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Importance of Communication

Communication is key to an effective operation in any field. What is missing from this statement is the need for it to be effective and actionable. There are many cases where there is tons a communication during a project but due to the amount of communication or the lack of detail and information the communication does not help the team in any way shape or form. For our Scrum events we will need to rely on information radiators and having regular retrospectives to help make sure we achieve our goals. Information is also passed along during our daily stand ups, sprint planning meetings and our sprint reviews. Our team needs to be comfortable with these meetings as they will ensure that everyone is aligned with our vision and goal. These meetings ensure that they have all the information they need to be successful and productive. These meetings help to promote transparency and allow us to identify any issues we may be having and adjust as needed to allow for continued growth and development. These meetings including our retrospectives will allow us to reflect on the teams performance and ensure that there is an open feedback loop which supports the overall growth of the team and our project.

In our current assignment I assumed the role of Product Owner and our team struggled at first with communication as most of them missed the day 3 deadline for their post. However when they did all post their views of their roles and what practices they would suggest. They all did a great job explaining why they would want a certain practice put in place. Each member did a great job of asking questions to help clarify any topics they were not sure of. During this assignment, with limited interaction we were able to communicate with each other on what we all thought was important to implement into our team based on the roles we were assuming. In my opinion if these meetings were held in person or via zoom there would have been a great connection within our team there would have been a great discussion about these practices that we all felt strong about. This type of open communication is the backbone to a strong well functioning team.

With this team being split in its location, if we were to continue along with this project we would need to use an Agile project management tool such as those discussed last week, some possible options are JIRA, and the Azure Boards. These tools would be instrumental in coordination and efficient with our split team. These tools offer many features for task management such as backlog refinement, sprint planning and a progress tracker. These tools also can offer the team members the ability to create and assign tasks, to set priorities and monitor the progress throughout the duration of the project. These centralized options can streamline task management and provide visibility into individual performance. The ability for others to see the progress of the work being done and who is doing what allows for the team to support one another and for the stakeholders to see what progress is being made.

In conclusion communication is key no matter how your team is build. If it's in house or a split team spread out around the globe the need for effective communication is vital to its success. Utilizing Scrum events and Information radiators allow for transparency and collaboration within the project. In my current job, communication is key to the success of our team. Working in retail during the holidays is so chaotic and can seem overwhelming for most. Our ability to effectively communicate who is doing what and why, and what needs to be done next and by who is the only way we can be successful during this time of year.

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