

# 5 Stages

OF THE

## RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT LIFECYCLE

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It's **Valentine's Day**, and we're feeling a bit sentimental. At EPAM, we're sweet on the Software Development Lifecycle (SDLC). Like the SDLC with its crazy twists and turns, we thought it would be fun to define the Relationship Development Lifecycle (RDLC), which is a multistep, iterative process structured for optimal romance. Ultimately, the goal is to achieve a high-quality relationship that will stand the test of time by following these five stages:

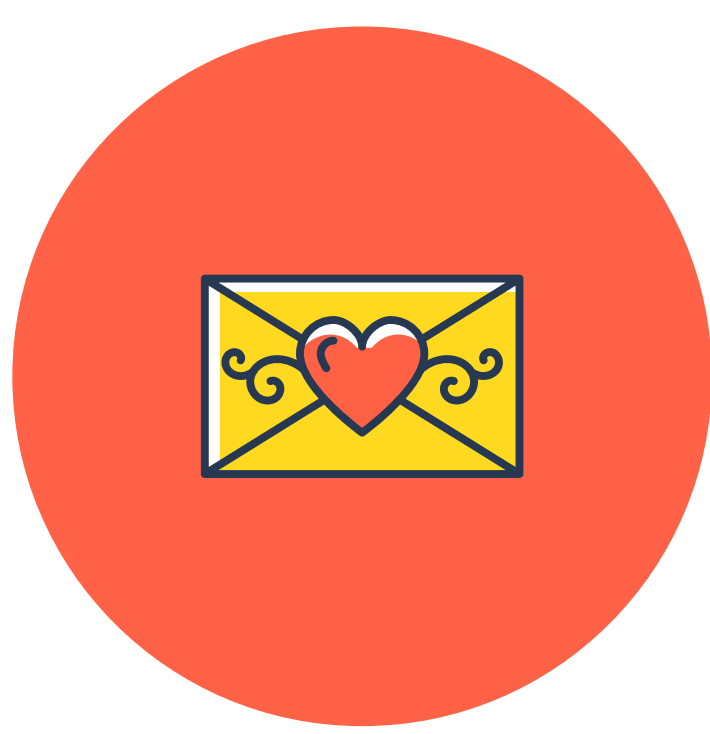


### REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS

When you want to sweep someone off their feet, you start by learning as much as you can about the person to get a sense of their needs and decide what it's going to take to make a lasting impression. Gathering information in this stage also helps identify any red-flags and determine if there is potential for a long-term relationship.



### DESIGN



After you ensure that this budding romance is the real deal, it's time for you to define the relationship and set any rules or boundaries that will keep things running smoothly. In this stage, you'll spend more quality time together to build a solid foundation for your relationship and evaluate if you can endure life's many obstacles as a team.



### DEVELOPMENT

Now it's time to really commit! Reaching the development stage signifies a long-lasting relationship. You've been instilling your true selves little by little and now you're ready to take the next big leap. Big changes are coming, whether it's moving in together or getting engaged.



### INTEGRATION & TESTING



Once you've decided to fully integrate your lives, this stage will truly test your limits. It's also where you discover if the relationship you originally envisioned actually measures up. You may start viewing habits and quirks with more scrutiny as your love is put to the test.



### CONTINUOUS MAINTENANCE

Finally, your relationship has proved its strength and resilience. You're now ready to grow old together and fine-tune any glitches along the way. Be sure to share new experiences to keep things fresh.

