

## conversing with MTurk

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**How would you explain what MTurk is to someone who doesn't know it?**

The only person i talk to about m-turk is my wife, It is perfect for someone like me who likes to stay at home and work at my own pace. I mention that i love the fact that i never have to work on it when at my own pace. that it's something that is not advertised; at least not that i know of, how i found out about it from ONE site that was mentioning ways to make money while working at home. whenever i have a real good day on m-turk, i mention, happily, how much i earned. on the flip side, and by coincidence this happened on this very hit, there are glitches; not that many, but enough glitches to cause frustration. with this hit, i was unable to submit it the first time i tried; i got that all too familiar "something went wrong" message and had to do the hit againmy wife knows how much we need the money i make doing these hits; that it's now ESSENTIAL money, but it sure helps, especially when an unanticipated expense comes up. i tell my wife that, without overstating the fact, without a doubt m-turk is one of the best things that has happened to me in many, many years. it's convenient money

[[What do you mean by "something that is not advertised"?]]

[[So I guess you like working from home?]]

[[Do you often have good days on MTurk?]]

[[What kind of glitches?]]

[[Wow, MTurk is really that good that you would call it "one of the best things that has happened to you in many, many years"?!]]

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**What do you mean by "something that is not advertised"?**

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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 is trying to not draw too much attention to MTurk?]]

[[It seems to me like MTurk has been kind of invisible for a long time.]]

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**Do you often have good days on MTurk?**

legacy\_3

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 .

[[So you are getting paid enough money to support a partying lifestyle?]]

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**What kind of glitches?**

legacy\_4

When surveys don't work properly such as the link not working or if the survey doesn't provide a code at the end. I have also seen where the submit button hasn't worked when you go to submit a hit which is frustrating because you did all that work for nothing.

[[Wait... the work you did disappears?]]

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**Wow, MTurk is really that good that you would call it "one of the best things that has happened to you in many, many years"?!**

legacy\_5

I can say that 100% One of the best and the best things was MTurk that comes in my life ,When I Was in the lockdown there was no job opportunity I was in trouble . In that time my friend suggest me to take a look in MTurk , First I was in the half minded ,But now It helps me too solve my budget plan I Really thank full to MTurk

[[I can definitely see how, during the corona lockdown, MTurk can provide a unique type of opportunity to earn money. Would you continue doing this work if there is no lockdown anymore?]]

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**So I guess you like working from home?**

legacy\_2

I do Mturk from home because I can do it while being home with my children. My husband works outside of the home and I need to be home to take care of our children. It is nice to be able to contribute a bit with extra income without having to find childcare. I can make money and take care of the kids at the same time.

[[Can you concentrate on the work when there's also kids running around?]]

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**So you are getting paid enough money to support a partying lifestyle?**

legacy\_3\_1

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.

[[Do you think US workers get paid better?]]

[[What else do you spend a "little more" on when you have a good day?]]

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**Wait... the work you did disappears?**

legacy\_4\_1

Honestly, this rarely happens to me, usually the problems occurs very early during the task so there's really not much time wasted, there were sometimes that i submitted the hit even with the glitch and the requester paid it. What also happens is a survey without code in the end, but in most cases they pay it too.

[[But when you did the work and there is something wrong with the system, what do you do?]]

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**But when you did the work and there is something wrong with the system, what do you do?**

legacy\_4\_1\_1

There is really not much you can do, you depend on the good will of the requester and most of them are pretty honest and pay you if a glitch really happened due to their mistake.

[[So would you say the system is unfair?]]

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**So would you say the system is unfair?**

legacy\_4\_1\_1\_1

Yes, it is not fair if the glitches happens due to a requesters mistake, but sometimes the problem is in the worker's side, like a task that demands powerful computers or internet and you don't have it. Like i said, must of the time i don't have problems with glitches, usually they happen pretty early and when they happen later most of the requesters are honest and give you fair compensation.

[[But what does it say about the platform though, when workers and requesters have to work together in spite of a faulty system?]]

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legacy\_5\_1

Well, I'm from Brazil and you can make here payments above minimum wage due to the devaluation of Brazilian Real, I'm not good with "real" jobs that demands talking to people, i like to do my own things, so MTurk fits very well, because i don't like to lead neither to be leaden, I don't like to receive or give orders, so working on my own pace, without stress and being able to return jobs that I'm not willing to do at anytime fits very well with my personality.

