

# ***TALENTx7® Assessment***

## **Individual Feedback Report**

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# Introduction

All employees have talent. The type of talent and amount of talent simply varies among individuals. The TALENTx7® Assessment measures seven specific areas of talent. These areas of talent relate to a concept referred to as "learning agility." Learning agility is the ability and willingness to learn quickly, and then apply those lessons to perform well in new and challenging leadership situations. Everyone has a certain amount of learning agility. Moreover, if we are willing, we can develop more of it.

Research has found that individuals who have higher levels of learning agility tend to be more successful in managerial and executive positions than those who possess lower levels. It does not suggest that those employees who are low in learning agility do not have talent, do not perform their jobs well, or will not have successful careers. Indeed, many jobs are performed more effectively by individuals who possess low-to-average levels of learning agility (e.g., quality control specialists, scientists, accountants, engineers, and so on). Such "high professional" positions require deep technical expertise, precision, and a consistent methodology to perform well.

The TALENTx7® Assessment assesses the following seven facets of learning agility:

## **1. Interpersonal Acumen**

The extent to which individuals interact effectively with a diversity of people, understand others' unique motives, values, and goals as well as their strengths and limitations, instill confidence in them, and leverage them to perform successfully on their jobs.

## **2. Cognitive Perspective**

The degree to which individuals think critically and strategically to solve complex problems, embrace difficult, multifaceted organizational issues, approach situations from a broad high-level perspective, and focus on multiple inputs rather than from only one or two functional/technical perspectives.

## **3. Environmental Mindfulness**

The level to which individuals are fully observant of their external surroundings, attentive to their changing job duties and requirements in new organizational roles, approach environmental changes in a nonjudgmental manner, and regulate their emotions effectively.

## **4. Drive to Excel**

The extent to which individuals are motivated by difficult assignments, set challenging personal and organizational goals, are resourceful, and can be counted on to deliver results in new and untested situations.

## **5. Self-Insight**

The degree to which individuals accurately understand themselves, their capabilities, weaknesses, beliefs, values, feelings, and personal goals as it relates to the workplace.

## **6. Change Alacrity**

The level to which individuals are curious and eager to learn new ideas and ways of behaving, open-minded to new situations, relish change, and continuously seek innovative (and at times risky) approaches to perform their jobs.

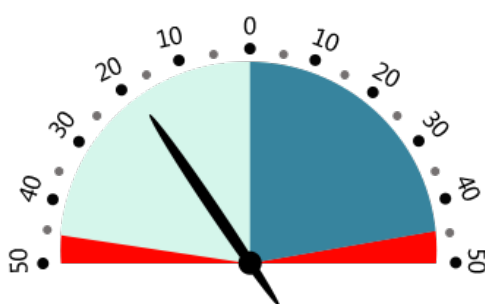
## **7. Feedback Responsiveness**

The extent to which individuals solicit, listen to, and accept personal feedback from others, carefully consider its merits, and subsequently take corrective action for performance improvement.

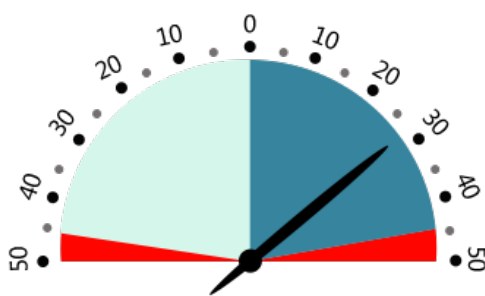
# How to Read Your Report

To enable you to understand your scores more easily, they have been converted into percentiles. Percentiles convey your scores relative to others. For example, a percentile score of 20 signifies that you are higher than 20 percent of all the other individuals who have taken the assessment. Whereas, a percentile score of 40 signifies that you are higher than 40 percent of all other individuals who have taken the assessment.

The mean or midpoint of the scale used on the TALENTx7® Assessment is designated as zero (0). Therefore, one-half of the scores are to the left of zero and one-half to the right. Scores on the left reflect primarily a "technical or functional orientation." If your scores on the various facets of learning agility are left of zero, it suggests that you are conscientious, structured, precise, detail-oriented, and possess deep technical or functional expertise. Those behavioral characteristics are highly desirable for positions such as engineer, accountant, scientist, quality control, and manufacturing.



If your scores are situated to the right of zero (0), you likely are observant of your environment, willingly take risks, frequently multi-task, are tolerant of ambiguity, and generally embrace organizational changes. Those behaviors are associated with "leading others." Depending upon where you are in your career, your percentile scores may be lower or higher. If you are just beginning your career in leadership, one might expect scores to be slightly to the left or right of zero. In contrast, if you have been an executive for many years, one might expect your scores to be to the right to a larger degree (i.e., beyond 20). Scores also can be influenced by the structure, culture, and managerial philosophy of the organization where an individual works and leads.



Note that scores can be in the "red band" of the graph – either on the left side or on the right (i.e., situated in the 45-50 percentile range). When your scores are in the red, it suggests the potential for career derailers or overuse behaviors. Individuals who are in the red on the left of zero might be too rigid in their behaviors, steadfast in their views, or get bogged down with details. Individuals who are in the red on the right of zero might be too learning agile, creating problems for members of their teams and/or organization by driving too much change too quickly, taking too many risks, or pushing themselves and others to take on assignments before adequate analysis and discussion.

# How to Interpret Your Scores

When interpreting your assessment results, it is important to understand your relative strengths and weaknesses within the context of your current job and future career goals. Realize that scores on the left or the right could be the most beneficial. Initially, it is helpful to view your overall pattern of scores. In what area(s) or facet(s) are you the highest? Where are you the lowest? Does this feedback surprise you? Why? Identify those one or two facets that you want to focus on developing? What must you do to improve in these areas? Remember: Learning agility essentially is the ability and willingness to learn. Your learning agility scores represent a learned set of behaviors. You can change these behaviors if you are motivated, disciplined, and committed to do so.

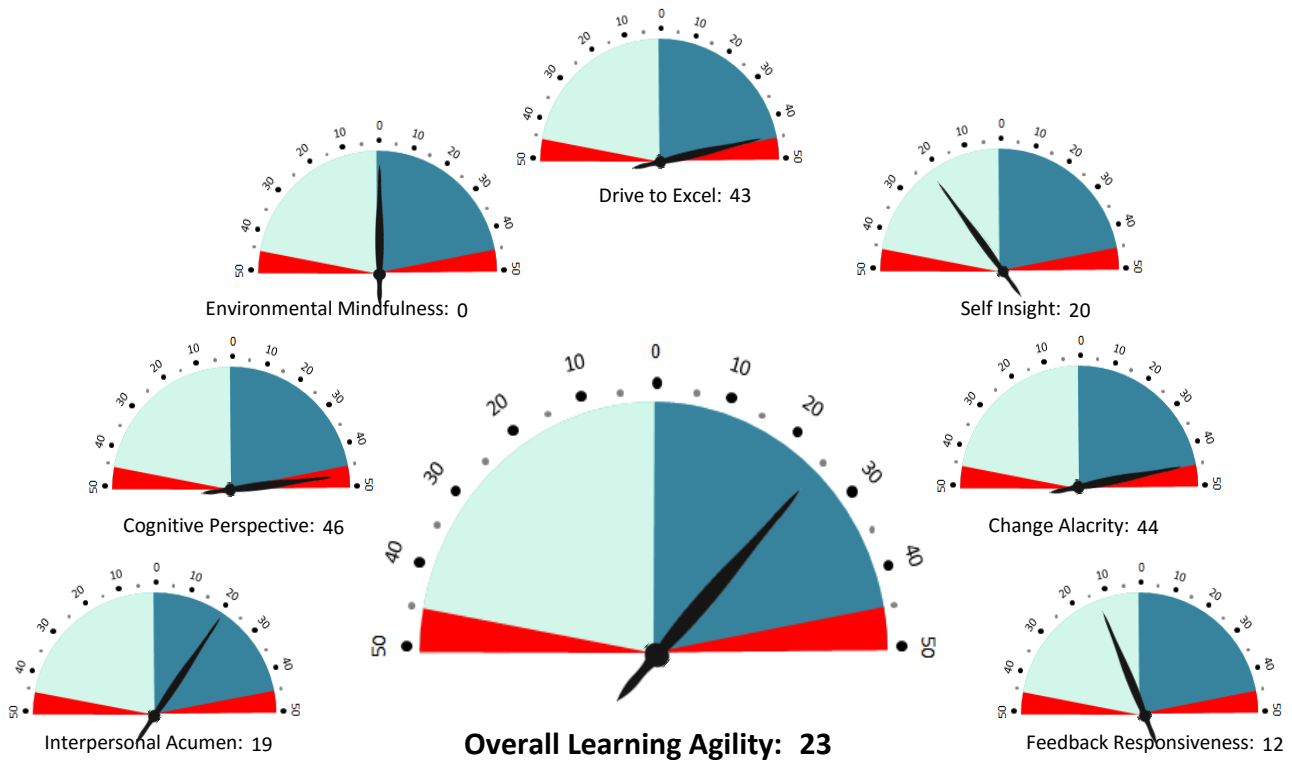
This report includes the following three sections:

