Leadership



This assessment is based on the responses given in the Extended DISC® Individual Assessment Questionnaire. This assessment should not be the sole criterion for making decisions about oneself. The purpose of this assessment is to provide supporting information for the respondent in self-development

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Introduction to Your Leadership Assessment

Kris, you have undoubtedly realized that your success as a leader is determined in a very large part by how well you interact with your employees and other people. Your ability to effectively relate, communicate, influence and motivate others is a crucial skill in succeeding in your profession and creating successful, long-term relationships with subordinates, managers, customers, prospects, colleagues, friends and family members.

You have probably noticed it is very easy to get along with certain people. You almost instantly and effortlessly understand the other person. The communication just flows. It is a lot more than just mutual understanding of what is being said. It is as if the person sees you and the rest of the world in very similar terms. When it happens, everything is easier. Think about the last time it happened. Wasn't it effortless and uncomplicated?

Unfortunately, with most people interactions take more effort. They do not flow as easily. You cannot quite understand where the other person is coming from, what they really want, and what their intentions are. You may also have an uncomfortable feeling the other person is experiencing the same. You know the outcomes of the interaction are not quite what you want. You are likely to feel disappointed, frustrated and even tired. It takes energy, effort and concentration. Still, the results are not what you hoped they would be.

In these situations you probably feel there is something you could do, but are not quite sure what that is. You know your end goal – your destination – but are not sure how to get there. It is like being lost without a map.

Kris, this Leadership Assessment will provide you with the map to more successful interactions with others. You will learn:

- 1. The four main human behavioral styles.
- 2. Who you are and how others perceive you.
- 3. How to read other people and better understand them.
- 4. How to adjust your communication style to achieve your goals.

Very Brief Background of the Extended DISC® Model

Your Leadership Assessment is based on behavioral theories that have been used for over 90 years. The power of this model is that it is easy to learn, understand, and use because it identifies only four behavioral styles of individuals.

People can be divided in four main styles by identifying if they are more:

- 1. People- or Task-oriented.
- 2. Reserved or Active.

The resulting four styles are called:

D-style (Dominance)

I-style (Influence)

S-style (Steadiness)

C-style (Conscientiousness)

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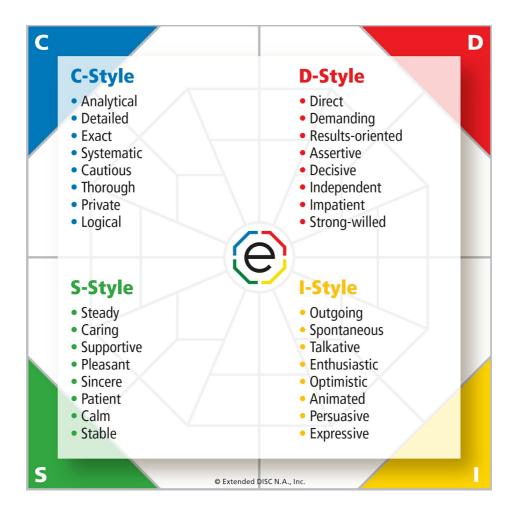
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The DISC Behavioral Styles - The Key points:

In the following pages you will learn about the four DISC-styles. As you get comfortable with their own unique traits and tendencies, please keep the following important points in mind:

- None of the styles are better or worse.
- All styles have strengths and development areas. They just happen to be different.
- Your style does not limit what you can accomplish or how successful you can be. It simply predicts how you tend to do things.
- You can find all of the four styles represented by very successful people. However, the most successful people know who they are. They modify their style appropriately with different styles of people and in different situations.



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Your Leadership Profiles

The Profiles are a visual representation of your behavioral style. They are based on your responses to the questionnaire. There are no right or wrong answers.

Profile I: Perceived Need to Adjust- Your adjusted style reflects an adjustment that you perceive would help you be successful in your current environment.

Profile II: Natural Style - Your natural style remains fairly stable, but not rigid, over your adult life. It is the style that is most comfortable to you and uses the least energy. Most individuals are a combination of styles.

The styles (D, I, S, and C) that are above the middle line (=top half of the Profile II) are your natural styles. The styles that show below the middle line means that they require more energy from you.

