

System Requirements

The first task you need to complete is to make sure that your computer meets the minimum system requirements. If your system does not meet these requirements, problems can occur, both within AutoCAD Architecture and at the operating system level.

Whether your Windows operating system is the 32-bit or the 64-bit version, the version is automatically detected during installation. The appropriate version of AutoCAD Architecture is installed. A 64-bit version of AutoCAD Architecture cannot be installed on a 32-bit system and vice-versa.

See the following table for hardware and software requirements.

32-bit Hardware and Software Requirements

Operating systems	Windows® XP Home and Professional Edition SP2 or later Windows Vista Enterprise SP1 Windows Vista Business SP1 Windows Vista Ultimate SP1 Windows Vista Home Premium SP1	For more information about Windows Vista versions see: http://www.microsoft.com/windowsvista/versions
Browser	Internet Explorer® 7.0 or later	
CPU type	Intel® Pentium® 4, 3.0 GHz or greater with SSE2 technology AMD Athlon™, 3.0 GHz or greater with SSE2 technology Dual Core Supported	
Memory	2 GB RAM (Minimum) 3 GB RAM (Recommended)	
Display resolution	1024 x 768 with True Color (Minimum) 1280 x 1024 with True Color (Recommended)	
Hard disk	Default install 2.5 GB Full Install 2.6 GB	A 32-bit AutoCAD Architecture cannot be installed on a 64-bit Windows operating system and vice-versa.

32-bit Hardware and Software Requirements

Display card	128 MB graphics card (Minimum) 256 MB or greater, Direct3D® capable workstation class 3D graphics card (Recommended)	For more information about graphic cards: http://usa.autodesk.com/adsk/service.html?siteID=123112&cid=6711853&hid=9240618
Pointing device	MS-Mouse compliant	
DVD	Any speed (for installation only)	
Optional hardware	Printer or plotter Digitizer Internet access Network interface card	

64-bit Hardware and Software Requirements

Operating systems	Windows® XP Professional x64 Edition SP2 or later Windows Vista Enterprise SP1 Windows Vista Business SP1 Windows Vista Ultimate SP1 Windows Vista Home Premium SP1	For more information about Windows Vista versions see: http://www.microsoft.com/windowsvista/versions
Browser	Internet Explorer 7.0 or later	
CPU type	AMD Athlon™ 64 with SSE2 technology AMD Opteron™ with SSE2 technology Intel Xeon with Intel EM64T support and SSE2 technology Intel Pentium 4 with Intel EM64T support and SSE2 technology	
Memory	2 GB RAM (Minimum) 4 GB RAM (Recommended)	
Display resolution	1024 x 768 with True Color (Minimum) 1280 x 1024 with True Color (Recommended)	

64-bit Hardware and Software Requirements

Hard disk	Default installation 2.8 GB Full Installation 2.9 GB	A 64-bit AutoCAD Architecture cannot be installed on a 32-bit Windows operating system and vice-versa.
Display card	128 MB graphics card (Minimum) 256 MB or greater, Direct3D® capable workstation class 3D graphics card (Recommended)	For more information about graphic cards: http://usa.autodesk.com/adsk/ser-vice?siteID=123112&cid=6711853&hid=9240618
Pointing device	MS-Mouse compliant	
DVD	Any speed (for installation only)	
Optional hardware	Printer or plotter Internet access Network interface card	

NOTE Adobe Flash Player is not installed by default. If a version of Flash is not currently installed on your system, a message is displayed requesting that you download it from Adobe's website. If you do not have Internet access, you can also access the Flash installer on the AutoCAD Architecture disc.

Understanding Administrative Permission Requirements

To install AutoCAD Architecture, you must have administrator permissions. You do not need to have domain administrative permissions. See your system administrator for information about administrative permissions.

You do not need administrator permissions to run AutoCAD Architecture. You can run the program as a limited user.

Locating Your Serial Number and Product Key

When you install AutoCAD Architecture, you are prompted for your serial number and product key in the Product and User Information page. The serial number and product key are located on the outside of the product packaging, or in the email you received if you downloaded your product. Make sure to have these available before you install the program so that you don't have to stop in the middle of the installation.