



# System Requirements for Prior Versions of Home Designer

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This article also applies to the following legacy products:

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## QUESTION

I have to replace my computer that I run Home Designer on. What are the system requirements for my legacy version of Home Designer?

## ANSWER

You can view system requirements for prior and legacy versions of Home Designer below. System requirements for the current version of Home Designer can be viewed on the [System Requirements webpage](https://www.homedesignersoftware.com/products/system-requirements.html) (<https://www.homedesignersoftware.com/products/system-requirements.html>).

Although it may be possible to operate Home Designer on a computer that does not meet the system requirements, Chief Architect, Inc. will not support any configuration that is not listed below.

**Note:** Please view the [Known Incompatibilities](https://www.chiefarchitect.com/products/known-incompatibilities.html) (<https://www.chiefarchitect.com/products/known-incompatibilities.html>) page and read our ChiefBlog article (<https://www.chiefarchitect.com/blog/computer-for-design-and-gaming/>) before purchasing a new computer for use with Home Designer products. In addition, access the [Related Articles](#) section below to discover additional resources that may be helpful.

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# Home Designer 2025

Version 26, released in 2024

Windows computers with ARM processors are not supported (e.g. Snapdragon processors).

## Minimum

- Windows 10 / 11 (64-bit) or macOS 13 / 14 / 15 (Ventura / Sonoma / Sequoia)
- 16 GB of RAM
- 5 GB of available hard disk space
- Video Card:
  - Windows: 4 GB of dedicated RAM or Intel integrated graphics on 8th generation or newer Intel processors. DirectX 12 requires Shader Model 6.0 or newer.
  - Mac: Apple M1 or newer, or an Intel/AMD card with 2GB of dedicated memory

with support for Metal GPUFamily macOS 2 or newer.

- Internet access required for installation, license authentication, deactivation and video & library catalog access. Internet access for license authentication is required once every 14 days.

### Recommended

- 32 GB of RAM
- 1 TB SSD
- PC
  - Intel i9 / AMD Ryzen 9
  - NVIDIA GeForce RTX 4080 / AMD Radeon RX 7900
  - A screen of 16" or more
- Mac
  - Metal GPUFamily: Apple M3 or newer
  - Desktops: Mac Pro
  - Laptops: MacBook Pro 16"

# Home Designer 2024

Version 25, released in 2023

Windows computers with ARM processors are not supported. It is recommended that laptops have a minimum 16" screen.

### Minimum

- Windows 10 / 11 (64-bit) or macOS 12 / 13 / 14 (Monterey / Ventura / Sonoma)
- 8 GB of RAM
- 5 GB of available hard disk space
- Video Card:
  - 4 GB of dedicated video memory or Intel integrated graphics on 6th generation or newer Intel processors (i3/i5/i7).
  - DirectX 12 supporting Shader Model 6 for a Windows-based PC.
  - Apple M1 or newer OR Intel/AMD card: 2 GB of RAM with support for Metal GPUFamily macOS 2 or newer.
- Internet access required for installation, license authentication, deactivation and video & library catalog access. Internet access for license authentication is required once every 14 days.

## Recommended

- 32 GB of RAM
- 1 TB SSD
- PC
  - Intel i9 / AMD Ryzen 9
  - NVIDIA GeForce RTX 4080 / AMD Radeon RX 7900
  - Laptops: Minimum 16" screen
- Mac
  - Metal GPU Family: Apple M3 or newer
  - Desktops: Mac Pro
  - Laptops: MacBook Pro 16"

# Home Designer 2023

Version 24, released in 2022

Windows computers with ARM processors are not supported. It is recommended that laptops have a minimum 15" screen.

## Minimum

- Windows 10 / 11 (64-bit) or macOS 11 / 12 / 13 (Big Sur / Monterey / Ventura)
- 8 GB of RAM
- 5 GB of available hard disk space
- Video Card:
  - 2 GB of dedicated video memory or Intel integrated graphics on 6th generation or newer Intel processors (i3/i5/i7).
  - DirectX 12 supporting Shader Model 6 for a Windows-based PC.
  - Apple M1 or newer OR Intel/AMD card: 2 GB of RAM with support for Metal GPU Family macOS 2 or newer.
- Internet access required for installation, license authentication, deactivation and video & library catalog access. Internet access for license authentication is required once every 14 days.

## Recommended

- 32 GB of RAM

- 512 GB SSD
- PC
  - Desktops:
    - Intel i9 / AMD Ryzen 5000
    - 8 GB NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3080 / AMD Radeon RX6800
  - Laptops:
    - Minimum 15" screen
    - Intel i7
    - 8 GB NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3070 / AMD Radeon RX 6800M
- Mac
  - Desktops:
    - Mac Pro
  - Laptops:
    - MacBook Pro 16"
    - Metal GPU Family: Apple M1 or newer
    - 8 GB video memory

# Home Designer 2022

Version 23, released in 2021

Windows computers with ARM processors are not supported. It is recommended that laptops have a minimum 15" screen.

## Minimum

- Windows 10 / 11 (64-bit) or macOS 10.15 / 11 / 12 (Catalina / Big Sur / Monterey)
- 8 GB of RAM
- 5 GB of available hard disk space
- Video Card:
  - 2 GB of dedicated video memory or Intel integrated graphics on 6th generation or newer Intel processors (i3/i5/i7).
  - DirectX 12 supporting Shader Model 6 for a Windows-based PC.
  - Metal GPU Family: Apple 7 (M1) or macOS 2 (Intel) for macOS systems.
- Internet access required for installation, license authentication, deactivation and video & library catalog access. Internet access for license authentication is required once every 14 days.

## Recommended

- 32 GB of RAM
- 512 GB SSD
- PC
  - Desktops:
    - Intel i9 / AMD Ryzen 5000
    - 8 GB NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3080 / AMD Radeon RX6800
  - Laptops:
    - Minimum 15" screen
    - Intel i7
    - 8 GB NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3070 / AMD Radeon RX 6800M
- Mac
  - Desktops:
    - Mac Pro
  - Laptops:
    - MacBook Pro 16"
    - Intel i9
    - 8 GB video memory

# Home Designer 2021

Version 22, released in 2020

Windows computers with ARM processors are not supported. It is recommended that laptops have a minimum 15" screen.

## Minimum

- Windows 10 / 8 / 7 (64-bit) or macOS 10.14 / 10.15 / 11 (Mojave / Catalina / Big Sur)
- 4 GB of RAM
- 5 GB of available hard disk space
- Video Card:
  - 1 GB of dedicated video card memory (minimum) or Intel integrated graphics on 5th generation or newer Intel processors (i3/i5/i7).
  - OpenGL 3.3 or higher (Windows)
  - OpenGL 4.1 or higher (Mac)
- Internet access required for installation, license authentication, deactivation, video, and library catalog access. Internet access for license validation is required once every 14 days.

## Recommended

- 32 GB of RAM
- 512 GB SSD
- PC
  - Desktops:
    - Intel i7 / AMD Ryzen 5000
    - 8 GB NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3070
  - Laptops:
    - Minimum 15" screen
    - Intel i7
    - 8 GB NVIDIA GeForce RTX 2070
- Mac
  - Desktops:
    - Mac Pro
  - Laptops:
    - MacBook Pro 16"
    - 8 GB video memory

# Home Designer 2020

Version 21, released in 2019

Windows computers with ARM processors are not supported. It is recommended that laptops have a minimum 15" screen.

## Minimum

- Windows 10 / 8 / 7 (64-bit) or macOS 10.13 / 10.14 / 10.15 (High Sierra / Mojave / Catalina)
- 4 GB of memory (RAM)
- 5 GB of available hard disk space
- Video Card:
  - 1 GB of dedicated video card memory (minimum) or Intel integrated graphics on 3rd generation or newer Intel processors.
  - OpenGL 3.3 or higher (Windows)
  - OpenGL 4.1 or higher (Mac)
- Internet access required for installation, license authentication, deactivation, video, and library catalog access. Internet access for license validation is required once every 14 days.

### Recommended

- 16 GB of memory (RAM)
- 50 GB of available hard disk space
- 4 GB or 8 GB gaming video card

# Home Designer 2019

Version 20, released in 2018

### Minimum

- Windows 10 / 8 / 7 (64-bit) or macOS 10.12 / 10.13 / 10.14 (Sierra / High Sierra / Mojave)
- Multi-core processor
- 4 GB of memory (RAM)
- 5 GB of available hard disk space
- Video Card:
  - 1 GB of dedicated video card memory or Intel integrated graphics on 3rd generation or newer Intel processors.
  - OpenGL 3.3 or higher (Windows)
  - OpenGL 4.1 or higher (Mac)
- Internet access required for installation, license authentication, deactivation, video, and library catalog access. Internet access for license validation is required once every 14 days.

### Recommended

- 16 GB of memory (RAM)
- 50 GB of available hard disk space
- 4 GB or 8 GB gaming video card

# Home Designer 2018

Version 19, released in 2017

### Minimum

- Windows 10 / 8 / 7 (64-bit) or Mac OSX 10.11 / 10.12 (El Capitan / Sierra)
- Multi-core processor



- 4 GB of memory (RAM)
- 5 GB of available hard disk space
- Video Card:
  - At least 512 MB of dedicated video memory or Intel integrated graphics on 3rd generation or newer Intel processors.
  - OpenGL 3.3 or higher (Windows)
  - OpenGL 4.1 or higher (Mac)
- Internet access required for installation, license authentication, deactivation, video, and library catalog access. Internet access for license validation is required once every 14 days.

### Recommended

- 16 GB of memory (RAM)
- 50 GB of available hard disk space
- 4 GB or 8 GB gaming video card

# Home Designer 2017

Version 18, released in 2016

- Windows 10 / 8 / 7 (32- or 64-bit) or Mac OSX 10.10 / 10.11 (Yosemite / El Capitan)
- Multi-core processor
- 4 GB RAM (64-bit) / 2 GB of RAM (32-bit)
- 5 GB of available hard disk space
- OpenGL 2.1 or newer
  - 512 MB dedicated video memory / Integrated Graphics
- Internet access required for installation, license authentication, deactivation, video and library catalog access. Internet access for license validation is required once every 14 days.

