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How We Interact With Computers

How many times have you clicked on a desktop icon to launch a program? Probably thousands, even tens of thousands of times. And no doubt you've closed program windows countless times by clicking on that little "x" in the corner. Congratulations — you're fluent in using GUI, the graphical user interface!

A GUI (often pronounced "gooey") is a means through which you can interact with your computer.

It allows you to command your computer to perform specific actions, such as opening, closing, adding, deleting, and organizing programs. All of the windows, icons, and menus you're familiar with make up your computer's GUI.

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