

# Initiative

## The Work Ethic Site

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# Learning Goal

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- To understand initiative as a part of work ethic, to evaluate one's own initiative, and to learn to use initiative in appropriate and productive ways



# Initiative in the information age

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- Information age jobs make initiative very important
  - less direct supervision
  - high discretion workplace
  - key to competitive edge
- Distinguishes study of work ethic from more general lessons on employability skills
- Might need to overcome personality traits like shyness



# Assignment 1

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- Answer the questions for type of occupation you think you will enter
  - medical professionals (doctor, surgeon, dentist)
  - professionals (teacher, lawyer, accountant)
  - service (waitress, construction worker, cashier)
  - sales (insurance, sales in a department store)
  - full-time homemaker
  - unemployed
- Record your answers for use in small group discussion

