

Desktop Items/Shortcuts Survey

This form is used to collate data on the number of desktop items/shortcuts on University employee's computers.

Data included is entirely confidential, there is no meta-data that would allow personal details to be inferred from the data set. The data will primarily be used for exercises in data visualisation and analysis training.

If you have any questions about the survey, please email martin.hadley@it.ox.ac.uk

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Counting Desktop Items

Users of the different Operating Systems understand desktop items differently, for clarification please count your items as follows:

Windows Users:

Include all desktop items, including the "Recycle Bin" etc. In the image below, the item count would be 3.

OS X Users:

Include all desktop items, including the .DS_Store file if hidden files are displayed on your machine. In the image below, the item count would be 5.

Linux Users:

There are many Linux distributions with a variety of UX paradigms, we're only interested in the icons that fit the classic "desktop item" paradigm and not widgets or dock items. In the screenshot of a Ubuntu install below, the total number of icons would be 3.



1. How many items are there on your desktop? *

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2. What's your operating system? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Windows Vista
- ☐ Windows 7
- ☐ Windows XP
- ☐ Linux
- ☐ Windows 10
- ☐ Windows 8
- ☐ Mac (OS X)

3. Which University Department do you belong to? *

Please use "Physics" rather than "Exciting Highly Specialised Research Group".

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4. Which University do you belong to? *

Please use full, formal titles: "University of Oxford" not "Oxford"

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