Do you often have good days on MTurk?

All day are good in my life.

Would you say there are a lot of good days on MTurk?

I disagree. Not every day there are good hits to make.

How many HITs does it take to call a day a good day?

I am completing roughly 50-60 HIT's per day that consist of 95% surveys. Getting about $20 a day with my highest day being $39 with 93 HITs submitted. To put everything in perspective since starting January 8th on a regular basis I just hit $300 today. This is with 1,100 HIT's completed and a 98% accuracy rating. I am just trying to compare to others to see if my numbers are average or if I am wasting my time. I can't say for sure how much time I dedicate to this but it probably averages out at 4 hours a day. Any tips/advice for how to get more HIT's? One thing I notice is I constantly can get $.50 and even $1 surveys but very very rarely can I get accepted into anything $2 or higher. Thanks in advance for any comments/replies

Do you have any advice for people who don't have a lot of 'good days' and are struggling to make enough money?

You need to get your numbers up. 1100 HITs is nothing. I have over 250000 and many others have close to or over 1000000. Find batch HITs. Get your numbers up. This opens up more HITs. Also, look for batches/quals.

What was one of your best days on MTurk?

This was happened even me too, I stated working on MTurk sine 2 years . first time I Had a jackpot ,In that day I really felt some much happy about this site and even I had a night party with my friends and I explain about the MTurk site to my friends so that they can also earn money .

Sounds good! So you are making enough cash to support a partying lifestyle?

Well, i think this is an exaggeration, earning amount to throw a party, maybe that can happen to US workers. When I'm doing well i tend to spend a little more, maybe ordering a dinner, but throwing a party is way too much.

What else do you splurge on when you have a good day?

Sometimes I'll treat myself with a meal if I do really good. I typically don't make enough in one day to splurge on anything else than food. Now if I have a good month I may buy myself a treat. Typically something to do with electronics.

What are 'quals'?

"Quals" or "Qualifications" are given out by requesters or can be requested by workers themselves in order to essentially prescreen HITs before you take them and potentially risk rejections. If a requester needs someone who has worked over 5,000 or even 10,000 HITs, as they trust they will do good work, then they can put that qualification on their HIT and it will automatically screen out anyone who hasn't done that. It is a handy way to get the information and findings you need without manually doing everything yourself.

Are there quals you want to avoid getting?

Poor paying quals that require a lot of work.

Do you have any specific qualifications?

I have one from Google requesters that paid 10c per hit. It was a great way to make money and I used to churn out over $80 a day. Then there was a 30c batch about watching ads and responding to them, AdsForce was the name.

Did you put in a lot of work to earn that qualification?

The google qual was easy to get. I just had to do a few of their hits to get it. I forgot how I got the AdsForce one.

Are there any quals you hope to get in the future?

I would like quals that are 10c or more from requesters that publish HITS regularly, with huge batches.

What are batches and why would you want them?

Yes Batch HITS are more important because we are able to make more number of money on batch HIT's . For an example If the requester uploaded a batch HIT of 100 HIT's for one ID . The amount of each HIT is 20 cent . It is quite easy to make 20 dollars in one single work. It is much important to keep eye on batch work. Batch work also helps to increase the number of approved hits which helps to met certain qualification .

Do you need these quals?

It is important to have certain qualification and also the higher approval rate because certain will be available to the ID which has highest approval rate and also met certain qualification here for an example it is important to have qualifications like adult qualification is equal to one, Poor Worker Quality has not been granted and so on. It is also important to work on all qualification works.

What does it feel like to get a new qual?

I do not know how you are informed when you get a new qualification or what that exactly means. I feel great when my approval rating goes up!

Will you do the same work for less or no money if it means you can get a qual?

I would not do the same work for less money and I don't think you should be able to "buy" your qualifications like that. Qualifications should be earned for good work.

Do you feel appreciated when you get a new qual?

Yes. Ofcourse I am super proud for my consistent approval rate and for some of the best qualification I have received.

What do you see right now?

I am seeing the laptop.

