For this purpose, algorithms are classified into orders using so-called Big O notation, which expresses resource use, such as execution time or memory consumption, in terms of the size of an input..  
 Computer programmers are those who write computer software.  
This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs.  
 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.  
One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis.  
 A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling).  
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.  
 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.  
 Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape.  
 Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA).  
They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones.  
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.  
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.  
Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards.