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This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs.  
There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks.  
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 The presentation aspects of this (such as indents, line breaks, color highlighting, and so on) are often handled by the source code editor, but the content aspects reflect the programmer's talent and skills.  
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.  
  
Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use.