Tasktop Enterprise 1.8 Connects Development to Agile ALM

Press Release

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VANCOUVER and BARCELONA, Nov. 30, 2010 At the HP Software Universe conference in Barcelona, Tasktop Technologies, creators of the Eclipse Mylyn project and a leader in Agile Application Lifecycle Management (ALM) integration and productivity, today announced Tasktop Enterprise 1.8. The new product further integrates its Agile ALM partner offerings, open source solutions and thriving ecosystem of Mylyn extensions. It is the first commercial and full-featured release of Eclipse IDE-based developer tooling for accessing HP Quality Center and HP ALM, as well as Microsoft Visual Studio Team Foundation Server based on Eclipse Mylyn. In addition, Tasktop Enterprise has been updated to support the recently released IBM Rational Team Concert 3.0. Tasktop is also proud to announce it is now an HP Gold Partner, a Microsoft Visual Studio Premium Partner and is IBM "Ready for Rational" validated.

"ALM has become increasingly complex as organizations rely on a growing number of best-of-breed and open source solutions to compete, while remote teams, employee churn and outsourcing make developer collaboration and tracking of progress more and more difficult," explained Mik Kersten, CEO of Tasktop and creator of the open source Eclipse Mylyn project. "In this new ALM landscape organizations need improved transparency and coordination more than ever, but the heterogeneity of the typical ALM stack makes it very challenging. With this latest release, Tasktop has emerged as the leader in federating enterprise ALM systems that help organizations scale the benefits of Agile across the enterprise."

Tasktop created its task management tools to help developers be more productive by making it effortless for them to organize their work around tasks. Serving as an ALM integration suite, Tasktop Enterprise has become the de-facto standard for integrating disparate development tools and platforms that are the reality within today's enterprise software development organizations. By providing traceability and knowledge sharing between tools and platforms that are often provided by separate companies, Tasktop helps reduce the complexity and challenges of successfully scaling Agile programs beyond small teams. Organizations using Tasktop are able to integrate and gain added value from heterogeneous systems, improve the happiness and productivity of development teams, and integrate and manage emerging technology platforms, such as cloud computing and mobile applications, into existing development practices.

"Enterprise software development organisations have processes baked into a wide range of tools and platforms, and avoid rip and replace," said James Governor, co-founder and industry analyst at RedMonk. "Tasktop is an ALM stack that works with existing tooling and testing environments, providing full traceability and reporting for management, without affecting the most important aspect - developer flow and productivity."

Pricing and Availability

Tasktop Enterprise 1.8 is available immediately. Pricing for the Tasktop Enterprise subscription is

$199-per-user per year and includes enhanced support, advanced productivity features, automated time tracking and integration for IBM Rational ClearQuest, ClearCase and Team Concert, HP ALM and Quality Center, and Microsoft Visual Studio Team Foundation Server. For a guided evaluation of Tasktop Enterprise, please call 778-588-6896, or visit http://tasktop.com.

About Tasktop Technologies

Tasktop Technologies is the company behind the Eclipse Mylyn ALM integration framework and its revolutionary task-focused interface technology. The task-focused interface is proven to make developers more productive by showing only the relevant information for each task, dramatically reducing search time and facilitating multitasking. Tasktop Enterprise is the company's commercial product based on Mylyn, with task-focused support for web browsing, time tracking, documents, email, calendars and commercial ALM components. Tasktop also provides consulting, connector development services and training to the growing number of companies adopting the task-focused paradigm and tools. For more information please visit http://tasktop.com.