Should I leave my computer on, or turn it off?

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Re-sending it because it's potentially so useful to so many people.

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SITUATION:

I'm not sure what to do with my computer when I'm not using it at the end of the day.

- I've heard I should leave it on so that updates can happen overnight.
- But I've also heard I should turn it off (reboot it) to reset everything periodically.
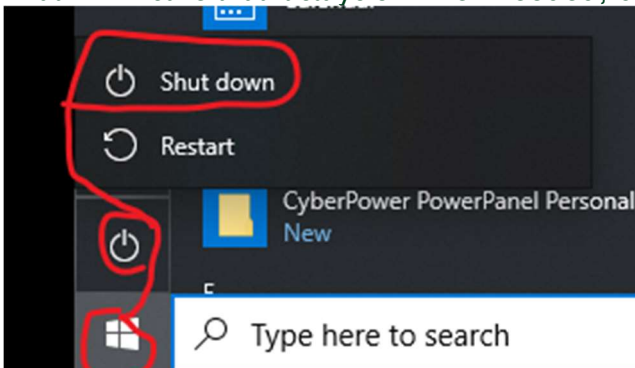
SOLUTION:

The best middle approach to take is:

In general leave it on.

But every Friday, right before you leave:

1. choose "Shut down"
2. wait for the computer to turn off
3. then press the POWER button to turn it back on.

Note: . You don't need to wait for it to come up. Just leave it and it will be ready for Monday.

That will insure that it stays on when needed, but it will also reset it.

Doing this each week will help make the machine fresh and ready for the week as well as reset PaperCut to help reduce printing problems.

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