By the late 1960s, data storage devices and computer terminals became inexpensive enough that programs could be created by typing directly into the computers..  
 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.  
Methods of measuring programming language popularity include: counting the number of job advertisements that mention the language, the number of books sold and courses teaching the language (this overestimates the importance of newer languages), and estimates of the number of existing lines of code written in the language (this underestimates the number of users of business languages such as COBOL).  
Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process.  
However, because an assembly language is little more than a different notation for a machine language, two machines with different instruction sets also have different assembly languages.  
There are many approaches to the Software development process.  
Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process.  
Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment.  
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 very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications.  
While these are sometimes considered programming, often the term software development is used for this larger overall process – with the terms programming, implementation, and coding reserved for the writing and editing of code per se.  
 Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages.  
  
The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA.  
It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones.