

Important Downloads for MPCC Online Students

- These are downloads that are important for your computer and to be able to use the common Blackboard features.



- [Mozilla Firefox](#): This browser works better than Internet Explorer with Blackboard.



- [Internet Explorer](#): The latest version. This browser is not recommended for use with Blackboard Online Learning System. Firefox browser is better. (Minimum requirement: Internet Explorer 6).



- [Google Chrome](#): This browser works well with Blackboard, super fast and fully featured.



- [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#): To view PDF documents.



- [Adobe Flash Player](#): An absolutely necessary download for using the online learning system.



- [Adobe Shockwave Player](#): enables millions of Web users in mature markets to access some of the best the Web has to offer—including dazzling 3D games and entertainment, interactive product demonstrations, and online learning applications. Shockwave Player displays Web content that has been created by Adobe Director.



- [What is Java?](#) : Short description and downloads for your desktop.



- [Java upgrades](#): You need to run the latest version of Java to view certain features in Blackboard.



- [Windows Media Player](#): Plays Windows Media (.wmp) video and audio file.



- [Quicktime](#): Plays Quicktime (.qt) video and audio files.



- [AbiWorld](#): AbiWorld is a free word processing program similar to Microsoft® Word. It is suitable for a wide variety of word processing tasks.



- [OPENOFFICE.org](#): A free version of the entire MS OFFICE suite of products. These are NOT the actual software, but an open source copy that can be read and used with the MSWORD products.



- [CUTE PDF Writer](#): Turn documents into readable PDF's. It is free and easy to use.



- [Microsoft Computer Upgrades](#): Your computer should be using the latest security upgrades and versions for compatibility.



- Viewers for Microsoft Office Products

Important: This download area is for WINDOWS users who DO NOT have access to Microsoft Office products such as Word, Power Point or Excel either in a computer lab or at home. These viewers allow those users to open, view, and print documents from MS Word, MS Power Point, and MS Excel. *Do not attempt to install any of these viewers in a computer lab.*



[Viewer for Microsoft Word](#)

This free download allows users to open, view and print Word documents. The viewer does not allow the user to edit a file.



[Viewer for Microsoft Power Point](#)

This free download allows users to view and download Power Point 95, 97, 2000, 2002 and 2007 Power Point presentations. (TIP: To conserve time, paper, and ink when printing slide shows, print "handouts" with more than one slide per page.)



[Viewer for Microsoft Excel](#)

This free download allows users to view and print Excel for Windows (versions 2.0 and greater) and Microsoft Excel for the Macintosh (versions 2.2a and greater) spreadsheet files.

- **Microsoft Security Essentials** [Microsoft Security Essentials](#) is a free* download from Microsoft that is simple to install, easy to use, and always kept up to date so you can be assured your PC is protected by the latest technology. It's easy to tell if your PC is secure — when you're green, you're good. It's that simple.
*Your PC must run genuine Windows to install Microsoft Security Essentials.



- [Blackboard Mobile Learn for your IPAD!](#)