



PROLIFIC SUPERHERO TEAMS LIKE THE AVENGERS AND THE X-MEN WERE INCREDIBLY PRODUCTIVE THWARTERS OF EVIL, COMBINING A GAMUT OF SPECIALTY POWERS FOR A VIRTUALLY UNSTOPPABLE FINAL PRODUCT. IT TEAMS THAT SIMILARLY WEAVE THEIR INDIVIDUAL SKILLS INTO A POWERFUL PATCHWORK WILL POSSESS THE SAME ENERGY AND SUPPORT TO FUEL NEXT-LEVEL OUTCOMES.

Applying Team Dynamics to IT

One common problem I see in the workplace is technical professionals want to do their individual part and not collaborate with others ... those developers who don't care how Business Analysts (BAs) collect requirements and those BAs who aren't concerned with how the code works.

One need not be an expert on everything happening in the IT department, but there needs to be overlap so the final product is the result of collaboration from a cohesive team that embraces a common goal.

Relating to the surgery analogy, while the surgeon focused on opening the patient's chest, the Perfusionist monitored the patient's breathing and a nurse extracted a vein from the patient's leg for grafting; all individual activities that were occurring in unison to achieve a strategic final product – saving the patient's life.

This is very much in line with the Agile approach to project management.

Far too often we work in sequence when it is not necessary. If the doctor waited for the nurse to finish her part (which in no way hindered the doctor's work) then the process would have taken far longer and potentially been less effective.

Bottom Line: With the complexities and pace of the modern IT landscape, technical professionals need to be more nimble and aware than ever. As a result, open communication and cooperation between technical teams are at a premium.

In the healthcare industry, many patient metric attributes can change at any given time. In response, we work closely with the business line to make our code more flexible, enabling us to test a metric, change it and test again while getting feedback continuously from the other end.

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