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Enhancing computer accessibility and performance through virtualization
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Lock Haven University received recognition for recent innovations in meeting the ever-growing technology needs of the campus. Through a new strategy called “client virtualization,” the university has been able to enhance desktop accessibility, improve performance, increase security, and save time and money as well.

Lock Haven University’s implementation of client virtualization is the cover story of the September, 2011 issue of CDW-G Higher Education Solutions, a technology trade magazine. On the cover is LHU’s Jeff Walker, distributed systems manager in the university’s information technology department. The feature article, “Revolutionizing the Desktop,” is a case study of Lock Haven University’s successes with virtualization. Jeff Walker is quoted extensively throughout the article.

One of the advantages of client virtualization is that it eliminates the need for separate labs for different kinds of computers, each with their own individual operating systems and software. Walker is quoted as saying, “If someone says they need a lab with a certain type of software, we can set it up and present it to users in an hour or two. Prior to virtualization, we’d need to purchase the hardware, get the software, find a room to install it. All of this would take a couple of weeks.”

In addition, Walker notes, “The virtualization allows students to easily share documents with faculty on a shared network drive that is accessible by both.”

The article “Revolutionizing the Desktop” can be read online at <http://webobjects.cdw.com/webobjects/media/pdf/solutions/infrastructure/Lock-Haven.pdf>

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