



CollectMax™ System Requirements

1. Server

A. Dedicated File Server Layouts

This is the most common and recommended solution for new CollectMax installations for stability and performance. Windows SBS 2011, Windows Server 2012, Windows Server 2012-R2, Windows Server 2016, and Windows Server 2019 are supported as dedicated server network solutions.

Network Attached Storage (NAS) devices are not recommended as a server solution due to latency and limitations in functionality. NAS devices are suitable as a backup location but not as the primary database location.

Please refer to the table below:

Windows Server Version		CPU	Memory	Storage
SBS 2011	Minimum	1.4 GHz	8 GB	32 GB
Server 2012 (Includes R2)	Minimum	1.6 GHz	2 GB	20 GB
Server 2016	Minimum	1.4 GHz	2 GB	160 GB
Server 2019	Minimum	1.4 GHz	2 GB	160 GB

Microsoft recommendations state that the highly diverse scope of potential deployments makes it unrealistic to state "recommended" system requirements that would be generally applicable. Consult documentation for each of the server roles you intend to deploy for more details about the resource needs of particular server roles. For the best results, conduct test deployments to determine appropriate system requirements for your particular deployment scenarios.

As of April 1, 2020, JST no longer supports both Windows Server 2003 and Windows Server 2008 for existing users. Microsoft ended extended support for Windows Server 2003 in July 2015. Microsoft will end extended support for Windows Server 2008 in January 2020. It is recommended that existing customers upgrade their server if running an unsupported version of Windows Server.

Server requirements depend on the workstation machines, number of workstations, and amount of data traffic. It is recommended that the

server have at least as much RAM, preferably double the amount of RAM, and be as fast as the CPU on the fastest workstation machine. Systems supporting 10 or more workstations should have minimum of 4 GB RAM.

For systems supporting 25 or more workstations, JST strongly recommends the use of a file server that is exclusive to the CollectMax program and associated database software.

CollectMax installations migrating to a new server environment should contact JST to verify that their ADS version will run on their new server platform. JST can provide instructions for migrating the CollectMax installation and data to a new server environment.

B. Peer to Peer Layouts

Peer-to-peer licenses are limited to a maximum of 5 workstations. Requirements for the computer that is housing the CollectMax data are the same as what is required for the workstation. Refer to section 2.A. of this document for workstation requirements.

The Peer-to-Peer server must have an approved version of the Windows Operating System and at least 2 GB RAM. Additional hard drive space may be required depending on data size.

C. Advantage Database Server

A third-party software license called Advantage Database Server (ADS) is required to be installed on your server in order to run CollectMax across your network. ADS is provided by JST along with the CollectMax installation files.

JST is not be able to update any installations that are not running ADS version 12.x. It is required that all customers run a current release of ADS supported by CollectMax in order to receive program updates, enhancements, or additional modules. JST will notify customers when an ADS license version upgrade is needed.

For planning purposes, figure on 1 GB of server hard drive space for the CollectMax program and the ADS program. Though data size can vary between installations, 3 GB per every 10,000 accounts can be used for planning purposes. Be sure to consider hard drive space for any imaging files that may be stored on the server if you plan to use the imaging module along with CollectMax.

Existing customers should contact JST when planning a server change or upgrade to ensure that the ADS version and configuration are compatible.

D. Networking Options

Only Windows networking options are supported. Novell Netware is not supported for new CollectMax installations.

Wide Area Network (WAN) configurations are not supported. Citrix and Microsoft Remote Desktop Services (RDS), also referred to as Microsoft Terminal Services (MSTS), are recommended for those customers requiring an application server environment.

Connections from workstations to servers must support TCP/IP protocol that can be validated from each workstation using a "PING [ServerName]" command.

Setup and configuration of user logins/connections to the Remote Desktop Server is solely the firm's responsibility. Please consult with your IT department for assistance.

Please refer to the CollectMax™ Remote Environment FAQ document for more details.

2. Workstation

A. Workstation Requirements

Listed below are both the minimum and recommended workstation configurations for using CollectMax. The CPU speed applies to both Intel and AMD processors.

Windows Version		CPU	Memory	Storage
Windows 8.1	Minimum	1.6 GHz	1 GB	20 GB
Pro or ^	Recommended	3 GHz or ^	4 GB or ^	100 GB or ^
Windows 10	Minimum	1.4 GHz	2 GB	20 GB
Professional	Recommended	3 GHz or ^	4 GB or ^	100 GB or ^

As of April 1, 2020, JST no longer supports both Windows 7 Pro and Windows 8 Pro for existing users. Microsoft ended extended support for Windows 8 January 2016 and extended support for Windows 7 will end January 2020. It is recommended that existing customers upgrade their operating system if running an unsupported version of Windows.

All other MS Windows versions not listed here, including mobile specific versions, are not supported.

Netbooks cannot be used for running CollectMax due to their resolution and RAM limitations.

Some CollectMax features require .NET Framework version 4 to run.

Please note, local users MUST have Full Control permissions on the application folder (C:\Program Files\JS Technologies).

External Programs

B. Word Processing

Microsoft Word 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2019 (including Office 365), or Corel WordPerfect X5 (with SP 2), X6, X7, X8, or X9 are required to be installed on each PC.

As of April 1, 2020, the interface between CollectMax and Microsoft Word 2007 and Corel WordPerfect versions 9.0-12.0 and X3 has been sunsetted and is no longer supported. It is advised that customers upgrade to a more recent supported version of these products in order to continue interfacing for the purpose of document merging.

Corel X5 requires Service Pack 2 in order to interface with CollectMax.

Some installations may experience compatibility issues between Corel WordPerfect and some versions of Windows. If so, Microsoft Word may be the recommended word processor. Either MS-Word or Corel WordPerfect must be selected as the default word processor for all systems using CollectMax. All workstations must use the same version of the selected word processor.

C. CollectMax Features that Require MS-Excel

CollectMax contains both standard and optional features that require the use of Microsoft Excel. For example, many reports offer the option to output the report to an XLS file format. In order to use such features, it is required that the user have Microsoft Excel 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2019 (including Office 365) installed on their workstation.

As of April 1, 2020, the interface between CollectMax and Microsoft Excel 2007 has been sunsetted and is no longer supported. It is advised that customers upgrade to a more recent supported version of this product in order to continue interfacing for the purpose of report generation to Excel or using MaxExtract.

D. QuickBooks Cost Export

The QuickBooks Cost Export function (CollectMax version 8 or higher with checkwriting enabled) requires QuickBooks versions 2012-2020 and either the Pro, Premier, or Enterprise edition. The QuickBooks Online edition is not supported.

3. Support and Maintenance

A. Remote Support Requirement

In order for us to provide you with timely technical support, a communications program called LogMeIn Rescue is used by our support staff as a means of connectivity. Customers are required to have high speed internet access in order for our technicians to access their PC remotely. Dialup connections are not supported. LogMeIn Rescue provides end-to-end 256-bit SSL encryption for compliance with HIPAA, Sarbanes-Oxley and other federal and local legislation.

This service allows our technicians to connect to any client workstation and/or server in your office at no cost to your firm in a matter of seconds. No pre-installation of software is needed. Internet access is required for connection as the end user will need to enter a PIN number given to them by the technician at the LogMeIn123.com website. The end user will also be required accept the connection.

In the event of a support problem relating to a particular workstation, there may be an occasion where it is necessary to connect directly to that computer in order to offer a solution.

Other methods of remote connection are not supported.

B. Daily Backup Procedure

A daily backup procedure to a removable storage media is highly recommended for all users, especially for network systems. A full backup of the CollectMax folder and imaging folder (for Customers with the Document Management Module) should be part of a Daily Backup Program.

A minimum of five sets of removable backup media, one for each day of the work week, is suggested.

Incremental and differential backups are not recommended. Backups should not be performed while users have CollectMax running.

C. Uninterruptible Power Supply

An uninterruptible (battery back-up) power supply (UPS) is required on the server unit for network-based systems. Due to the high risk of data loss and file damage, CollectMax programs running on a network without a UPS on the server cannot be supported.

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