

How personality influences virtual teamwork



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The research

- What role does **personality** play in virtual teams?
- Are there personality differences between people who work in virtual teams?



Agenda

- The teams we work in
- 2. Introducing FIRO and MBTI
- 3. Real-life experience of a personality type during these times of change
- 4. 5 key scales of an effective team
- 5. Research findings



Teams

- Co-located team: All members work in the same office or other location
- Virtual team: Remote workers who are not co-located, and have a common purpose and interdependent goals
- Combined team: A blend of co-located and virtual practices



Your teams (before Covid-19)

- Virtual
- Co-located
- Combined
- Independent working mostly with physical clients
- Independent working mostly with virtual clients



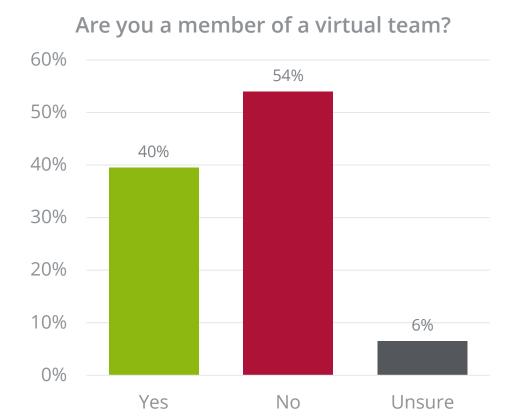
Personality and teams

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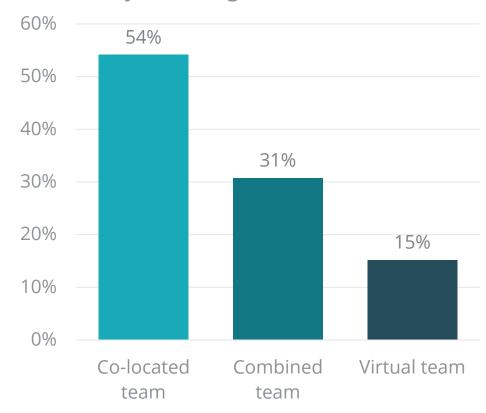




Team membership



Do you manage or lead a team?





Your experience

- Do you need to develop different skills to manage virtual teams?
- What do people working virtually need?
- Can we use personality type to help?



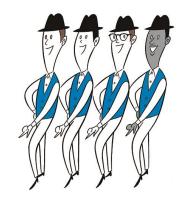
Introducing the FIRO® framework



Three interpersonal need areas

Involvement

The need to belong



Influence

The need for control



Connection

The need for intimacy



Also known as:
Inclusion
Control
Affection



Expressed and Wanted behaviours

Expressed

These are behaviors you initiate towards others



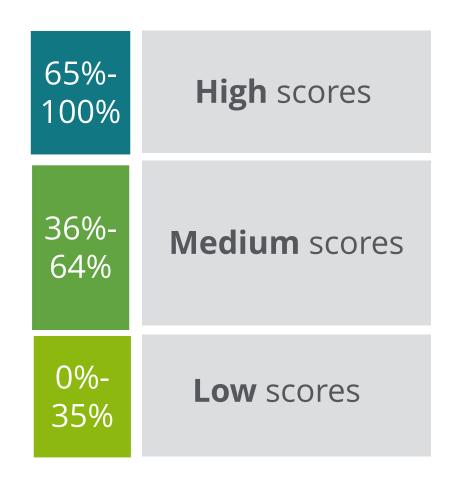


Wanted

These are the behaviors you use to receive from others



FIRO scores



Scores show:

- how often the behavior is shown – frequency
- how many people it is shown to –selectivity



A FIRO profile – in a co-located team

- Wants to participate
- A "joiner"
- Schedules regular meetings
- Want to bring the full, complete "right" answer
- Check she's on the right path informally

Eleanor

	Involvement	Influence	Connection
Expressed	High	High	Med
Wanted	High	Med	Med



A FIRO profile – in a virtual team

- Peace!
- Time to get on with what's important
- What IS important?
- Is she doing the right thing?
- Where is her time with you?

Eleanor

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Introducing the MBTI® framework



Preference pairs

Opposite ways to direct and receive energy

Extraversion (E)

Introversion (I)

Opposite ways to take in information

Sensing (S)

Intuition (N)

Opposite ways to decide and come to conclusions

Thinking (T)

Feeling (F)

Opposite ways to approach the outside world

Judging (J)

Perceiving (P)



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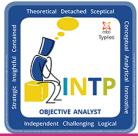


























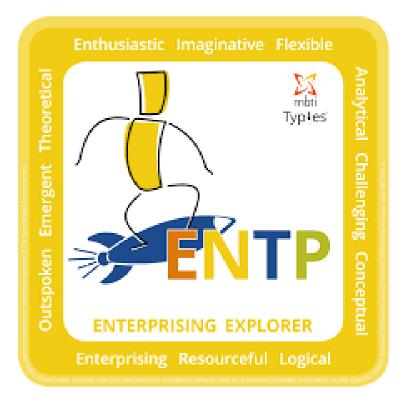




An MBTI profile – in a co-located team

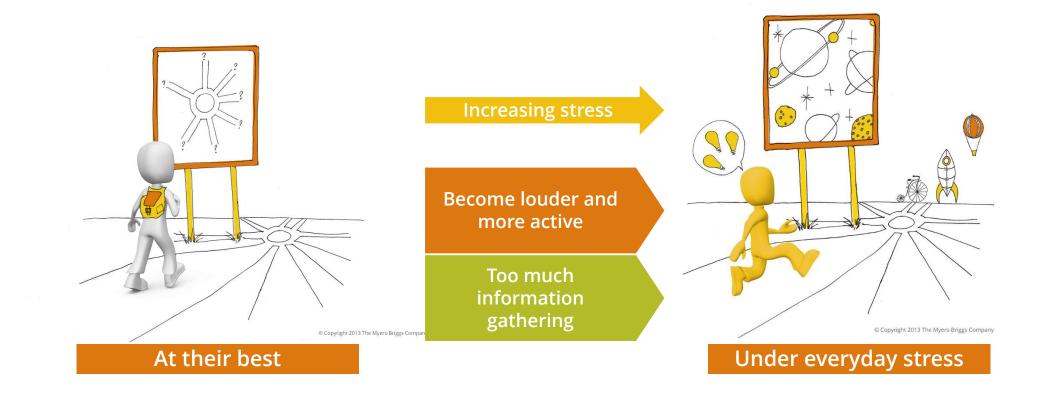
- Broad friendship group
- Lots of input to see the Big Picture
- Analytical
- Likes to discuss ideas

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Explorers (ENTP and ENFP)



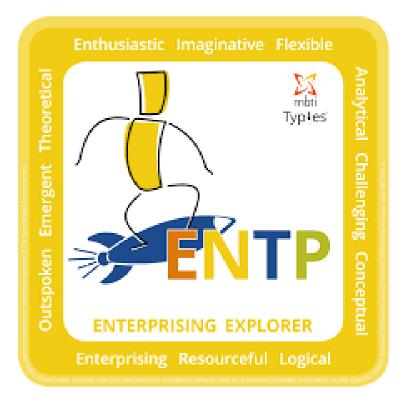
Take some time out to quietly decide on a course of action



An MBTI profile – in a virtual team

- Few opportunities to chat
- Less input, fewer ideas
- Asked to be more planful
- Change was exciting! But now change is the norm.

Eleanor





Five key scales of an effective team

- Clarity
- Emotional Intelligence
- Effectiveness
- Stretch
- Culture

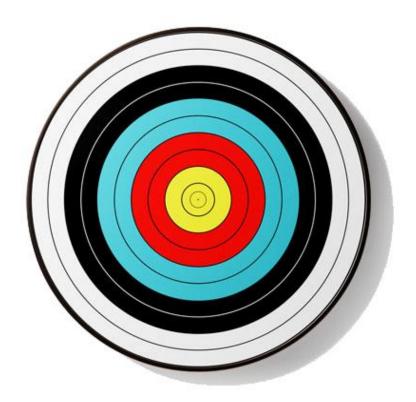




Clarity

Alignment and understanding individuals have to the organization and team's **vision**, **plans and goals**.

Individuals **hold one another to account** and spend time developing **intrateam relationships**.

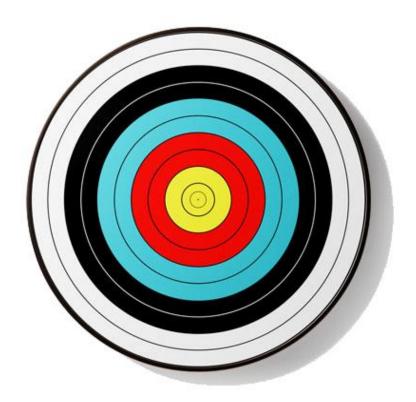




Clarity

Developing Clarity

- Organization wide tools e.g. screen savers, mugs and stationery
- Provide a forum for people the opportunity to ask questions about where the organization is going
- Regular check-ins to compare goals and current reality, and create accountability





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Emotional Intelligence

The degree of openness, intimacy, awareness, social, emotional and personal support given and received.



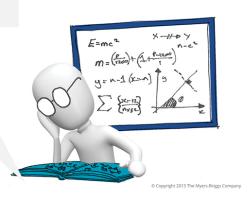
Using the recovery slides (2 of 2)

Another example is those Types with the Analyst is the leading Core Character (favourite process Introverted Thinking):

Analysts (INTP and ISTP)

The INTP and ISTP Types are represented by the Analyst Core Character.

At their best, Analysts are analytical, detached and independent.

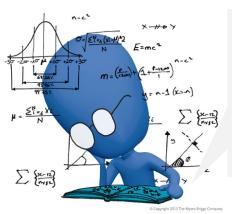


At their best

Increasing stress

Withdrawal into the inner world

Over focus on decision making



Under everyday stress, Analysts can become withdrawn, overly logical, seeking a perfect solution, obsessed with any inconsistencies.

Under everyday stress

Talk to others to explore information and ideas

To recover, Analysts need to turn down the dial on their Core Character, for example by talking to others to explore information and ideas, so engaging their information-gathering (S or N) functions



Emotional Intelligence

Developing Emotional Intelligence

- You can learn how to spot the signs of stress and what to do if you see them
- Find ways to mix personal and formal interactions
- Build trust in the team that they can talk to you in confidence if they need to



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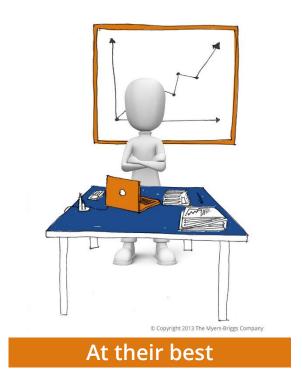
Effectiveness

Work is completed **on time and within budget**. When conflict arises, it is resolved: team members trust one another.





Directors (ESTJ and ENTJ)



Increasing stress

Become louder and more active

Over focus on decision making



Under everyday stress

Take some time out to explore information and ideas before deciding



Effectiveness

Developing Effectiveness

- Focus on what you have in common
- Recognise effort and outputs
- Establish or review communication norms





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Stretch

Job roles stretch individuals and **personal development** is available. There are opportunities to **experiment**, **participate and voice opinions**.





Stretch

Developing Stretch

- Experiment with different projects
- Give each person time in meetings





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Culture

The degrees of cultural awareness, respect and appreciation



Culture

Developing Culture

- The degrees of cultural awareness, respect and appreciation.
- "We have always done it this way." Fear? Losing face?



What makes an effective team?



What makes an effective team?

Communication

Trust

Teamwork

Alignment and cohesion

Commitment: Accountability, responsibility, flexibility

Emotional Intelligence

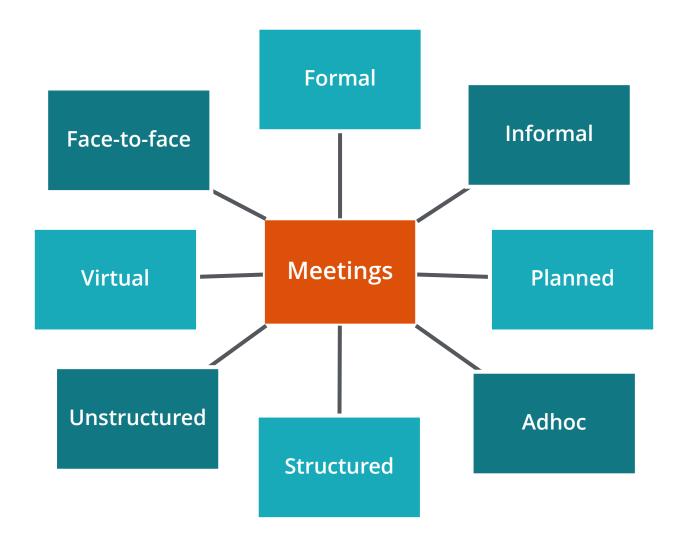
Co-operation, collaboration and negotiation

Honesty and integrity

Cognitive

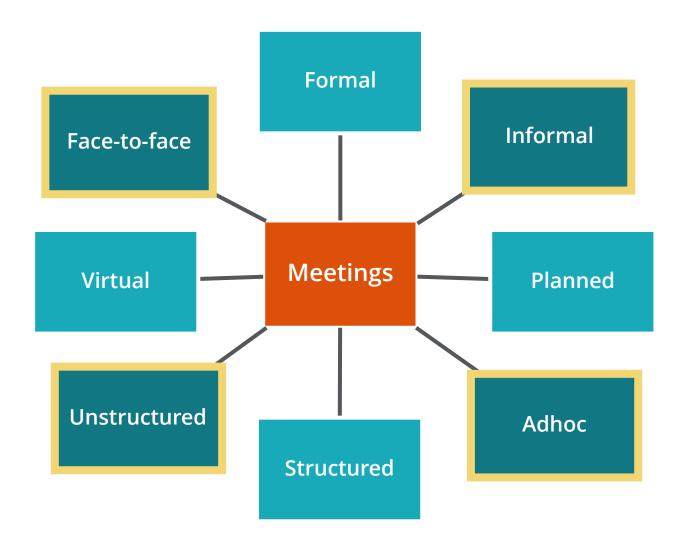


Communication





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Team challenges



Biggest team challenge

Remote working

Unmanageable workload

Poor management

Communication

Poor leadership performance

Personality differences

Task



Research findings



Effectiveness

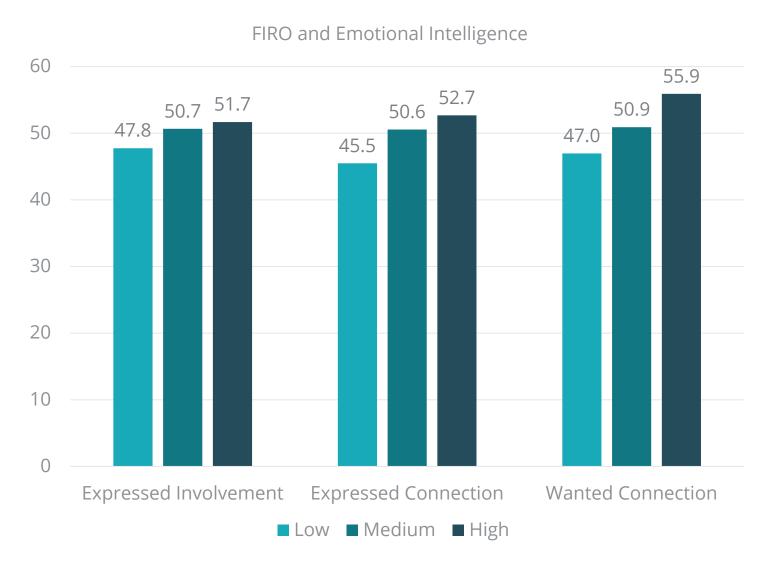




FIRO results



Emotional Intelligence



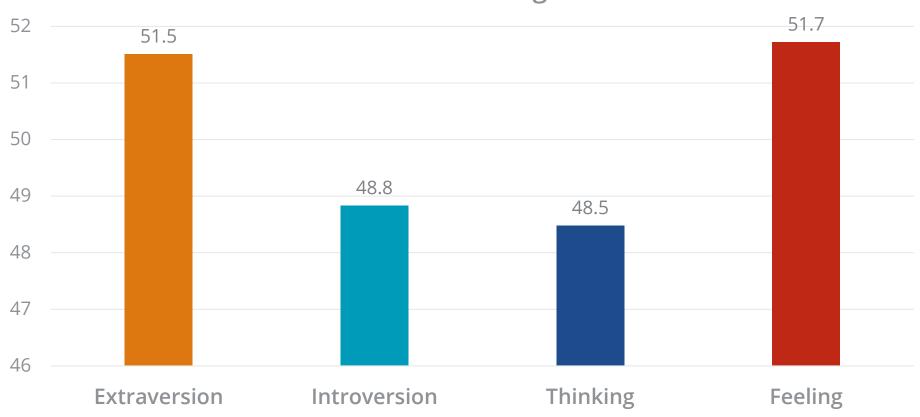


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MBTI results

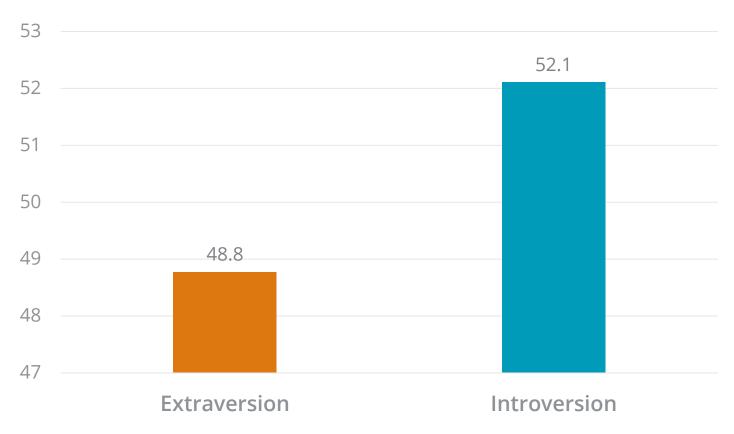






MBTI results





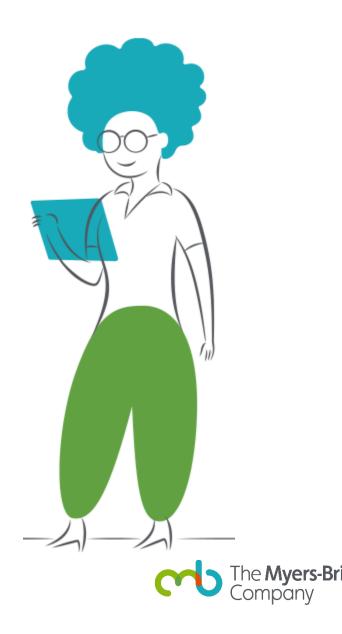


Final considerations and takeaways



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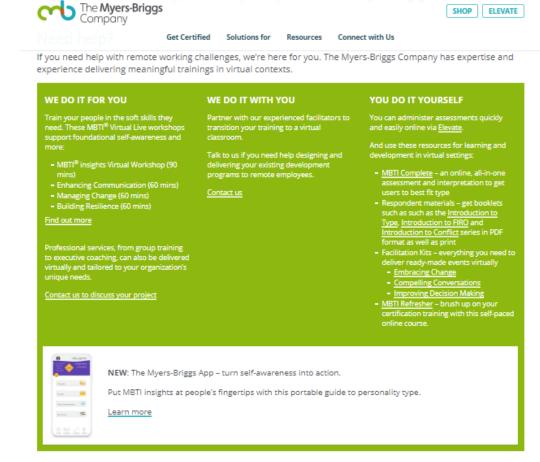
- Your team will react differently to the same stimuli
- To work remotely, your managers may need training and support
- Personality assessments give you a "cheat sheet" to work off on who people are
- Don't make assumptions based on a personality profile – everyone is different
- This isn't forever, but personality is



Developing Your Virtual Workforce

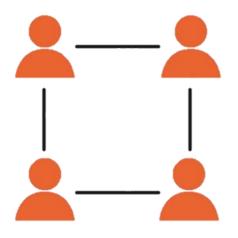
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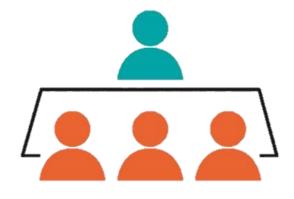
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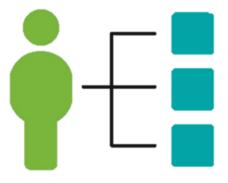




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Any questions?



Thank you!

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