

A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). Programmable devices have existed for centuries. However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. Compilers harnessed the power of computers to make programming easier by allowing programmers to specify calculations by entering a formula using infix notation. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging). 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. 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. Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages. Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. 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. 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 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. 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. A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it. Trade-offs from this ideal involve finding enough programmers who know the language to build a team, the availability of compilers for that language, and the efficiency with which programs written in a given language execute. Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA). 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.