### GOOD TO GREAT: MAXIMIZING YOUR STRENGTHSFINDER ASSESSMENT

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#### PRESENTATION ROADMAP

What
How
WHY

# STRENGTHSFINDER IS A TOOL

- Positive psychology movement founded by Don Clifton
  - "What would happen if we studied what is right with people?"
  - Invest in what you are intrinsically good at
- Strength = Talent x Investment
  - Talent
    - "Naturally recurring patterns of thought, feeling, or behavior." -Don Clifton
  - Investment
    - Use
    - Improve
    - Learn



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# ABOUT THE TEST

- 177 paired statements
  - Designed to use introspective talent identification
  - Time limit encourages "gut" responses

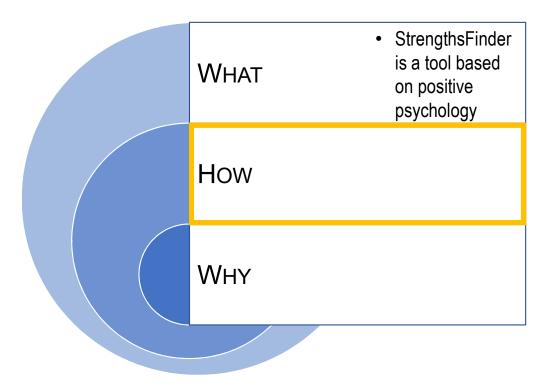
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I am a sensitive person.

I am a logical person.

- Talents are measured and grouped into 34 themes
  - Top 5 themes are reported
- Themes are organized into four domains
  - Domains emphasize partnerships for success

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# HOW TO INTERPRET RESULTS

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

- Use Gallop Resources
  - Theme
    descriptions
  - Webinars
  - Books
- Consider:
  - 1. How do you communicate?
  - 2. How do you make decisions?
  - 3. How do you relate to time?
  - 4. How do you relate to others?

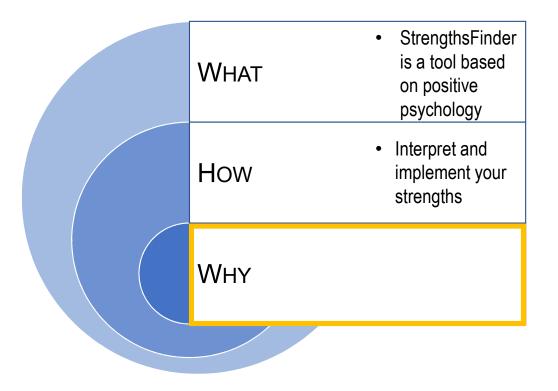
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# IMPLEMENT YOUR STRENGTHS

- Strengths are identified for growth
  - Insight vs. development
- Consider how your strengths may be used in:
  - Teamwork & collaborative settings
  - Individual work
  - Professional relations & interfacing
  - Project management & leadership
- StrengthsFinder is a tool

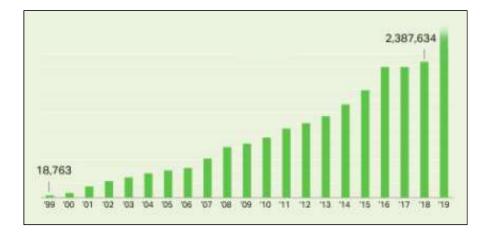


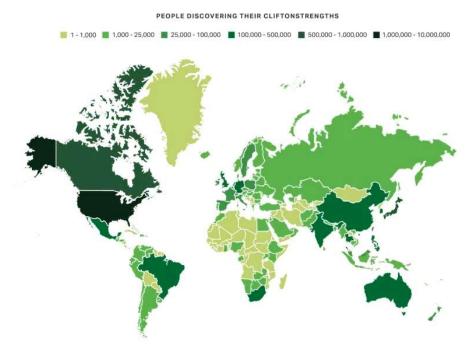
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## USAGE OF STRENGTHSFINDER

- Over 22 million completed tests since 1999
- International recognition





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## BENEFITS

- Professional & Academic
  - Improved team dynamic
  - Reduced "blind spots"
  - Better performance
  - Intellectual diversity
- Personal
  - Challenge and support one another
  - 3x more likely to report "excellent quality of life"

7% - 23%	10% - 19%
nigher employee engagement	increased sales
8% - 18%	14% - 29%
increased performance	increased profit

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