How to become a proactive developer?

True stories to become a proactive developer!

What's Inside

What the hell is proactive?

really?

Being proactive means anticipating problems, seeking new solutions and doing your best.

Your chance to be proactive when:

- When facing a task!
- For scheduling meetings!
- When distributing tasks to your team!
- When attending company updates / problems!
- When going to events!
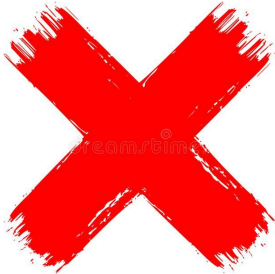- At all time!

When facing a task

You've got a task with no details

"[PROY-666] I need to integrate social links on blog post page"

[no design, no more details]

What to do?

You've got a task with no details! What do you do?

a) Ask your chat team?

edutrul 3:01 PM
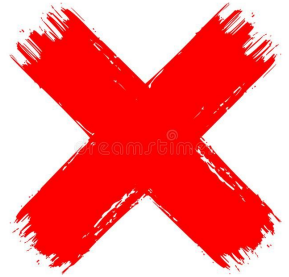@here, Give me details for ticket PROY-666

b) Ask your tech lead 1-1?

edutrul 3:05 PM
Hey Tech lead which contrib module should I use for PROY-666?

You've got a task with no details! What do you do?

c) You ask for designer?

edutrul 7:41 AM
What's design for PROY-666?

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jsalinas 10:08 AM
Yeah sure! Eduardo!

You've got a task with no details! What do you do?

1) You review previous implementations

- You first review quickly (5 mins)
- In your review process you notice a pattern! That article and product page use the same f*** social links (with same styles)

You've got a task with no details! What do you do?

2) Propose your work to do and do it if no objections..

edutrul added a comment -

@tech lead I am going to use this contrib module and going to apply same styles to build social links fyi @designer if no objections I am proceeding with this implementation asap!

For scheduling meetings

You've got a task with no details

Ok so you've got another task [PROY-123] - **When creating a user, integrate with soccer api**

And in notes say: "Contact with @ricardo for more details"

Ok you first start to read about soccer api though you don't have any details so you

Be proactive for scheduling meetings! What do you do?

a) Ping Ricardo and wait...

edutrul 8:03 AM
Hi! how's it going?

Ricardo 8:14 AM
Hi :)

edutrul 8:28 AM
I have ticket [PROY-123] which does...
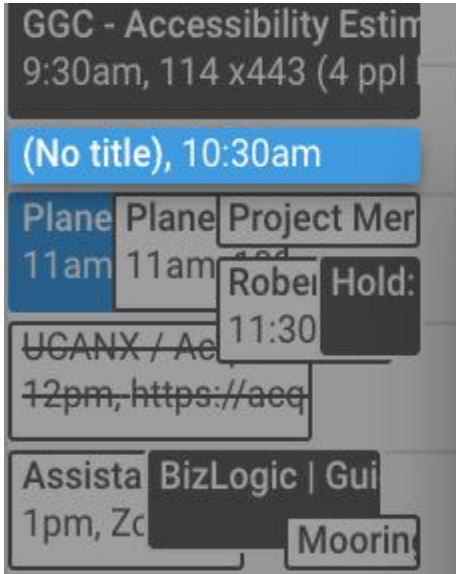Can you please help me?

Ricardo 9:30 AM
Yeah give me few mins and will get back to you (on meetings)😁

You waited
1 hour!

An even more...!

You've got a task with no details! What do you do?

1. Schedule a slot available

1. Go to Ricardo's calendar and find a slot available!
2. Set a meeting title
3. Include Agenda

GGC - Accessibility Estim
9:30am, 114 x443 (4 ppl

(No title), 10:30am

Plane Plane Project Mer
11am 11am Rober Hold:
11:30

UCANX / Ac
12pm, https://acq

Assista BizLogic | Gui
1pm, Zc
Moorin

PROY-123 - Edu & Ricardo

Event   Reminder   Appointment slots

You've got a task with no details! What do you do?

2. Ping Ricardo you set a meeting and you'll work on something else meanwhile

edutrul 8:28 AM

@Ricardo, how's it going? I've got a ticket [PROY-666] and want to discuss with you a lot of details! Here's my strategy a) let's meet at 4pm EST (I schedule already based on your availability - if no objections) and set an agenda already (details on calendar) but let me remind you here details.... (Copy and paste) In the meantime I'll be working on this ticket [PROY-XXX] which is pretty straightforward - if questions let me know!

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When distributing tasks

You have a sprint meeting tomorrow

What do you do?

a) Will you just wait for it?
b) Will you listen and ask questions?
c) You review backlog meeting so you have a better idea about next tickets and anticipate questions, You listen, to tech lead and PM and start to ask questions on tickets and assign ckets bu attenti ticket g so yo if issues rs!
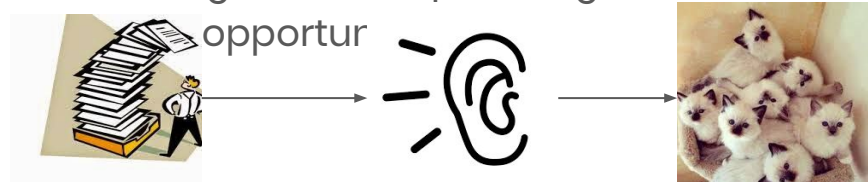
When attending company updates

What do you do?
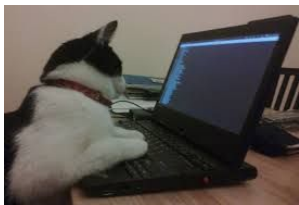
a) Will you just wait for it?
b) Will you listen and ask questions?
c) Take notes, read background history if possible, ask what they are doing to resolve any specific issues! and/or start to learn something new to help them generate a new opportur

When going to events!

You have a drupalcon next month!

What do you do?

a) Will you just go to listen?
b) You first send your submission to speak!
   You mentor or contribute back on sprint days
   You proactively scam speakers(what they do, anticipate questions to ask, drink with them haha, talk with them in after party)
   proactively you search for any hackathon / development contest and participate on it!
   You take if possible any drupal tests /

Template guides for proactivity

When you don't know something

I have investigated [something] Here's my proposal that I am working on [explain] I am working into this if no objections

To schedule a meeting

You see other people availability, schedule a meeting with title, and agenda so it is easy to follow up in meeting and mention you're working on something else in the meantime

Analogy: Soccer match

The ball is like the requirement/task!

If you spend too much time with it! You'll delay your team project and won't deliver on time!

In soccer you won't score a goal which means no win!

Analogy: Soccer match

So you need to pass the ball to your coworkers, try to pass the ball asap so together achieve the same goal quickly!

Don't let the ball be with you for a while!

Any questions or comments?

Else thank you!