Formal Methods - An Introduction

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- Motivation for Formal Methods
  - Safety-critical and Mission-critical systems
  - Why systems fail
  - Why writing correct software is difficult
  - Organizational and Technical Approaches
- What are Formal Methods?
  - Languages, Tools and Methodologies
  - Application Domains and Environment Assumptions
- Stages of the Formal Process
  - Formal Specification
  - Design and Development

- Formal Specification
  - Specification Styles
    - Declarative vs operational specifications
    - Partial vs Total models
    - Deterministic vs non-deterministic models
    - Abstract vs concrete models
  - Types of Formal Specification Notations
    - Model-BasedSpecifications
    - Algebraic Specification Languages
    - ProcessAlgebra

- The Z Notation
  - What is a Z Specification?
  - Where did it come from?
  - The Mathematics of Z
- Structuring Specifications
  - Top-level structures
- Limitations of Formal Specifications
- Two short Examples