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The Mythical Man Month

Brooks' reflections on the development of IBM's OS/360, and the errors he made as a manager of that large software 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.

Turing Award 1999



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