



Academic Computing and Networking Services




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Personal Computer Hardware Standards

Below is a list of desktop software standards supported at Colorado State University. Each product has an arrow associated with it.

	An up arrow indicates the product is the upcoming or the most current standard on campus. Users are encouraged to implement these products as soon as possible and can expect the highest degree of support for items with this symbol. Generally, these products are supported with consultation and training.
	A right arrow indicates that the product is no longer the most current or that there is a question about the stability of the company that supports the product. While many of the products in this category are widely used on campus, their usefulness may be limited due to changing industry or campus standards. Those using products in this category should plan to migrate to a currently supported product within 18 to 24 months, or sooner as opportunity permits (for example, when upgrades are being done).
	A down arrow indicates the product is outdated and is no longer supported. Users should make immediate plans to upgrade to a supported product.
UR	Indicates a product is under review.

Support

Academic Computing and Networking Services (ACNS) will provide support for products with an up arrow. Support may consist of training, consulting, troubleshooting, or purchasing.

- Training is provided for system administrators and users. System administrator training is accomplished through demonstrations and technical user groups. User training is accomplished via demonstrations, hands-on workshops and self-teaching materials (video tapes, CD-ROM's). Currently user training is provided for the one industry standard software suite, Microsoft Office. In addition, training is provided for the most current Windows and UNIX operating systems, electronic mail programs, and web browser, composer, and course development software.
- Consulting is available for supported products through services provided by Computer Training and Support Services (CTSS) and the ACNS Computing Help Desk, located in 224A Weber.
- For supported products ACNS will secure the best educational pricing available from vendors or, where possible, acquire site licenses. Products are sold or distributed through [RAMtech](#).

Minimum Desktop Hardware Standards for CSU Owned Computers

Desktop Hardware *	Windows PC		Macintosh	
Processor	Intel Core i-Series	↑	Intel Core i-Series	↑
Memory	8 GB	↑	8 GB	↑
Disk	200 GB, SSD	↑	128 GB +	↑
Video Card	512 MB dedicated memory	↑		
Network Interface Card	10/100/1000	↑	10/100/1000	↑
Wireless			802.11n/ac	↑
External Monitor	20" wide screen	↑	20" wide screen or larger (flat screen) (laptop: 13" or larger)	↑
Peripherals	DVDRW	↑	Apple USB SuperDrive	↑
	Optional: Removable media			
	Sound capable	↑	Built-in	↑
* UNIX - Because of the wide and divergent variety of hardware and operating systems for UNIX, straightforward desktop and server hardware UNIX standards are difficult to define.				

Colorado State University has access to state contracts with certain vendors which can result in significant savings on computer hardware.

Please visit the [CSU Purchasing](#) website for additional information.

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