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Some languages are more prone to some kinds of faults because their specification does not require compilers to perform as much checking as other languages.  
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