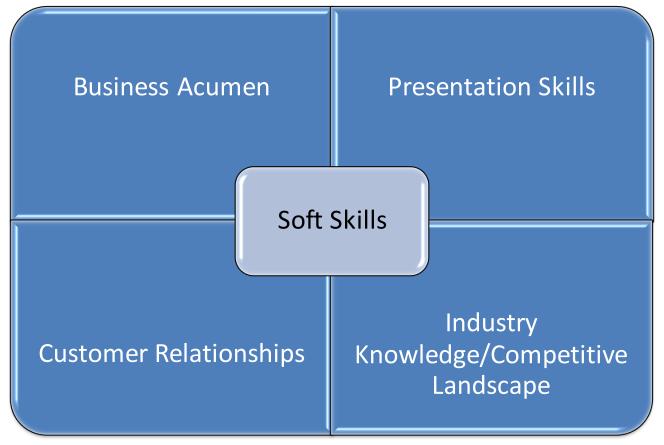
# Soft Skills – Difference Between a "Good" & a "Great" SE



#### What are Soft Skills?





#### How Do "You" Master Soft Skills?

- Realize their importance
- Recognize their value
- Practice, practice, practice
- Research
- Continual education (like this course!)
- Toastmasters or other business group
- Seek a mentor



#### **Business Acumen**

Financial Literacy

Strategic Thinking

Hierarchical Flexibility

**Process Orientation** 



#### **Presentation Skills**

Relevant Content

Clear Value Proposition

Confident

Audience Tailored



# **Building Credibility & Relationships**

Approachable

Responsive

Accountable

**Technical Confidence** 



## Know your Industry – Competitive Landscape

"Who" are you competitors?

"What" exactly do they do the same or different ... "how" and "why"?

**Industry Trends** 

Industry Changes/Transformations



## Know the Industry you are Selling to

**Customer Industry Research** 

How does your customer stack up to their competitors?

**Customer Industry Trends** 

Customer Industry Changes/Transformations



## Soft Skills – Wrap Up

- Business Acumen
- Presentation Skills
- Customer Relationships
- Know your Industry/Competitive Landscape
- Know your Customer's Industry/Competitive Landscape

