

# From Data to Insights:



## What Every L&D Professional Should Know About the Value of Using Assessments

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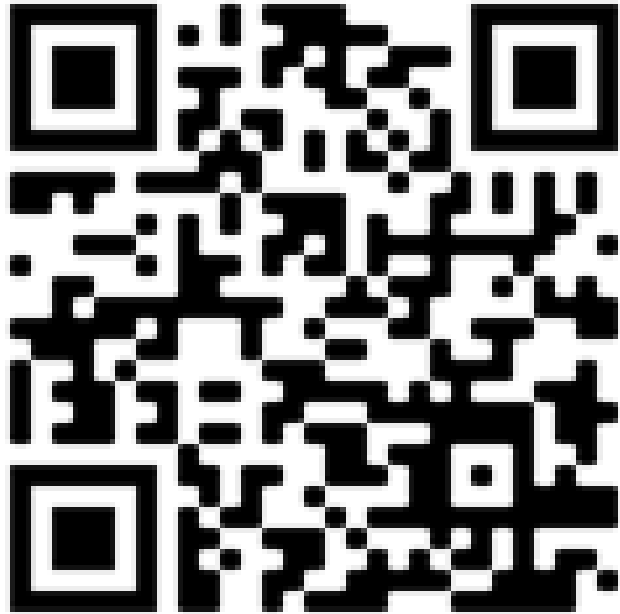


- Discuss various categories of professional workplace assessments
- Identify the appropriate use cases for different types of assessments and diagnostic tools
- Review sample assessment reports and the insights that can be gained
- Point you to a free assessment and resources you can immediately use and apply
- Provide you with the information you need to start selecting and using these powerful tools to accelerate individual and team development

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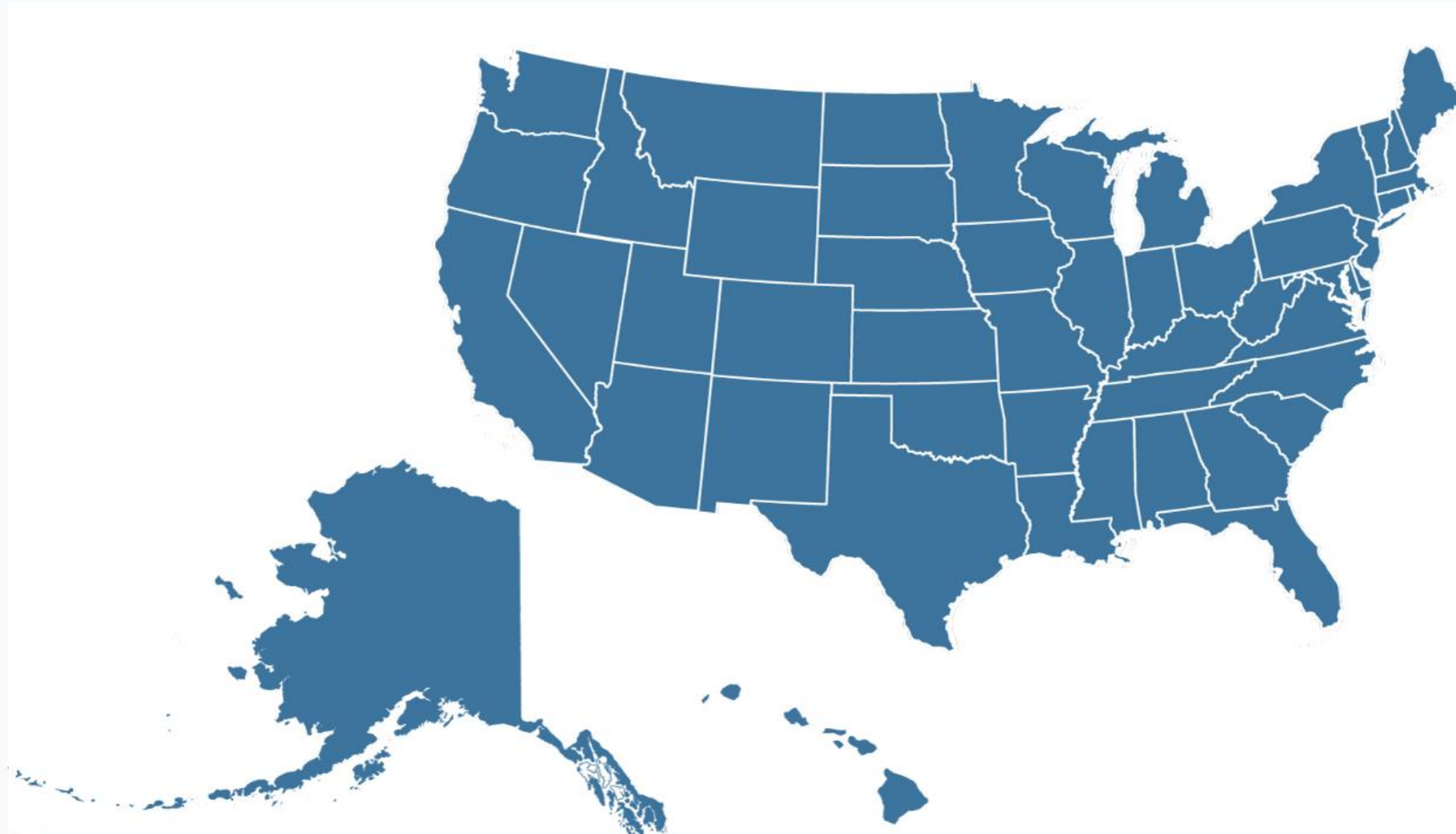
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## What are Psychometric Assessments/Diagnostics?

Scientifically-derived, evidence-based tools that provide metrics related to behaviors and psychological characteristics.



# Types of Assessments/Common Uses



## Individual Assessments

Candidate selection/hiring, work styles, communication preferences, 360's, specific competencies and capabilities, motivations, drivers, etc.



## Team Assessments

Work styles, specific competencies and capabilities, culture and dynamics, team effectiveness



## Organizational

Culture, engagement, effectiveness

# Assessments can be used to measure...

- Personality styles
- Communication styles & preferences
- Motivations
- Resilience factors
- Modes of thinking
- Competencies/capabilities
- And much more!





# What to consider when assessing assessments for your credit union talent development needs...

## Validity

- Does it provide an accurate measurement of X?
- Does it do what it says it does?

## Reliability

- Does it provide the same results over time?
- It is consistent?

# Benefits/Pros of Using Assessments as part of your L&D Toolbox

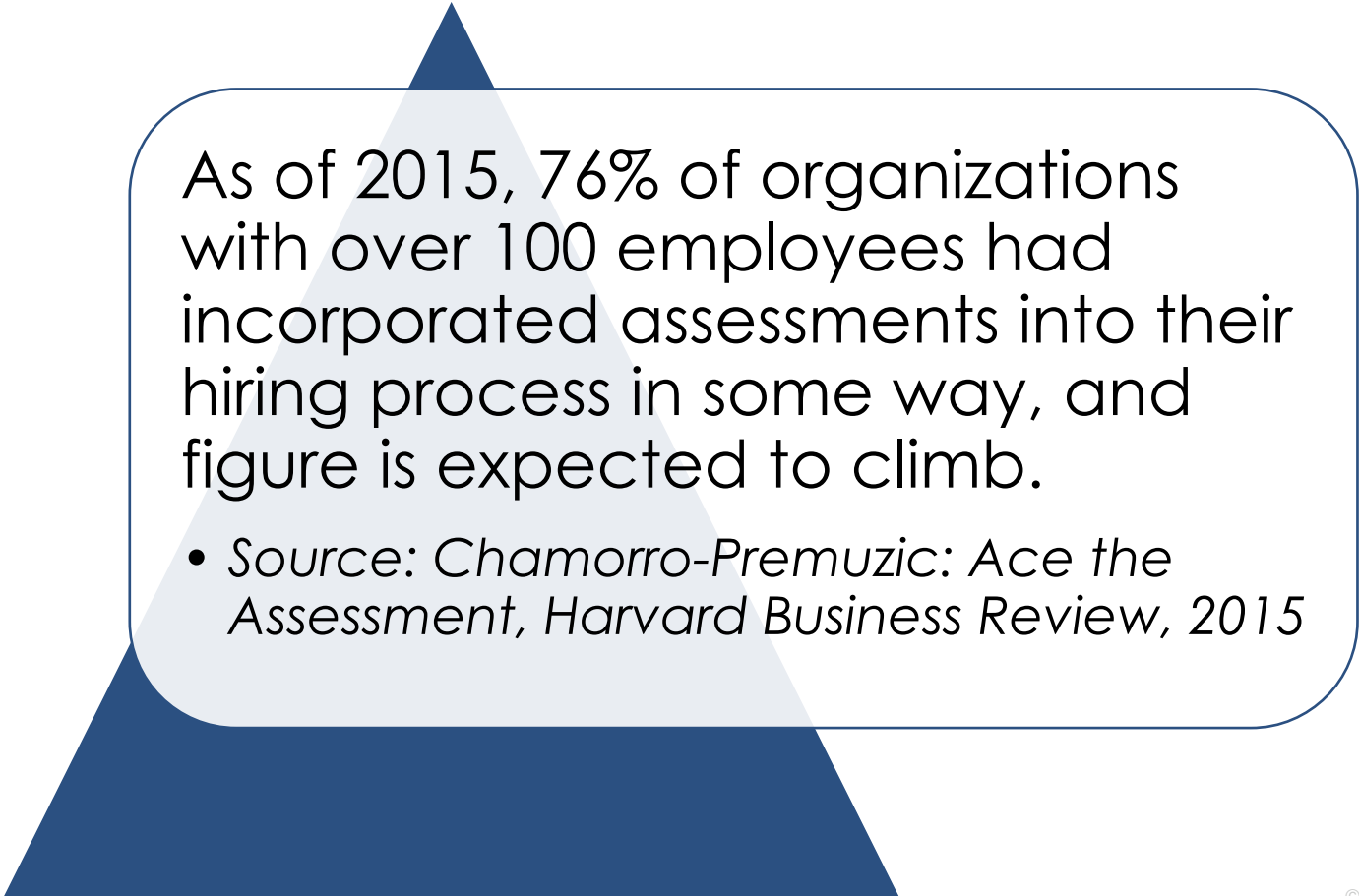
- Provides a framework to analyze/discuss individual, team, and organizational effectiveness
- Creates a set benchmarks for measuring and re-measuring individual, team, and organizational performance
- Mitigates subjectivity/bias and provides a common basis of measurement
- Drives a focus on measurable outcomes
- Allows actions and decision-making to be made around data vs. intuition
- Creates efficiencies via better targeted efforts and use of resources

# Example: Creating targeted leadership development strategy

Completion of leadership 360 assessments for all frontline leaders to identify key strengths and development opportunities. Results used to determine:

- Design of frontline leader development training program focused on key areas of needed competency and capabilities
- Individual development plans for frontline leaders tailored toward addressing their specific development opportunities
- Ability to re-measure to assess progress and evolve ongoing leadership development strategy

# Who is using assessments in the workplace?



As of 2015, 76% of organizations with over 100 employees had incorporated assessments into their hiring process in some way, and figure is expected to climb.

