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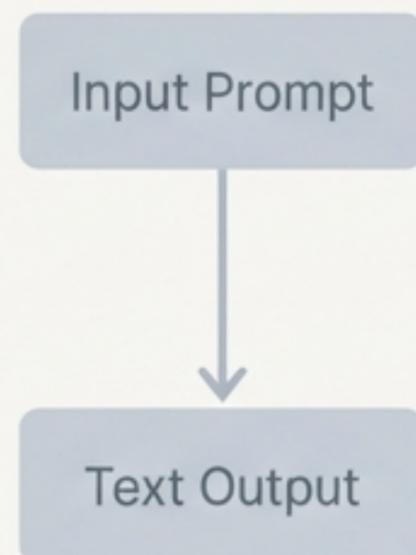
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## **CC-102: Effective Prompting & Workflows**

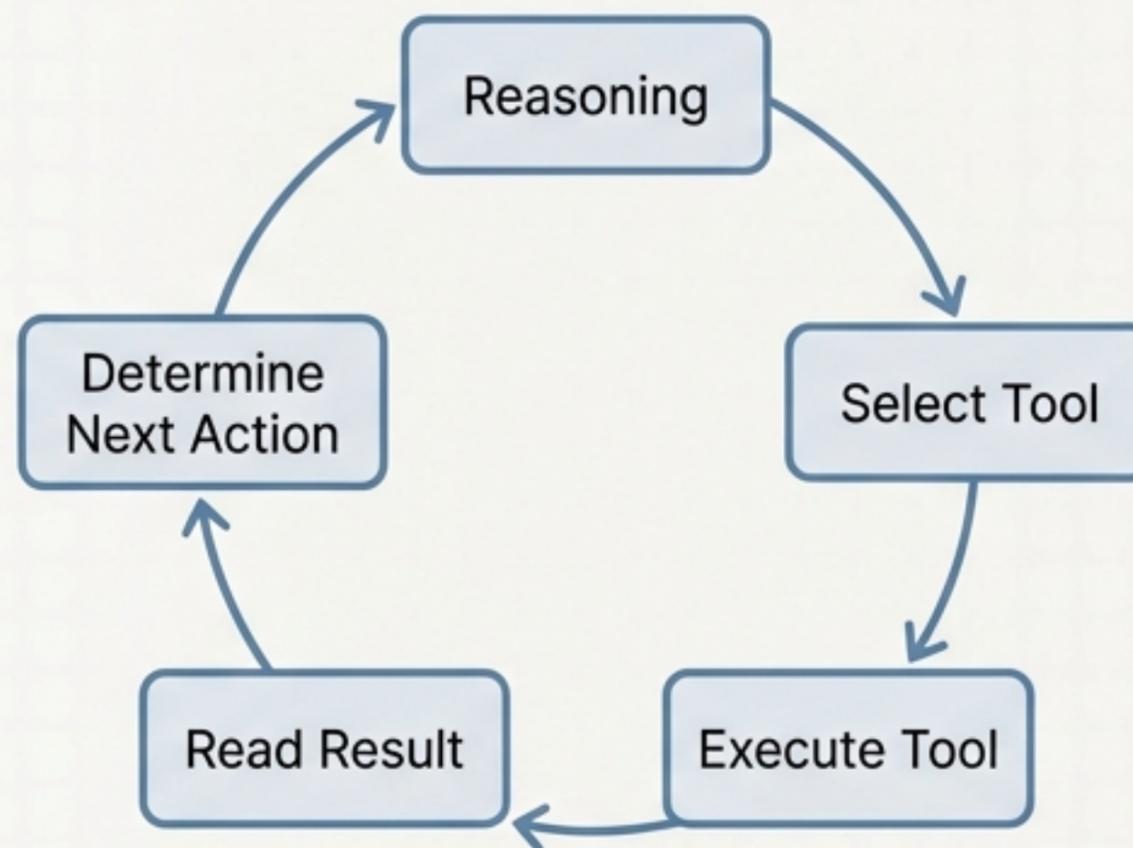
Mastering Task Decomposition, Plan Mode, and  
Autonomous Tool Execution

# Claude Code is an Agent, Not a Chatbot

## The Chatbot Paradigm



## The Agentic Paradigm



**You are not asking for text generation; you are commanding a junior developer with direct filesystem and shell access.**

# Engineering Intent: Precision Drives Success

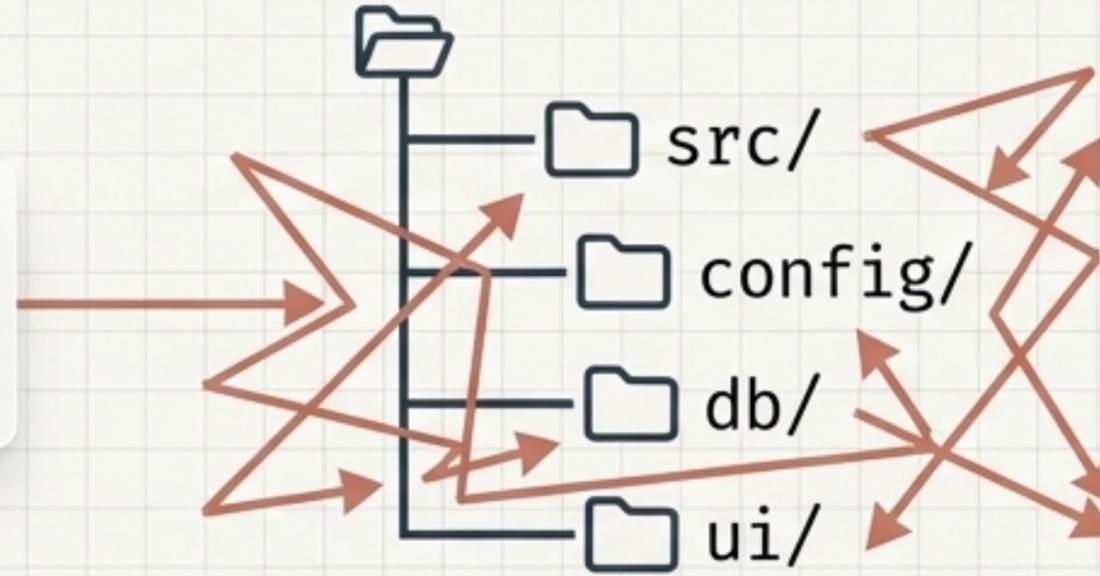
- 1 You are the backend architect.
- 2
- 2 Implement JWT authentication in the api/ directory.
- 3 You MUST use the existing User model.
- 4 You MUST NOT modify the database schema.



Constraints prevent more failures than instructions enable.

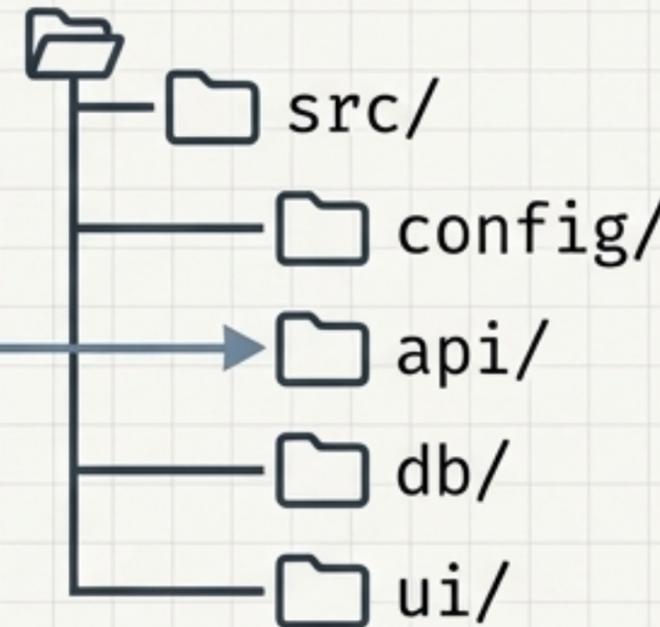
# Why 'Make it better' Fails

Prompt: Add auth.



Unbounded execution.  
Modifies config, UI, and schema.

Prompt:  
Implement JWT auth in api/.  
MUST NOT modify db schema.  
Use Plan Mode.



Predictable, constrained execution.

# Tailoring Prompts to the Objective

## Code Tasks (Execution)



### Focus.

Surgical precision, exact specifications.



### Pathing.

Explicit file paths (``src/utils.py``).



### Constraints.

Strict MUST NOT rules (“Do not refactor outside this function”).

## Research Tasks (Discovery)



### Focus.

Breadth, exploration boundaries, source citation.



### Pathing.

Directory-level scoping (Glob the ``docs/`` folder).



### Output.

Structured artifacts (“Summarize findings in ``architecture.md``”).

# Break It Down Before Building It Up

Build Dashboard  
(High hallucination risk)

1. Update Schema

2. Create API endpoints

3. Build UI Components

4. Write Tests

Large requests overwhelm the context window. Complex tasks must be decomposed into sequential, verifiable steps.

# EnterPlanMode: Measure Twice, Cut Once



## Phase 1: Explore

CC uses ``Glob`/`Read`` to understand context.

## Phase 2: Design

CC drafts a proposed approach in markdown.

