Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties. Many programmers use forms of Agile software development where the various stages of formal software development are more integrated together into short cycles that take a few weeks rather than years. Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process. Programmable devices have existed for centuries. One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis. 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. Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries. It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones. Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms). As early as the 9th century, a programmable music sequencer was invented by the Persian Banu Musa brothers, who described an automated mechanical flute player in the Book of Ingenious Devices. 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.

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