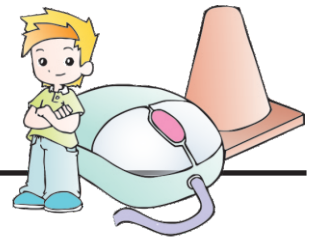


Lesson 12

Click Work Mouse Facts



Using a Mouse

Today's computers are built with the mouse in mind, and so it pays to learn the basic mouse techniques that you will be going to use throughout your computing career.

If you have never used a mouse before, then you should remember to keep all your mouse movements slow and deliberate while you are learning how to use it.

CLICK THE MOUSE

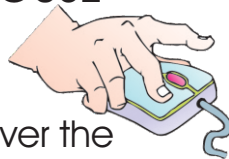


- 1 Position the mouse over the object with which you want to work.

- 2 Click the left mouse button.

Depending on the object, the operating system either selects the object or performs some operation in response to the mouse click, such as displaying the Windows Vista menu.

RIGHT-CLICK THE MOUSE



- 1 Position the mouse over the object with which you want to work.

- 2 Click the right mouse button.

The operating system displays a shortcut menu when you right-click an object.

DOUBLE-CLICK THE MOUSE



- 1 Position the mouse over the object with which you want to work.

- 2 Click the left mouse button twice in quick succession.

The operating system performs some operation in response to the double-click action, such as displaying the Windows Vista Recycle Bin window.

CLICK AND DRAG THE MOUSE



- 1 Position the mouse over the object with which you want to work.

- 2 Press and hold the left mouse button.

- 3 Move the mouse to drag the selected object.

In most cases, the object moves along with the mouse.

- 4 Release the mouse button when the selected object is repositioned to where you want it.

Mouse Types

Two-Button Mouse

The standard mouse has a simple design with only two mouse buttons, although there are also three-button mice where you can program the middle button. The underside of the mouse contains a small ball that rotates when you move the mouse. The newer style of an optical mouse uses an optical sensor instead of a ball.



Trackball

A trackball mouse is one in which the ball sits on top of the mouse. Instead of moving the mouse, you use your fingers or palm to rotate the ball while keeping the mouse stationary.



Wheel Mouse

A wheel mouse has a wheel between the two buttons. In many programs, when you rotate the wheel forward, the document scrolls up, and when you rotate the wheel backward, the document scrolls down.



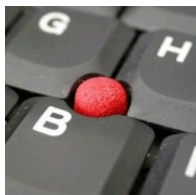
Touch Pad

A touch pad is a flat, pressure-sensitive surface that is often used on notebooks or as a separate input device. You can move the mouse pointer by moving your finger along the surface of the pad. You click by tapping the surface with your finger. Most touch pads include left and right buttons for clicking.



Pointing Stick

It resembles with a pencil eraser. A pointing stick is a rubber cylinder that is often used on notebook computers. You move the mouse pointer by nudging the pointing stick.



Digital Pen/Stylus

On a tablet PC, you can use the digital pen as a mouse. Hover the pen over the screen surface until you see the pointer, and then move the pen to move the pointer. Tap the screen surface to click. On a handheld PC, you can click by using the stylus to tap the screen.

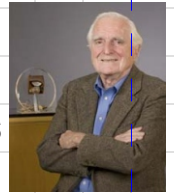


Interesting Facts About your Computer Mouse

As touch screen technology is advancing, it probably won't be long before using a keyboard and mouse. Every November of the year is the anniversary of the mouse when it was invented and patented as well, however, we'll celebrate while we can.

The First Mouse

The computer mouse as we know it today was invented and developed by Douglas Engelbart, with the assistance of Bill English, during the 1960's and was patented on November 17, 1970.



The picture to the right was taken by Maracin Wichary at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science, and is an example of what the first computer mouse looked like. As can be seen by the picture, the mouse was much larger than today's mouse, square, and had a small button in the top right corner.



Computer mice or mouses?

The Oxford English Dictionary recognizes both "computer mice" and "computer mouses" as correct plural forms of the term. A couple of sources, however, recommend referring to them as "mouse devices" just to be on the safe side.



Universal Term

You can refer to the device as a "mouse" in most countries and people will know what you're talking about. It's called the same thing in English, Spanish, Italian, German, French and Russian, among other languages.



Computer mice in all shape and style

* **World of Warcraft mouse**, has 15 programmable buttons grace the rodent's funky cyborgish exterior, and each one of them was designed in conjunction with Blizzard specifically with WoW addicts in mind.



* **Road mouse**, in the shape of your favorite car. You can see many computer mice in many style like the picture shown.



* The IOGear's **Germ Free Wireless Laser Mouse** is coated with a Titanium Dioxide (TiO₂) and Silver (Ag) nano-particle compound, which uses two mechanisms to deactivate enzymes and proteins to prevent a wide spectrum of bacteria, virus, fungi, and algae from surviving on the surface of the mouse.

