Hardware and Software Requirements

Because WebCT is based on the World Wide Web, you will need to have access to a computer and the hardware and software resources needed to access the World Wide Web. Suggestions for each are listed below:

Computer

- the computer must be robust enough to run one of the recent web browsers and download files in a reasonable amount of time. For personal computers, we recommend at least a 486 personal computer (or its equivalent Apple or Unix machine) with at least eight Mbytes of RAM.

Web Access

- you will need to be able to reach the World Wide Web, either through a network at your place of business or through a modem connection from home. The modem should be at least 28.8 kbps. If you can, use an Internet Service Provider (ISP) that has a local access number so that you can avoid long distance charges.

Browsers & WebCT Compatibility

(King's is using WebCT Version 4.1.1.5)

Supported Browsers

For WebCT courses at King's College, we recommend that you use the following browsers.

PC:
- Netscape 6.2.x (may require an updated Java plug-in), 7.0, and 7.1
- Internet Explorer 5.0, 5.5, 6.0
- AOL OS X

MAC:
- Netscape 6.2.x (may require an updated Java plug-in; OS 9.x and OS X), 7.0, and 7.1 (OS X)
- Internet Explorer 5.1 (OS 9.x and OS X 10.1) and 5.2 (OS X 10.1, 10.2, 10.3)
- AOL 7.0 and 8.0

To determine your browser version:

- Open your browser
- From the browser menu bar, select HELP
- Select ABOUT. If there are several, choose the one about your browser. A screen will appear that shows your browser name and version.

Downloading Netscape Navigator

- Netscape Communicator; PC Compatibles or Macintosh versions: http://home.netscape.com/computing/download
**Downloading Internet Explorer**

- Internet Explorer for the Macintosh: [http://www.microsoft.com/mac/ie](http://www.microsoft.com/mac/ie)
- Internet Explorer for PC Compatibles: [http://www.microsoft.com/windows/ie](http://www.microsoft.com/windows/ie)

**Preparing Your Computer Settings for WebCT**

Your WebCT online courses reside on a WebCT server, a central host computer kept on campus. You access your WebCT courses through a Web browser such as Netscape or Internet Explorer. While using WebCT you will also use other applications that reside on your own computer, such as word processing programs, audio and video players, or HTML editors. You will want to be sure that your computer’s settings are optimized for running a WebCT course. Check the following to optimize your browser for WebCT:

1. **Use a Supported Web Browser**
   Be sure you’re using one of the supported Web browsers listed at the top of this page. Browsers that are not listed are not supported.

2. **Enable Java**
   - In Netscape Communicator:
     - Select Edit > Preferences
     - Select Advanced
     - Make sure the **Enable Java** and **Enable JavaScript** boxes are checked
     - Click **OK**
   - In Internet Explorer:
     - You do not have to do anything

3. **Set Your Browser Cache to Always Reload a Page**
   - In Netscape Communicator:
     - Select **Edit > Preferences**
     - Click the + sign next to **Advanced** to see more options
     - Select **Cache**
     - Select the **Every Time** radio button at the bottom
     - Click **OK**
   - In Internet Explorer:
     - Select **Tools > Internet Options**
     - Select the **General** tab
     - Select **Settings** from Temporary Internet Files
     - Select the **Every Visit to the Page** radio button
     - Click **OK**