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This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs.  
Proficient programming thus usually requires expertise in several different subjects, including knowledge of the application domain, specialized algorithms, and formal logic.  
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One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis.  
It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones.  
Relatedly, software engineering combines engineering techniques and principles with software development.  
Expert programmers are familiar with a variety of well-established algorithms and their respective complexities and use this knowledge to choose algorithms that are best suited to the circumstances.  
Compiling takes the source code from a low-level programming language and converts it into machine code.  
Text editors were also developed that allowed changes and corrections to be made much more easily than with punched cards.  
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.  
Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem.  
Languages form an approximate spectrum from "low-level" to "high-level"; "low-level" languages are typically more machine-oriented and faster to execute, whereas "high-level" languages are more abstract and easier to use but execute less quickly.  
 It is very difficult to determine what are the most popular modern programming languages.