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## Exercise

Recall our discussion on some broad types of communication mechanisms:

**Live Communication:**

Texting / Chat Service

Audio Conferencing

Video Conferencing

Virtual Workspaces

**Static Communication**

Email

Calendars

Forums

Blogs

Wikis

Virtual Workspaces

1. Each mechanism of communication has relative strengths and weaknesses. Go through each item on the list and identify a strength, a weakness, and an ideal scenario for each.

*For example, audio conferencing has the strong advantage of conveying tone of voice and allowing for multiple participants to have their say in a time-bound setting. It has the disadvantage of lacking visual aids, and potential problems with people speaking over each other. Additionally, there may be costs associated with a high-quality audio conferencing line. An good situation for audio conferencing would be regularly scheduled check in on procedural aspects of a project, not requiring detailed data analysis.*

1. With your work project in mind, come up with a combination of communication skills that will be used to accomplish specific tasks. Consider the people you are working with, their geographical and time distribution, the nature of the information/data discussed and the available technology.