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Work Styles Report

ENHANCING TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION IN ORGANIZATIONS

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HOW THIS REPORT CAN HELP YOU

The purpose of this report is to help you improve your working relationship. The report applies your results on the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator ® (MBTI®) instrument. The MBTI instrument is based on the theory of personality types described by Carl Jung and Isabel Briggs Myers and Katharine Briggs. This theory states that many of the valuable differences between people are a result of natural preferences that everyone has for different ways of perceiving, or taking in information, and for different ways of judging, or making decisions. If these natural differences can be understood and appreciated, working relationships can be improved.

Specifically, this report will help you

- Better understand how you communicate with each other
- Identify possible sources of misunderstanding
- Resolve or avoid communication conflicts
- Build on your combined strengths to develop a more productive working relationship

To make the most of this report, you should have already had an interpretation of the Myers-BriggsTM instrument by a qualified practitioner. You should also have verified your best-fit type.

So that you both have the same information, an identical report has been prepared for each of you. Thus this report contains not only your MBTI preferences but also those of your colleague. Please respect your colleague's right to confidentiality. Although you may decide to share your own type with others, never reveal your colleague's type to anyone. Only he or she can decide to whom and under what conditions to disclose that information.

This report, based on years of experience and research with the MBTI instrument, contains the following sections:

- The MBTI Dichotomies
- Your MBTI Type at Work
- Communication Style
- Information Gathering
- **Decision Making**
- Project Management
- **Next Steps**
- **Further Reading**



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THE MBTI DICHOTOMIES

The MBTI instrument contains four dichotomies, and each dichotomy has two choices, as shown by the letters below (E or I, S or N, T or F, and J or P). Your preferences and your colleague's preferences on these dichotomies affect how you work with each other and with other people.

WHERE DO YOU FOCUS YOUR ATTENTION AND ENERGY?



E EXTRAVERSION

The outer world of people or things



INTROVERSION

The inner world of ideas or impressions

HOW DO YOU PREFER TO TAKE IN INFORMATION?



Sensing

Focus on what is real to the five senses—facts and concrete data



N INTUITION

Focus on what is possible—hunches, patterns, and relationships

HOW DO YOU PREFER TO MAKE DECISIONS?



 $\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{THINKING}}$

Logical analysis based on cause and effect



FFEELING

Concern with values and how others may be affected

HOW DO YOU PREFER TO DEAL WITH THE OUTER WORLD?



JUDGING

Come to closure; make decisions; organize



Perceiving

Seek to understand; collect information; adapt

The table displays the 16 personality types that result from the combination of these four dichotomies. The four-letter types in large print are the types you confirmed as your best-fit types.

ISTJ	ISFJ	INFJ	INTJ
ISTP	ISFP	INFP	INTP
ESTP	ESFP	ENFP	ENTP
ESTJ	ESFJ	ENFJ	ENTJ



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YOUR MBTI TYPE AT WORK

Your personality type may affect how you do your work and what you consider important. Below is a description of your personality type in work environments.

The percentage of your MBTI type among managers is based on the MBTI results of 26,477 participants in programs at the Center for Creative Leadership.¹ The percentage of your type among the population is based on a national representative sample of 3,009 adult men and women in the United States.²

	Tito ENTJ EXTRAVERTED THINKING	Tammy ISFJ INTROVERTED SENSING
FREQUENCY	13.1% of managers1.8% of population	3.1% of managers13.8% of population
GENERAL DESCRIPTION	 Logical, decisive, objective, critical, assertive, visionary, ambitious Task oriented 	 Practical, precise, responsible, thorough, loyal, cooperative, sensitive Relationship oriented
PRIMARY MOTIVATOR	Opportunity to exercise organizational skills and leadership	Opportunity to provide personal service or tangible help to others
WORK STYLE	Manage people and tasksTake action	Set up effective proceduresAppreciate and support others
WORK ENVIRONMENT	CompetitiveAchievement oriented	 Quiet Cooperative
VALUES	Action, varietyAchievement, powerQuestioning established values	SpiritualityExperience, traditionHome and family
DEALING WITH CHANGE	 Must see how change fits into a vision for the future Need logical reasons for change 	 Must see change as in step with organization's traditions Must see the tangible benefits for people
POTENTIAL PROBLEMS	Push too hardFail to see impact on peopleFail to explicitly appreciate others	 Miss trends or changes in the environment Fail to assert own opinions Be judgmental

