Minimum Client System Requirements

Before you can get started in a Blackboard Collaborate Web Conferencing session, you should ensure that your computer is able to support the needs of the collaboration environment.

Tip: For all users, we strongly recommend that you use a headset (or at least headphones or an echo canceling microphone) rather than speakers when using simultaneous talkers. This will eliminate potential echoing and feedback and improve your audio experience.

Your computer should meet or exceed the following minimum requirements:

**Windows**

- Windows XP (32 bit), Windows Vista (32 or 64 bit) or Windows 7 (32 or 64 bit)
- Pentium III 1 GHz processor

**Mac OS X**

- Mac OS X 10.5 (32 or 64 bit) or Mac OS X 10.6 (32 or 64 bit)
- G4, G5 or Intel processor

**Linux**

- Ubuntu 9.10 (64 bit)
- Pentium III 1 GHz processor

In addition to the above requirements, all clients require the following:

- Java version 1.5 or higher

**Note:** For a 32 bit OS use a 32 bit JVM and for a 64 bit OS use a 64 bit JVM. If the correct version of Java is not detected, Blackboard Collaborate will prompt you to install a new version.

- 256 MB RAM
- 20 MB free disk space
- 28.8 KBps Internet connection
- Windows or Linux: sound card with speakers and microphone or headset (or telephone for Telephony users)
- Macs: internal, USB, or external iSight microphone (or telephone for Telephony users)