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Application Software
Purchase and Installation
Purchasing Software

System Requirements- The minimum hardware and software requirements and recommendations in order to install and use the software.

Requirements v.s.
Recommendations
Requirements and Recommendations (WHY?)

HARDWARE

- CPU type and speed
- RAM memory
- Input Devices: mouse, joystick, etc.
- Output Devices: monitor, speakers, etc.
- Hard Disk Space

SOFTWARE

- Operating System and Version
- Upgrade v.s. New Install
Why does software require a certain amount of hard disk space?

Usually, installed permanently on hard disk drive.

Why does software require a CD-ROM?

The software comes on this type of media.
Software Installation

Typical Software Installation

• software and related files copied from CD-ROM to the user’s hard disk drive

• Install all or part of the software components

• CD-ROM or diskettes needed only for backup

• one user installation per purchase (see license agreement EULA)
Other Possibilities

• Install only software components needed or have available disk space for

• Some files (usually graphic, video, and sound files) must reside on the CD-ROM. User must have CD-ROM in drive to run software (copy protection scheme).

Installing Software

• User runs installation program, such as:
  
  install or setup
CAUTION
Before Purchasing Software

• Read all of the system requirements carefully

• Be prepared to upgrade your computer’s hardware and/or operating system if you have an older computer.

Good ideas:

• Know the store’s return policy.

• Know the software company’s support policy