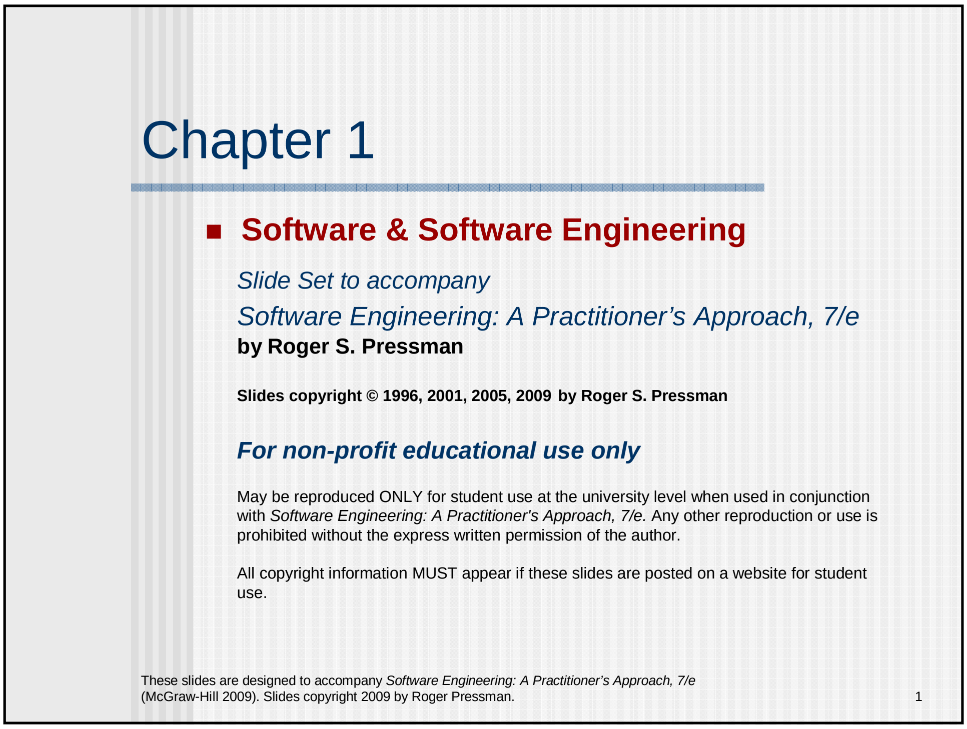

Chapter 1

Software & Software Engineering

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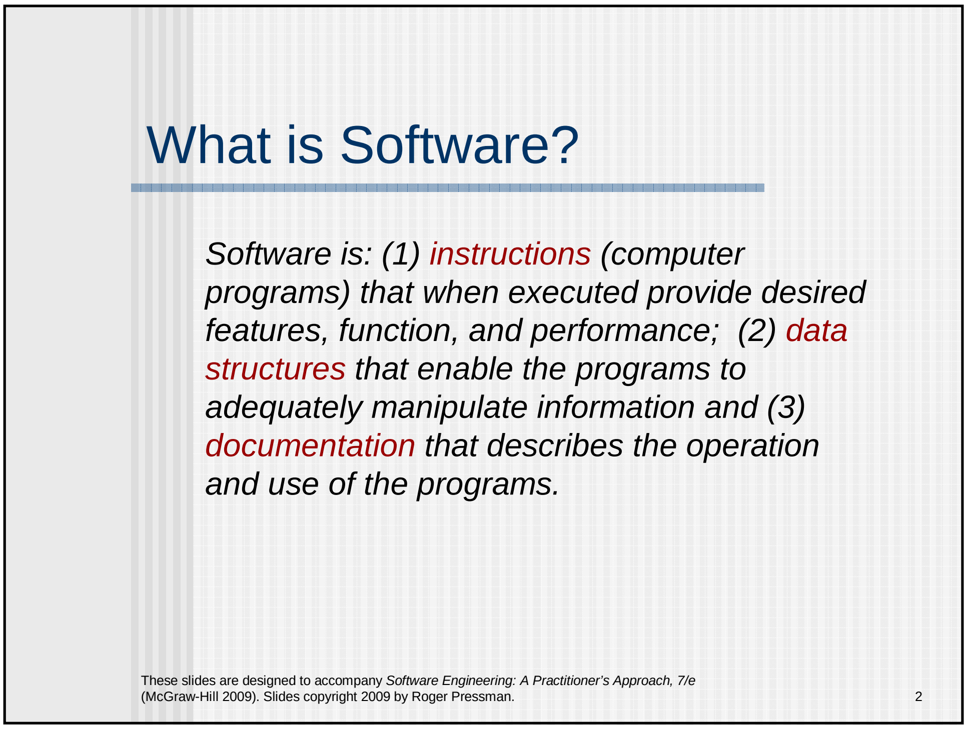


