

Resource Summary Report

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MouseTracker

RRID:SCR_005979

Type: Tool

Proper Citation

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Resource Information

URL: <http://mousetracker.jbfreeman.net>

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Description: A free, user-friendly software package that allows researchers to record and analyze hand movements traveling toward potential responses on the screen (via the x, y coordinates of the computer mouse). By looking at the dynamics of how participants' hand movements settle into a response alternative--and how they may be partially pulled toward other alternatives--researchers glean valuable information about real-time cognitive processing. It's like opening up a single reaction time into a continuous stream of rich cognitive output. MouseTracker has impressive temporal resolution, comparable to eye-tracking and event-related brain potential (ERP) measures. Experiments can incorporate images, letter strings, sounds, and videos. Once recorded, mouse trajectories can be visualized, averaged, and explored, and measures of attraction/curvature, complexity, velocity, and acceleration can be computed. Precise characterizations of mouse trajectories' temporal and spatial dynamics are available, and these can shed light on a variety of important empirical questions across psychology, cognitive science, and beyond.

Abbreviations: MouseTracker

Synonyms: Mouse Tracker

Resource Type: software resource

Keywords: magnetic resonance, movement

Availability: Free, Non-commercial

Resource Name: MouseTracker

Resource ID: SCR_005979

Alternate IDs: nlx_151359

Alternate URLs: <http://www.nitrc.org/projects/mousetracker>

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for MouseTracker.

No alerts have been found for MouseTracker.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 37 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [SPARC SAWG](#) .

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