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)..  
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.  
  
The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'.  
Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards.  
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.  
Trial-and-error/divide-and-conquer is needed: the programmer will try to remove some parts of the original test case and check if the problem still exists.  
  
A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
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.  
Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code.  
 High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware.  
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.  
 After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug.  
 Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation.  
However, with the concept of the stored-program computer introduced in 1949, both programs and data were stored and manipulated in the same way in computer memory.