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Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code.  
Scripting and breakpointing is also part of this process.  
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.  
This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs.  
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.  
 Programmable devices have existed for centuries.  
Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem.  
 The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging).  
 Following a consistent programming style often helps readability.  
 Different programming languages support different styles of programming (called programming paradigms).