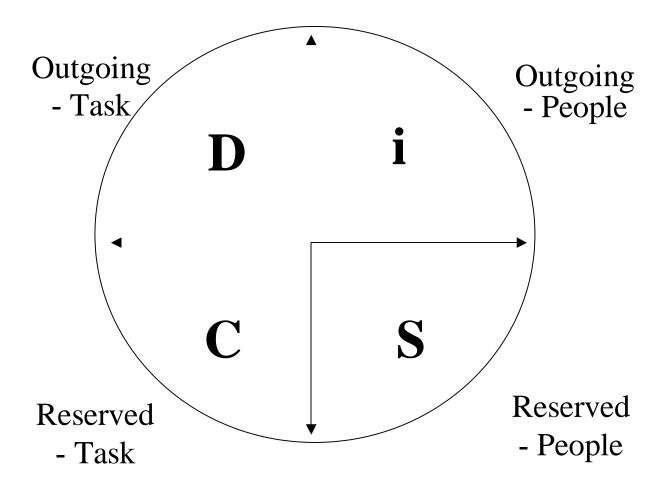


DiSC Personality Profile® Assessment

Model of Human Behavior





Personality Quotient - PQ

Technical Skill, beginning with intelligence and development through education and experience, accounts for only 15% of success in the workplace. The other 85% of workplace success comes from people skills!

Four Steps to Raising Your PQ

- 1. Understanding yourself through your personality style
- 2. Understanding another person through their personality style
- 3. Adapting your style to create better relationships
- 4. Building better teams through role and responsibility DYNAMICS!

D - Dominance

Direct & Task Oriented

Emphasize: Shaping the environment by overcoming opposition to accomplish results

Characteristics: Decisive, quick, competitive, results-oriented, risk-taker, assertive, self- assured,

adventuresome

Communication: Blunt

Tendencies: Generating ideas, getting immediate results, causing action, accepting challenges

Responsiveness: Short/quick answers

Motivated by: Power & authority, prestige & challenge, opportunity for individual accomplishments

"I know what I want, and I go after it."

"I like to take on new challenges in areas of interest that are a real 'test' to me."



i - Influencing

Direct & Relationship Oriented

Emphasize: Shaping the environment by influencing or persuading others

Characteristics: Sociable, enthusiastic, optimistic, generous, persuasive, friendly, confident, energetic

Communication: Expressive

Tendencies: Promoting ideas, contacting people making a favorable impression, open about personal

feelings & thoughts, have a need to be liked by others

Responsiveness: Talks freely

Motivated by: Social recognition, public recognition of ability, freedom of expression

"I make new friends easily, even with strangers."

"I really enjoy entertaining other people."

S - Steadiness

Indirect & Relationship Oriented

Emphasize: Cooperating with others to carry out the task

Characteristics: Amiable, easy going, patient, predictable, team player, loyal, deliberate, sensitive

Communication: Practical

Tendencies: Implementing ideas, performing in a consistent, predictable manner, developing specialized

skills, demonstrating patience, want fair and equitable situations for all involved

Responsiveness: Controlled

Motivated by: Status quo unless given reasons for change, predictable routines, credit for work

accomplished

"I prefer it when things go smoothly, especially when there is not a lot of change."

"I like the satisfaction I get from working together on projects, by being a part of a collective effort to achieve specific results."



C - Conscientiousness

Indirect & Task Oriented

Emphasize: Working conscientiously within existing circumstances to ensure quality and accuracy

Characteristics: Precise, systematic, reserved, analytical, cautious, perfectionist, diplomatic, discreet

Communication: Controlled

Tendencies: Makes certain key details are covered with new ideas concentrating on key details thinking analytically, weighting options

Responsiveness: Inexpressive

Motivated by: Clearly defined performance expectations, valuing quality and accuracy, reserved business-like atmosphere

"I have a need to do things more correctly since I'm uncomfortable making mistakes."

"I like situations where I have the freedom to concentrate on perfecting ideas and working on things that are important to me – without interruption."



Identifying Dimensions of Behavior

Behaviors	DiSC Dimension
Observed	of Behavior
Speaker #1	
Speaker #2	
Speaker #3	
Speaker #4	



Identifying Personality Styles

Dominance:

Verbal

- Speak in direct terms ("I need, You need")
- Make more statements & ask fewer questions
- Get down to business immediately, no small talk

Non-verbal

- Fast paced, firm handshake, stand very confidently
- Use little facial expression

Appearance

• Business like, functional

Influencing:

Verbal

- Tell you what they think & feel
- They are persuasive, use a lot of adjectives & descriptive words
- Talk about people and relationships

Non-verbal

- Fast paced, appear very confident, smile & nod their head
- Show much facial expression
- Stand close to you when talking

Appearance

• Fashionable, stylish

Steadiness:

Verbal

- Do not directly say what they want, use fillers
- Share their thoughts & feelings once they know you
- Prefer talking one-on-one or small groups vs. large groups

