

Ben Geislars's Instruction Manual

Characteristics	So What?
I'm an EFNP on the Myers-Briggs scale.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am considered moderately extroverted, although I am not sure I'm comfortable with this. Some people find extroverts to be annoying, and I hope I'm not "that guy". But I'm not afraid to speak in public situations. • I have a slight preference towards intuition over sensing. • I rely on my feelings. That said, in my line of work obviously thinking is a critical part of what we do, so I could choose to be offended by my MB test results. But instead I think it's a matter of the test not being perfect. I look at myself as a thinker but yet I believe there is a time and place for improvisation and going with your gut. As a former CEO of a couple startup companies I believe the passion necessary and the innovation is probably only possible if there's equal parts "feeling" and "thinking".
I'm a former actor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of my study is in computer science, but I was also a theater major for a period of time. I love the theater and I love acting. Being an entertainer has always been appealing to me- hence the video game angle.
I tackle the hardest problem first.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hardest problem in any situation is the one we're not 100% sure we can solve. Therefore, I feel that it should be looked at first and solved first, and every inconsequential problem from there can be solved. This sounds good at first but it's problematic when considering crucial things such as finances (balancing the books is mundane and there is no "rocket science to it" but yet it's crucial). To be most effective I need people to remind me that it's not always about solving bleeding edge problems, sometimes we have to be just as serious about the mundane. But we also need people who find tackling the hard stuff to be exciting, and that's where I come in. So give me a tough problem.
I love learning new things	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning new things is fun • Going to new places is fun • We should never stop learning and growing as people. In my classrooms I often like to state that we're teaching you how to learn. It's not that we're merely teaching a specific language (we are), but we're also teaching you how to learn the next language, the one that hasn't come out yet.
I love innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly as it relates to technology, I love innovation. One of my favorite quotes is "Any technology sufficiently advanced is indistinguishable from magic" –Arthur C Clarke. Technology is amazing and truly I believe it's a testament to what humans can do to improve life around them, • If you want to get me going on a particular issue, tell me about how the way we're going to solve about it is novel and better than the previous ways we've done it.
I have grand visions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These don't always "play out", but I'm always thinking of the future and the big picture and what we can do together as a team. If you want me to get on board, talk about these things.