



Desktop Readiness Assessment

Recommended Minimum Hardware Requirements



RAM¹	256 MB	
Processor¹	PC - 800 MHz Pentium or equivalent Mac - PowerPC G4 450 Mhz or better	
Hard Drive Capacity²	20 GB	
Free Disk Space²	70 MB	
Monitor Resolution³	800x600	
Monitor Mode³	16 bit	

¹Windows users: Click on "Start", "My Computer", "System Tasks", "View System Information"

²Windows users: Click on "Start", "My Computer", check under "Hard Disk Drive"

³Windows users: Right click anywhere on your desktop, click on "Properties", select the "Settings" tab

Recommended Software Requirements

Spreadsheet (reporting)	Excel 2000 or later	
View UPK and Job Aids	MS Office 2000 or later	
PDF Viewer	Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0 or later	

NOTE: To find the version of your software, open it, click on "Help", "About". Adobe Acrobat reader can be downloaded free at www.adobe.com.

Browser Compatibility

Operating System	Firefox 1.5	Mozilla 1.7	MS Internet Explorer 5.5	MS Internet Explorer 6	Netscape Navigator 7.x	Netscape Communicator 7.x	Safari 1.3
Windows XP	X	X		X	X		
Windows 2000	X	X	X	X	X		
UNIX	X	X				X	
LINUX	X	X			X		
Mac OS X	X	X					X

NOTE: UVM recommends Firefox/Mozilla as browser solutions. You will need to have Internet Explorer 5.5 or later to "Take a Test Drive" with the Oracle/PeopleSoft software. Once Oracle/PeopleSoft is up and running it will work fine on Firefox/Mozilla.



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Knowledge, Skills, & Abilities



A valid UVM NetID and password	
Understand log-in and password procedures	
Know basic functions of your operating system	
Know basic e-mail functions: send, receive, delete, forward	
Know basic functions of navigating Web-based applications	
Know basic computer skills: using a mouse, cleaning your Internet cache, using cookies	

NOTE: Visit www.uvm.edu/account/ to activate a UVM Net ID or change your password. If you do not currently have a UVM Net ID check with your supervisor.

Additional Information

- ◆ Oracle/PeopleSoft is a Web-based application and the performance you will experience will be affected by a variety of factors. As long as you meet or exceed the requirements listed above your performance will be acceptable. However, the Web can transmit data only as fast as your Internet connection allows. While you will be able to access and use Oracle/PeopleSoft at remote locations with a dial-up modem, performance will be slow. If you are currently working with FRS and/or HRS and expect to do a significant amount of work in Oracle/PeopleSoft going forward you may want to consider upgrading your connection to DSL or cable.
- ◆ If you will be using Oracle/PeopleSoft frequently you should have a monitor with a resolution of 1024x768 and 32 bit mode.
- ◆ You will not be required to have VPN (virtual private network) installed on your computer to access Oracle/PeopleSoft from remote locations. The CATalyst Technology Team has designed the system so that this is not necessary.
- ◆ When using Oracle/PeopleSoft through an off-site computer, be aware that your personal firewall settings can affect your ability to access the software.
- ◆ While Windows 98 is no longer supported by UVM, you will be able to access Oracle/PeopleSoft as long as you have an up-to-date Internet browser installed.