Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process..  
As early as the 9th century, a programmable music sequencer was invented by the Persian Banu Musa brothers, who described an automated mechanical flute player in the Book of Ingenious Devices.  
Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards.  
 A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling).  
Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem.  
Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems.  
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.  
 The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging).  
 Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users.  
A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
 It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages.  
 Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries.  
FORTRAN, the first widely used high-level language to have a functional implementation, came out in 1957, and many other languages were soon developed—in particular, COBOL aimed at commercial data processing, and Lisp for computer research.  
 Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties.  
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).