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**XP core value: Communication**

Communication skills among team members are very important for ensuring the success of a software project. The team members should be connected with each other well enough to understand each other’s strengths and weaknesses and help each other out. Also, the level of communication should be good enough so that the team members are aware of what other members are doing and the work/contribution to the project they make does not conflict with work of members. This situation typically arises in the development phase of the project when one developer overwrites the code of another. As an advocate for communication in the team, I constantly take measures to avoid such a situation. One important factor related to communication is cohesiveness. Effective teams have members who have a mindset of they all represent a team collectively. Another important factor related to communication is sharing. When there is proper communication, sharing of ideas becomes easier. Members should not be hesitant in providing an input from the fear of being criticized by other members. All members should respect opinions of other members equally. Team members should be open and supportive to hear other members ideas and opinions.