

SIGNIFICANT CITINGS OF THE PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT
SYSTEM

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Formal recognition of Gittinger's Personality Assessment System in the academic psychological community has begun to surface. Two highly significant citings of the system demonstrate that the little information about PAS which has filtered through in the past decade is being met with considerable interest.

Perhaps the most prominent of these two citings appeared in the Buros Mental Measurement Yearbook Seventh Edition. Within his review of the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale Buros wrote of the Personality Assessment System:

"Perhaps the most ambitious of such efforts (at pattern analysis) is the Gittinger Personality Assessment System which is based upon WAIS performance. The details of Gittinger's system have not been widely available in literature but three recent studies* indicate that the system, though highly complex, merits careful evaluation".

A second major citing of the PAS can be found in Joseph Matarazzo's Fifth Edition of the traditional Wechsler testbook: Wechsler's Measurement of Adult Intelligence. Matarazzo devotes a small section to the Gittinger PAS, providing a relatively comprehensive discussion of the system. He touches upon both the personality theory and Gittinger's utilization of the WAIS subtests in assessing personality. Matarazzo states:

"It (PAS) is a rich blend of a theoretical formulation with a means of its measurement and combines a) a view of how the core elements of personality - intelligence are present at birth and b) a means of measuring or assessing the resultant or current end stage of this process (namely Gittinger's unique pattern analysis of the Wechsler Scales)".

Both the Mental Measurement Yearbook and Wechsler's Measurement of Adult Intelligence are well known and highly respected within the field. Their mention of Gittinger's PAS is indicative of a recognition of and receptivity to further work with the system.

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