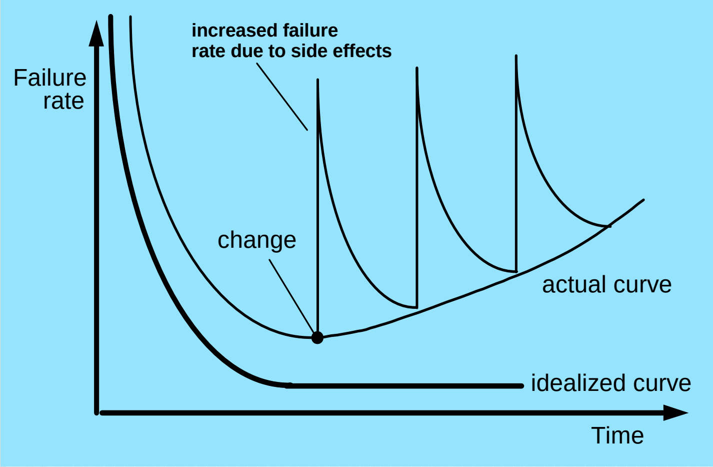
What is Software?

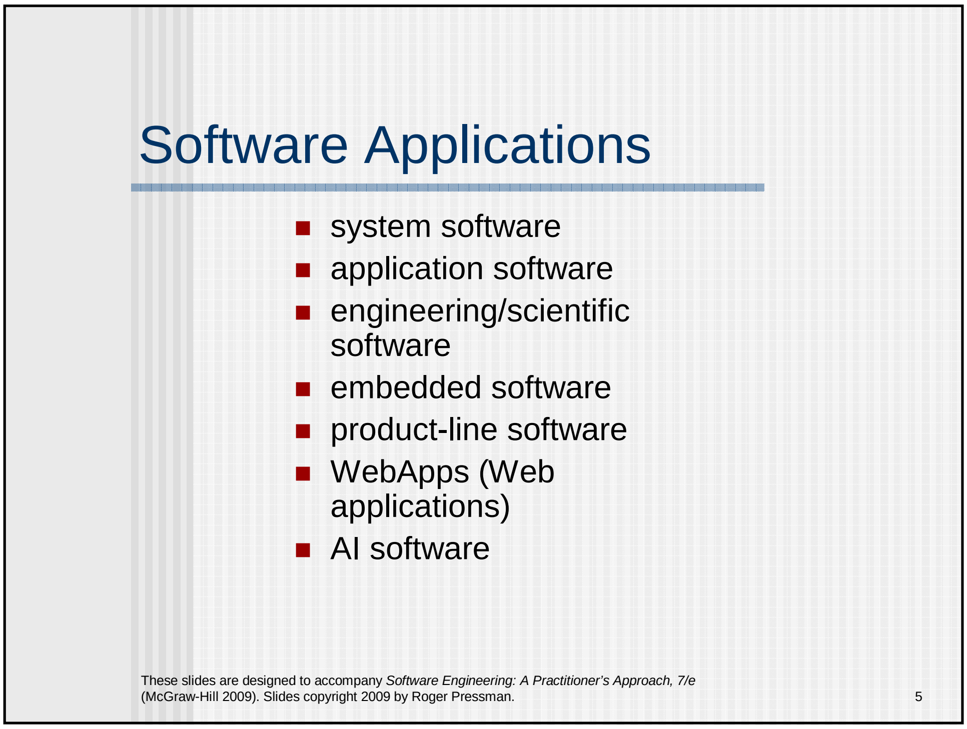
Software is: (1) instructions (computer programs) that when executed provide desired features, function, and performance; (2) data structures that enable the programs to adequately manipulate information and (3) documentation that describes the operation and use of the programs.

