



Development Myths



- A general "statement of objectives" is all I need from the customer. I will fill in the details later.
- As a customer I can keep changing my mind and redefining the intent of a program. After all, software is flexible, isn't it?
- I have got to begin coding because we are already late!
- The only deliverable for a successful project is a source code listing.
- It is impossible to assess the quality of a program until after it is written and working.
- Once the program is written, we are done.
- Any competent engineer can write programs.
- Let us run a few test cases and then we'll be finished!
- I know what the program does, I don't have time to document it.
- I am working on programs that were originally written 30 years ago. How can I use modern software engineering techniques?