# ChemIT's purpose

ChemIT staff members work hard to bring value to to CCB research, teaching support, and administrative groups. Learn more about what drives us!

### See also

- Contextual Visions and Missions
- By the numbers, ChemIT and PhysIT
- ChemIT service and staffing levels

### Questions to answer

- What do we value?
- What do we measure, gauge, evaluate?
  - Ideas: What was done? What affect did we have? (practical outcomes, emotional impacts) How much did we do? What are reasonable targets for any of these measures?
- Where are we relative to our goals or aspirations? (How define?)
- Where do we want to go? (How define and measure areas of work?)

## ChemIT exists to:

Provide local, focused IT services in:

- Research
- Teaching
- Administration

The types of services are either unique or value-added.

• For commodity services, only provide them if super-efficient and/ or highly valued.

	Office Desktop Computing and related	Instrument support	Computational and Cluster servers	Other stand-alone servers	Other*
Research	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes: Crane: Fileshare Scheraga: Synology storage	Yes
Teaching	Yes	Yes	No		Yes
Administration	Yes	No	No	ChemIT: Large storage for software CCB: License server	Yes

\*Other includes:

Chen group's data storage "bays"

Cerione and Crane's 3D-viewing hardware and software (Linux)

Crane (and others?) SBGrid

Teaching lab computers, 3 distinct sets totalling over 100(?) off-network laptops

Stockroom's custom-built Point-of-Sale WebApp

Physics Testing Center custom-built grading systems (3)

### ChemIT's Actions and Decisions are:

- Transparent
- Ensure we are working on the "right" things
- Efficient
  - Ensure we are doing the work right.
    - Learn to productively say no, when appropriate. U
- Sustainable

Avoid staff burn-out, train to ensure continued relevance, and budgets & funding reinforcing most valued services

### ChemIT Priorities are:

- Relationships
  - ° Work on the "right" thing though mutual understanding and appreciation.
    - Meet real needs, balanced against total costs and competing demands

#### Results

- ° Performing our work the "right" way through staff training and experience.
  - Enable cost-effective, sustainable solutions

### We measure what we do by:

Seeking evidence of failure.

• Includes if anyone had an unpleasant surprise.

Meaningfully measuring and presenting what ChemIT does over time.

- Maintaining a list of current projects, both large and smaller.
  Indicate monthly completed projects
- Track most every non-project request, called a "ticket".
  - A snapshot of "open" tickets: Title description, who it's assigned to, date it was created, its status, etc.
    - ° Monthly count of tickets per person completed.

## **Tools and Techniques**

### SWOT

- Strengths (internal)
- Weaknesses (internal)
- Opportunities (external)
- Threats (external)

#### Example

• http://www.leadershipthoughts.com/how-to-use-a-swot-analysis/

### Context

Contextual Visions and Missions