



Faronics Anti-Executable and North County Community College

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About North County Community College

Founded in 1967, North County Community College is located in northeast New York state in the counties of Franklin and Essex. North County attracts students from New York, New England and from around the world who seek a progressive and individualized education. The College's mission is to provide the highest quality public, post secondary education to area residents, as well as those outside the region who desire to live, learn, and grow in a unique educational setting.

The college hosts approximately 2000 students with a faculty/staff of over 200. There are 350 workstations and 25 servers.

The Problem They Faced

John Bray, a Computer Support worker for North County Community College, struggled with maintaining the staff computers. Because the staff was frequently installing unauthorized software (which often conflicted with the authorized software), he was constantly spending his time cleaning up and re-imaging workstations.

The required maintenance led to continual downtime for many of the terminals. Bray was also concerned about malware threats and possible software configuration issues on the machines.

The Solution That Worked

Bray and his IT Department began searching for a solution that would restrict unauthorized programs and prevent any possible damage caused by malicious threats. Bray was already familiar with Faronics because the college was using Faronics Deep Freeze on the student computers to help eliminate unwanted workstation changes.

Bray was excited to learn that an application whitelisting solution existed from Faronics that ensured only authorized programs were allowed to run. "We did not even consider any other products as we very impressed with Deep Freeze and Faronics support."

Faronics Anti-Executable ensures total endpoint security by scanning a workstation's hard drive and creating a whitelist of all authorized programs, thereby preventing unwelcome applications from executing or installing. With its newly added blacklist protection, any executable program added to the customized blacklist will be blocked from running, even if it is present on the whitelist. Having whitelist and blacklist based protection integrated in one solution provides greater security and software compliance while simplifying workstation software management for IT departments, like the one at North County Community College.

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Anti-Executable has now saved the IT staff approximately 15-20 hours a month and Bray couldn't be happier. "The product value, simplicity of use, coupled with outstanding support, cannot be beat."

Anti-Executable also helps by providing increasingly necessary policy enforcement. Because Anti-Executable allows only authorized executables to install and run, Bray can now be confident that North County Community College is software-compliant and therefore protected in the event of an unexpected software audit.

By using both Anti-Executable and Deep Freeze, North County Community College is protecting itself with a layered security strategy. The two solutions together ensure reliability and security with minimal downtime and with the least reliance on IT personnel

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Key Benefits

Stop Malicious Software From Executing

- Protects users from software threats such as keyloggers, spyware, & malware
- IT personnel experience a reduction in helpdesk requests

Block Distractive Software From Running

- Blocks distractions such as games, instant messaging clients, and P2P applications from executing
- Ensures that computers are used for their intended purpose

Keep Workstations Compliant

- Guarantees that computers are compliant with acceptable use policies, regulatory requirements, and software deployment schedules

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