**Communication Practices and Project Management Tools**

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              Communication is a secret ingredient to life which guarantees everything runs smoothly. It is no different in the tech world, as to complete any project on time, the key will always be effective communication. From Project Managers, Testers, Developers, to Stakeholders, facilitating an environment of consistent communication is the key to having a successful project.

In terms of the most effective communication practice, the one that has the highest rate of success for creating an environment of openness and transparency, would be information radiation. This technique will allow all members to essentially radiate information to other team members automatically. I do consider it the best format because it fosters a healthy environment of continuous communication amid the ever-increasing scale of our project, which makes it more manageable and shows yet another amazing benefit of agile methodology.

A great example of the communication practice being placed into action would be how we utilized daily stand-ups, albeit virtually, to help us all stay on the same path. During the meetings, each team member is allowed to provide an update on what they have accomplished since the previous meeting, and what assistance or pending request is needed to help facilitate the completion of the task.

With Agile Project Management Tools such as JIRA, Azure Boards and the like all help us coordinate and increase efficiency within our team. JIRA, for example, allows us to update team members of the work in real time, submit tickets to newly discovered issues, and affords the team a great way to have a single source of truth that helps to keep every team member on the same page.