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Blackboard System Requirements

Supported Operating Systems and Browsers

Performance and behavior in Blackboard Learn is highly dependent on the browser. While other browsers may work fine on a PC or Mac, [Firefox](#) and [Chrome](#) have both proven to be more compatible with the Blackboard Learn system and are thus recommended for use.

- **Windows:** IE 9 (only for Windows 8.1), Firefox, and Chrome
- **Mac OS X:** Safari 8 (only for Yosemite), Firefox, and Chrome

Hardware Requirements

Most PCs built in the last four years should work with Blackboard with no issues assuming the PC is regularly maintained and guarded from [viruses](#) and [spyware](#). The recommended hardware when using Blackboard is a modern desktop/laptop with at least 2 GB of RAM, 1 GB of free disk space, sound card and speakers. Headphones and microphone are recommended to participate in [Blackboard Collaborate](#) sessions.

Internet Connectivity

Once you have checked the proper operating system and hardware to run Blackboard Learn 9.1, you should verify that your Internet connection is fast enough to support the system. While wireless connections may work for some activities, to ensure a stable connection, Cable/DSL connection is preferred.

Browser Plugins and Helpers

Some features in Blackboard Learn require particular additional software to be installed. Check your browser plugins and helpers by going to [UIC's Blackboard page](#) and clicking the Check Browser and System Check tools.

To ensure that you have Java installed and Javascript, cookies, and all necessary plugins enabled on your computer, please visit [UIC's browser page](#).

Flash is required to play videos within Blackboard Learn. Download the [latest version of Flash](#).

Adobe Acrobat Reader is required to view certain text documents on Blackboard Learn. Download the [latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader](#).

Technologies NOT supported

- Windows XP
- Internet Explorer 8 or older
- Firefox 3.6 or older
- Safari 5 or older
- Mac OS X 10.6 or older
- Java 5 or older

Notes

- Internet Explorer is only supported in Standards Mode
- For OS X 10.8+, Java is no longer shipped as part of the OS install and must be downloaded and installed by users by request of application/applet