

Can My Computer Run ArcGIS Pro? Flowchart

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The flowchart below provides a quick way to see if your computer system may be capable of running ArcGIS Pro. More detail can be found in the accompanying PDF **Can My Computer Run ArcGIS Pro?**

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My computer is running:

Windows

Windows 8.1 or earlier

NO: Computers running Windows 8.1 or earlier have old hardware that is not worth spending money on upgrading.

Windows 10 or 11

1 processor core OR
≤ 8 GB RAM

NO: Your computer does not meet ArcGIS Pro's hardware requirements without one or more upgrades. Typically RAM can usually be upgraded while processors cannot.

2 or more processor cores
AND > 8 GB RAM

YES: Your computer can run ArcGIS Pro.

MacOS

Intel Mac with
core i3 processor
or running MacOS
10.15 or older

NO: Your computer does not meet the hardware requirements to run Windows 10/11, which is required for ArcGIS Pro.

Either:

A) Intel Mac with
more than 1 core
AND processor
faster than 2.2
Ghz

OR
**B) Apple Silicon
Mac** (M1/M2/M3
processor)

≤ 8 GB RAM and <100
GB free disk space

NO: Your computer does not meet the hardware requirements to run Windows 10, which is required for ArcGIS Pro.

≤ 8 GB RAM and >100
GB free disk space

YES but it will run very slow: upgrade RAM if possible. Run Windows 10 via:
A) Intel Macs: Boot Camp
B) Apple Silicon Macs: virtualization

> 8 GB RAM and <100
GB free disk space

YES: Can run Windows 10 via virtualization on an external drive.

> 8 GB RAM and >100
GB free disk space

YES, can run Windows 10 via:
A) Intel Macs: virtualization OR Boot Camp
B) Apple Silicon Macs: virtualization

ChromeOS

NO: Chromebooks do not possess adequate specifications to run Windows 10 and ArcGIS Pro virtually.

If your answer from the flowchart is:

YES:

- You can use your computer as is.

YES with conditions:

- You'd have to upgrade your computer so it meets ArcGIS Pro's requirements. Some upgrades like adding RAM to a newer computer is relatively easy, while others can be challenging. And consider whether it is worth spending money upgrading an older computer (if > about 4 yrs old, usually not) versus purchasing a new computer.

NO: Your options include:

- Borrow a different computer that meets Windows 10/11 and ArcGIS Pro's system requirements.
- Purchase a new computer that meets Windows 10/11 and ArcGIS Pro's requirements.