¹ Fleenor, J. (1997). The relationship between the MBTI and measures of personality and performance in management groups. Table 2. In C. Fitzgerald & L. K. Kirby (Eds.), *Developing Leaders* (pp. 115–138). Palo Alto, CA: Consulting Psychologists Press, Inc. Data are based on MBTI Form G results.

² Myers, I. B., McCaulley, M. H., Quenk, N. L., & Hammer, A. L. (1998). The MBTI manual: A guide to the development and use of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (3rd ed.). Table 14.1. Palo Alto, CA: Consulting Psychologists Press, Inc. Data are based on MBTI Form M results.



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COMMUNICATION STYLE

Communication style refers to how you prefer to communicate your ideas, opinions, or feelings to others. Your communication style is primarily influenced by your preference on the Extraversion–Introversion dichotomy of the MBTI instrument.

Your responses to the Myers-BriggsTM questions show that you have different preferences on the E–I dichotomy. You will therefore tend to have different communication styles.

Tito ENTJ PEOPLE WHO PREFER EXTRAVERSION MAY	Tammy ISFJ PEOPLE WHO PREFER INTROVERSION MAY
 Like to be around others to discuss whatever comes to mind 	Like to be alone to think, read, or do research
Discuss issues informally by dropping in a colleague's office or catching someone in the hall	Discuss important issues only after having had the necessary time to prepare their thoughts
Prefer to listen or talk rather than read	Prefer to write or read memos, rather than talk
Arrive at their best solutions through discussion	 Arrive at their best solutions by thinking things through on their own
 Not know what they think until they hear themselves say it 	 Not know what they think until they have time alone to ponder
 Need constant feedback from others as they discuss 	 Prefer to get feedback in writing or one- on-one
 Deal with conflict by attempting to find a solution that meets the goals of both parties 	Be reluctant to expend the energy necessary to discuss conflicts
 Seek a work environment full of energy, excitement, and external stimulation 	Seek a quiet work environment where they can concentrate and work without interruption
Move quickly in conversation from one topic to another without pausing	Pause or gaze off during conversations as they collect their thoughts
Want to include others in their decision-making process	Prefer to inform others of their decisions
Speak up frequently in meetings	Hesitate to speak up in meetings; they feel they are interrupting



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Potential Problems in Communication Style

Because of the natural differences in your communication styles you may misinterpret each other's behavior or unintentionally annoy each other. Check these lists to see if this might be happening.

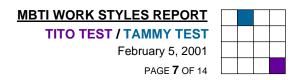
TITO, YOU MAY	TAMMY, YOU MAY		
Misinterpret your colleague's quiet approach as purposeful withholding of information	Feel overwhelmed with all of the facts or possibilities discussed by your colleague		
Be surprised when your colleague announces a decision	Assume that everyone knows what you are thinking		
 Not read your colleague's memo entirely (or at all) but rather take it as a signal that he/she is ready to discuss the issue 	 Be surprised when your colleague interprets your written communication as merely the beginning of the discussion 		
 Feel put off or rejected if your attempts at social conversation are ignored 	 Feel distracted by or anxious about social conversation, preferring to stick to the issue 		
Not respect your colleague's need for privacy	Not respect your colleague's need for contact		
 Respond to what you view as your colleague's withdrawal by increasing your attempts to contact him/her 	 Respond to attempts for increased contact by withdrawing further 		
 Push your colleague to make a decision before he/she has thought about the issue in depth 	 Resist attempts to hurry your decision by not being available 		

Joint Action Plan for Communication Style

Your differences can be valuable because you bring complementary strengths to communication. Together you have a useful balance between discussing (E) and reflecting (I). To capitalize on these differences, however, you need to understand and appreciate each other's style. The action steps below will help if you work on them together. Note which steps you agree to take and which steps need further discussion.

