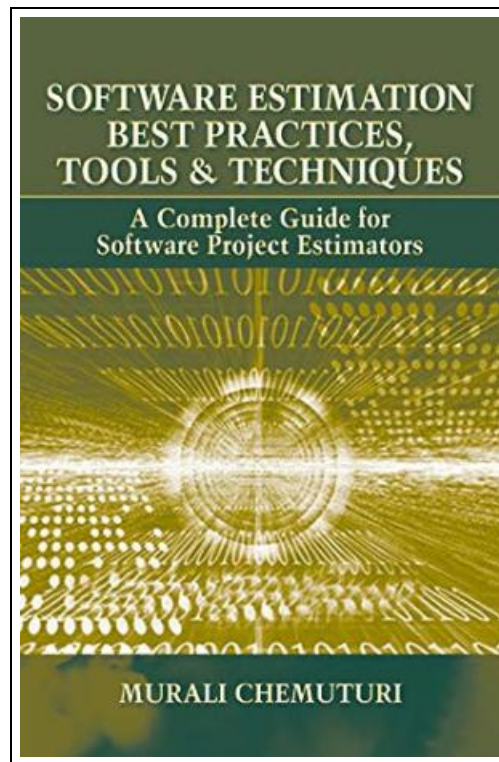# Software Estimation Best Practices, Tools, & Techniques: A Complete Guide for Software Project Estimators (Hardback)

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