

Technology Requirements for Blackboard Learn 9.1

Recommended Browsers

Blackboard supports five primary browsers for Learn releases. A list of the sites for the browsers are provided below:

**Run the [browser checker](#) to see whether Blackboard Learn supports your browser.

Browser Supported Desktop* Browser Versions:

- Chrome** 36+
- Edge** 20+
- Firefox** 31+
- Internet Explorer 11+ (Windows only)
- Safari 6+ (Mac OS only)

Minimum Computer Requirements for Blackboard

Your computer should have at least: 4GB of RAM and Windows 7 or Mac OS 10.5, or higher.

NOTE: Chromebooks use the Chrome operating system which is not a supported operating system for Blackboard. Some areas of Blackboard require Java on your computer, and Chromebooks do not support the use of Java. Be sure you have access to a Mac computer or Windows computer so you can fully participate in your online course.

Please do not rely exclusively on a tablet or a smartphone to complete an online course. Not all features in Blackboard will be accessible on tablets and smartphones.

Recommended Software & Plug-Ins

1. **Java** – is a programming language that developers use to create applications on your computer.
2. **Natural Reader** - A free screen reading software that allows you to listen to any text on your PC.
3. **WinZip** – Compression Software. Zip, protect, manage and share all your files quickly and easily.
4. **Adobe Acrobat Reader** – Software for viewing, printing, and sharing PDFs. ·
5. **Adobe Flash** - multimedia software platform used for production of animations, rich Internet applications, desktop applications, and mobile applications.
6. **Real Player** - The Symbian version of RealPlayer allows mobile phones to play Real Audio, RealVideo, MP3, 3GP, AMR and other media formats. It is provided as freeware.
7. **Microsoft Office 365** – SCSU students have access to one free download of Microsoft Office 365 (for more information contact the IT help desk at helpme@scsu.edu)

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For Mac Users:
Apple iTunes & Apple QuickTime

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