

Careers for INTP 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.

INTPs generally have the following traits:

- Love theory and abstract ideas
- Truth Seekers - they want to understand things by analyzing underlying principles and structures
- Value knowledge and competence above all else
- Have very high standards for performance, which they apply to themselves
- Independent and original, possibly eccentric
- Work best alone, and value autonomy
- Have no desire to lead or follow
- Dislike mundane detail
- Not particularly interested in the practical application of their work
- Creative and insightful
- Future-oriented
- Usually brilliant and ingenious
- Trust their own insights and opinions above others
- Live primarily inside their own minds, and may appear to be detached and uninvolved with other people

INTPs have a special gift with generating and analyzing theories and possibilities to prove or disprove them. They have a great deal of insight and are creative thinkers, which allows them to quickly grasp complex abstract thoughts. They also have exceptional logical and rational reasoning skills, which allows them to thoroughly analyze theories to discover the Truth about them. Since the INTP is driven to seek clarity in the world, we have a happy match of desire and ability in this personality type. INTPs will be happiest in careers which allow them a great deal of autonomy in which they can work primarily alone on developing and analyzing complex theories and abstractions, with the goal of their work being the discovery of a truth, rather than the discovery of a practical application.

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Computer software designer
Computer programmer
Research and development specialist
Systems analyst/date base manager
Strategic planner
New market or product conceptualizer
Information services developer-computer programming
Information services – new business developer
Network integration specialist (telecommunications)
Change management consultant
Financial planner
Investment banker
Management consultant:
computer/information services, marketing, reorganization

HEALTH CARE/TECHNICAL

Neurologist
Physicist
Plastic surgeon
Pharmacist
Scientist: chemistry/biology
Pharmaceutical researcher
Biomedical engineer/researcher
Veterinarian

PROFESSIONAL

Lawyer
Economist
Psychologist/psychoanalyst
Financial analyst
Architect
Investigator
Intellectual property attorney
Legal mediator
Corporate financial attorney
Psychiatrist

ACADEMIC

Mathematician
Archaeologist
Historian
Philosopher
College teacher of advanced students
Researcher
Logician
College faculty administrator
Economist
Interpreter/translator

CREATIVE

Photographer
Creative writer
Artist
Entertainer/dancer
Musician
Agent
Inventor
Information-graphics designer