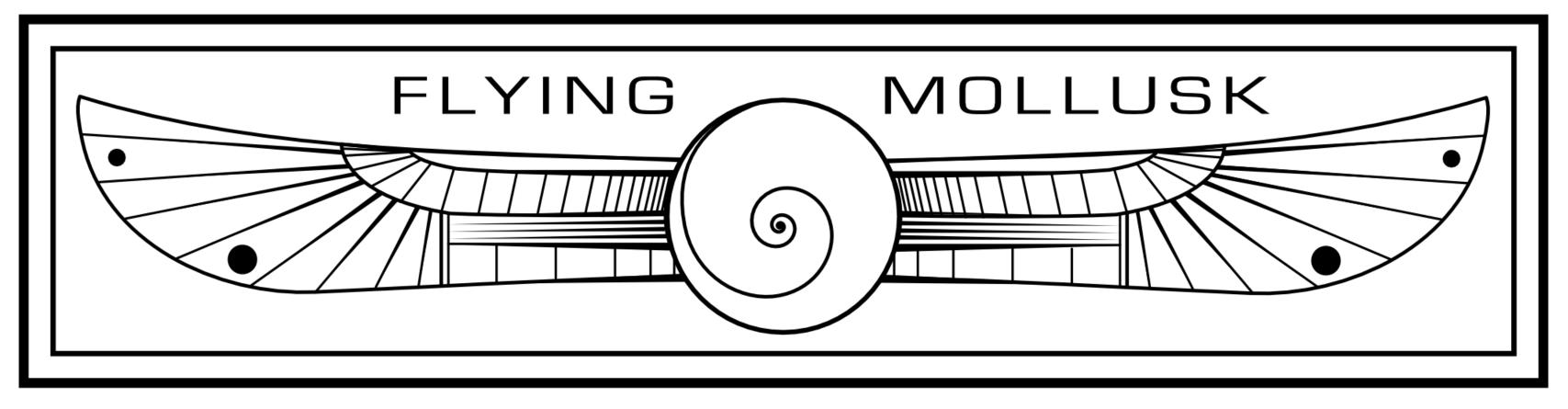


# Colorful Characters: Working with Different Personalities in Game Development

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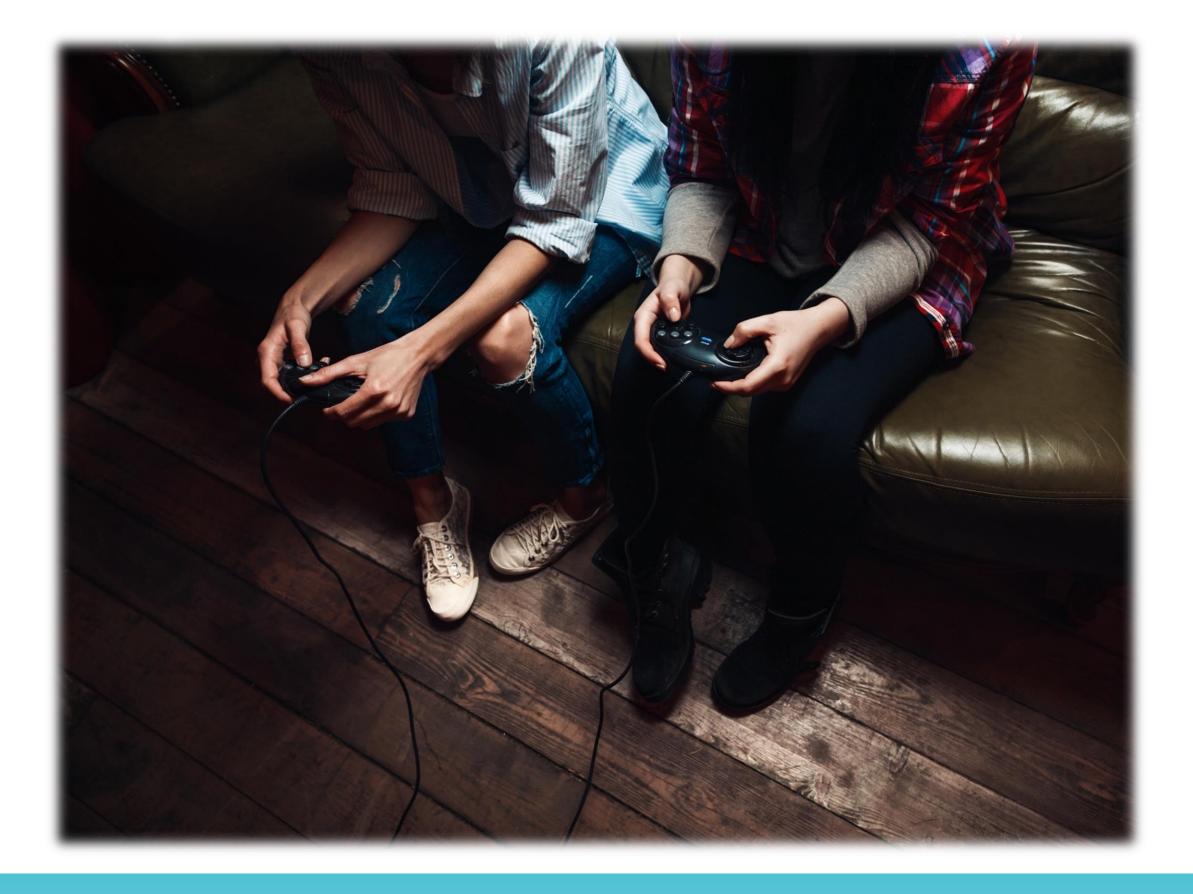




