Agree L	Discuss	
		Negotiate how much time the Introvert will need and the Extravert will be able to wait before discussing the issues
		Allow the Introvert a period of uninterrupted "thinking space" (either a period of time or a physical space) to compose his/her thoughts; help the Extravert identify others with whom he/she can discuss ideas
		Decide how frequently you need to "check in" with each other so that the Introvert's ideas don't surprise the Extravert
		Discuss your preferences for written memos versus discussion
		Discuss how much social versus task-related talk is helpful or needed
		Decide what matters are best discussed by dropping by someone's office, versus what matters are best discussed in meetings





INFORMATION GATHERING

Your preference for gathering information determines both what kind of information you look for and what information you may be willing to trust as evidence. Your preference on the Sensing–Intuition dichotomy relates to how you prefer to gather information.

Your responses to the MBTI questions show that you have different preferences on the S–N dichotomy. You will tend to have different styles of gathering information.

Tito ENTJ PEOPLE WHO PREFER INTUITION MAY	Tammy ISFJ PEOPLE WHO PREFER SENSING MAY
 Have a motto of "We need to think out of the box" 	Have a motto of "If it ain't broke, don't fix it"
Generate many possible solutions	Collect and draw attention to relevant facts
Trust their hunches about what is possible	 Trust solutions that have already been proven
 Want to determine if this problem is related to other problems; they identify underlying issues 	 Take the problem at face value and focus on solving it; they don't look for problems elsewhere
 See standard policies and procedures as the cause of the problem 	 Consult policy manuals that outline how to proceed and who should be involved
 See constraints as challenges to work around or even ignore 	 See solutions as needing to conform to existing constraints
Be unwilling to fight all the small battles necessary to get new ideas adopted	See implementation as part of problem solving
Be good at questioning basic assumptions	 Be good at questioning new ideas to expose their flaws
 Focus on whatever aspect of the problem catches their attention 	 Prefer to deal with problems in a step-by-step manner



Potential Problems in Information Gathering

Because of the natural differences in your information gathering styles you may misinterpret each other's behavior or unintentionally annoy each other. Check these lists to see if this might be happening.

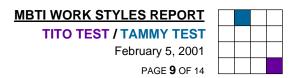
TITO, YOU MAY	TAMMY, YOU MAY			
 Believe that your colleague is ignoring fantastic opportunities 	Believe that your colleague is ignoring key facts			
 Get caught up in generating possibilities for their	 Immediately shoot down new ideas as unrealistic			
own sake because you enjoy the process	or impossible			
 Focus so much on the big picture that you don't	 Ignore the big picture while pushing to solve the			
deal with the immediate concrete problem	immediate problem			
Feel constrained when your colleague tries to	Feel anxious when your colleague ignores			
follow standard operating procedures	standard policies and procedures			
Believe that your colleague is not willing to	View your colleague as impractical and wanting to			
change or is mired in the past	take unnecessary risks			
 Irritate your colleague by quickly jumping around	 Irritate your colleague by repeating facts or			
from topic to topic, seemingly at random	instructions or by talking slowly and carefully			

Joint Action Plan for Information Gathering

Your differences can be valuable because you bring complementary strengths to information gathering. Together you have a useful balance between looking at the facts of the immediate problem (S) and seeing the big picture (N). To maximize the benefit of these differences, however, you need to understand and appreciate each other's style. The action steps below will help if you work on them together. Note which steps you agree to take and which steps need further discussion.

