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A popular area of research is finding combinatorial interpretations of algebraic invariants associated to a monomial ideal. In this talk we discuss how to compute the projective dimension of the edge ideal of a graph by considering certain minimal edge covers for the graph itself. In particular, we show that this process is characteristic-free. (Received August 11, 2013)