- Source: Chamorro-Premuzic: *Ace the Assessment*, Harvard Business Review, 2015

# Is your credit union using any assessments or diagnostics for individual or team development?

Yes **A**

No **B**





Putting together the right assessment  
toolbox for individual development

# Individual Assessments for Leadership & Professional Development



Styles:

DiSC, MBTI



360's:

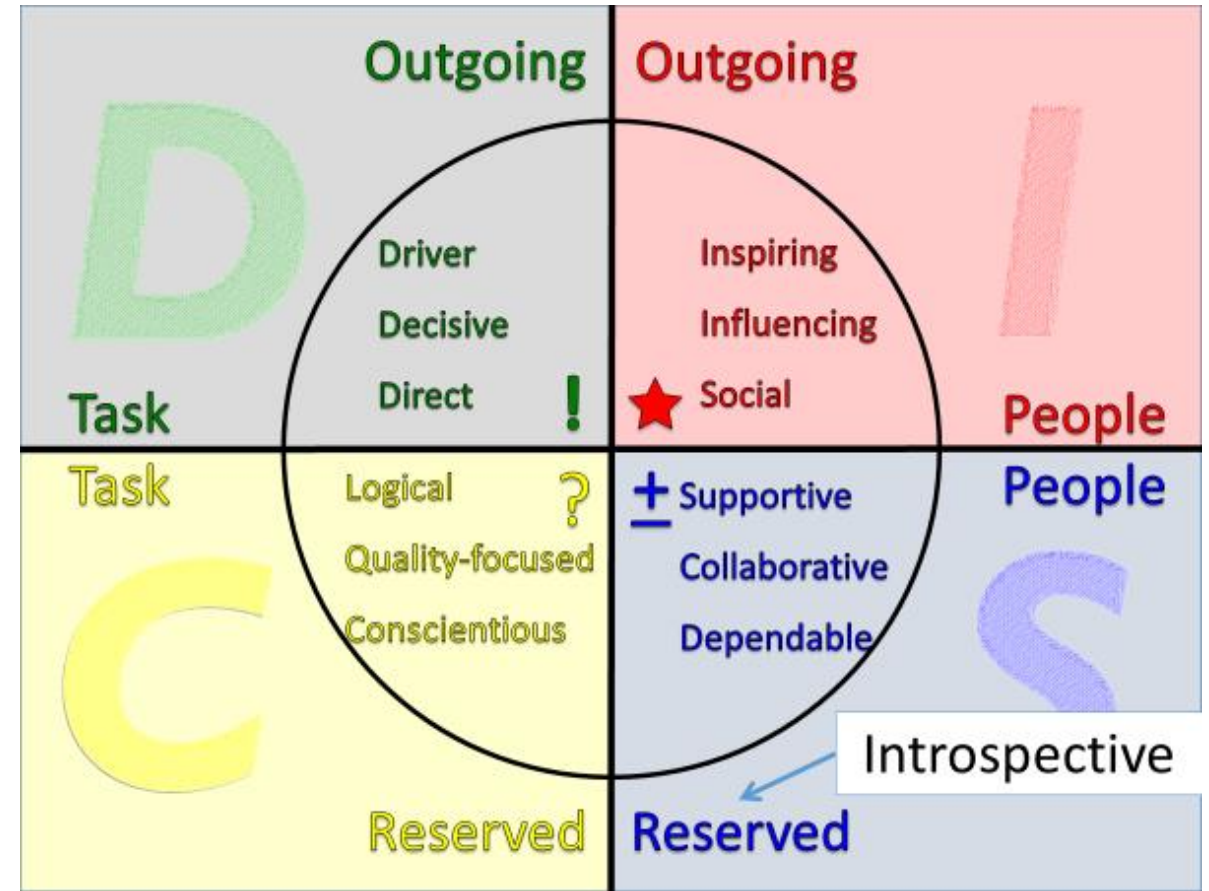
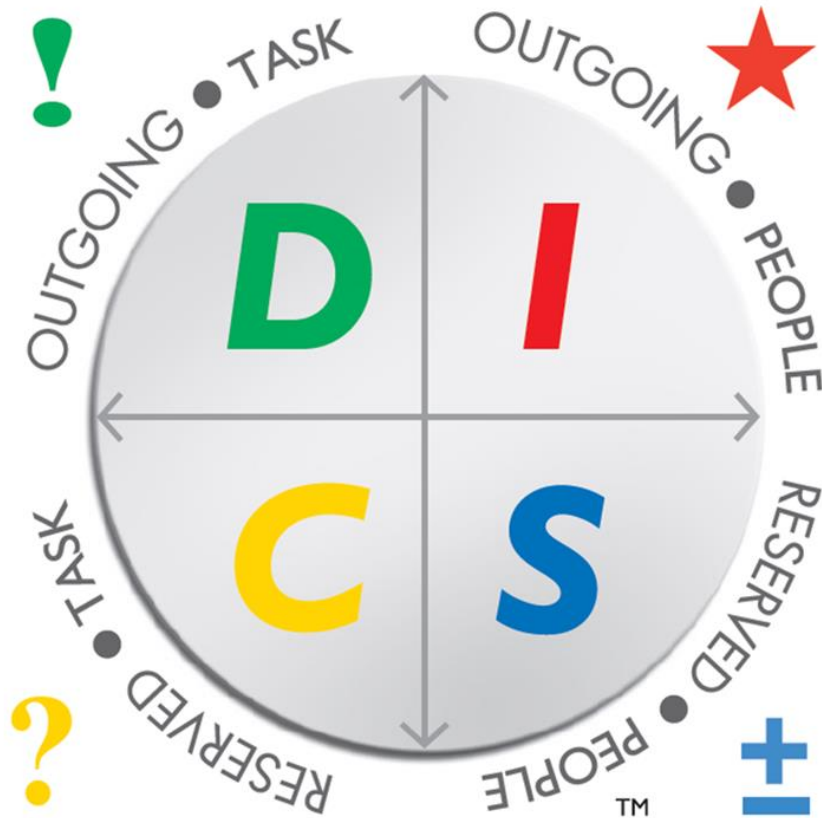
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Synergistics Manager Impact



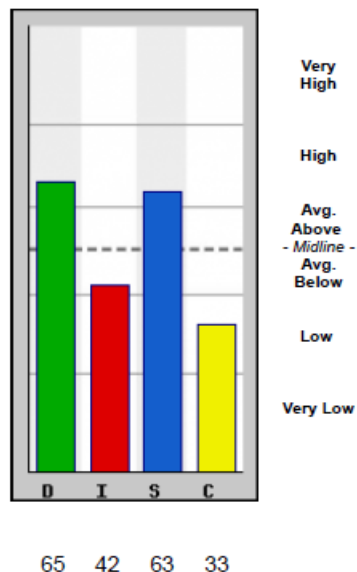
Specialized  
competencies/capabilities:

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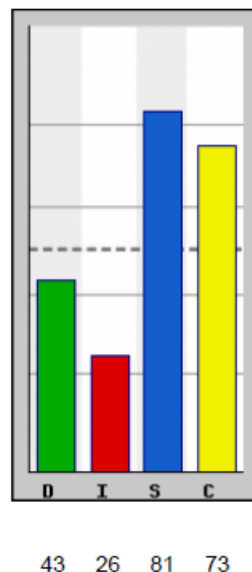
# Individual/Leadership Styles - DiSC



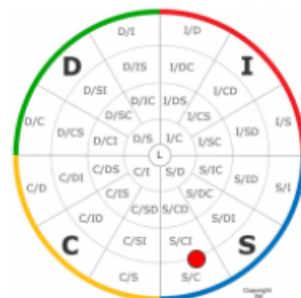
**Environment Graph**  
(How People See You)



**Basic Graph**  
(The Real You)



**Circle Graph**  
(Basic at-a-glance)



Blend = S/C

## Overview of Your Graphs

The bar graphs above show levels for your D, I, S and C personality traits. The higher the level of the trait, the stronger it is. The graph on the left is called Your Environment Graph which shows how people see you. It shows how you tend to act with other people in your environment. The graph in the center is called Your Basic Graph. This graph reflects how you see yourself. It shows how you are most comfortable acting (the real you). Your Basic Graph in the center was used to determine your personality blend as being S/C. The graph on the right is called your Circle Graph and is an at-a-glance view of your Basic Graph. Keep in mind that behavior in your environment is often different than your real personality preferences. This report can give you insights into the dynamics of your personality style. You may exhibit very different personality traits in different situations. That is normal. As you learn to see the patterns in your behavior, you will be able to interact more effectively with others.

## Ashley as a Team Member



### Ashley's Main Strength:

You are great at being consistent and supportive of others with sincerity, care and quality work.

**Main Motivation:** Deliberate, conservative pace in a specialized, supportive role

**Individual Talents and Gifts:** Dependable, loyal, specialized follow-through skills

**Value as a Team Member:** Excellent team player; finds agreement between opposing views

**Ideal Environment:** Specialized assignments; stability, predictability, no surprises

**Key to Motivate:** Time to adjust to change; written procedures; clear instructions in order to do their job right the first time; reassurance their work is being done correctly; predictable work environment with few surprises; appreciation for loyalty and long service

**Keys to Manage:** While working with others: S/C style blends need a feeling of belonging to a team; understanding tasks in logical sequence; detailed instructions for complex assignments; support in high risk decisions; ways to avoid feeling pressure when saying no

**How You Act Best Under Pressure (your perception):** Dependable; easygoing; kindhearted; thoughtful; warm; team player

**How Others May MISUNDERSTAND and MISREAD Your Actions Under Pressure (if they do not understand you):** Detached; inflexible; insensitive; stubborn; hesitant; holds grudges

**Things to be aware of (possible blind spots):** Taking ownership of his or her skills and understanding the significance of his or her contributions

**Complementary Personality Styles:** D, D/I, I/D, D/IC

# Myers Briggs Type Index (MBTI)



Your Myers-Briggs® Profile is designed to help you understand your results on the *Myers-Briggs Type Indicator*® (MBTI®) assessment. This assessment identifies which of 16 different personality types best describes you.

Your answers to the questions on the MBTI assessment show which preference in each of four pairs of opposites you favor. Your preferences are choices between equally valuable and useful qualities. Each preference is indicated by a letter.

Your Myers-Briggs personality type  
**ESTJ**

Your preferences  
**Extraversion | Sensing | Thinking | Judging**

## THE WAY YOU DIRECT AND RECEIVE ENERGY

### Extraversion

People who prefer Extraversion tend to direct their energy toward the outside world and get energized by interacting with people and taking action.



### Introversion

People who prefer Introversion tend to direct their energy toward their inner world and get energized by reflecting on their ideas and experiences.

## THE WAY YOU TAKE IN INFORMATION

### Sensing

People who prefer Sensing tend to take in information that is real and tangible. They focus mainly on what they perceive using the five senses.



### Intuition

People who prefer Intuition tend to take in information by seeing the big picture. They focus mainly on the patterns and interrelationships they perceive.

## THE WAY YOU DECIDE AND COME TO CONCLUSIONS

### Thinking

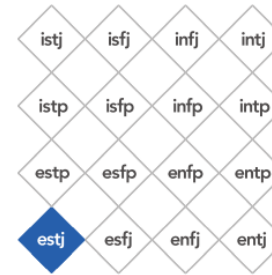
People who prefer Thinking typically base their decisions and conclusions on logic, with accuracy and objective truth the primary goals.



### Feeling

People who prefer Feeling typically base their decisions and conclusions on personal and social values, with understanding and harmony the primary goals.

## TYPE DESCRIPTION: ESTJ



Decisive, clear, assertive

Logical, analytical, objectively critical

Adept at organizing projects, procedures, and people

Value competence, efficiency, and results

Prefer proven systems and procedures

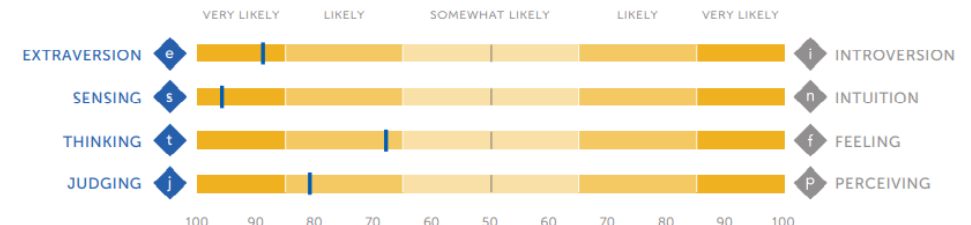
Focus on the present; apply past experience to deal with problems

Seen as conscientious, dependable, decisive, outspoken, self-confident

Some of these descriptors may not fit you because you are a unique person. Although most ESTJs have personality attributes in common, there are still plenty of individual differences among people who share the same four-letter type.

Your MBTI responses indicate not only your preferences, but also the probability that your reported preferences really do fit you. The graph below shows the probability index for each of your preferences. The closer the blue marker is to a preference, the greater the probability that the preference describes you well. The probability index does not measure how much of a preference you have or how well you use that preference. It simply shows how likely it is that the preference you reported is accurate for you.

## PROBABILITY INDEX FOR EACH OF YOUR MBTI® PREFERENCES



PROBABILITY:    EXTRAVERSION | 89    SENSING | 96    THINKING | 68    JUDGING | 81

Each of the Myers-Briggs types is characterized by its own interests, values, and unique gifts. Although each individual





## Applying Step II™ Results to Communicating

All aspects of your type influence how you communicate, especially as part of a team. Eleven of the facets may be particularly relevant to communication. Your preferences for these facets along with tips for better communication appear below. Focus on those that are accurate and meaningful to you.

In addition to the tips in the table, keep in mind that communication for every type includes

- Telling others what kind of information you need.
- Asking others what they need.
- Monitoring your impatience when other styles dominate.
- Realizing that others likely are not trying to annoy you when they use their own communication styles.

YOUR FACET RESULT	COMMUNICATION STYLE	ENHANCING YOUR STYLE
Initiating–Receiving midzone	Are willing to introduce people to one another if no one else is doing so.	Be sensitive to the situation when deciding whether to make those introductions or not.
Expressive	Say what is on your mind to those present.	Recognize when it's important <i>not</i> to say what's on your mind and then don't say it.
Gregarious–Intimate midzone	How much you participate depends on how much group interaction you've already had.	When you know that you'll need to be in a large group, try to have fewer interactions overall that day.
Active	Like to communicate and interact with others face-to-face.	Recognize when face-to-face communication may be intrusive or unnecessary.
Enthusiastic	Readily show enthusiasm for the subject at hand.	Be careful not to overwhelm and override others; make sure you ask for input.
Concrete–Abstract midzone	Talk about <i>some</i> of the facts and details as well as their meanings.	Be aware of when you are focusing on details and when on meanings and choose the focus that is better for the situation.
Logical–Empathetic midzone	May sometimes present in a straightforward manner; at other times, tactfully circle around the issue.	Decide which one is likely to be more effective in that situation.
Questioning–Accommodating	Ask some questions comfortably as long as you believe that this won't stop the discussion.	Choose carefully when you need to agree or when you need to ask questions.



# Individual Leadership 360 Assessments:

## What are they?

- Multi-rater assessments, i.e. ratings on various leadership competencies completed by self, peers, direct reports, supervisor/other senior leaders, etc.

## What are the specific benefits?

- Identify leadership strengths and development opportunities based on a defined set of leadership competencies
- Clearly see gaps in self-perception vs. perception of others
- Can be used for better targeted leadership development, i.e. IDP



# Individual/Leadership 360's – CCL Benchmarks for Managers

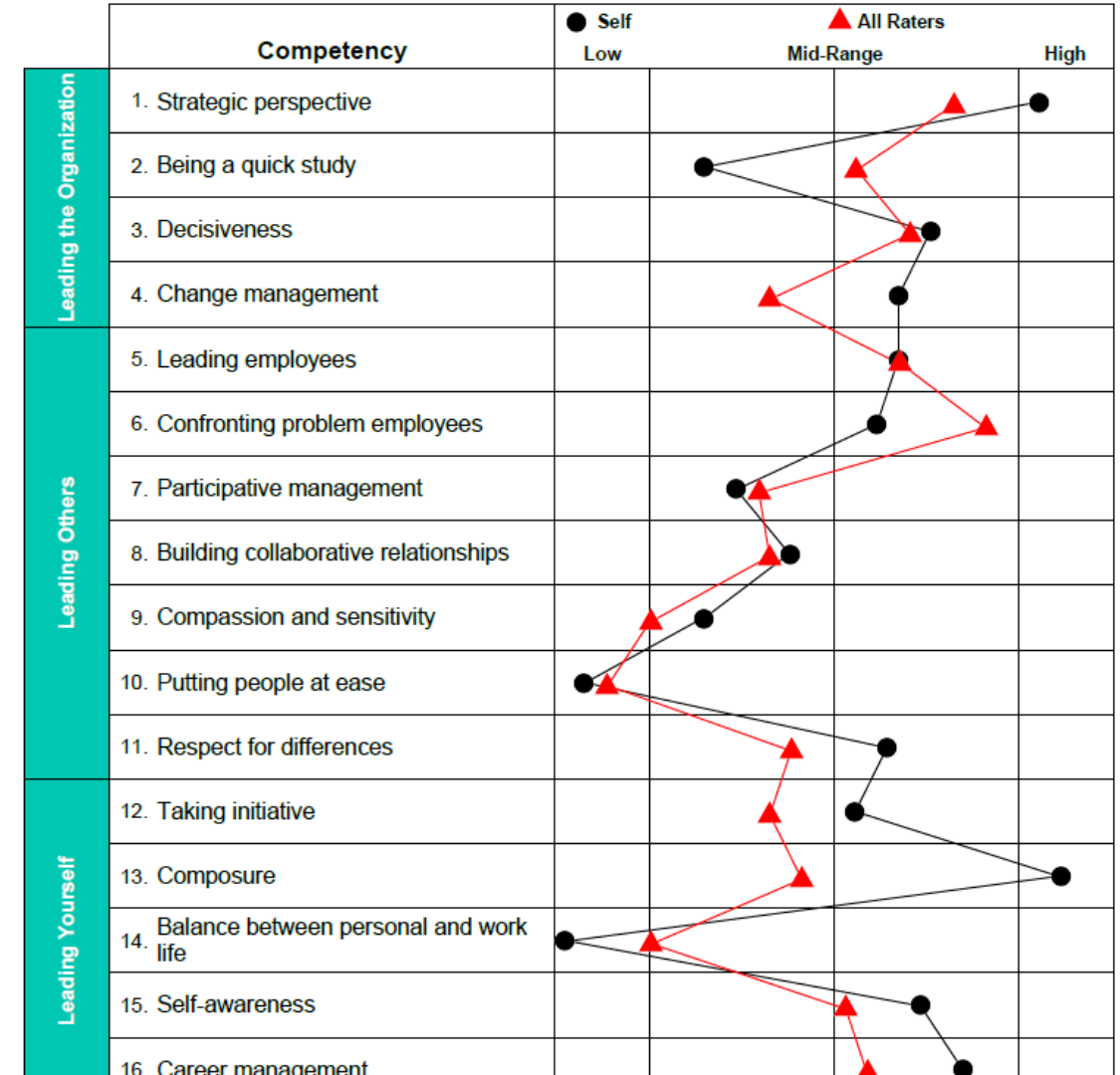
Pat Sample

## Norm Group Comparisons: Self and All Raters

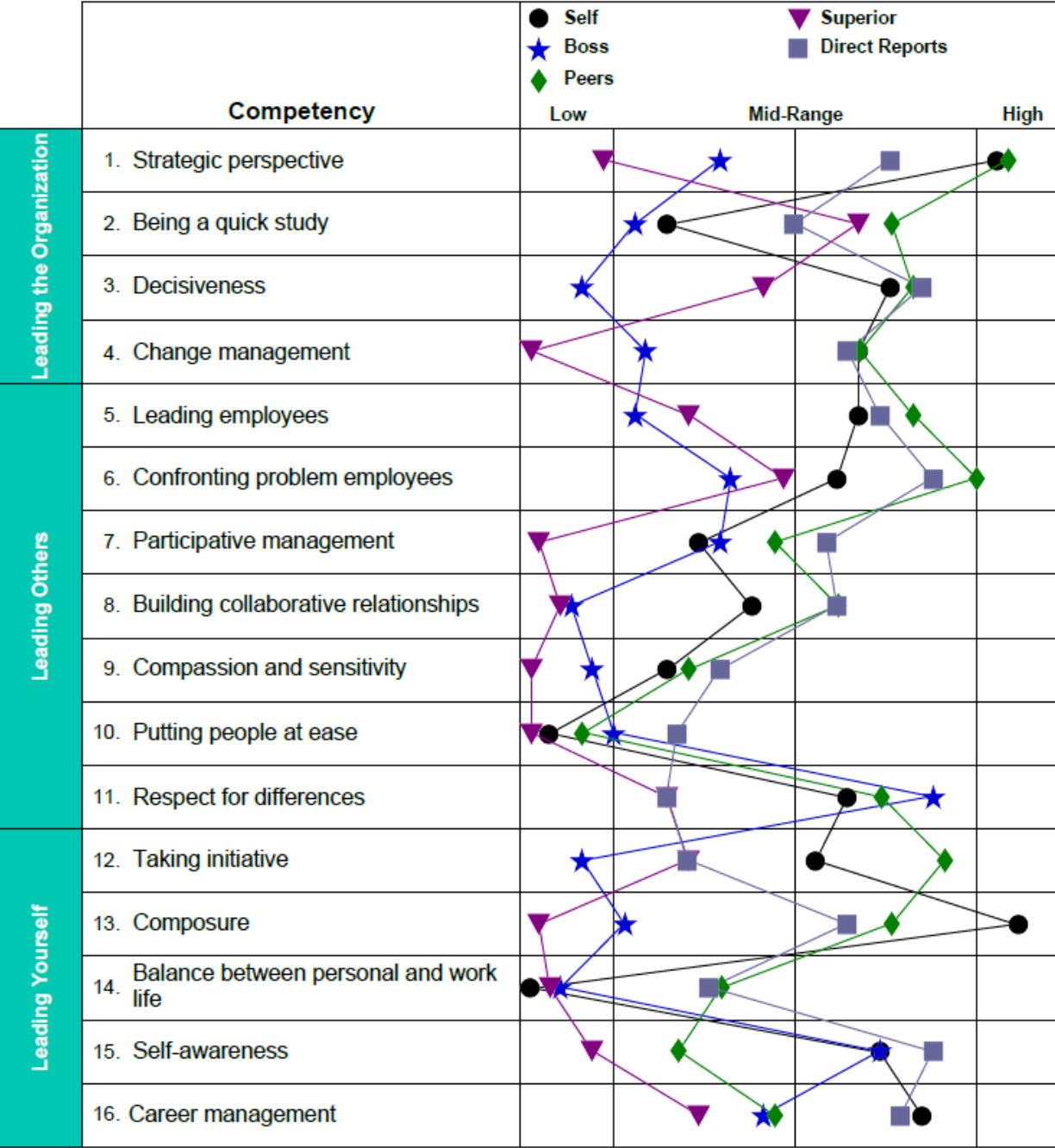
### Section 1: Leadership Competencies - Overview Charts

#### Importance for Success and Average Scores

	Competency	Importance for Success			Average Scores	
		All Raters	Boss	Self	All Raters	Self
Leading the Organization	1. Strategic perspective	8	1	1	4.00	3.63
	2. Being a quick study	4	1		3.65	2.67
	3. Decisiveness	6	1	1	3.96	4.00
	4. Change management	7	1		3.94	3.78
Leading Others	5. Leading employees	8	1	1	3.94	3.23
	6. Confronting problem employees	3	1		3.63	3.67
	7. Participative management	5		1	4.08	4.00
	8. Building collaborative relationships	7		1	3.97	3.71
	9. Compassion and sensitivity	4			4.06	3.17
	10. Putting people at ease	5			4.60	4.00
	11. Respect for differences	2	1		4.73	4.50
Leading Yourself	12. Taking initiative	4		1	3.90	3.80
	13. Composure	6		1	3.95	4.00
	14. Balance between personal and work life	5	1		4.48	4.67
	15. Self-awareness	3		1	4.03	3.50
	16. Career management	3			3.90	3.00



Norm Group Comparisons: By Rater Group



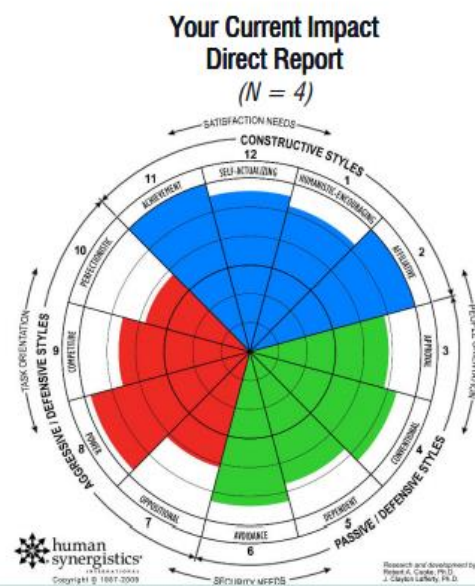
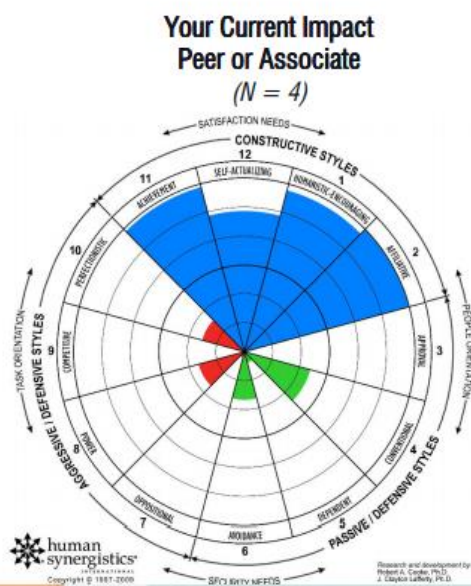
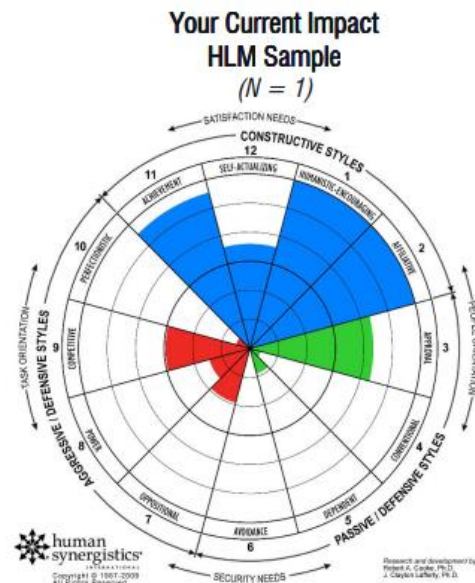
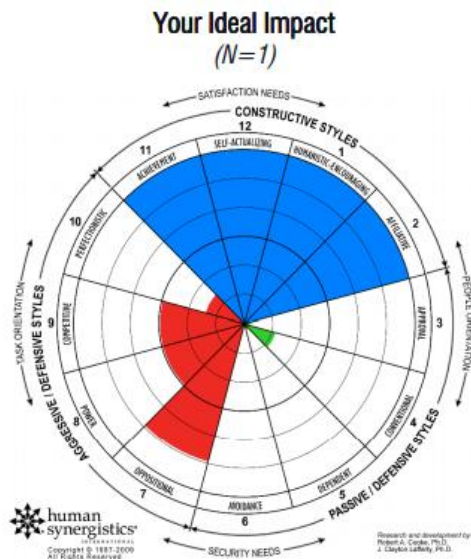
Section 1: Leadership Competencies - Comprehensive Data

5. Leading employees - Attracts, motivates, and develops employees.

	Importance	Scores	Low	Mid-Range	High
Self	1	4.08			●
All Raters	6	4.03			▲
Boss	1	3.46		★	
Superior		3.62		▼	
Peers		4.13			◆
Direct Reports		4.19			■
Others		--			

	Self	Boss	Superior	Peers	Direct Reports	Others
24. Is willing to delegate important tasks, not just things he/she doesn't want to do.	5.00	4.00	[4.00]	4.33	4.50	--
25. Provides prompt feedback, both positive and negative.	4.00	3.00	[4.00]	4.33	4.50	--
26. Pushes decision making to the lowest appropriate level and develops employees' confidence in their ability to make those decisions.	3.00	4.00	[4.00]	4.33	4.00	--
27. Acts fairly and does not play favorites.	4.00	4.00	[4.00]	4.67	4.00	--
28. Uses his/her knowledge base to broaden the range of problem-solving options for direct reports to take.	4.00	4.00	[4.00]	4.67	4.50	--
29. In implementing a change, explains, answers questions, and patiently listens to concerns.	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.33	4.00	--
30. Interacts with staff in a way that results in the staff feeling motivated.	4.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	3.25	--
31. Actively promotes his/her direct reports to senior management.	5.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.50	--
32. Develops employees by providing challenge and opportunity.	4.00	4.00	[4.00]	4.33	4.50	--
33. Sets a challenging climate to encourage individual growth.	5.00	3.00	[5.00]	4.00	4.00	--
34. Rewards hard work and dedication to excellence.	4.00	3.00	[4.00]	4.67	4.00	--
35. Surrounds him/herself with the best people.	4.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.50	--
36. Finds and attracts highly talented and productive	4.00	3.00	2.00	4.00	4.25	--

# Human Synergetics Leadership Styles Inventory



Extent to which you...	Your Current Impact	Your Ideal Impact	Gap
<b>Approval</b>			
expect people to "go along" with others	1.56	0.00	1.56
deter people from taking controversial or unpopular actions	1.11	0.00	1.11
encourage people to say what those around them <b>want</b> to hear (rather than what they <b>need</b> to hear)	0.67	0.00	0.67
lead people to rely on flattery and ingratiation to gain approval	0.44	0.00	0.44
make people feel they have to be accepted and part of the "in-group"	0.33	1.00	0.00
<b>Conventional</b>			
require people to strictly adhere to policies and standard operating procedures	3.00	2.00	1.00
cause people to focus on procedures rather than outcomes	2.00	1.00	1.00
require people to do things the way they've always been done	0.67	0.00	0.67
cause people to refer to rules and procedures to justify their actions	1.44	1.00	0.44
pressure people to accept the "status quo"	0.44	0.00	0.44
<b>Dependent</b>			
require people to follow orders, even if they have a better idea	1.22	0.00	1.22
expect people to simply do what they're told	1.11	0.00	1.11
prevent people from taking action until receiving all clearances and approvals	1.00	0.00	1.00
expect people to interrupt their work to respond to "shifting priorities" from above	1.78	1.00	0.78
require people to get permission before changing the way they spend their time	1.11	2.00	0.00
<b>Avoidance</b>			
lead people to withdraw from interpersonal conflicts and disagreements	2.22	0.00	2.22
discourage people from taking risks	1.33	0.00	1.33
cause people to stay away from difficult situations that could make them look bad	0.56	0.00	0.56
lead people to play it safe and wait for others to act first	0.44	0.00	0.44
make people feel apprehensive and insecure	0.33	1.00	0.00

# Have you ever experienced a 360 assessment as part of your professional development?

Yes

No

# Cautions/suggestions for using 360 assessments effectively :



CAN RESULT IN  
FEEDBACK THAT IS VERY  
DIFFICULT TO HEAR



SHOULD NOT BE USED IN  
PLACE OF  
PERFORMANCE  
FEEDBACK TO DELIVER  
"BAD NEWS"



SHOULD ONLY BE USED  
FOR DEVELOPMENTAL  
PURPOSES & DEBRIEFED  
BY EXPERIENCED 360  
ASSESSOR AND COACH



SHOULD BE A POSITIVE,  
SUPPORTIVE, AFFIRMING  
EXPERIENCE USED TO  
SUPPORT THE LEADER IN  
IDENTIFYING HOW TO  
LEVERAGE STRENGTHS  
AND ADDRESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES



CAN BE USED TO  
CREATE A TARGETED IDP  
(INDIVIDUAL  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN)



# Individual/Leadership Specialized Capabilities – EQi 2.0

## EQ-i 2.0 Model of Emotional Intelligence

### SELF-PERCEPTION

**Self-Regard** is respecting oneself while understanding and accepting one's strengths and weaknesses. Self-Regard is often associated with feelings of inner strength and self-confidence.

**Self-Actualization** is the willingness to persistently try to improve oneself and engage in the pursuit of personally relevant and meaningful objectives that lead to a rich and enjoyable life.

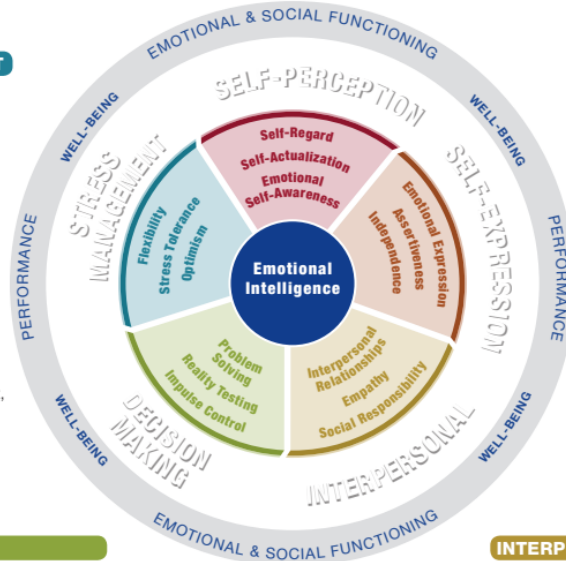
**Emotional Self-Awareness** includes recognizing and understanding one's own emotions. This includes the ability to differentiate between subtleties in one's own emotions while understanding the cause of these emotions and the impact they have on one's own thoughts and actions and those of others.

### STRESS MANAGEMENT

**Flexibility** is adapting emotions, thoughts and behaviors to unfamiliar, unpredictable, and dynamic circumstances or ideas.

**Stress Tolerance** involves coping with stressful or difficult situations and believing that one can manage or influence situations in a positive manner.

**Optimism** is an indicator of one's positive attitude and outlook on life. It involves remaining hopeful and resilient, despite occasional setbacks.



### SELF-EXPRESSION

**Emotional Expression** is openly expressing one's feelings verbally and non-verbally.

**Assertiveness** involves communicating feelings, beliefs and thoughts openly, and defending personal rights and values in a socially acceptable, non-offensive, and non-destructive manner.

**Independence** is the ability to be self directed and free from emotional dependency on others. Decision-making, planning, and daily tasks are completed autonomously.

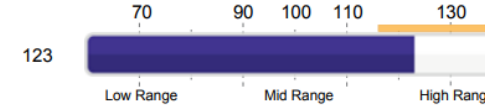
### INTERPERSONAL

**Interpersonal Relationships** refers to the skill of developing and maintaining mutually satisfying relationships that are characterized by trust and compassion.

### DECISION MAKING

**Problem Solving** is the ability to find solutions to problems in situations where emotions are involved. Problem solving includes the ability to understand

## Overview Total EI



## Self-Perception Composite

115

**Self-Regard**  
Respecting oneself; Confidence

113

**Self-Actualization**  
Pursuit of meaning; Self-improvement

114

**Emotional Self-Awareness**  
Understanding own emotions

111

## Self-Expression Composite

128

**Emotional Expression**  
Constructive expression of emotions

123

**Assertiveness**  
Communicating feelings, beliefs; Non-offensive

123

**Independence**  
Self-directed; Free from emotional dependency

119

## Interpersonal Composite

113

**Interpersonal Relationships**  
Mutually satisfying relationships

111

**Empathy**  
Understanding, appreciating how others feel

105

**Social Responsibility**  
Social consciousness; Helpful

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## Decision Making Composite

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**Problem Solving**  
Find solutions when emotions are involved

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**Reality Testing**  
Objective; See things as they really are

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# Emotional Self-Awareness

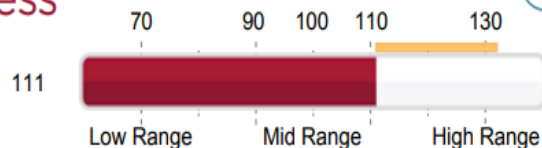
Understanding own emotions

## What Your Score Means

If you have a solid understanding of what brings about your emotions, it is much easier to regulate your behavior and control the impact your emotions have on employees in the organization. Ms. Sample, your result indicates that more than most people, you are conscious of your emotions and the impact they have on performance. You likely lead with composure and a full understanding of your impact on others. It is likely that you:

- Can choose a course of action based on a "gut feeling" in time-constrained situations.
- Generate respect, admiration, and honesty from employees because you are viewed as highly self-aware.
- Generally take time to contemplate instead of acting rashly, thereby considering your emotional response and those of others.

You scored well above average on Emotional Self-Awareness and fall within the leadership bar.



## Leadership Impact



Authenticity



Coaching

**Leadership Implications.** As a leader, you have a thorough grasp of your emotional triggers and reactions. This in-depth understanding helps fuel a streamlined decision-making process as you incorporate your emotions into your role as a leader. Knowing your emotional triggers and reactions, you are able to utilize this emotional knowledge to effectively navigate through challenging or difficult situations.

**Organizational Implications.** Your capacity to grasp subtle emotional nuances helps you take calculated risks that help the organization meet its strategic goals. This comfort with, and knowledge of, your emotional triggers and reactions allows you to lead with authenticity and a candid approach to help you gain credibility and buy-in with employees. You are able to manage tense and perhaps overwhelming situations with ease, and you are able to use and recognize your full spectrum of emotions.

## Strategies for Action

**Be a Role Model.** Through the steadfast control of your emotions, you can be innovative, successfully take risks, and gain the trust of your employees.

- The most prominent leaders have an aptitude for remaining composed in competitive situations and under mounting pressure and duress. Your ability to be aware of your emotions helps you to serve as a model of composure and ensures that employees feel secure and content to overcome any potential challenge.
- Give seminars/workshops or hire an expert to teach employees about understanding emotions and the impact of their emotions on others.

**Weigh the Evidence.** As you are highly adept at understanding your emotions, you may have a tendency to be overly reliant on your emotional barometer to make decisions. Be mindful to incorporate objective evidence.

- Intuition can only carry you so far. While a deal may feel right, data may not support the intended strategy. Be sure to seek counsel from colleagues, involve members of your team and emphasize facts to support your proposed course of action.

## Action Plan

The steps you take towards achieving your EI goals will determine whether or not success is realized. Use this step-by-step activity plan to help guide you closer to your goals. Remember to use the **SMART** goal setting criteria for each goal.

**S**PECIFIC  
**M**EASURABLE  
**A**CTION-ORIENTED  
**R**EALISTIC  
**T**IMELY

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- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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Transfer your **SMART** goals into the action plan template below.

SMART Goal	Time Frame	Benefits	Measure of Success	Support and Resources Needed	Potential Barriers
Practice active listening	Today, especially in one on one meetings with my direct reports	Improved interpersonal relationships, empathy with my team. Increased employee engagement.	- Feedback - 360 results increase	Direct feedback from my team	Obtaining honest feedback can be difficult. Time – don't cancel one on one meetings – demonstrate the importance of regular touch points



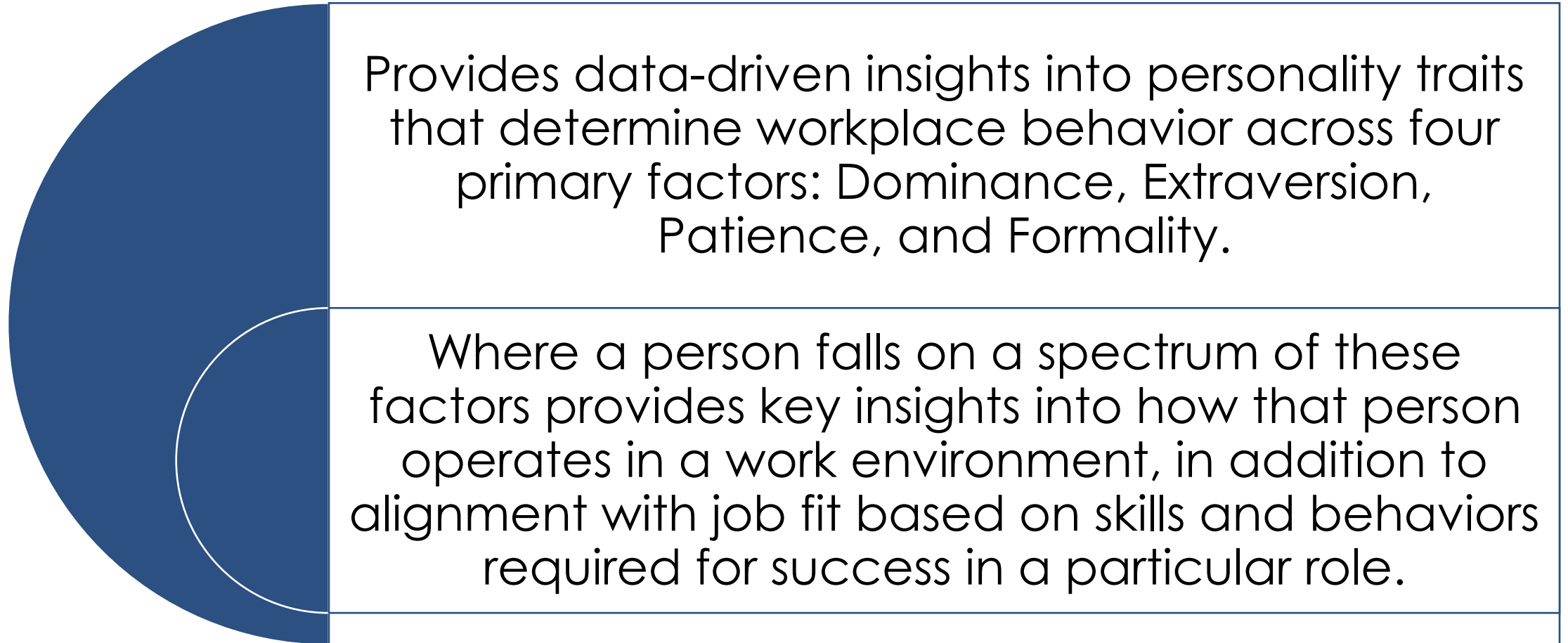
# Other Assessments for Specialized Styles/Capabilities

- Thomas Kilmann Conflict Style Inventory
- Change Styles Navigator
- HSI Stress Processing Report
- Perceptive Communications
- Customer Service Styles

See descriptions and sample reports at

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# Predictive Index (PI) Behavioral Assessment

