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The Mythical Man Month

Brooks' reflections on the development of IBM's OS/360, and the errors he made as manager of that large project. Brooks called the book "*the Bible of Software Engineering*", because "*everybody quotes it, some people read it, and a few people go by it.*"

"Adding manpower to a late software project makes it later"

No Silver Bullet

The *essential* complexity of software suggests that there will be no once-and-for-all fix to the problem of efficient software construction.

"... this irreducible essence of modern software systems: complexity, conformity, changeability, and invisibility."

Turing Award 1999

For things that we have to learn to do, we learn by doing them. Aristotle