

The McQuaig Profile Types - Generalist

Definitions and Descriptions



Generalist

A person competent in several different fields or activities

- Extremely competitive, ambitious and goal- oriented
- Can be forceful in resolving uncertainties
- Welcomes responsibility and authority
- Very independent, persistent and decisive; takes charge, shows initiative
- Is self-reliant, resolute and determined
- Very energetic and hard-driving
- Has a strong sense of urgency and is quick to respond to emergency situations
- Very friendly, outgoing and optimistic
- Likes variety and works well under pressure
- Good motivator and delegator
- Sociable and outgoing; persuasive and a good communicator
- Works especially well in situations involving interactions with others
- Understands people and enjoys selling ideas to them
- Extremely ambitious; needs constant challenge and unlimited opportunities for advancement
- Dislikes routine and detail although may be good at it
- Dislikes close supervision
- Oriented to working more with people than ideas and methods
- This profile is typical of many top salespeople, managers and supervisors, as well as people who are in production or new business development



The McQuaig Profile Types - Pioneer

Definitions and Descriptions



Pioneer

A person who develops or is the first to use or apply a new method, area of knowledge or activity

- Extremely competitive, ambitious and goal- oriented
- Can be forceful in resolving uncertainties
- Independent, persistent and decisive; wants to take charge and show initiative
- Is capable of thinking autonomously, acting independently, and taking initiative
- Welcomes responsibility and authority
- Restless, driving and energetic; works well under pressure and enjoys working to tight deadlines
- Has the drive to get things done
- Tends to be logical, analytical, practical and realistic
- Likely to think through a problem, weigh the pros and cons, in order to reduce errors
- Bases decisions on facts rather than feelings
- Needs constant challenge and opportunity on the job
- Dislikes routine although may be good at it
- Resents close supervision
- This profile is typical of many managers and supervisors, as well as people who are in production or new business development roles



The McQuaig Profile Types - Administrator

Definitions and Descriptions



Administrator

A person responsible for running a business, school, organisation etc..

- Very independent, persistent and decisive
- Is self-reliant, resolute and determined
- Competitive and goal oriented
- Welcomes responsibility and authority
- Very ambitious and achievement-oriented; thoroughly enjoys competing with others and being able to tackle tough assignments
- Reliable and patient
- Establishes routines to complete tasks, works well with systems and methods; able to keep calm, cool and collected most of the time
- Tends to be logical, analytical and practical, making decisions on facts rather than emotions
- Likely to think through a problem, weigh the pros and cons, in order to reduce errors
- Independent, strong minded and persistent
- Wants to take charge and show initiative
- Relaxed, patient, steady, consistent and reliable
- Can adjust to routine work
- Desires challenge and opportunity for advancement
- More oriented towards ideas and methods than people
- Dislikes close supervision, pressure and deadlines
 - Although lacking a strong sense of urgency or a specifically people-oriented approach, this profile is representative of many managers and supervisors, as well as people who are in production or new business development roles



The McQuaig Profile Types - Persuader

Definitions and Descriptions



Persuader

A person who may influence others to do something by asking, arguing or giving reason

- Very friendly, outgoing and optimistic.
- Works especially well in situations involving interactions with others
- Independent and decisive
- Is capable of thinking autonomously, using initiative and acting independently
- Restless, driving and energetic; works well under pressure and enjoys working to tight deadlines
- Ambitious and goal-oriented
- Enjoys competing with others, overcoming objections and taking on difficult assignments
- Believes in people and is able to empower them with authority
- Is empathetic, supportive, and encouraging; an effective motivator
- Enjoys persuading others to their point of view
- Believes own ideas are right and will usually show a determination to get their own way
- Will keep at it until they get results
- Is capable of making decisions, standing up against some resistance from others, and sticking to something they believe in
- Can adjust to change and is quick to respond to new situations
- Has a sense of urgency and prefers variety
- Wants to win and will be willing to take chances, make decisions and assume responsibility for getting things done
- This profile is typical of many supervisors and new business developers where keys to success are effective public relations and interpersonal skills.



The McQuaig Profile Types - Specialist

Definitions and Descriptions



Specialist

A person who has special knowledge about a skill related to a particular job, area of study, etc.

- Very cautious, deliberate and precise
- Very conscientious and cooperative; follows rules, procedures and policies carefully
- Goes out of the way to get along with others
- Very thorough with details
- Peaceful, a good team player; avoids trouble
- Organizes and plans for as many contingencies as possible
- Logical, analytical, work oriented and realistic
- Likely to think through a problem, weigh the pros and cons and make decisions on facts, rather than on emotions
- Very relaxed, patient, steady
- Reliable, enjoys routine
- Not competitive or independent, will not want responsibility for unusual or difficult decisions outside of their own area of expertise
- Not interested in supervising people
- Develops routines to complete tasks
- Easy-going, dislikes pressure and deadlines
- More oriented towards ideas and methods than people
- This profile would be best as an expert in a support role where steadiness, logical thinking and attention to detail are required.



The McQuaig Profile Types - Cooperator

Definitions and Descriptions



Cooperator

A person who is helpful by doing what someone asks or tells them to do

- Very cautious, deliberate, thoughtful and considerate
- Goes out of way to get along with others
- Works well under supervision and as part of team
- Reliable, peaceful and patient
- Establishes routines to complete tasks, works well with systems and methods; able to keep calm, cool and collected most of the time
- Thorough and conscientious, likes to be prepared for contingencies
- Sociable and outgoing, understands people; sees other points of view and gets along well with others
- Conscientious and cooperative, follows company rules and directions well
- Somewhat relaxed, patient and easy-going
- Good with routine and detail
 - Will not want responsibility for supervising others or for unusual or difficult decisions outside of their own area of expertise
- More oriented toward working with people than with ideas and methods
- A good service, contact, public relations person; best in a support role, working cooperatively with people.



The McQuaig Profile Types - Enthusiast

Definitions and Descriptions



Enthusiast

A person who is ardently attached to a cause, object or pursuit; a person who enjoys something very much

Very cautious, deliberate, thoughtful and considerate; goes out of their way to get along with others

- Very sociable, friendly, outgoing and optimistic
- Good communicator who likes helping people
- Works especially well in situations involving interactions with others
- Somewhat thoughtful, considerate and diplomatic
- Works well under supervision and as part of team
- Very precise, conscientious, cooperative; follows company rules and directions
- Organizes and plans for as many contingencies as possible
- Restless, driving and energetic
- Works well under pressure and enjoys working to tight deadlines
- Adjusts to change easily
- Self-motivated to push for results
- Needs variety and dislikes routine
- Does not want responsibility for managing others or for unusual or difficult decisions outside of their own area of expertise
- A good service, contact, public relations person; would be best in a support role, working enthusiastically with people.