

HEADSETS: Headsets are required for EDCI 718, 887, 888 and, 858. EDCI 786 courses are dependent upon the individual instructor. You will not be able to be heard by others on WimbaLive! or any of the other videoconferencing webtools without a headset, because the computer's internal audio is not sufficient.

WEBCAMS: Webcams are required for EDCI 887 and 888. All other courses are dependent upon the individual instructor.

Recommendations for Windows (For 2009 computer recommendations, see <http://www.k-state.edu/infotech/buying/>)

OS and Browser

- Windows 2000, Windows XP or Windows Vista - Vista has some trouble with WimbaLive!, Internet Explorer 6, Mozilla Firefox 1.5, (or higher on these browsers, since the later the update the better).
- Do not use Netscape with WimbaLive!

Web Camera

- Philips SPC900NC/100
- Logitech Quickcam Fusion
- Logitech Quickcam for Notebooks Pro (USB 2.0)
- Logitech Quickcam for Notebooks Deluxe (USD 1.1)
- Logitech Quickcam Pro 5000

**These are suggestions for web cameras that work best for videoconferencing. Newer models may replace these options. When purchasing these camera typically looks for a USB 2.0 camera (requires as USB 2.0 port) and high video transfer rate (BestBuy, Radio Shack, or eBay are good places to buy these, which start around \$70, though they can be purchased more cheaply).

Headset Recommendations for Windows

- Echo canceling headset with microphone and a usb port (these can be purchased at BestBuy or Radio Shack for \$55-\$75 or online). A usb port allows better headset reception and lasts longer.
- Website with price comparisons at <http://www.headsets.com/computer/usb/1>

Recommendations for Mac OS X

OS and Browser

- Logitech Quickcam Pro 5000
- Mac OS X 10.2, 10.3, 10.4 (Power PC or Intel Processors)(10.5 when released).
- Safari 1.1, Mozilla Firefox 1.5 1 (or higher on these browsers). Do not use Netscape with WimbaLive!

Web Camera

- Apple iSight
- iRez 1394 from Global Media
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Headset Recommendations for Apple

- Echo canceling headset and microphone with usb connection
- Website with price comparisons at <http://www.headsets.com/computer/usb/1>

Apple's iSight camera offers unsurpassed video quality on the Mac OS X platform. It connects to the Firewire port, which means all USD bandwidth and power is available for audio equipment.

Because the Apple computer often lacks a microphone input, we only recommend USB-based audio hardware for Mac OS X users. A usb port allows better headset reception and lasts longer

Additional Computer Requirements for Windows and Apple

In order to use much of the software on K State Online and other programs, the following is recommended:

- Adobe's Macromedia Flash Player 6.0.79 or higher (free download)
- Minimum bandwidth requirement is DSL/Cable (wire connection suggested)
- Minimum 1 GHz processor recommended when screen sharing.
- 512 MB or RAM or more recommended
- 100 MB available disk space
- Minimum resolution 800x600 (1024x768 or higher recommended)

PC and Apple Computer Help

[KSU ITAC](http://www.k-state.edu/infotech/helpdesk/) is available to provide help through the year on computer requirements, K State Online use, and other technical help which does not involve the use of WimbaLive! at <http://www.k-state.edu/infotech/helpdesk/>

IT Help Desk

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785-532-7722
1-800-865-6143
Live help on website
<mailto:helpdesk@k-state.edu>

WimbaLive! Help

Note: Do not use Netscape Navigator with WimbaLive!

Note: Only the Office of Mediated Education (OME) provides optimal service on the installation and use of WimbaLive! The iTAC helpdesk is learning about it. Please call OME between 8 and 5 Monday through Friday, or e-mail at omeoffice@k-state.edu

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