Personality Plus

Another way to understand yourself is to look at your personality type. Dr. John Holland theorizes that both people and occupations can be loosely classified into six personality types: Realistic, Investigative, Artistic, Social, Enterprising, and Conventional. Most people are a combination of two or three groups.

Read the descriptions in each column and check or fill in the box of each word or statement that applies to you. Count the number of checkmarks in each column and write the total in the box at the bottom of each column.

I AM	I AM	I AM	I AM	I AM	I AM
practical	inquisitive	creative	friendly	self-confident	well-organized
athletic	analytical	intuitive	🗆 helpful	assertive	accurate
🗆 frank	scientific	imaginative	idealistic	sociable	methodical
mechanical	observant	innovative	🗆 insightful	persuasive	🗆 polite
a nature lover	precise	unconventional	outgoing	enthusiastic	conscientious
thrifty	scholarly	emotional	understanding	energetic	efficient
curious	cautious	independent	cooperative	adventurous	conforming
stable	curious	expressive	generous	impulsive	orderly
concrete	self-confident	🗆 original	responsible	ambitious	practical
reserved	introspective	sensitive	forgiving	inquisitive	thrifty
self-controlled	reserved	complicated	patient	agreeable	systematic
ambitious	broad-minded	idealistic	empathetic	talkative	structured
systematic	independent	nonconforming	□ kind	extroverted	ambitious
persistent	logical		persuasive	spontaneous	obedient
				optimistic	persistent
I CAN	I CAN	I CAN	I CAN	I CAN	I CAN
fix electrical things	think abstractly	sketch, draw, paint	teach/train others	initiate projects	work well within a
solve electrical	solve math	play a musical	express myself	convince people to	system
problems	problems	instrument	clearly	do things my way	do a lot of paper
pitch a tent	understand scientific	write stories, poetry,	lead a group	sell things or	work in a short time
play a sport	theories	music	discussion	promote ideas	keep accurate
read a blueprint	do complex	sing, act, dance	mediate disputes	give talks or	records
plant a garden	calculations	design fashions or	plan and supervise	speeches	use a computer
operate tools &	use a microscope or	interiors	an activity	lead a group	write effective
machinery	computer		cooperate well with	persuade others	business letters
	interpret formulas		others		
I LIKE TO	I LIKE TO	I LIKE TO	I LIKE TO	I LIKE TO	I LIKE TO
tinker with machines		attend concerts,	work and socialize	make decisions	work with numbers
or vehicles	equipment	theater, art exhibits	with others	affecting others	type reports or work
work outside w/	use computers	read fiction, plays,	help people solve	be elected to office	on computers
plants & animals	work independently	and poetry	problems	work on a sales	be responsible for
be physically active	perform lab	paint, sculpt, or do	do volunteer work	campaign	details
use my hands to	experiments	ceramics	work with young	start my own service	
build things	□ read	take photographs	people	or business	things
tend/train animals	scientific/technical	express myself	play team sports	campaign politically	□ follow clearly
work on electronic	journals	creatively	□ belong to a club	☐ have power or	defined procedures
equipment	□ analyze situations &	deal with ambiguous			keep things neat
work in farming,	find a solution	ideas	□ cater to needs/	□ use language skills	and organized
forestry or fishing	use a chemistry set	□ read art/music	wishes of others	to influence others	work with forms and
do carpentry work	□ do puzzles	magazines	☐ help others with	be with leaders	reports
	□ be in a science fair	□ act in a play	mental, spiritual,		work from nine-to-
	solve math/science	design new fashions	physical or career		five follow a budget
	questions	study a foreign	needs		follow a budget
		language			follow other people's instructions
Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	instructions
Total	i otal	Total	Total	Total	Total
R =	=	A =	S =	E =	C =

1. Put the letter with the highest total score in the first space for your Holland Code, then the next highest in the second space and the third highest in the last space. Do you agree or disagree with the results? Are the results the same from both check lists?

My 'Personality Plus' Holland Code Is:	_
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My 'Discover Your Personality Type' Holland Code Is: _____ ____

2. Read about Holland's six personality types on page 7 in the *Career Outlook* **and** look over the items you checked in your Holland Code lists on the previous page. Briefly explain your top personality type. What do the results tell you about what you might prefer in your work life based on your personality?

- 3. Review the sample occupations that may fit your personality type in the columns below. Considering your top three personality types and the typical jobs listed for that personality type, circle 1-3 that interest you.
- 4. Look in the Occupational Section of the *Career Outlook*, pages 12-50. **Find three more occupations that interest you** by looking in the Holland Code column and write them in the blanks provided below.

	Typical "R"jobs include:		1
	Electrician	Civil Engineer	1
Realistic	Auto Technician	Aircraft Mechanic	2
	Surveyor	Plumber	3
	Carpenter	Surgical Technologist	•••
	Typical "I" jobs include:		1
	Veterinarian	Petroleum Engineer	1
Investigative	Microbiologist	Dietitian	2
•	Software Developer	Computer Systems Analyst	3
	Forensic Science Technician		•••
	Typical "A" jobs include:		1
	Fashion Designer	Desktop Publisher	1
Artistic	Architect	Radio & TV Announcer	2
	Photographer	Multimedia Artist	3
	Musician	Cosmetologist	
	Typical "S" jobs include:		1
	School Counselor	Dental Hygienist	1
Social	Physician Assistant	Teacher	2
	Clergy	Tour Guide	3
	Athletic Trainer	Childcare Worker	•••
	Typical "E" jobs include:		1
	Financial Examiner	Police Detectives	1
Enterprising	Lawyer	Farmer & Rancher	2
	Travel Agent	Marketing Manager	3
	School Administrator		
	Typical "C" jobs include:		
Conventional	Proofreaders	Law Clerk	1
	Bank Teller	Accountant	2
	Dispatcher	Cashier	2
	Loan Officer	Cost Estimator	3
	Tax Preparer		

5. Look over your Holland Code occupations list. Which of the occupations listed do you think would make you feel most satisfied at work? Explain why.

6. How can knowing your personality types/Holland Code benefit or help you in a work environment?

7. Optional: Explore this occupation further in <u>www.RUReady.ND.gov</u> and save it in your portfolio.