Assembly languages were soon developed that let the programmer specify instruction in a text format (e.g., ADD X, TOTAL), with abbreviations for each operation code and meaningful names for specifying addresses.  
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).  
Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability.  
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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.  
This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs.  
Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process.  
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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.  
Transpiling on the other hand, takes the source-code from a high-level programming language and converts it into bytecode.  
Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems.  
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A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
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