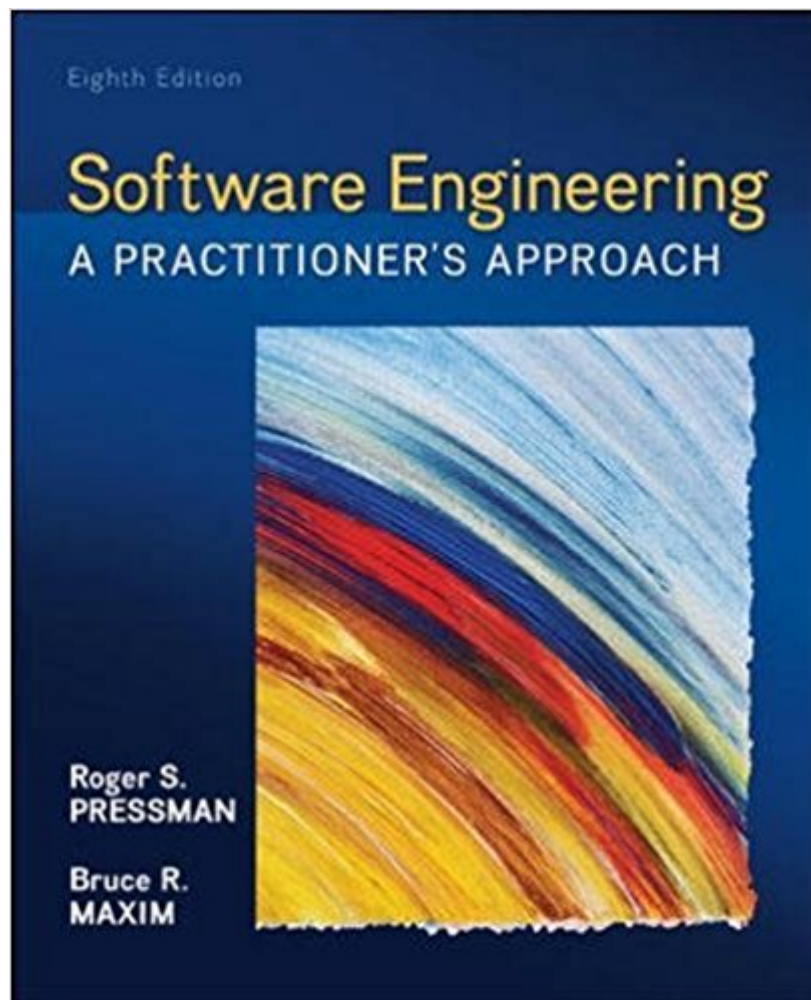




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Roger S. Pressman is an internationally recognised authority on software process improvement and software engineering technologies. He is currently president of R. S. Pressman and Associates Inc., a consultancy specialising in software engineering practices.

Was in Great condition.

Thoroughly written, but confusing sometimes.

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