

Mouse

A Pointing Device That Fits Comfortably Under the Palm of Your Hand.

The Mouse Is the Most Widely Used Pointing Device on Desktop Computers.

With a Mouse, You Control the Movement of the Pointer, Often Called a **Mouse Pointer**, on the Screen and Make Selections From the Screen.

The Top of a Mouse Has One to Four Buttons; Some Also Have a Small Wheel.

The Bottom of a Mouse Is Flat and Contains a Mechanism That Detects Movement of the Mouse.

Mechanical Mouse

Has a Rubber or Metal Ball on Its Underside

When the Ball Rolls in a Certain Direction, Electronic Circuits in the Mouse Translate the Movement of the Mouse Into Signals the Computer

Understands.

You Should Place a Mechanical Mouse on a Mouse Pad.

A **Mouse Pad** Is a Rectangular Rubber or Foam Pad That Provides Better Traction Than the Top of a Desk.

Mouse

For a Right-handed User,

Left Button Usually Is the Primary Mouse Button

Right Mouse Button Is the Secondary Mouse Button.

Left-handed People, However, Can Reverse the Function of These Buttons.

Left Mouse Button

Point

Move the mouse across a flat surface until the pointer on the desktop rests on Item of choice.

Click

Press and release primary mouse button, which usually is the left mouse button.

Double Click

Quickly press and release the left mouse button twice without moving the mouse

Drag

Point to an Item, hold down the left mouse button

Drop

Move the Item to the Desired Location on the Screen, and Then Release the Left Mouse Button.

Right Button

Press and release the secondary mouse button, which usually Is the right mouse button.

Popup Menus

Display a shortcut menu.

Pointing Devices for Users With Motor Disabilities.

Small Trackballs That You Control With a Thumb or One Finger Can Be Attached to a Table, Mounted to a Wheelchair, or Held in a User's Hand.

People With Limited Hand Movement Can Use a **Head-mounted Pointer** to Control the Pointer or Insertion Point.

To Simulate the Functions of a Mouse Button, a User Can Work With Switches That Control the Pointer.

Pad You Press With Your Hand

Foot Pedal, a Receptor That Detects Facial Motions

Pneumatic Instrument Controlled by Puffs of Air