[[Will you keep doing MTurk work even if it would pay less than minimum wage?]]

[[Do you think that it takes a certain kind of personality to do MTurk work?]]

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**Can you concentrate on the work when there's also kids running around?**

legacy\_2\_1

Children's are important and at the same time work also important.

[[Let's say you wouldn't need to watch the kids, would you still choose to do MTurk work then?]]

[[How do you stay concentrated on MTurk work when working long hours?]]

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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.

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**Do you think US workers get paid better?**

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People's needed money and same time know more informations in Mturk.

[[So do you think US workers make more money than workers from other countries?]]

[[Information? What kind of information?]]

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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.

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**What else do you spend a "little more" on when you have a good day?**

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All day are good in my life.

[[\*All\* days?]]

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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.

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**Let's say you wouldn't need to watch the kids, would you still choose to do MTurk work then?**

legacy\_2\_1\_1

It's useful to Work From Home. So people's are work and watching children's. [[Right.. so what kind of HITs do you think are most suitable for combining with watching children?]]

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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.

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**Right.. so what kind of HITs do you think are most suitable for combining with watching children?**

legacy\_2\_1\_1\_1

Batch hits are very combining.

[[You're watching kids right now aren't you? You're not paying attention to the questions i'm asking!]]

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Not many. Maybe some that involve little reading and simple questions or activities. Being distracted during most hits can cause your work to suffer.

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**You're watching kids right now aren't you? You're not paying attention to the questions i'm asking!**

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**Information? What kind of information?**

It must be the responses to the surveys.

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about working marketplace that makes it easier for individuals and businesses to outsource their processes and jobs to a distributed workforce who can perform a tasks virtually.

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**Will you keep doing MTurk work even if it would pay less than minimum wage?**

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I don't have any other source of income. I am a student. I get paid in US dollars , so if I earn almost 5-10 dollars daily then I do good, since I live with my parents, all the money goes into my personal expenditure like gym and nutrition. Plus having some money in my pocket makes me feel little less worried. So yeah I do get underpaid but I am fine for now, as I am not dependent on Mturk for my bread and butter.

[[Yeah... 5-10USD isn't really great for a day's work.]]

[[How many hours do you work on an avarage day though?]]



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**Do you think that it takes a certain kind of personality to do MTurk work?"**

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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.

[[Do you mean that people who work on MTurk full time only do it because they cannot get a better job?]]

[[Do you mean that there's no sense in doing full time MTurk work because some HITs require specific skills?]]

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**\*All\* days?**

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

[[How many HITs do you need to call a day a "good day"?]]

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Amazon mechanical Turk is a crowd sourcing marketplace that makes it easier for individuals and businesses to outsource their processes and jobs to a distributes workforce who can perform these task virtually.

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**So what you're saying is that Amazon is trying to not draw too much attention to MTurk?**

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I believe that Amazon is interested in calling several workers, to expand their research.

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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.

[[Perhaps it has something to do with only wanting to attract workers that are curious or persistent, what do you think?]]

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Follow the agree prompts to complete your requester account registration, you can assure that Amazon will never share your confidential information with requester on the site and will keep your confidential information using bank level security and encryption procedures.

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**It seems to me like MTurk has been kind of invisible for a long time.**

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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?]]

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It has the extremely low cost Turk task if it pays less than fifty cents and takes more than a couple mouse clicks to complete it's not worth. there was cent task in less than four minutes and move on the earning less than minimum wage.

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

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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.

[[Hah! Okay you got me, MTurk was launched publicly in 2005, you're right. The patent for it was filed in 2001 though. But nitpicks aside, sixteen years is still a long time that it's been around without a lot of people noticing right?]]

[[So part of your job is doing outsourced wikipedia searches? =] ]]

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**But what does it say about the platform though, when workers and requesters have to work together in spite of a faulty system?**

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Well the glitch is more from the requester side, usually the new requesters often miss to provide survey codes or fail to embed their software correctly, so yeah they are resolved easily by the workers simply by mailing the requesters.

[[So I guess Amazon is never to blame since they just facilitate between worker and requester?]]

[[Do you ever get a requester that doesn't fix their mistake and just leaves you without a reward?]]

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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.

[[What kind of skills do the workers need?]]