What is Software?

- *Software is developed or engineered, it is not manufactured in the classical sense.*
- *Software doesn't "wear out."*
- *Although the industry is moving toward component-based construction, most software continues to be custom-built.*

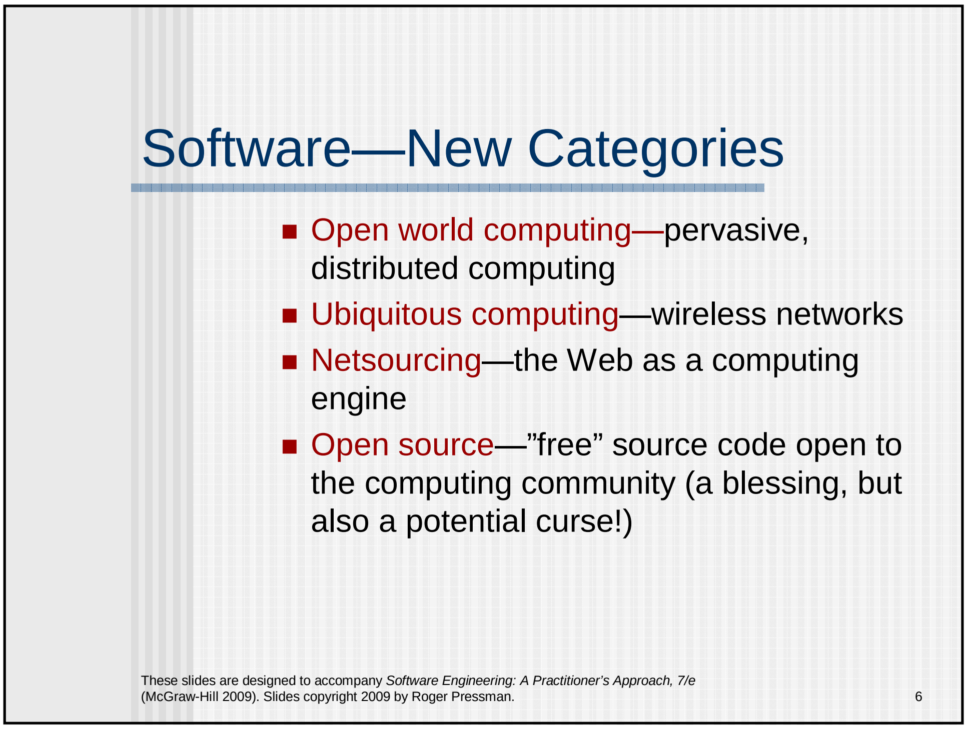
Wear vs. Deterioration





Software Applications

- system software
- application software
- engineering/scientific software
- embedded software
- product-line software
- WebApps (Web applications)
- AI software



Software—New Categories

- Open world computing—pervasive, distributed computing
- Ubiquitous computing—wireless networks
- Netsourcing—the Web as a computing engine
- Open source—"free" source code open to the computing community (a blessing, but also a potential curse!)

Legacy Software

Why must it change?

- software must be adapted to meet the needs of new computing environments or technology.
- software must be enhanced to implement new business requirements.
- software must be extended to make it interoperable with other more modern systems or databases.
- software must be re-architected to make it viable within a network environment.

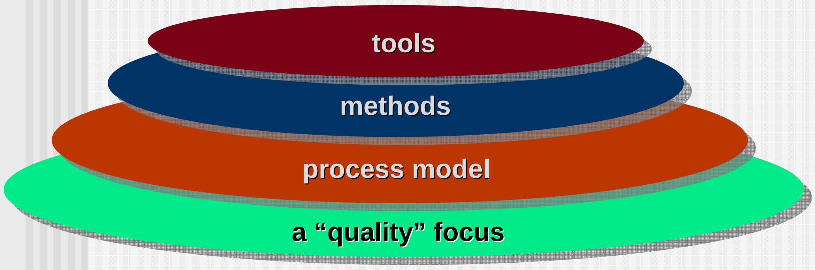
Software Engineering

- Some realities:
  - *a concerted effort should be made to understand the problem before a software solution is developed*
  - *design becomes a pivotal activity*
  - *software should exhibit high quality*
  - *software should be maintainable*
- The seminal definition:
  - *[Software engineering is] the establishment and use of sound engineering principles in order to obtain economically software that is reliable and works efficiently on real machines.*

Software Engineering

- The IEEE definition:
  - *Software Engineering: (1) The application of a systematic, disciplined, quantifiable approach to the development, operation, and maintenance of software; that is, the application of engineering to software. (2) The study of approaches as in (1).*

