

The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. 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. 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. For example, COBOL is still strong in corporate data centers often on large mainframe computers, Fortran in engineering applications, scripting languages in Web development, and C in embedded software. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug. There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling). Readability is important because programmers spend the majority of their time reading, trying to understand, reusing and modifying existing source code, rather than writing new source code. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. However, readability is more than just programming style. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. Programmers typically use high-level programming languages that are more easily intelligible to humans than machine code, which is directly executed by the central processing unit. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. 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. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages. Following a consistent programming style often helps readability. However, readability is more than just programming style. For example, when a bug in a compiler can make it crash when parsing some large source file, a simplification of the test case that results in only few lines from the original source file can be sufficient to reproduce the same crash. Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications. 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. Provided the functions in a library follow the appropriate run-time conventions (e.g., method of passing arguments), then these functions may be written in any other language.