## Phase 3: Approve

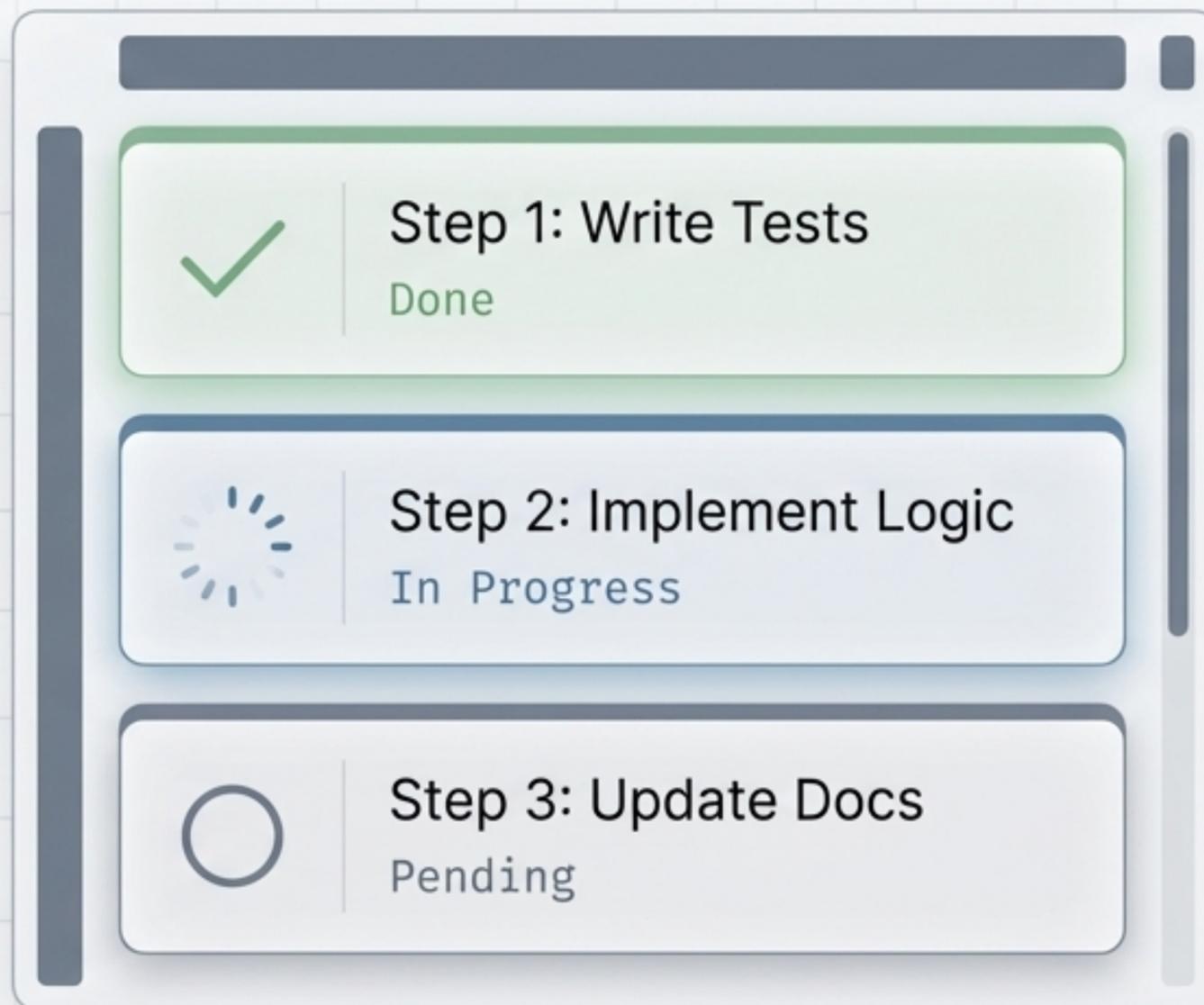
Human reviews, adjusts, and approves the plan.

## Phase 4: Execute

CC systematically implements the approved steps.

Never dive straight into implementation on multi-step features.

# TodoWrite: The Autonomous Checklist



TodoWrite acts as CC's short-term memory across complex, multi-tool executions, ensuring it never loses its place in the sequence.

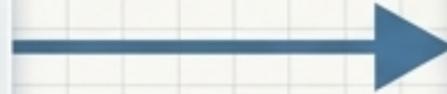
# How Your Words Trigger Autonomous Tools

Find all files...



``Glob`` (Pattern matching)

Where is X used...



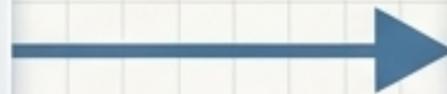
``Grep`` (Regex search)

Change this function...



