and use this knowledge to choose algorithms that are best suited to the circumstances. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. As early as the 9th century, a programmable music sequencer was invented by the Persian Banu Musa brothers, who described an automated mechanical flute player in the Book of Ingenious Devices. 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. 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. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. 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. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. 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). 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. One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis. They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). As early as the 9th century, a programmable music sequencer was invented by the Persian Banu Musa brothers, who described an automated mechanical flute player in the Book of Ingenious Devices. Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. 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. Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA). Computer programmers are those who write computer software. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. 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. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks.