



# Tasktop Best Practices

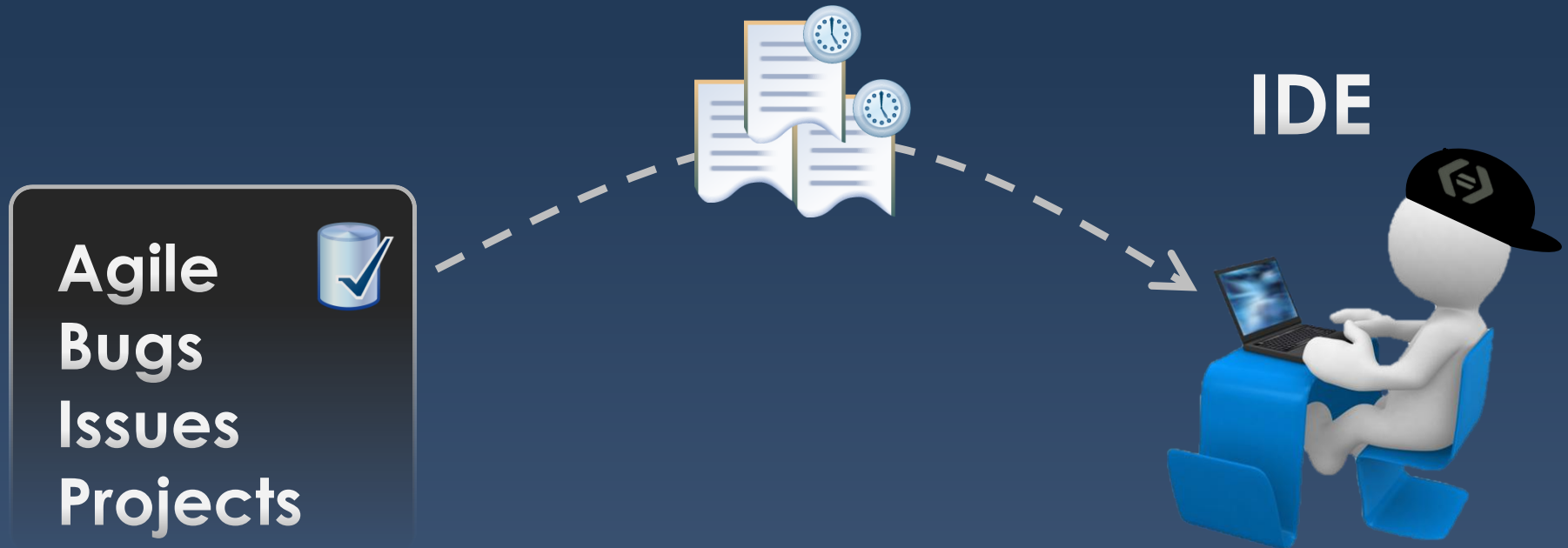


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# Connecting Process with IDE



# A Connected IDE is Powerful



Bugzilla



JIRA



ThoughtWorks



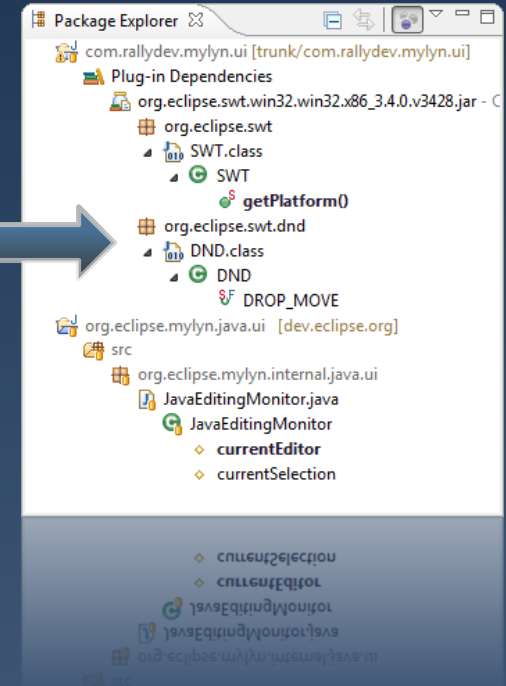
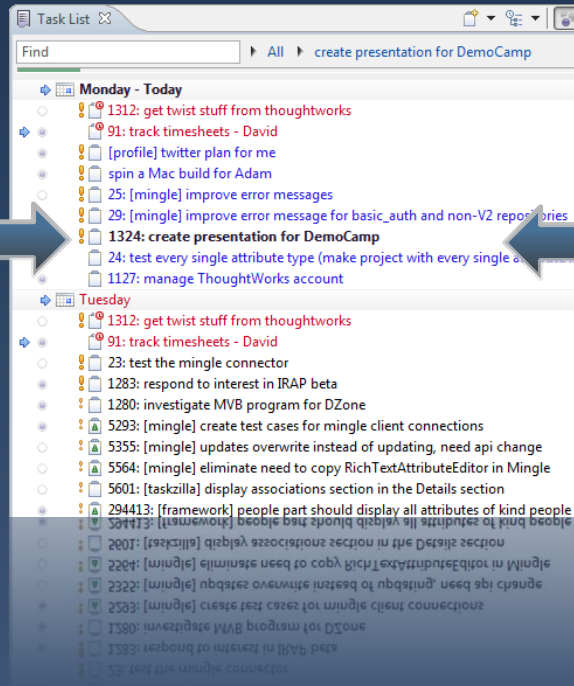
Rally



ScrumWorks



Gmail



# Best Practices

## Baking and Blogging

**1. Set up the Task List**

Streamline your workday by managing your work with a single Task List. Track tasks, bugs, issues, user stories, backlog items, even when offline. Offload your email inbox by collaborating with the Task List and using change notifications.

- Connect to a Task Repository
- Create a New Query
- Create a New Task
- Create a Private Task

**2. Get Task-Focused**

Increase your productivity by having Tasktop track what you work on, and display only what is relevant. Multitask with a single click and instantly recover from interruptions.

- Activate a task
- Focus on documents and code
- Using Alt+click to browse

**3. Track Time**

Personal time tracking provides you with to-the-minute accurate reports of where your time is spent. You can use this information for project tracking and filling out time sheets.

**4. Get Organized**

These advanced Tasktop features can help bring the benefits of task-focused collaboration to more of your workday.

### Tasktop Blog

Mik Kersten and friends on focus and flow

< Community News, September 18, 2009

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Mik Kersten



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### Don't Break the Build: A Developer's Guide to Care-Free Commits

by David Shepherd, October 7th, 2009

**Summary:** Learn how to submit the right files for a given fix every time, even when working on multiple bugs concurrently, avoiding the sin of breaking the build.

**Applies to:** Tasktop Pro, Eclipse Mylyn

**Supported Connectors:** ClearQuest, ScrumWorks, JIRA, Rally, CollabNet, Bugzilla

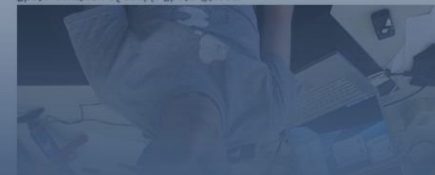
**Supported SCMs:** CVS, Subversion (SVN), ClearCase (coming soon)



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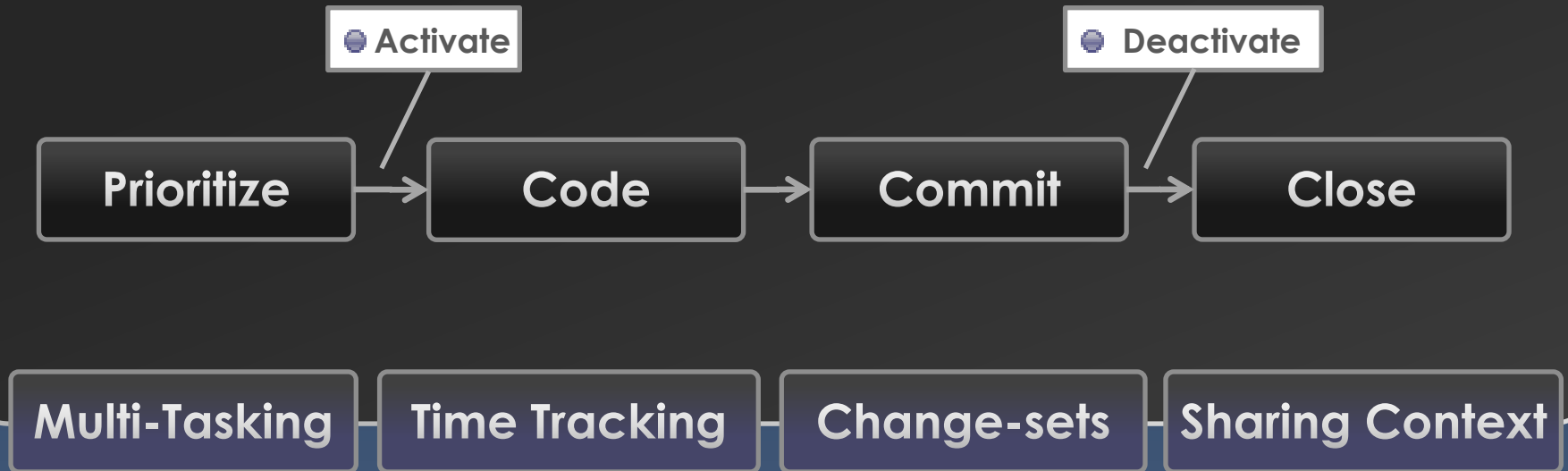
In most development circles breaking the build is a serious offense, with good reason. As other programmers check out the broken source code their progress becomes blocked, as they can no longer compile (and thus test) the software. The cost of blocking an entire development team is a loss that many have accepted to

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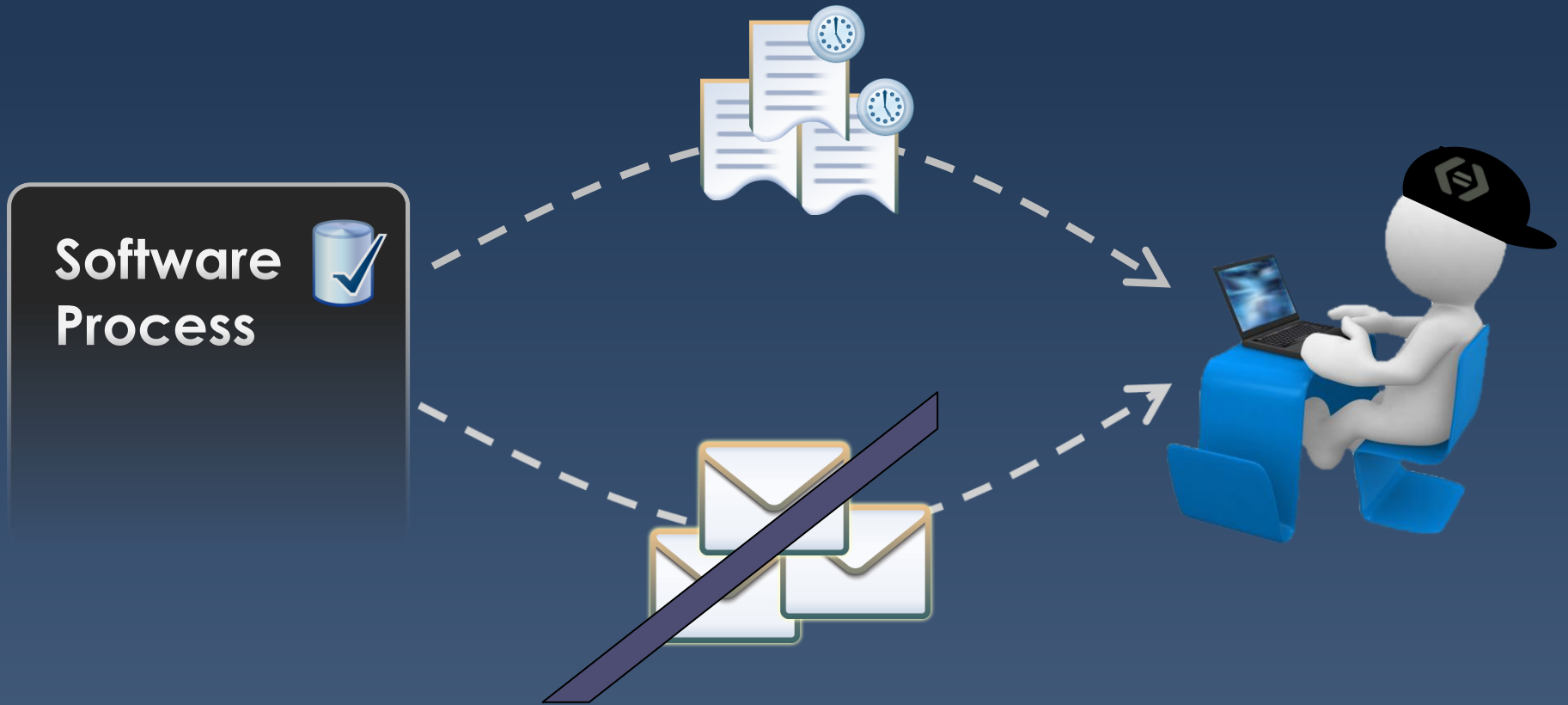


# Best Practice: Activating Tasks

## Tasktop Workflow



# Best Practice: Queries Not Bugmail





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