Programmable devices have existed for centuries..  
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.  
Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem.  
 Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties.  
 A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling).  
Sometimes software development is known as software engineering, especially when it employs formal methods or follows an engineering design process.  
 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.  
 Following a consistent programming style often helps readability.  
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 involves designing and implementing algorithms, step-by-step specifications of procedures, by writing code in one or more programming languages.  
This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs.  
 Implementation techniques include imperative languages (object-oriented or procedural), functional languages, and logic languages.  
 Computer programmers are those who write computer software.  
The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a notation used for both the OOAD and MDA.  
 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.