A Layered Technology



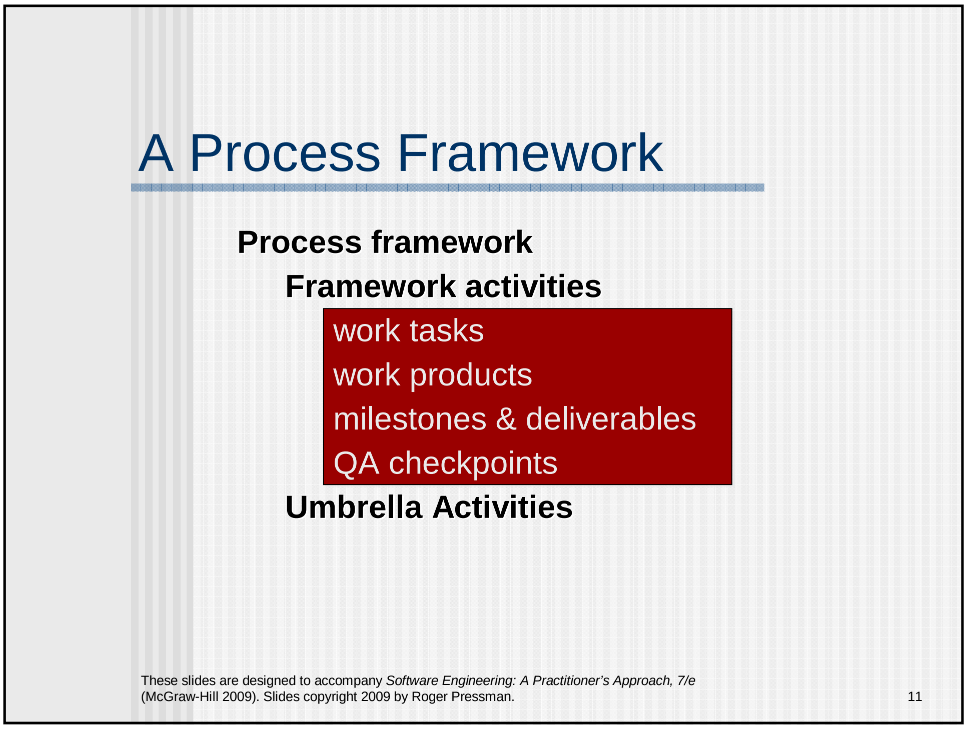
tools

methods

process model

a "quality" focus

Software Engineering



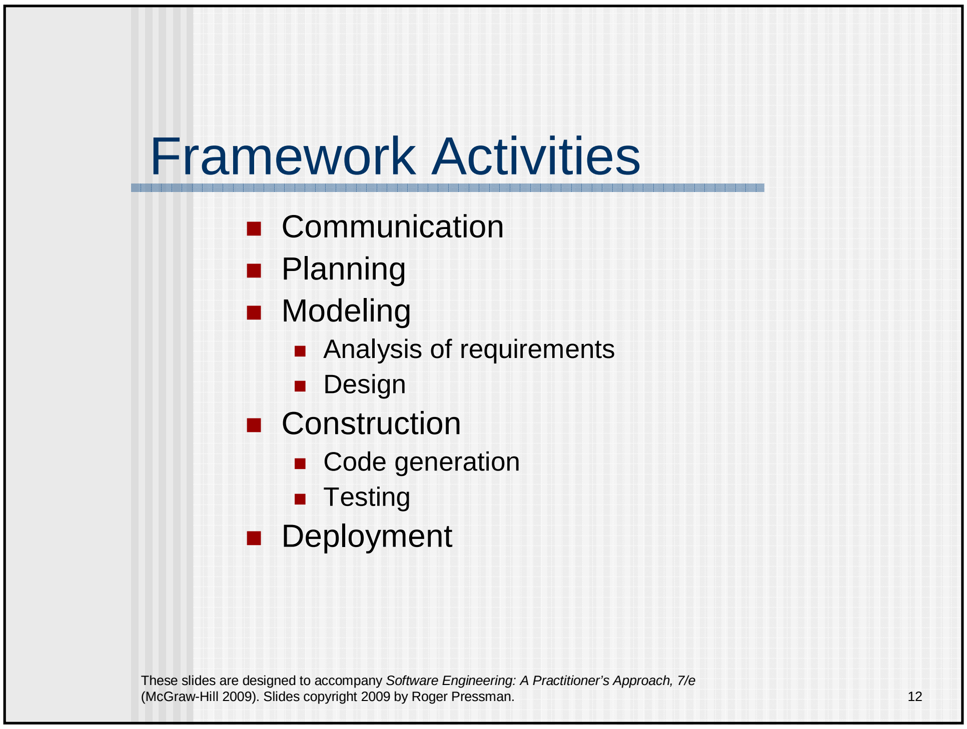
A Process Framework

Process framework

Framework activities

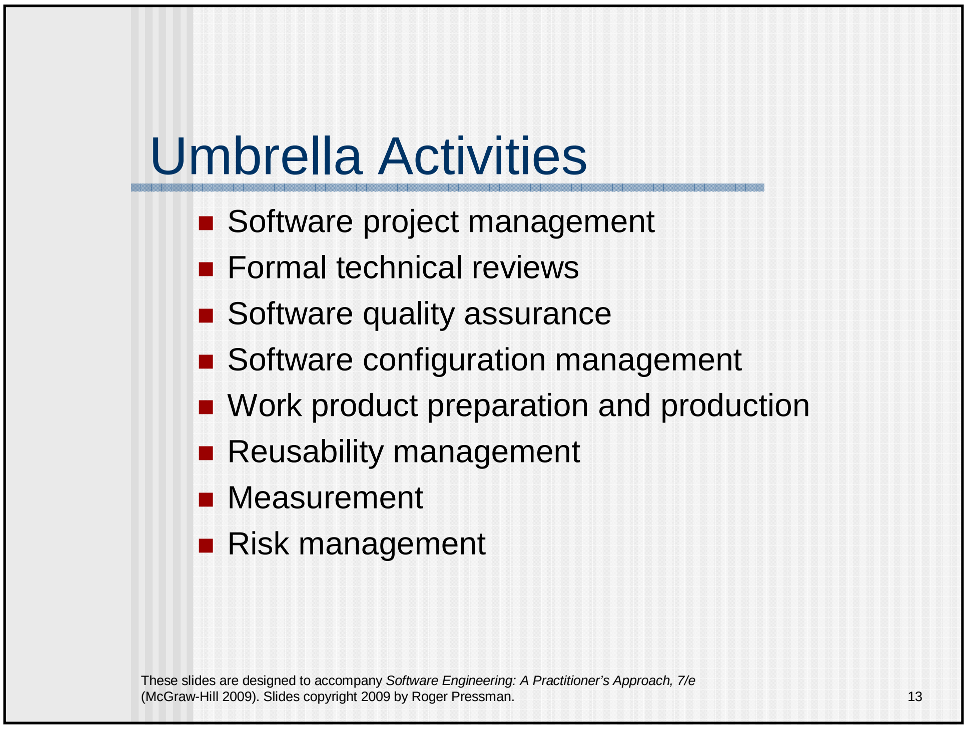
work tasks
work products
milestones & deliverables
QA checkpoints

