

Why do some teams clash while others collaborate?



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Wouldn't life be easy if all the team was like me?





Do diverse teams perform better?

Diverse teams



Likely to be better at:

- Innovation, creativity, exploring the new
- Where new processes are needed
- Tasks needing complex responses
- Some uncertainty and ambiguity
- When things are changing

Homogeneous teams



May be better at:

- Implementing the already known
- Where set processes exist
- Tasks needing simple responses
- Low to zero uncertainty and ambiguity
- When things are staying the same

Which is your team environment?



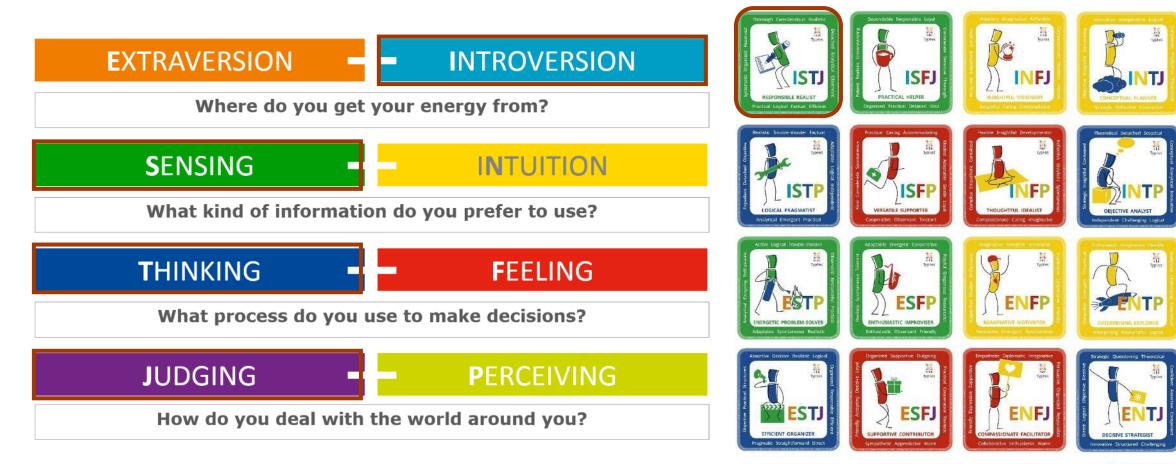
Issues with diverse teams

- Generally, more diverse teams take longer to make decisions (but then make better decisions)
- Diverse teams may have more conflict
- Personality has an effect:
 - Teams that are diverse in terms of Extraversion-Introversion perform better
 - Teams that are diverse in terms of Judging-Perceiving perform less well

What does this mean and what can we do?



It's not just Extraversion and Introversion



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Extraversion (on a bad day)



Introversion (on a bad day)



Extraverted or Introverted?



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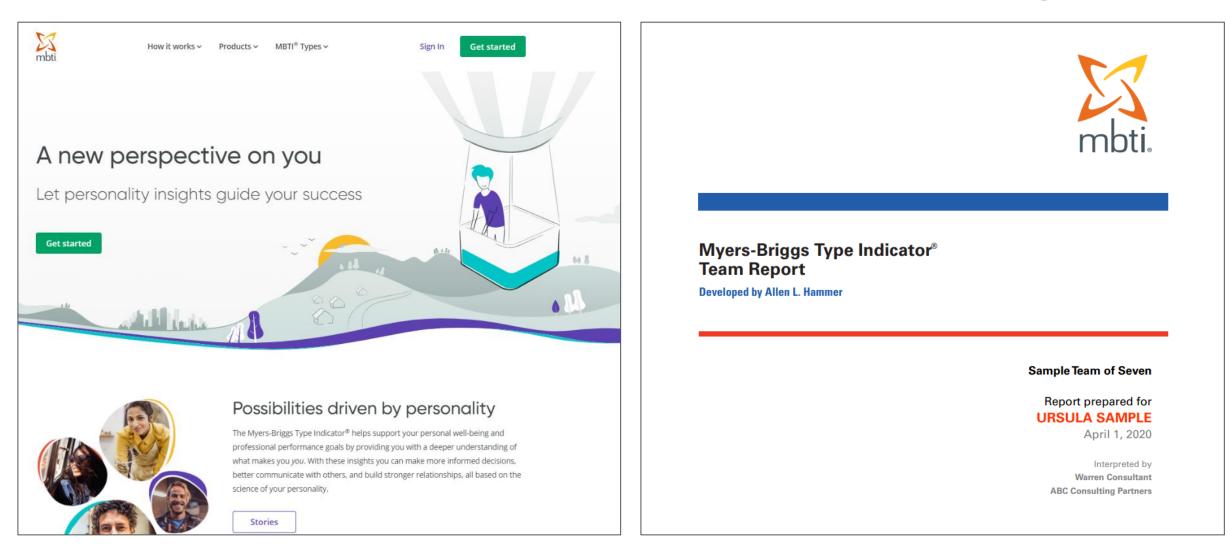
Know yourself, know your team



Q: At work, where has self-awareness been most helpful? A: Working with others in a team

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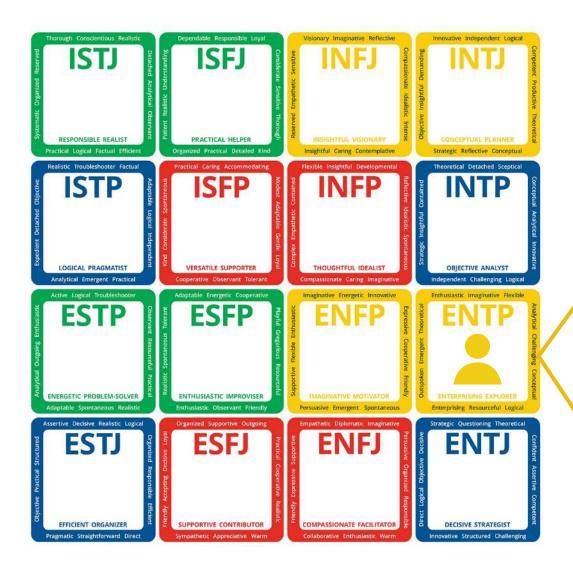
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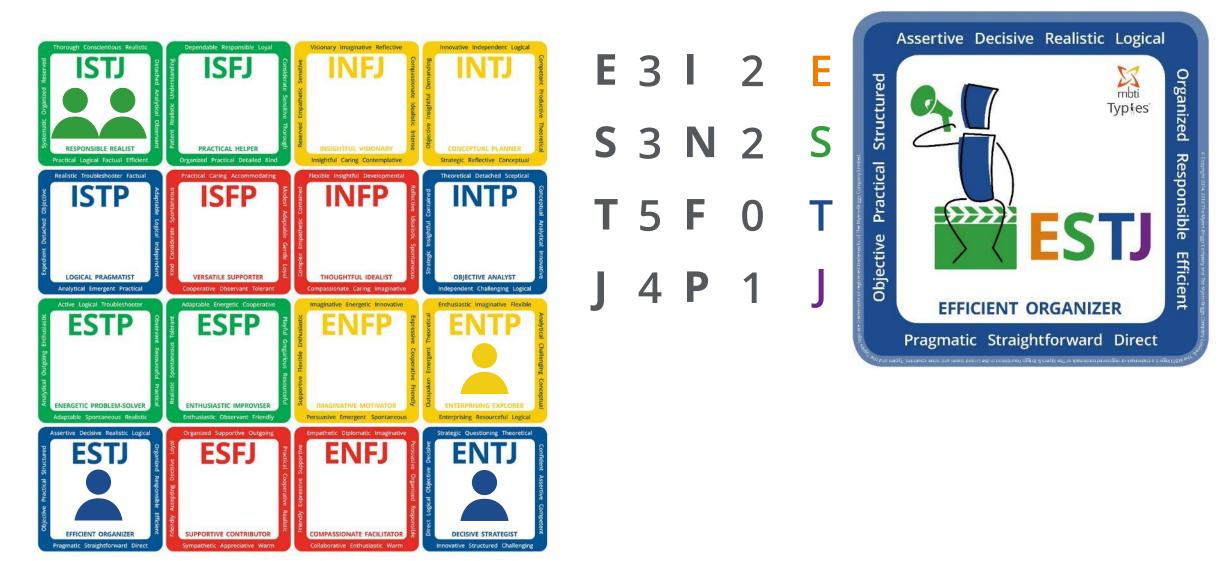
Type table: example team



- Identifying new opportunities and possibilities
- Analyzing problems logically and objectively
- Bringing an entrepreneurial spirit to the team
- Seeing the big picture
- Thinking long-range and strategically
- Pointing out derailing flaws and inconsistencies
- Bringing energy and enthusiasm to the team
- Driving change
- Being flexible and spontaneous in responding to problems
- Bringing technical expertise to help solve a problem



Type table: example team





ESTJ team: strengths and blind spots

Strengths

- Quick decisions, fast actions
- Bases decisions on known facts
- Sets clear, tangible goals, expectations
- Organizes and plans to meet goals
- Focus on practical results
- Drives others to achieve objectives
- Analyzes problems logically and objectively

Blind spots

- May make snap decisions and then have to redo work later
- May rejecting new ideas as impractical before giving them a chance
- May fail to recognize trends or see the big picture
- May not see the big picture as too focused on short-term results
- May steamroll over any and all obstacles
- May not celebrate successes





Problem-solving: the Zigzag (Z) model focus on here and focus on connections, now, concrete themes & future realistic data **INTROVERSION EXTRAVERSION** Where do you get your energy from? **S**ENSING INTUITION What kind of information do you prefer to use? THINKING FEELING What process do you use to make decisions? F logically JUDGING **P**ERCEIVING considering values weighing up the and impact on How do you deal with the world around you? pros and cons people

MBTI Teambuilding Program Leader's Resource Guide, S. Hirsch



The model in a team - but in this ESTJ team?

Sensing

- Identify relevant facts
- Act based on experience
- Determine realistic constraints
- Devise and implement incremental solutions
- Question radical new approaches

Thinking

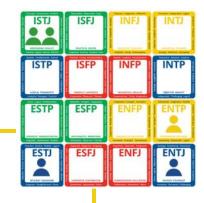
- Analyze the underlying issue
- Dissect the problem
- Debate or argue to surface all opinions
- Create or apply a model
- Question fundamental assumptions

Intuition

- Consider all possibilities
- Brainstorm alternatives
- Solve multiple problems at the same time
- Consider the future
- Identify trends and patterns

Feeling

- Involve all parties
- Consider effects of decisions on others
- Use values to evaluate options
- Get buy-in from stakeholders
- Work to keep harmony on the team



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Unbalanced solution

INFP

ENFJ

INTP

ISEP

ESFP

ESFJ

ISTP

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Team Problem Solving

Team problem solving involves collecting information and then making a decision—the two behaviors that form the core of psychological type. Isabel Myers believed that the best way to solve a problem is to use the four type functions deliberately and in a specific order: Sensing, Intuition, Thinking, and Feeling. The arrows in the diagram below illustrate this Z-model process.

Yet when most teams solve problems, they tend to rely more on their two preferred type functions instead of using all four functions in order. Because your team type is ESTJ, the team will tend to rely first on Thinking and then on Sensing, as these behaviors come most easily to your team. So the team will spend most of its time using the behaviors shown in the Thinking and Sensing boxes.



Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® Team Report for Sample Team 091012 / ESTJ

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Your Individual Type and Problem Solving

As a person who prefers ENTP, you likely prefer a problem-solving style that primarily involves the use of Intuition and Thinking. You probably like to spend time brainstorming new possibilities and then organizing them into an overall conceptual model or vision for change. You are apt to enjoy analyzing problems objectively and logically. You are less likely to focus on the practicality or feasibility of your ideas. You also may neglect to consider the needs of those who have to help you implement your ideas.

Because your individual type, ENTP, is different from your team's type, ESTJ, your problem-solving approach will be different as well. You may be able to help the team work around some of its blind spots by bringing your individual perspective to the problem-solving process. The approximate amount of time and energy you and the team tend to spend on each function is represented in the circles below. What impact have these differences had on your role in team decisions and at team meetings?



Your team will have less interest in, and spend less time on, behaviors associated with Feeling and Intuition. In fact, it may short-circuit the Z-model process and use *only* the Thinking and Sensing steps. You may notice this dynamic at work in team meetings. However, if the team neglects to use Feeling, it may miss what is most important to its customers or clients. If it neglects to use Intuition, it may reject new ideas and fail to innovate. Team performance may suffer if all four functions are not considered.

Team Action Steps

- The next time the team faces a decision, work through the steps in the order indicated by the arrows above.
- Identify team members, or someone from outside the team, who can help your team address the Intuition and Feeling aspects of problem solving.

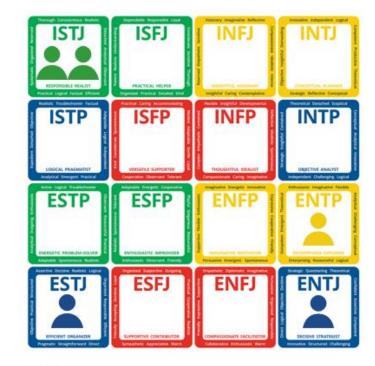
Individual Action Steps

- Make sure you bring your strengths in the Intuition and Thinking steps of the Z-model to the team's problemsolving process.
- Pay special attention and be patient when the team is using Sensing and Feeling—you may try to rush the team through these steps. Use the questions in the Sensing and Feeling boxes in the Z-model as a guide.
- Support anyone on the team who is using Sensing and Feeling.



Personality and **team communication**

- Lots of discussion, thinking out loud, interrupting
- Direct, to the point, sometimes forceful
- Focused on facts and details; may cut off Intuitive team members and describe them as unrealistic
- Want to communicate only enough information to make a quick decision. Impatient if anyone brings up issues that might delay taking action
- Want to move systematically through the agenda, checking off topics as they go

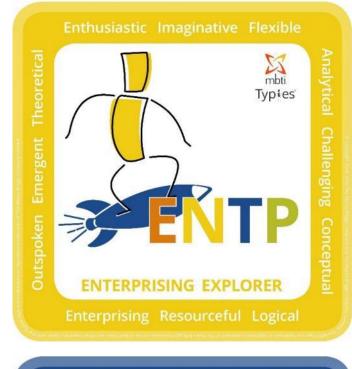




Communication: ENTP in an ESTJ team

- Stop talking occasionally and listen carefully to what others have to say.
- When necessary, support your ideas with facts or data.
- Make a conscious effort to communicate your appreciation for the contributions of others.
- Let people know when you are just thinking out loud and when you have made a decision. Some of your listeners may not be able to tell.





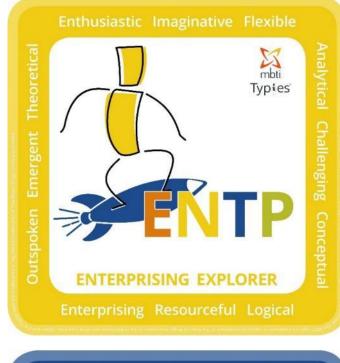


Conflict: ENTP in an ESTJ team

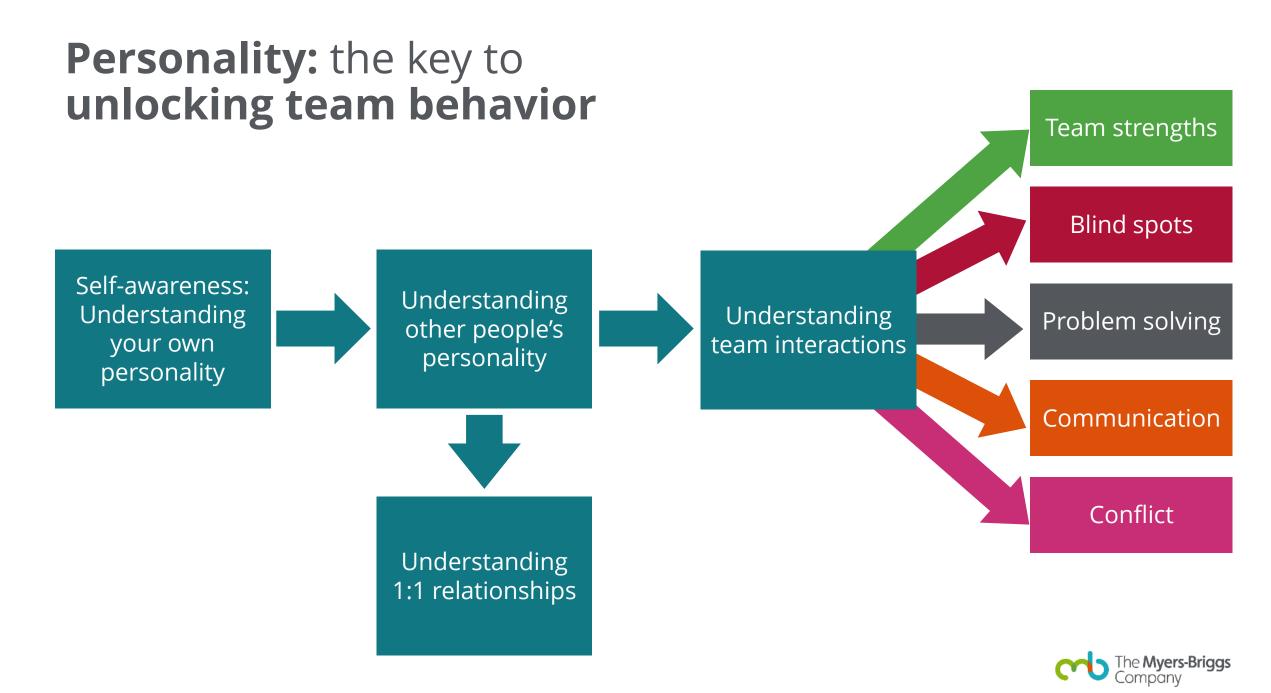
In this team, someone with ENTP preferences could bring about conflict by:

- Overwhelming quieter team members or constantly interrupting them
- Presenting unrealistic ideas with no supporting data
- Not showing respect for the values of some team members
- Delaying team action by constantly bringing up new information









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Create an individual action plan to leverage learnings



Building Resilience

When you feel stressed, it can get in the way of dealing effectively with life's demands, and it can affect everything you do. Participants gain

- Understanding their personal stress triggers
- Identifying strategies for coping with and reducing stress
- Insights to prepare them to build their resilience at work and home

Managing Change

In this session, participants will explore the process of navigating change by first understanding the role of personality type. Participants gain

- Understanding of personal change style and preferences
- Deeper appreciation for how change can be more successfully navigated through psychological insights
- Actions for increasing one's personal effectiveness during times of change

Enhancing Communication

Effective communication is at the heart of successful teams and thriving organizations. Participants gain

- Understanding of personal communication style and preferences
- Deeper appreciation for diversity of communication styles and preferences
- Actions for increasing one's personal communication effectiveness







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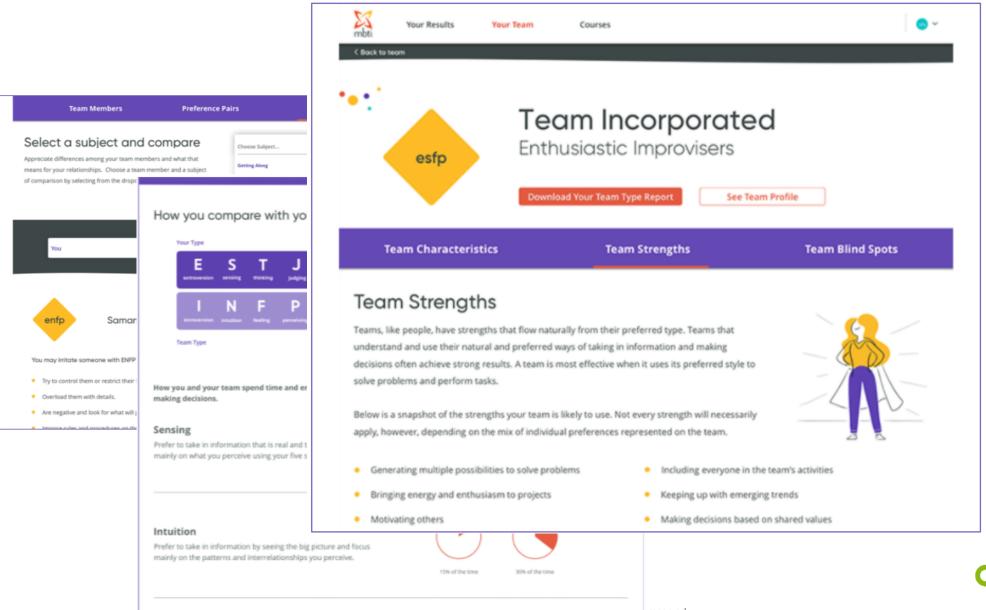
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