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## What does an eExam look like?



A tray of eExam USB sticks ready for use.

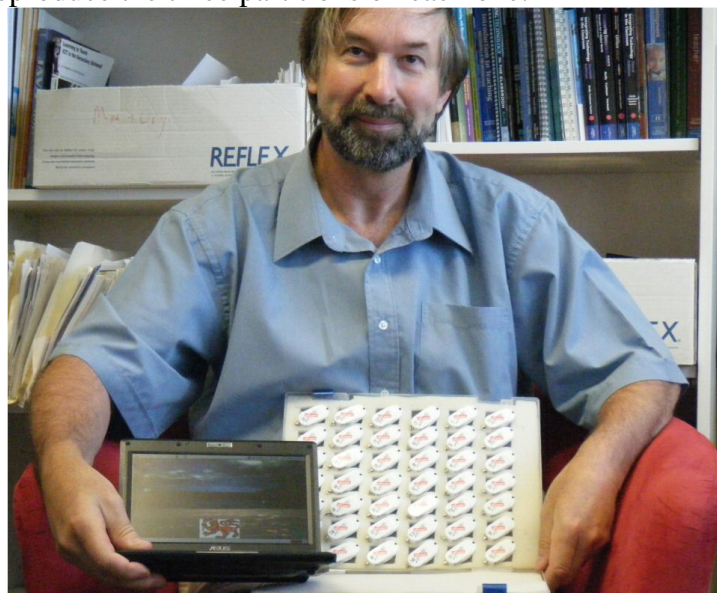


Even an EEE-PC can boot up from the eExam USB stick, running extremely fast.

<p><b>System area</b> This is a modified version of Ubuntu and is used to start up the computer (boot operating system)</p>	<p><b>eExam area</b> The question paper and other materials are read only.</p>	<p><b>Answers area</b> Left blank for student responses</p>
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Depending upon the age of their equipment, students start their computer from an eExam CD-ROM (version 1 or 2) or from the USB stick which every student is given. Internally, each eExam USB stick is divided into three areas: one containing the software if this is used to boot up the computer; the second contains all the materials for the eExam, such as the question paper, any video files or permitted reference material; and the third is completely blank, ready to receive student responses.

At this stage the sticks have to be individually programmed. There are USB duplicators available, but a bit-level copier is required to reproduce the three partitions on each one.



Dr. Andrew Fluck with an eExam computer and a tray of eExam USB sticks

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