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Software engineering - NESMA functional size measurement method - Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of function point analysis

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