

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. This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs. In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them. Auxiliary tasks accompanying and related to programming include analyzing requirements, testing, debugging (investigating and fixing problems), implementation of build systems, and management of derived artifacts, such as programs' machine code. Computer programmers are those who write computer software. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. New languages are generally designed around the syntax of a prior language with new functionality added, (for example C++ adds object-orientation to C, and Java adds memory management and bytecode to C++, but as a result, loses efficiency and the ability for low-level manipulation). Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem. 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. 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. 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. Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users. These compiled languages allow the programmer to write programs in terms that are syntactically richer, and more capable of abstracting the code, making it easy to target varying machine instruction sets via compilation declarations and heuristics. High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware. Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. 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. Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability. It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages. Many programmers use forms of Agile software development where the various stages of formal software development are more integrated together into short cycles that take a few weeks rather than years. Some of these factors include: The presentation aspects of this (such as indents, line breaks, color highlighting, and so on) are often handled by the source code editor, but the content aspects reflect the programmer's talent and skills. The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA.