Built Systems Workgroup Meeting - 20 February 2014

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Overview

The built system attended a webinar hosted by Verismic PC Power Management Company. While there may be some merit to their services, the group decided that the UA may be moving more towards "bring your own device" and Virtual Desktops, making verismic's services obsolete. If you'd like to learn more about Verismic, please visit: Verismic

Verismic PC Power Management Company at a glance

Reduces inactivity

1. Wanting to make sure the end user is not booted offline inappropriately.

Determines benchmarks

- How much are PC's costing us

- How much are our PCs consuming?

Identifies areas to save?

- Can you accurately predict how much you can save?

Shows predictions and results

- What were the results of your predictions?

Visibility

- Based on use

Flexibility

- Lifecycle, not a project

Accurate Data

- Golden rule: good data in - Good Data Out

How do we get data?

• Agent based solutions. Agent is deployed to each device. Agent monitors device of every second of the day. Is it on or off, wattage consumption value.

Agent reporting back?

• Hosted environment or build something on site.

How are policies typically created?

• Can create policy for each device. Or blanket policies.

Agents waking machines up?

• Yes. Agents are waking machines up on their own.

Schools using this software?

• Hendersons, Boxcite in school district, Arkansas State University, Arkelphia, Dumas School District.

Pilot structure?

• 75 or 100 computers or larger
• First two weeks is to monitor, just to show power
• Mid-point review, shows what was happening on that network.
• Determine policies with control group

Agent deployment?

• Same method to deploy software

Licensing?

• Per device, per agent.
• Unique rebate for the University of Arkansas would be eligible for the SWEPCO rebate program.
• Maintenance fee after 1st year, then a per year maintenance contract
• Includes with upgrades or tech support or training,

GENERAL SENTIMENT

•Systems typically aren't set on a schedule

- Might be good for labs but not staff or faculty
- No way to turn systems on remotely
- How do they actually pull the metrics from the PCs? Are they using published data?
- Our campus is moving towards a bring your own device revolution
- Built Workgroup not fully supportive for a pilot program