

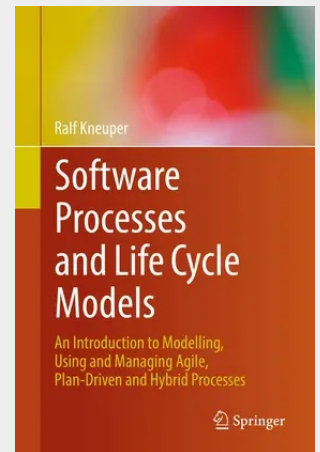
Software Processes and Life Cycle Models

An Introduction to Modelling, Using and Managing Agile, Plan-Driven and Hybrid Processes

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