

# Hardware & Software Cheat Sheet

Your hardware and software handle the daily digital demand of your dental practice. Ensure your IT system can handle long-term growth and operational success with this cheat sheet.



## Age of Hardware

The **average lifespan** of a computer is **3-5 years**, although mileage may vary depending on usage, maintenance, and needs. And **not having a warranty** could **decrease lifespan**. Computers malfunctioning, slow, or shutting down constantly? These are signs that you may need to repair or replace them.

## Operating System

The program that manages all the other application programs on your computer or server must be current. If end-of-life (EOL), it **doesn't receive security updates or support** from the developer. And your **dental software may not be compatible**.



**Windows 11  
Server 2019**



**Windows 7, 8.1, 10  
Server 2008, 2012, 2016**

## Dental Software Compatibility

Dental software **frequently adjust** their **system requirements** based on technology advancements and to meet security standards.

Your practice **operations** can be **severely disrupted** if your computers or server **don't meet current system requirements**.



## Performance Analysis

CPU utilization, memory consumption, error rate, age of hardware, and version of operating system need to be reviewed regularly for performance.

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