In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form..  
 High-level languages made the process of developing a program simpler and more understandable, and less bound to the underlying hardware.  
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.  
 Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users.  
 Computer programmers are those who write computer software.  
Methods of measuring programming language popularity include: counting the number of job advertisements that mention the language, the number of books sold and courses teaching the language (this overestimates the importance of newer languages), and estimates of the number of existing lines of code written in the language (this underestimates the number of users of business languages such as COBOL).  
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.  
A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem.  
 Debugging is often done with IDEs. Standalone debuggers like GDB are also used, and these often provide less of a visual environment, usually using a command line.  
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.  
However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837.  
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.  
 Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries.  
 Programmable devices have existed for centuries.