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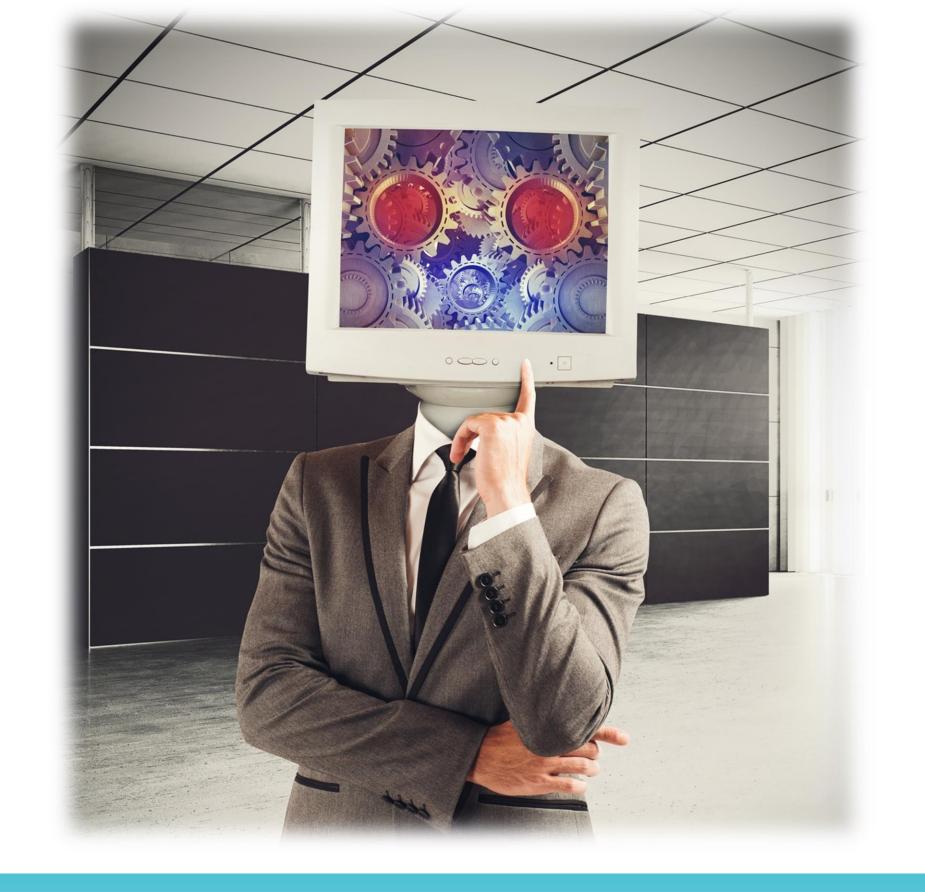


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# What's Your Personality Type?

Use the questions on the outside of the chart to determine the four letters of your Myers-Briggs type. For each pair of letters, choose the side that seems most natural to you, even if you don't agree with every description.

# **1.** Are you outwardly or inwardly focused? If you:

- Could be described as talkative, outgoing
- · Like to be in a fast-paced environment
- Tend to work out ideas with others, think out loud
- Enjoy being the center of attention

then you prefer

Extraversion

- Could be described as reserved, private
- Prefer a slower pace with time for contemplation
- Tend to think things through inside your head
- Would rather observe than be the center of attention

then you prefer

Introversion

Responsible, sincere, analytical, reserved, realistic, systematic. Hardworking and trustworthy with sound practical judgment.

Action-oriented, logical,

analytical, spontaneous,

reserved, independent.

Enjoy adventure, skilled

at understanding how

mechanical things work.

Outgoing, realistic,

action-oriented, curious

versatile, spontaneous.

Pragmatic problem

solvers and skillful

negotiators.

Gentle, sensitive, nurturing, helpful, flexible, realistic. Seek to create a personal nvironment that is both beautiful and practical.

Warm, considerate,

gentle, responsible,

pragmatic, thorough.

Devoted caretakers who

enjoy being helpful to

others.

Idealistic, organized,

insightful, dependable,

compassionate, gentle.

Seek harmony and

cooperation, enjoy

intellectual stimulation.

Sensitive, creative, idealistic, perceptive, caring, loyal. Value inner harmony and personal growth, focus on dreams and possibilities.

nnovative, independent,

strategic, logical,

reserved, insightful.

Driven by their own

original ideas to achieve

improvements.

Intellectual, logical, precise, reserved, flexible, imaginative. Original thinkers who enjoy speculation and creative problem solving.

## **3.** How do you prefer to make decisions? If you:

- · Make decisions in an impersonal way, using logical reasoning
- Value justice, fairness
- · Enjoy finding the flaws in an argument
- Could be described as reasonable, level-headed

then you prefer

Thinking

- Base your decisions on personal values and how your actions affect others
- · Value harmony, forgiveness
- Like to please others and point out the best in people
- Could be described as warm, empathetic

then you prefer

Feeling

# **2.** How do you prefer to take in information? If you:

- Focus on the reality of how things are
- Pay attention to concrete facts and details
- Prefer ideas that have practical applications
- · Like to describe things in a specific, literal way

then you prefer

Sensing

- · Imagine the possibilities of how things could be
- Enjoy ideas and concepts for their own sake

Ν Intuition

- Notice the big picture, see how everything connects
- Like to describe things in a figurative, poetic way

then you prefer

Efficient, outgoing, analytical, systematic dependable, realistic. Like to run the show and get things done in an orderly fashion.

Playful, enthusiastic, friendly, spontaneous tactful, flexible. Have strong common sense, enjoy helping people in tangible ways.

Friendly, outgoing, reliable, conscientious, organized, practical. Seel to be helpful and please others, enjoy being active and productive

Enthusiastic, creative, spontaneous, optimistic supportive, playful. Value inspiration, enjoy starting new projects see potential in others.

Caring, enthusiastic, idealistic, organized, diplomatic, responsible Skilled communicators who value connection with people.

strategic, enterprising, inquisitive, versatile Enjoy new ideas and challenges, value inspiration.

efficient, outgoing, mbitious, independen Effective organizers of people and long-range planners.