Non-verbal

- Slower paced
- Use facial expressions but not as animated as the Influencing
- More reserved until they get to know you

Appearance

• Casual, conforming

Cautious:

Verbal

- Do not directly say what they want
- Speak very accurately, use large vocabulary, no small talk

Non-verbal

- Slower paced
- Show little facial expression

Appearance

Formal, conservative



Working Successfully With a D



Keys for Relating to D Dimension of Behavior

Like others to be:

Direct, straightforward and open to their need for results

Try to:

- ► Make communication brief & to the point
- Respect their need for autonomy
- ► Be clear about rules & expectations
- Let them initiate
- ► Show your competence
- Stick to the topic
- ► Show independence
- ► Eliminate time wasters

Be prepared for:

- ► Blunt & demanding approach
- ► Lack of empathy
- ► *Lack of sensitivity*
- Little social interaction



Success Working With an i



Keys for Relating to i Dimension of Behavior

Like others to be:

Friendly, emotionally honest, recognize contributions

Try to:

- Approach them informally
- ► Be relaxed and sociable
- Let them verbalize thoughts & feelings
- ► Keep the conversation light
- Provide written details
- ► Give public recognition for individual accomplishments
- Use humor

Be prepared for:

- ► Attempts to persuade or influence others
- ► Need for the "lime light"
- Over-estimating self & others
- Over-selling ideas
- Vulnerability to perceived rejection



Working Successfully With an S



Keys for Relating to S Dimension of Behavior

Like others to be:

Relaxed, agreeable, cooperative and show appreciation

Try to:

- Be logical and systematic in your approach
- Provide a consistent and secure environment
- Let them know how things will be done
- Use sincere appreciation
- Show their importance to the organizational good
- Let then move slowly into change

Be prepared for:

- Friendly approach to colleagues and supervisors
- Resistance to change
- Difficulty prioritizing
- Difficulty with deadlines



Working Successfully With a C



Keys for Relating to C Dimension of Behavior

Like others to be:

Minimize socializing, give details, value accuracy

Try to:

- Give clear expectations & deadlines
- Show dependability
- Show loyalty
- Be tactful & emotionally reserved
- Allow precedent to be a guide
- Be precise & focused
- Value high standards

Be prepared for:

- Discomfort with ambiguity
- Resistance to vague or general information
- Desire to double check
- Little need to affiliate with other people



Strategies for Blending & Capitalizing

Dominance

Remember a High D May Want:

Authority, challenges, prestige, freedom, varied activities, growth assignments, "bottom line" approach, opportunity for advancement.

- ► *Provide* direct answers, be brief and to the point.
- ► Ask "what" questions, not how
- ► Stick to business, results they desire
- ► *Outline* possibilities for person to get results, solve problems, be in charge
- ► *Stress* logical benefits of featured ideas, approaches
- ► When in agreement, agree with facts and ideas rather than the person
- ► If timelines or sanctions exist, get these into the open as related to end results or objectives

Influence

Remember, a High i May Want:

Social recognition, popularity, people to talk to, freedom from control & detail, favorable working conditions, recognition of abilities, chance to motivate people, inclusion by others.

- ► *Provide* favorable, friendly environment
- ► *Provide* chance for them to verbalize about ideas, people and their intuition
- ► Offer them ideas for transferring talk into action
- ► *Provide* testimonials
- ► *Provide* time for stimulating, sociable activities
- ► *Provide* details in writing, but don't dwell on
- ► *Provide* a participative relationship
- ► *Provide* incentives for taking on tasks

Conscientiousness

Remember, a High C May Want:

Personal autonomy, opportunity for careful planning, exact job descriptions, precise expectations.

- ► *Take* time to prepare your case in advance
- ► *Provide* straight pros & cons of ideas
- ► *Support* ideas with accurate detail
- ► *Provide* exact job description with precise explanation of how it fits the big picture
- ► *Review* recommendations to them in a systematic and comprehensive manner
- ► *If* agreeing, be specific
- ► If disagreeing, disagree with the facts rather than the person
- ► Be prepared to provide explanations in a patient, persistent, diplomatic manner

Steadiness

Remember, a High S May Want:

Security of situation, time to adjust to change, appreciation, identification with group, limited territory, areas of specialization.

- ► *Provide* a sincere, personal and agreeable environment
- ► *Provide* a sincere interest in them as a person
- ► *Focus* on answers to "how" questions to provide them with clarification
- ► Be patient in drawing out their goals
- ► *Present* ideas or departures from current practices in a non-threatening manner; give them a chance to adjust
- ► *Clearly* define goals, roles or procedures and their place in the overall plan
- ► Provide personal assurances of follow-up support



Classical Profile Patterns

D (Dominance) Classical Patterns

D - Developer Pattern

Motivated by basically one drive, the Dominance need. "Full steam ahead!"

