Help Document Series: Selecting a Power Plan in Windows

This document will walk you through changing your current power plan in Windows to maximize your power savings or prevent your computer from going to sleep/hibernating.

Step 1.
Hit the Windows key , and type “power plan” to search through the programs and files on your computer.

Step 2.
Select Choose a power plan under them Control Panel results.

Step 3.
The Power Options control panel will be open; if the Clark Recommended and Min Savings / Remote Desktop plans are not visible in the Select a power plan section, click on the line labeled Show additional plans.

The Clark Recommended power plan is the recommended option for desktop and laptop computers as it will save the most amount of energy while minimizing the impact on your daily computing.

If you need to access your desktop computer remotely, utilizing Remote Desktop Connection, the Min Savings / Remote Desktop power plan is the one that should be selected.

Power plans can be changed as desired, your computer does not need a restart to take effect. Once the desired plan’s radio button is selected, the Power Options control panel can be closed.

If you have any questions, or require further assistance, please contact the ITS Help Desk at 508-793-7745 or helpdesk@clarku.edu.

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