

Power Management Terminology: An Old Problem

Terms for power modes stretch back to the dawn of computing. The first commercially computer, the UNIVAC, included a switch on its control panel with the label "STAND-BY POWER". What the switch does, and why "stand-by" was used we do not know.



Power management is not related to the primary function of office equipment— to help manage information. This should make it easier to achieve similarity across products from different manufacturers.