Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem..  
There are many approaches to the Software development process.  
 Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape.  
 A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling).  
 The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging).  
 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.  
 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.  
 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.  
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.  
 Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users.  
Programming languages are essential for software development.  
 Debugging is often done with IDEs. Standalone debuggers like GDB are also used, and these often provide less of a visual environment, usually using a command line.  
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.  
  
 Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks.