

# Optimisation of DTU data bar service

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## INTRODUCTION

In the bachelor course 42340 “Sustainability in engineering solutions”, students apply simple tools to environmental assessment of products and solutions in their life cycle. They apply methods and tools for the development of environmentally improved products and solutions in their project work, where they also consider social and management aspects of sustainability. The theme of the course is “the sustainable campus” and projects are defined by and carried out in cooperation with DTU Campus service.

The DTU data bars are in principle available 24/7 and there are many users, mostly students. Equipments, both software and hardware must be maintained but are also, inherently, quickly outdated. What are the main environmental and energy optimisations options and which variables are available to potential optimization?

## METHODS

The method is a stepwise approach to include environmental thinking in product development and is based on “Environmental improvement through product development – a guide” (McAloon and Bey, 2009), supplemented by more detailed literature on environmental assessment and on sustainability management.

## RESULTS AND CONCLUSION

The project investigates the current solutions at campus in terms of their most significant environmental impacts and their causes. It presents new approaches to deliver the solutions, assess the potential environmental improvements, the economic costs, and the potential challenges in implementing the solution.

## REFERENCES

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