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Communication practices can create openness and transparency in a Scrum Team. One practice “Information Radiator” uses a burndown chart to show the Scrum team the amount of work left versus the time left. This also helps the team track the progress and make any adjustments. Another practice “Scrum events” include daily stand-ups, sprint reviews and sprint retrospectives. Daily stand-ups are brief daily meetings that allow the team members to share what was done the day before, what they plan on doing that day, and any obstacles that may be slowing them down. Sprint reviews are conducted at the end of each sprint, with the team presenting their completed work to the stakeholders, allowing for the stakeholders to provide any feedback for future work. Sprint retrospectives is an event, allowing the team to reflect on the sprint, what went well, and what didn’t. The last practice “Backlog Grooming” is where the product backlog is regularly updated, helping the team understand the priorities and requirements.

An example from the SNHU Travel assignments with communication practices that were particularly effective include backlog refinement, and scrum meetings. Backlog refinement was effective as when the product owner wanted to change the focused topic, we would just change that information in the backlog, and sprints. The scrum meetings were also effective because it keeps the team up to date on what has changed throughout the project, instead of after the completion of the project which would lead to complications of massive reconstruction.

Agile project-management tools such as JIRA can help coordinate and increase efficiency within the team. It allows the team to create, track, and manage tasks and issues throughout the project. Each task is then assigned to team members, becoming prioritized based on the needs and tracking of the progress. JIRA also supports sprint planning, allowing teams to create and manage any of the sprints. They offer built-in reports and dashboards that provide information on the team performance, sprint progress and the overall project goals. This provides stakeholders with the project progress. JIRA also works with various development and communication tools, such as Confluence for documentation and Slack for team communication. Overall, this tool can help Agile teams improve their coordination and achieve better outcomes within the projects.

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