What about one piece of a software which serves as a server (sql ?), counting established communications with logged-on supposedly working users. The other pieces - user/client side software. Similar to, like you see here users logged onto this forum. The difference depends on imagination how a workstation or/and server reacts to >4 logoff.
e.g of ideas -
1. should lock the door...
2 if the user escapes should track him with google latitude and... (your imagination)
Hope this helps.