

## Tips for reducing your internet consumption

When searching databases for journal articles, please use the LIBRARY link, as downloading articles from other sources is very expensive.

<http://www.library.uow.edu.au/eresources/databases/index.html>

The use of Hotmail (and other non-UOW webmail accounts) consumes quota at a high rate.

**Note:** automatically forwarding mail from hotmail to your university address substantially reduces costs of using hotmail. Quotas will not be renewed for students using their access for non-academic purposes: **eg downloading video, music or radio, visiting entertainment or recreational sites, or accessing other mail accounts such as Hotmail.**

Always use University of Wollongong webmail services rather than external mail services – available at <http://mirapoint.uow.edu.au>.

Where possible, use sites within Australia. These can be identified by the 'au' component of their domain names. Example: <http://www.uow.edu.au>

Use local 'mirror sites'. A mirror site is an identical copy of another site; many sites that offer software downloads, for instance, have local mirrors. The charge for accessing content from outside Australia is three times that for downloading content from within Australia. For example, the popular search engine Google has an Australian mirror site at <http://www.google.com.au> If appropriate, limit your search to Australian sites. Some mirror sites for downloading free or open source software include:

- **AARNet's FTP and HTTP Mirror:** <http://mirror.aarnet.edu.au/>
- **Linux Australia's Mirror:** <http://mirror.linux.org.au/site/>
- **CSE's Mirror:** <http://mirror.cse.unsw.edu.au/>
- **Pacific Internet Mirror Server:** <http://mirror.pacific.net.au/>
- **ISP:** <http://mirror.isp.net.au/>

Details of the University Policy and Guidelines for Email and Internet Access are available at <http://www.uow.edu.au/its/userguides/students.html> under "email & internet". The Guidelines clearly explain the quota system that the University applies.