There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks. They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones. In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form. Computer programmers are those who write computer software. However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837. They are the building blocks for all software, from the simplest applications to the most sophisticated ones. The following properties are among the most important: In computer programming, readability refers to the ease with which a human reader can comprehend the purpose, control flow, and operation of source code. Programmers typically use high-level programming languages that are more easily intelligible to humans than machine code, which is directly executed by the central processing unit. The choice of language used is subject to many considerations, such as company policy, suitability to task, availability of third-party packages, or individual preference. Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape. The academic field and the engineering practice of computer programming are both largely concerned with discovering and implementing the most efficient algorithms for a given class of problems. One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis. In 1206, the Arab engineer Al-Jazari invented a programmable drum machine where a musical mechanical automaton could be made to play different rhythms and drum patterns, via pegs and cams. It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability. After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug. Readability is important because programmers spend the majority of their time reading, trying to understand, reusing and modifying existing source code, rather than writing new source code. Their jobs usually involve: Although programming has been presented in the media as a somewhat mathematical subject, some research shows that good programmers have strong skills in natural human languages, and that learning to code is similar to learning a foreign language. Later a control panel (plug board) added to his 1906 Type I Tabulator allowed it to be programmed for different jobs, and by the late 1940s, unit record equipment such as the IBM 602 and IBM 604, were programmed by control panels in a similar way, as were the first electronic computers. In 1206, the Arab engineer Al-Jazari invented a programmable drum machine where a musical mechanical automaton could be made to play different rhythms and drum patterns, via pegs and cams. Various visual programming languages have also been developed with the intent to resolve readability concerns by adopting non-traditional approaches to code structure and display. Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code. One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis. 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.