

# ASPEN System Requirements

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}ASPEN Hardware/Operating System Requirements

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Many other business management system providers lock you into purchasing servers and other related hardware from them. This generally results in ongoing cost for support/maintenance for your hardware and operating system, and in some cases, for already obsolete hardware and operating systems. Because ASPEN is Windows-based, you can purchase your hardware and operating system through your choice of computer suppliers, giving you more control over the cost and implementation of your network.

## Windows-Based

ASPEN runs on Windows Server 2003 or 2008 with Microsoft SQL Server 2008. Server requirements vary depending on the number of locations and number of users anticipated on the system. Windows XP Pro, Windows Vista Business or Windows 7 Business is recommended for workstations; however, if you plan to run other third party software on your workstations, please ensure that you consult their hardware requirements as well.

## Working Together to Achieve the Best Performance

Charter Software's technical experts will work with your IT department or professional to find the most cost-effective configuration while maximizing performance of ASPEN. The Core Install for ASPEN, whether on the server or workstation, installs the needed .NET framework, and any report viewers. To ensure desired performance and to receive the best support for ASPEN, it is strongly recommended that no other software be installed on the ASPEN servers and the ASPEN server is not providing services unrelated to ASPEN (i.e. Active Directory, DNS, DHCP, email or other web site services).

For specific workstation and server hardware configurations and recommendations, please contact us.