# **4.** How do you prefer to live your outer life? If you:

- Prefer to have matters settled
- Think rules and deadlines should be respected
- Prefer to have detailed, step-by-step instructions
- Make plans, want to know what you're getting into

then you prefer

Judging

- Prefer to leave your options
- See rules and deadlines as
- · Like to improvise and make things up as you go
- Are spontaneous, enjoy surprises and new situations

then you prefer

Perceiving

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Introvert, iNtuitive, Thinking, Perception
"The Architect"

"Seek to develop logical explanations for everything that interests them. Theoretical and abstract, interested more in ideas than in social interaction. Quiet, contained, flexible, and adaptable. Have unusual ability to focus in depth to solve problems in their area of interest. Skeptical, sometimes critical, always analytical."



Extrovert, Sensing, Feeling, Judging

"The Provider"

"Warmhearted, conscientious, and cooperative. Want harmony in their environment, work with determination to establish it. Like to work with others to complete tasks accurately and on time. Loyal, follow through even in small matters. Notice what others need in their day-by-day lives and try to provide it. Want to be appreciated for who they are and for what they contribute."





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## STRATEGIC THINKING RELATIONSHIP BUILDING Analytical > Adaptability > Context > Connectedness > Futuristic > Developer > Ideation > Empathy > Input > Harmony > Includer > Intellection > Learner > Individualization > Strategic > Positivity > Relator > **EXECUTING** INFLUENCING Achiever > Activator > Command > Arranger > Belief > Communication > Competition > Consistency > Deliberative > Maximizer > Self-Assurance > Discipline > Significance > Focus > Woo > Responsibility > Restorative >



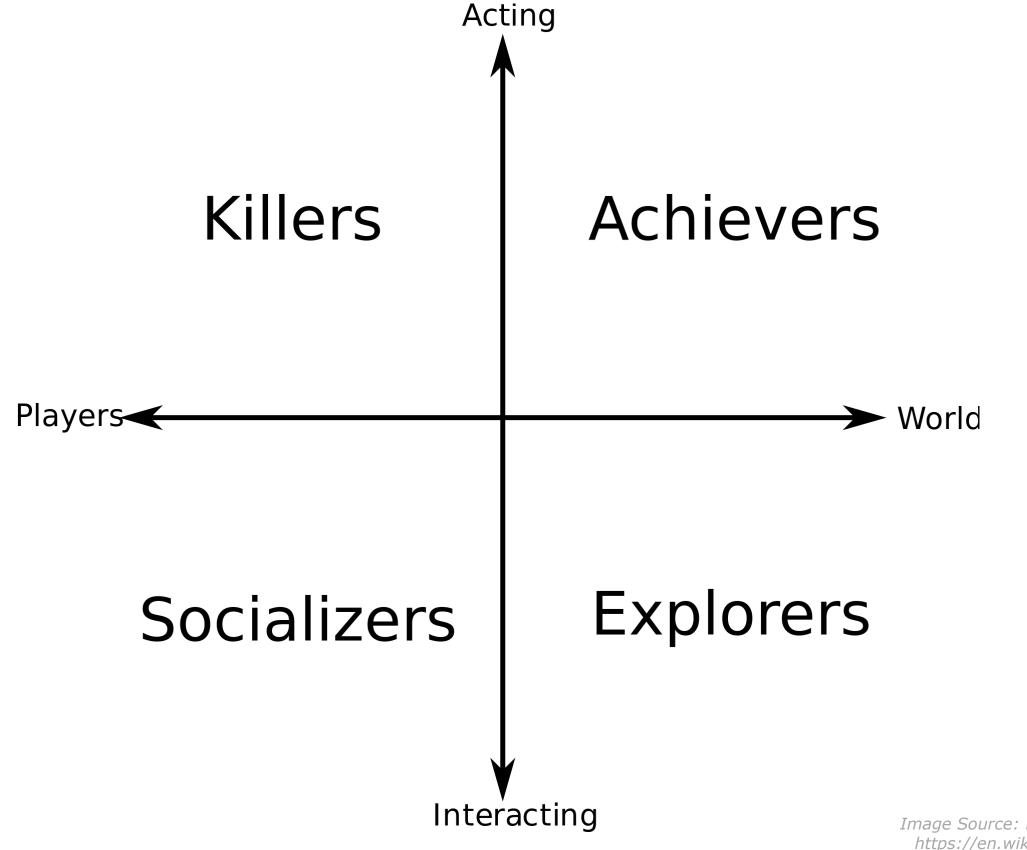
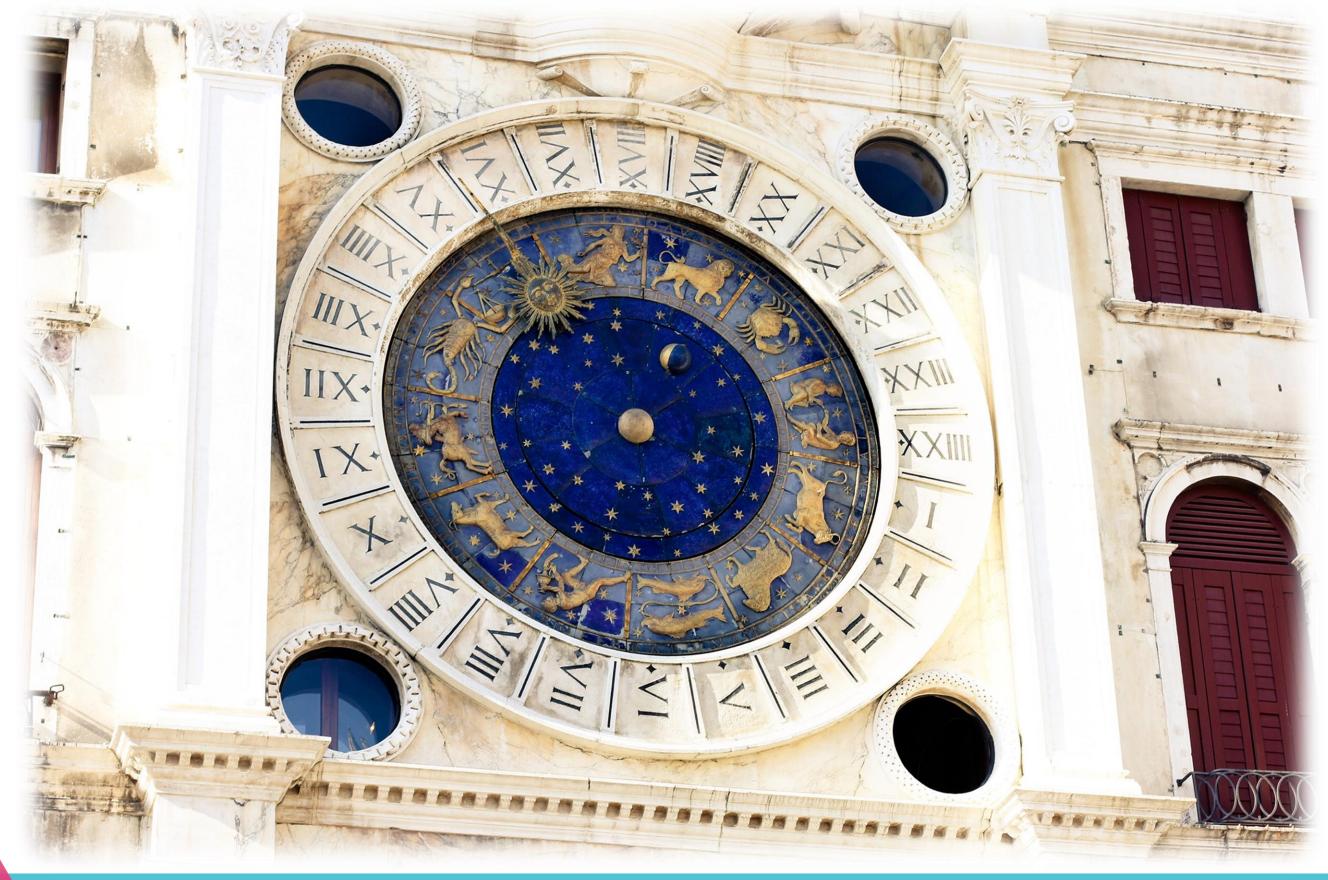




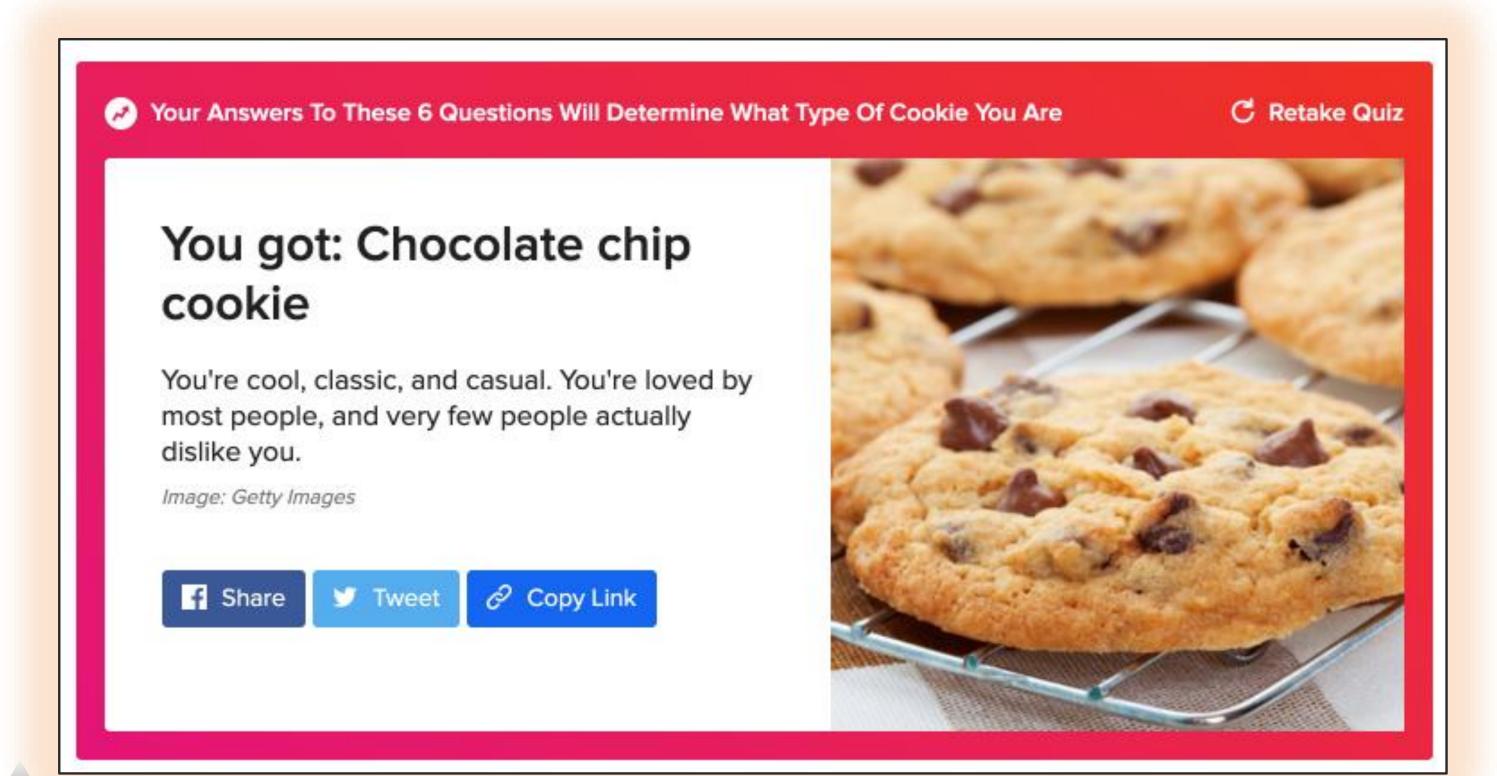
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- Codify
- Clarify Differences
- Vocabulary
- Frame of Reference













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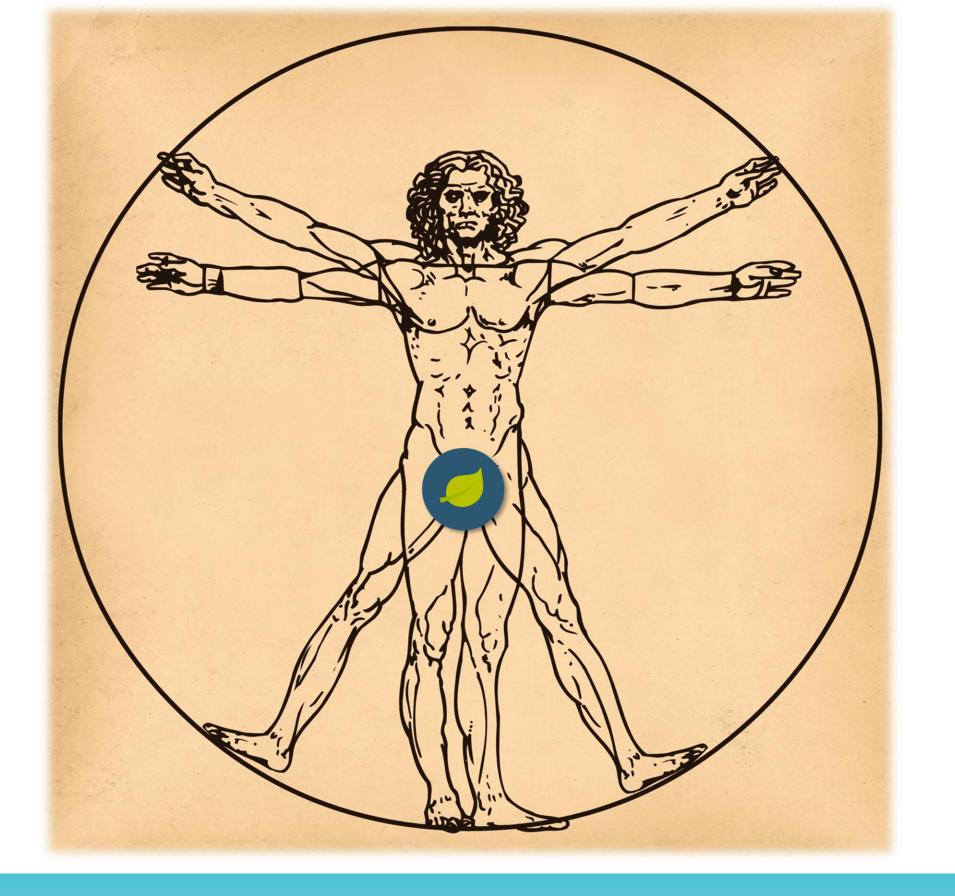
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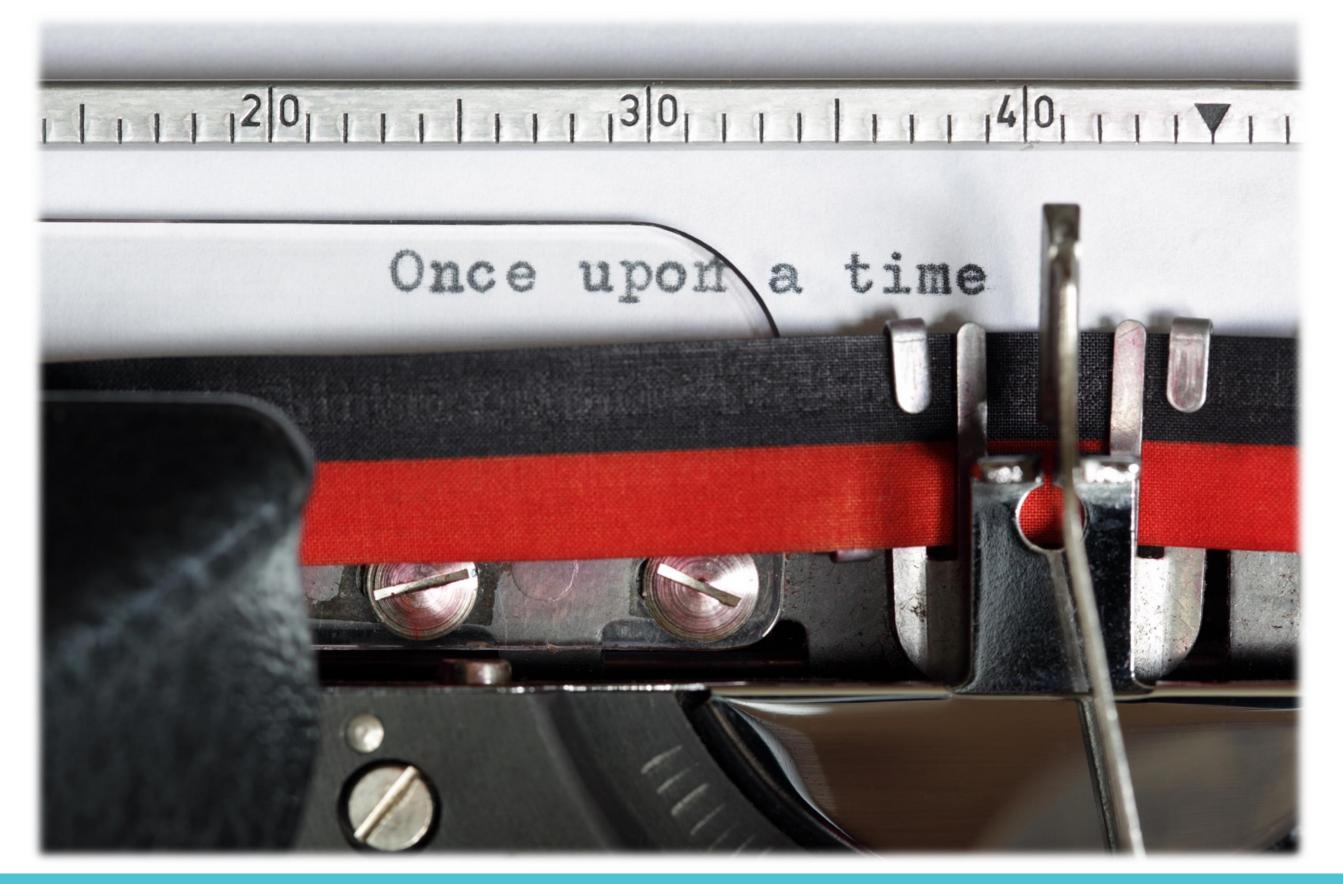
















