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System Hardware Recommendations Dragon NaturallySpeaking Version 13.x (all editions)

The following provides “**Minimum**” and “**Minimum Recommended**” hardware requirements for using Dragon NaturallySpeaking version 13. The **Minimum Recommended** hardware will generally allow Dragon products to provide full accuracy and performance. **Minimum** Hardware is specified by the manufacturer and will allow Dragon products to install and operate, however the performance and accuracy may range from slightly too substantially lower than optimal. **Minimum 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, your Dragon is not working correctly.”

Supported Operating Systems

- Microsoft Windows 8 and 8.1, 32-bit and 64-bit
- Microsoft Windows 7, SP1, 32-bit and 64-bit
- Windows Server 2008, SP1, SP2 and R2 64-bit
- Windows Server 2012 Standard Edition

Important Notes:

1. Dragon must be installed on the users (Client) computer or a remote (server) computer running a compatible version of Windows or Windows Server software.. **Successful remote (RDP/RDC) installations require a clear understanding of the network and operational limitations *prior to purchase – call for more details.***
2. It may be possible to run Dragon on a Mac OS using a Windows emulator (Boot Camp, Parallels, etc.)

Minimum System Requirements

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

- Processor: 1.0 GHz Intel® dual core or equivalent AMD processor, or faster.
Note: [SSE2 instruction set required.](#)
- 2GB RAM 32-bit Window 7, 8 and 8.1, 4 GB RAM for 64-bit Windows 7, 8, 8.1 & Windows Server 2008 R2 and Server 2012
- L2 Cache: 512 KB
- 4 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 9 or higher or current version of Chrome™ or Firefox®
- Internet Connection (for activation)
- Speakers (required for playback of recorded speech and text to speech features)

Minimum Recommended System Requirements

The above **Minimum System** Requirements with the following recommended upgrades to:

- Processor: 2.4 GHz or faster Intel Dual Core or equivalent AMD processor (Intel Atom and Celeron processors are NOT recommended for best performance)
- RAM: 4 GB RAM (6 GB RAM for Windows 7 and/or Dragon Professional and Legal) *
- L2 Cache: 2 MB
- 3 GB Free Hard Disk Space for Home and Premium, 5 GB for Pro and Legal

* 2 additional GB RAM recommended if possible when many applications or graphics intensive programs are being used at the same time.

Users with solid-state drives have reported seeing substantial increase in performance when using Dragon.
Note: 4GB of RAM is the maximum on 32 bit processors.