

Careers for INTJ Personality Types

Whether you're a young adult trying to find your place in the world, or a not-so-young adult trying to find out if you're moving along the right path, it's important to understand yourself and the personality traits that will impact your likeliness to succeed or fail at various careers. It's equally important to understand what is really important to you. When armed with an understanding of your strengths and weaknesses, and an awareness of what you truly value, you are in an excellent position to pick a career which you will find rewarding.

INTJs generally have the following traits:

- Able to absorb extremely complex theoretical and complex material
- Driven to create order and structure from theoretical abstractions
- Supreme strategists
- Future-oriented
- See the global, "big picture"
- Strong insights and intuitions, which they trust implicitly
- Value their own opinions over others
- Love difficult theoretical challenges
- Bored when dealing with mundane routine
- Value knowledge and efficiency
- Have no patience with inefficiency and confusion
- Have very high standards for performance, which they apply to themselves most strongly
- Reserved and detached from others
- Calm, collected and analytical
- Extremely logical and rational
- Original and independent
- Natural leaders, but will follow those they can fully support
- Creative, ingenious, innovative, and resourceful
- Work best alone, and prefer to work alone

More so than any other personality type, INTJs are brilliant when it comes to grasping complex theories and applying them to problems to come up with long-term strategies. Since this type of "strategizing" is the central focus and drive of the INTJ, there is a happy match between desire and ability in this type.

Accordingly, the INTJ is happiest and most effective in careers which allow this type of processing, and which promote an environment in which the INTJ is given a lot of autonomy over their daily lives.

INTJ Careers

BUSINESS/FINANCE

Telecommunications security
Management consultant:
computer/information services, marketing,
reorganization
Economist
International banker
Pharmaceutical researcher (R&D)
Financial planner
Investment banker

TECHNICAL

Scientist/scientific researcher
Computer systems analyst
Technician: electrical/electronic
Design engineer
Astronomer
Computer programmer
Environmental planner
Biomedical researcher/engineer
Computer systems analyst
Operations research analyst
Information services developer
Software and systems researcher and
developer
Information services – new business
developer
Network integration specialist
(telecommunications)

EDUCATION

Teacher: university
Academic curriculum designer
Administrator
Mathematician

HEALTH CARE/MEDICINE

Psychiatrist
Psychologist
Neurologist
Biomedical engineer
Cardiologist
Pharmacologist
Pharmaceutical researcher
Biomedical researcher

PROFESSIONAL

Attorney: administrative/litigator
Management consultant
Strategic planner
Investment/business analyst
Manager
Judge

News analyst/writer
Engineer
Metallurgical engineer
Intellectual properties attorney
Civil engineer

CREATIVE

Writer/editorial writer
Artist
Inventor
Designer
Architect
Universal design architect
Informational-graphics designer
Freelance media planner
Editor/art director