# Software Engineering (glossary)

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- (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. (IEEE 1990)
- (2) The study of approaches as in (1). (IEEE 1990)

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(1) and (2) IEEE. 1990. *IEEE Standard Glossary of Software Engineering Terminology*. Washington, DC: Institute of Electronical and Electronics Engineers. IEEE 610.12-1990.

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#### **Discussion**

The definitions listed above are also the accepted definitions used in the *Guide to the Software Engineering Body of Knowledge (SWEBOK)*, which was published by the IEEE Computer Society in 2004.

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