- **Your Overall Learning Agility Profile.** This section presents your Overall Learning Agility score as well as your scores on each of the seven facets of learning agility measured by the TALENTx7® Assessment. In addition, a descriptive summary of the behaviors exhibited by individuals with similar learning agility scores is given
- **Your Learning Agility Profile by Facet.** This section provides the "Behavior Tendencies" and "Potential Derailers and Overuse Behaviors" for each of the seven facets. The tendencies or derailers corresponding to your score on the specific learning agility facet are identified. As you read through the behavioral tendencies or potential derailers, check the small box directly to the left for those that resonate most with you. Naturally, you will want to increase the number of positive behaviors and decrease the number of overuse behaviors and derailers.
- **Developmental Plan.** Rather than focus on all seven factors, we recommend you address only the one or two learning agility facets that are the most troublesome for you. The last page of this report (page 13) gives you an opportunity to identify specific, concrete behaviors you agree to develop to enhance your job and leadership effectiveness.

In all instances, a coach certified on the TALENTx7® Assessment will review your scores and discuss how you can use them to develop your skills and enhance your career. A Development Plan form is provided on Page 13 for you to identify behaviors that you want to focus on.

# Your Overall Learning Agility Profile

*Learning Agility is the ability and willingness to learn quickly, and then apply those lessons to perform well in new and challenging leadership situations.*

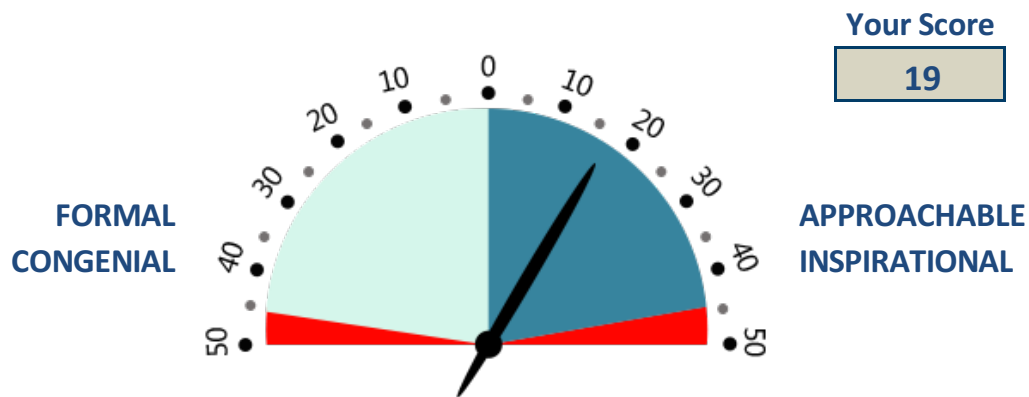


## The following statements tend to describe people with similar Learning Agility scores:

The assessment reveals that you are enterprising, adventuresome, and enjoy experimenting with new ideas. You demonstrate a willingness and ability to continually learn and evolve as an employee, and likely built your career by taking on new leadership roles. You are resourceful, resilient, and a risk taker. You relish tough and challenging assignments, and can be counted on to get things done on time, within budget, and at an acceptable level of quality. You are a "big picture" person. You are impatient. You process information very quickly. Hence, you sometimes lose others who are less strategic, slower, or more process-oriented in their decision making style. In your quest for speed, you tend to undervalue the need for detailed analysis, orderly problem solving, and careful implementation. You tend to concentrate on your own job and relevant areas until changes in the external environment become noticeable. You generally are a congenial, approachable individual. You value all people, and strive to understand and work with everyone effectively. If possible, you will avoid interpersonal conflict. You probably are organizationally naive and lack political savvy. Most certainly, you are not a self-promoter and networker. At times, you will take unnecessary risks or downplay them. Overall, you love change and become quickly bored with the status quo. Change stimulates you; it propels you to new heights. Indeed, you have been known to push through new approaches and procedures simply for the sake of change. On a broad level, you are aware of your overall strengths and weaknesses. You will ask peers for feedback occasionally, but depend largely upon your intuition or the annual formal performance review with your boss for suggestions on how to improve.

# Interpersonal Acumen

*Interpersonal Acumen denotes the extent to which you interact effectively with a diversity of people, understand others' unique motives, values, and goals as well as their strengths and limitations, instill confidence in them, and leverage them to perform successfully on their jobs.*



The following statements tend to describe people with similar scores on the Interpersonal Acumen facet:

#### Behavioral Tendencies

- Tend to treat everyone the same regardless of the situation or their individual work preferences
- Strongly prefer to work and interact with other individuals who have similar backgrounds, values, and goals
- Strongly prefer to avoid conflict with others
- Prefer to work alone and be held accountable for individual contributions rather than work as a team
- Seldom have time to meet others outside of work because of the demands of the job
- Prefer to work with others in an environment where rules of interaction, roles, and responsibilities are clearly defined
- Strive to be respected by colleagues and other professionals in your field of technical expertise
- Tend to ignore others' needs for project completion or sense of urgency

#### Potential Derailers and Overuse Behaviors

- Generally uncomfortable in social settings and can come across as overly formal or rigid
- Have difficulty dealing with interpersonal conflicts – conflict averse
- Steadfastly view everyone should be treated the same regardless of individual circumstances
- May be viewed as following your own principles to a fault
- Tendency to be overly modest and unassuming – which can minimize your ability to influence and market yourself to senior leaders

#### Behavioral Tendencies

- Approachable, friendly, and receptive of most individuals – regardless of gender, race, age, etc.
- Adjust your approach to managing others depending upon their strengths, limitations, values, motives, goals, etc.
- Understand and capitalize on the unique needs and preferences of others when delegating tasks
- Embrace workplace diversity, viewing others who are different as an opportunity to learn and increase understanding
- Address interpersonal conflict when it occurs (rather than waiting until you have time or it escalates to a major problem)
- Inspire others in your organization to perform at a high level – often viewed as a role model in your organization
- Able to navigate politically sensitive issues through the organization
- Deliver negative feedback to others in a constructive manner

#### Potential Derailers and Overuse Behaviors

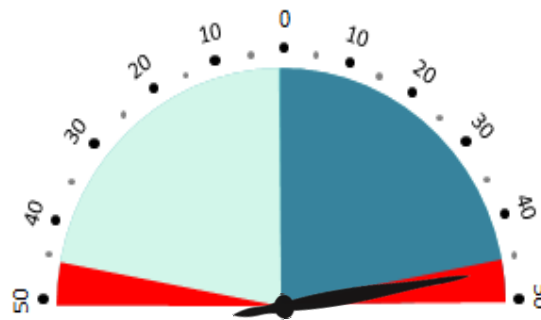
- May be perceived as being overly ambitious and/or too politically motivated
- May overemphasize the importance of consensus, leading others to view you as unforceful or lacking a strong point of view
- May be perceived as inauthentic or manipulative, causing others to not trust you
- Can get too close with others that it interferes in how you manage them
- Strong desire to be liked can interfere with your ability to hold others accountable

# Cognitive Perspective

*The degree to which individuals think critically and strategically to solve complex problems, embrace difficult, multifaceted organizational issues, approach situations from a broad high-level perspective, and focus on multiple inputs rather than from only one or two functional/technical perspectives.*

Your Score

46



**STRATEGIC  
CREATIVE**

The following statements tend to describe people with similar scores on the Cognitive Perspective facet:

#### Behavioral Tendencies

- Highly value proven approaches and well-established solutions
- Tend to view world concretely and see situations primarily from an apolitical, surface orientation
- Enjoy a work environment where there is consistency, order, predictability, and stability
- Dig very deeply into problems to ensure complete understanding before responding or making a recommendation
- Prefer searching for the one best answer based on current information and previous experience
- Perform best when tasks are clearly defined and repetitive
- Depend on familiar, often used approaches when making decisions
- Process information in an orderly, systematic, and linear fashion

