**Software deployment** is all of the activities that make a <u>software system</u> available for use.

The general deployment process consists of several interrelated activities with possible transitions between them. These activities can occur at the <u>producer</u> site or at the <u>consumer</u> site or both. Because every <u>software system</u> is unique, the precise <u>processes</u> or <u>procedures</u> within each activity can hardly be defined. Therefore, "deployment" should be interpreted as a *general process* that has to be customized according to specific requirements or characteristics. A brief description of each activity will be presented later.