Umbrella Activities



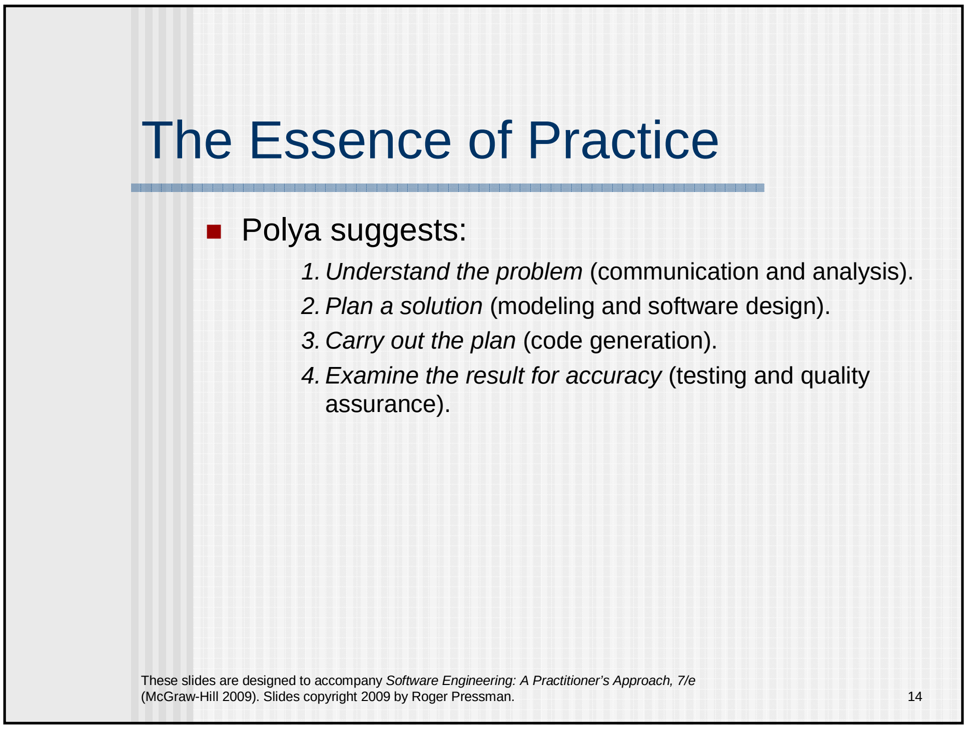
Framework Activities

- Communication
- Planning
- Modeling
  - Analysis of requirements
  - Design
- Construction
  - Code generation
  - Testing
- Deployment



Umbrella Activities

- Software project management
- Formal technical reviews
- Software quality assurance
- Software configuration management
- Work product preparation and production
- Reusability management
- Measurement
- Risk management



The Essence of Practice

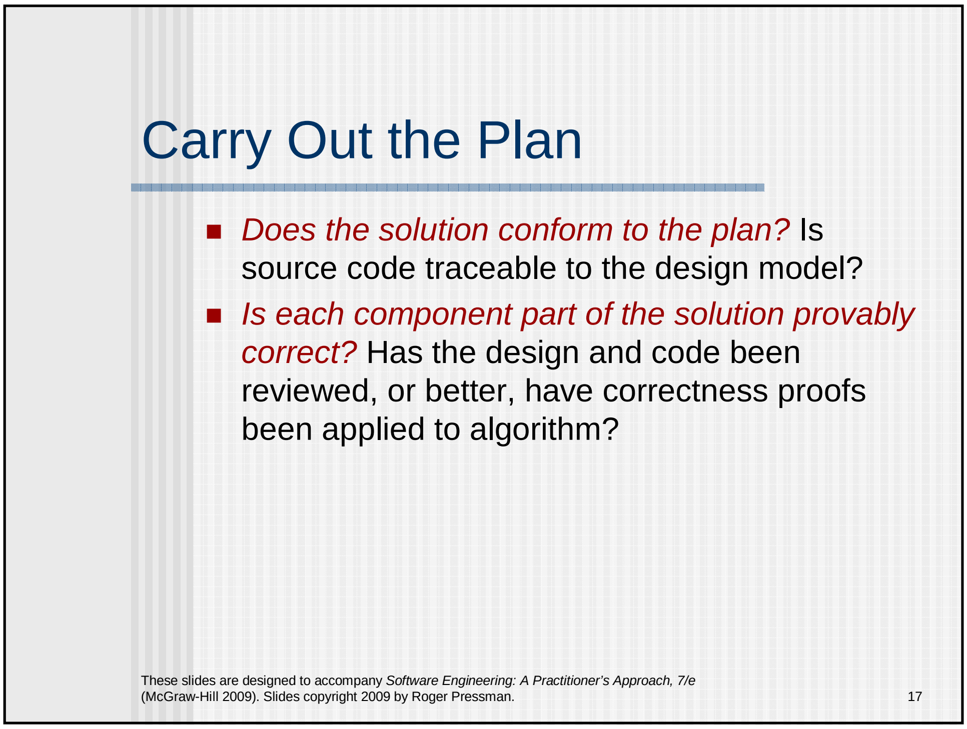
- Polya suggests:
  1. *Understand the problem* (communication and analysis).
  2. *Plan a solution* (modeling and software design).
  3. *Carry out the plan* (code generation).
  4. *Examine the result for accuracy* (testing and quality assurance).

Understand the Problem

- *Who has a stake in the solution to the problem?* That is, who are the stakeholders?
- *What are the unknowns?* What data, functions, and features are required to properly solve the problem?
- *Can the problem be compartmentalized?* Is it possible to represent smaller problems that may be easier to understand?
- *Can the problem be represented graphically?* Can an analysis model be created?

