

## OT: My Keyboard Devil (was Re: z-value)

---

*Source:* <http://sci.tech-archive.net/Archive/sci.stat.math/2005-04/msg00133.html>

---

- *From:* "Reef Fish" <Large\_Nassau\_Grouper@xxxxxxxxx>
  - *Date:* 6 Apr 2005 22:10:13 -0700
- 

Reef Fish wrote:

> Omar wrote:  
>> Hi Friends,  
>>  
>> By using SPSS, how can I calculate the z-value for  $x = 95$  hours,  
> given a process that has a normal distribution, with  $u = 80$  hours &  
> s.d  
> = 15 hours.  
>  
> You jettizen your SPSS manual and package and do it in your HEAD in 2  
> nanosecond.  
> :-)

jettizen?? I couldn't believe it myself when I saw it! :-)

A quick check using google revealed that I used the word jettison in FIVE newsgroup threads ainxw 1992, and never misspelled it before.

It's obvious I don't use spell-checkers as I post directly from groups.google.com and it doesn't spell-check anything. Most of the time the typos are harmless because no one would misunderstand the context. Besides, it's good for the Spelling Cops on the internet to have something to bash me about, since they usually don't understand what I post anyway. :-)

All this lead to my serious question about my "Keyboard Devil".

Recently, I've encountered this on BOTH of my laptops running Windows-XP:

I would be typing a sentence and sometimes the curser would jump to the middle of a line/word several lines away -- and I have to make the necessary corrections to what the devil did, and resume where I left off ... and then the devil would do it again.

Has ANYONE ELSE encountered this phenomenon in using Windows XP?

OT: My Keyboard Devil (was Re: z-value)

I suspect it's peculiar to the combination of laptops and Windows XP.

It's getting to be increasingly aggravating, and that's why I am taking this opportunity to make this OT post to see if one of you computer experts can tell me what the devil is my keyboard devil doing and how I may eliminate that random-jump behavior of the cursor.

Thanks.

-- Bob.

---

• ***Follow-Ups:***

- ◆ ***Re: OT: My Keyboard Devil (was Re: z-value)***  
◇ *From:* R. Martin

• ***References:***

- ◆ ***z-value***  
◇ *From:* Omar
- ◆ ***Re: z-value***  
◇ *From:* Reef Fish
- Prev by Date: ***Re: basic description of PCA terms***
- Next by Date: ***Metropolis-Hastings f90 code anyone?***
- Previous by thread: ***Re: z-value***
- Next by thread: ***Re: OT: My Keyboard Devil (was Re: z-value)***
- Index(es):
  - ◆ ***Date***
  - ◆ ***Thread***