It is usually easier to code in "high-level" languages than in "low-level" ones.  
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.  
Compiling takes the source code from a low-level programming language and converts it into machine code.  
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.  
Techniques like Code refactoring can enhance readability.  
Ideally, the programming language best suited for the task at hand will be selected.  
This is interpreted into machine code.  
FORTRAN, the first widely used high-level language to have a functional implementation, came out in 1957, and many other languages were soon developed—in particular, COBOL aimed at commercial data processing, and Lisp for computer research.  
One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis.  
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.  
There are many approaches to the Software development process.  
 A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling).  
Some text editors such as Emacs allow GDB to be invoked through them, to provide a visual environment.  
Normally the first step in debugging is to attempt to reproduce the problem.  
 Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications.