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Going **LIVE**:

Online Modules for Critical Thinking Rhonda J. McGinnis, Wayne State University Library System

Timeline

- » 2006-2007: 2 x 3-hour in person sessions for each section
 - In class lecture
 - Library Tour
 - Lab instruction
 - Reference "Treasure Hunt"
 - Lab Worksheet
- » 6 librarians each session =125-145 total librarian hours
- » 2007-2008: 3 online modules + 1 x 3-hour lab session
 - Repurposed 3 Searchpath modules
 - Two online quizzes
 - Lab Instruction
 - Product Review Matrix
 - Group PowerPoint presentations
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 - Product Research Matrix
 - PowerPoint
- » Summer 2009—Extend to other courses

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WAYNE STATE
UNIVERSITY
LIBRARY SYSTEM

Project Background

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 - Increased demand for Instruction in General Education courses.
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- 4-5 sections per semester each w/150 students
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- Used mind mapping to organize project, develop modules, & maintain cohesiveness
- Wrote learning objectives & storyboards for each module based on experience with BA1010
- Produced 12 Camtasia modules plus associated materials in 4 months

Pluses, Minuses, & Next Steps

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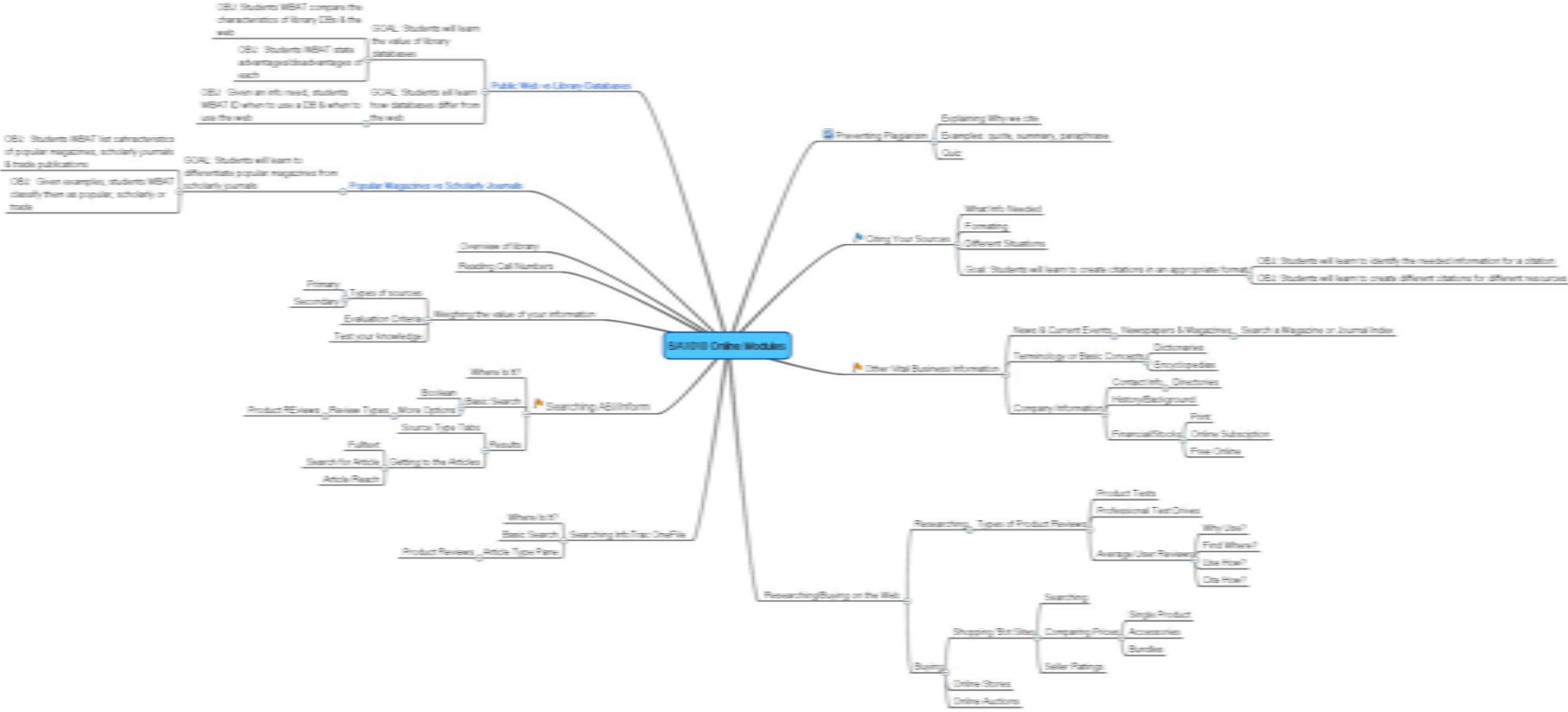
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Mind Map



Screenshots from the Modules

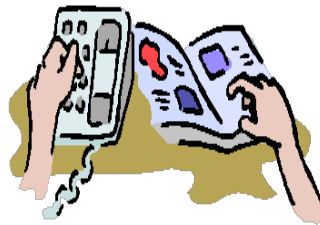
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Types of Information

Click on each type of information below to learn more about it and the sources you can use to find it.



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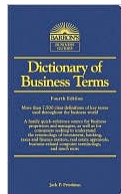
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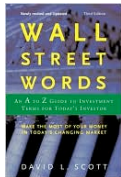
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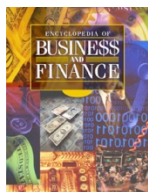
Library Titles



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Wall Street Words



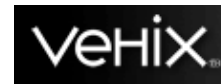
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Addresses & Factual Information	Directories & Almanacs
Company & Financial Information	Stock Websites, Company Manuals & Annual Reports
Consumer Product Information	Product Review Magazines, Hobby Magazines & User Opinion Websites
In Depth Information	Books & Long Journal Articles

Understanding Product Reviews

Product Review Types

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Professional Users'



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Regular Users' Reviews

What to Expect?

Descriptive Article

Computers

The new shape of laptops & desktops

If there's a phrase that characterizes the latest crop of desktops and laptops, it's "going to extremes." During our computers review we saw the thinnest, smallest, and largest laptops we've ever tested, along with laptops and desktops of unprecedented processing speed.

Even component integration is getting extreme, as more manufacturers stuff computer circuitry into monitors to create sleek, one-piece desktops.

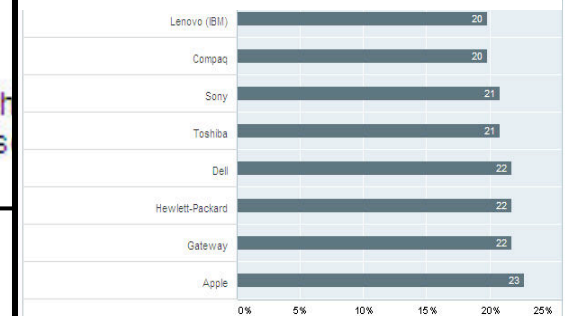


Brand Comparison Table

CR Best Buy indicates an exceptional value

		Overall score	Ergonomics	Performance	Features	Display	Speakers	Battery life (hr.)	Carry weight (lbs.)	Travel weight (lbs.)	Processor	Video adapter	Memory (GB)	Hard drive (GB)	Optical drive	Memory card reader	FireWire port	Remote control	Build-in webcam	Numbers of USB ports	Shop Online
Type: 15.4-inch slim and light models		0 100																			
Apple MacBook Pro 15-inch Type: 15.4-inch workhorse models	\$2050	79	●	●	●	●	●	4.5	5.3	7.3	2.4GHz Core 2 Duo	256MB Nvidia 9600M GT	2	250	DVD-RW	*	*	*	*	2	
Apple MacBook Pro 17-inch Type: 17-inch workhorse models	\$2800	83	●	●	●	●	●	5.5	6.6	6.8	2.9GHz Core 2 Duo	1GB Nvidia 9600M GT	2	250	DVD-RW	*	*	*	*	3	
Compaq Presario C700T Type: 15.4-inch budget models	\$610	54	○	○	○	○	○	2.75	5.7	7.2	Pentium Dual-Core T2310	Intel X3100	2	120	DVD-RW					3	
Dell Inspiron 1525 Type: 15.4-inch budget models	\$675	61	○	○	○	○	○	3.5	6.1	7.7	Pentium Dual-Core T2350	Intel X3100	2	160	DVD-RW	*	*	*	*	4	
Dell Inspiron 1720 Type: 17-inch workhorse models	\$1260	71	○	○	○	○	○	3	8.3	10.1	Core 2 Duo T7300	256MB Nvidia 9600M GT	2	160	DVD-RW	*	*	*	*	5	

Brand Repair History



Finding User Reviews

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- [\\$40 - \\$80](#)
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by Expansion Ports

- [DVI \(Digital Video Interface\)](#)
- [RJ-45 \(NIC\)](#)
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- [1 x IEEE 1394a \(FireWire\)](#)
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Apple MacBook Pro (MA601LLA) Notebook

★★★★★ [5 reviews](#)

2.16 GHz, 15.4 in. Display, Apple MacOS X 10.4, 1 GB, DVD±RW/CD-RW, 5.6 lb. [More](#)

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- Product Name will also be used with any Accessories available for that Product or Series

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Product Rating: ★★★★★ Ease of Use: ██████████ Quality of Tech Support: ██████████	MacBook Pro - Worth Waiting For by Eutek , Oct 18 '06 Pros: Great design and performance, intuitive OS, generous applications, support for Windows games! Cons: Expensive. Expect to pay for quality, but it is worth it! For years and years I have wanted to make the switch to Mac, but it was never the right time. Almost one year ago I was about to take the plunge, however I heard that a switch to Intel CPUs was around the corner, so I decided to postpone my switch. ... Read the full review
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Product Rating: ★★★★★ Ease of Use: ██████████ Quality of Tech Support: ██████████	Artwork Masquerading as Technology by lowesman , Jun 16 '06 Pros: Beautiful machine with one of the speediest processors I've ever used! Cons: A little warm on the bottom after long usage. Let me just say that this is the first laptop I have purchased since my trusty 366Mhz iBook and all I can say is WOW! I have been waiting for Apple to release a major change in it's laptop lineup for quite a while, and with the release of the 15.4" and ... Read the full review
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MacBook Pro - Worth Waiting For

Written: Oct 18 '06

Product Rating: ★★★★★

Ease of Use: ██████████

Quality of Tech Support: ██████████

Pros: Great design and performance, intuitive OS, generous applications, support for Windows games!

Cons: Expensive. Expect to pay for quality, but it is worth it!

The Bottom Line: Apple combines a great OS with well designed hardware for a winning combination. Since I moved to a Mac, using a computer is fun again.

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Eutek's Full Review: Apple MacBo

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Comparison Shopping Online

Individual Product Page

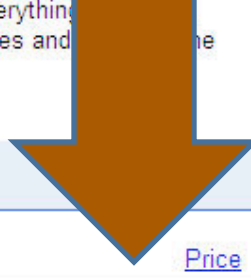
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Apple MacBook Pro - Core 2 Duo 2.33 GHz - HDD 120 GB from Apple in Notebooks

Online Stores
with the product

Average seller rating and
number of times they've
been rated

Price for this
product at each of
these sellers



Relevance	Seller rating	Accepts Google Checkout	Price
B&H Photo-Video-Audi...	★★★★★ 9,764 seller ratings	Accepts	\$2,049.95
Musicians Friend	★★★★★ 3,018 seller ratings		\$2,298.95
Music123	★★★★☆ 1,083 seller ratings		\$2,299.00
AValive 877.387.5464	★★★★☆ 18 seller ratings	Accepts	\$2,530.13
SMARTMICOR USA LCD	No rating		\$198.00

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[Review: B&H Photo Video](#)

fast shipping! great seller.

[Google Checkout shopper](#) - Jun 30, 2008

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4 / 5

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Everything was excellent although I felt they shipped my order a day later than they should have.

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★★★★★
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[Review: B&H Photo-Video](#)

So far, very satisfied. Placed and order yesterday and received notification today that it was shipped. Placed this other order today. hope to ...

[PCWorld.com - alejandrokaisin_1117678432](#) - Jun 29, 2008

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I am a repeat customer.

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I ordered my previous pair from this company before.

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I have used them many times and am always pleased with their service and promptness.

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Very prompt in processing orders; merchandise arrives as expected.

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[PCWorld.com - dickr14](#) - Jun 28, 2008

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[Review: B&H Photo Video](#)

Response was good, but packing of the item

[PCWorld.com - alejandrokaisin_1117678432](#) - Jun 29, 2008

Store Policies

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- Returning a product online may be more complicated than returning it to a local store
- Good online stores make their policies easy to find
- Look for buttons or links labeled with:
 - Policies
 - Customer Service
 - Help