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System Hardware Recommendations for NaturallySpeaking Version 11.x (all editions)

The following provide “**Minimum**” and “**Minimum Recommended**” hardware requirements for using Dragon NaturallySpeaking version 11. The **Minimum Recommended** hardware will generally allow NaturallySpeaking to provide full accuracy and performance. Minimum Hardware is specified by the manufacturer and will allow NaturallySpeaking to install and operate well but the performance and accuracy may range from slightly too substantially lower than optimal. Upgrades for the recommended system requirements are noted below the minimum specifications. While it is not possible to predict how NaturallySpeaking will work on every system, here is a good operational test:

“If you are not impressed with the dictation results, it is not working correctly.”

Supported Operating Systems

- Windows Server 2003 and 2008, Sp1, Sp2 and R2, 32-bit and 64-bit
- Win XP SP2 or higher - 32 bit - Home & Prof
- Windows Vista™ SP1 or SP2, 32-bit and 64-bit (all 4 WV editions)
- Windows 7™ 32-bit and 64-bit (all 3 W7 editions)

Minimum System Requirements

These are the manufactures minimum system requirements. Meeting these specifications will allow the software to be installed and run, however both performance and accuracy may be reduced.

- Intel® Pentium4® or later or AMD Athlon 64 1 GHz or later.
Note: [SSE2 instruction set required](#).
see http://www.exaq.com/Documents/DNS10_SSE2_error-3005.pdf
- 512 MB RAM (Medical 1 GB) (2 GB RAM for Windows 7)
- L2 Cache: 512 KB
- 2.5 GB Free Hard Disk Space
- DVD-ROM (required for installation)
- SoundBlaster® 16 Compatible Sound Card (USB port can be used with USB microphones)
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 6 or higher
- Internet Connection (for activation)
- Speakers (required for playback of recorded speech and text to speech features)

Minimum Recommended System Requirements

Minimum System with the following upgrades to:

- 2 GB RAM (3 GB RAM for Windows 7 and/or Dragon Professional, Medical, or Legal)
- L2 Cache: 2 MB
- 3 GB Free Hard Disk Space for Standard & Preferred, 5 GB for Pro, Medical, and Legal
- 2.4 GHz or faster processor (1.8 GHz dual core processor) *

* 2.4 GHz or faster processor is recommended however processors as slow as 1.5 GHz generally seem to provide full functionality if an excessive number of applications and/or processes are not running at the same time.