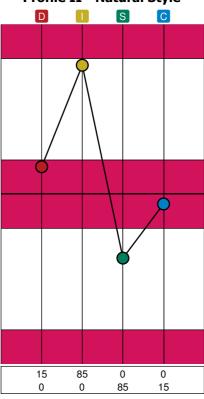
There are no good or bad behavioral styles - just different ones.

Your Profile I and II

Profile I - Perceived Need to Adjust

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Profile II - Natural Style



Your DISC style is: ID (I - 85%, D - 15%)

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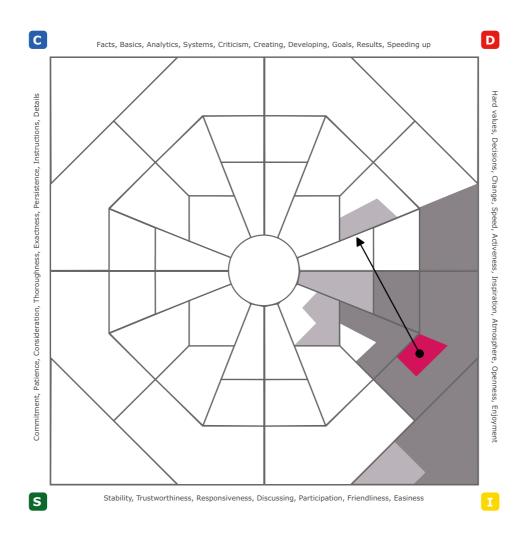
Your DISC Style

The DISC Model is divided into four quadrants: D, I, S and C.

The rectangle identified in color shows the location of your natural style. Determine in what quadrant it is placed. This is your most natural and comfortable behavioral style (D, I, S or C). The shadings demonstrate the behavioral styles that are quite comfortable for you.

The DISC quadrant(s) that have **shading** represent your DISC **comfort areas** or your natural style.

The DISC quadrant(s) that have **no shading** represent DISC styles **requiring more energy** from you.



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Kris at a Glance

This page is a description of how your employees and others are likely to perceive you. In other words, while the text describes your typical behavior as seen by others, you certainly can modify your behavior to fit the needs of a particular situation and/or individual(s). Also, you may have already addressed the development areas by learning new skills.

How Your Employees May Perceive You:

Extroverted, social, sociable, open, inspiring, active, busy, energetic, alert, independent, emotional, enthusiastic, superficial, careless, impatient, people-oriented.

How Your Employees May Perceive Your Communication Style:

This person is very open and inspiring. It is natural for him to seek new contacts, to sell, and to discuss visions. In discussions, he does not concentrate on details but lets the listeners more or less guess them. For that reason, some people may not find him very trustworthy, but rather superficial storyteller.

How Your Employees May Perceive Your Decision-making:

This person has opinions about most things. He does not always express his viewpoint (and fights for it even less), especially in difficult and unpleasant situations. Sometimes his attitude is emotional which prevents him from seeing the "plain truth." He may also lack the patience to study things thoroughly and consequently acts upon feelings.

Kris's Strengths:

- Maintains positive atmosphere
- Encourages, motivates, inspires
- Has contacts with different kind of people
- Can generate new ideas
- Accepts change
- Projects an enthusiastic image
- Wins people on his side without force
- Is "brave enough" to praise others
- Has ideas and is not tied to traditions
- Can be talked into participating easily
- Has plenty of energy
- Likes to be praised

"Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom."

- Aristotle

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Your Decision-Making Style

There is no best style for making decisions. However, we all have our own most comfortable way of decision-making. Successful people are aware of their preferred style and make conscious adjustments based on the requirements of each unique situation.

Interpreting the bar graphs is simple:

The **rectangles to the right side** of the graph identify your preferred decision-making styles. Be conscious not to overuse them.

The **rectangles to the left side** of the graph identify decision-making styles requiring more energy from you. You **CAN** make decisions this way as long as you concentrate more.

	1	Not Na	tural	to You	ır Sty	le	Nati	ural to	You	r Style	3
Checking every detail when making decisions under pressure:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Making well thought out decisions based on detailed analysis:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Making well thought out decisions based on security:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Making courageous and risky decisions when under pressure:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Making fast decisions based on achieving goals:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Making overly cautious decisions when under pressure:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Making spontaneous decisions based on intuition:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Making sudden and emotional decisions when under pressure:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5

"It is understanding that gives us the ability to have peace. When we understand the other fellow's viewpoint, and he understands ours, then we can sit down and work out our differences."
- Harry S. Truman

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How Your Employees View your Decision-Making Style

No matter what you do, others will have their own perceptions of your behavior.

Kris, this is how your decision-making style may come across to your employees.

This person has opinions about most things. He does not always express his viewpoint (and fights for it even less), especially in difficult and unpleasant situations. Sometimes his attitude is emotional which prevents him from seeing the "plain truth." He may also lack the patience to study things thoroughly and consequently acts upon feelings.

- Wants people to decide things together
- Does not want to close the lid on final decisions
- Wants a solution that everybody is happy with

entify an aspect of your decision-making style that is most comfortable for you. What impact
pes it have in your current position?
entify an aspect of your decision-making style that is least comfortable for you. What impact ses it have in your current position? What can you do to improve?

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Your Motivators

You tend to like and feel comfortable with these items. Are you taking advantage of comfort areas?

Kris is motivated by the chance to work with people on various tasks. He is also motivated if he is popular, socially accepted, has good relationships with people and an encouraging working atmosphere. He likes freedom to move around to find new things and ideas.

You are more likely to respond positively and feel energized if these factors are present in your work environment.

- Open and active atmosphere
- · Possibility to move and experience new things
- Variety and change
- Freedom within the organization
- Freedom from nitty-gritty rules
- Easy-going friends
- Possibility to live life his own way
- Feeling of freedom
- People who come along
- Challenges and possibilities
- Rapidly changing situations
- Possibility to carry out his ideas

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How can you increase their effect on your performance? Be specific.									

Identify two Motivators that are being fulfilled in your current position.

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Situations that Reduce Your Motivation

All of us face situations on a daily basis that we do not like much and tend to drain our energy levels. The items below are likely to decrease your motivation and require more energy from you.

- Boring repetitive tasks
- Being separated from others
- Need to be thorough and exact
- Duties that involve details
- Exact rules and restricting limitations
- Unpopular decisions
- People not paying attention to him
- People that are "impossible" to get excited
- · Losing attention

current position.

- · Restricted freedom
- Rude people
- People who want to work alone

Carefully consider *Situations that Reduce Your Motivation*. Be aware of their impact on making your goals a reality. Are you prone to procrastinate with situations/tasks that correspond to items listed above?

Identify two Situations that Reduce Your Motivation that create the greatest challenge in your

How can you decrease their effect on your performance? Be specific.

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Your Strengths

Strengths are items that tend to be easier, more natural and require less energy from you.

- Maintains positive atmosphere
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- Has contacts with different kind of people
- Can generate new ideas
- Accepts change
- Projects an enthusiastic image
- Wins people on his side without force
- Is "brave enough" to praise others
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- Can be talked into participating easily
- Has plenty of energy
- Likes to be praised

Most of us tend to overlook our strengths, even taking them for granted. Do not let that happen to you. Instead, consider the items listed above and think how well you are taking advantage of these valuable behavioral traits. Please use caution however; remember that an overused strength very often becomes a weakness and a serious liability to our performance.

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How can you maximize the impact of your <i>Strengths</i> ? Be specific.										

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Reactions to Pressure Situations

These are NOT descriptions of your weaknesses or present behavior. They are items that you should be cautious about since these reactions in pressure situations may become more evident. Understanding how you react to pressure situations can make it easier to deal with them.

- Puts energy on maintaining popularity
- Is too speedy
- Is interested in everything
- Jumps from one thing to another
- May delay difficult decisions
- Allows routine tasks to remain undone
- Trusts people too much
- Cannot concentrate on one thing at a time
- · Lacks real patience to listen
- · Overoptimistic, believes in everything good
- Makes mistakes by being careless
- Can not stay still or be silent



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Your Communication Style

We all have our own unique communication style. When we become aware of how we tend to communicate with others, it becomes easier to make conscious modifications to our style. These modifications improve our effectiveness with others.

Interpreting the bar graphs is simple:

The **rectangles to the right side** of the graph identify your preferred communication styles. Be conscious not to overuse them.

The **rectangles to the left side** of the graph identify communication styles require more energy from you. You **CAN** communicate this way, but it may require more energy and concentration.

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Active listening, paying attention to understanding everything:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Active sharing of factual information:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Active sharing of positive information:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Clear and fact-based communication:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Communicating in a compelling and positive way:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Considerate and careful communication:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Detailed and logical communication:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Direct, goal focused communication:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Empathic, positive, understanding:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Encouraging, participating, involving communication:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Facts-based, goal-oriented and direct communication:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Goal oriented motivation and influencing:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Inspiring and motivating influencing of people:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Positive, lively and inspiring communication:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Repetitive talking about the same topic:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Strong goal-oriented influencing of people:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Very systematic and focused on the exact topic in hand:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5

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How Others View Your Communication Style

Your message and your communication style come across differently to different people. While you cannot control others, you can be more aware of your natural communication style and how it is perceived by others. Then you can make the necessary adjustments in your interactions with others.

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How You Achieve Your Goals

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ı	Not Natural to Your Style						Natural to Your Style						
Authoritative use of power:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5		
Being a demanding, fast-moving creator of resources:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5		
Building a team spirit to support each other in achieving the goals:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5		
Communicating the goal in a way so others can identify with it:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5		
Demanding communication and leading from a distance:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5		
Following a step-by-step plan to achieve the goals:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5		
Goal-focused and direct communication:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5		
Helping people to understand the emotions involved:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5		
Knowing when to analyze and when to act:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5		
Management that requires a fast, analytical approach:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5		
Managing things and systems in a demanding way:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5		
Pushing ideas through:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5		
Setting up goals that aim to motivate people:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5		
Showing excitement toward new goals:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5		
Strongly emphasizing the awareness of goals:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5		
Supporting everyone to achieve the goals:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5		
Taking strong, corrective action when observing poor performance:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5		

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How You Lead Your Employees

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Achieving results through and with people:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Actively connecting people with each other:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Being a leader who both plans and participates:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Bringing up new ideas to inspire people:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Building lasting relationships with people in the organization:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Communicating detailed requirements in a positive manner:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Constant, positive encouragement of people:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Creating a friendly atmosphere:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Delegating and allowing people to perform:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Demanding, people-oriented leadership style:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Developing cooperation among people:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Helping others to understand how they deliver the strategy, vision, mission, and values:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Having a listening, participative management style:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Maintaining cooperation among people:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
People-oriented management style:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Picking up on others' emotions even when not articulated:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Providing very detailed instructions:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Simplifying complicated matters:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	

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How You Motivate Your Employees

Interpreting the bar graphs is simple:

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The **rectangles to the left side** of the graph identify items requiring more energy from you. You **CAN** motivate in these ways, but they are likely to require more energy and concentration.

	N	lot Na	tural	to Yo	ur Sty	le	Natural to your Style					
Actively promoting new ideas:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Adjusting one's approach with different people:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Being a charismatic leader of masses:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Being active in contacting people via multiple channels:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Building openness and excitement:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Communicating a compelling vision of the future that others want to be part of:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Communicating complicated matters in an inspiring way:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Communicating details in a logical way:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Communicating the goal and how details relate to it:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Concentrating on encouraging people:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Convincing, confident and inspiring performer:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Creating and promoting ideas:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Finding a favorable solution:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Influencing by showing commitment to completing own responsibilities:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Inspiring and encouraging people:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Searching outside the organization to build strategic alliances:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Using networks across the organization to influence the strategic direction :	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	

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How You Develop Your Employees

Interpreting the bar graphs is simple:

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The **rectangles to the left side** of the graph identify items requiring more energy from you. You **CAN** develop your employees in this way, but these items are likely to require more energy and concentration.

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Being an active developer of others' skills:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Being able to identify all details needed to develop a certain skill:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Being mindful of one's style and its impact:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Being willing to accept and share personal learning goals:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Being willing to share one's mistakes with others:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Conducting a step-by-step plan for developing peoples' skills:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Correcting own decisions until they are perfect:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Developing people's ability to influence other people:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Goal-focused training of details:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Identifying the gaps between the required and the current skills within an organization:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Looking to the future and anticipating the required skills:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Patiently developing others' professional skills:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Providing constructive feedback:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Sharing of new learning with others:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Spending the necessary time with a person to support learning:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Thorough familiarizing and teaching:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Understanding how new skills should be communicated:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Understanding what skills an organization needs and it currently has:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5

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How You Help Your Employees Achieve Their Goals

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Creating a process that minimizes the need for support:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Helping and guiding others:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Helping others by listening and discussing in a positive way:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Helping others by providing the support they need:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Inspiring others to have the motivation to help themselves:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Inspiring others to overcome their fears and become excited:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Maintaining a positive atmosphere when supporting others:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Modest and participating guide of others:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Providing very detailed instructions on how to follow the existing processes:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Providing constructive reinforcement and developmental feedback:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Reassuring people in a positive manner:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Trying to find new approaches to solving technical problems:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	

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Improving Your Success As A Leader

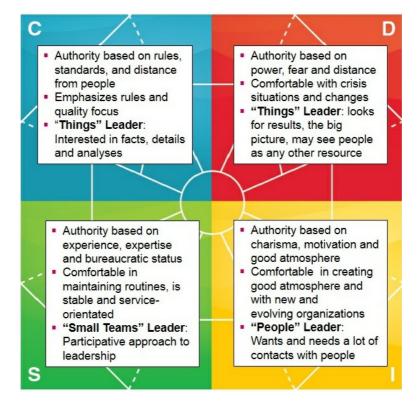
Kris, below are a few reminders and suggestions on how to further improve your success as a leader.

Reminders:

- Try to do things thoroughly do not leave them until tomorrow
- Try to be as consistent as possible in your actions and with what you say
- Teach people to concentrate on what they do best
- Focus on one task at a time and find a way to do it better
- Develop one thing per employee at a time
- When motivating experts, remember that they are best motivated by another expert
- Make sure your plan makes sense by writing it down

Suggestions of What to Avoid:

- Do not try to change things too much or too often justify the real need for the change to yourself
- Be careful not to give too much attention to stakeholders at the expense of your own subordinates
- Do not be too optimistic check how things are in reality
- You know how to make complicated things interesting be careful not to overlook anything
- Do not assume that policies and procedures on quality is enough to achieve quality
- Set one goal, find the means needed to achieve it, and do not focus on anything else
- Try not to change existing solutions that work



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How to Identify Others' Styles

Now that you have identified your own style, the next step is to identify the styles of others so that you may then make the most effective adjustments to yours. This is a skill that takes practice, but is easy to learn.

As you become more familiar with the DISC-styles, you will find some people are easy to identify. You will quickly think to yourself: "She is a D-style" or "He is an S-style." These individuals are predominantly one style and can be identified easily.

The rest of the people you encounter will take a little more effort. However, it is a simple, three-step process of identifying other's style:

Step 1. Observe

Step 2. Assess

Step 3. Recognize

Step 1: Observe

When you meet someone, pay attention to traits such as:

- what the person talks about
- how he/she says it type of words (e.g. "I" vs. "We"), type of questions (e.g. "what?", "why?")
- body language
- tonality

You will discover that observing behaviors will become second nature. Soon you will observe behaviors without thinking.



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Step 2: Assess

Based on your observations, determine if the individual is more:

- Active
- Reserved

Task-orientation C D S

People-orientation

Reserved

Reserved Individuals (S and C-styles):

Talk about present and past and how things are now

Speak with a calm and fairly quiet voice

Tend to have hesitant eye-contact

If the person is **Reserved**, they are either **S-style** or **C-style**.

If the person is **Active**, they are either **D-style** or **I-style**.

Active

Active Individuals (D and I-styles):

Talk about future and how things could be Speak with a fairly loud voice and inflection Demonstrate body language that is animated and assertive

Maintain strong eye-contact

If the individual is Active, he/she is either D-style or I-style.

- Talks about future and how things could be
- Speaks with a fairly loud voice and inflection
- Demonstrates body language that is animated and assertive
- Maintains strong eye-contact

If the individual is Reserved, he/she is either S-style or C-style.

- Talks about present and past and how things are now
- Speaks with a calm and fairly quiet voice
- Demonstrates body language that is limited
- Tends to have hesitant eye-contact

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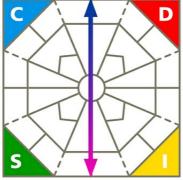


Next, determine if the individual is more:

- Task-oriented
- People-oriented

Next, determine if the person is more: Task-oriented or People-oriented

Task-orientation



People-orientation

Task-oriented Individuals (C and D-styles):

Talk and ask about things Focus more on tasks than people Do not show a lot of emotion

Active

If the person is Task-oriented, they are either **D-style** or **C-style**.

If the person is People-oriented, they are either I-style or S-style.

People-oriented Individuals (S and I-styles): Talk and ask about people

Reserved

Focus more on people than tasks

> Show emotion fairly easily

If the individual is Task-oriented, he/she is either D-style or C-style.

- Talks and asks about things
- Focuses more on tasks than people
- Does not show a lot of emotion

If the individual is People-oriented, he/she is either I-style or S-style.

- Talks and asks about people
- Focuses more on people than tasks
- Shows emotion fairly easily

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Step 3: Recognize

Now you have the information needed to identify the person's style by combining the Active-Reserved and Task-People Orientation.

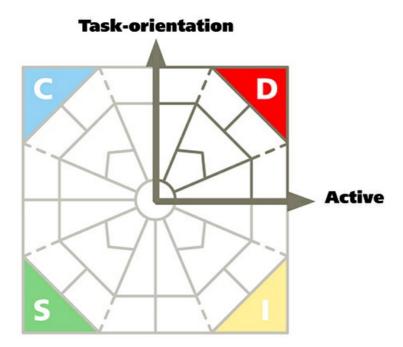
D-style = Active and Task-oriented

This is how to recognize D-styles.

Talks about: Goals, oneself, hard values (\$, revenue, profits) results, change.

How to identify D-styles:

- Is decisive
- Is assertive
- Very impatient
- May interrupt you
- Is direct, says what thinks
- "What's the bottom line?"
- Focuses on the big picture
- States own opinions as facts
- "How does this benefit ME?"
- Often appears to be in a hurry
- Makes decisions quickly, almost hastily
- May talk to many people at the same time
- May have difficulty understanding others' viewpoints/feelings



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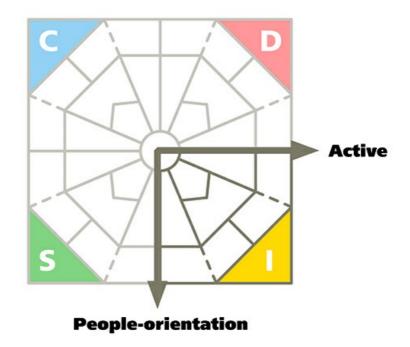
I-style = Active and People-oriented

This is how to recognize I-styles.

Talks about: People, team-spirit, good things, future, oneself

How to identify I-styles:

- Talks a lot
- Is animated
- Is open and friendly
- Appears unorganized
- Does not listen for long
- Stays away from hard facts
- Does not pay close attention
- Jumps from subject to subject
- Does not focus much on details



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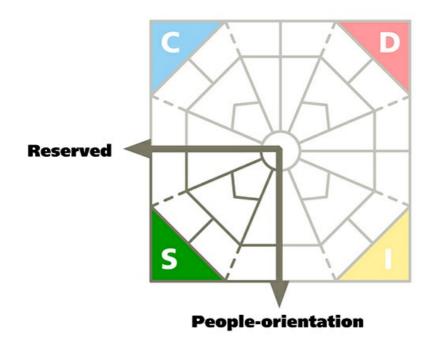
S-style = Reserved and People-oriented

This is how to recognize S-styles.

Talks about: Agreements, principles, past, proofs, one's team

How to identify S-styles:

- Is easy-going
- Appears calm
- Listens carefully
- Appears thoughtful
- Nods and goes along
- "Let me think about it"
- Likes own physical space
- · Does not get easily excited
- Ponders alternatives, slow in making decisions
- Asks questions and inquires about the specifics
- Seems have strong opinions but does not express them vocally
- Completely new ideas/things seem to make him/her uncomfortable



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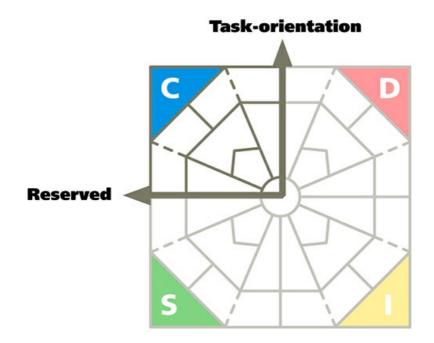
C-style = Reserved and Task-oriented

This is how to recognize C-styles.

Talks about: Facts, analyses, details, rules, instructions

How to identify C-styles:

- Is quiet
- Focuses on details
- Proceeds cautiously
- Asks many questions
- Appears reserved and somewhat timid
- Doesn't easily express disagreeing views
- May have done homework on your products/services
- Studies specifications and other information carefully
- Makes decision only after studying pertinent facts/issues
- May be very critical; criticism based on facts, not opinions



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D-styles

"Winning takes precedence over all. There's no gray area. No almosts."

- Kobe Bryant

The D-style is the most aggressive and assertive of the four styles. D-styles tend to be quite competitive and results-oriented. As a result, you may identify D-styles as being quite aggressive, blunt and even rude. Under pressure they can appear to have a lack of concern for others. They do not want to lose control. D-styles want to be in charge and have the power.

D-styles prefer to move fast, take risks and get things done now. They like change and challenges. D-styles may also often want to create change.

D-styles can also be impatient and overbearing. They are often not very good listeners and are prone to make snap decisions.

Motto: I did it my way.

Focus: Actively controls tasks and things.

Under pressure – Lack of concern. This refers to D-styles' tendency to overlook how their actions and behaviors affect others.

Fear - Loss of control. This refers to D-styles' desire to be in charge. They do not want to give up control.

Favorite question: What? (What is the bottom line? What is in it for me?)

Communication Style:

- Often to only one direction he/she talks and expects others to listen
- Expresses own opinions as facts that need no further discussion
- May be blunt and challenges others
- Interrupts others often

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Kris, when communicating with a D-style, remember to:

- Let them control the pace
- Ask them what information they want
- Stick to the point do not get side-tracked
- Do not pressure them into a decision they may become suspicious
- Be very logical

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- Offer them other topics of discussion but let them decide what to talk about
- Show you are strong, while also respecting their strength

Kris, what not to do with D-style:

- Do not color your presentation be professional
- Do not use clients as references if they have not given permission
- Be careful you do not appear superficial
- Never offer them only one option let them decide
- Do not try to sweet talk them
- Never try to be better than they are
- Do not be friendlier than they are

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I-Styles

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out?"

- Dr. Seuss

I-styles are outgoing, social, and talkative, and like to be the center of attention. They like to interact with others and meet new people. They do not like to focus on details, or spend a lot of time by themselves. Others tend to perceive I-styles as very friendly, enthusiastic and animated.

I-styles are the influencing and interactive individuals who shake up their environment by bringing others into alliance with one another. They know what they want, align everyone together to get it done, and want everyone to like them as they move forward. Social acceptance is very important for I-styles – they like to be liked.

I-styles are talkative, sociable, optimistic and lively. They are people-oriented, spontaneous, energetic and enthusiastic. I-styles tend to be positive and good at influencing others.

I-styles can also be inattentive to details, overly talkative and emotional. They may over-promise because they are so optimistic and eager to be popular. Others may perceive I-styles as somewhat careless, impulsive and lacking follow-up.

Motto: "I am a nice person. Everyone should like me."

Focus: Actively involved with people and emotions.

Under pressure – Disorganized. I-styles have a tendency to focus so much on people that they may overlook details and tasks.

Fear – Social rejection. I-styles have a strong desire to be liked by others.

Favorite question: Who? (Who is going to be at the meeting? Who else is using this?)

Communication Style:

- Selling and inspiring
- Talks a lot, but not about details
- Avoids unpleasant subjects
- Good at providing positive, constructive feedback
- Not always direct

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Kris, when communicating with an I-style, remember to:

- Double-check what the prospect's true needs are
- Be prepared to listen a lot
- Let them tell the best story
- Show that you are also interested in the topic and are not just trying to sell
- Try to get them to talk
- Commit the prospect to decisions you make together
- Do not forget your final goal with the client

Kris, what not to do with an I-style:

- Do not talk when they would like to talk
- Do not get them enthusiastic about something they will postpone later
- Be careful not to talk too much nor focus too much on details
- Do not interrupt them if they get excited
- Do not control the discussion
- Do not progress faster than they are willing to
- Do not let them drift to another topic

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S-Styles

"None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful."

- Mother Teresa

S-styles are steady, calm and laid back. While they do like interaction with other people, they are more reserved and less animated than I-styles. S-styles prefer things to remain the same because changes and surprises threaten their sense of security. Family and friends tend to be very important to S-styles. They often defend their own group or team almost emotionally; fairness and justice are very important to S-styles.

S-styles are reliable and stable with an emphasis on cooperating with whoever is in charge to carry out the tasks. They say: "Tell me what, when and how you want it done and I'll be glad to do it." If you do not give me enough details, I won't get started because you might blame me if it gets done wrong."

Since S-styles prefer stability and security, they tend to resist change and need support with it. They want to know how the change will affect their lives. S-styles are also prone to be hesitant in their actions and decision-making. This is primarily caused by their desire to consider others and for everyone to get along.

Motto: If it's not broken, let's not fix it.

Focus: Involved with familiar people.

Under pressure – Too willing. S-styles' have a tendency to be accommodating and polite. Often they say "yes" too easily.

Fear – Loss of stability. S-styles have a desire to have a stable and secure environment. Change can be challenging for S-styles.

Favorite Question: How? (How are we going to do this? How does this impact us?)

Communication Style:

- Often only to one direction, he/she listens
- Answers when asked
- Talks calmly
- Creates trust
- Talks about topics he/she masters
- Better in one-to-one situations
- · Good instructor

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Kris, when communicating with an S-style, remember to:

- Give them information beforehand so that they will have time to review it
- Confirm in writing as much as possible
- Cover all issues step-by-step
- Slow down, progress carefully
- Progress logically do not rush
- Progress step-by-step
- Demonstrate that you are honestly trying to help them

Kris, what not to do with an S-style:

- Avoid making things too funny
- Be careful not to reveal your other clients' confidential information
- Never show that you forgot what their opinion is
- Do not ever reveal to others what this person has told to you
- Do not be unpredictable
- Do not underestimate their opinions
- Make sure that you are not cursory about anything

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C-Styles

"I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious."

- Albert Einstein

C-styles are the most analytical of the four behavioral styles. C-styles can be very detail-oriented, focusing on facts, information and proofs. They are comfortable working alone and are the most reserved of the four styles. C-styles are logical and methodical in their approach.

C-styles are cautious and compliant to their own high standards. Their emphasis is to work with the existing circumstances to ensure the quality of the product or service. C-styles make sure that everything works the way it should.

C-styles are sometimes too critical of others. They expect everyone to follow their standards. Their attention to detail and correctness can be perceived as nit-picky by others. C-styles' desire to do things correctly can also slow down their decision-making. They can over-analyze issues and need a lot of information.

Motto: "If we do not have time to do it right, do we have time to do it over again?" As a result, C-styles are good in ensuring quality control.

Focus: Analyzes tasks and things.

Under pressure – Overly critical. C-styles have a tendency to be so focused on the details that they often find mistakes and errors. The other styles may find C-styles too critical.

Fear – Criticism of work. C-styles want to be correct and to produce high-quality work. They do not want to make mistakes.

Favorite question: Why? (Why does is work this way? Why should we do it?)

Communication Style:

- Better in written communication
- Doesn't express disagreeing views
- Includes a lot of facts and details
- May miss the big picture
- Doesn't talk about opinions or abstract matters
- Extremely diplomatic

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Kris, when communicating with a C-style, remember to:

- Be brief, detailed, and not too social
- Confirm everything in writing
- Leave as much as possible to written communication
- Be prepared to explain in detail the main points
- Make them feel that you are an expert in your topic
- · Cover one topic at a time and do not skip anything too quickly
- Be prepared to present all possible details but do not do it before they ask for them

Kris, what not to do with a C-style:

- Do not jump from one thing to another without any clear logic
- Do not leave anything unexplained
- · Do not get too excited
- Never lose your professional touch
- Do not ask for a deal before all other options have been vetted
- Do not forget to provide them with means to calculate what the additional value your product offers them
- Do not suddenly ask them to make a decision

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Personal Action Plan: Your Next Steps

Experience has shown creating a concise, simple and specific action plan is the best way to improve performance. To do so, create your "Top 3" lists to help you become more successful.

My Top 3 Start and Stop List:

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