D/i -Result-Oriented Pattern

Motivated by a *Dominance* need and a lesser Influence need. "It's only the results that count."

I/D - Inspirational Pattern

Motivated by equally strong *Dominance* and *Influence* drives.

"I'm always here to help you!"

D/C - Creative Pattern

Motivated by a strong *Dominance* need and relatively equal Conscientiousness need. "Tell me your ideas; then I'll tell you mine."

i (Influence) Classical Patterns

i - Promoter Pattern

Motivated by the single *Influence* drive, "Hey! Isn't this fantastic?"

i/D - Persuader Pattern

Motivated by the *Influence* drive and a lesser drive for *Dominance*. "I'm going to work with you to make sure you get what you want."

i/S – Counselor Pattern

Motivated primarily by an *Influence* drive and a lesser drive for *Steadiness* "Everything's going to be just fine; I'm with you all the way."

i/C - Appraiser Pattern

Motivated by primary Influence drive and relatively equal Conscientiousness drive. "If we all work together and follow the plan, we can make it happen."

C(Conscientiousness) Classical Patterns

C - *Objective Thinker Pattern*

Motivated by basically one strong drive for Conscientiousness "Just the facts please."

C/S - Perfectionist Pattern

Motivated by a strong drive for Conscientiousness and an equally strong Steadiness drive.

"Let's take time to do it right the first time!"

C/i/S - Practitioner Pattern

Motivation by strong Conscientiousness drive, a secondary Influence drive and a third lesser Steadiness drive.

"Based on my experience, the most effective way to proceed would be..."

S (Steadiness) Classical Patterns

S - Specialist Pattern

Motivated by basically one strong drive for Steadiness. "We got the job done on time!"

S/i - Agent Pattern

Motivated by a strong *Steadiness* drive and a lesser Influence drive.

"Just tell me what you would like me to do."

S/D - Achiever Pattern

Motivated by a strong *Steadiness* drive and a lesser Dominance drive.

"It's my project. I want credit and I'll take the blame."

S/C/D - Investigator Pattern

Motivated by a strong Steadiness drive, secondary Conscientiousness drive and a third, lesser Dominance drive. "I'm determined to find out what's causing this."



Compatibility Chart

Key: S = Social InteractionTasks

1 = Best Possible W = Work

8 = Worst Possible

Styles	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
D-D			,	S	W			
D-i			S			W		
D-S	W					S		
D-C					1	V		S
i-i	S							W
i-S	W				S			
i-C			W				S	
S-S	S		W					
S-C	S	W						
C-C	S		W					



More About You

If you are a Dominance co-worker or team member, your strengths may include that you:

- ❖Can make a decision when no one else wants to
- ❖ Are not afraid to confront tough issues/situations
- ❖ Accept change as a personal challenge
- Keep the team focused and on task

Those you work with may see the following limitations:

- ❖ May come across as unapproachable
- Insensitive to others
- **❖** Impatience with others
- ❖ Try to get the team moving along before it is ready

You can be a more effective co-worker or team member by:

- ❖ Developing more patience
- ❖ Toning down your directness asking more questions
- ❖ Working on your approachability watch body language and offer more encouragement in conversation

If you are an Influence co-worker or team member, your strengths may include that you:

- ❖ Are always available for others give your time easily
- ❖ Are good at inspiring others
- ❖ Spread your enthusiasm and positive attitude to others
- ❖ Easily give positive feedback to those you work with

Those you work with may see the following limitations:

- Disorganized
- ❖ Superficial in your approach
- ❖ Lack of follow through

You can be a more effective co-worker or team member by:

- ❖ Listening more carefully to what people really need
- ❖ Becoming more organized
- Providing more detail



If you are a Conscientiousness co-worker or team member, your strengths may include that you are:

- **❖** Thorough
- Certain to follow standards accurately
- Conscientious
- **❖** Diplomatic
- **❖** Accurate

Those you work with may see the following limitations:

- Overly concerned with perfection
- **❖** Aloof
- ❖ Hampering creativity in others with your desire to stick to the rules

You can be a more effective co-worker or team member by:

- **❖** Better accepting differences
- ❖ Being more open and communicating more



As a "D" Co-Worker/Team Player
What "D" characteristics might prevent you from working effectively with others?
"D" characteristics that prevent the flow of ideas:
How can you improve?



As a "i" Co-Worker/Team Player

What "i" characteristics might prevent you from working effectively with others? "i" characteristics that prevent the flow of ideas: How can you improve?



As a "S" Co-Worker/Team Player

What "S" characteristics might prevent you from working effectively with others? "S" characteristics that prevent the flow of ideas:

How can you improve?



As a "C" Co-Worker/Team Player

What "C" characteristics might prevent you from working effectively with others? "C" characteristics that prevent the flow of ideas:

How can you improve?



"Be nice to people on your way up. You might need them on the way down."

-Jimmy Durante



NOTES: