

# VIRTUAL INTERACTION

- Reaction Feature
- Chat Feature



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## Communication

Ensure people get the information they need.

#### IMPACT OF COMMUNICATION

- Communication influences everything we do on a day to day basis
- Breakdowns in communication cause confusion, lost time, and misalignment between teams
- When we understand each other, we know what we are doing, why we are doing it, who is going to do it, and how to do it

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We have so many methods of communication and more access to each other than ever before.

#### METHODS OF COMMUNICATION

- Email & Text
- Social Media & Video Conferencing
- Meetings
- Performance Appraisals
- "Can I talk to you for a second?"
- Non-verbal communication

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Why isn't everyone getting the information they need to succeed?

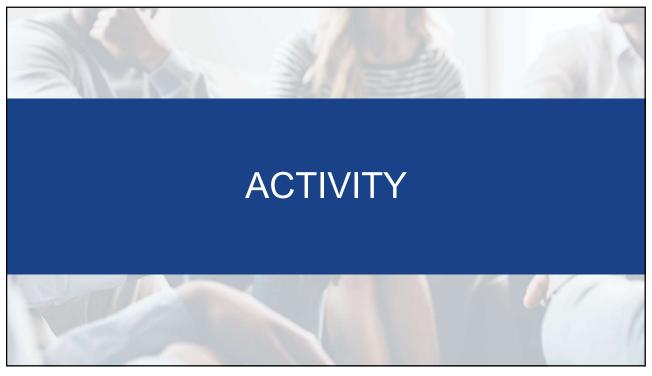
#### COMMUNICATION MISCONCEPTIONS

- Messages are unidirectional
- Communication implies shared understanding
- · Listening is the same as hearing
- Our communication styles are the same.

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Where does communication break down for you?





#### WHAT STYLE ARE YOU?

- For each statement, rank yourself by filling out the numbers as follows:
  - (4) This MOST describes you
  - (3) Then, the next most one that describes you
  - (2) Then, the next most
  - (1) This LEAST describes you
- Use each number only once for each statement and be sure to use all numbers. Even if you can't decide, you must rank them anyway.

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## SCORING YOUR STYLE

- Transfer your answers onto the scoring sheet by row left to right
- Add the 4 columns to find your score

#### **COMMUNICATION STYLES**



#### The Go-Getter

Place a high value on action and thrive on getting things done in the here and now.



#### The Empathizer

Place high value on human interaction and are attracted by jobs or situations in which social-interpersonal contacts with others are highly likely.



#### The Outliner

Place a high value on logic, ideas, and systematic inquiry.



#### The Whiteboard User

Place a high value on ideas, innovation, concepts, theory and longrange thinking.

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## THE GO-GETTER

- Talks too fast
- Direct in dialogue
- Ready to solve the problem



## THE GO-GETTER

- "What doesn't make sense to you?"
- "What will this cost?"
- "Let's try it."



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## **COMMUNICATING WITH A GO-GETTER**

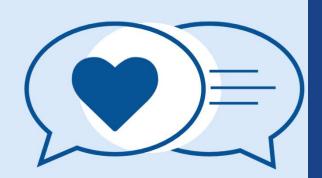
- Ask them to unpack their positions
- Freedom to think and guardrails to act
- Coach them to listen and slow down



	Do you think you know some Go-Getters and can recognize them based on this information?
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	How can you modify your style to more effectively communicate with a Go-Getter?

## THE EMPATHIZER

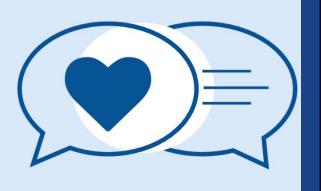
- People first.
- Defends actions of others
- Uses your name



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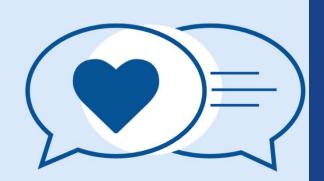
#### THE EMPATHIZER

- "I feel..."
- "How will this affect our people?"
- "That reminds me of the time we..."



#### COMMUNICATING WITH AN EMPATHIZER

- Listen but do not coddle
- Acknowledge how your decision is going to affect others
- Emphasize the big picture rather than individual perspectives



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Do you think you know some Empathizers and can recognize them based on this information?

How can you modify your style to more effectively communicate with an Empathizer?

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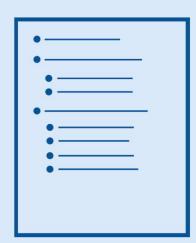
#### THE OUTLINER

- List makers
- Offers and wants all of the details
- Noncommittal under stress or change



#### THE OUTLINER

- "What options do we have?"
- "Give me some details..."
- "How can you support that? Tell me more."



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#### COMMUNICATING WITH AN OUTLINER

- · Give them time to think
- Build strict guardrails around what information is relevant
- Give a deadline for making decisions

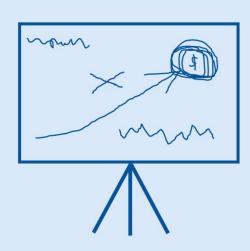


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How can you modify your style to more effectively communicate with an Outliner?

## THE WHITEBOARD USER

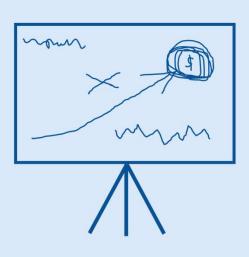
- Thinks big picture
- References future events
- Leaves issues dangling, specifically when stressed



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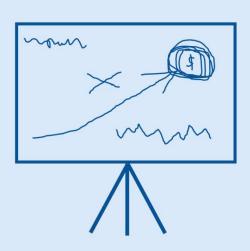
## THE WHITEBOARD USER

- "What are the long term implications?"
- "What if..."
- "Here's a twist..."



# COMMUNICATING WITH A WHITEBOARD USER

- Timelines and deadlines
- Freedom to think
- Emphasize the importance of results as opposed to the process of ideation



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Do you think you know some Whiteboarders and can recognize them based on this information?

	How can you modify your style to more effectively communicate with a Whiteboarder?
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Which of these styles do you come into the most conflict with?



Apply what you learned today to become a better communicator

#### UNDERSTAND YOUR STYLE BETTER

- Reflect on your daily conversations
- How do you react under stress?
- How do you react when others are stressed?

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#### **ACKNOWLEDGE OTHER STYLES**

- Ask questions
- Actively listen & recognize body language
- Provide information in multiple ways
- "What is the best way I can communicate this to you?"

#### HEALTHY CONFLICT IS NECESSARY

- Healthy conflict challenges the status quo and open up opportunities to improvements
- To solve problems, we all have to be willing and able to communicate our reasons, ideas, and arguments with each other

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#### **COLLABORATIVE COMMUNICATION**

- Build trust and create a safe 'Place' (i.e. meetings) to share ideas and find outcomes
- Seek strategies that integrate and manage those styles to achieve the desired outcome
- Communicate with your supervisors and coworkers during evaluations and meetings

How are you going to be a better co-worker with this information??

How are you going to be a better leader with this information??

## LEADERS MUST COMMUNICATE

- Recognize and leverage other styles
- Adapt communication to get things across well
- Leverage the styles of others to get things done

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