In the 9th century, the Arab mathematician Al-Kindi described a cryptographic algorithm for deciphering encrypted code, in A Manuscript on Deciphering Cryptographic Messages.  
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Programming languages are essential for software development.  
The choice of language used is subject to many considerations, such as company policy, suitability to task, availability of third-party packages, or individual preference.  
Use of a static code analysis tool can help detect some possible problems.  
Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem.  
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It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability.  
Transpiling on the other hand, takes the source-code from a high-level programming language and converts it into bytecode.  
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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.  
 The first step in most formal software development processes is requirements analysis, followed by testing to determine value modeling, implementation, and failure elimination (debugging).  
A study found that a few simple readability transformations made code shorter and drastically reduced the time to understand it.  
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