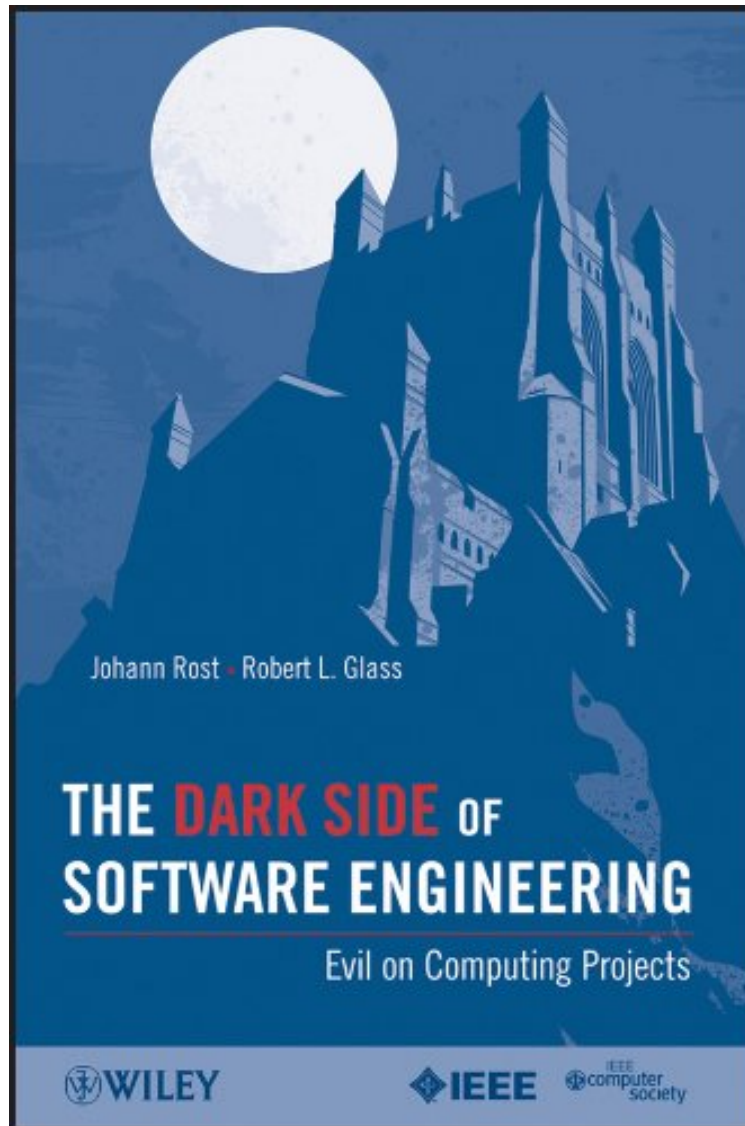


# The Dark Side of Software Engineering: Evil on Computing Projects

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