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Get Software Development Time Back on Your Side

Of all the resources software developers have, a programmer's direct time on a project is the most precious, says a new SEI Blog post by [Bill Nichols](#), senior member of the SEI technical staff. According to "[Stop Wasting Time: Manage Time as the Limiting Resource](#)," managers have enormous sway over their team's most valuable asset and, consequently, their success.

Nichols' follow-up to his blog post "[Programmer Moneyball: Challenging the Myth of Individual Programmer Productivity](#)" provides data-driven strategies for increasing the productivity of all capable programmers on a team. "Direct project time is largely under management control," Nichols writes in the post, "so the first tool for improving programmer productivity is to maximize time available and exploit that time aggressively."

Drawing on data and experience gained from his work with the [Team Software Process](#), Nichols shows how productivity dos and don'ts have driven real results.

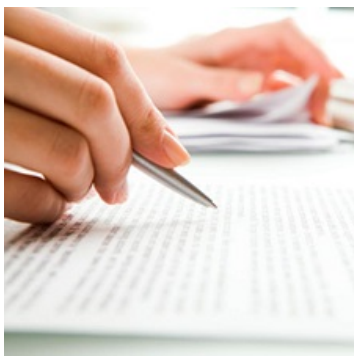
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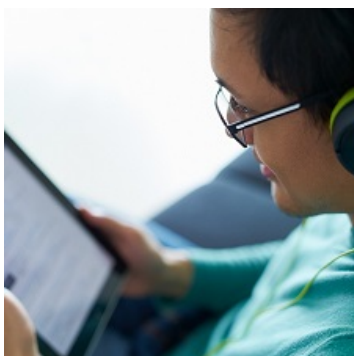
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