



Computer studies Q & A

STATE THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF A MOUSE OVER A KEYBOARD

This question can also be rephrased as:

1. State the merits and demerits of a mouse over a keyboard
2. State the excesses or limits of a mouse over a keyboard

This question can be well answered on key areas such as:

- a) Easy of usage
- b) Space required
- c) Functionality
- d) Capabilities and
- e) Technology

Expected Response

Advantages

- a) It is easier to use and handle a mouse as compared to the keyboard.
- b) It is quicker to work with a mouse
- c) It takes less time to learn how to use a mouse
- d) Mouse requires less space
- e) Mouse can be used to draw graphics
- f) Mouse is light to carry. Therefore it is portable

Disadvantages

- a) Mouse cannot enter text data into the computer.
- b) A computer can still be fully operational with the absence of a mouse.
- c) Mouse cannot be used to edit specific parts of a document, thus its use is limited.
- d) A mouse has so many alternatives such as touch screen, light pen, stylus, joystick and trackball
- e) A mouse cannot be used with all operating systems. Systems with command-line interface only requires the keyboard. E.g. MS Dos, Linus and Unix