

What is the cursor..?

The cursor is **the pointer** that you see on the screen which moves around when you move the mouse. The mouse can be used for different activities, and the shape of the pointer will change depending upon what you are doing:



Normal select - when the pointer is shaped like this, use it to point at a program or document & click once to select it, or double click to open it.



Text select - The pointer will become this shape within a Word processing program, when it can be used to select the text, which you can do by holding the left mouse button down and dragging it across the text.



Working in the Background - This symbol shows you that the computer is working away on some task in the background, often loading a program or a web page.



Link select - When the pointer changes to a hand it shows you that it is hovering over a hyperlink, which is a link to another page on the World Wide Web. You click on the link to go to that page.



Insertion point - you will see a flashing cursor, or insertion point on the page when you open a word processing program, this is where the text will appear when you start typing. You should see the same flashing cursor in the first field when you fill in an on-line form.