# Home Designer 2016

Version 17, released in 2015

- Windows 7 / 8 / 10 (32- or 64-bit) or Mac OS X 10.9 / 10.10 (Mavericks / Yosemite)
- 2.4 GHz processor or Multi-Core Processor
- 5 GB of available hard disk space
- 2 GB of RAM (32-bit) / 4 GB of RAM (64-bit)

- 512 MB of dedicated video memory or Integrated Graphics
- Monitor resolution of 1024 x 768
- High speed internet for registration, license authentication, deactivation, video and library catalog access
- DVD drive (if software purchased on DVD)

# Home Designer 2015

Version 16, released in 2014

- Windows Vista / 7 / 8 (32- or 64-bit) or Mac OS X v10.8 (Mountain Lion)
- 2.4 GHz processor or Multi-Core Processor
- 5 GB of available hard disk space
- 2 GB of RAM (32-bit); 4GB of RAM (64-bit)
- 512 MB of dedicated video memory or Integrated Graphics
- Monitor resolution of 1024 x 768
- High speed internet for registration, license authentication, deactivation, video and library catalog access
- DVD drive (if software purchased on DVD)

# Home Designer 2014

Version 15, released in 2012

- Windows Vista / 7 / 8 (32- or 64-bit)  
Windows XP (32-bit only)
- 2.4 GHz processor
- 5 GB of available hard disk space
- 2 GB of RAM
- 256 MB of dedicated video memory supporting OpenGL 2.1 or higher

Integrated graphics chipsets are not supported.

- Monitor resolution of 1024 x 768
- High speed internet for registration, video access, content downloads
- DVD drive (if software purchased on DVD)

# Home Designer 2012

Version 11, released in 2011

- Windows Vista / 7 (32- or 64-bit)  
Windows XP (32-bit only)
- 2.4 GHz processor
- 5 GB of available hard disk space
- 2 GB of RAM
- 256 MB of dedicated video memory supporting OpenGL 2.1 or higher

Integrated graphics chipsets are not supported.

- High speed internet for registration, video access, content downloads
- DVD drive (if software purchased on DVD)

# Home Designer 10

Released in 2010

- Windows XP / Vista / 7
- 2.4 GHz processor
- 5 GB of available hard disk space
- 2 GB of RAM
- 256 MB of dedicated video memory supporting OpenGL 2.0 or higher

Integrated graphics chipsets are not supported.

- High speed internet for registration, video access, content downloads
- DVD drive (if software purchased on DVD)

# Home Designer 9

Released in 2009

- Windows XP / Vista / 7
- 2.4 GHz processor
- 5 GB of available hard disk space
- 2 GB of RAM
- 256 MB of dedicated video memory supporting OpenGL 2

Integrated graphics chipsets are not supported.

- High speed internet for registration, video access
- DVD drive (if software purchased on DVD)

# Home Designer 8

Released in 2007

- Windows XP / Vista
- 1.2 GHz processor
- 1.5 GB of available hard disk space
- 1 GB of RAM when running Vista
- 512 MB of RAM when running XP
- A DVD-ROM drive

Integrated graphics chipsets are not supported.

# Home Designer 7

Released in 2005

- Windows 98 SE / 2000 / XP
- 400 MHz processor
- 800 MB of available disk space
- 64 MB of RAM or greater
- A CD-ROM drive

Integrated graphics chipsets are not supported.

# Home Designer 6

Released in 2003

- Windows 98 SE / ME / NT / 2000 / XP
- 400 MHz processor
- 1 GB of available hard disk space for a full installation (400 MB to install without all available program content)

- 64 MB of RAM
- CD-ROM drive
- 2-button mouse supported by Windows
- Color monitor which supports 16-bit color

Integrated graphics chipsets not supported.

## Chief Architect Home Edition 5.0

- Windows 95 / 98 / ME / NT / 2000 / XP
- 256 MHz processor
- 400 MB of available hard disk space
- 64 MB of RAM
- CD-Rom Drive
- 2-button mouse supported by Windows
- A color VGA, Super VGA, or higher resolution monitor supporting a minimum of 256 colors.

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### Related Articles

- 📄 [Identifying the Shader Model of Your Graphics Card in Windows \(/support/article/KB-03146/identifying-the-shader-model-of-your-graphics-card-in-windows.html\)](/support/article/KB-03146/identifying-the-shader-model-of-your-graphics-card-in-windows.html)
- 📄 [Intel Graphics Compatible with Chief Architect X17 and Home Designer 2026 \(/support/article/KB-03108/intel-graphics-compatible-with-chief-architect-x17-and-home-designer-2026.html\)](/support/article/KB-03108/intel-graphics-compatible-with-chief-architect-x17-and-home-designer-2026.html)
- 📄 [Locating the Message Log \(/support/article/KB-02908/locating-the-message-log.html\)](/support/article/KB-02908/locating-the-message-log.html)
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