``Read`` then ``Edit``

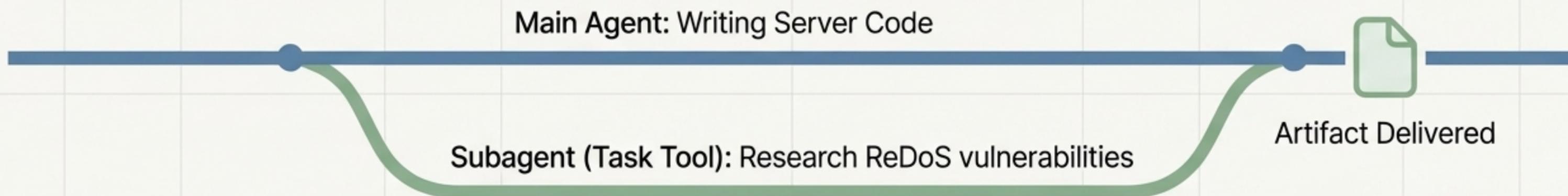
Test the code...



``Bash`` (Shell execution)

CC must ALWAYS use Read before it is allowed to use Edit.

# Parallel Execution with Subagents



Use the Task tool to spawn independent Claude instances for isolated research without polluting your main context window.

# Seamless Version Control via Bash

Human Prompt  
What changed? Commit it.

Agent Reasoning  
I need to check the git status, review the diff, and commit the changes.

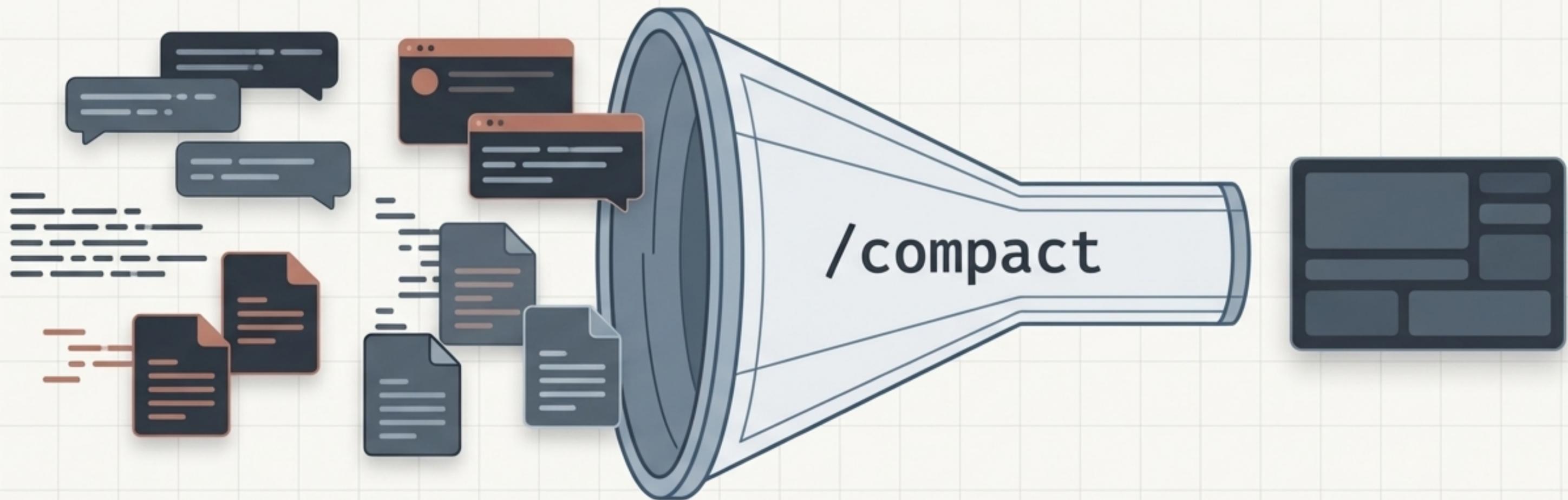
Tool Execution (Bash)  
git status  
git diff

Tool Execution (Bash)  
git add .  
git commit -m 'feat: implement JWT auth'

Claude Code interacts with Git exactly like a human does—through the CLI using Bash.

Always require descriptive commit messages in your prompt.

# Keeping the Workspace Clean with /compact



Bloated Conversation History

Summarized Essential Context

Long sessions exhaust the context window and degrade reasoning. Use `/compact` to compress history while preserving the essential workspace context.

# The Master CC-102 Workflow



# Assessment Readiness: CC-102

- ] I write constrained, role-based prompts with strict **MUST NOT** rules.
- ] I decompose complex tasks using **Plan Mode** prior to execution.
- ] I leverage **TodoWrite** for autonomous task tracking.
- ] I understand how my phrasing triggers **Glob, Grep, Read, and Edit**.
- ] I spawn **subagents** using the **Task** tool for isolated research.
- ] I drive full **Git** workflows entirely through **Claude Code Bash** executions.

**Mastery over the agent requires mastery over the intent.**