Edge Hill University

LEARNING EDGE SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

WHAT DOES MY COMPUTER NEED TO USE LEARNING EDGE?

Requirements for Using Learning Edge

Ensuring that your computer has the **minimum** requirements for using Learning Edge should mean that you can use all the main features of Edge Hill University's online learning environment without major problems.

The **recommended** specifications would make your use of the Learning Edge system more comfortable and allow you to do a bit more with it.

This list is a generic list intended as guidance, and your department or faculty will be able to give you specific requirements for your course, and details of what Learning Edge tools are being used in it. As Learning Edge is constantly being developed, the systems requirements for its use it will change over time.

An easy way to get started is to run the Blackboard 'Browser Checker', as this will give you an overview of how well your system is set up to use Blackboard, which is the main part of Learning Edge.

If your own computer does not meet the minimum requirements, on-campus computers are available for use.

Tool/Software	Minimum Requirements	Recommended Requirements

Blackboard Learn
 	
Note that all students will be using this.
	• Internet connection
	• A supported browser.
	   o Ensure your system can run one of those browsers. Check the system requirements page for them (see examples for Chrome, Firefox, and Edge.)
	• Content can be in a range of formats, so ask your course leader for details. The most common content types and requirements are:
	   o Office documents – you will need software that opens Microsoft Office documents, and saves in a compatible format (e.g. Microsoft Office or LibreOffice). Check if you can get free software for your own computer.
	   o PDF Documents – you would need a PDF viewer such as Adobe Reader.
	   o Your department should be able to advise if there are other specific types of files that you'll need to open.
		As with Minimum Requirements, but with:
		
		• Broadband Internet connection
		• More than one supported browser for your Operating System.
		• Monitor resolution 1024 x 768 or higher.

Turnitin	• [Turnitin's System Requirement page](#) notes at the time of writing that to use Turnitin your computer will need a range of things, including:
	
	    o 3GB of RAM or more
	
	    o 1024x768 display or higher
	
	    o Broadband internet connection
	
	    o Internet browser set to allow all cookies from Turnitin.com/TurnitinUK.com
	
	    o Javascript enabled
	
	    o Mac users will need at least Mac OS X Intel v10.7+, El Capitan 10.11	

Collaborate	For Collaborate Ultra • Use [a recommended browser](#). For the best experience use the latest version of Google Chrome or Firefox • Sound card and speakers or headphones for listening. • Broadband/high-speed internet connection.	• Check the advice on Blackboard Collaborate's [accessibility features](#). • A microphone/webcam may be required if the Presenter allows audio/visual contribution from Participants.
eShare	• PDF viewer, for example [Adobe Reader](#) • Your department should be able to advise if there are other specific types of files that you'll need to open.	