



DISC Self

An Evaluation of Behavioral Styles

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Why is Independently Tested Accuracy of this Assessment Important?



A recent review revealed a **significant majority of assessments available today were absent the studies & reporting to confirm their accuracy.** Of the small minority which claimed reporting, the significant majority of those were conducted privately; oftentimes by the assessment provider itself, rather than an objective and scientifically qualified third party. However, we are leading by example in this otherwise unregulated industry. How are we doing this? By submitting our assessments to an objective, independently conducted battery of tests: Construct Validity, Reliability, and Disparate Impact - all by a qualified scientific authority (*Assessment Standards Institute*). Our goal? Ensuring the trust and confidence of our users by producing the industry’s most accurate and class protected assessments. Please turn to the last page of this report to learn more on this topic, and the steps we’ve taken to safeguard the scientific accuracy of this assessment.

Welcome to the DISCstyles™ Online Report

INTRODUCTION

DISC is a simple, practical, easy to remember and universally applicable model. It focuses on individual patterns of external, observable behaviors and measures the intensity of characteristics using scales of directness and openness for each of the four styles: **Dominance, Influence, Steadiness, and Conscientious**.

Using the DISC model, it is easy to identify and understand our own style, recognize and cognitively adapt to different styles, and develop a process to communicate more effectively with others.

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

The DISC report is divided into 3 parts introducing the DISC model, helping you understand your own style, and identifying ways that you can apply your style strengths or modify your style weaknesses in order to meet the needs of others.

- **Part I** focuses on understanding each of the DISC styles and identifying characteristics, including the tendencies of each behavioral style
- **Part II** is about understanding yourself and will reveal information about the tendencies that make you unique
- **Part III** examines and explores adaptability and offers actionable recommendations for you and others who interact with you

With this personalized and comprehensive report, DISC gives you tools to help you become a better you - to develop and use more of your natural strengths while recognizing, improving upon, and modifying your limitations. Then, because we can easily see and hear these behaviors, we can quickly and accurately “read” other people and use our knowledge to enhance communication and grow our relationships.

Please Note: Any behavioral descriptions mentioned in this report are only **tendencies** for your style group and may or may not specifically apply to you personally.

Part I Understanding DISC

BEHAVIORAL STYLES

Historical and contemporary research reveal more than a dozen various models of our behavioral differences, but many share one common thread: the grouping of behavior into **four basic categories**.

The DISC styles are **Dominance, Influence, Steadiness, and Conscientious**. There is no “best” style. Each style has its unique strengths and opportunities for continuing improvement and growth.

The DISCstyles™ assessment examines external and easily observable behaviors and measures tendencies using scales of **directness** and **openness** that each style exhibits.

BEHAVIOR DESCRIPTORS OF EACH

DOMINANCE	INFLUENCE	STEADINESS	CONSCIENTIOUS
Decisive	Charming	Understanding	Accurate
Competitive	Confident	Friendly	Precise
Daring	Convincing	Good Listener	Analytical
Direct	Enthusiastic	Patient	Compliant
Innovative	Inspiring	Relaxed	Courteous
Persistent	Optimistic	Sincere	Diplomatic
Adventurous	Persuasive	Stable	Detailed
Problem-Solver	Sociable	Steady	Fact-Finder
Results-Oriented	Trusting	Team Player	Objective

DIRECTNESS AND OPENNESS OF EACH STYLE

STYLE	TENDENCIES
DOMINANCE	Tends to be direct and guarded
INFLUENCE	Tends to be direct and open
STEADINESS	Tends to be indirect and open
CONSCIENTIOUS	Tends to be indirect and guarded

PACE AND PRIORITY OF EACH STYLE

STYLE	TENDENCIES
DOMINANCE	Fast-paced and task-oriented
INFLUENCE	Fast-paced and people-oriented
STEADINESS	Slow-paced and people-oriented
CONSCIENTIOUS	Slow-paced and task-oriented



A DEEPER LOOK AT THE FOUR DISCStyles™

Below is a chart to help you understand some of the characteristics of each of the Four Basic DISC Styles, so you can interact with each style more effectively. Although behavioral style is only a partial description of personality, it is quite useful in describing how a person behaves, and is perceived, in personal, social and work situations.

	HIGH DOMINANT STYLE	HIGH INFLUENCING STYLE	HIGH STEADY STYLE	HIGH CONSCIENTIOUS STYLE
Tends to Act	Assertive	Persuasive	Patient	Contemplative
When in Conflict, this Style	Demands	Attacks	Complies	Avoids
Needs	Control	Approval	Routine	Standards
Primary Drive	Independence	Interaction	Stability	Correctness
Preferred Tasks	Challenging	People related	Scheduled	Structured
Comfortable with	Being decisive	Social friendliness	Being part of a team	Order and planning
Personal Strength	Problem-solver	Encourager	Supporter	Organizer
Strength Overextended	Preoccupation- goals over people	Speaking without thinking	Procrastination in addressing change	Overanalyzing everything
Personal Limitation	Too direct and intense	Too disorganized and nontraditional	Too indecisive and indirect	Too detailed and impersonal
Personal Wants	Control, Variety	Approval, Less Structure	Routine, Harmony	Standards, Logic
Personal Fear	Losing	Rejection	Sudden Change	Being Wrong
Blind Spots	Being held accountable	Follow through on commitments	Embracing need for change	Struggle to make decisions without overanalyzing
Needs to Work on	Empathy, Patience	Controlling emotions, Follow through	Being assertive when pressured	Worrying less about everything
Measuring Maturity	Giving up control	Objectively handling rejection	Standing up for self when confronted	Not being defensive when criticized
Under Stress May Become	Dictatorial, Critical	Sarcastic, Superficial	Submissive, Indecisive	Withdrawn, Headstrong
Measures Worth by	Impact or results, Track record	Acknowledgments, Compliments	Compatibility, Contributions	Precision, Accuracy, Quality of results

COMMUNICATING WITH THE DISCStyles™

Communicating with the **DOMINANT** Style

D CHARACTERISTICS:	SO YOU SHOULD...
Concerned with being #1	Show them how to win, new opportunities
Think logically	Display reasoning
Want facts and highlights	Provide concise data
Strive for results	Agree on goal and boundaries, the support or get out of their way
Like personal choices	Allow them to “do their thing,” within limits
Like changes	Vary routine
Prefer to delegate	Look for opportunities to modify their workload focus
Want others to notice accomplishments	Compliment them on what they’ve done
Need to be in charge	Let them take the lead, when appropriate, but give them parameters
Tendency towards conflict	If necessary, argue with conviction on points of disagreement, backed up with facts; don’t argue on a “personality” basis

Communicating with the **INFLUENCING** Style

I CHARACTERISTICS:	SO YOU SHOULD...
Concerned with approval and appearances	Show them that you admire and like them
Seek enthusiastic people and situations	Behave optimistically and provide upbeat setting
Think emotionally	Support their feelings when possible
Want to know the general expectations	Avoid involved details, focus on the “big picture”
Need involvement and people contact	Interact and participate with them
Like changes and innovations	Vary the routine; avoid requiring long-term repetition by them
Want others to notice THEM	Compliment them personally and often
Often need help getting organized	Do it together
Look for action and stimulation	Keep up a fast, lively, pace
Surround themselves with optimism	Support their ideas and don’t poke holes in their dreams; show them your positive side
Want feedback that they “look good”	Mention their accomplishments, progress and your other genuine appreciation

Communicating with the **STEADY** Style

S CHARACTERISTICS:	SO YOU SHOULD...
Concerned with stability	Show how your idea minimizes risk
Think logically	Show reasoning
Want documentation and facts	Provide data and proof
Like personal involvement	Demonstrate your interest in them
Need to know step-by-step sequence	Provide outline and/or one-two-three instructions as you personally “walk them through”
Want others to notice their patient perseverance	Compliment them for their steady follow-through
Avoid risks and changes	Give them personal assurances
Dislike conflict	Act non-aggressively, focus on common interest or needed support
Accommodate others	Allow them to provide service or support for others
Look for calmness and peace	Provide a relaxing, friendly atmosphere
Enjoy teamwork	Provide them with a cooperative group
Want sincere feedback that they’re appreciated	Acknowledge their easygoing manner and helpful efforts, when appropriate

Communicating with the **CONSCIENTIOUS** Style

C CHARACTERISTICS:	SO YOU SHOULD...
Concerned with aggressive approaches	Approach them in an indirect, nonthreatening way
Think logically	Show your reasoning
Seek data	Give data to them in writing
Need to know the process	Provide explanations and rationale
Utilize caution	Allow them to think, inquire and check before they make decisions
Prefer to do things themselves	When delegating, let them check procedures, and other progress and performance before they make decisions
Want others to notice their accuracy	Compliment them on their thoroughness and correctness when appropriate
Gravitate toward quality control	Let them assess and be involved in the process when possible
Avoid conflict	Tactfully ask for clarification and assistance you may need
Need to be right	Allow them time to find the best or “correct” answer, within available limits
Like to contemplate	Tell them “why” and “how”

The first step to building stronger communication is awareness. By identifying how we are similar and different, we can make cognitive choices when interacting to create stronger, more engaged relationships.

