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There are many tools that can help a team succeed. The most effective tool to create openness and transparency within a team is good communication. If a team cannot possess good communication, they cannot be on the same page and no one will know how the project is going to reach completion. Daily standups are key in good communication because it is a chance for each member to go around in a circle, every day, and tell the team what they are working on and the obstacles they may face. Good communication is key to any business becoming successful because one person cannot do it alone.

I like the thought of using information radiators as an effective tool for coordinating and increasing efficiency within the team, but there can be flaws. While online management on projects work well, they can take time to make and teams may resort to sticky notes, which can turn into a mess. The plus of information radiators is that all team members will have a copy of the outline, on their computers, to use at their convenience.

The Agile method is the best method to follow because it takes the team through multiple small steps until the project is complete. Testing and reconstruction can be done within each step because all parts are included in each step. Having multiple steps in an Agile methodology to complete a project, a team can stay focused on few ideas at a time and put more effort towards each step, rather than being so widespread and trying to put together all ideas at once. When a team can all be equally knowledgeable with all parts of the project, they can help each other to finish, on time, with extra eyes to point out any mistakes or misconceptions.