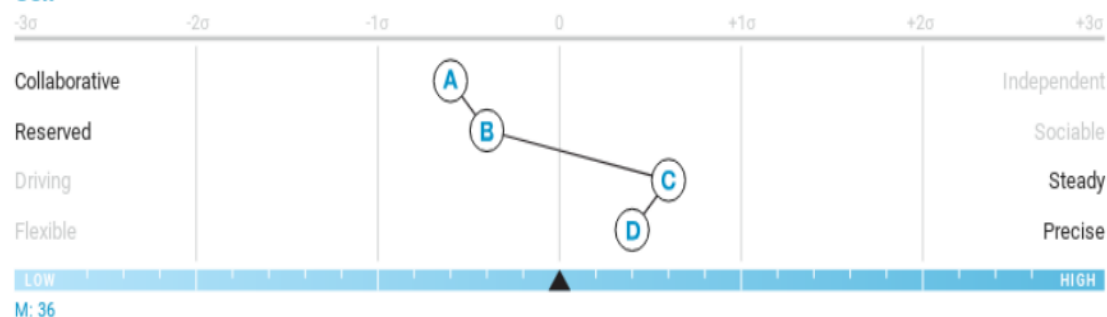




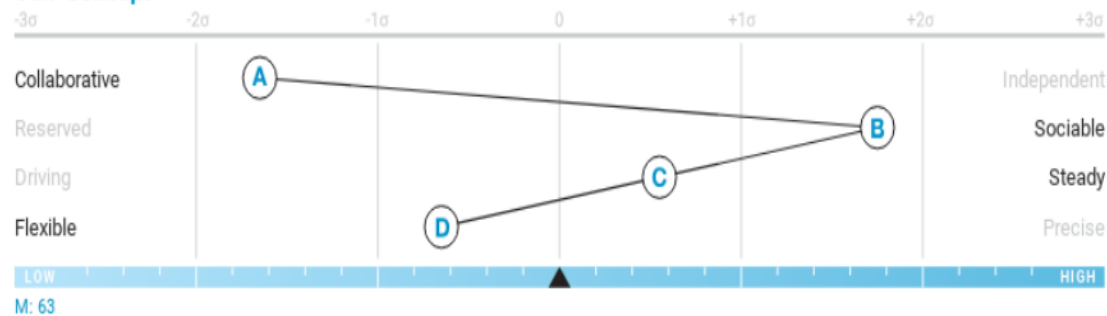
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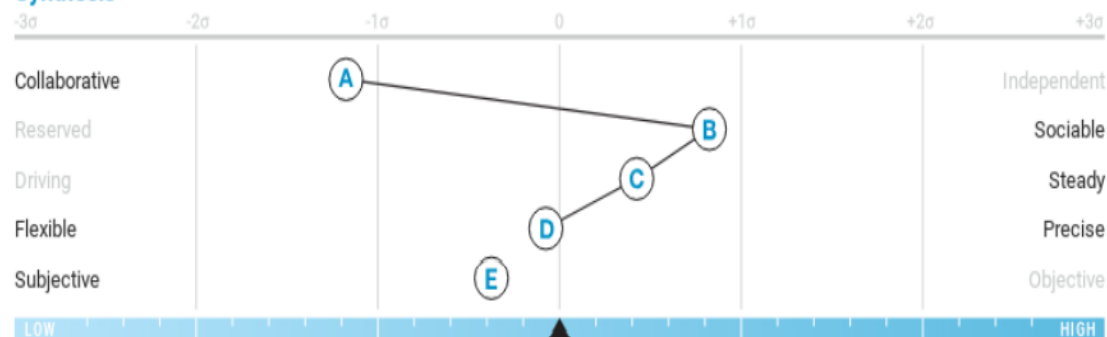
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### Self-Concept



### Synthesis



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# Team Development Assessments:

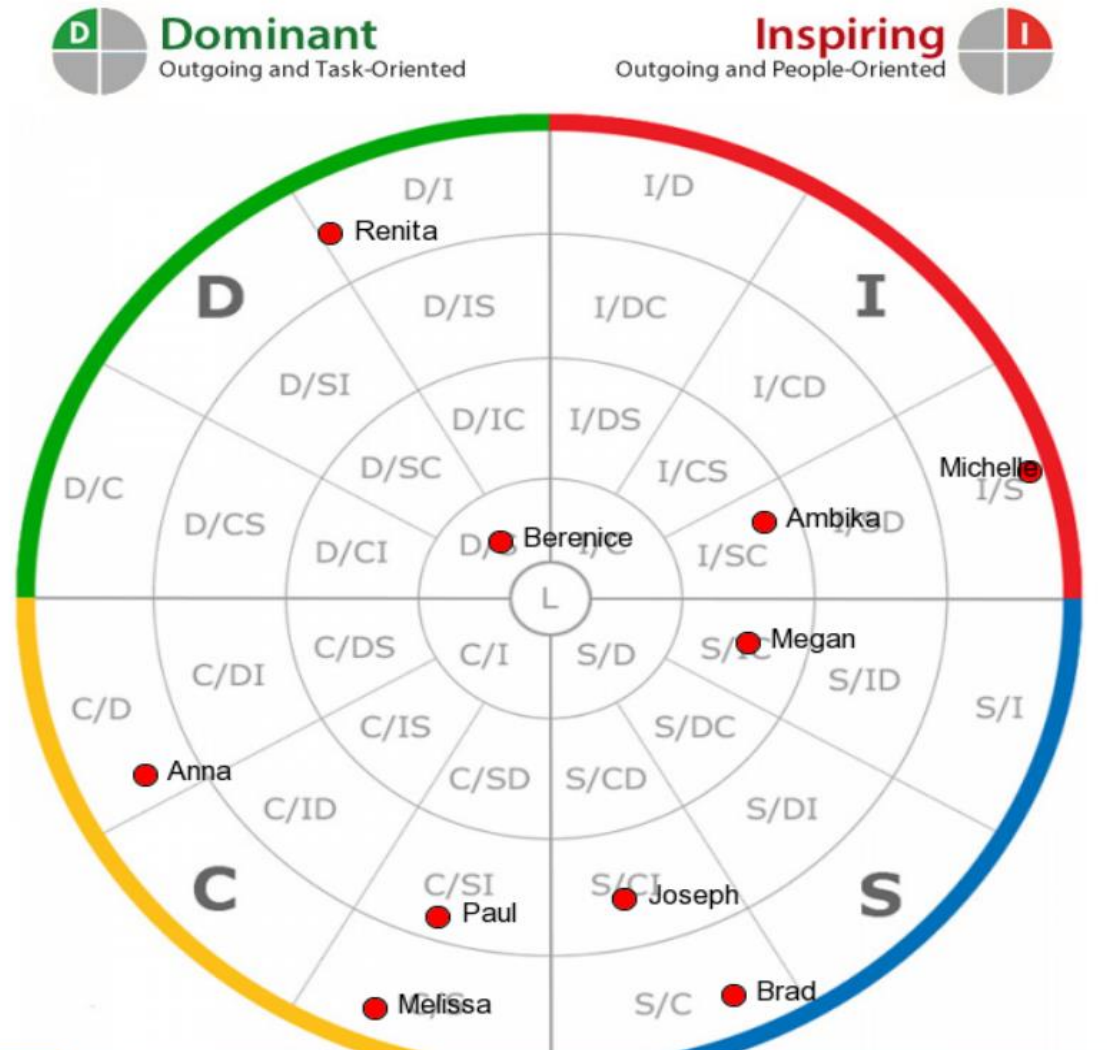
DiSC

Human Synergistics Group Styles  
Inventory (team  
culture/effectiveness)

Predictive Index\*\*

# DiSC Team Map

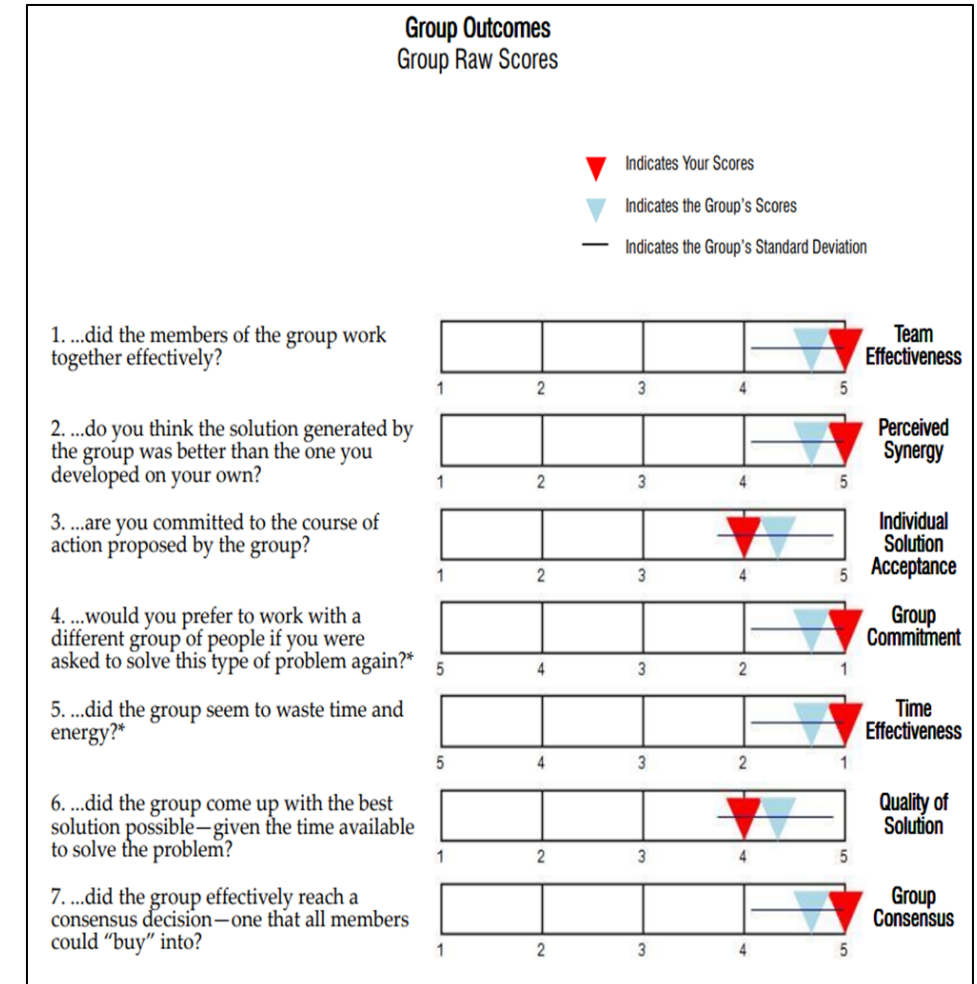
Discovery Report Team Chart



- What strengths does each style bring to our team?
- Why/how does it make our team stronger to have varying styles represented?
- How can I adapt my own style preferences to work more effectively with someone who has different style preferences than I do?

# Group Styles Inventory (GSI)

- The Human Synergetics *Group Styles Inventory (GSI)* is the only research-based tool that provides a valid and reliable measure of how people in groups interact with each other and work as a team to solve problems.
- Extensively researched and internationally proven, this assessment provides group members with a safe way to talk about their behavior and how it affects the group's performance.
- Through highlighting styles of interactions that are helping or hindering their teamwork, it empowers them to change the way they approach problems and interact with each other – leading to better cooperation, communication and consensus, more innovative thinking, and higher quality solutions.

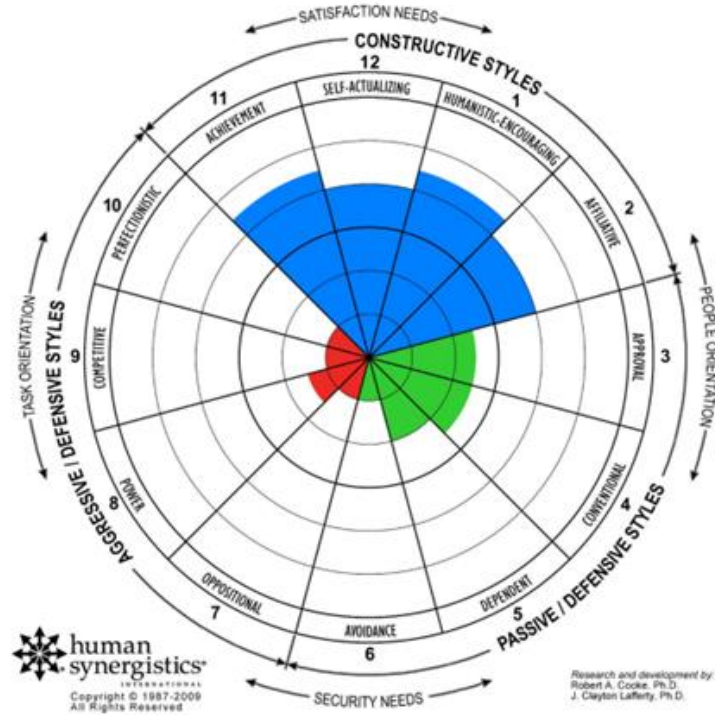




## GROUP STYLES

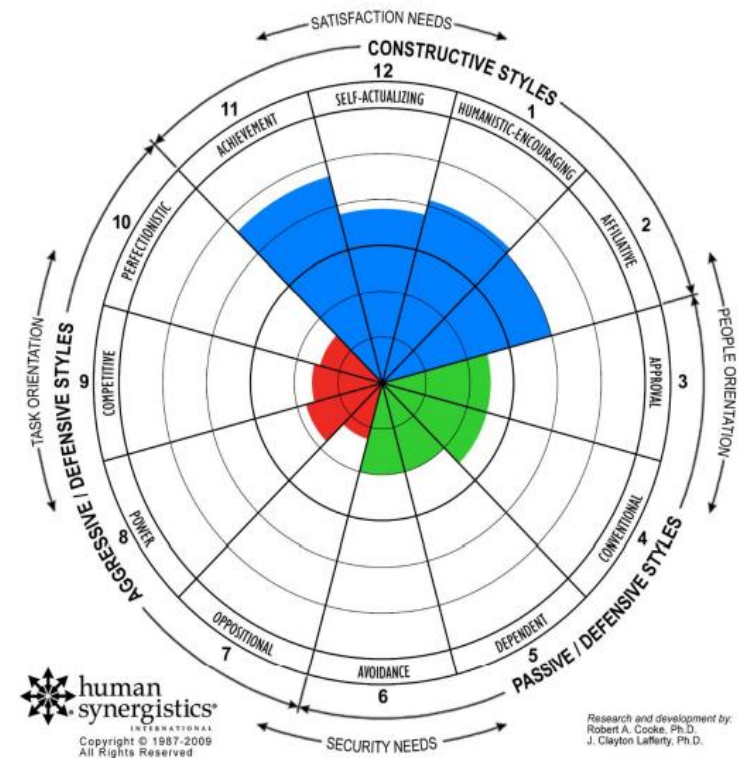
XYZ Leadership Team  
(Summer Brees/Group1)

### Group Styles Circumplex Your Profile



Constructive Styles	Percentile Score	Raw Score
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Affiliative	75%	21.00
Achievement	82%	20.00
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### Group Styles Circumplex Group Profile N = 3



Constructive Styles	Percentile Score	Raw Score
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Affiliative	75%	21.00
Achievement	85%	20.33
Self-Actualizing	70%	19.67
Passive/Defensive Styles	Percentile Score	Raw Score
Approval	37%	4.00
Conventional	37%	5.00
Dependent	25%	3.00

# PI for Teams

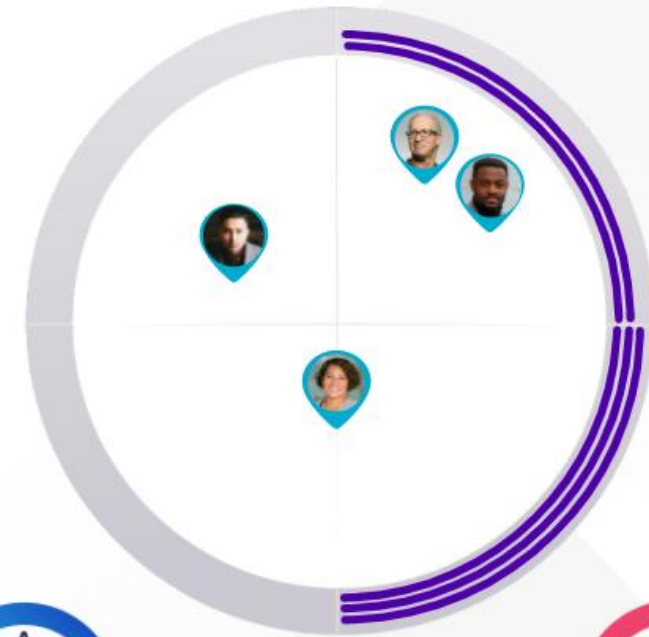


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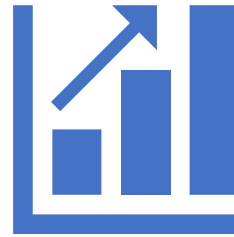
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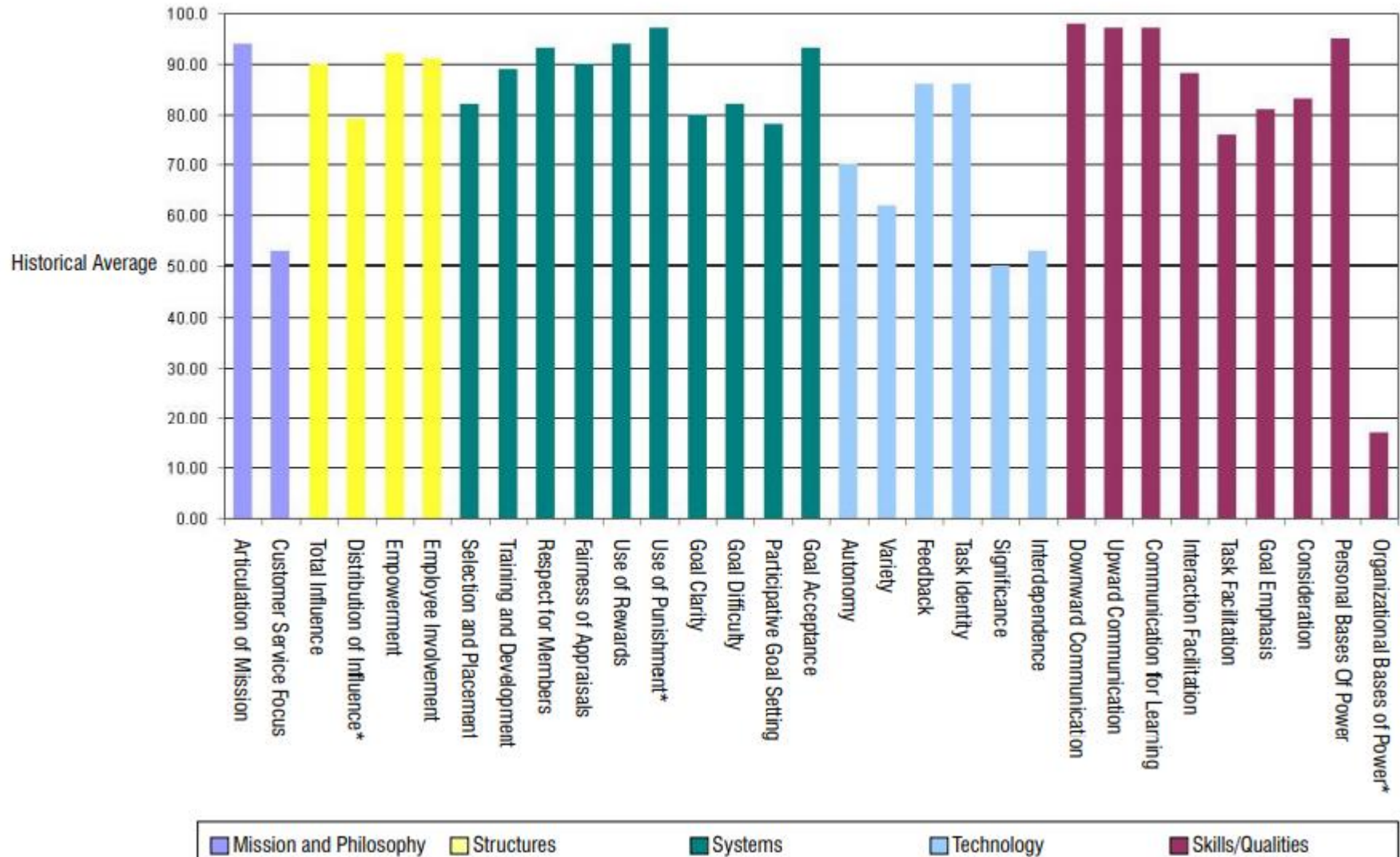


## Organizational Assessments

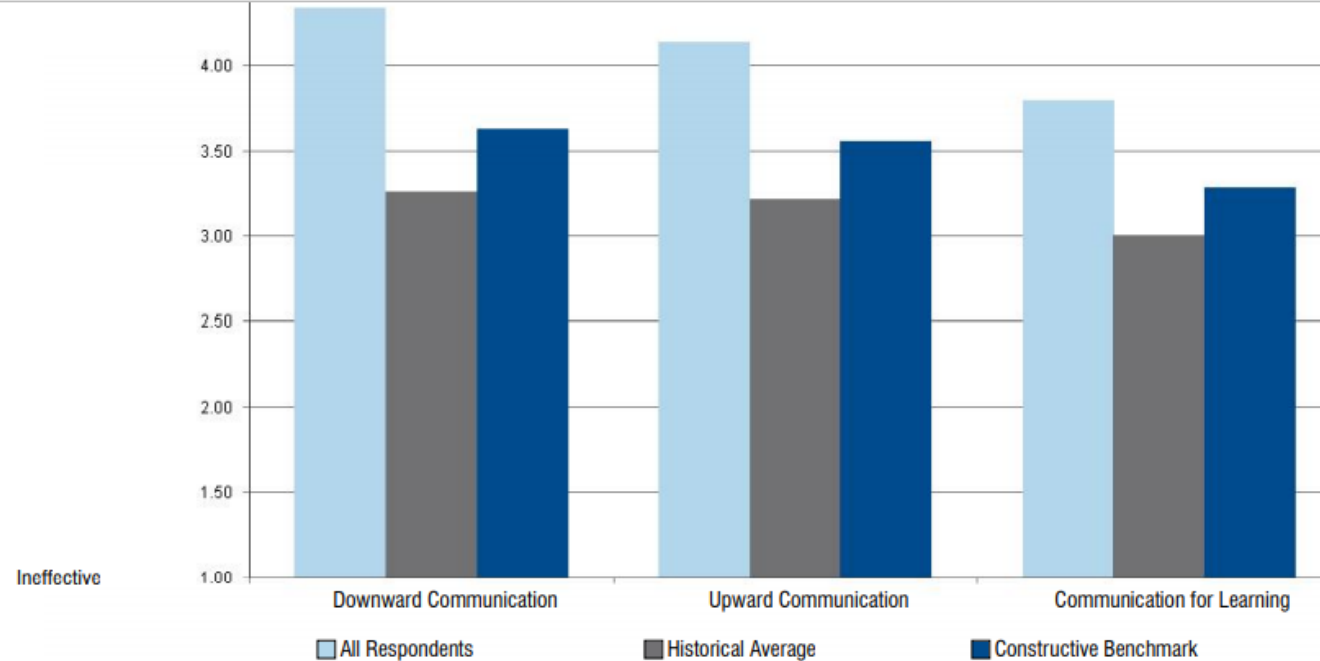
Human Synergistics Organizational Effectiveness Inventory (OEI) and Organizational Culture Inventory (OCI)

# Organizational Effectiveness Inventory (OEI)

Summary Barchart of Causal Factors (Percentile Scores)





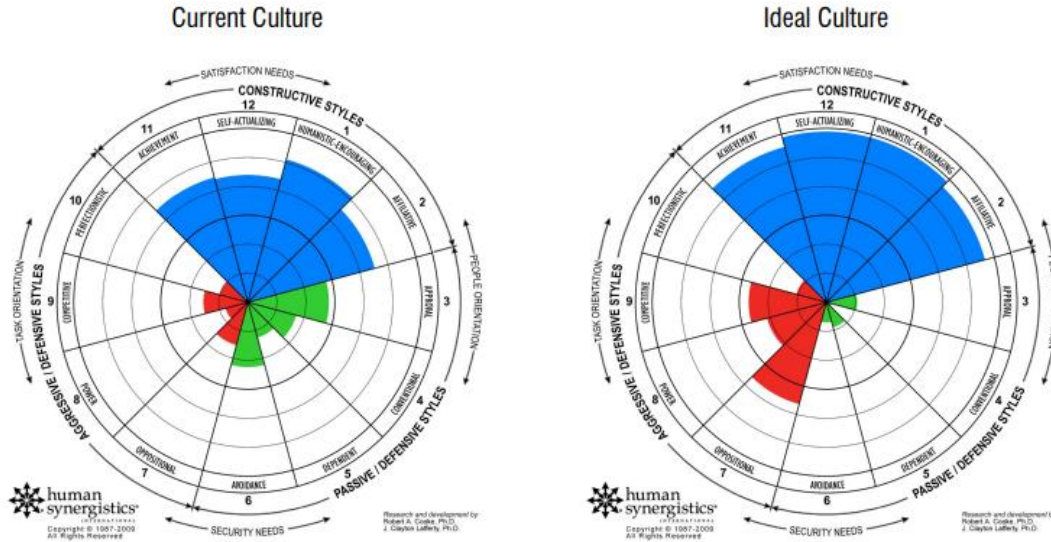


	All Respondents	Historical Average	Constructive Benchmark
<b>Downward Communication</b>	<b>4.33</b>	<b>3.25</b>	<b>3.63</b>
Credible (not Questionable)	4.68	3.75	4.22
Complete (not Sketchy)	4.60	3.39	3.81
Consistent and confirmatory (not Changing and confusing)	4.41	3.10	3.59
In-Depth (not Superficial)	4.05	3.21	3.55
Anticipated and understood (not Unexpected and surprising)	4.04	3.12	3.46
Straight from the source (not Through too many channels)	4.37	3.06	3.60
Timely (not Delayed)	4.64	3.42	3.80
Through formal channels (not Through the "grapevine")	4.36	3.24	3.63
Easily processed (not Information overload)	3.86	3.11	3.25
<b>Upward Communication</b>	<b>4.14</b>	<b>3.22</b>	<b>3.55</b>
Accepted (not Rejected)	4.31	3.29	3.65
Understood (not Misinterpreted)	4.32	3.35	3.73
Honest and complete (not Filtered and distorted)	4.36	3.34	3.67
Acted On (not Ignored)	3.97	3.17	3.50
Whatever needs to be said (not Only what they want to hear)	3.99	3.20	3.50
Provided voluntarily (not Provided only when demanded)	4.19	3.27	3.60
Forthright (not Censored)	4.17	3.12	3.50
Positive—suggestions (not Negative—complaints)	3.95	3.06	3.34
How we can make things work (not "Why things won't work")	3.99	3.10	3.50
<b>Communication for Learning</b>	<b>3.79</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>3.28</b>
How do we learn from mistakes (not Who do we blame for mistakes)	4.46	3.38	3.95
Reflects a team perspective (not Reflects individual viewpoints)	3.99	3.11	3.41
Emphasizes the big picture (not Emphasizes micro-management)	4.46	3.47	3.76
Concerned with interdependencies (not Concerned with isolated jobs/tasks)	3.59	2.92	3.05
To promote discussion (not To communicate decisions)	3.90	2.50	2.71



# Organizational Culture Inventory (OCI)

All Respondents



Overall, the largest gaps between the Current and Ideal profiles are in the **Passive/Defensive** cluster.

*With respect to the specific cultural norms, the...*

Primary gap is  
**Approval**

*Specifically, the items that have the largest gaps are:*

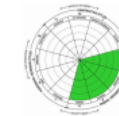
- switch priorities to please others
- do things for the approval of others
- be a "nice guy"

Secondary gap is  
**Avoidance**

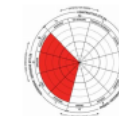
*Specifically, the items that have the largest gaps are:*

- push decisions upward
- make "popular" rather than necessary decisions
- be non-committal

Constructive Styles	Current Percentile	Ideal Percentile	Percentile Gap*
Humanistic-Encouraging	91.00%	98.00%	-7.00%
Affiliative	83.00%	96.00%	-13.00%
Achievement	82.00%	95.00%	-13.00%
Self-Actualizing	81.00%	98.00%	-17.00%



Passive/Defensive Styles	Current Percentile	Ideal Percentile	Percentile Gap*
Approval	45.00%	11.00%	34.00%
Conventional	21.00%	2.00%	19.00%
Dependent	14.00%	9.00%	5.00%
Avoidance	31.00%	7.00%	24.00%



Aggressive/Defensive Styles	Current Percentile	Ideal Percentile	Percentile Gap*
Oppositional	18.00%	66.00%	-48.00%
Power	8.00%	28.00%	-20.00%
Competitive	18.00%	42.00%	-24.00%
Perfectionistic	10.00%	11.00%	-1.00%

\*Percentile gaps = current percentile - ideal percentile. Negative gaps for the Constructive styles and positive gaps for the Passive/Defensive and Aggressive/Defensive styles indicate areas for cultural change and improvement. Positive gaps for the Constructive styles and negative gaps for the Defensive styles indicate areas for improvement.

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Use individual, team, and/or organizational  
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Don't currently use assessments



# If I had to select my top tools...

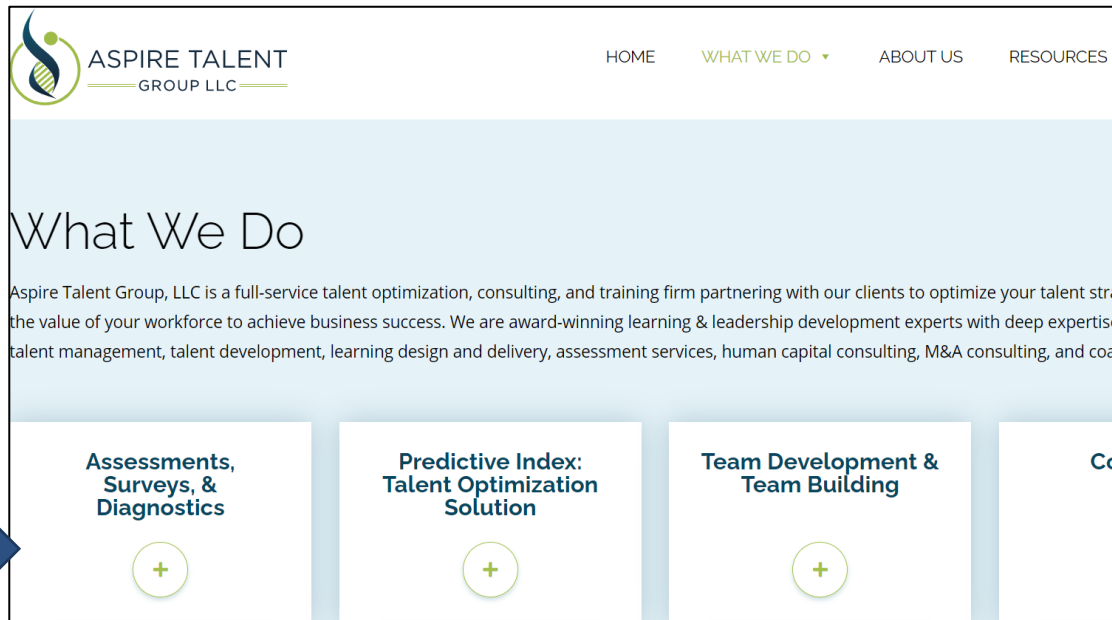
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- For specialty capabilities development
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- For organizational effectiveness (identifying strengths and development needs)
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# Key Takeaways

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# Additional Resources/Learning

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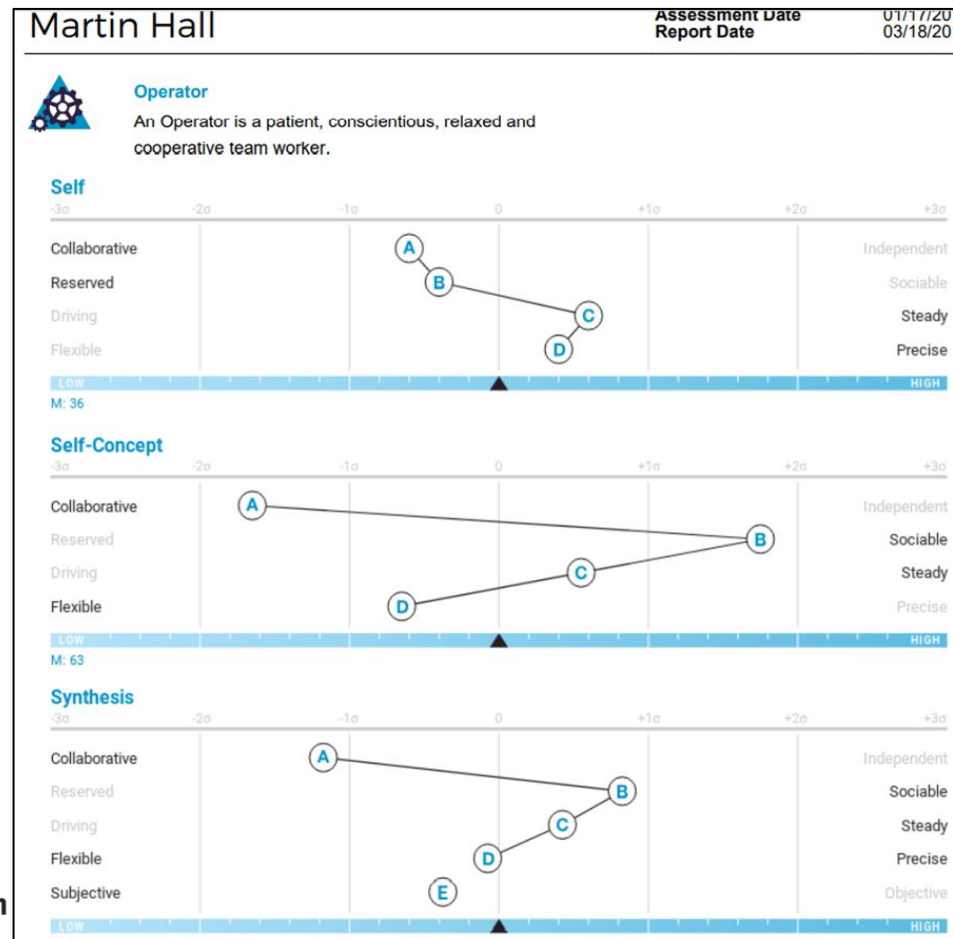


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