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Synopsis

Fifteen years ago, computers were still used mainly for simple tasks such as processing insurance claims and cutting payroll checks, but now they are being used to fly airplanes, pilot boats, and control nuclear power plants. Wiener argues that software failures occur all the time, and sometimes, they're a source of disaster.

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