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Lecture III: Psychological Testing

Psychological testing, also called psychometrics, is the systematic use of tests that are written, visual, or verbal, to quantify psychophysical behavior, abilities, and problems, to make predictions about psychological performance, and to assess the cognitive and emotional functioning of children and adults.

Psychological testing is divided into four primary types:

- Clinical Interview
- Assessment of Intellectual Functioning (IQ)
- Personality Assessment
- Behavioral Assessment

In addition to these primary types of psychological assessment, other kinds of psychological tests are available for specific areas, such as aptitude or achievement in school, career or work counseling, management skills, and career planning.

The test user is generally considered the person responsible for the appropriate use of psychological tests, including selection, administration, interpretation, and use of results. Test user qualifications include attention to the purchase of psychological measures that specify levels of training, educational degree, areas of knowledge within the domain of assessment, certifications, licensure, and membership in professional organizations. Test user qualifications also require psychometric knowledge and skills as well as training regarding the responsible use of the test.