Software Development Life Cycle: Developer

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As a developer, it is critical to understand project expectations. Ensuring you gather the necessary information to understand goals is pivotal to success. The Agile methodology supports this by providing general guidance that becomes more specific as you approach objectives. However, this may not always be enough. That’s why communication with the Product Owner and Tester is essential for a developer.

Agile employs a 'just-in-time' approach, which is fundamental for adapting to miscommunications that arise when translating complex and often abstract ideas into concrete deliverables. This approach not only allows teams to address communication gaps but also resolves other issues that could lead to misalignment with project success. In essence, it minimizes the amount of work done in the wrong direction before course correction is possible. This adaptability is fantastic for managing project scope—but what about the finer details?

Objectives in a 'just-in-time' approach are often intentionally flexible and open to refinement. By examining requirements and milestones, you can usually form a clear picture of what needs to be accomplished. However, as you refine your understanding, it's likely you will need further clarification to meet the project’s needs. That’s why working as part of a team is crucial—it is impractical for one person to manage all requirements alone, so don’t hesitate to ask for assistance.

Communication should be abundant in an Agile team. Openness, respect, and courage—these core values of Agile collaboration should guide your interactions. Be active in standups. Reach out to your peers when you need help. Offer support when others need it, and when the time comes for you to ask for help, you’ll find the team is ready to support you.

To John, Stacy

Subject: Product Requirements and Test Cases for updated relaxation/detox vacations.

Hi John (PO) and Stacy (Tester),  
  
 John, I am wondering what order they want the list sorted in. Did they say they wanted to sort by commission or most purchased? Also were there any buzz words they wanted to use for branding? Anything else I should know about for styling and marketing stake?

Stracy, I didn’t see any mention of testing requirements for this revision so I’m not sure what you need. Please let me know if I’m off the hook or send me a list and I’ll add it to my to dos.

P.S. Food trucks for lunch? Taco Tuesday!  
Thanks,  
Matthew Dunfee