

# INTJ: Introverted, Intuitive, Thinking, Judging

## An Overview of the Architect (Strategist) Personality Type

INTJ sometimes referred to as the "Architect" or the "Strategist," people with an INTJ personality are highly analytical, creative, and logical.

There are two INTJ subtypes: INTJ-A and INTJ-T.

- INTJ-A: This subtype is known as the "Assertive Architect." An INTJ-A tends to have more self-confidence than an INTJ-T, particularly when handling life's ups and downs. And if things don't go the way they expect, an INTJ-A is not likely to second-guess their initial actions or experience regret.
- INTJ-T: Someone with this subtype is known as the "Turbulent Architect" and has a greater concern about the areas where they may fall short, whether in reality or perception. They also tend to use this concern to their advantage by pushing themselves harder and paying more attention to detail.

### Key INTJ Characteristics

- INTJs tend to be introverted and prefer to work alone. They're self-confident and hard-working, which is a strength. However, it can also be a weakness as they may come across as insensitive or callous.
- An INTJ looks at the big picture and likes to focus on abstract information rather than concrete details. They also tend to be a perfectionist.
- Someone with an INTJ personality places greater emphasis on logic and objective information rather than subjective emotions. Talking about emotions makes them uncomfortable.
- INTJs like a world with control and order. As a result, they prefer to make plans well in advance. Some INTJs may even employ manipulation to get a specific outcome.

### Strengths

- Enjoys theoretical and abstract concepts
- High expectations
- Good at listening
- Takes criticism well
- Self-confident and hard-working

### Weaknesses

- Can be overly analytical and judgmental
- Very perfectionistic
- Dislikes talking about emotions
- Sometimes seems callous or insensitive

### INTJs You Might Know

- Arnold Schwarzenegger
- Christopher Nolan
- C.S. Lewis
- Elon Musk
- Friedrich Nietzsche
- Jay-Z
- Karl Marx
- Lance Armstrong
- Mark Zuckerberg
- Nikola Tesla

- Stephen Hawking

### **Career Paths for an INTJ**

When INTJs develop an interest in something, they strive to become as knowledgeable and skilled as they can in that area. They have high expectations and hold themselves to the highest possible standards.

INTJs are good at gathering information from the outside world, analyzing it, and reaching new insights. People with this personality type tend to be very analytical and logical.

INTJs value information, knowledge, and intelligence, making them excellent scientists and mathematicians. They also tend to do particularly well in fields that require efficiency and the ability to interpret complex information, such as engineering, academia, law, and research.<sup>5</sup>

INTJs typically do well in careers that integrate their strong ability to understand and evaluate complex information with their ability to put this knowledge into practice. Careers that allow the INTJ to work independently and autonomously are also ideal.

### **Popular INTJ Careers**

- Business Administrator
- Computer Consultant
- Corporate Executive Officer
- Dentist / Doctor
- Engineer
- Entrepreneur
- Judge / Lawyer / Attorney
- Manager
- Mathematician
- Banker
- Politician
- Scientist
- Systems Analyst
- Teacher