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a commonsense understanding of the subject matter they are coding and testing in the hope that they will reduce their risk of introducing or missing the key software bug that causes an abrupt termination in their spacecraft's mission. In addition, the book will provide managers and others working with spacecraft with a basic understanding of this subject.