

# Improv(e) Collaboration in Your Agile Teams

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# Agenda

Why is this important?

Improv and agile

Skills for effective collaboration

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# About Me

- 01 | Improvising since 2002
- 02 | In business since 2006
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# What does improv have to do with agile?

## **agile**

individuals and interactions

customer collaboration

responding to change

## **improv**

building strong relationships

working as a group

accepting what is thrown at you



# Why are we chatting about collaboration?

1

75% of job success is based on soft skill mastery and only 25% on technical skills

*(Stanford Research Group)*

2

Building these skills may lead to a 49% increase in productivity

*(Hay Group, Korn Ferry)*

3

Developing these skills may be the difference between average and high performance

*(Goleman, Harvard Business Review)*

# Skills for effective collaboration

**Active listening** for understanding and support

**Creating a safe space** to experiment and iterate

**Flexibility and focus** to achieve your team's goal

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**Active Listening**

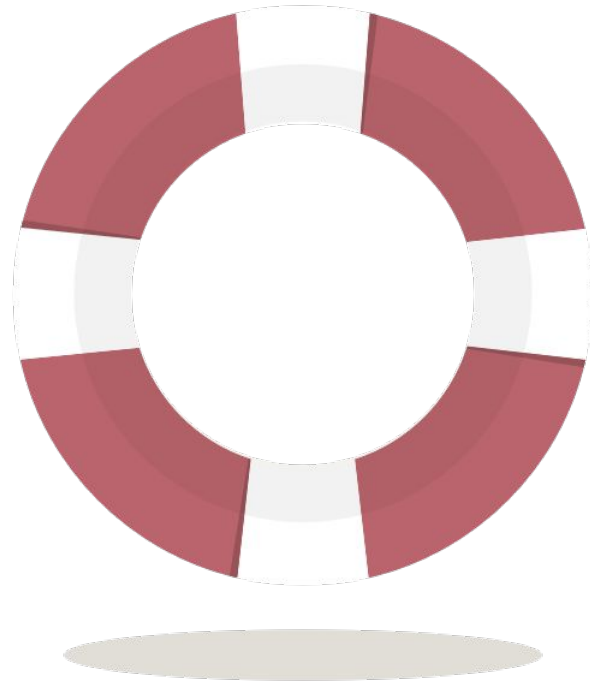
EXERCISE

# On our vacation



APPLICATION

# Active listening in your agile team



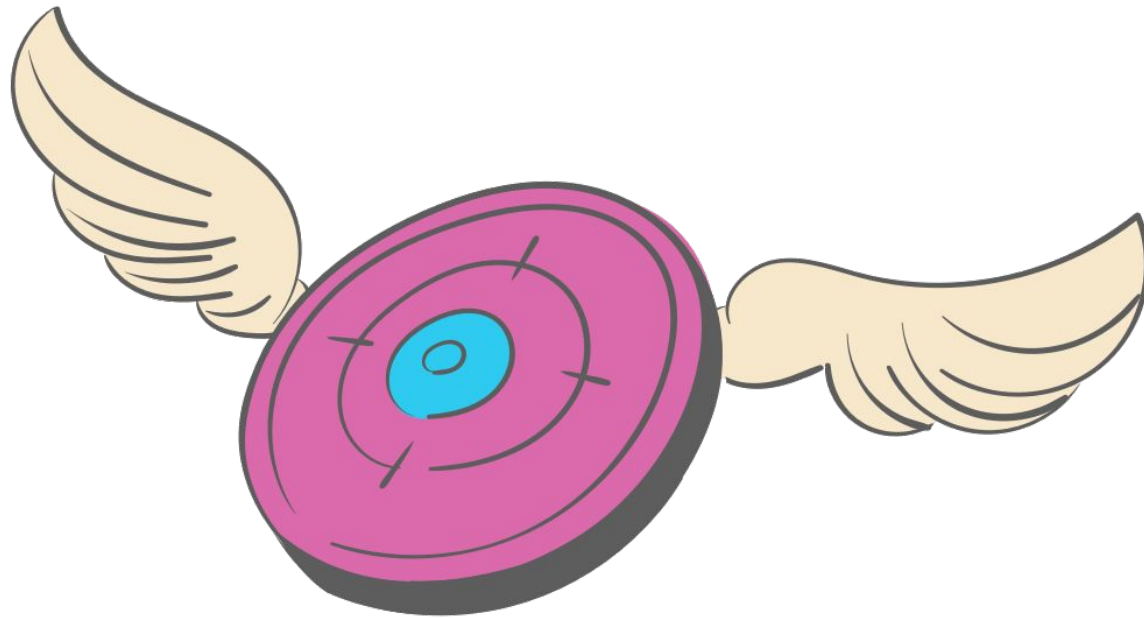
**Creating a safe space**

EXERCISE

# Superhero

APPLICATION

# How to create a safe space at work



## Flexibility and focus

EXERCISE

**ABC**

APPLICATION

# How to take this back to the office



# Thank you

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