Abstract:
Bring your laptop or mobile device to learn about and try out powerful article and dissertation databases, patent websites, and standards resources. This lecture/hands-on session will provide you with background information and search strategies so you can:

- use article databases to stay current on your research topic
- access dissertations with valuable findings and references that support your research
- examine patents in your technology area
- identify industry standards that may impact design criteria or test procedures.

We will use Mendeley to save our search results and show how citation managers can be used to share resources.

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