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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.  
The purpose of programming is to find a sequence of instructions that will automate the performance of a task (which can be as complex as an operating system) on a computer, often for solving a given problem.  
Integrated development environments (IDEs) aim to integrate all such help.  
However, while these might be considered part of the programming process, often the term software development is more likely used for this larger overall process – whereas the terms programming, implementation, and coding tend to be focused on the actual writing of code.  
Also, specific user environment and usage history can make it difficult to reproduce the problem.  
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However, Charles Babbage had already written his first program for the Analytical Engine in 1837.  
For example, when a bug in a compiler can make it crash when parsing some large source file, a simplification of the test case that results in only few lines from the original source file can be sufficient to reproduce the same crash.  
Unreadable code often leads to bugs, inefficiencies, and duplicated code.  
One approach popular for requirements analysis is Use Case analysis.