Gettysburg College Self-Service Software Installation

Gettysburg College IT is actively researching self-service software installation.   The following factors have contributed to this investigation:

1) The need to provide flexible hardware configurations.
2) The need to provide specific software applications perhaps differing by user.
3) The need to reduce software bloat on computers.

The solution must be easy to use and understand, provided all needed software applications, and work across both PCs and MACs. We are actively looking at two solutions: www.ninite.com and Microsoft's SCCM.

Ninite   (from website) Ninite will

start working as soon as you run it
not bother you with any choices or options
install apps in their default location
say no to toolbars or extra junk
install 64-bit apps on 64-bit machines
install apps in your PC's language or one you choose
do all its work in the background
install the latest stable version of an app
skip up-to-date apps
skip any reboot requests from installers
use your proxy settings from Internet Explorer
download apps from each publisher's official site
verify digital signatures or hashes before running anything
work best if you turn off any web filters or firewalls
save you a lot of time!

Microsoft's System Center Configuration Management and Intune

Users can self-provision applications through a company portal and check for compliance. Users can view, install, and run corporate applications across devices, including corporate LOB applications, web applications, and links to IT-recommended applications available from public application stores.

CONSISTENT SELF-SERVICE ACCESS TO APPLICATIONS
Users can install applications from a company portal that is consistent across devices and platforms.

AUTOMATIC ACCESS CONFIGURATION
Provides automatic VPN, Wi-Fi, email profiles, and authentication settings and manages and distributes certificates, giving end users, access to company resources.