#### Behavioral Tendencies

- Very comfortable with uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity
- Natural tendency to examine problems and situations from a high level (rather than getting bogged down in the minutiae)
- Use multiple sources and people to learn from
- Tend to always think critically and strategically when faced with organizational problems
- Think creatively and tend to see patterns and connect dots that others often do not when solving problems
- Process information and ideas very quickly to glean what is the essence of the underlying issues
- Always consider alternative approaches before making a decision
- Seek to fully understand the root cause(s) of a problem before arriving at an answer

#### Potential Derailers and Overuse Behaviors

- Generally uncomfortable when things are uncertain or ambiguous
- Experience difficulty changing your thinking and/or approach when situations change
- Excessively proud of the technical expertise you possess in a given area
- Hesitant to move forward until all systems are checked and good to go
- Can get bogged down in the details, impeding your progress when trying to make decisions

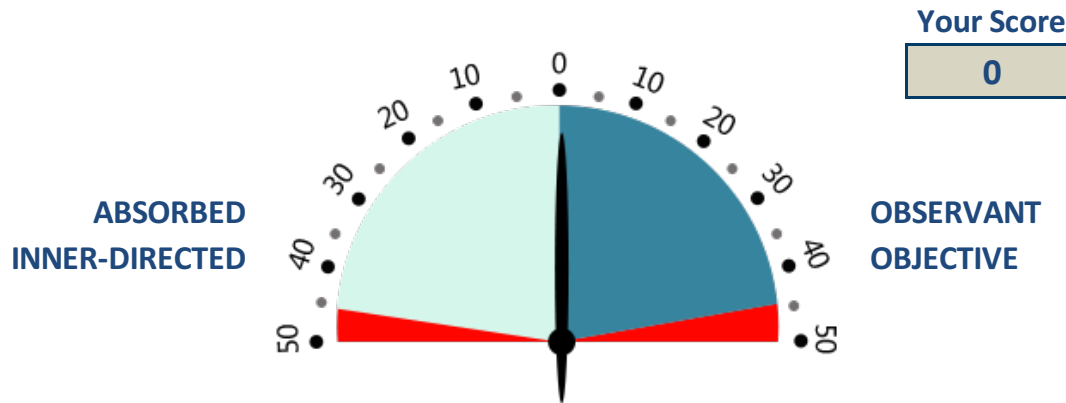
#### Potential Derailers and Overuse Behaviors

- Often jump to conclusions before examining all the facts
- At times, tend to complicate situations by searching for creative answers rather than depending on proven solutions
- Quickly become impatient with due process and organizational policies that may delay implementation
- Sometimes process ideas too quickly that others cannot keep up or become confused
- Often miss project or task details which can end up being important later on



# Environmental Mindfulness

*Environmental Mindfulness denotes the level to which you are fully observant of your external surroundings, attentive to their changing job duties and requirements in new organizational roles, approach environmental changes in a nonjudgmental manner, and regulate their emotions effectively.*



The following statements tend to describe people with similar scores on the Environmental Mindfulness facet:

#### Behavioral Tendencies

- Tend to work at your own pace regardless of the situation
- May become so absorbed in your work that you are oblivious to your surroundings
- Days often go by without being fully cognizant of what had occurred at work
- Tend to make up your mind before hearing all the facts about a situation
- Often surprised by how others react to your suggestions and requests
- Tend to listen to others with one ear, while doing something else at the same time
- Seldom contact colleagues proactively to find out how their day is going
- Consider your responsibility primarily is to fulfill your own job rather than be attentive to the larger team

#### Behavioral Tendencies

- Continually are aware of the demands of your job and what is expected of you (and your team)
- Observant of daily changes in your work environment
- Approach all work situations with an objective, open-minded attitude
- Purposefully practice attentive and active listening
- Can observe your thoughts and feelings from a distance, without judging them as good or bad
- When facing a crisis or problem, tend to pause before reacting immediately
- Vigilant of how your work role is evolving continuously to meet the needs of the changing organization
- Keenly aware when others around you are having a good or bad day at work

