

# Microsoft Partners in Learning Customer Reference

## Innovative Solutions



### Shared Computer Toolkit and Terminals for Students of a Secondary Technical School in Prague

Students of the Secondary Technical School in Prague 10 have expressed their desire to use the school's computers and browse the Internet also outside of the teaching hours. Because there are nearly 600 students at the school and all computer classrooms are fully utilized for tuition, the school has decided to obtain several PC terminals and place them to a corridor leading to the main entrance to the school.

Having a limited budget, the management of the school has made an economical decision: to buy nine refurbished computers and install the Windows XP Shared Computer Toolkit on them. This was possible thanks to STIC (School Technology Innovation Center) – a Microsoft PartnersInLearning activity located within the school's premises – one of the STIC's partners is a Microsoft Authorized Refurbisher (MAR), the company called Boxed, s.r.o. This partner provided all nine terminals with a substantial discount.

Windows XP Shared Computer Toolkit was designed by Microsoft to help make shared computers more reliable and easier plus faster to maintain. It fits the school's purposes almost ideally: the terminals are used by many different students who should not be trusted for 100% regarding their computer use and Internet browsing, the school is a public place where personal security and privacy is quite a big concern, plus all the terminals are subjected to extensive use and public availability leading to substantial wear.

Shared Computer Toolkit enables the school ICT administrators to restrict untrusted users like external students or participants at the school's and/or STIC courses from accessing important or confidential data or system settings (control panel, command prompt, the individual drives etc.), to enhance the user experience on shared PC terminals and, last but not least, to defend all shared PC terminals from unauthorized changes to their hard drives.

All the students have – thanks to the Shared Computer Toolkit – simplified Start menu, restricted access to the system utilities, prohibited access to important data and, what is very important at a school that big with so many students, they cannot run any software that has not been authorized by one the school's ICT administrators.

A special system functionality of Shared Computer Toolkit, called Windows Disk Protection tool, in addition to other functions, helps to protect all system files, automatically downloads and installs critical and antiviral updates (while allowing the option to choose whether to save changes to disk or not) and – and this is highly valued among the school's ICT administrators, because it saves them a significant portion of time – moreover, this functionality is able to revert all changes during the computer restart.



The students are absolutely enthusiastic about their new terminals: *"I don't have the possibility to use a computer at home, not talking about the Internet access,"* says Vojtěch Kunc, one of the school's pupils and adds: *"So the opportunity to get online whenever I am at school, to browse the Internet, manage my email or search for all kind of information, fast, in all comfort and absolutely for free, has been invaluable to me."*

And this all has been possible thanks to a few cheap, refurbished computers, and equipped with Windows XP Shared Computer Toolkit.

#### Fast Facts

##### Customer

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##### Web Site:

<http://www.trebesin.cz/web/>

Innovative, secondary-level, technical school with proactive direction, inventive teachers and focus on using modern equipment, information and communication technology in the teaching process.

The school's premises have hosted the residence of the Central European STIC – School Technology Innovation Center since its very beginning.

Microsoft has been cooperating with the school on numerous activities created by the tight collaboration between the school, STIC and the PiL program.

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