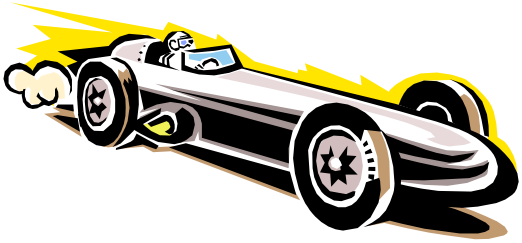
Would you like to test drive a research database?



UL Libraries presents the

Previews Project

http://library.uanet.edu/previews

University Libraries invites Students, Faculty, Staff and Administrators to explore a unique way to preview and evaluate electronic resources. With this method and your assistance, we hope to identify and select the best tools to help The University of Akron fulfill its academic mission both inside and outside the classroom.

The "Previews Project" includes a simple website that facilitates easy access to the e-Resources under consideration for purchase. It includes an evaluation form from which you may submit your impression of the e-Resource and a report that tabulates and organizes the evaluations for each e-Resource.

Quick Start to the Previews Project

Getting to the website:

Connect to the UA network through a computer on campus, UA dial-up connection or UA VPN connection. Point your web browser to http://library.uanet.edu/previews/.

Examining an e-Resource:

Click [Examine A Preview] from the menu or point your browser to http://library.uanet.edu/previews/examine.php. *Current*, *requested* and *past* previews are listed on the page. To the right of each e-Resource title is a link to view details. Current previews also have a link to connect to the database. Previous previews have a link to the respective 'final' report.

Evaluating an e-Resource:

Click [Evaluate A Preview] from the menu or point your browser to http://library.uanet.edu/previews/evaluate.php. You will need to 1.) Select the appropriate group: Faculty/Staff, Student or Librarian/UL Staff 2.) Choose the database to evaluate 3.) Click the `[Go to evaluation form]` button and you will be directed to the appropriate form. Fill out the form as completely as possible and submit; you will be redirected to the updated e-Resource report.

Requesting an e-Resource evaluation:

Click [Request A Preview] from the menu or point your browser to http://library.uanet.edu/previews/request.php. Fill out the form, required fields are marked with a red asterisk, and click the submit button.

Viewing an e-Resource Report:

Click [View Evaluation Results] from the menu or point your browser to http://library.uanet.edu/previews/view_report.php. Select the title of the report you wish to see and click the [View report] button.

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