#### Potential Derailers and Overuse Behaviors

- Easily become flustered when individuals fail to live up to your expectations
- Insensitive to changes in the work environment and shifting job demands
- May appear to be self-centered, stubborn, and set in your ways
- Often confused as to why others behave the way they do
- Unable to fully understand and utilize others (and your staff) effectively

#### Potential Derailers and Overuse Behaviors

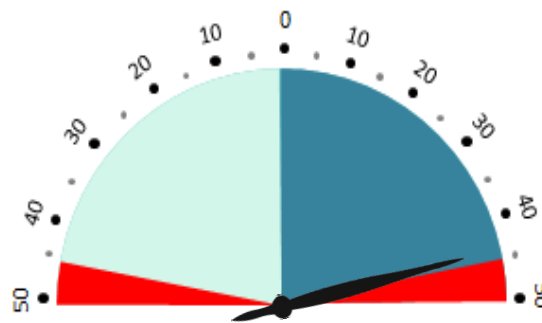
- May be too sensitive to environmental changes and become indecisive or overly changeable
- Tend to dwell on the many problems, failures, and regrets of your past
- Become overwhelmed with the numerous work demands and job changes in the future
- Fail to communicate properly, assuming others are as attuned to environmental conditions as you are
- Perceived as a chameleon, frequently changing your views depending upon the situation at hand

# Drive to Excel

*Drive to Excel denotes the extent to which you are motivated by difficult assignments, set challenging personal and organizational goals, are resourceful, and can be counted on to deliver results in new and untested situations.*

Your Score

43



**GOAL-ORIENTED  
RESOURCEFUL**

The following statements tend to describe people with similar scores on the Drive to Excel facet:

#### Behavioral Tendencies

- Tend to work at a steady, dependable pace when performing your job
- Possess a thoughtful, conscientious, and highly reliable work style
- Strive to perform job tasks in a consistent manner and to a high standard
- Pride yourself for being a conscientious, careful, and diligent employee
- Prefer to complete one task before moving onto the next one
- Strongly prefer to get things done correctly the first time
- Prefer to thoroughly examine all the components of the project to be accomplished before beginning it
- Proud of your patient and thorough work style

#### Potential Derailers and Overuse Behaviors

- Become flustered when things don't go your way
- May experience difficulty multi-tasking
- Tend to expend same steady effort despite changing job demands
- Typically wait for others to take the lead on new work assignments or initiating change
- May react defensively when others pressure you to work faster than you deem appropriate

#### Behavioral Tendencies

- Possess the ability to accomplish your goals despite many other commitments
- Can be counted on to get things done on time, within budget, and at a high quality – no matter how difficult they are
- Highly motivated when given an assignment or task that you had never performed previously
- Relish tough and challenging work assignments
- Enjoy multi-tasking and the opportunity to work on many projects simultaneously
- Possess a very high degree of perseverance – seldom give up regardless of the situation
- Very resourceful in your ability to secure organizational funding, staffing, and support as needed
- Extremely resilient when experiencing setbacks or dead ends

#### Potential Derailers and Overuse Behaviors

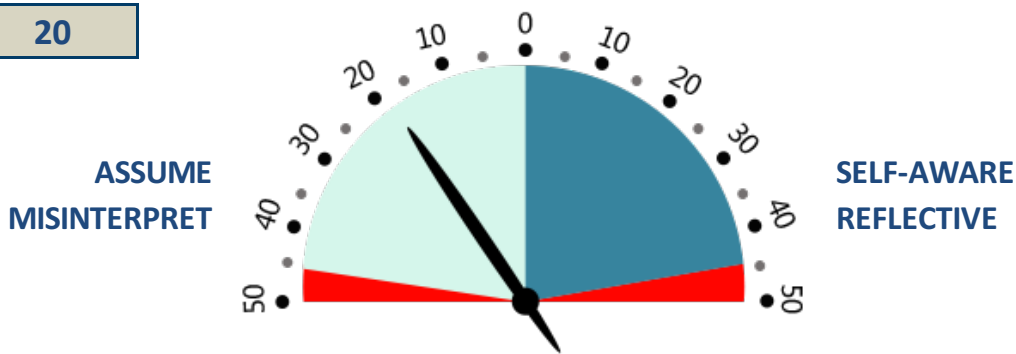
- Tend to overcommit, taking on projects for the team that often exceed its capabilities or time availability
- Excessively focused on completing tasks and getting things done on time (often, at the expense of others)
- Push yourself and others to take on assignments before adequate analysis and discussion
- Stubbornly continue work efforts despite overwhelming odds or evidence to the contrary
- Possess an intense, hard-driving work ethic that can intimidate others and create a stressful work environment

# Self-Insight

*Self-Insight denotes the degree to which you accurately understand yourself, your capabilities, weaknesses, beliefs, values, feelings, and personal goals as it relates to the workplace.*

Your Score

20



The following statements tend to describe people with similar scores on the Self-Insight facet:

#### Behavioral Tendencies

- Tend to misjudge how others react to you at times
- Misperceive your performance level – view it either too low or too high
- Rarely have time to carefully analyze your behaviors and contemplate how to improve them
- Believe that others seldom understand you or what motivates your behavior
- Perceive that most people in your organization don't really know what you do on your job or are aware of your performance level
- Don't care much of what others think of you
- At times, very surprised at how others respond to things
- Highly value people who simply accept others the way they are

#### Potential Derailers and Overuse Behaviors

- Don't fully understand all of your job skills and capabilities
- Fail to fully understand your weaknesses and limitations on the job
- Tend to rationalize past mistakes and performance problems
- Generally unaware of the impact that your behavior has on others
- Attribute most of your mistakes have been due to bad luck or unusual circumstances – lack of accountability

#### Behavioral Tendencies

- Clearly understand your personal strengths, limitations, and blind spots
- Clearly understand your personal beliefs, values, feelings, motives, and goals
- Can easily explain the reasoning and thought processes behind your behaviors and decisions
- Readily take personal responsibility when your performance doesn't meet expectations
- Deliberately take the time needed to analyze why you succeeded or failed on an assignment
- Possess an accurate assessment of your own performance level
- Attempt to understand the root cause(s) of your behaviors and feelings
- Keenly sensitive to those times when you need to get away from your job and take a break

#### Potential Derailers and Overuse Behaviors

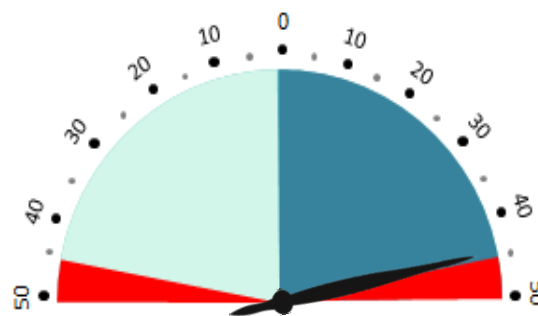
- Tend to be too self-critical
- Spend too much time second-guessing your motives and actions
- Can be perceived as being indecisive, flippant, or superficial
- May not move beyond reflection to action and improvement
- Often analyze issues in such detail that you are unreceptive to the additional input from others

# Change Alacrity

*Change Alacrity denotes the level to which you are curious and eager to learn new ideas and ways of behaving, open-minded to new situations, relish change, and continuously seek innovative (and at times risky) approaches to perform your job.*

Your Score

44



**CURIOUS  
ADVENTURESOME**

The following statements tend to describe people with similar scores on the Change Alacrity facet:

#### Behavioral Tendencies

- Tend to be deliberate, planful, highly structured, analytical, systematic, and process-oriented
- Have a strong tendency to rely on established ways of thinking and doing things
- View quality as always the #1 objective
- Have perfectionist tendencies
- Prefer others to initiate change efforts
- Tend to experience difficulty adapting to new bosses, work roles, and organizational policies and procedures
- Passionate about the work you perform in your discipline
- Willingly practice over and over again to be the best technical expert on your team

#### Potential Derailers and Overuse Behaviors

- Tend to collect too much data and/or over-analyze it before initiating change
- Can be unduly skeptical of unproven ideas and approaches, tending to cling to old solutions when faced with new problems
- Strong tendency to remain in comfort zone – risk averse
- Overvalue stability, consistency, and predictability
- Strongly value organizational traditions and history, which can impede supporting the need for change

