



Chris Olance, from Adams State College, had been using a program called MonNet to track user activity on their network. It was a simple solution, but data had to be tediously pulled into an access database to generate any useful reports. Also, MonNet is no longer under development and there is no support available.

Chris needed a way to make better decisions on which labs to expand, and which ones to reduce or eliminate. “Eliminating computer labs can be very political. But with good numbers it is less subjective. With good reports I can prove to the administration that some labs are wasting money, and in some labs we have a need for expansion.”

Chris was introduced to LabStats at LabMan. Installation was fairly quick. “I ran it on a spare lab machine, and then moved it to a virtual machine. It was the first machine we virtualized. On the workstation, since we clone the machines (both Macs and PCs), we just added the agent. We even have some machines we network boot into Linux and we added the agent there. This gave us stats on how much they use Windows or Linux on that machine.”

Using LabStats, Chris has so far eliminated one lab. “I don’t just use it for stats. I use it to see how many people are logged in. I use it to see if the lab assistants are there and logged in. It gives me a way to confirm the lab assistant’s time sheets are correct. I like LabStats and would recommend it. I hope to buy JuicePress soon, as I know it will help save on energy costs.”

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