Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem.  
Programming languages are essential for software development.  
Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability.  
Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment.  
Also, those involved with software development may at times engage in reverse engineering, which is the practice of seeking to understand an existing program so as to re-implement its function in some way.  
 Following a consistent programming style often helps readability.  
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.  
 Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages.  
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.  
Proficient programming thus usually requires expertise in several different subjects, including knowledge of the application domain, specialized algorithms, and formal logic.  
Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected.  
Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help.  
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.  
 Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties.  
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