System Hardware Recommendations

ABSOLUTE MINIMUM SPECS

(Good for running *at most* one or two apps simultaneously and VERY FEW browser tabs open simultaneously… life expectancy 3 years or less)

- Intel i5 CPU running at 1.2GHz or faster with 4 cores
- 8Gb of RAM
- 256Gb SSD hard drive

RECOMMENDED SPECS

(Good for running a few apps simultaneously as long as there aren't many browser tabs open… life expectancy 3-5 years)

- Intel i7 CPU running at 2.4GHz or faster with 4-6 cores
- 16Gb of RAM
- 512Gb SSD hard drive

OPTIMAL SPECS

(Good for running several apps simultaneously with many browser tabs open - including photo and video editing aps - life expectancy at least 5 years)

- Intel i7 CPU running at 3GHz or faster with 8-10 cores
- 32Gb of RAM
- 256Gb NVMe hard drive (larger if you work offline a lot)

NOTES

- Nothing less than an i5 processor (i.e., i3 or Celeron) is recommended for ANY use
- Windows continues to grow in size, and it now takes over 4Gb of RAM just to load the operating system (leaving nothing to open your apps)
- The above specs assume ONE user is signed in at a time. DO NOT use "switch user" (ever)… always sign out. When 2 users are signed in, each user gets 1/2 of the total CPU/RAM/HDD resources (1/3 if there are 3 signed in)
- Although AMD's chips (like the Ryzen series) work great for gaming, they have often had incompatibility issues (unpredictable behavior) with business software, so we don't recommend them for business use
- If you need to run graphics-intensive apps (like CAD software, 3D modeling or high-end photo/video editing software) you might want to go with an i9 CPU, although these are still pretty pricey