



Computer Requirements

Most modern computers and web browsers will run Headsprout programs. This document outlines more specific requirements ¹.

		Windows 98	Windows ME	Windows 2000	Windows XP
Processor	Minimum	800 MHz	800 MHz	800 MHz	800 MHz
	Suggested	1.3 GHz (or faster)	1.3 GHz (or faster)	1.3 GHz (or faster)	1.3 GHz (or faster)
Video	Minimum	128 MB Video RAM / 800x600 256 colors (8-bit)	128 MB Video RAM / 800x600 256 colors (8-bit)	128 MB Video RAM / 800x600 256 colors (8-bit)	128 MB Video RAM / 800x600 256 colors (8-bit)
	Suggested	256 MB Video RAM / 800x600 High color (16-bit)	256 MB Video RAM / 800x600 High color (16-bit)	256 MB Video RAM / 800x600 High color (16-bit)	256 MB Video RAM / 800x600 High color (16-bit)
RAM	Minimum	128 MB	128 MB	128 MB	128 MB
	Suggested	256 MB	256 MB	256 MB	256 MB
Free Disk Space	Minimum	40 MB	40 MB	40 MB	40 MB
	Suggested	70 MB	70 MB	70 MB	70 MB
Sound	Minimum	16-bit sound card and speakers or headphones	16-bit sound card and speakers or headphones	16-bit sound card and speakers or headphones	16-bit sound card and speakers or headphones
	Suggested	same	same	same	same
Internet Connection	Minimum	56Kbps modem	56Kbps modem	56Kbps modem	56Kbps modem
	Suggested	DSL or cable	DSL or cable	DSL or cable	DSL or cable
Web Browser	Supported	Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 or later, Firefox 1.x, Mozilla 1.x, Netscape 7.x or later, Opera 7.11 or later	Firefox 1.x, Mozilla 1.x, Netscape 7.x or later, AOL 9, Opera 7.11 or later	Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0, Firefox 1.x, Firefox 2.x, Mozilla 1.x, Netscape 7.x or later, AOL 9, Opera 7.11 or later	Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 or later, Firefox 1.x, Firefox 2.x, Mozilla 1.x or later, Netscape 7.x or later, AOL 9, Opera 7.11 or later, Safari 3.x or later
	Suggested	Microsoft Internet Explorer 6+ or Firefox 2+	Firefox 2+	Firefox 2+	Microsoft Internet Explorer 6+ or Firefox 2+
Required Plug-ins	Supported	Adobe Flash v. 9.0.124+	Adobe Flash v. 9.0.124+	Adobe Flash v. 9.0.124+	Adobe Flash v. 9.0.124+
	Suggested	Adobe Flash v. 10+	Adobe Flash v. 10+	Adobe Flash v. 10+	Adobe Flash v. 10+

		Windows Vista	Windows 7	Macintosh PPC OS 10.1+	Macintosh Intel OS 10.4+
Processor	Minimum	800 MHz	800 MHz	500 MHz	1.83 GHz
	Suggested	1.3 GHz (or faster)	1.3 GHz (or faster)	1.0 GHz (or faster)	1.83 GHz (or faster)
Video	Minimum	128 MB Video RAM / 800x600 256 colors (8-bit)	128 MB Video RAM / 800x600 256 colors (8-bit)	128 MB Video RAM / 800x600 256 colors	128 MB Video RAM / 800x600 256 colors
	Suggested	256 MB Video RAM / 800x600 High color (16-bit)	256 MB Video RAM / 800x600 High color (16-bit)	256 MB Video RAM / 800x600 thousands of colors	256 MB Video RAM / 800x600 thousands of colors
RAM	Minimum	128 MB	128 MB	128 MB	128 MB
	Suggested	256 MB	256 MB	256 MB	256 MB
Free Disk Space	Minimum	40 MB	40 MB	40 MB	40 MB
	Suggested	70 MB	70 MB	70 MB	70 MB
Sound	Minimum	16-bit sound card and speakers or headphones	16-bit sound card and speakers or headphones	16-bit sound card and speakers or headphones	16-bit sound card and speakers or headphones
	Suggested	same	same	same	same
Internet Connection	Minimum	56Kbps modem	56Kbps modem	56Kbps modem	56Kbps modem
	Suggested	DSL or cable	DSL or cable	DSL or cable	DSL or cable
Web Browser	Supported	Microsoft Internet Explorer 7, Firefox 2.0, AOL 9, Safari 3.x or later	Microsoft Internet Explorer 7, Firefox 2.0, AOL 9, Safari 3.x or later	Firefox 1.x, Mozilla 1.x, Netscape 7.x or later, AOL for Mac OS X, Opera 6, Safari 1.x or later	Firefox 1.5.0.3 or later, Opera 6, Safari 2.x or later
	Suggested	Microsoft Internet Explorer 6+ or Firefox 2+	Microsoft Internet Explorer 6+ or Firefox 2+	Safari 3.1+ or Firefox 2+	Safari 3.1+ or Firefox 2+
Required Plug-ins	Supported	Adobe Flash v. 9.0.124+	Adobe Flash v. 9.0.124+	Adobe Flash v. 9.0.124+	Adobe Flash v. 9.0.124+
	Suggested	Adobe Flash v. 10+	Adobe Flash v. 10+	Adobe Flash v. 10+	Adobe Flash v. 10+

For Network Administrators:

We provide a system analysis tool which will evaluate the resources on your computer to ensure that it meets the minimum requirements for Headsprout programs. You may want to run this tool on each computer before running Headsprout programs for the first time. This tool is web-based and is located at: <http://check.headsprout.com/>

In multi-computer and multi-user environments, we provide a tool to create Desktop Icons (Internet shortcuts) that makes the process of teachers logging into and out of their accounts quick and easy.

Using Headsprout software does not require any complex settings to your existing network security. Just allow traffic from the Headsprout.com domain over port 80 (for HTTP traffic) and port 443 (for SSL traffic). It's that easy!

Have questions? Please call Technical Support at 1-800-401-5062 ext. 7300

For Technical Coordinators:

We provide a suite of online tools that allow you to manage multiple Headsprout Teacher accounts from a centralized, consistent interface. For more information, please contact School Support at 1-800-401-5062 ext. 7800

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A mouse or trackball is required for all configurations. Touch screens are not currently supported.