

## Ways to Mess This Up!

In trials and normal usage so far, users have discovered numerous, inventive ways to mess up their usage of STOCKT. Here's some of the most memorable:

- By corrupting the XLS equipment list file after it's downloaded from SAP. If the XLS file is opened in Excel and then saved again, Excel will convert it to a 'proper' Excel file. This will make it unsuitable for import into STOCKT.
- By using more than one STOCKT file, making some entries to one, and different entries to the other (eg: one on T drive and one on the laptop).
- By moving focus away from the scan input box. This can be done by moving across to the 'Data' tab for manual data entry and then forgetting to move back to the 'Control' tab, or by taking focus away from the STOCKT (Excel) window and onto another window (eg: Notepad).
- By accidentally leaving the 'Data' tab open and scanning into it. This causes an "Overflow" error message when you return to the Control sheet.
- By folding back a 'foldback' laptop to form a tablet. In this mode, the laptop behaves differently, and you may accidentally move focus away from the STOCKT window. Tablet mode also makes it difficult to take notes, etc. It's strongly recommended to leave the laptop in laptop mode.
- By bumping the power button on the laptop. This causes Windows to shut down. It's good practise to press Ctrl+S from time to time to save your progress.
- By trying to run STOCKT across a wireless network (with STOCKT on T drive or cloud storage) and moving to areas where there is limited wireless network access.
- By trying to run STOCKT on an iPad. The minimalist version of Excel that's made for iPads is not capable of running the complex VBA code in STOCKT.
- By using the wrong type of scanner. Some scanners hold the scan data in memory, and transfer it to a base when re-attached. This type of scanner is not suitable for STOCKT. A simple USB scanner that sends the scan data to the computer immediately is what you need.
- By having the scanner set up incorrectly. The scanner must be set up to insert the equivalent of an Enter key stroke with each scan. If your scanner is not set correctly, you will get strange results.
- By downloading only part of the school's SAP equipment list. STOCKT needs ALL the information to handle the room allocations correctly.
- By downloading only part of the school's bar-codes, because you want to bar-code just one building's equipment at a time. This will make things difficult when applying the stickers, because equipment can be moved to/from other buildings.
- By letting the laptop fall asleep while you do something else. STOCKT will auto-save on exit, but it cannot auto save if the laptop is allowed to fall asleep. It's good practise to press Ctrl+S from time to time to save your progress.
- By letting the laptop battery run out without saving your data. It's good practise to press Ctrl+S from time to time to save your progress.