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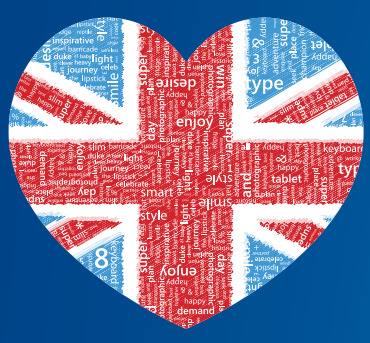


THE NATION'S TYPING SKILLS

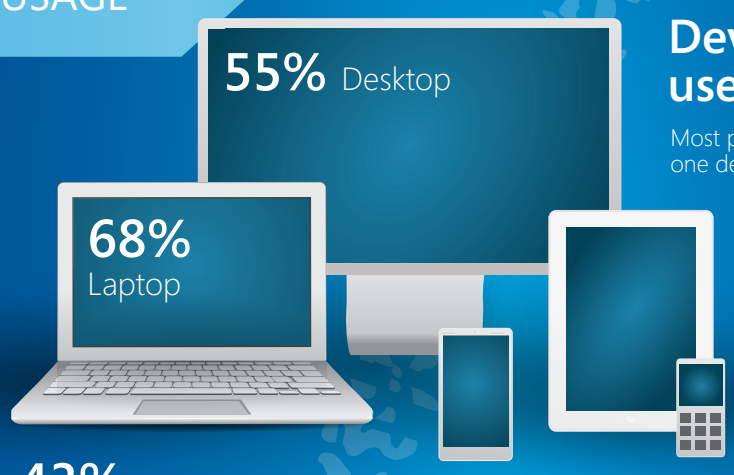
Based on a survey of 2030 UK adults

57% of us rate our typing skills as average or poor

DAILY KEYBOARD USAGE

The top three places where people type:

- at **home** 75%
- the **office** 21%
- on the **bus** 0.9%



Devices people use daily

Most people use more than one device regularly.

23% Tablet

22% Mobile phone

23% of people type on a tablet on a regular or daily basis **01**

On average, **45%** of us start typing on our devices before 9am each day **02**

More than 1 in 10 (**11%**) start to type before 7am **03**

The top three activities typing is used for are email (89%), browsing online (64%) and using Word (50%)

TYPING AND WORK

The profession most likely to use a tablet on a regular basis is HR **01**

8% believe they would have progressed further in their career if they knew how to type **02**

and, **7%** think they would be more respected in the workplace **03**

TYPING AND THE SEXES

21% of females said their typing skills were excellent

6% of males said their typing skills were excellent

TYPING AND EDUCATION

29% of people think children should be offered extra typing skills tuition and a certain level of typing proficiency should be a necessary requirement on the national curriculum

61% think typing is a core skill for life which should be taught in schools

Only 6% think they don't need to type

18% of people don't think being able to type well will be very important in the future but **59%** think it will be

THE WAY WE TYPE

18% of people use their two index fingers to type

29% of people look at the keyboard all the time when they are typing

1 in 10 people say their talent for typing depends on the device they are using

Only **12%** of people who use a tablet use a separate keyboard to type with

52% of people don't use a separate keyboard when typing on their tablet but agree that it would make the device much easier to type on

16% of people find it uncomfortable typing without a keyboard

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