

Electronic Counting 2022



Votes in STV Elections are Cast in the Traditional Way...

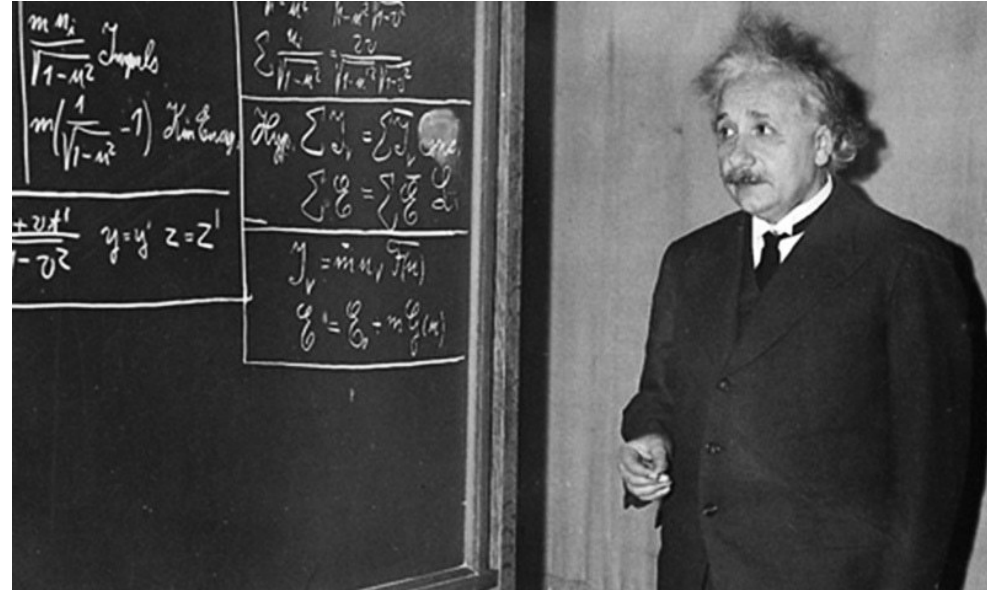


...But Vote Counting is a Little More Modern



Local Government Elections – why eCounting?

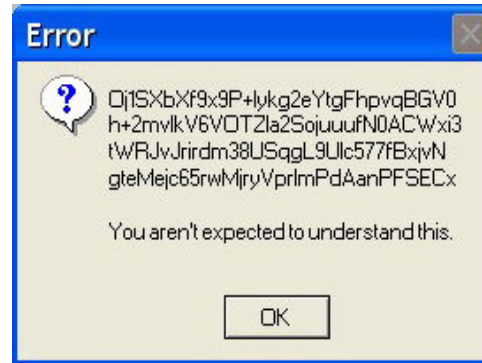
BALLOTSHIRE COUNCIL: ANYTOWN & DISTRICT WARD	
<p>Three of the candidates listed below will be elected. You can make as many or as few choices as you wish. Put the number 1 in the voting box next to your first choice. Put the number 2 in the voting box next to your second choice. Put the number 3 in the voting box next to your third choice. And so on.</p>	
ANDERSON Hans 57 Easter Road, Anytown Rowan Party	5
CRANSTON Helen 912 Main Street, Anytown Beech Party	4
FLEMING Douglas Martin 112 South Street, Anytown Independent	<input type="text"/>
HAMILTON Flora 45 Hill Place, Anytown Willow Party	1
KUMAR Kuldip 3 Castle Wynd, Anytown Elm Party	<input type="text"/>
MACDONALD Donald Alexander 4 Elgin Avenue, Anytown Oak Party	2
MACKENZIE Robert William Sutherland 192 Blackhall Road, Anytown	3
MASTERS Susan Caroline 93 Holyrood Road, Anytown Willow Party	<input type="text"/>



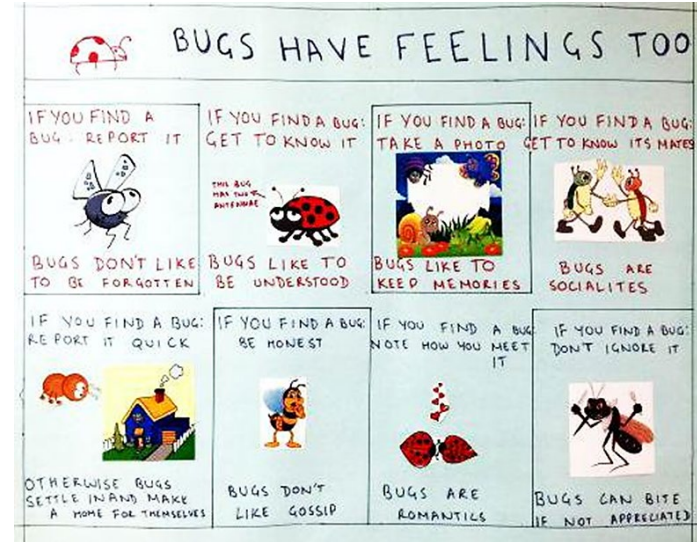
Compliance



System Performance



Bugs



Security



Usability and user testing



Disaster Recovery



Electoral Reform – Scottish Devolved Elections

- Electoral Management Board - 2011
- Franchise – 2014 onwards
- Candidacy Rights – 2020 onwards
- Term lengths – 2017 onwards
- Electoral Commission – 2020 onwards
- Boundaries – 2020 onwards
- Covid-19 measures - 2021



Votes at 16 in Scotland 2014-2021 study - led by [Jan Eichhorn](#) of the University of Edinburgh, School of Social and Political Science, 16 Jan 2023

Key findings:

- Voter turnout is higher among those who first voted from the age of 16 or 17.
- The younger voting age has had no long-term effects on other forms of political engagement, such as demonstrations or petitions.
- Standard voting inequalities - related to characteristics such as socio-occupational class - re-emerge as people get older.
- Political engagement of those aged 16 to 31 is largely affected by their family contexts.



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Scottish Government Electoral Reform Consultation 2022

- Candidacy
- Voting
- Scheduling of Elections
- Campaigning
- Administration & Governance

