Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem..  
In the 9th century, the Arab mathematician Al-Kindi described a cryptographic algorithm for deciphering encrypted code, in A Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages.  
 After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug.  
Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment.  
 Programmable devices have existed for centuries.  
 Programs were mostly entered using punched cards or paper tape.  
He gave the first description of cryptanalysis by frequency analysis, the earliest code-breaking algorithm.  
Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability.  
Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process.  
 The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging).  
 Machine code was the language of early programs, written in the instruction set of the particular machine, often in binary notation.  
 Computer programmers are those who write computer software.  
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.  
One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis.  
  
 Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks.