In 1801, the Jacquard loom could produce entirely different weaves by changing the "program" – a series of pasteboard cards with holes punched in them..  
A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
 Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users.  
One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis.  
Compilers harnessed the power of computers to make programming easier by allowing programmers to specify calculations by entering a formula using infix notation.  
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.  
 After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug.  
Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code.  
 Allen Downey, in his book How To Think Like A Computer Scientist, writes:  
 Many computer languages provide a mechanism to call functions provided by shared libraries.  
 Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries.  
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.  
 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.  
 The first computer program is generally dated to 1843, when mathematician Ada Lovelace published an algorithm to calculate a sequence of Bernoulli numbers, intended to be carried out by Charles Babbage's Analytical Engine.  
Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards.  
Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem.