



Understanding your Leadership Style

We are all unique. Knowing our individual leadership styles can help us become more effective leaders and team players. Use the inventory below to assess your style. Keep in mind that there is no preferred or 'right' or 'wrong' style. All are used effectively by flexible leaders.

Self-scoring leadership behavioral style assessment

Circle the number and letter that best describes your perception of your style. Total the number of each letter and number circled. Find the appropriate quadrant in the style matrix.

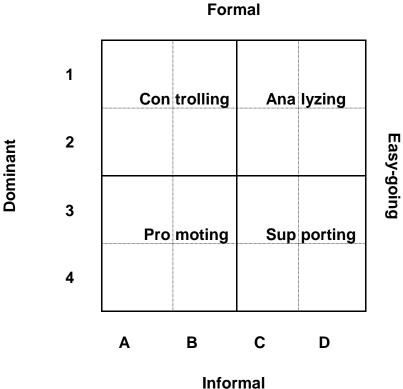
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More relaxedMore intense			More	More matter-of-factMore dramatic				
D	С	В	А	1	2	3	4	
More retiringMore dominant			More	More reservedMore outgoing				
D	С	В	А	1	2	3	4	
More quietMore talkative			More	More task-oriented More people-oriented				
D	С	В	А	1	2	3	4	
More supportingMore confronting			More	More thinkingMore feeling				
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More thoughtfulMore active			More	More distantMore close				
D	С	В	А	1	2	3	4	
More acceptingMore challenging			More	More methodical More impulsive				
D	С	В	А	1	2	3	4	
More hesitantMore assertive			More	More self-controlled More responsive				
D	С	В	А	1	2	3	4	
More go alongMore take charge			More	More disciplined More spontaneous				
D	С	В	А	1	2	3	4	
More easy-goingMore bold				More	More formalMore informal			



Adapted from: Sayers, Susan. Leadership Styles: A Behavioral Matrix. Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory. 1978



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Using your highest letter score (A, B, C, or D) and your highest number score (1, 2, 3, or 4) from the reverse side, locate the corresponding area in the matrix chart by plotting the two points. This is your dominant leadership behavioral style.

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Insights into strengths and leadership style tendencies

Controlling	Strengths Take charge, determined, decisive, results-oriented, efficient	If Overused Autocratic, insensitive, impatient, over-controlling, inattentive listening
Supporting	Team players, friendly, good listeners, relationship-oriented, conscientious	Overly tolerant, unassertive, non-confronting, overly driven to please
Promoting	Stimulating, goal-driven, enthusiastic, innovative, risk takers	Inattention to planning, ego- driven, undisciplined, inadequate follow-up
Analyzing	Thorough, detailed, rational, organized, good planners	Indecisive, overly detailed, aloof, risk-averse, intuitively challenged