Computer programmers are those who write computer software. Computer programmers are those who write computer software. FORTRAN, the first widely used high-level language to have a functional implementation, came out in 1957, and many other languages were soon developed—in particular, COBOL aimed at commercial data processing, and Lisp for computer research. The following properties are among the most important: In computer programming, readability refers to the ease with which a human reader can comprehend the purpose, control flow, and operation of source code. 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. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected. 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. It involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages. 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. Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help. Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages. Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem. 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). Programmable devices have existed for centuries. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. The academic field and the engineering practice of computer programming are both largely concerned with discovering and implementing the most efficient algorithms for a given class of problems. Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use. 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.