[[What kind of skills do the requesters need?]]

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**So part of your job is doing outsourced wikipedia searches? =]**

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Wikipedia is a terrible source of information. I would prefer to avoid it.

[[What kind of sources do you use then?]]

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**Perhaps it has something to do with only wanting to attract workers that are curious or persistent, what do you think?**

3XCC10DXDMMOGMZJ4NND37XKV6XRQ7 q0

It is higher quality because regular workers treat it as if it is their job and do it properly. New people would make a lot of mistakes or would just try to scam and exit quickly.

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Yes, often the requester is new to mTurk and doesn't understand how to use it properly or what the culture is like.

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**Do you ever get a requester that doesn't fix their mistake and just leaves you without a reward?**

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Yes, many times a HIT will not submit or there will be no code. Both are the requester's fault.

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**Do you mean that people who work on MTurk full time only do it because they cannot get a better job?**

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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!

[[I see, so you never intend to do MTurk fulltime right?]]

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**Do you mean that there's no sense in doing full time MTurk work because some HITs require specific skills?**

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While computing technology continues to improve, there are still many things that people can do much more effectively than computers. These include tasks such as identifying objects in a photo or video, performing data de-duplication, transcribing audio recordings or researching data details.

[[Data de-dupliwhatnow?]]

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**Yeah... 5-10USD isn't really great for a day's work.**

3WMINLGALCESN43JXU0WOCJTRN8ACD q2

As little as turking appears to pay on paper, in practice it often pays less because MTurk, as it is known, is a sloppy, shoddy free-for-all. Turkers spend their time fighting requesters over an unfair 10-cent rejection or a missing 60-cent payment. They waste minutes filling out bubbles on defective questionnaires that cannot be submitted. They abandon 10-minute surveys after half an hour. They swap horror stories and warnings on turker message boards (rejection on a \$0.50 hit, read one recent bulletin, reason is funds were not allocated). They leave scathing reviews on the turker-run site Turkopticon (unfair and wild use of the rejection button). Just how much turkers make is the subject of considerable scholarly debate, but one paper published last year analyzed millions of tasks done by thousands of turkers. Though they probably overrepresented novice turkers like me who do the lowest-paying tasks, the paper's authors concluded that if you count time spent looking for tasks and working on tasks that came to nothing, the median turker's hourly wage was \$1.77.

[[ \$1.77 per hour?! ]]

[[ That is baffling! Especially when you take into consideration that a lot of MTurk workers are from countries where \$1.77 is waaaaay below minimum wage. ]]

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**How many hours do you work on an average day though?**

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8 HOURS. BECAUSE I LIKE TO WORK ON MTURK

[[ Hell Yeah!!! 8 HOURS EVERY DAY! ]]

[[ Do you take breaks? ]]

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**How many HITS do you need to call a day a "good day"?**

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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. (text-colour:yellow)[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]

[[Did you ask anyone else about this? What do they say?]]

[[I wish I could help you figure out how to get better HITS, I tried doing MTurk work myself but I also only got low paid HITS. I think that maybe I don't get good HITS because i'm in Europe, do you think it matters in what part of the world you are?]]

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In the US, there are better HITS since Amazon is located here and the US is more central.



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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.

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**\$1.77 per hour?!**

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This all depends. If you have a lot of quals with high-paying batch work, you can easily make \$25-50 (sometimes even \$70) an hour. Batches are everything. If you don't have good closed-quals and are just taking surveys, then \$8-15 is the norm. Work is never consistent on this platform, either.

[[What are "closed-quals"?]]

[[What quals [qualifications] do you have?]]

[[How long did it take to get those quals?]]

[[Which quals do you hope to get?]]

[[Can a qual be negative? Like a qual you want to avoid getting?]]

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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.

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**Hell Yeah!!! 8 HOURS EVERY DAY!**

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I work throughout the day (10+ hours or more). You have to constantly be available for work to post. Nothing is consistent on this platform. Batches and surveys post at odd hours. I work every day of the week, but less on weekends. My catcher is always on to catch HITS and alert me about my closed-qual batches.

[[If you work for more than ten hours per day then you must take very good care of your body, do you use any special equipment for this?]]

[[Do you ever feel like working long hours behind the screen affect you mentally?]]

[[So what is your workspace like? Does it look like the inside of an air-traffic control tower?]]

[[Do you ever get physical problems from sitting behind the computer all day?]]

[[You ever get sick?]]

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**What kind of sources do you use then?**

32M8BPYGAUXKAY2MB40SV1SR2U3IGB q0

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.

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**What kind of skills do the workers need?**

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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.

[[Do you consider it a skill to be able to decide which HITs to and which not to do?]]

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**What kind of skills do the requesters need?**

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Posting a hit requires a learning curve that is a bit steeper than just answering surveys on mechanical turk. Requesters don't need to be programmers but they do need to understand how to construct and post a hit.

[[How do you feel about HITs where they ask you questions like i'm doing?]]

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**Data de-dupliwhatnow?**

32M8BPYGAUXKAY2MB40SV1SR2U3IGB q3

I have been doing mechanical turk for almost 8 years and I have no idea what data de-duplication means. If I was a requester, then it would mean reducing the number of redundant questions. As a survey taker, I just don't know.

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**I see, so you never intend to do MTurk fulltime right?**

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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.

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**If you work for more than ten hours per day then you must take very good care of your body, do you use any special equipment for this?**

30JNVC00RAVBRSLG8IBJP3VE930QHN q0

When i use the ergonomic chair in the work i usually felt so comfortable. Such that it made my work efficiently at time.

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3KRVW3HTZOW9WM14RJG1C8IB9XZSM7 q0

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

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**Do you ever feel like working long hours behind the screen affect you mentally?**

30JNVC00RAVBRSLG8IBJP3VE930QHN q1

I think that it might affect mentally at some situations not at full extreme level because but the way i had got more benefits in it.

[[Do you take breaks?]]

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3KRVW3HTZOW9WM14RJG1C8IB9XZSM7 q1

No, MTurk Never Affect my Mental Health. I Like to work on MTurk.

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**So what is your workspace like? Does it look like the inside of an air-traffic control tower?**

30JNVC00RAVBRSLG8IBJP3VE930QHN q2

My work environment looks very likable and pleasant and mainly there is no 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.

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Due to Pandemic Now am in Work From Home. It's Comfort To Work For a Long time.

[[What makes your work environment look likeable and pleasant?]]

[[Do you do MTurk work from a computer at a desk?]]

[[Can you name and describe a few objects that are important for you to have a good work environment?]]

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

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

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

[[What about carpal tunnel syndrome (RSI) ?]]

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**You ever get sick?**

30JNVC00RAVBRSLG8IBJP3VE930QHN q4

Rather than i had sick days while working at MTurk and in that situation mainly i don't ignore my work schedule and i just plan to do it at right moment to proceed.

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

[[Okay so basically you either work while feeling sick or lose potential income?]]

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**How do you feel about HITs where they ask you questions like i'm doing?**

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**Do you consider it a skill to be able to decide which HITs to and which not to do?**

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**So do you think US workers make more money than workers from other countries?**

Yes. I don't know the exact explanation, but US hits are higher than elsewhere. Maybe because Mturk studied there.

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It has no maximum number of tasks you can perform on Mturk. keeping your Hits number on a high with help you achieve your 50 a day target i am sure the aim at getting to not less than 5000 tasks a day

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**How do you stay concentrated on MTurk work when working long hours?**

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Usually, I can stay focused for a long time. Most days are not that busy, I can take pauses between a task and the next because there isn't much to do, those frequent pauses help me to stay sharp and concentrated.

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3MAOD8E57RLNAL83XU100V03TDIXND q0

iam very concentrated in this task

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**What makes your work environment look likeable and pleasant?**

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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.

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the environment was very likable and nature was good

[[So you used MTurk money to become better at MTurking?]]

[[What kind of equipment did you get?]]

[[WHat does your work environment look like?]]

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**Do you do MTurk work from a computer at a desk?**

3CPLWGV3MPAX9PQ5UEVA8S2MNQEN96 q3

I turk from a small desk 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.

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i do my work in computer table

[[So do you just use the big screen or do you use both screens for different purposes?]]

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**Can you name and describe a few objects that are important for you to have a good work environment?**

3CPLWGV3MPAX9PQ5UEVA8S2MNQEN96 q4

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 surrounded 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.

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3MA0D8E57RLNAL83XU100V03TDIXND q4

planting trees



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**What are "closed-quals"?**

3A4NIXBJ77AMS96E7AJ00M4HIUPML6 q0

I know exactly what closed quals are and how much they benefit turkers. I have a couple myself and have earned a lot of money because of them, back when the requester published regularly. Now they don't, so my cq is worthless right not.

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**Do you take breaks?**

3CPLWGV3MPAX9PQ5UEVA8S2MNQEN96 q1

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 AMT considers it a third world country, they won't let me accept all of the HITs released, I can only eat the crumbs here.

[[How long do you usually take breaks for?]]

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

[[Do you think US workers get more HITs to choose from?]]

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**What quals [qualifications] do you have?**

3A4NIXBJ77AMS96E7AJ00M4HIUPML6 q1

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.

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**How long did it take to get those quals?**

3A4NIXBJ77AMS96E7AJ00M4HIUPML6 q2

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.

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**Which quals do you hope to get?**

3A4NIXBJ77AMS96E7AJ00M4HIUPML6 q3

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

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**Can a qual be negative? Like a qual you want to avoid getting?**

3A4NIXBJ77AMS96E7AJ00M4HIUPML6 q4

Poor paying quals that require a lot of work.

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**What is a HIT?**

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33L7PJKHCH9VQXCFMIB8HVD3S2KT8Q q0

[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.

[[Which kinds of HITs are there?]]

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**Which kinds of HITs are there?**

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I have done several types of HITS. The 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.

[[How do you decide which HITs you want to do?]]

[[Are there any HITs that you absolutely will not do?]]

[[Do you ever wonder what the results of your work are used for?]]

[[Can you take me through the process of doing a HIT?]]

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**Do you think US workers get more HITs to choose from?**

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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.

[[Do you think US workers get paid better?]]

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**How long do you usually take breaks for?**

33L7PJKHCH9VQXCFMIB8HVD3S2KT8Q q3

I have a script running that catches my HITs, so I am usually in the same room with my computer (kitchen). I do lots of other things when nothing is coming up.

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**3MAOD8E57RLNAL83XU100V03TDIXND q1**

4 hours one time i take a small break

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

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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.

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**So you used MTurk money to become better at MTurking?**

3HFNH7HEMIPXRWQ5OCT143JEWE0GQH q2

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

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**What kind of equipment did you get?**

3HFNH7HEMIPXRWQ5OCT143JEWE0GQH q0

I use mouse as a equipment for doing this work. This make to complete the wok quickly. I save my time by using the mouse to do work. It save my time also.

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**What does your work environment look like?**

3HFNH7HEMIPXRWQ5OCT143JEWE0GQH q1

The environment is so pleasant because I feel happy to do work. There is no other disturbances I feel while doing my work.

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**So do you just use the big screen or do you use both screens for different purposes?**

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

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**What about carpal tunnel syndrome (RSI) ?**

3HFNH7HEMIPXRWQ5OCT143JEWE0GQH q4

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.

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**Okay so basically you either work while feeling sick or lose potential income?**

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

3X65QVEQI1Y9JNUNULPMXQZ5P94LCT q4

I will do work even the I am sicking also. Because it is the only earning income to my family. And also i like this kind of work.

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**How do you decide which HITs you want to do?**

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When I accepting all of my hits my thoughts are very nice and I will do my work best

3X65QVEQI1Y9JNUNULPMXQZ5P94LCT q1

I was very interested to accepted this hit. Because i was very eager to do the task with the more successful

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**Are there any HITs that you absolutely will not do?**

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I do not accept most of translate hits because all translates hits are used very fluent language .so this is first reason not accept work

3X65QVEQI1Y9JNUNULPMXQZ5P94LCT q2

I was not interested to accept the recording hits. Because it is very hard to do the task

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**Do you ever wonder what the results of your work are used for?**

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

3X65QVEQI1Y9JNUNULPMXQZ5P94LCT q0

The purpose of the work is the most important in all kind of works. In each an every work has the unique purpose and it is very helpful to the survival of the human life.It is important to early life.

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**Can you take me through the process of doing a HIT?**

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I have done this work very sincerely . I like very interesting done this all work .all work are very easy

3X65QVEQI1Y9JNUNULPMXQZ5P94LCT q3

First read the instructions careful and check the time allowed the hits. Do the work with the more interested and actively answer the questions