

# Technology Requirements for Blackboard Learn 9.1

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## Recommended Browsers

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The SCSU Blackboard environment supports three primary browsers. A list of browsers are provided below:

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

Browser Supported Desktop\* Browser Versions:

- Chrome\*\* 36+
- Firefox\*\* 31+
- 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. **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.
6. **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](mailto:helpme@scsu.edu))

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For Mac Users:  
Apple iTunes & Apple QuickTime

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