

In this monologue, I will be talking to my computer with the thoughts inside my head, and timing how long the device works under different conditions, those being taunts and compliments. My theory has always been that the nicer you are to computers, the better they work. Well, I will be finally finding out if that's true! The thought of me doing this article has genuinely caused me at least some anxiety, I've been thinking about it a lot of the last day or so. I've finally bit the bullet and before you say I get scared really easily, it's a disease, I'm actually on a very powerful medication for the condition. :( It is worth pointing out that I opened the following programs/pages once before making a note of how long it took to open them, as the first time always seems to take longer. I have no idea why that is. I will be calling insults 'A' and compliments 'B' it really is that simple. Now let's go!

### **Me opening my script writing program**

Try 1 A: (Me thinking to the computer 'stupid, stupid, stupid').

9 seconds.

Try 1 B: (Me thinking 'good computer, good computer, good computer').

7 seconds. :S

Well, well, well, I knew it all along. First computers take 2 seconds longer to work for people who don't respect them, next thing you know Terminator 2 becomes a reality. Elon Musk, you HAVE to do something!!!

Try 2 A: (Idiot, idiot, idiot)

7 seconds.

Try 2 B: (You're amazing, you're amazing)

7 seconds.

Oh, false alarm. Or is it? Hard to say right now, as it is possible try 2 B could have been a fraction of a second quicker. I just don't know.

### **Time taken to open internet homepage**

Try 1 A: (Dumbass, dumbass)

1 and a half seconds

Try 1 B: (You're fab, you're fab)

Less than a second! :S :S

Mr. Musk, what's your phone number? To be as clear as I possibly can, I have something very serious I want to tell you...

**Time taken to open Mac system settings**

Try 1 A: (Fruitloop, fruitloop)

1 second.

Try 1 B: (Legend, legend)

1 second.

Again, an inconclusive result. Not like the last one, that was creepy.

**Time taken to open Mac calendar...**

Try 1 A: (Bellend, bellend)

Less than a second.

Try 1 B: (Great guy, great guy)

4 seconds.

Phew! Or is it phew? Maybe my computer is just playing with me with the loading time taking longer with the compliment. Does my computer think I'm the one who is playing it as I'm writing this post?? Maybe it thinks I'm joking around? It's not true! I just want to know the truth!

**Time taken to open Youtube.**

Try 1 A: (Fool fool)

Less than a second.

Try 1 B: (Fantastic!)

Less than a second.

In this case of exact times or seemingly exact times, maybe my computer doesn't think of the word 'fool' as an insult. It's understandable as it gets said to me so much, it has no effect anymore.

**Time taken to fully open Wix homepage.**

Try 1 A: (Go away, go away)

8 seconds.

Try 1 B: (You're the best)

7 seconds.

Ah, a more conclusive result. Sadly it's another creepy one.

**Time taken to fully open Wiedemanncomedy home page.**

Try 1 A: (Twat)

1 and a half seconds.

Try 1 B: (Salt of the earth)

2 seconds.

Again, hard to know what to make of that. Does my computer hate being called stupid yet like being called a twat? If so, why? Human psychology is irrational, maybe computer psychology is too.

**Time taken to open Hotmail.**

Try 1 A: (Doofus)

3 seconds.

Try 1 B: (Wonderful!)

2 seconds.

Scary for me in one way, but a relief in another. I mean, why would my computer want to be called a doofus?

**Time taken to open a random PDF file.**

Try 1 A: (Bumface)

10 seconds.

Try 1 B: (G.O.A.T)

1 second.

Oh no. My computer has snapped, that's the biggest difference so far. There's a lesson for you, NEVER call your computer a bumface.

**Time taken to open random music file.**

Try 1 A: (Freak)

2 seconds.

Try 1 B: (Best computer EVER)

1 and a half seconds.

Oh good, my computer has gone relatively easy on me. It hasn't completely forgiven me, though. I could test my computer again to see if I'm completely forgiven, but to be honest, I don't want to. Why? Because I love my computer. There's a good computer. Wowee. You're amazing.

To conclude, it actually seems like on some occasions my computer likes the abuse. Either that, or there are no patterns whatsoever, which again, is what I really do hope. I guess I could do a test where I actually say the compliments/putdowns, but at the time of writing, there are builders in my garden, and I don't want them to hear me threatening and then complimenting my computer. However, the main reason I won't be doing that is because I don't want to hurt my perfect and godlike computer's feelings. :) Bye!