Technology Requirements

Broadband Internet

A fast internet connection ensures that students navigate through Populi quickly and efficiently, typically DSL or cable service.

A modern, updated web browser

Populi runs on up-to-date releases of popular web browsers. Here are the browsers we recommend for use with Populi. We recommend students to always try to use the most recent version possible—as companies release newer versions of browsers, they usually drop support for older versions.

PC or Mac

- **Google Chrome** is probably the best option if you're using Windows. It's also very good for Mac users.
- **Mozilla Firefox** is another good choice on Windows computers (works pretty okay on Macs, too).
- **Apple Safari** is great on Macs. Not so much on Windows.
- Last and certainly least, **Internet Explorer**. If you're using Windows 10, they're encouraging you to use **Microsoft Edge**.

Mobile browsers

- iOS Safari does well, as does Google Chrome for iOS.
- The stock Android browser works, as does Chrome for Android.
- The Firefox browsers for both iOS and Android aren't problematic.
- Microsoft Edge (mentioned above) is baked-in to Windows 10 devices and works with Populi; the version of Internet Explorer in Windows 8.1 does alright, too.

If you tend to tinker with your browser settings, make sure to enable Javascript and cookies. Ad-blockers don't pose any problems for the most part, but if you do fiddle with those, just make sure to whitelist your school's Populi site.

Other common applications

You can use Populi to export all kinds of files. The three most common are spreadsheets, PDFs, and word documents (note the lower-case *w* there). Most computers have the software you need to open these files, but in case yours doesn't...

- **Open Office** can open spreadsheets and documents (we use it to generate files for **custom page layouts**).
- **Adobe Acrobat reader** handles PDFs. If, for some reason, you have to use an old version, the oldest one that works is version 6.

Monitor

Populi is easiest to use if your monitor is set at a minimum resolution of 1280 x 1024 pixels. This is not something most users with a modern computer or monitor need to worry about, but there it is anyway!

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