

KEEP YOUR MACHINE RUNNING?

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In a recent article for the ATUNC Newsletter, author Will Janoff writes that turning your computer on and off will wear it out faster than if you simply turned it on for good. Janoff writes that "When you turn on your computer, a massive surge of power goes through the system. Just like light bulbs, they seldom burn out while they are on. It's when you first flip the switch that the bulb goes out."

Janoff adds that if you plan to be away from your computer for an extended period of time, turn down the brightness control on your monitor to prevent "burn in" of the screen (I simply turn off the monitor but then, I guess he wouldn't like that either!).

I have to admit to you that I have had my ///+ for four years or so and have turned it on and off practically every day with absolutely no problem. I do shut it down during thunder storms and the like, as I don't care to have it zapped, even tho its protected by a surge protector (two actually).

So should you leave it on or off? It's a personal decision I guess. I've tried it both ways and am still undecided if leaving it on all the time really is better. I've been leaving it on, as an experiment, for the past few months and can report few problems...at least for now!