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**CAD/CAM System Sales - Reseller Views**

**Hardware platforms and operating systems in the UK CAD/CAM market**

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Each month *iCAD* provides market intelligence from our database of nearly 20,000 UK CAD/CAM user sites. This database contains in-depth information for each record covering some 150 separate data items.

This month, we have analysed data from 13,000 sites to look at hardware platforms and operating systems used to support CAD/CAM activity.

**Hardware Platforms**

The chart below illustrates the type of hardware platform used according to business activity. Amid the domination of PCs, we see that one in five architects are using Apple Macs, and Mechanical and Electronic Engineering sites have the highest proportion of workstation use (14%).

**CAD/CAM Users' Usage Of Hardware According To Business Activity**

	PC	Apple Mac	Workstation	Mini Computer	Mainframe
<b>Architecture</b>	83%	20%	2%	1%	1%
<b>Civil/ Structural Engineering</b>	99%	2%	4%	1%	1%
<b>Other Construction</b>	97%	2%	4%	1%	1%
<b>Electronic Engineering</b>	96%	1%	14%	1%	1%
<b>Electrical Engineering</b>	95%	0%	12%	1%	1%
<b>Mechanical Engineering</b>	94%	1%	14%	0%	1%
<b>Process Engineering</b>	95%	1%	10%	1%	1%
<b>Other Manufacturing</b>	97%	1%	9%	0%	1%

*NB. All figures registered as 1% reflect any level of usage up to that level.*

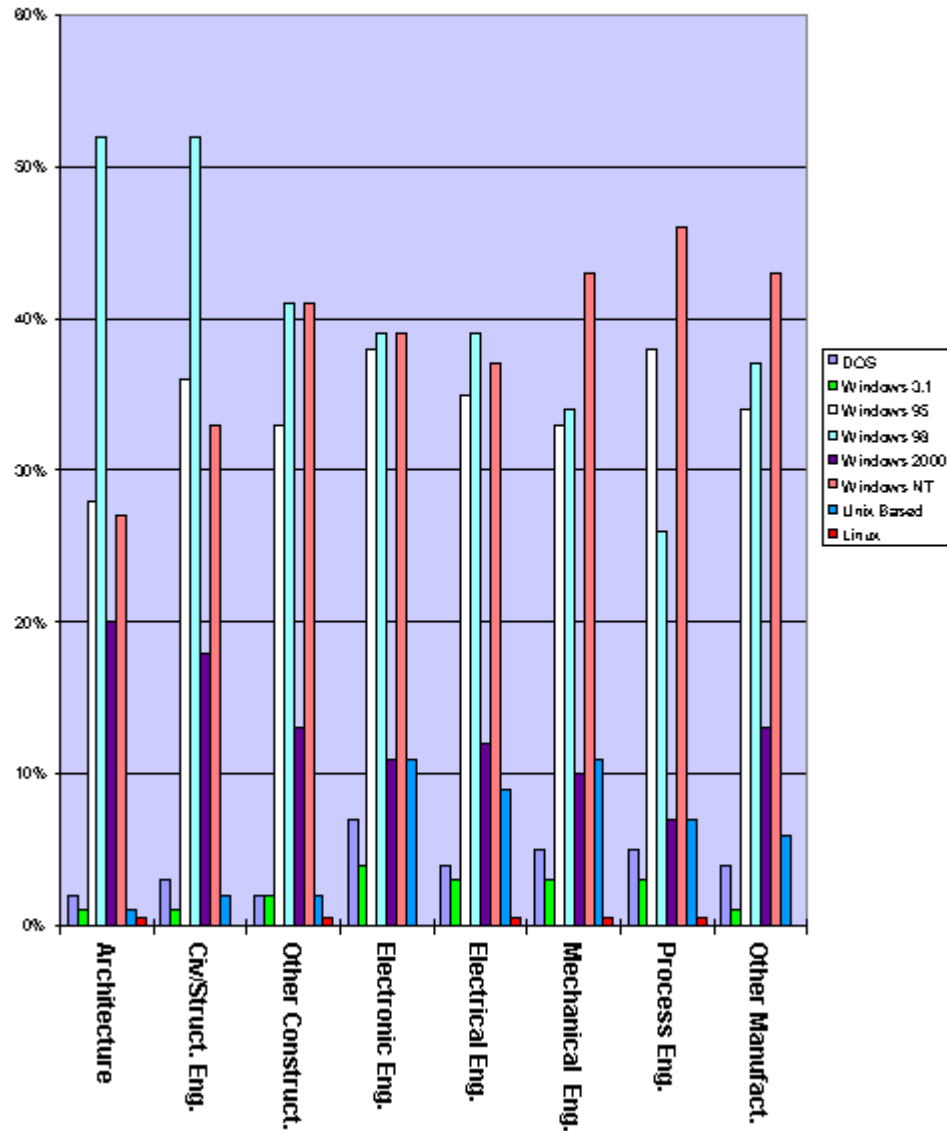


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## Operating Systems

The chart below illustrates the operating systems used according to business activity.

Operating Systems Used By CAD/CAM Users According To Business Activity





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While DOS and Windows 3.1 cling on, Windows 95 still appears to have plenty of life left in it. Use of Windows 98 is significantly higher in architecture and civil engineering than in other industries. The electronic and electrical sectors have the most even split between users of Windows 95, Windows 98 and Windows NT. Windows NT is edging ahead as the most used system among mechanical/process engineering sites.

**The above data comes from research on the UK CAD/CAM user community. If you would like to target specific decision makers in a particular sector, or want to find out more about this database and the accompanying services, please take the following links:**

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