

Major Issues in Software Engineering

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Requirements

Too often we build the “wrong” system

Communication between technical and business people is not easy

Need precise, accurate description of customer needs

Customer does not know what they need

Architecture

Where all the demands of requirements “hit home” at once

Most non-functional requirements are “holistic”

Foundation for (managed) change, maintenance, and evolution

Change

The world keeps changing, and we like it that way

Software is not easy to change, despite what managers & customers think

Complexity

Always trying to build bigger, better, faster, smaller, cheaper

Challenge to do things that we have never done before