# HiArch 2026 Computer Requirements

HiArch Week 1 will focus on digital drafting in Rhino 8, a 3D computer graphics and CAD program commonly used by architecture students. All HiArch students must bring their own laptop that is capable of running Rhino 8.

We recommend downloading the [free version](#) of Rhino 8 prior to HiArch. There will be instruction on Day 1 for students who cannot download it in advance.

## Computer System Requirements
Students may use either a PC or a Mac. Requirements for each are as follows.

### Windows

Hardware
-   64-bit Intel or AMD processor (not ARM)
-   At least 8 GB memory (RAM) is recommended
-   5 GB disk space

Operating system
-   Windows 10 or 11

### Mac

Hardware
-   Apple Mac with Intel or Apple processor
-   At least 8 GB memory (RAM) is recommended
-   10 GB disk space

Operating system
-   macOS 15 (Sequoia), macOS 14 (Sonoma), macOS 13 (Ventura), or macOS 12.4 (Monterey)

View full requirements at [https://www.rhino3d.com/8/system-requirements/](https://www.rhino3d.com/8/system-requirements/).

## Additional Requirements

-   A 3-button computer mouse with scroll wheel. Using a mouse is strongly preferred when working in Rhino. Very inexpensive ones can be purchased [on Amazon](#) or elsewhere.