Software Endgames

“In the endgame, nerves are frayed, problems are nasty, and people are getting exhausted. Whoever isn’t working to complete the endgame is staring at you and asking, ‘Can we ship now? If not now, when?’ Before entering the endgame on your next software project, you don’t need theory—you need proven, practical advice from an endgame veteran. Read Robert Galen’s Software Endgames.”

—Timothy Lister, coauthor of Peopleware
Principal, The Atlantic Systems Guild, systemsguild.com

“. . . exposes you to the key practical work flows and realities of software issue triage. I recommend this book to anyone in software development . . . who wants to get high-quality software developed and shipped consistently on-time and on-budget.”

—Robert Sabourin, President & Principal Consultant
Amibug.com, author of I Am a Bug!

“Software Endgames is a wonderful book. This technical book is surprisingly entertaining. . . . The information is well organized, straight to the point, and does not attempt to force concepts down the reader’s throat. . . . Readers will find the book to be a valuable addition to their library, and I would recommend it to software development professionals involved in all areas of the software development life cycle. . . . “If you are looking for a fast, efficient, and effective way to inject quality into your projects, this book will certainly kick-start those efforts.”

—Mark L. Krug, posted on StickyMinds.com

“Early in my career, the endgame appeared to be simply a chaotic, ad hoc, reactive period during the final phases of project delivery. . . . a time when defects ran rampant and were unpredictable, amorphous things. You didn’t plan to fix them—you simply reacted to them. . . . if it was a high priority defect, you could expect every leader on the team to stop by to check if he or she could ‘help’ you with the resolution. And feature creep didn’t happen just at Halloween—it occurred steadily and consistently throughout the endgame.”

—from the preface

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