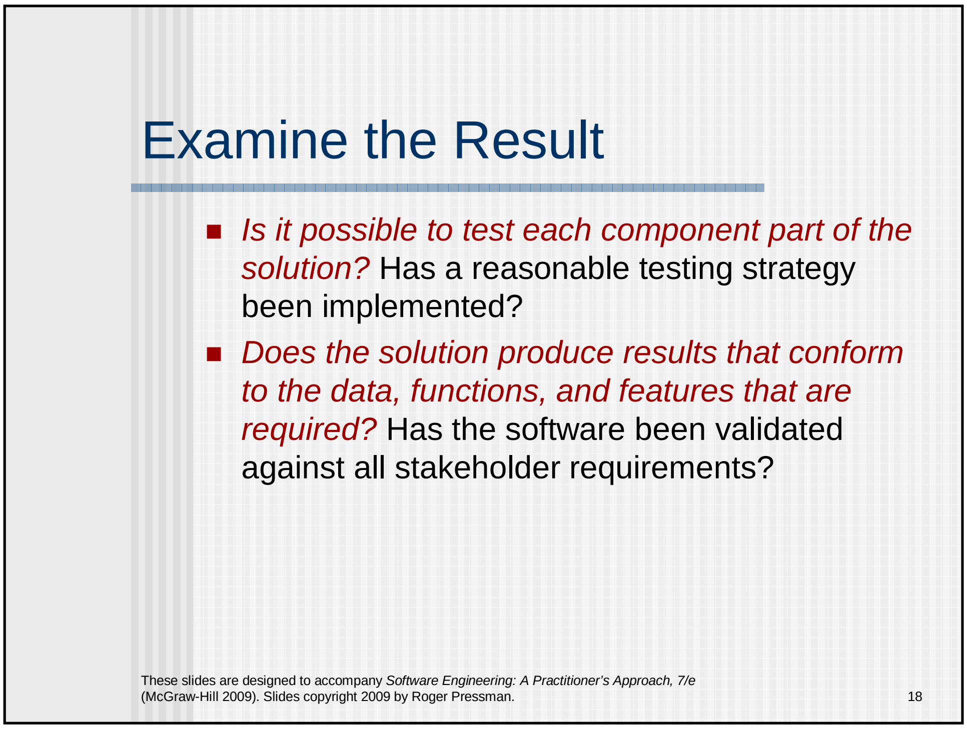
Plan the Solution

- *Have you seen similar problems before?* Are there patterns that are recognizable in a potential solution? Is there existing software that implements the data, functions, and features that are required?
- *Has a similar problem been solved?* If so, are elements of the solution reusable?
- *Can subproblems be defined?* If so, are solutions readily apparent for the subproblems?
- *Can you represent a solution in a manner that leads to effective implementation?* Can a design model be created?



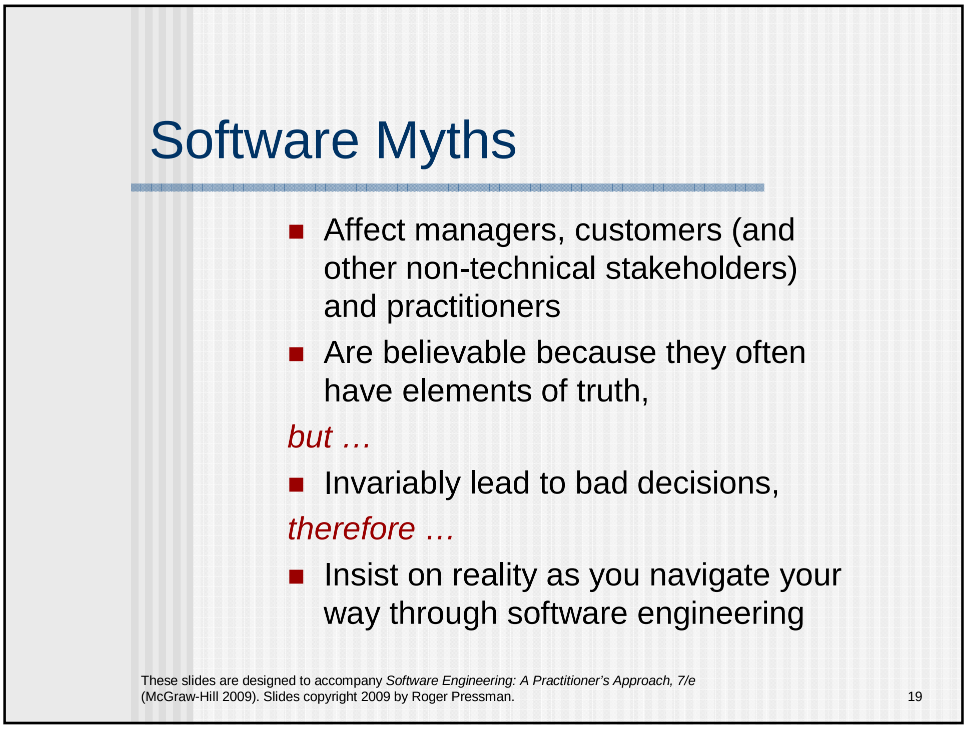
Carry Out the Plan

- *Does the solution conform to the plan?* Is source code traceable to the design model?
- *Is each component part of the solution provably correct?* Has the design and code been reviewed, or better, have correctness proofs been applied to algorithm?



Examine the Result

- *Is it possible to test each component part of the solution?* Has a reasonable testing strategy been implemented?
- *Does the solution produce results that conform to the data, functions, and features that are required?* Has the software been validated against all stakeholder requirements?



Software Myths

- Affect managers, customers (and other non-technical stakeholders) and practitioners
- Are believable because they often have elements of truth,

but …

- Invariably lead to bad decisions,

therefore …

- Insist on reality as you navigate your way through software engineering