Journal: Communication Practices and Project Management Tools

Since the beginning of this course, I have stressed the importance of communication. Agile communication is all about reducing the steps to relay information. There are many ways to communicate with the team. Here are a few:

1. Online Chats
2. Email
3. Phone/video conference calls
4. Face to Face Communication

I believe that face to face communication is the best form of communication. Face to face helps establish trust in the workplace, boost participation and alleviates errors or he says, she says. So, with face to face being my preference, I think that scrum events will be the best way to communicate within a team. These scrum team meetings will allow everyone to have a chance to be involved and have a voice of opinion. It will be effective by allowing everyone to be open to creativity and share their ideas. The good thing is that it is a time limit to these meetings so all members will be able to get straight to the point. Again, this is a terrific way to see each other face to face and gain trust.

An example of communication practice from this course for me was the discussions. I was able to get honest Feeback and ideas from different perspectives. My classmates were honest with their criticism and gave reasons why they felt other options would be best if they disagreed. Azure Boards could help increase team efficiency. Connecting this with communication apps such as Microsoft Teams, Slack, GitHub, and DevOps will give you all tools your team needs to succeed. Azure Boards is a simply way to plan and track work. It has visual and interactive tools that allow all members to share their work. JIRA is great too, but I prefer Azure Boards.

Citations

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