Programming languages are essential for software development..  
This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs.  
 Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries.  
 Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users.  
In the 9th century, the Arab mathematician Al-Kindi described a cryptographic algorithm for deciphering encrypted code, in A Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages.  
 A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling).  
  
The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'.  
 Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications.  
Compilers harnessed the power of computers to make programming easier by allowing programmers to specify calculations by entering a formula using infix notation.  
Later a control panel (plug board) added to his 1906 Type I Tabulator allowed it to be programmed for different jobs, and by the late 1940s, unit record equipment such as the IBM 602 and IBM 604, were programmed by control panels in a similar way, as were the first electronic computers.  
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.  
 It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages.  
However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837.  
For example, when a bug in a compiler can make it crash when parsing some large source file, a simplification of the test case that results in only few lines from the original source file can be sufficient to reproduce the same crash.  
Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards.