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We publish *INSIDE The CU Libraries* weekly, when classes are in session. Here we share information about our services and resources with the campus community. Current and back issues are available online through the NEWS link on the ***Libraries' homepage***.

Save Time *And* Get Better Grades!

Now that it's the middle of November and the end of the semester is not far away, the pressure may be building for you to get moving with your research projects and term papers. The CU Libraries can help in a variety of ways.

Rather than getting a million hits on Google, many of which are irrelevant or of suspect quality, we offer access to millions of *authoritative* articles, books, datasets, and other resources that may be just what your professors would like to see.

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What Is *LexisNexis Academic?*

LexisNexis® Academic is an online database where you can find timely and critical news reports, legal resources, and business information. It has an easy-to-use interface and powerful research capabilities. There are "Hot Topics Links" on the search screen, as well as links to research guides that will help to get you started or to complete your assignment.
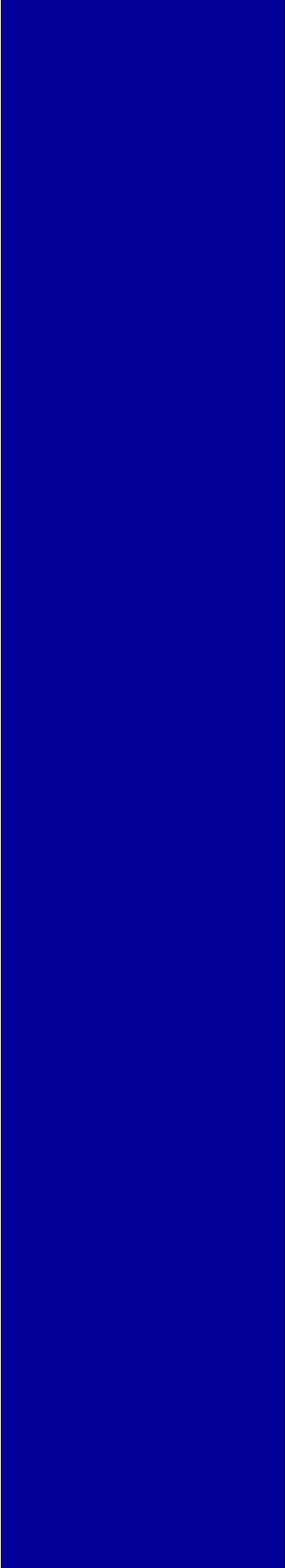
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to our collections, please let us know. If you don't remember the specific title, just let us know about the topic or subject area. Contact one of our reference librarians or send us your suggestions through the Libraries' online **Suggestion Box**.

The S.W.A.T. Minion's Tip: Make Your PC Use Less Power

PCs don't have to be power hogs, but they often are. High-powered desktops with gaming-focused, dedicated graphics hardware are the most energy-thirsty, but older PCs are typically less energy-efficient than modern ones.

Power-Saving Tweaks

There are a variety of power-saving tips you can use to make your current PC use less power:

Do not Use Screensavers; Just Have Your Display Power Off: Screensavers just are not helpful anymore. Rather than having your PC start playing a screensaver and keep the monitor on, have it automatically put the monitor into suspend mode when not in use. You can still move the mouse cursor or touch the keyboard and immediately get back to the desktop, but the display will use almost no power in this state.

Set the display to an appropriate brightness level for your room — if it is brighter than it needs to be, it is using more power than necessary.

Use Sleep and Hibernate: You should not leave your computer on all the time. However, you do not have to shut it down when you step away. Instead, have your computer automatically sleep or hibernate when you are not using it.

In *sleep mode*, a computer will use almost no power, and it can return to the desktop in a second or two.

In *hibernation mode*, a computer uses absolutely no power, but it'll take a bit longer to get back to the desktop. Both ways, you will not lose any of your work, and you will not have to leave your computer on.

Upgrade to an SSD: If your computer still uses an older mechanical hard drive, that drive is both slower and uses much more power than a modern, faster solid-state drive.

Other Tips: All the standard tips for increasing a laptop's battery life apply here, too. On a desktop PC, you won't typically want to micromanage all these settings.

Windows already does a lot of this on its own, automatically throttling your CPU to keep it at the slowest speed possible while idle and performing other power-saving tweaks, including having your computer's hard drives sleep while idle. You can modify your power plan and power-saving settings from the Power Options control panel in Windows.

You could also unplug peripherals that are not used often. For example, if you have a printer plugged in, but use it only rarely, leave it unplugged and powered off until you need to use it.

Buy Low-Power Usage Hardware

There is really no way around it. If you want a really low-power-usage desktop PC, you will want to seek out low-power-usage hardware. Most modern hardware has thankfully become more power-efficient — with the possible exception of high-end graphics hardware. Modern CPUs can throttle themselves and use less power when idle. Solid-state drives are more power efficient than magnetic drives with spinning platters, and so on.

Avoid high-end, high-power hardware. You do not want an energy-guzzling high-end graphics card from NVIDIA or AMD. Onboard, integrated graphics are the way to go and will offer dramatic power savings. Even if you are not doing anything demanding, those dedicated graphics cards often use quite a bit of power even when idle.

Cranial Candy: Word Of The Week

ingurgitate

PRONUNCIATION:

(in-GUHR-ji-tayt)

MEANING:

verb tr.: To swallow greedily or in large amounts.

ETYMOLOGY:

From Latin gurgitare (to flood), from gurges (whirlpool). Earliest documented use: 1570.

USAGE:

"Jeremy finally settled down and went back to ingurgitating potato chips." Gord Elliston; *The Seagull Wore Glasses*; Lulu Press; 2014.

Although we do not "*repair*" computers, the **S.W.A.T. Team**
(**S**tudents **W**ho **A**ssist [with] **T**echnology)
on Level A of Carlson Library is always happy to help.
Having an issue? Let us take a *swat* at it!

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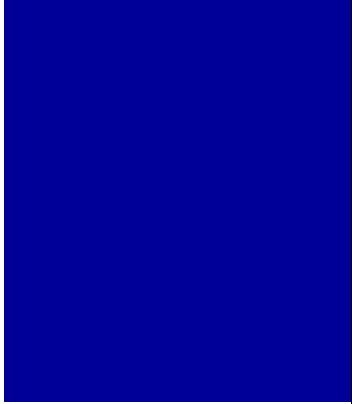
Do you wish the world were happy?
Then remember day by day,
Just to scatter seeds of kindness
As you pass along the way.

~Ella Wheeler Wilcox, poet