#### Behavioral Tendencies

- Tend to be enterprising, adventuresome, and enjoy experimenting with new ideas
- Demonstrate the willingness to continually learn, change, and evolve as an employee
- Enjoy confronting and solving first-time problems
- Readily take calculated risks to make things happen
- Continually receptive to innovative approaches and new ways of doing things
- Relish taking a leadership role when implementing organizational change efforts
- Become quickly bored with status quo, routines, and repetitive activities
- Encourage others to consider trying new ways of thinking and performing their jobs

#### Potential Derailers and Overuse Behaviors

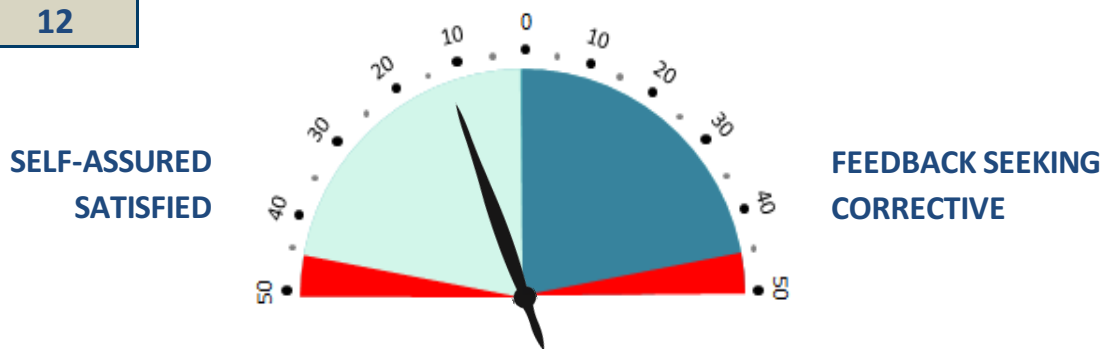
- Tend to undervalue need for detailed analysis, orderly problem solving, and careful implementation
- Tend to undervalue established processes, procedures, and routines
- May push through changes for the sake of change (due to boredom and restlessness)
- Tendency to take unnecessary risks or downplay risks when considering the implementation of organizational change
- Tendency to get infatuated with novel approaches or potential breakthrough ideas that have little merit

# Feedback Responsiveness

*Feedback Responsiveness denotes the extent to which you solicit, listen to, and accept personal feedback from others, carefully consider its merits, and subsequently take corrective action for performance improvement.*

Your Score

12



The following statements tend to describe people with similar scores on the Feedback Responsiveness facet:

#### Behavioral Tendencies

- Seldom have time to ask others for their feedback on your behavior or performance
- Often surprised by others' feedback with regard to your behaviors or performance
- Perceive others don't understand your situation sufficiently to provide constructive feedback
- Often get upset when receiving negative feedback (although you try to not let it show)
- Tend to dismiss what others think or say about you
- Believe that you are the best judge of the effectiveness of your behavior
- Tend to remember who criticized or complimented you for a long time
- Seldom seek feedback from others, except from your boss during the formal performance review

#### Potential Derailers and Overuse Behaviors

- Tend to be a very poor listener
- Believe that you do not need to change since you are consistently one of the top performers in the organization
- Rarely ask others for feedback regarding your interactions with them
- Tend to be defensive or appear arrogant when receiving negative feedback
- Generally reject feedback that you don't agree with

#### Behavioral Tendencies

- Actively seek feedback from others on a regular basis
- Consciously try to take the other individual's perspective when receiving the feedback
- Have learned much about yourself from the feedback of others
- Regularly commit to taking actions to correct behavioral problems others have identified
- Take pride in continuously improving and growing as a leader
- Appreciate that others have taken the time and risk to provide their input on your performance
- Readily acknowledge it when you have made a mistake
- Repeatedly, have improved your performance based on feedback others have shared with you

#### Potential Derailers and Overuse Behaviors

- May be too dependent upon waiting for others' feedback
- Ongoing efforts to obtain feedback interfere with performing your job
- May be trying too hard attempting to please others
- Often focus too much attention on what others think and say about you
- Feel overwhelmed trying to be sensitive to everyone's needs and preferences

# Developmental Plan

Based on the feedback and coaching that I received today, I commit to carefully evaluate this input and do the following within the next three months.

● I will *increase* the following behaviors to enhance my leadership effectiveness:

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

● I will *decrease or stop performing* the following behaviors to enhance my leadership effectiveness:

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

