

# AIMSweb® Technology Checklist: Preparation

## Guidelines for AIMSweb

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## AIMSweb Setup and Implementation

AIMSweb is web-based and requires no network or computer-based installation.

### Minimum System Requirements for Windows

- Windows® 98SE, Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows Vista™, Windows 7
- Supported browsers: Internet Explorer 7 and above, FireFox 3.x and above

### Minimum System Requirements for Mac:

- OSX
- Supported browsers: Firefox 3.x and above, Safari 3.x and above

### Minimum System Requirements for Palm™ using Windows

**Note:** The Palm software cannot be installed on the Windows 7 operating system.

- Windows 98SE, Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows Vista
- Pentium®-III 500 MHz (Recommended: 700 Mhz or greater)
- USB Port
- 100 MB Free Hard Disk Space
- 56 Kpbs or higher Internet access
- Palm Desktop 4.0.1. software
- Palm Hotsync® Manager 4.0 or higher

### Minimum System Requirements for Palm using Mac

- MacOS® 9.2x, 10.x
- Power Macintosh® 7300/180 or higher
- 256 MB of RAM or higher
- USB Port
- 56 Kpbs or higher Internet access

- Palm Desktop 4.x software for Mac
- Mac Hotsync® Manager 3.x or higher

### Supported Handheld Devices

- Palm OS4: m500, m130, ,505, m515, Tungsten™
- Palm OS5: Zire™ 21 and higher, Tungsten E, E2, T2, T3, T5, C, Life Drive™, Z22, T1X

## Prerequisite Items for AIMSweb Subscription and General Use

- **Caching/Proxy Servers:** If your internet network is running on a caching server, it must be set to permanently bypass the following site: <https://aimsweb.pearson.com> (only).

Caching/proxy serving for the AIMSweb Secure Site (only) **must remain disabled** at all times for as long as you are subscribers to the AIMSweb system. Bypassing the AIMSweb servers via a caching/proxy server in your network will cause significant errors in reporting and functionality for all users.

- **Portable Document Files (PDFs):** Ensure all computers have Adobe® Reader installed for viewing Portable Document Files (PDFs). For MAC users, ensure that FireFox preferences are set to use Adobe Reader.
- **Secure Socket Layer (SSL):** AIMSweb requires SSL encryption. Ensure that Secure Socket Layer (SSL) is not blocked.
- **Active X:** Ensure that ActiveX is not blocked. ActiveX often prevents PDF files from opening.
- **Pop-up Blockers:** Ensure that pop-up blockers do not interfere with AIMSweb pop-up windows. Check the browser's toolbar, and any additional pop-up software installed on the machine.
- **Email:** Ensure that school or district email accounts can receive external emails from Pearson.com, with or without attachments.
- **Cookies:** Please permit cookies for the use of AIMSweb.
- **Java:** Ensure that you have Java enabled in your browser.

## Prerequisite Items for AIMSweb PDA/PALM Subscribers

Subscribers to AIMSweb Palm must also meet the following recommendations.

- **AIMSweb Palm Conduit and Software:** The conduit, software, and drivers **must** be installed onto all computers and PDA's used for AIMSweb. This is integral to a successful synchronization.
- Ensure that the Operating System software/drivers are installed on **each** of the computers used

to hot-sync by staff in your organization. This includes any computers used for AIMSweb Palm training purposes.

- For a **PALM Software Installation Guide Video for Managers (Windows)**:  
[http://www.aimsweb.com/uploaded/files/installing\\_pda\\_software\\_managers.swf](http://www.aimsweb.com/uploaded/files/installing_pda_software_managers.swf)
- For a **PALM Software Installation Guide Video for Teachers (Windows)**:  
[http://www.aimsweb.com/uploaded/files/installing\\_pda\\_software\\_regpm.swf](http://www.aimsweb.com/uploaded/files/installing_pda_software_regpm.swf)

## AIMSweb Palm Installation

AIMSweb Conduit and Palm Software may be obtained from within the Manager login of your AIMSweb subscription. If you do not have access to this, contact the AIMSweb subscriber in your organization or contact AIMSweb Technical Support at 866-313-6194 for assistance.

**Note:** The Palm software cannot be installed on the Windows 7 operating system.

### To install the AIMSweb Palm Software:

1. Log into your AIMSweb Manager account.
2. Click the **Manage** tab on the far left side of your screen.
3. Click the **Setup PDA Download Settings** on the **Navigation Menu**. The screen will have download instructions and the conduit and Palm software download links will appear on this page.
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the setup of your PDA.

**Note:** Ensure the Palm can synchronize properly to any designated equipment. An AIMSweb icon appears on the list of your PDA's available application after a successful synchronization.

## AIMSweb Online Training and Conferencing Participants

If you are participating in an AIMSweb Online Training and/or web conference, please view the following information.

### System Requirements for Webinars

AIMSweb uses the ReadyTalk® web conferencing/webinar and online training system ([www.readytalk.com](http://www.readytalk.com)). To access the ReadyTalk system requirements, please see [http://www.readytalk.com/onlinehelp/readytalkhtml/ReadyTalk\\_Online\\_Help.htm](http://www.readytalk.com/onlinehelp/readytalkhtml/ReadyTalk_Online_Help.htm)