

HHMI Competition System Requirements Information

I. Recommended Operating Systems and Browsers

While the HHMI Competition System will operate successfully across a wide range of browsers and operating systems, we have specifically tested using the following browsers and operating systems. If you are experiencing any technical difficulties, we recommend first trying one of the following browser/operating system combinations.

For best results, we recommend Internet Explorer for Windows and Safari for Mac.

If the problem persists, contact **Technical Support** using the contact links at the bottom of each page of the system.

	OPERATING SYSTEMS					
	Windows			Apple		Linux
BROWSERS	2000	XP	Vista	Mac OS 10.3.x	Mac OSX 10.5.x	Kernel 2.4
IE 6	Yes	Yes				
IE 7.0.x		Yes	Yes			
Firefox 1.0	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes
Firefox 2.0		Yes		Yes		
Firefox 3.0.x						
Mozilla 1.7						Yes
Safari 2.0.3				Yes		
Safari 3.2.x					Yes	

II. Download Locations for Browsers

You may download Internet Explorer [here](#).

You may download Firefox [here](#).

You may download Safari [here](#).

III. Adobe PDF Reader Support

Adobe Reader version 6.0 or higher is recommended to view any PDF files generated by this system.

You may download the latest version of Adobe Reader [here](#).

IV. Pop-Up Blockers Information

Some files in the HHMI Competition System launch and display in a secondary browser window. If your browser or third-party software program that you have installed blocks pop-up windows, follow that product's

instructions for allowing pop-up windows from this domain.

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V. Plug-in Information

Many browsers incorporate plug-ins that block scripts, cookies, or other web content (e.g., "Noscript" in Firefox). Refer to your browser's Help for more information about disabling plug-ins or adding www.hhmi.org to your "allow" list.