**Journal Entry-Week #1**

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**XP Core Value – Communication**

Communication and team’s input in the early stages is a characteristic of Agile approach. This helps in identifying easy mistakes that can occur and see the limitations before too much work is done. Having a good communication channel enables the team have a sense of being able to address and fix any issues straight away, resulting in lesser delays and surprises. Good communication also results in team development. There are a few keys points:

1. Goal setting: Making sure that every member of the team is clear about is his role and knows what all the members of the team are working towards, thus avoiding doing unnecessary or incorrect things.
2. Role modelling: Proper communication from the team leader is important for making sure that all the values are being followed and every member has adopted to his role well. Communication from a leader can be very effective when a misunderstanding has occurred.
3. Team building: Team members are encouraged to socialize after hours. Team dinners or lunch or a team picnic can be arranged for this. It helps in building understanding and ease of information delivery among colleagues.
4. Communication barriers: Removing communication barriers is one of the most important thing of this characteristic. This aims towards ensuring that everyone’s thoughts and opinions are known to all the other team members. This also keeps a check on the miscommunication issues.