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Complex software systems are plagued with **many issues**:

1. **Timelines are stretched** as requirements change.
2. Multiple developers have a **hard time coordinating** their efforts.
3. Often there is **Code redundancy** and poor documentation.

This in turn creates issues with **maintenance** and overall flexibility for **adding new features**.

In general, this means poorly designed systems that are hard to maintain, and **are not adaptable**.

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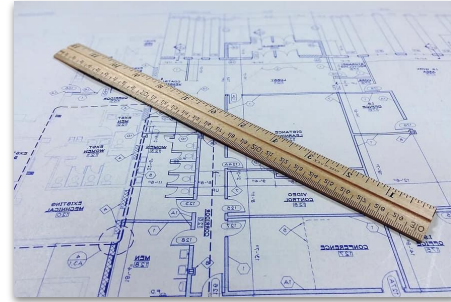


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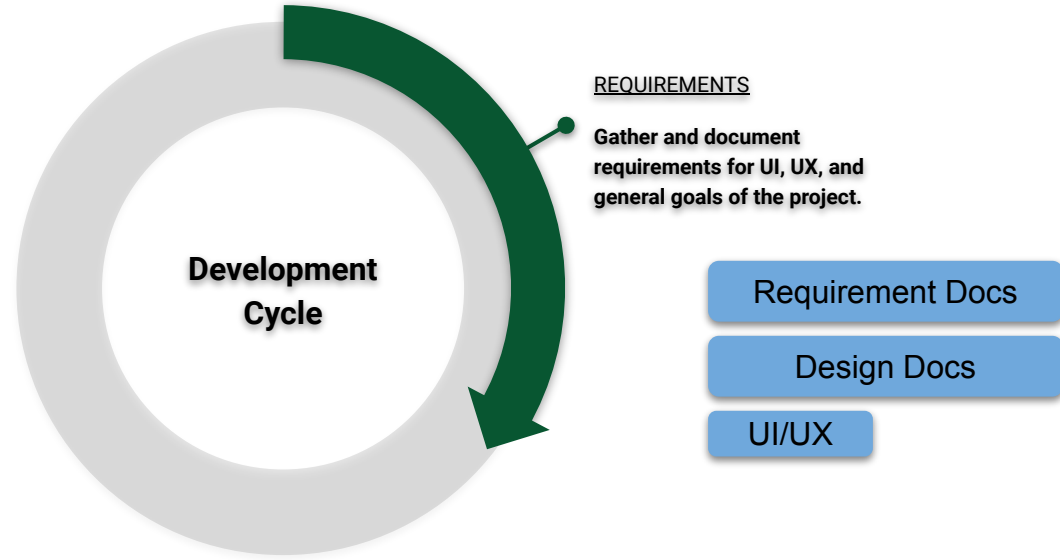
