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Case Study

Objective: Enterprise PC Migration
Client: Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation
Brad Hagg, Director of Technology



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The Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation is a K-12 Public School District in Northern Indiana with over 2,100 students. With over 320 employees, the corporation operates four schools, one alternative learning center, and an administrative building.

With a total of 960 PCs operating in their district, computer upgrades occur every four years which involves 100 to 200 PC upgrades per year. Whether the upgrades are for students or staff members, as few as five to as many as twenty different PC programs are required to be transferred onto the new PCs. Being an educational institution, many specific educational programs need to be transferred during migration, including office productivity suites.

Issues in the Migration Process

Director of Technology, Brad Hagg explains the main challenge of transferring programs before discovering PCmover.

“Our main challenge that required us to look for a migration solution was that traditional imaging utilities really didn't help us deploy our new replacement computers. As we upgraded to new computers, we were constantly faced with dissimilar hardware,” says Brad.

Without PCmover, the migration processes at the Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation involved first installing basic software onto one of the new PCs and then creating an image from that PC. This “master” image was then copied out to each new PC. Brad and his team were then required to copy any user files from the old machine to the new one, install any custom programs, move any favorites and make other customizations, but the process did not stop there. The final step was for the user to make sure nothing was missed in the process.

In order to transfer six to eight gigabytes of data, three to four hours would be spent on imaging, installation, and customization per PC. Not to mention the costs – easily over \$100 in employee time and labor.

The Solution

In search for a solution to prepare for a large implementation of new PCs, Brad remembered using a Laplink cable in his early career that could be attached to two workstations to copy files between them. In search for this less sophisticated transfer method, Brad discovered PCmover on the Laplink website.

“I immediately requested a trial version from the website. I was contacted very quickly and downloaded the program that day. I tried it on the first machine I needed to replace. I was extremely impressed and very soon after, purchased an enterprise license”.

Now Brad and his team use PCmover to quickly and easily transfer custom programs to the new PCs in less than half the time.

“A typical migration takes about twenty minutes. We then just take a few minutes setting up the machine name and networking settings,” says Brad.

Brad's main challenge is no longer an issue, as he does not need to reinstall the programs and create a master image to copy to the other new computers. Since purchasing an enterprise license for PCmover from Laplink, Brad has successfully migrated over 250 PCs saving him hours of time and thousands of dollars in eliminating the old way of the migration process.

Total Savings with PCmover

- Total time saved with PCmover is up to 1,000 hours for 250 PCs*
- Total costs saved in labor wages and time is approximately equal to \$25,000 to migrate 250 PCs**
- Saved time for the end user, easy adjustment to a familiar desktop and settings
- Less stress and headache in the PC migration process

*Approximate time saved, calculated by multiplying estimated time to migrate one PC by number of PCs migrated

**Costs are an estimate only, resulting from both hard and soft dollar savings captured when using PCmover in the PC replacement process. Hard and soft dollar savings evaluating the impact to support staff and end user downtime, as well as, costs of professional services, software licensing, and storage fees.