



System Requirements Windows and Mac OS X

Introduction

The Pearson Learning Platform is a brand new, web-based learning management system for its proven NovaNET Courseware. This platform will be unlike anything else on the market combining NovaNET's rigorous, complete, and engaging multimedia courses with robust testing, customization options, a variety of study plans, and a library of reports.

The Pearson Learning Platform is completely web-based, uses a standard internet browser, and is hosted and maintained by Pearson. There's nothing to install locally, and we take care of the data, service, and support.

This document provides detailed workstation and browser requirements, browser tune-up information, and Internet connection recommendations for optimal user experience within the Pearson Learning Platform.

The system requirements and recommendations contained in this document are subject to change at any time due to hardware and software changes. Changes may include, but are not limited to, operating systems and hardware technologies.

Internet Connection Requirements

The recommended minimum internet bandwidth connection is 128Kb per user going to the desktop. For distance learners, a DSL or cable broadband connection is required.

There are short periods of activity that will have burst spikes well above this amount, so Pearson recommends discussing the school bandwidth requirements with your Pearson Sales Engineer.

Firewalls, Content Filters, and Security Software

Pearson recommends adding our URLs to any existing security devices for optimal performance. If your firewall, content filter or security program has the equivalent to a trusted sites list, you may be able to leave your security on if you add the following sites to that list:

*.pearsoned.com	TCP port / 80
*.pearsoncmg.com	TCP port / 443

Please contact the technical support department or ISP provider for your security program if you need help with this step, or temporarily disable your computer's security while using the site.



System Requirements

The following configurations are tested and supported for the Pearson Learning Platform:

Table 1-1. Requirements

Operating Systems	Recommended Hardware	Browsers	Screen Resolution
Windows XP Requires Service Pack 3 Windows Vista Home Basic Requires Service Pack 1	512 MB Memory (RAM) or higher 1 GHz Processor or faster Sound card or headset	Internet Explorer 7.0	1024 x 768
Windows Vista Home Premium / Business / Ultimate Requires Service Pack 1	1 GB Memory (RAM) or higher 2.33 GHz Processor or faster Sound card or headset	Internet Explorer 7.0	1024 x 768
Macintosh OS X Requires 10.5.7	PowerPC or Intel 512 MB Memory (RAM) or higher 1.83 GHz Processor Sound card or headset	Safari 4.0	1280 x 960

Plug-ins and Players

To use all of the lessons within the Pearson Learning Platform, the following browser plug-ins should be downloaded and installed from each link below. **There is also a browser tune-up on our main landing page.**

Table 1-2. Plug-ins and Players

Plug-in	Version
ActiveX	Enable within browser or add course URL to the list of trusted sites
Macromedia® Flash™	8 or higher
Java™ (JRE)	1.4.2 or higher
Authorware Web Player	2004 (Windows) / Web Player 7 (Mac PowerPC Only, not Intel*)
Quick Time	6 or higher

Intel Mac Users: Adobe does not have an Authorware Web Player for the Mac Intel platform, so there are lessons that cannot be launched. This problem will decrease as these lessons are updated in 2010.

Browser Tune-Up

The Pearson Learning Platform is more robust than simple text and graphic standard HTML web pages, so the browser requires some tune-up for optimal operation and user experience. These can include turning off Pop-up blockers, adding our URLs to the browser trusted site list, enabling our add-ons and plug-ins, and allowing cookies as needed.

