

ADMINISTRATION OFFICES
MESQUITE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



EnviProt's Auto Shutdown Manager™ Wakes Up Mesquite Independent School District

Saves District Valuable Time and Money

Challenge

Efficiently manage power and updates on 8,500 PCs on 47 different campuses.

Solution

With Auto Shutdown Manager, server is scheduled to automatically wake computers to complete updates at more convenient times.

Benefits

- Synchronizes with current management system (Microsoft SCCM).
- Provides easy way to organize, update and control many computers.
- Saves money and complements green initiatives.
- Best value with easy licensing.
- Comes with exceptional customer support.

Mesquite Independent School District (MISD) needed a power management system that was compatible with Microsoft's System Center Configuration Manager System (SCCM) 2012 R2 and allowed its network operations staff to efficiently orchestrate the powering down and the waking up of its 8,500 PCs in order to achieve the department's goals of keeping its computers up to date without interrupting call times, while adhering to the district's green initiative – all on a budget.

“I've never known a company in this industry to be so accommodating to their customers.”

— Jeremy Lewis, Network Operations Supervisor for MISD

CHALLENGE

MISD serves more than 40,000 students on 47 campuses in Mesquite, Texas, located just east of Dallas. The district uses a mix of technologies to enhance classroom learning and manage admin operations; however, Network Operations Supervisor Jeremy Lewis and his team recognized that approximately 75 percent of their PCs were consistently out of date and vulnerable to viruses.

MISD's computer problem was a result of not having a power management system that allowed them to remotely shut down computers at night, push out updates and then efficiently power up the computers in the morning before teachers arrived in their classrooms.

This “piecemeal” approach was time-consuming and inefficient. Lewis's team was constantly trying to keep up by conducting manual updates on the weekends, during teacher work hours or whenever they could find individual computers that had been left on at night.

“Without remote power control, we had to interrupt our teachers, which is not an ideal situation,” said Lewis. “If we chose instead to leave the computers on after school or throughout the weekend to complete updates, we would not be in line with the district's green initiatives.”



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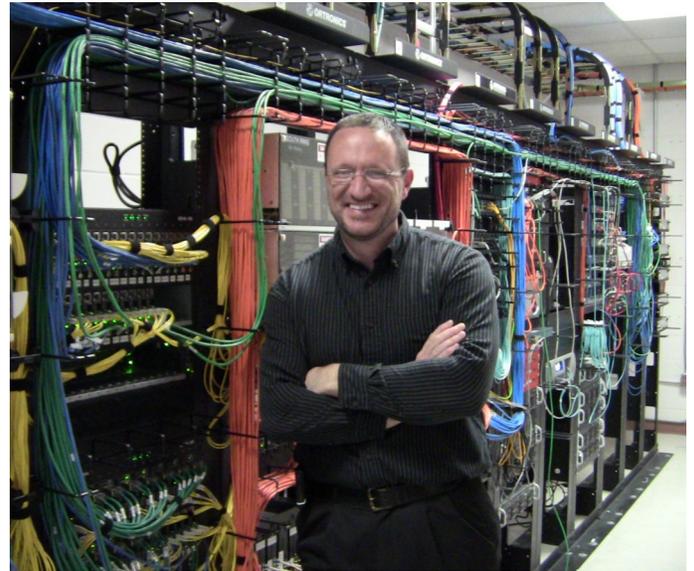
SOLUTION

By adding EnviProt's Auto Shutdown Manager to their current management system, MISD was able to easily divide their 8,500 computers into six groups, which provided the Network Operations team a more efficient power management system and a pathway for routine security updates thereby saving time and money, and increasing the security of its network, all while not interrupting teaching time.

According to Lewis, MISD analyzed a number of options to find a solution that would help them better manage their power. "We selected EnviProt's Auto Shutdown Manager not only because it was easy to use, but it also offered the flexibility and complexity we needed at the best value in the marketplace," said Lewis. "We were impressed with the EnviProt team from their first demonstration of the software. Additionally, the perpetual licensing they offered was attractive to us.

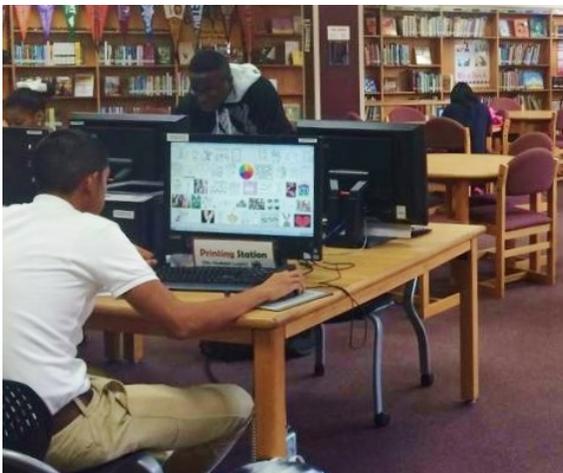
"We also are very appreciative of the custom coding they did for us to meet some of our specific needs. It's not very often we find vendors who do all we've asked them to do. It's refreshing."

MISD now uses Auto Shutdown Manager to power-off the majority of their computers at 7 p.m. and power back up at 5 a.m. to auto complete updates hours before users arrive. Their computers are also scheduled to power-off during long weekends and holidays, further supporting the district's green initiatives as well as the Network Operations department's goals of efficiently running and maintaining the district's growing number of computers.



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Auto Shutdown Manager™ is a proven, centrally managed and network-enabled PC power management solution for businesses, educational institutions, government agencies, and private users. It helps save money, automate IT processes such as patch management, and increase security. Auto Shutdown Manager enables an intelligent startup and shutdown of computers. However, unlike other solutions, at no time will it interrupt working users or productive systems.