Programmable devices have existed for centuries..  
Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem.  
 Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms).  
 Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages.  
 Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA).  
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 languages are more prone to some kinds of faults because their specification does not require compilers to perform as much checking as other 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.  
 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.  
 Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape.  
This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs.  
For this purpose, algorithms are classified into orders using so-called Big O notation, which expresses resource use, such as execution time or memory consumption, in terms of the size of an input.  
 High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware.  
However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837.  
Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected.