



SUCCESS INSIGHTS®

Customer Service Version

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INTRODUCTION

Successful business depends on Customer Service. It is essential to understand that every employee is involved in customer service. Everyone in every organization is a customer of some kind. It has been proven that customers would rather switch to another company than tolerate poor service. Research indicates, even if there is no conflict, over 60% of all customers quit dealing with a business because of indifference on the part of some employee.

The ability to interact effectively with customers may be the critical difference between success or failure in our work life. Effective customer service begins with an accurate perception of our own work behavioural style. This report was designed to quantify information on how you see your own behaviour in the workplace. That information may then be used for you to learn how others perceive your behaviour. This knowledge will assist you in formulating strategies in meeting customer needs.



GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Based on your responses, the report has selected general statements to provide you with a broad understanding of your Customer Service Style. This section of the report identifies the natural customer service style you bring to the job.

John can be aggressive and direct, but still be considerate of people. Other people realize that directness is one of his great strengths. He is driven toward goals completion and wants to be in a position to set policy that will allow him to meet those goals. He is a self-starter who likes new projects and is most comfortable when involved with a wide scope of activities. He embraces visions not always seen by others. John's creative mind allows him to see the "big picture." John enjoys authority, independence and the freedom that goes with his aggressive approach to problem solving. Most people see him as a high risk-taker. His view is, "nothing ventured, nothing gained." He prefers an environment with variety and change. He is at his best when many projects are underway at once. He likes to be forceful and direct when dealing with others. His desire for results is readily apparent to the people with whom he works. John has high ego strengths and may be viewed by some as egotistical. He wants to be seen as an individual who is totally keyed to results. He wants to get things done in a manner that is consistent with his perception of the "right way" of doing things. Under pressure, John has a tendency to actively seek opportunities which test and develop his abilities to accomplish results. He is often frustrated when working with others who do not share the same sense of urgency.

John finds it easy to share his opinions on solving work-related problems. Sometimes he becomes emotionally involved in the decision-making process. He prefers authority equal to his responsibility. He is decisive and prefers to work for a



GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

decisive manager. He can experience stress if his manager does not possess similar traits. When faced with a tough decision, he will try to sell you on his ideas. He should realize that at times he needs to think a project through, beginning to end, before starting the project. He has the unique ability of tackling tough problems and following them through to a satisfactory conclusion. He will work long hours until a tough problem is solved. After it is solved, John may become bored with any routine work that follows.

John should exhibit more patience and ask questions to make sure that others have understood what he has said. He tends to be intolerant of people who seem ambiguous or think too slowly. He may lose interest in what others are saying if they ramble or do not speak to the point. His active mind is already moving ahead. His creative and active mind may hinder his ability to communicate to others effectively. He may present the information in a form that cannot be easily understood by some people. John challenges people who volunteer their opinions. He may lack the patience to listen and communicate with slower acting people. He may sometimes mask his feelings in friendly terms. If pressured, John's true feelings may emerge. He tends to influence people by being direct, friendly and results-oriented.



PERCEPTIONS

A person's behaviour and feelings may be quickly telegraphed to others. This section provides additional information on John's self-perception and how, under certain conditions, others may perceive his behaviour. Understanding this section will empower John to project the image that will allow him to control the situation.

"See Yourself As Others See You"

SELF-PERCEPTION

John usually sees himself as being:

Pioneering	Assertive
Competitive	Confident
Positive	Winner

OTHERS' PERCEPTION

Under moderate pressure, tension, stress or fatigue, others may see him as being:

Demanding	Nervy
Egotistical	Aggressive

And, under extreme pressure, stress or fatigue, others may see him as being:

Abrasive	Controlling
Arbitrary	Opinionated



DESCRIPTORS

Based on your responses, the report has marked those words that describe your personal behaviour. They describe how you solve problems and meet challenges, influence people, respond to the pace of the environment and how you respond to rules and procedures set by others.

Dominance	Influencing	Steadiness	Compliance
Demanding Egocentric Driving Ambitious Pioneering Strong-Willed Forceful Determined Aggressive Competitive Decisive Venturesome Inquisitive Responsible	Effusive Inspiring Magnetic Political Enthusiastic Demonstrative Persuasive Warm Convincing Polished Poised Optimistic Trusting Sociable	Phlegmatic Relaxed Resistant to Change Nondemonstrative Passive Patient Possessive Predictable Consistent Deliberate Steady Stable Mobile Active Restless Alert Variety-Oriented Demonstrative	Evasive Worrisome Careful Dependent Cautious Conventional Exacting Neat Systematic Diplomatic Accurate Tactful Open-Minded Balanced Judgment Firm Independent Self-Willed Stubborn Obstinate
Conservative Calculating Cooperative Hesitant Low-Keyed Unsure Undemanding Cautious Mild Agreeable Modest Peaceful Unobtrusive	Reflective Factual Calculating Skeptical Logical Undemonstrative Suspicious Matter-of-Fact Incisive Pessimistic Moody Critical	Impatient Pressure-Oriented Eager Flexible Impulsive Impetuous Hypertense	Opinionated Unsystematic Self-Righteous Uninhibited Arbitrary Unbending Careless with Details



CUSTOMER SERVICE FLEXIBILITY

Since customers are different, the needs they have, and that must be met, are also different. The information in this section will help you identify types of customers and provide you with the strategies to meet their needs.

"Improving Your Interactive Flexibility"

When interacting with a customer who has the following characteristics:

- Fast-paced speech
- Strong personality
- Impatient
- Direct
- Tries to control the situation

Factors that will improve Service with this Style of Customer:

- Minimize features - maximize benefits
- Help them with details
- LISTEN
- Ask specific questions
- Keep the pace fast enough so they do not become bored

Factors that will create tension or dissatisfaction with this Style of Customer:

- Over controlling the situation
- Telling them what to do



CUSTOMER SERVICE FLEXIBILITY

"Improving Your Interactive Flexibility"

When interacting with a customer who has the following characteristics:

- Warm and friendly
- Impulsive
- Uses many hand gestures while speaking
- Talkative
- Imprecise about the use of time

Factors that will improve Service with this Style of Customer:

- Be friendly, not dominating
- Ask for their ideas and opinions
- Use testimonials
- Tell how others will benefit
- Control your impatience

Factors that will create tension or dissatisfaction with this Style of Customer:

- Over controlling
- Displaying your impatience



CUSTOMER SERVICE FLEXIBILITY

"Improving Your Interactive Flexibility"

When interacting with a customer who has the following characteristics:

- Patient
- Easy going
- Uses few gestures
- Unemotional voice
- Reserved

Factors that will improve Service with this Style of Customer:

- Listen patiently
- Take time to explain
- Develop more empathy and patience
- Take a personal interest in them
- Exhibit friendly attitudes
- Slow down
- Give more attention to details
- Control body language
- Speak with sincere tone of voice

Factors that will create tension or dissatisfaction with this Style of Customer:

- Overselling or stressing new products
- Dominate with active body language



CUSTOMER SERVICE FLEXIBILITY

"Improving Your Interactive Flexibility"

When interacting with a customer who has the following characteristics:

- Speaks slowly
- Asks many questions about facts and data
- Is deliberate
- Uses few gestures
- Unemotional

Factors that will improve Service with this Style of Customer:

- Slow down and LISTEN
- Explain details
- Be sincere - lower your tone of voice
- Be conservative in assertions
- Answer questions precisely
- Minimize risks

Factors that will create tension or dissatisfaction with this Style of Customer:

- Being too blunt and direct
- Forcing them to take risks



SITUATIONAL STRATEGIES

Use this page for ideas on how to control the interaction between yourself and a customer when the following situations arise. When a customer is upset, you must first gain control of the situation - then read the customer's style and apply the appropriate strategy.

CUSTOMER

Sceptical, Suspicious

Nervous, irritable, high strung

Pessimistic, grouchy, complaining

Egotistical, opinionated, high hat

Argumentative, blustering

Silent, secretive

STRATEGY

Agree on minor points and expand. Be conservative in assertions.

Use a quiet, tactful, soothing manner.

Listen patiently, ask questions to find out their real concerns.

Flatter their ego. Concentrate on getting results.

Create response by challenging in a sincere manner.

Be more personal than usual to draw them out.



ACTION PLAN

Customers I have the most difficult time relating to could be described as:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

To improve my Customer Service with them, I need to work on the following:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Other Customers who cause me discomfort are:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

To improve my Customer Service with them, I need to work on the following:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Date _____ Signature _____

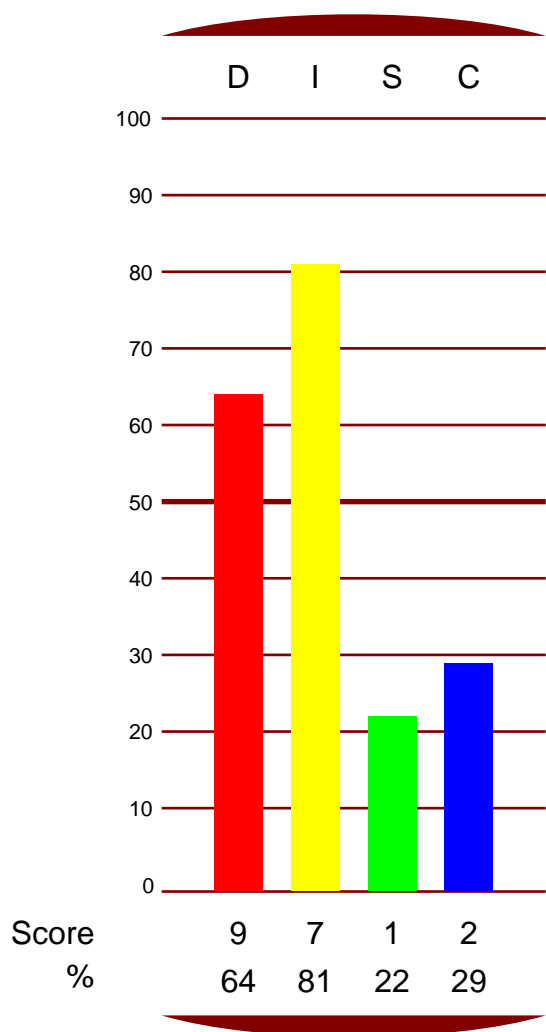


STYLE ANALYSIS™ GRAPHS

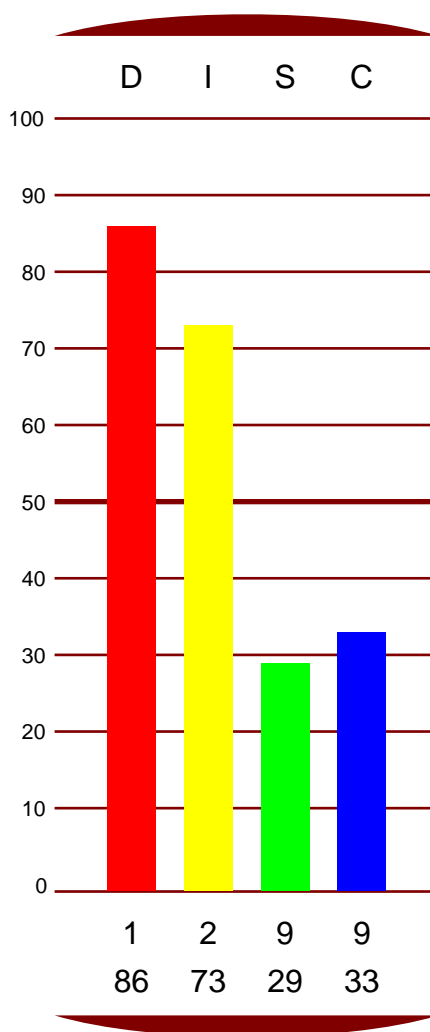
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MOST
Graph I
Adapted Style



LEAST
Graph II
Natural Style





THE SUCCESS INSIGHTS® WHEEL

The Success Insights® Wheel is a powerful tool popularized in Europe. In addition to the text you have received about your behavioural style, the Wheel adds a visual representation that allows you to:

- View your natural behavioural style (circle).
- View your adapted behavioural style (star).
- Note the degree you are adapting your behaviour.
- If you filled out the Work Environment Analysis, view the relationship of your behaviour to your job.

Notice on the next page that your Natural style (circle) and your Adapted style (star) are plotted on the Wheel. If they are plotted in different boxes, then you are adapting your behaviour. The further the two plotting points are from each other, the more you are adapting your behaviour.

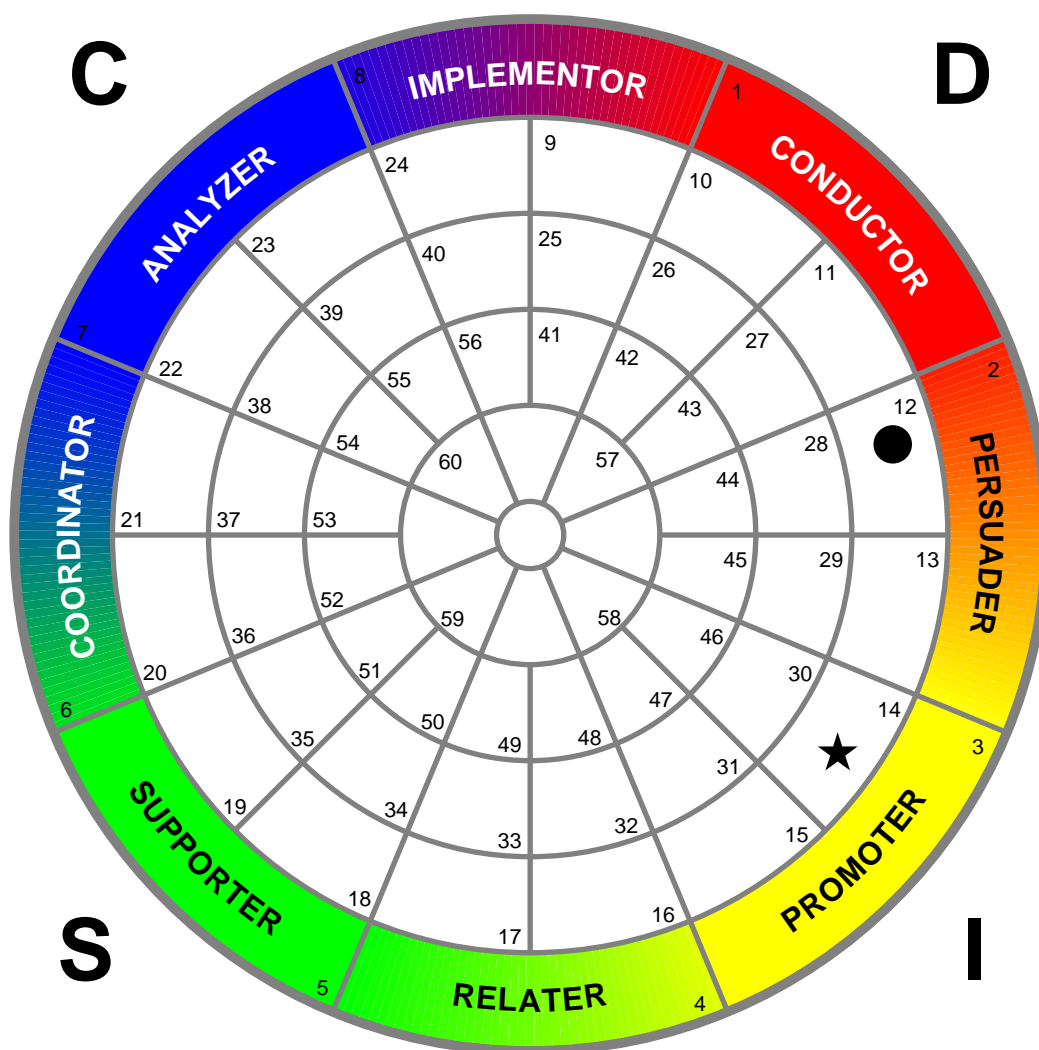
If you are part of a group or team who also took the behavioural assessment, it would be advantageous to get together, using each person's Wheel, and make a master Wheel that contains each person's Natural and Adapted style. This allows you to quickly see where conflict can occur. You will also be able to identify where communication, understanding and appreciation can be increased.



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Adapted: ★ (14) PERSUADING PROMOTER
 Natural: ● (12) CONDUCTING PERSUADER