

Lesson: Technical Requirements



Blackboard requires only a web browser with Javascript and cookies enabled. Additional browser plug-ins may be needed to display rich content. Some of the most common are Microsoft Office applications or viewers, Adobe Acrobat Reader, Adobe Flash Player and Apple Quicktime. Types of plug-ins required will vary based on the types of file being uploaded by the Instructor/Leader or shared by participants.

Minimum System Recommendations:

- Windows 2000, XP, or Vista
- Mac OS X
- 512 MB RAM, 1GB of free hard disk space
- 800 MHz processor or better
- 56K modem or better
- XGA (1024x768) capable monitor

Recommended Browsers:

- Mozilla Firefox 3.x and above (for both PC and Mac)
- Internet Explorer 6.x and above (for PC only)
- Safari 3.x and above (for Mac)

Recommended Browser Plug-ins and Applications:

- Sun Java Run-time Environment (JRE) 1.6 or later
- Apple Quicktime 7.0 or later
- Adobe Flash Player 10 or later
- Adobe Acrobat Reader 7.x or later

Required browser settings:

- Enable JavaScript
- Accept all Cookies

Blackboard supports the following types of files:

- Word documents (doc)
- PowerPoint presentations (ppt)
- Excel Spreadsheets (xls)
- Image files (jpg, bmp, gif, tiff, png)

- Media files (mpg, avi, wma, mp3)
- Zip files (zip)
- QuickTime (mov)
- Adobe Flash (swf)

Technical Support

If you have technical difficulties or a question regarding technical specifications required to use Blackboard, please contact the facilitator of your online learning course. Your facilitator will immediately contact the appropriate personnel to assist you.