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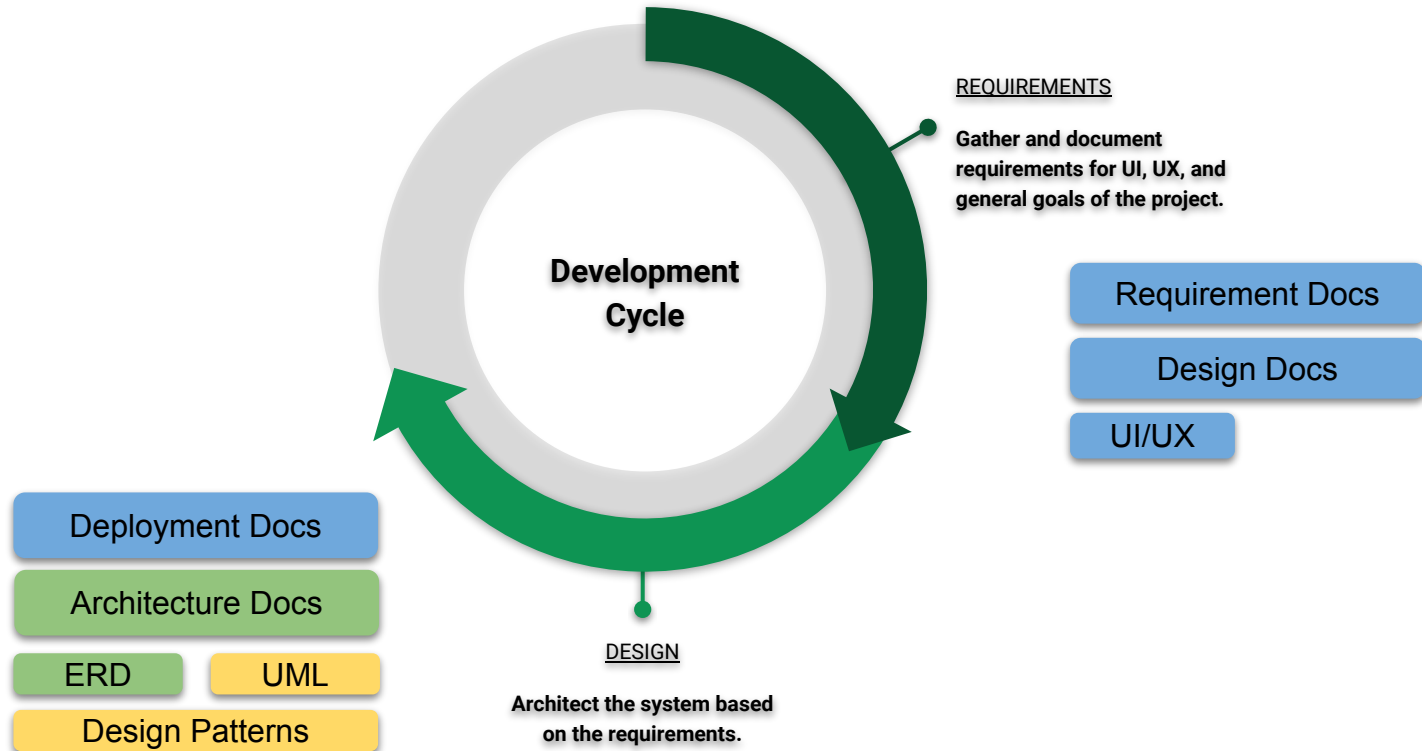
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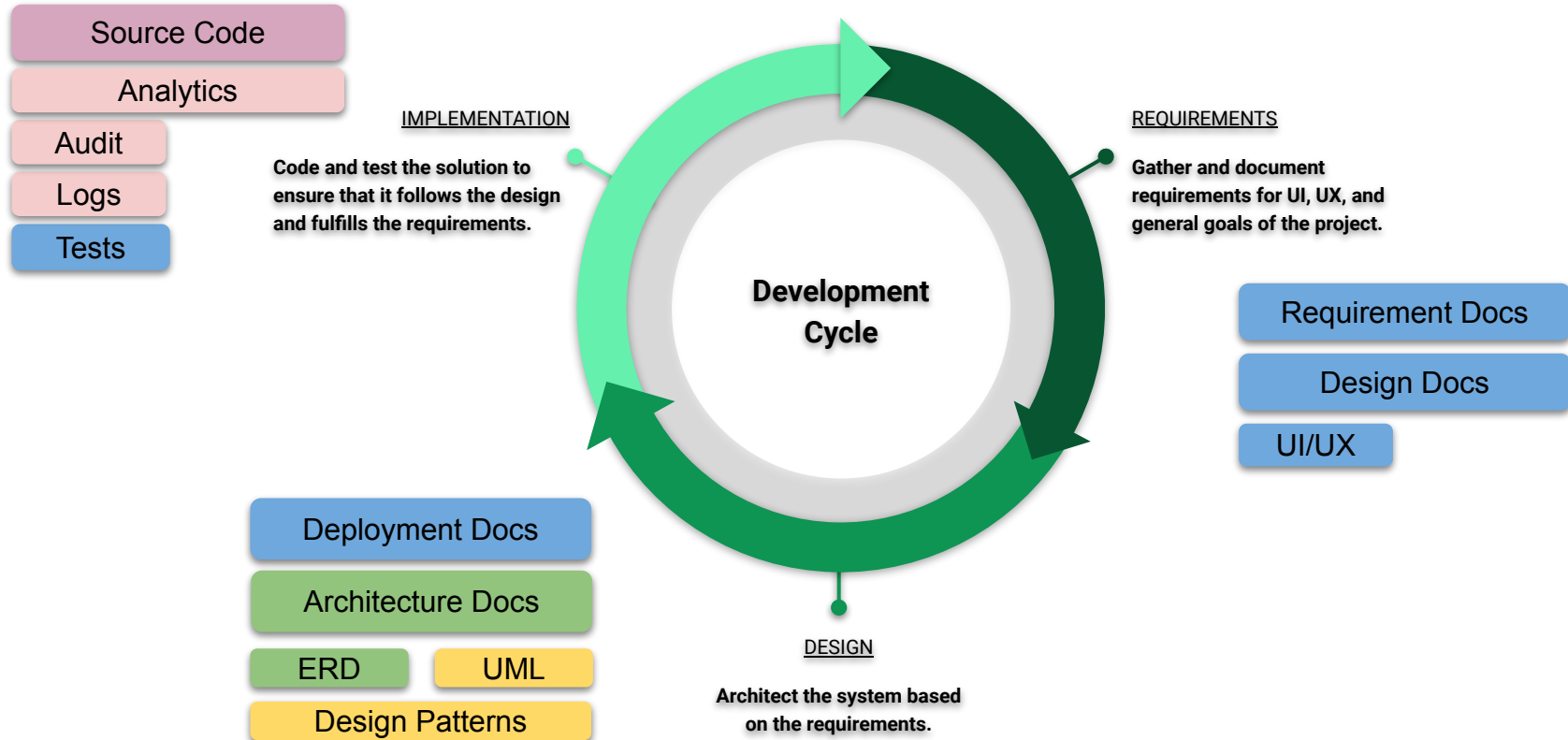
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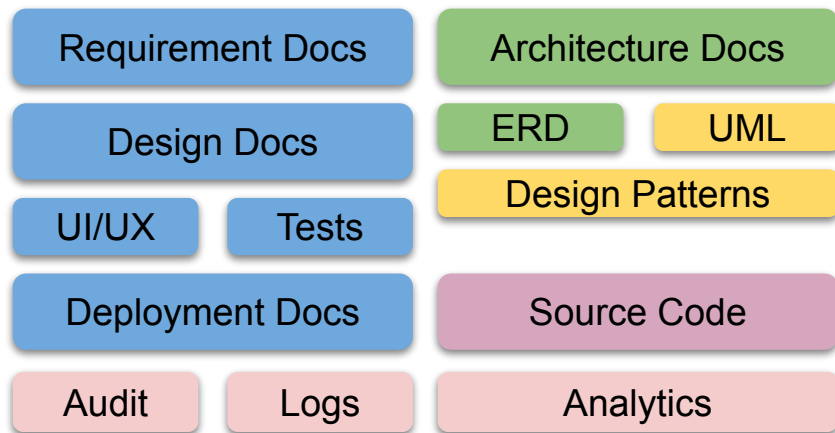


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In this course we will concentrate on the 'Design' part, and we will explore how **Design Patterns** facilitate and help achieve good Software Engineering.



Projects will have many moving parts, but in the realm of software, the final product is the source code. Good Architecture is crucial.

Design Patterns help greatly in that aspect.

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