Agree D	iscuss	
		When problem solving, rank possible solutions based on costs and benefits
		Work together to determine the cost of missing out on an opportunity
		Identify which facts can be used to help make new ideas more feasible
		Set aside a specific time to determine together whether the current problem is a symptom of a larger one
		Identify what impact new ideas will have on day-to-day operations
		Identify how new ideas may need to be modified to be achievable
		Identify current constraints (e.g., resources)
		If new products or ideas are proposed, determine which old ones must be given up to fit current constraints or decide to relax the constraints





DECISION MAKING

Decision-making style refers to how you go about making a decision, forming an opinion, or settling an issue. Your preference on the Thinking–Feeling dichotomy likely affects how you prefer to make decisions.

Your responses to the MBTI questions show that you have different preferences on the T–F dichotomy. You will therefore tend to have different styles of decision making.

Tito ENTJ PEOPLE WHO PREFER THINKING MAY	Tammy ISFJ PEOPLE WHO PREFER FEELING MAY
Form opinions after a logical analysis of the problem	 Form opinions after considering their own or others' values
 Seek to understand assumptions and identify consequences that logically follow 	 Seek to understand the positions or opinions of others
Strive to be objective	 Strive to understand issues from the other person's perspective
Expect others to present arguments that build to clear conclusions	 Expect others to express how they feel about the problem
See argument as a good way to bring issues out in the open	Think that arguing is always counterproductive
 Ask tough questions to uncover inconsistencies that must be resolved 	 Ask gentle or clarifying questions to uncover what matters to others
Strive to treat everyone fairly, which means equally	 Strive to treat everyone fairly, which means according to his or her particular needs
Consider how decisions will affect the bottom line	 Consider how decisions affect morale, commitment, and enthusiasm
 Be assertive and competitive so that the "best" idea wins 	Try to achieve consensus, which will yield the "best" solution
 Exercise authority in determining how the decision will be implemented 	 Consider how to get buy-in from those who will implement the decision



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Potential Problems in Decision Making

Because of the natural differences in your decision-making styles you may misinterpret each other's behavior or unintentionally annoy each other. Check these lists to see if this might be happening.

TITO, YOU MAY	TAMMY, YOU MAY		
Focus so much on the bottom line that you ignore the people involved	Focus so much on making everyone happy that you miss the impact on the bottom line		
 Fail to listen to your colleague because your focus is on supporting your own position 	 Fail to present objective evidence to back up your position 		
 Annoy your colleague by trying to pin him/her down 	 Annoy your colleague by checking with others before stating an opinion 		
Ask questions in ways that are perceived by your colleague as attacks	 Withhold information when you are being questioned 		
Be aggressive in stating your beliefs	Not be assertive about giving your opinion		
Fail to explicitly appreciate your colleague's contributions	 Believe your colleague is unappreciative of others' efforts 		
View continued disagreement as illogical	View continued disagreement as a lack of loyalty		

Joint Action Plan for Decision Making

Your differences can be valuable because you bring complementary strengths to decision making. Together you have a useful balance between logical analysis (T) and concern for people's values (F). To capitalize on these differences, however, you need to understand and appreciate each other's style. The action steps below will help if you work on them together. Note which steps you agree to take and which steps need further discussion.

Agree D	iscuss	
		Agree on the goal that will satisfy the bottom line and the people involved
		Find ways to support your position with both logical arguments and an appeal to values
		Identify particular individuals who may be most affected by your decisions, discuss their possible reactions, and prepare contingency plans
		Look for common ground as a way to create win/win solutions
		Establish ground rules about what kind of competition, if any, would be fun or healthy
		Discuss with each other how you each like to be appreciated





PROJECT MANAGEMENT

People approach projects in different ways. Individuals can differ on how much structure they believe is necessary to manage a project through to completion, or on how much information they are willing to consider before making the decisions required to move the project forward. Your project-management style is based primarily on your preference on the Judging–Perceiving dichotomy of the MBTI instrument.

Your responses to the Myers-Briggs questions indicate that you have the same preference on the J–P dichotomy. Your project-management styles will therefore tend to be similar, although probably not exactly alike.



