



INSIDE

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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](#).

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Research Help Is Here!



Do you need personalized help getting started with a research assignment? The librarians at Carlson Library are available to answer questions and point you in the right direction!

Can't make it to the library? You can still benefit from the helpful advice of a reference librarian by giving us a call or contacting us via our online Chat, Texting, or E-Mail Reference Services.

Phone... If a quick call will help, please let us hear from you:

Carlson Library	814-393-2490
Distance Education students	1-866-272-5612 (press 5 for Libraries)

Chat... If online chat is your style, try our [Live Chat Reference Service](#). It's available during the times that Carlson Library reference services are available:

Monday – Thursday	10:00 am – 9:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sunday	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Zoom... Carlson Library reference librarians can also open a Zoom session with you when you contact them via the [Ask a Librarian](#) link.

Text... If the question is simple and the reply is too, you can contact our reference librarians by texting to 814-343-9324. *Note: Standard messaging rates apply.*

Remember that SMS stands for Short Message Service. If the question (or answer) requires in-depth discussion, you probably should contact the Reference Librarian using another option.

E-Mail... When reference librarians are not available, and your need is not time sensitive, contact them via email using our [Ask a Librarian](#) service. An email link is located on that page.

24/7... If you need help when the library is closed, we've got it covered. Clarion University Libraries have made arrangements for librarians at a consortium of other universities to help you. They don't know your courses, assignments, or professors, but they will do all that they can to help you find the resources you need.

At the [Clarion University Libraries](#) website, click on the [Ask a Librarian / LibAnswers](#) link on the right-hand side of the screen. Then, click on the [Ask Here PA](#) link on the lower left side of the screen. Follow the instructions and link to a college librarian elsewhere.

CU Libraries' Links:

[Inside The Clarion University Libraries](#)

[Read back issues of the Libraries' newsletter](#)

Library Home

[Your link to all of the Libraries' resources](#)

Online Catalog

[Search the Libraries' online catalog](#)

Databases A-Z

[Search the Libraries' extensive collection of](#)

What Is CQ Researcher?



Contact Us

[Dr. Terry Latour](#)
Dean of Libraries

[CQ Researcher Online](#) is an in-depth, unbiased information resource with coverage of a range of topics, including:

- Arts, Culture, Sports
- Business & Economics
- Defense & National Security
- Education
- Employment & Labor
- Energy
- Environment, Climate, Natural Resources
- Government
- Health
- Housing
- Human Relations
- International Relations & Trade
- Law & Justice
- Media
- Religion
- Science & Technology
- Social Movements
- Social Services & Disabilities
- Transportation
- U.S. Congress, Presidency & Supreme Court
- War & Conflict

Each single-themed, 12,000-word report has been researched and written by a professional journalist, and provides:

- An Introductory Overview
- Background and Chronology on the Topic
- Assessment of the Current Situation
- Tables and Maps
- Pro/Con Statements from Representatives of Opposing Positions
- Bibliographies of Key Sources

CQ Researcher is available through the [Libraries Homepage](#). In the green "Research" box, click on the [Databases A-Z](#) link, then scroll down the alphabetical list or use the link to jump to the "C" section of databases.

If you have questions or need assistance, our Chat and other online services are available at the [Ask a Librarian! / LibAnswers!](#) link on our Website.

Library Tip: Masks Required



- **Masks are required, covering nose and mouth, including in Group Study Rooms. Failure to comply will result in referral to Judicial Affairs.**
- Whenever possible, maintain a distance between you and others.
- Self-cleaning Stations are centrally located on each floor. They include disinfectant spray for computer keyboards and work surfaces, wipes, disinfectant spray for other surfaces, and more.
- Wipe down areas you may touch, before use.
- The libraries will be cleaned throughout the day. Report cleaning concerns to the Circulation Desk.
- Frequent hand washing; at least 20 seconds per washing, is recommended.
- The drinking fountains have been turned off. The bottle refill station on Level 1 is available.
- Consult a librarian through our [Ask a Librarian](#) gateway.

The S.W.A.T. Minion's Tip: Why Computers Cannot Boot Instantly



Computers are “state machines”. The problem is that the initial condition the computer starts with is not very useful to you and me. What **is** useful (a fully booted computer), lies millions of steps further down that ‘state machine.’

To illustrate how a “state machine” works, consider these very simple examples...

- Vending machines dispense products when the proper combination of coins are deposited
- Elevators drop riders off at upper floors before going down
- Traffic lights change sequence when cars are waiting
- Combination locks require the input of combination numbers in the proper order

The easiest way for developers to describe the useful, running state of a computer is to define it in programs, and those programs will always take more than ‘zero time’ to run. While boot up times have definitely improved in the past few years, and will continue to improve as time goes on, there is - and will always be - a lot going on ‘behind the screen’ every time you start up your favorite computer.

Cantankerous



PRONUNCIATION:

Kăn-tăng'kər-əs

MEANING:

Difficult or irritating to deal with.

Showing an ill-natured disposition; ill-conditioned and quarrelsome, perverse, cross-grained.

PART OF SPEECH:

Adjective. (Adjectives are describing words, like “large” or “late.”)

HOW TO USE IT:

There are those who contend the hockey maven is a cantankerous old coot—rife with unpopular opinions and quick to assert them— Rick Harrison, Newsday, 19 Sept. 2004.

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!

Something To Think About:



*Beauty is not in the face;
beauty is a light in the heart.
- Kahlil Gibran*