A Comparative Study of Dy-Sin-Cang-Jie and Wu-Sia-Mi on Input Performance

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ABSTRACT

Chinese Character Input is the basic and important ability to use Chinese Computer. The efficiency of using Chinese computer depends on the performance of Chinese Character Input. Therefore, it is crucial to choose a better-efficient Chinese Character Input system and master it, so that Chinese computer users can lay a solid foundation in using computers. The purpose of this study was to compare the performance of Dy- Sin-Chang-Jie and Wu-Sia-Mi, both of which were Chinese Character Input systems with better efficiency on the market. This study, based on the regulations made by National Languages Committee of the Ministry of Education, made theoretical analysis on keyboard layouts, average number of key strokes and the rate of choosing correct words. By conducting experiments with the between-subjects design, ten students in the fourth grade in an elementary school were divided into two groups at random, and they spent seventy-five minutes per day in two semesters to complete this experiment. The intention of this experiment was to compare the key-in efficiency and typing error rate of these two Chinese Character Input systems. The result of theoretic analysis indicated that the keyboard layout, average number of key strokes, and the rate of choosing correct words of Dy-Sin-Cang-Jie were superior to Wu-Sia-Mi. Moreover, the conclusion of the experiment was in accordance with the theoretic analysis. In the aspect of key-efficiency, Dy-Sin-Cang-Jie was highter than Wu-Sia-Mi (P = 0.0079

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