- Set clear, measurable goals
- Break large tasks down into subtasks and proceed methodically
- Develop a time line with milestones to monitor progress carefully
- Come to closure quickly and be reluctant to change decisions
- Like to work in a structured environment
- Believe that a recipe for success is "Plan the work, then work the plan"
- Be motivated by achievement
- Want to achieve results on one project and then move on
- Establish rules for who makes decisions when
- Trust their ability to organize the project to achieve the desired goal



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Potential Problems in Project Management

You have the same style of project management and may feel comfortable with this aspect of your work relationship. However, there are two possible sources of misunderstanding. First, the similarity itself can cause conflict with one another. Second, since you have the same preferences you also have the same blind spots, which can cause problems when working with a diverse team.

BECAUSE YOU BOTH PREFER J	UDGING, TITO	O AND TAMMY.	YOU MAY
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•	Confuse the plan with the project
•	Miss opportunities if you refuse to adapt to new information
•	Mistakenly assume that everyone is as motivated by deadlines as you are
•	Irritate others by continually reminding them of deadlines
•	Make decisions without all the information you need
•	Appear rigid to others
•	Limit creativity or spontaneity that could prove valuable
•	Set unrealistic time lines that don't account for human behavior

Joint Action Plan for Project Management

The suggested action steps below address both kinds of potential problems for people with the same preferences: (1) problems with each other due to the similarity itself and (2) problems dealing with others due to having the same blind spots. It is important that you work on these issues together. Note which steps you agree to take and which steps need further discussion.

Agree	Discuss	
		Realize that a clear plan doesn't ensure that everything will get done
		Stay open to changing the plan as more information becomes available
		Find out what motivates others (e.g., autonomy, opportunity for learning) other than achievement or deadlines
		Ask others how often and how they like to be reminded of deadlines
		Develop ways to regularly scan the environment for new information or consult with someone who does this naturally (e.g., marketing or sales staff)
		Allow people to work in their own ways while still holding them accountable for the final product
		Plan for spontaneity; for example, set a time period for brainstorming and then let the process emerge
		Early in the process, seek feedback on the feasibility of time lines



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NEXT STEPS

Agree Discuss

Tito reports preferences for ENTJ, and Tammy reports preferences for ISFJ. Differences can be individual learning opportunities, enabling each person to develop new behaviors. Similarities can provide the common ground that will make addressing differences easier.

Understanding the differences and similarities in your work styles is only the first step in improving your work relationship. To build a more productive relationship you need to take direct action. These steps may help you translate your understanding into specific behaviors. Mark the steps below that you both agree to take and mark the steps that need further discussion.

	Commit to making a mutual effort to improve your working relationship.
	Agree to meet periodically to discuss your similarities and differences and how your working relationship might be improved further.
	Read your own type description on page 4 of this report. Discuss with your colleague which points you think do and do not describe you; give examples.
	Read your colleague's type description on page 4 of this report. Ask for clarification about any parts of the description that you do not understand.
	Review pages 5–12 for the preferences on which you and your colleague differ. On those preferences that differ, give examples of your own style and ask for clarification of anything that you do not understand about your colleague's style. Do not rush this discussion.
	To gain a more in-depth awareness of how your type affects your work style through an understanding of type dynamics, read <i>Introduction to Type® Dynamics and Development</i> and <i>In the Grip</i> (see the next page).
	Agree on one or two areas in which your communication most needs improvement. Prepare a development plan for those areas. Once those areas have improved, move on to another area.
	Make sure you understand what the other person is saying by reflecting it back and asking for confirmation. Do not assume that you know what the person means, even if he or she uses the same words that you use.
	Think of your colleague's strengths rather than dwelling on weaknesses.
	Type does not explain all aspects of your working relationship. There may be other issues that are not type related. If problems persist, ask a third party to facilitate a discussion of the sources of your conflict.
	Identify common ground in any preferences that you share. Recognizing your common ground will help you avoid focusing exclusively on differences.



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FURTHER READING

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