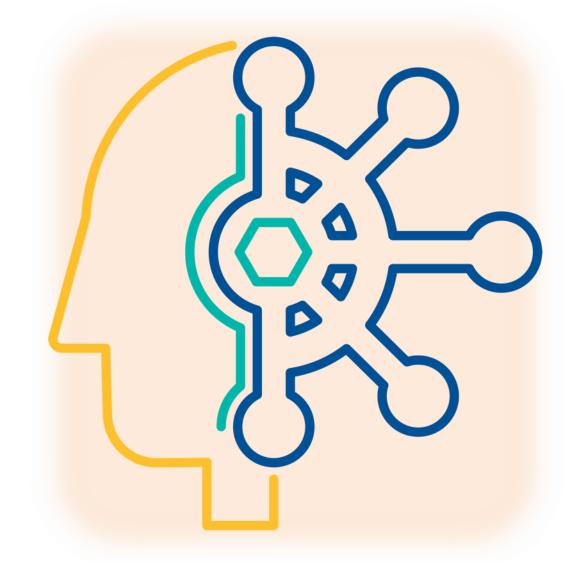


**Introvert** 

**Extrovert** 







...actually, this might be mig











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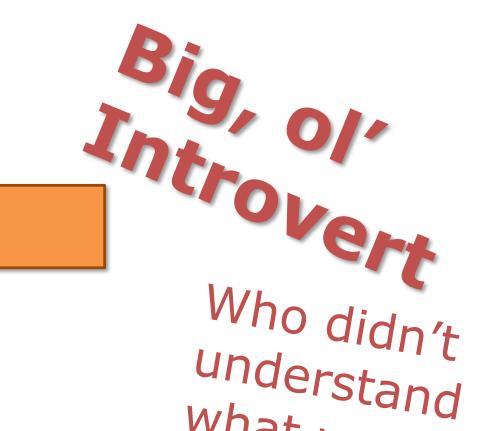












understand what was going on

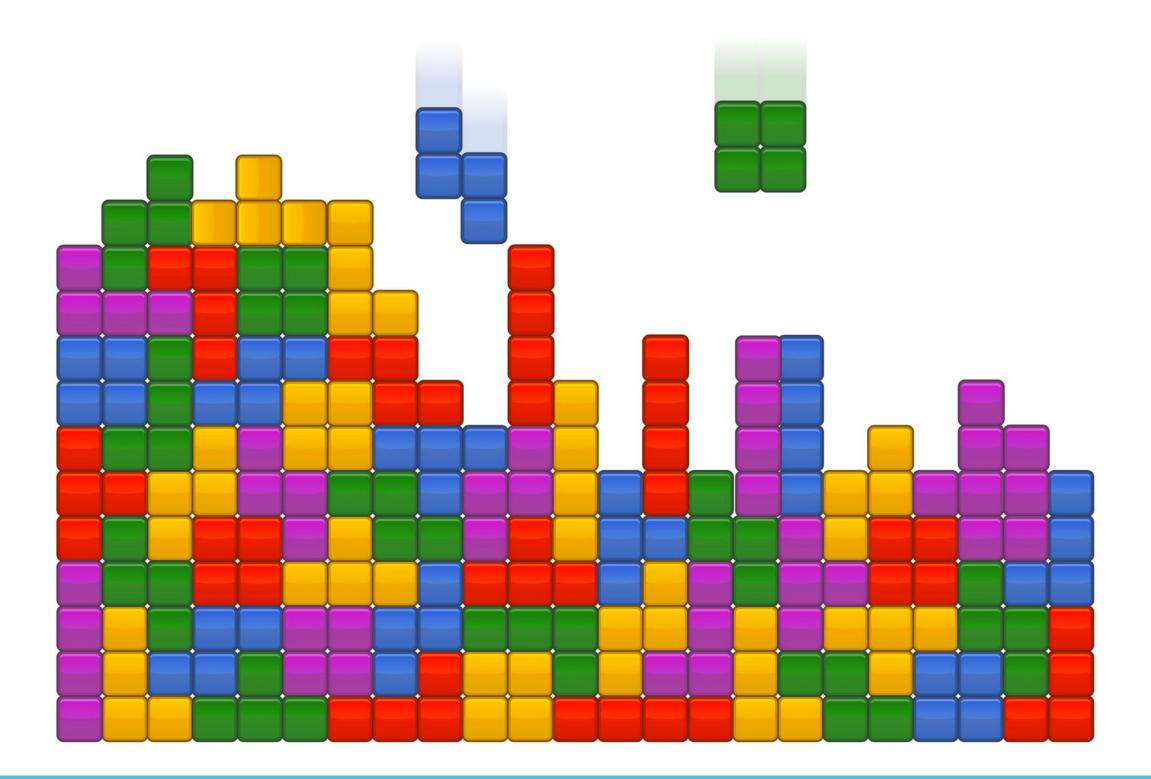


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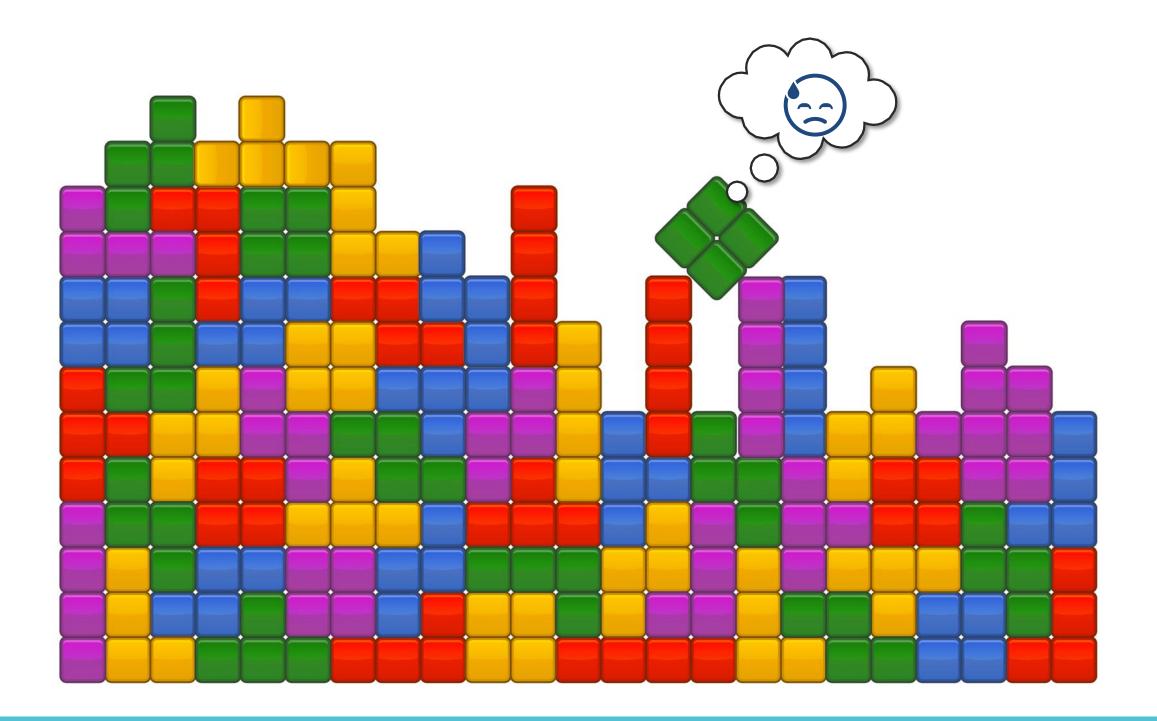
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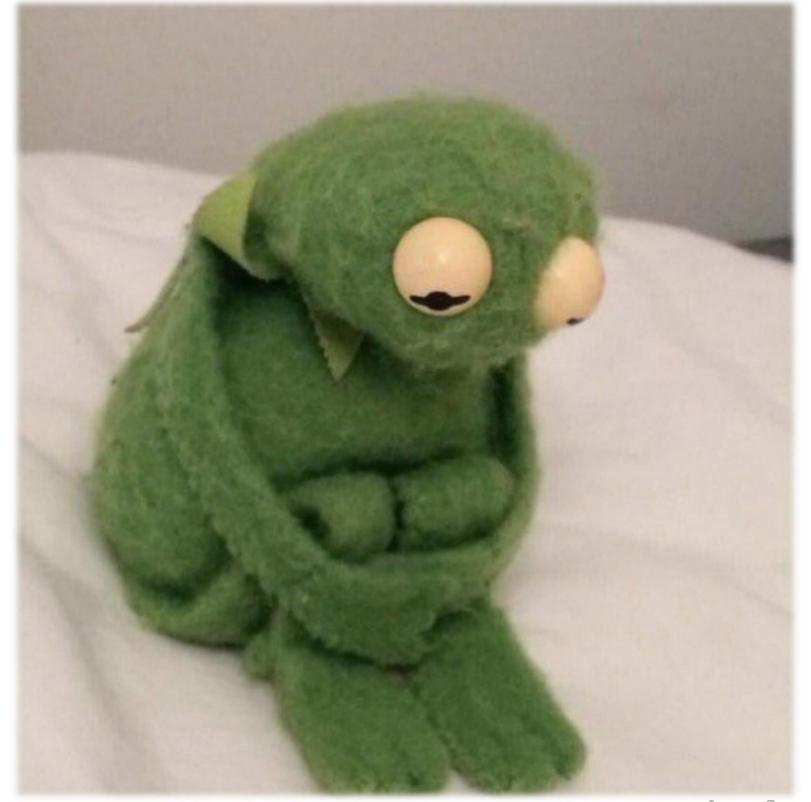














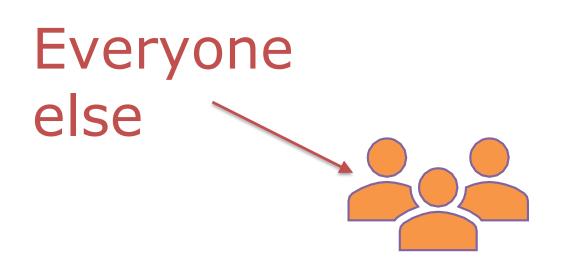


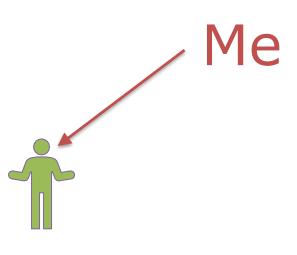






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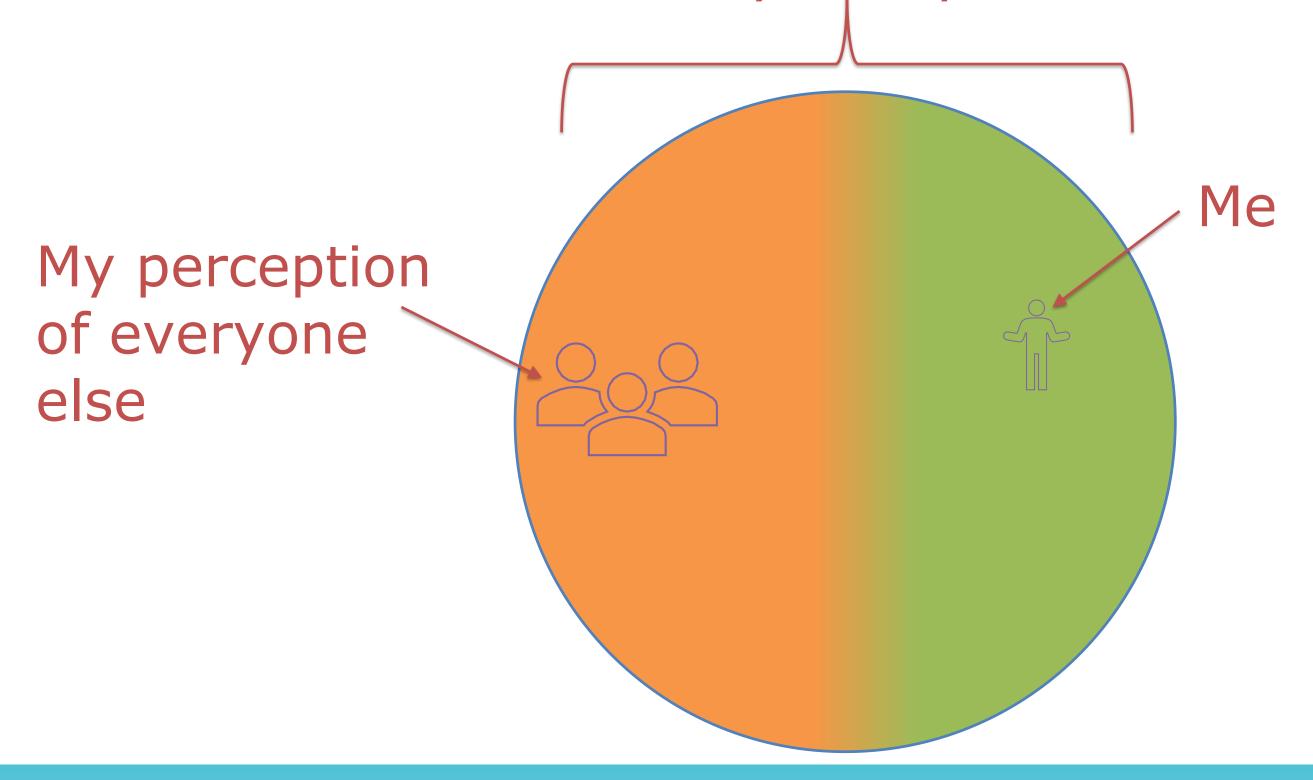






### 1. Not Alone

Actually Everyone Else





## 2. Bring it up





### 3. You Do You























Not Alone
 Bring it Up
 You Do You





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# NEVERMIND







The Flying Mollusk team

Well, sort of.



#### Chat about it

#### Be Open Yourself

# Embrace Experimentation







- Curiosity
- Listening
- Processing
- Respecting





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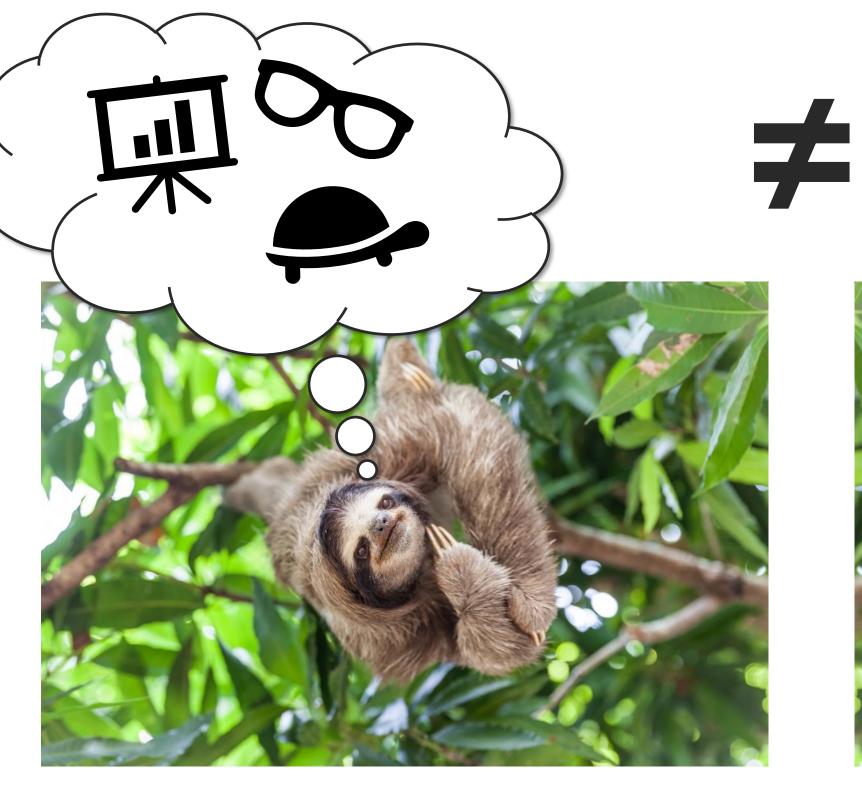








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You

**Teammate** 





You

Listen

Respect

Elevate



**Teammate** 





#### Listen

- To yourself
- To others





# **Understand Differences**

- Personality Models\*
- Neurodivergence
- Gender Identities
- Cultures
- Everything

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#### Mix It Up

- Meetings
- Feedback & Collaboration
- Networking Practices
- Any process taken for granted

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