I see cars moving in the distance, they seem to be moving very slowly.

my own body with soft skin

I see a picture of flowers painted by my wife,

A 49 inches television

I see the texture of the tan carpet.

Seeing my cell phone beside me, with a screen off, it makes me think of the messages I have to send to my teacher and it makes me stressed. I'm seeing window in my bedroom where I can see the plants outside, it relaxes me a little.

The public is largely unaware of MTurk. Why do you think that is?

I am not sure why it isn't advertised a lot online. Maybe because the more get rich quick schemes are. People want quick money. The scams and make millions in a week pyramid schemes are advertised heavily. The real work at home jobs and gigs are advertised because they don't pay nearly as much so people don't want to do them.

So what you're saying is that Amazon doesn't want to draw attention to MTurk?

Yep, seems true. Not many people know about this stuff and the ones who apply for it are usually rejected. So yeah. Although I do believe Amazon may have their own reasons. Don't know their inside business models so can't say. May be they also want to provide high quality work to their customers.

How long do you think MTurk has been around for?

I believe Mtyrk must have been around for about 5 years. I believe that not everyone likes to work earning rewards.

Did you know that MTurk has been around for two decades?

As per my research Mturk has been around 2005 . SO that's about 16 years. I know about it. So the claim that it's around for 20 years is false.

Still, sixteen years is a long time to go unnoticed, don't you think?

It is a long time but not everything needs to explode in popularity. It is a field that requires specific high-level skills both as a requester and worker.

Very few hits I come across require "high-level skills", unless you are listed as having a background in programming, writing or something like that. Many hits do require a high level of proficiency in English, however.

Are you often required to do online research when doing HITs?

Not that many surveys or hits required doing research but if I do need to research a topic, my first source is Google and secondly Wikipedia. Many surveys do not allow enough time to actually research anything, like this one which has a 10 minute timer.

Do you think MTurk workers in the US get better paid HITs as opposed to, say, workers in Europe or other parts of the world?

I do agree that workers in the US likely make more money. The simple answer is there is more work being offered to native English speakers or the target demographic are Americans. Also the requesters tend to usually be US based.

all workers did not get the opportunity to do work and earn money. Because it varies depends upon the individual's performance.

Please describe what a workday looks like for you:

I'm a married woman and I have to do all the chores I have to do at home everyday to keep the house clean and tidy.Not only that but doing work like sending a child to school with me.The next time I go to work, I have a lot of work to do in the office.After the office, you can go back to bed after dinner.This is how life goes with me every day that's all.

I'm a grad student, and over the summer I have time off teaching, so I spend my days working on my dissertation and doing mturk to supplement my fellowship income. Generally I aim to spend my morning writing, and I shift to mturk in the afternoon, or after I have written 1000 words if that happens first. I usually start the day with a 15 minute meditation and some light stretching and exercise, then shower, make coffee, and settle down to write. If I'm not feeling inspired in my writing, I will usually pick something relevant to my dissertation to read, because there's always more reading I could be doing, and I find reading often spurs thought when I'm having writer's block. I generally fast through the morning and eat lunch at around noon. After lunch, I will usually log into mturk and spend the afternoon working on mturk until around 5 or 6pm.

How does the competitive nature of MTurk work influence the relations between workers?

I definitely agree that MTurk is competitive; you have a lot of workers trying to compete for (especially) high paying jobs while the lower-paying jobs or under-paying jobs either get left for no one to do or for people who are just starting this work to build their numbers. There feels like there is a lot of animosity from both requesters and from workers, as requesters obviously need and would like work done within a budget, but when workers see high-paying jobs that aren't locked behind qualifications (be it HIT requirements, pre-testing, etc), they get snapped up very quickly and there is resentment among people who have been around longer.

Isn't it difficult to divide your attention between your work and other things?

It depends on what your goal is. Yes its easy to multi task while working on MTURK. However, you won't always be able to grab as many HITS if distracted. MTURK is a highly competitive platform and lots of workers are always looking for work. When actually working on HITS though, you shouldn't be distracted though.

What makes working on MTurk so flexible?

I would say it is simply because you can choose when to work and for how long. You can also set your own breaks. Your schedule is as flexible as you want it to be.

Do you have a cue for when you can take a break?

I take breaks every time I see nothing on my timeline and that happens quite often. Unfortunately, on AMT there is a HUGE discrimination towards international workers. I live in Italy and MTurk considers it a third world country, they won't let me accept all of the HITs released, I can only eat the crumbles here.

Do you think MTurk workers are being discriminated against?

Yes, people from the US seem to be preferred. Many of the HITs specify that you must be from the US, so that makes people from other countries unable to do them.

I do not feel like that ever, if they feel like that they should reach out to the requester and explain their feelings or just dont do the hit.

Do you think Amazon should do anything against worker discrimination?

They should be more involved and look at what is going on behind the scenes like requesters paying so little to workers to do a lot of work, they should also make sure requester pay a decent wage not the old wage they have up on their site of $6 per hour

Name something you feel at this moment:

i'm feeling the texture of the woof through my arm resting

I felt the day is very dull

I feel satisfied with life.

I feel polyester material of clothing

I feel hungry because it's close to lunch time,

Hot for the weather

I feel a little stressed, having gone through worry in the week

I am feeling like a bird.

Do you ever get physical problems from sitting behind a computer all day?

Yes, While Working for a long time I Felt Back Pain And Headache.

Yes i had back pain while working for more than 12 hours a day. And also in sometimes i can undergo body heat problems.

What about carpal tunnel syndrome (RSI) ?

I didn't feel any problem like that because I sit in a correct position which is comfortable. I used chair or other things to sit in a comfortable position.

What is a HIT?

I tell them that HIT stands for *human* intelligence task. I explain that it is something that only a *HUMAN* can do. Bots cannot think like humans, and researchers value human input.

What is your experience with different kinds of Human Intelligence Tasks?

I have done several types of HITS. They kind I have done are mostly surveys, where the researcher is trying to get opinions on various different subjects, from products to politics and current events. The other types that I have done are playing games and trying out websites to see how well they work. That is self explanatory. Also I've written essays for evaluation and analyzed graphs to see how effective and understandable they are. I don't do transcriptions and other tedious work.

Can you guide me through the process of completing a HIT?

FIRST WE SHOULD READ THE PREVIEW , IF IT IS OK. WE HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT HIT. IF THE HIT IS RELATED TO SURVEY WORK, WE HAVE TO OPEN A LINK IN THAT PARTICULAR HIT AND DO AS INSTRUCTED. AFTER COMPLETING THE SURVEY, CERTAIN CODE WILL BE PROVIDED THAT WE HAVE TO ENTER IN MTURK RELEVANT PAGE. THEN ONLY WE HAVE TO SUBMIT.

Could you give me some examples of how your input is used?

My work are being used by requesters because the requesters give all type of works so they decided our works

Are there HITs you refuse to complete?

I avoid all the HITs that want you to provide personal informations that can be used to identify you. I don't want the requesters to obtain that kind of informations about me. In these days no one can be feel really safe with the amount of informations that all these companies out there are collecting about the uses every day. You can never know how all these informations can be used against you in the future. They can find out what do you like what kind of life are you living and maybe they will be able to find a way to control you with all those informations they will have about you.

Do you think platforms like MTurk can solve problems on the labor market that cannot be solved by traditional forms of work?

mTurk is just one option to earn money during this pandemic. Currently there is a worker shortage and anyone who is willing to work can get a good job at a decent wage. mTurk should be supplemental to that.

What do you think motivates people to do MTurk work?

MTurk is one of the main trustable source so mainly people choose MTurk over others. And the amount of work is not at all stressable and also we got good amount of money for the work we done.

Do you think MTurk is showing us what the future of work looks like?

I do think mTurk is the future for many job positions. Employers have found this can work without the expense of brick and mortar buildings. Hopefully wages will go up with these cost savings.

$1,77 per hour is not even close to a living wage. Not in the countries where MTurk operates, anyway. Is that worth it?

People are bored. People cannot survive on this income (at least in my area, the bay area), so I'm assuming they are doing this as a side-hustle. Some people will work for pennies out of boredom or desperation. Others (like myself) will not since I have too much self-respect to do that.

Do you ever get bored from doing MTurk work?

No I not at all felt the MTurk work bored . It is quite interesting to work and also it is one of the great platform to work on various topics and to gain knowledge from the different sources.

Can you relax at all during this time between HITs?

I can't relax, in breaks I always expect to get a good hit to work with, so I'm always on the lookout for mturk, it makes me not relax completely even if I do other tasks at breaks.

Do you stay behind the computer when you take a break?

When I " take a break" I don't necessarily stay behind my computer. Sometimes I do, but I look at other sites or my email etc.

Does the nature of MTurk work take a toll on your mental health?

yes, i get more anxious when i spend a lot of time on mturk, i forget to do some things planned for the day, so there should be a well-defined break to work on mturk without harming mental health

Most of the day I feel Energetic When I started MTurk work. Sometimes when I Feel Sick I will Manage.

when I am sick I will do MTurk work because I want need money so I do work MTurk work

Do you think you enjoy MTurk work because of your personality?

Nothing to do with my personality. And I don't think it needs any personality. Mturk has various types of work so it is just a source of making quick bucks for me. I don't believe it can be a source for full time earning until and unless the person has absolutely no skill, if that's the case then Mturk too becomes not that good place for them, because certain tasks require certain level of education and expertise.

So how did your specific situation bring you to MTurk?

My wife and I already had full time jobs so I was mostly looking for something to supplement our income, preferably from home. The last thing I wanted to do when starting a family was to pick up a part time job and never be home. So I started looking to see if I could find a way to make money online. At some point, you've probably seen ads or spam emails claiming that you can make money taking surveys online…Easy Quick! Earn cash for your opinions!

How much time do you need to spend on MTurk to make a considerable amount of 'side money'?

I spend more than 40 hours a week on mechanical turk but I do not have a normal full-time job. I am on disability and have the time to spend doing surveys and other hits. It supplements disability because my Social Security disability checks are not that much.

Could you tell me a bit more about what your work space is like?

My work environment looks very likable and pleasant and mainly their is nor distracting events might occur.. So it is more beneficial for completing my work at required part as much as possible and also at fulfilled level.

So what is it that makes your work space so pleasant?

My work environment is nice and comfy, I built it by myself day after day, whenever I had the money to buy more equipment, I did. I have all the things I need very close to me so that I don't need to get up frequently. It's small and cozy because the room is tiny, but I have to say that it fits me perfectly and I am in my ideal space.

I'm curious. Could you describe working in your 'pleasant work space'?

The view from my balcony is important, it helps me to recharge whenever I feel like I'm losing focus, I take a look outside and I realize that I'm surronded by nature, not only computers. Turking takes all of my day and I need to have that view on the trees and breathe grass-flavored air to have a taste of the outside world, but from the inside while working.

Do these practical improvements help you to work better in other ways?

You Have to sit in Your Comfortable place with Comfortable Position. Put Glasses Like Prevention Glasses while You are Working a long time.

I do more effective if I invest money to work effectively. I used to buy the needed equipment to do the work effectively.

What is the perfect home set-up for doing work on MTurk?

I turk from a small desk because because I attach my laptop to a bigger screen, my laptop has a 10" screen and it's too small for turking all day long. A second screen is imperative if you want to make more money on AMT, working on a single screen is tiring and frustrating.

Why exactly is having more screens more efficient?

It is easy to complete more works at a time. It save my time to do other works at a time.

How can you do multiple HITs at the same time?

You can have multiple tabs open and switch between them, or have multiple screens. I don't really get multiple hits anymore. However, I'll accept 25 at a time and work on them one at a time.

Does having multiple screen affect the quality of the work?

I feel like using multiple screens for work is not good because you're not focused on the tasks. The whole point is so people give good work and to be focused.

Do you often have trouble staying focused?