Part II Understanding Yourself

General Characteristics

The narration below serves as a general overview of your behavioral tendencies. It sets the stage for the report which follows, and provides a framework for understanding and reflecting on your results. We've occasionally provided some coaching ideas so that you can leverage your strengths whenever possible to maximize your personal success.

People who score like you tend to make quick and firm decisions. They process information rapidly and often act decisively. Once a decision is made, they usually stick to it and will build a case to support it.

Sample, your pattern of responses to the instrument indicates that you have very strong verbal and persuasive skills. Consequently, you can likely provide insight on a number of decisions, and have your influence make a difference. Thus, you have probably gotten what you wanted in many situations. However, you may become disappointed sometimes when you don't get your way.

Sample, you have a high sense of urgency, and a desire to get things done quickly. This urgency may extend to a wide variety of venues, including meetings, events, and even relationships. While this is a strength, sometimes it can be perceived as overly abrupt, or even rude, especially by those who don't share the same urgency. Be sensitive to this, and be flexible enough to soften your approach when necessary.

Your response pattern shows that you have the ability to influence others using both charm and a firm hand in delegating tasks and responsibilities. You have the ability to work hard and play hard, even in the midst of difficult assignments. When the going gets tough for the team, you have the ability to maintain a positive spirit for the group, especially when in front of others. You also have the ability to present firm deadlines, and to make rapid decisions when changes are necessary.

You function at a faster pace than most people and tend to be a multi-tasker. This theme emerged in your responses to the instrument and is a strength that could propel you into a variety of leadership positions, should you choose to follow that path. Due to your rapid problem-solving ability and verbal skills, you are able to juggle many projects without anything hitting the ground. However, be aware that some people who score like you have difficulty saying "no" to requests, and sometimes spread themselves too thin.

You can be very charming when persuading others in a favorable climate, but also rigid when confronting a hostile situation. Sample, this can be a two-edged sword, especially if you are required to shift gears quickly from charming to confrontational. Those who score like you may balance this trait successfully by defaulting toward the charming side, but still presenting a firm position. You can object to an idea while maintaining a smile.

Sample, you tend to be confident and independent; a self-starter with a strong competitive edge. While attention from others is important to you, at times you desire independence from the group. These are not necessarily opposing traits. Your high degree of decisiveness fuels a need to be a trailblazer, leading the way with new ideas. This, in turn, yields the competitive spirit, which then feeds the drive to be a self-starter.

You can react, adjust, and modify your behavior in a variety of situations. People who score like you have a high degree of perceptiveness, and they use this to guide their own responses, sometimes moment by moment. As the climate lightens, you have the ability to turn up the charm, and as the climate becomes more tense, you are able to take a more matter-of-fact approach.

Style Overview

DISC describes you based on your observable behavior which can provide insights for others regarding your communication preferences and how you will likely interact with and respond to them.

Through this report you have an opportunity to discover (observe and evaluate) your behavioral responses in various environments. You can explore your reactions to a variety of situations and contexts, including the actions and reactions of others, to determine the most effective communication strategy or course of action.

Your Behavioral Style: Dynamo

Dynamos will make an attempt to adjust or modify the thoughts and actions of others. They are good at understanding how to steer others toward a predetermined result. They will set the stage for the desired result before they verbalize that desire. Their strong persuasive skills can elicit cooperation from others but sometimes create a feeling by others of being manipulated. Dynamos can be intimidating and can seek to override the decisions of others.

Below are some key behavioral insights to keep in mind and share with others to strengthen your relationships.

- **Emotional characteristic:** May appear to not need attention or affirmation from others.
- **Goals:** To gain control over circumstances, outcomes and other people.
- **How others are valued:** How they project their personal power.
- **Influences group:** Uses relationships, personal power, incentives and rewards to get the results they want.
- **Value to the organization:** Will be a "mover and shaker." Uses a variety of methods when interacting with others to move behaviors towards a desired result.
- **Cautions:** Understand that the ends do not always justify the means.
- **Under Pressure:** Can be seen as manipulative, argumentative and abrasive.
- **Fears:** Being seen taken advantage of or losing social status in the group.

WORD SKETCH - Adapted Style

DISC is an observable “needs-motivated” instrument based on the idea that emotions and behaviors are neither “good” nor “bad.” Rather, behaviors reveal the needs that motivate that behavior. Therefore, once we can accurately observe one’s actions, it is easier to “read” and anticipate their likely motivators and needs.

This chart shows your ADAPTED DISC Graph as a “Word Sketch.” Use it with examples to describe why you do what you do and what’s important to you when it comes to (D)ominance of Problems, (I)nfluence of People, (S)teadiness of Pace, or (C)onscientiousness of Procedures. Share more about the specific needs that drive you in each area of FOCUS. If your DISC intensity scores at levels 1 and 2, your emotions and needs are the opposite of those at Levels 5 and 6 in that area.

	D	I	S	C
DISC Focus	Problems/Challenges	People/Contacts	Pace/Consistency	Procedures/Constraints
Needs	Challenges to solve, Authority	Social relationships, Friendly environment	Systems, Teams, Stable environment	Rules to follow, Data to analyze
Emotions	Anger, Impatience	Optimism, Trust	Patience, Non-Expression	Fear, Concern
Fears	Being taken advantage of/lack of control	Being left out/loss of social approval	Sudden change/loss of stability and security	Being criticized/loss of accuracy and quality
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5	adventurous risk-taker direct forceful	charming influential sociable trusting	consistent cooperative possessive relaxed	conscientious courteous focused high standards
4	assertive competitive determined self-reliant	confident friendly generous poised	composed deliberate stable steady	analytical diplomatic sensitive tactful
3	calculated risk moderate questioning unassuming	controlled discriminating rational reflective	alert eager flexible mobile	own person self-assured opinionated persistent
2	mild seeks consensus unobtrusive weighs pro/con	contemplative factual logical retiring	discontented energetic fidgety impetuous	autonomous independent firm stubborn
1	agreeing cautious conservative contemplative modest restrained	introspective pessimistic quiet pensive reticent suspicious	active change-oriented fault-finding impatient restless spontaneous	arbitrary defiant fearless obstinate rebellious sarcastic



WORD SKETCH - Natural Style

DISC is an observable, “needs-motivated” instrument based on the idea that emotions and behaviors are neither “good” nor “bad.” Rather, behaviors reveal the needs that motivate that behavior. Therefore, once we can accurately observe one’s actions, it is easier to “read” and anticipate their likely motivators and needs.

This chart shows your NATURAL DISC Graph as a “Word Sketch.” Use it with examples to describe why you do what you do and what’s important to you when it comes to (D)ominance of Problems, (I)nfluence of People, (S)teadiness of Pace, or (C)onscientiousness of Procedures. Share more about the specific needs that drive you in each area of FOCUS. If your DISC intensity scores at levels 1 and 2, your emotions and needs are the opposite of those at Levels 5 and 6 in that area.

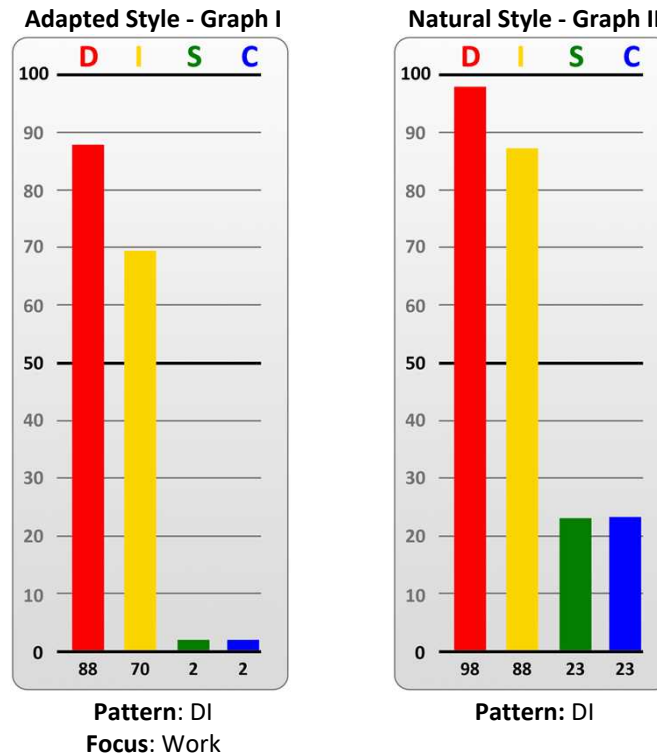
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DISCstyles Graphs for Sample User

Your Adapted Style indicates you tend to use the behavioral traits of the DI style(s) in your selected Work focus. Your Natural Style indicates that you naturally tend to use the behavioral traits of the DI style(s).

Your Adapted Style is your graph displayed on the left. It is **your perception of the behavioral tendencies you think you should use in your selected focus** (work, social or family). This graph may change when you change roles or situations. The graph on the right is your Natural Style **and indicates the intensity of your instinctive behaviors and motivators**. It is often a better indicator of the “real you” and your “knee jerk,” instinctive behaviors. This is how you act when you feel comfortable in your home environment and are not attempting to impress. It is also what shows up in stressful situations. This graph tends to be fairly consistent, even in different environments.



If you have scores under 10 or over 90, these are extended scores where the behavior becomes a **need**. If expressing that behavior isn't possible, you'll likely create situations where that *behavioral need* can be met.

If the bars are similar, it means that you tend to use your same natural behaviors in either environment. If your Adapted Style is different from your Natural Style, this may cause stress if over a long period of time. You are then using behaviors that are not as comfortable or natural for you.

The higher or lower each D, I, S, C point is on your graph, the greater or lesser your behavior impacts your results at work and with others around you. Once aware, you can adapt your style to be more effective. Can you change? Of course! You do it every day depending on your situations. However, permanent behavioral change comes only with awareness and practice.

Behavioral Pattern View

The BPV has eight behavioral zones. Each zone identifies a different combination of behavioral traits. The peripheral descriptors describe how others typically see individuals with your style. Plots on the outer edges of the BPV identify that one factor (DISC) of your style will dominate the other three. As you move towards the center of the BPV, two and eventually three traits combine to moderate the intensity of your style descriptors within a specific behavioral zone. +The plus sign indicates that the preceding style score is higher, moving you closer to that style zone (i.e. CD+S: The D score is stronger than in CDS so it plots closer to the D behavioral zone).

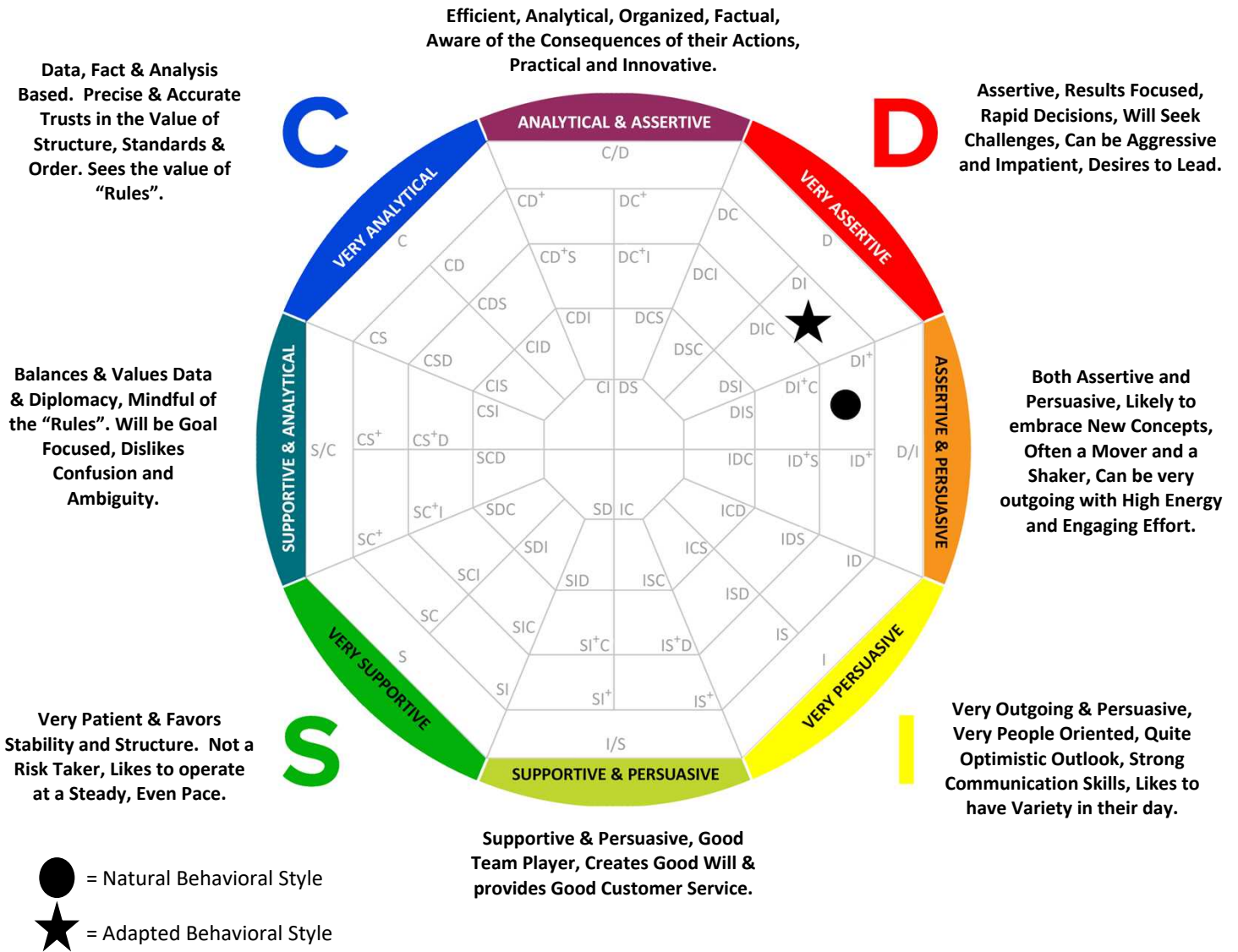
THE SCORING LEGEND

D = Dominance: How you deal with Problems and Challenges

I = Influence: How you deal with People and Contacts

S = Steadiness: How you deal with Pace and Consistency

C = Conscientious/Compliance/Structure: How you deal with Procedure and Constraints



Communication Tips for Others

The following suggestions can help others who interact with you understand and be aware of your communication preferences. To use this information effectively, share it with others and also discuss their preferences.

Check the two most important ideas when others communicate with you (dos & don'ts) and transfer them to the Summary of Your Style page.

When Communicating with Sample, DO:

- Do your homework and be prepared with goals, objectives, support materials, etc., but don't plan on using all of them. Have the material with you as support.
- Motivate and persuade Sample by pointing out objectives and expected results.
- Be engaging, stimulating, and fast-paced.
- When you disagree, take issue with the methods or procedures, not with the person.
- Put the details in writing, but don't plan on discussing them too much.
- Give Sample the opportunity to express opinions and make some of the decisions.
- Provide testimonials from people Sample sees as important and prominent.

When Communicating with Sample, DON'T:

- Speculate wildly without factual support.
- Confuse or distract Sample from the issues at hand.
- Don't stick too rigidly to the agenda.
- Let the discussion with Sample get caught in dreams too much, otherwise you'll lose time.
- Leave loopholes or vague issues hanging in the air.
- Get bogged down in facts, figures, or abstractions.
- Forget or lose things necessary for the meeting or project.

Your Motivators: Wants and Needs

Motivation is the enthusiasm or willingness to do something. Everybody is motivated; however, all people are motivated for their own reasons, not somebody else's. Simply, people are motivated by what they want.

Our behaviors are also driven by our needs. Each style has different needs. If one person is stressed, they may need quiet time alone; another may need social time around a lot of people. Each has different ways to meet their needs. The more fully our needs are met, the easier it is to perform at an optimal level.

Choose the two most important wants and the two most important needs and transfer them to the Summary of Your Style page.

You Tend to Be Motivated By:

- Participatory administrative infrastructure, and a democratic supervisor or board.
- Opportunities and encouragement to try new ideas and take risks.
- Efficient methods to process details and deal with minutiae.
- New experiences and a variety of activities.
- Influence and power to delegate in order to achieve results.
- Results that can be seen quickly and measurably.
- Social or public recognition for accomplishments and successes.

People With Patterns Like You Tend to Need:

- Opportunities for involvement with a wide variety of people, both in and out of the organization.
- Appreciation for the hard work you bring to the team.
- To mask strong emotions at times so as not to distance yourself from others.
- To focus attention and conversation more on the immediate work tasks, and less on socializing.
- Support when dealing with detailed work and repetitive tasks.
- To know the limits of your authority.
- Opportunities for leadership, self-development, rapid learning, broad scope of operations, and advancement.

What You Bring to the Organization

This page provides useful insights for a job or as you work together on a team or family project. These are the talents and tendencies you bring. When used in environments that you are most effective in, you are likely to be self-motivated to accomplish great things. It is possible that you may not always be in an environment that allows you to be your best. We recommend you speak with your leader to see what can be incorporated into your current environment to help maintain your motivation. Check the two most important strengths, the two most important work style tendencies and the two most important environmental factors and transfer them to the Summary of Your Style page.

Your Strengths:

- You have the ability to use discipline in an appropriate manner, often effecting win-win situations.
- You are a very active agent in all that you do.
- You have a strong tendency to work toward making things happen, rather than waiting for things to happen.
- You demand a high performance from yourself and others.
- You are able to juggle many projects and activities simultaneously, while maintaining a keen awareness of the status of each.
- You are able to make decisions quickly and to take the credit or blame for the outcome of decisions.
- You are excellent at initiating activity and providing direction for the team or organization.

Your Work Style Tendencies:

- You project emotional strength and a talent for working with others.
- You tend to be a "multi-tasker," capable of juggling several projects simultaneously.
- You are a self-starter with a strong competitive edge.
- Your pace of personal operation is faster than that of many people.
- You are able to think quickly on your feet -- you can react, adjust, or modify your behavior in a variety of situations.
- You are poised, confident, and very articulate in front of large or small groups.
- You have the ability to inspire others to reach their maximum potential.

You Tend to Be Most Effective In Environments That Provide:

- Responsibilities requiring a high degree of decisiveness.
- A system of evaluation based on the results achieved, rather than the process used to achieve the results.
- An organizational eye toward the future that rewards innovation and encourages creative risk-taking.
- An arena for you to verbalize your ideas and opinions.
- Assignments involving the motivation and persuasion of a network of people.
- Lots of interpersonal contact, many disparate activities, and an occasional surprise situation.
- Participatory leadership and management.

The D Style

Under Stress - Perceptions, Behavior and Needs for the D

Stress is unavoidable. The perceptions of our behavior may have a significant impact on our effectiveness - both in how we perceive ourselves and how others perceive us. The way we behave under stress can create a perception that is not what we intend. The descriptions below of perceptions by others may seem somewhat extreme at times (especially if our behavior is an over-extended strength that becomes a weakness or limitation). As you understand these perceptions more clearly, you are able to modify your behavior to maximize your own effectiveness and ensure that others see you as you intend.

Potential Self Perception:

- Charming
- Innovative entrepreneur
- Works with and through people
- Many simultaneous activities

Under Stress, May be Perceived by Others:

- Superficial
- Self-centered
- Bends the rules too frequently
- Irritable

Under Stress You Need:

- Accomplishments
- A fast pace for moving toward goals
- Control of the situation and yourself

Your Typical Behaviors in Conflict:

- Your anger is directed at the situation and the lack of desired results, not at anyone, personally. However, your outbursts and behaviors may appear to be a personal attack. You tend to react quickly and often may fail to choose your words appropriately.
- You are quite comfortable with conflict, aggression and anger. Many times you may not realize the impact your behavior has on others. In other instances, however, you may consciously choose anger and aggression as a tactical weapon. In any case, you are likely to increase the level of aggression.
- You generally do not hold a grudge. Once an incident is over, it is generally forgotten on a personal level, although the factors that produced a lack of satisfactory results will be considered and evaluated.

Strategies to Reduce Conflict and Increase Harmony:

- Be sure to share the reasoning behind your decisions. Failure to do so makes them seem arbitrary. When using someone's suggestion, acknowledge that person
- Avoid creating controversy or "stirring up the pot" just to keep things interesting. This may increase your own energy for the task; however, it is likely to have a serious negative effect on many others.
- You need to take time to express your ideas and instructions fully and clearly; asking questions to ensure that everyone understands. Time spent clarifying your message up front will result in more efficient operations later.

Potential Areas for Improvement

Everyone has struggles, limitations, or weaknesses. Oftentimes, it's simply an overextension of our strengths which may become a weakness. For example, the directness of a High D may be a strength in certain environments, but when overextended they may tend to become bossy.

As you consider ways to continue to improve to be a better communicator, we recommend you focus on no more than two at a time, practice and strengthen them, and then choose another area to focus on and improve.

Check the two most important areas you are committed to improve upon and transfer them to the Summary of Your Style page.

Potential Areas for Improvement:

- You may not always verbalize the complete story and tend to consciously withhold some information.
- You may sometimes intimidate others with power, position, or politics.
- You may become impatient, especially when dealing with slower-moving or slower-thinking people.
- You may need to lower project expectations a bit in light of real-world constraints.
- You may lose interest in a project or initiative once the challenge is gone.
- You could be a bit more willing to share talents in order to help others develop professionally. You may tend to be a bit too self-serving.
- You may become somewhat angry or belligerent when under pressure, or when threatened.

12 Behavioral Tendencies - Summary

The primary styles - **D, I, S, and C** - are each influenced by the other three styles in our behavioral expression. You are not just **one** of these styles; you are the result of all four combining and affecting each other. The following behavioral tendencies are scored based on the way your DISC styles combine and influence one another. On this page you'll see all 12 Behavioral Tendencies in Summary, and the following pages deliver more detail about each of these measurements.

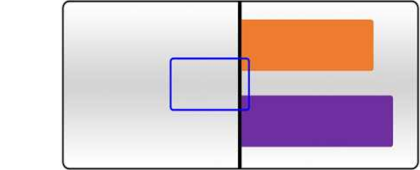
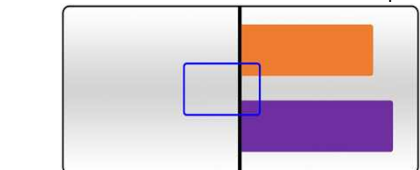
Behaviors	Natural	Adapted
Personal Drive <i>How this individual's own goals move things forward.</i>	Self-Driven (D)	Self-Driven (D)
Providing Instruction <i>How this individual dictates directions and expectations.</i>	Directive & Compulsive (D)	Directive & Compulsive (D)
Customer & Team Interaction <i>How this individual engages with customers and stakeholders, internal and external.</i>	Engaging (I)	Engaging (I)
Expressing Openness <i>How this individual is most comfortable expressing themselves.</i>	Social (I)	Social (I)
Self-Reliance <i>How this individual works within a team.</i>	Situational	Situational
Accuracy <i>How this individual focuses on correctness and exactness.</i>	Situational	Situational
Work Process Alignment <i>How this individual focuses on process to follow through on work.</i>	Situational	Situational
Building Rapport <i>How this individual focuses when interacting with others.</i>	Situational	Situational
Reasoning <i>How this individual uses evidence to think through and solve problems.</i>	Intuition-based (I)	Intuition-based (I)
Careful Decision Making <i>How this individual approaches decisions and actions.</i>	Impulsive (I)	Impulsive (I)
Prioritizing <i>How this individual determines the order for dealing with items or tasks based on established rules and structure.</i>	Results (D)	Results (D)
Change Resistance <i>How this individual resists engaging with change.</i>	Drives Change (D)	Drives Change (D)

12 Behavioral Tendencies – Details & Graphs

For each of the 12, you will see a graph and personalized statement for your Natural and Adapted style. These scores and statements reveal which of your style combinations are most observable and describe how you express that tendency based on your DISC blend.

Interpretation Notes:

- Frequency Observed:** The behavioral tendencies are presented in the order from Most Frequently Observed to Least Frequently Observed.
 - **HI** – Clearly observed in most situations, seen more often
 - **HM** – Frequently observed in many situations
 - **MOD** – May or may not be observed depending on the situation
 - **LM** – Sometimes observed in some situations
 - **LOW** – Absence of the behavior in most situations
- Direction of your score** – As the graph **moves to the right or left**, it shows how you will likely express the behavior. If the graphs are near the center, the result is a balancing behavioral effect that will depend on the situation.
- General Population Comparison** – The **blue box** represents the general population in this behavioral tendency. Approximately 68% of people score in this range.

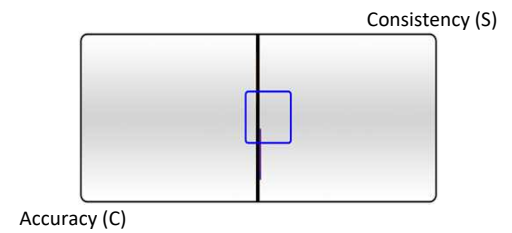
<p style="text-align: center;">Personal Drive</p> <p>Natural (HI): You are self-determined, focused on taking immediate actions that achieve immediate results and goals. You will likely be driven to action based on your own needs and motivations and are likely a self-starter. Be aware that it can be appropriate to support and help others as well.</p> <p>Adapted (HI): Consistent with natural style</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Self-Driven (D)</p>  <p style="text-align: left;">Others-driven (S)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Providing Instruction</p> <p>Natural (HI): You are assertive, direct and results-focused, likely to resist set expectations, preferring to set your own course and outline directions for others to follow. Sometimes providing more detail and engaging with others for additional thoughts can lead to greater outcomes.</p> <p>Adapted (HI): Consistent with natural style</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Directive & Compulsive (D)</p>  <p style="text-align: left;">Reserved & Detailed (C)</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Customer & Team Interaction</p> <p>Natural (HI): You are quite engaging, charming, persuasive, and influential, frequently connecting with others a way that builds trust and confidence. You are more likely to focus on engaging with the others to create a relationship, interacting with them to build a friendship to ensure they will come back to work with you directly. Sometimes business should be just business.</p> <p>Adapted (HI): Consistent with natural style</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">Engaging (I)</p> <p>Supporting (S)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Expressing Openness</p> <p>Natural (HI): You are very comfortable when interacting with others, quick paced and focused on personal connections, and may tend to embellish to capture attention. You are likely to be most confident and comfortable when interacting with others, and are likely to trust information passed along through people you trust. Remember, sometimes having the support documentation is important too.</p> <p>Adapted (HI): Consistent with natural style</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">Social (I)</p> <p>Structural (C)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Self-Reliance</p> <p>Natural (MOD): You balance results and interaction, getting things done efficiently, but also involving others to get this accomplished as effectively as possible. You are likely to be productive and efficient whether working independently or in collaboration with others, depending on the circumstances and variables of the work.</p> <p>Adapted (MOD): Consistent with natural style</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">Directive (D)</p> <p>Collaborative (I)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Accuracy</p> <p>Natural (MOD): Your plans are a combination of careful deliberations to ensure quality outcomes, and systems and processes that allow forward movement in a steady environment. You are likely aware of both predictability and precision when making plans. You will have more positive outcomes when using balanced planning.</p> <p>Adapted (MOD): Consistent with natural style</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">Precision (C)</p> <p>Predictability (S)</p>

Work Process Alignment

Natural (MOD): Your process and follow through is balanced between keeping things methodical and steady and upholding quality standards to be sure what you are doing is accurate and precise. There may be times when you process information and then follow through based on an equal emphasis on accuracy and consistency. These two, when balanced, will ensure great outcomes.

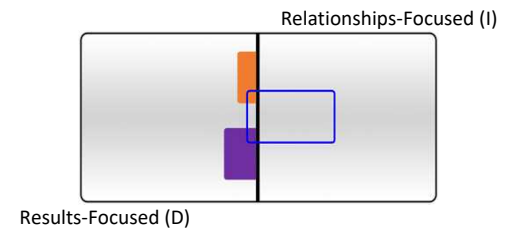
Adapted (MOD): Consistent with natural style



Building Rapport

Natural (MOD): Your interactions are driven by both a desire to connect with others socially, and to get the work done and reach results. If you can do both at once, that's great!

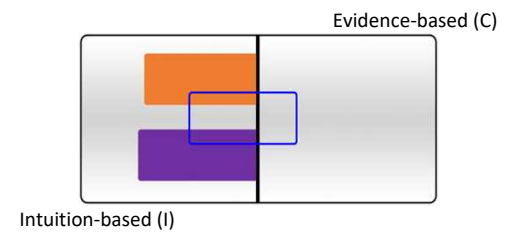
Adapted (MOD): Consistent with natural style



Reasoning

Natural (LOW): You frequently rely on your intuition and interactions with others to make decisions, and value external validation and social acceptance. You are likely to think things through based on emotions over logic and trusting your gut. Be aware that balanced thinking looks at both the emotions and the logic.

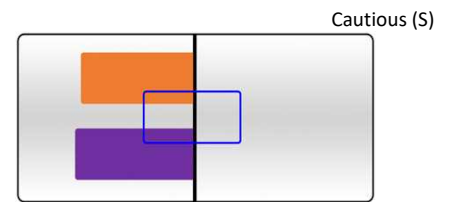
Adapted (LOW): Consistent with natural style



Careful Decision Making

Natural (LOW): You act more impulsively based on intuition and feelings rather than taking the time to carefully consider the risks and consequences. You are likely to make decisions spontaneously and emotionally, trusting your gut and going with what feels right. Sometimes it is important to see if it makes sense too, not just feels good.

Adapted (LOW): Consistent with natural style

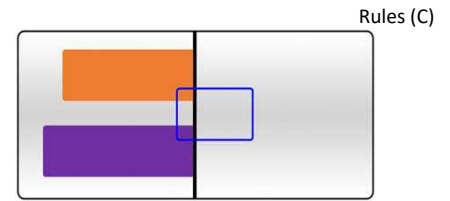


Impulsive (I)

Prioritizing

Natural (LOW): You frequently focus specifically and directly on results now and take actions that target immediate accomplishments, likely unconcerned with the established guidelines. You will likely prioritize and focus on the results and the bottom line. While the end result is certainly a key component of what should take priority, be sure you are also aware of the rules and constraints of your situation.

Adapted (LOW): Consistent with natural style

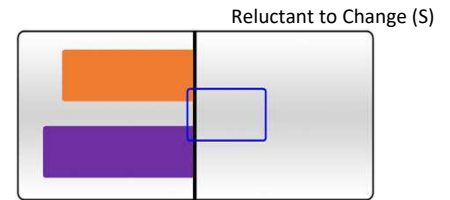


Results (D)

Change Resistance

Natural (LOW): You can be resolute and determined in times of change, desiring to have the authority to command and direct activities and reach immediate results and solutions. You are likely to respond/interact in change by driving action and facing it head on as it comes. You may even want to change things just to see how it can be different. Sometimes keeping things consistent is good too.

Adapted (LOW): Consistent with natural style



Drives Change (D)

Summary of Sample User's Style

Communication is a two-way process. Encourage others to complete their own DISCstyles Online Assessment and then share the Summary Sheet with each other. By discussing preferences, needs and wants of the people you work with, socialize with and live with, you can enhance these relationships and turn what might have been a stressful relationship into a more effective one just by understanding and applying the DISCstyles information. Complete the worksheet below from the previous pages of this report.

COMMUNICATION DOS & DON'TS

1. _____
2. _____

YOUR MOTIVATIONS: WANTS

1. _____
2. _____

YOUR MOTIVATIONS: NEEDS

1. _____
2. _____

YOUR STRENGTHS

1. _____
2. _____

YOUR WORK STYLE TENDENCIES

1. _____
2. _____

EFFECTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

1. _____
2. _____

POTENTIAL AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

1. _____
2. _____

PART III UNDERSTANDING OTHERS AND ADAPTABILITY

Understanding your own behavioral style is just the first step to enhancing relationships. To really begin to use the power of behavioral styles, you also need to know how to apply the information to other people and in other situations. Good relationships can get better and challenging relationships may become good.

People want to be treated according to their behavioral style, not yours.

People generally make the mistake of assuming that others interact and think the same way they do, and many of us grew up believing in The Golden Rule: treating others the way you would like to be treated. Instead, we encourage another practical rule to live by - what Dr. Tony Alessandra calls **The Platinum Rule®: to treat others the way THEY want to be treated**. This practice requires strategic adjustment made on a case-by-case basis, and adjusting your own behavior to make people feel more at ease with you and the situation is known as **Adaptability**.

It is important to remember that adapting our styles is not always easy! It may take some time, feel very difficult, or seem especially foreign in certain situations. Give it time, practice, patience and diligence and you will see relationship benefits.

ADAPTABILITY

THE APPLICATION SECTION INCLUDES:

- What is Adaptability?
- How to Identify Another Person's Behavioral Style
- Communicating with Each Style
- How to Adapt to the Different Behavioral Styles
 - Modifying Directness/Indirectness
 - Modifying Openness/Guardedness
 - Modifying Pace & Priority
- Adapting in Different Situations
 - At Work
 - In Sales and Service
 - In Social Settings
 - In Learning Environments
- Application Activities

What is Adaptability?

Adaptability is based on two elements: **Flexibility and Aptitude**. **Flexibility** is your **Willingness** and **Aptitude** is your **Capability** to adjust your approach or strategy based on the particular needs of the situation or relationship at a particular time. It's something you must **cognitively choose to apply** to yourself (to your patterns, attitudes and habits), not expect from others.

We practice adaptability each time we slow down for a C or S style; or when we move a bit faster for the D or I style. It also occurs when the D or C styles take the time to build the relationship with an S or I style, or when the I or S style focuses on facts or gets right to the point with D or C styles.

Adaptability does not mean an “imitation” of the other person’s style. It does mean adjusting your openness, directness, pace, and priority in the direction of the other person’s preference, while maintaining your own identity. Adaptable people know how to negotiate relationships in a way that allows everyone to win.

Your adaptability level influences how others judge their relationship with you. Raising your adaptability will increase trust and credibility; if you lower your adaptability, trust and credibility will decrease. Being more adaptable enables you to interact more productively with difficult people and helps you to avoid or manage tense situations.

Important Considerations:

- Adaptability is important to **all** successful relationships.
- No one style is naturally more adaptable than another.
- Adaptability is a choice:
 - You can choose to be adaptable with one person, and not so with others.
 - You can choose to be quite adaptable with one person today and less adaptable with that same individual tomorrow.
- People often adopt a different style in their professional lives than they do in their social and personal lives.
 - We tend to be more adaptable at work and with people we know less.
 - We tend to be less adaptable at home and with people we know better.

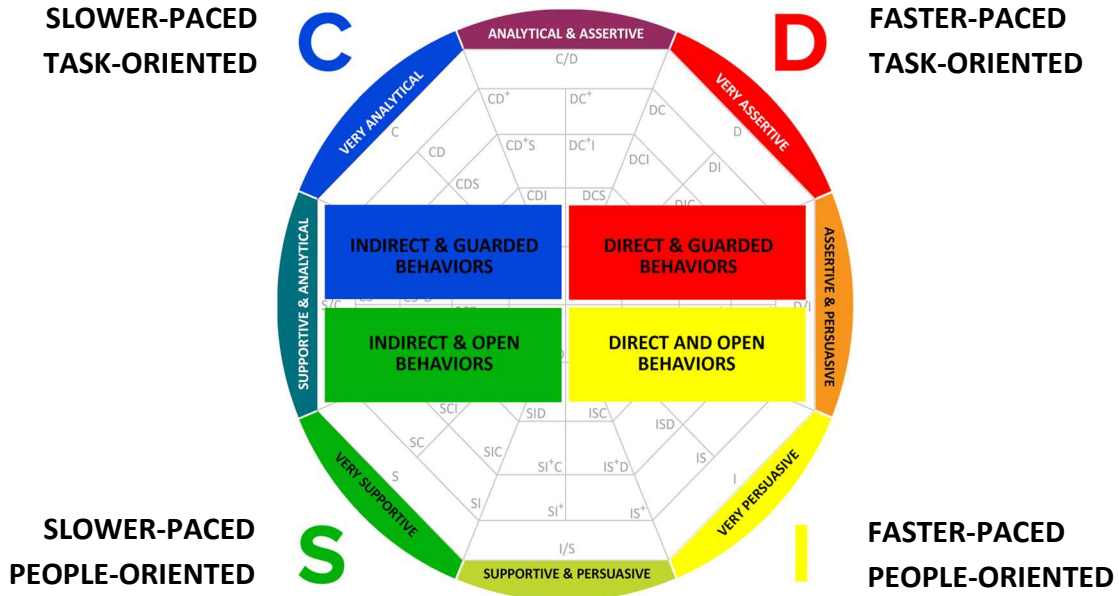
Words of Advice:

Adaptability at its extreme could appear wishy-washy and two-faced. A person who maintains high adaptability in all situations may not be able to avoid stress and inefficiency. There is also the danger of developing tension from the stress of behaving in a “foreign” style. Usually, this is temporary and may be worth it if you gain rapport with others. At the other end of the continuum, no adaptability would cause others to view someone as rigid and uncompromising because they insist on behaving according to their own natural pace and priority.

Recognizing Another Person's Behavioral Style

2 Power Questions:

1. Are they **DIRECT/FAST-PACED** or **INDIRECT/SLOWER-PACED** in their communications?
(Directness is the 1st predictor of Style. Direct plots on the right, Indirect on the Left).
2. Are they **GUARDED/TASK-ORIENTED** or **OPEN/PEOPLE-ORIENTED** in their communications?
(Openness is the 2nd predictor of Style. Open plots on the Bottom, Guarded on the Top).



When we integrate both the natural tendency to be either **DIRECT** or **INDIRECT** with the natural tendency to be either **GUARDED** or **OPEN**, it forms the foundation and the basis for plotting each of the four different behavioral styles:






Directness & Openness		Pace & Priority	
D	Tends to be direct and guarded	Fast -paced and task -oriented	
I	Tends to be direct and open	Fast -paced and people -oriented	
S	Tends to be indirect and open	Slow -paced and people -oriented	
C	Tends to be indirect and guarded	Slow -paced and task -oriented	

The behavioral intensity of directness or indirectness and being open or guarded is shown in the quadrant you plot. The plots towards the edge of the BPV reflect **MORE INTENSITY** and those plotting closer to the center reflect **MODERATE INTENSITY** of both characteristics.

Communicating with each Style

With D Styles	With I Styles	With S Styles	With C Styles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show them how to win • Display reasoning • Provide concise data • Agree on goals and boundaries • Vary routine • Compliment them on what they have done • Provide opportunities for them to lead, impact results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show them that you admire and like them • Be optimistic • Support their feelings and ideas • Avoid involved details • Focus on the big picture • Interact and participate with them - do it together • Provide acknowledgements, accolades, and compliments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show how your idea minimizes risk • Demonstrate interest in them • Compliment them on follow through • Give personal assurances • Provide a relaxing, friendly, stable atmosphere • Act non-aggressively, focus on common interests • Provide opportunities for deep contribution and teamwork 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach indirectly, non-threatening • Show your reasoning, logic, give data in writing • Allow them to think, inquire, and check before they make decisions • Tell them “why” and “how” • Provide opportunities for precision, accuracy, and planning for quality results

Tension Among the Styles

PACE	PRIORITY	PACE & PRIORITY
<p><i>Direct, Fast-Paced</i> vs. <i>Indirect, Slower-Paced</i></p>	<p><i>Guarded, Task-Oriented</i> vs. <i>Open, People-Oriented</i></p>	<p><i>Direct, Fast-Paced, Guarded, Task-Oriented</i> vs. <i>Indirect, Slower-Paced, Open, People-Oriented</i></p>
 <p>High S + High I <i>(Lower Left vs. Lower Right Quadrant)</i></p>	 <p>High D + High I <i>(Upper Right vs. Lower Right Quadrant)</i></p>	 <p>High S + High D <i>(Lower Left vs. Upper Right Quadrant)</i></p>
 <p>High C + High D <i>(Upper Left vs. Upper Right Quadrant)</i></p>	 <p>High C + High S <i>(Upper Left vs. Lower Left Quadrant)</i></p>	 <p>High C + High I <i>(Upper Left vs. Lower Right Quadrant)</i></p>

To Modify Directness and Openness

DIRECT/INDIRECT

With D Styles DIRECT	With I Styles DIRECT	With S Styles INDIRECT	With C Styles INDIRECT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a strong, confident voice • Use direct statements rather than roundabout questions • Face conflict openly, challenge and disagree when appropriate • Give undivided attention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make decisions at a faster pace • Be upbeat, positive, warm • Initiate conversations • Give recommendations • Don't clash with the person, but face conflict openly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make decisions more slowly • Avoid arguments and conflict • Share decision-making • Be pleasant and steady • Respond sensitively and sensibly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not interrupt • Seek and acknowledge their opinions • Refrain from criticizing, challenging, or acting pushy – especially personally

GUARDED/OPEN

With D Styles GUARDED	With I Styles OPEN	With S Styles OPEN	With C Styles GUARDED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get right to the task, address bottom line • Keep to the agenda • Don't waste time • Use businesslike language • Convey acceptance • Listen to their suggestions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share feelings, show more emotion • Respond to expression of their feelings • Pay personal compliments • Be willing to digress from the agenda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take time to develop the relationship • Communicate more, loosen up, and stand closer • Use friendly language • Show interest in them • Offer private acknowledgements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain logical, factual orientation • Acknowledge their thinking • Downplay enthusiasm and body movement • Respond formally and politely

To Modify Pace and Priority

PACE

With D Styles FASTER	With I Styles FASTER	With S Styles SLOWER	With C Styles SLOWER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be prepared, organized • Get to the point quickly • Speak, move at a faster pace • Don't waste time • Give undivided time and attention • Watch for shifts in attention and vary presentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't rush into tasks • Get excited with them • Speak, move at a faster pace • Change up conversation frequently • Summarize details clearly • Be upbeat, positive • Give them attention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop trust and credibility over time, don't force • Speak, move at a slower pace • Focus on a steady approach • Allow time for follow through on tasks • Give them step-by-step procedures/instructions • Be patient, avoid rushing them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be prepared to answer questions • Speak, move at a slower pace • Greet cordially, and proceed immediately to the task (no social talk) • Give them time to think, don't push for hasty decisions

PRIORITY

With D Styles TASK	With I Styles PEOPLE	With S Styles PEOPLE	With C Styles TASK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get right to the task • Provide options and let them decide • Allow them to define goals and objectives • Provide high-level follow up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make time to socialize • Take initiative to introduce yourself or start conversation • Be open and friendly, and allow enthusiasm and animation • Let them talk • Make suggestions that allow them to look good • Don't require much follow-up, details, or long-term commitments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get to know them personally • Approach them in a friendly, but professional way • Involve them by focusing on how their work affects them and their relationships • Help them prioritize tasks • Be careful not to criticize personally, keep it specific and focused 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be prepared with logic and practicality • Follow rules, regulations, and procedures • Help them set realistic deadlines and parameters • Provide pros and cons and the complete story • Allow time for sharing of details and data • Be open to thorough analysis

Adapting in Different Situations: AT WORK

DOMINANT STYLE

HELP THEM TO:

- More realistically gauge risks
- Exercise more caution and deliberation before making decisions
- Follow pertinent rules, regulations, and expectations
- Recognize and solicit others' contributions
- Tell others the reasons for decisions
- Cultivate more attention/responsiveness to emotions

INFLUENCING STYLE

HELP THEM TO:

- Prioritize and organize
- See tasks through to completion
- View people and tasks more objectively
- Avoid overuse of giving and taking advice
- Write things down

STEADY STYLE

HELP THEM TO:

- Utilize shortcuts and discard unnecessary steps
- Track their growth
- Avoid doing things the same way
- Realize there is more than one approach to tasks
- Become more open to some risks and changes
- Feel sincerely appreciated
- Speak up and voice their thoughts and feelings

CONSCIENTIOUS STYLE

HELP THEM TO:

- Share their knowledge and expertise with others
- Stand up for themselves with the people they prefer to avoid
- Shoot for realistic deadlines and parameters
- View people and tasks less seriously and critically
- Balance their lives with both interaction and tasks
- Keep on course with tasks, less checking
- Maintain high expectations for high priority items, not everything

Adapting in Different Situations: IN SALES AND SERVICE

DOMINANT STYLE

- Plan to be prepared, organized, fast-paced, and always to the point
- Meet them in a professional and businesslike manner
- Learn and study their goals and objectives – what they want to accomplish, how they currently are motivated to do things, and what they would like to change
- Suggest solutions with clearly defined and agreed upon consequences as well as rewards that relate specifically to their goals
- Get to the point
- Provide options and let them make the decision, when possible

INFLUENCING STYLE

- Take the initiative by introducing yourself in a friendly and informal manner and be open to new topics that seem to interest them
- Support their dreams and goals
- Illustrate your ideas with stories and emotional descriptions that they can relate to their goals or interests
- Clearly summarize details and direct these toward mutually agreeable objectives and action steps
- Provide incentives to encourage quicker decisions
- Give them testimonials

STEADY STYLE

- Get to know them more personally and approach them in a non-threatening, pleasant, and friendly, but professional way
- Develop trust, friendship, and credibility at a relatively slow pace
- Ask them to identify their own emotional needs as well as their task or business expectations
- Get them involved by focusing on the human element... that is, how something affects them and their relationships with others
- Avoid rushing them and give them personal, concrete assurances, when appropriate
- Communicate with them in a consistent manner on a regular basis

CONSCIENTIOUS STYLE

- Prepare so that you can answer as many of their questions as soon as possible
- Greet them cordially, but proceed quickly to the task; don't start with personal or social talk
- Hone your skills in practicality and logic
- Ask questions that reveal a clear direction and that fit into the overall scheme of things
- Document how and why something applies
- Give them time to think; avoid pushing them into a hasty decision
- Tell them both the pros and cons and the complete story
- Follow through and deliver what you promise

Adapting in Different Situations: IN SOCIAL SETTINGS

DOMINANT STYLE

- Let them know that you don't intend to waste their time
- Convey openness and acceptance of them
- Listen to their suggestions
- Summarize their achievements and accomplishments
- Give them your time and undivided attention
- Appreciate and acknowledge them when possible

INFLUENCING STYLE

- Focus on a positive, upbeat, warm approach
- Listen to their personal feelings and experiences
- Respond openly and congenially
- Avoid negative or messy problem discussions
- Make suggestions that allow them to look good
- Don't require much follow-up, detail or long-term commitments
- Give them your attention, time and presence

STEADY STYLE

- Focus on a slower-paced, steady approach
- Avoid arguments and conflict
- Respond sensitively and sensibly
- Privately acknowledge them with specific, believable compliments
- Allow them to follow through on concrete tasks
- Show them step-by-step procedures
- Behave pleasantly and optimistically
- Give them stability and minimum of change

CONSCIENTIOUS STYLE

- Use a logical approach
- Listen to their concerns, reasoning, and suggestions
- Respond formally and politely
- Negative discussions are OK, so long as they aren't personally directed
- Privately acknowledge them about their thinking
- Focus on how pleased you are with their procedures
- Solicit their insights and suggestions
- Show them by what you do, not what you say

Adapting in Different Situations: IN LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

DOMINANT STYLE

- Likes to learn quickly; may be frustrated with a slower pace
- Has own internal motivation-clock, learns for their own reasons, not for anyone else's reasons
- May like to structure their own learning design
- Does okay with independent self-study
- Defines own goals
- May have a short attention span

INFLUENCING STYLE

- Likes learning in groups
- Interacts frequently with others
- Responds to extrinsic motivation, praise, and encouragement
- Needs structure from the facilitator; may lose track of time
- Needs "what to do" and "when to do it"
- May exceed deadlines if left on their own and learning may be completed late

STEADY STYLE

- Accepts a balance between individual and group work
- Shows patience with detailed or technical processes
- Likes journaling and follow-through
- Prefers explicit instructions
- Wants to know the performance outcomes and expectations
- May need help in prioritizing tasks if a long assignment; may take criticism personally

CONSCIENTIOUS STYLE

- Prefers individual work over group interaction
- Accepts more impersonal training, such as remote or on-line
- Has high expectations of their own performance
- Will structure their own activities only with explicit goals and outcomes established
- Emphasizes details, deep thinking, and theoretical bases for the learning
- May get overly bogged down in details, especially if the learning climate is pressured

Application Activities

Adaptability Practice

Spend some time with people at home and at work that you know and trust who are different styles than you. Explore ways to communicate more effectively with them. Ask for support and feedback as you try new ways to communicate. Remember- tell them this is a skill you are building so they aren't surprised when you are behaving differently and can provide helpful feedback!

- **Practice Identifying their style based** on observable behavior
- **Practice Modifying your Directness and Openness** in conversation with them
- **Practice Modifying your Pace and Priority**
- **Ask for feedback** on your effectiveness in communicating with them
- **Take some time to reflect on your experience** and what worked or didn't work for you and for them
- **Consider** what you should repeat, and what you need to modify further to communicate as effectively as possible.

As you begin feeling more comfortable with adaptability and the needs of each style, try it with others!

Adaptability Activity

Select a relationship in which things have not gone as smoothly as you would like. Make a commitment to take the time to gain an understanding of the other person's behavioral style and take a few steps to adapt your behavior to improve the relationship.

- 1 Identify the behavioral style of the other person using the 2 Power Questions:
 - Are they DIRECT or INDIRECT in their communication?
 - Are they GUARDED or OPEN in their communication?
- 2 Brush up on their style and look at ways to adapt your Directness and Openness when working with them.
- 3 To further understand the tension that may exist in the relationship, notice the difference in preference in pace and priority and modify accordingly.
- 4 Practice approaching them in the way you think **THEY want to be treated**. Remember, it may feel uncomfortable at first, but with practice and dedication to adapting, you will be amazed at the difference.

Tension Among the Styles Exercise

Even if you have the highest regard toward a person, tension can exist in a relationship where styles are different. If this is behavior related, applying The Platinum Rule® - Treat others the way THEY want to be treated – may be helpful. Complete this exercise to gain insights on how to improve tense relationships. If you feel comfortable, you may discuss with the other person things you can do to ease the tension.

My

Style: _____

My

Pace: _____

My

Priority: _____

SAMPLE

RELATIONSHIP

Name: *John Doe*

Style: *High I*

Pace: *Faster-paced*

Priority: *People-oriented*

Difference: *Pace and Priority*

Strategy: *Be more personable, social, upbeat, and faster-paced with John*

RELATIONSHIP 1

Name: _____

Style: _____

Pace: _____

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RELATIONSHIP 2

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Create a DISC POWER TEAM

Wouldn't it be amazing to have a DISC POWER TEAM where all members brought their best strengths to the table, and each of our challenges could be supported by someone who was skilled in the areas we struggle?

Considering the strengths and workplace behaviors for each style, who would be an ideal DISC POWER TEAM Member?

	DOMINANT STYLE	INFLUENCING STYLE	STEADY STYLE	CONSCIENTIOUS STYLE
STRENGTHS	Supervising Leadership Pioneering	Persuading Motivating Entertaining	Listening Teamwork Follow-through	Planning Systemizing Orchestration
WORKPLACE BEHAVIORS	Efficient Busy Structured	Interacting Busy Personal	Friendly Functional Personal	Formal Functional Structured
TEAM MEMBER				

For an upcoming project, consider how your DISC POWER TEAM could accomplish greatness!

- Assign responsibilities based on strengths
- Determine what opportunities or challenges exist or may come up
- Give each Team Member the opportunity to showcase their skills and experience
- Check in regularly and discuss as a team how it's going
- Provide feedback regarding roles, strengths, needs, and any additional support required

So Now What?

This report is filled with information about your behavioral style and the styles that you will encounter in others. There are many suggestions in the application section of this report for you to apply this information. Take the next step and DO the exercises. Don't put this report on a shelf or in a file. Knowing your own style is just the beginning— you must be able to apply this information to improve all of your relationships.

Continually use this report as a reference tool. It contains a lot of information and was never meant to be digested in a single reading. Experiment with making a few changes in your behavior and examine the results. You might be surprised!

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Assessments have been used since the mid-20th century, initially relied upon by Fortune 500s, calculated by highly skilled PhDs and produced by only a handful of trusted developers. With the advent of the internet in the 1990s, the ability to produce, market, and sell assessments became exponentially easier and less expensive. Since then, it has developed into a kind of “global cottage industry” with hundreds of new assessment developers, producing thousands of different assessments. Each developer purporting its assessments to be scientifically accurate instruments - sold, resold and used by individuals and organizations of all kinds; including many of our largest institutions like Fortune 500s, major universities, world governments, and even military. Frighteningly, this “global cottage industry,” which produces data relied upon by millions, is entirely unregulated with nothing to ensure its consumers are receiving what they are being told and sold. There are zero requirements, safeguards, laws or regulations ensuring the consumer receives a scientifically accurate instrument - or even what the developers and sellers claim.

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Reliability - Cronbach’s alpha ([APA Standards](#))

This technique is regarded as one of the most robust measures of reliability and presents the highest 'bar' from which to compare. The readers should note that Cronbach's alpha is the method selected for this instrument, because of its high standards. The reader is encouraged to compare reliability coefficients presented herein to other vendors, and also to ask those vendors which reliability formulas they used to compute their reliability coefficients. Cronbach’s alpha is a measure used to assess the reliability, or internal consistency, of a set of scale or test items. In other words, the reliability of any given measurement refers to the extent to which it is a consistent measure of a concept, and Cronbach’s alpha is one way of measuring the strength of that consistency.

Disparate Impact ([EEOC Guidelines](#))

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