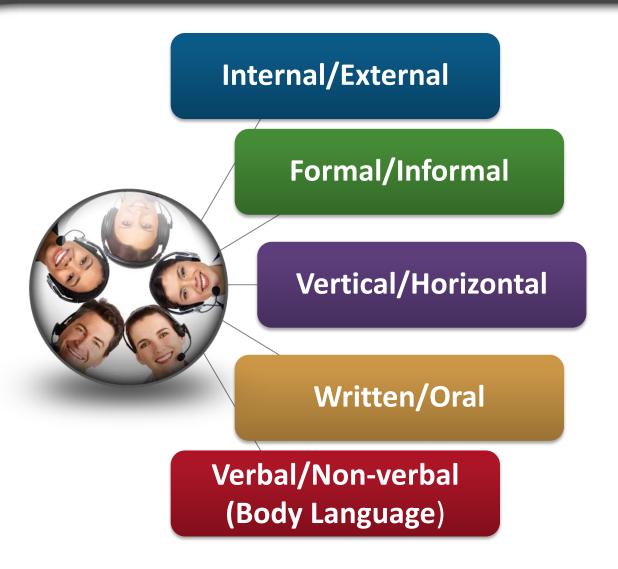
Project Management Topic 3.5 Communication Plan



Communications are Multi-dimensional





Common Communication Skills

Listening

Fact Finding

Questioning

Resolving Conflict

Educating

Summarizing/Recapping

Persuading

Identifying Next Steps

Negotiating

Setting & Managing Expectations



Oral Communication

- Body language and tone are important.
- Body language can be used by the listener to give feedback to the speaker.
- Body language can be positive or negative.
- Awareness of cultures and customs is important.
- One must not use offensive remarks.
- Oral communication should be straightforward.
- Timing of oral communication is important.

Most Communication is Nonverbal



Listening Skills

Barriers to Listening

- Pretending to listen
- Distractions
- Bias and closed-mindedness
- Impatience

Jumping to conclusions

Ways to Improve Listening

- Focus on the person talking
- Engage in active listening
- Ask questions
- Don't interrupt
 - Observe Body language



3.5.1 Simulation



Communication Conflict

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Written Communication

- Carried out through internal memos and external letters.
- An efficient way to communicate with a group.
- May be appropriate as a follow-up to a face-to-face conversation or phone call.
- Should be used mostly to inform, confirm, request, and document.
- Should be clear and concise.
- As the document length increases the number of people reading it decreases.



Stakeholder Identification Involves

- Identifying people impacted by project
- Documenting their interests and involvement
- Determining their level and authority
- Assessing influence on project and deliverables
- Determining their impact on the project



Stakeholder Analysis 3-Step Process

- 1. Identify stakeholders
 - Stakeholder Register
- 2. Classify based on impact to project
 - Power/Interest Grid Tool
 - Influence/Impact Grid Tool
- 3. Build communication plan to enhance, support and mitigate negatives
 - Stakeholder Analysis Matrix



Communication Plan Elements

Owner Responsible for the communication Who Participants involved What Purpose When Frequency How Method & media



3.5.2 Team Exercise



Communication Elements/Examples

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