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Payroll Compliance Reporting – W2/1099 2025 System Requirements

For best performance, follow the recommended system requirements. To ensure that your workstations meet these requirements, download the System Analysis Tool which is attached to this [Knowledgebase article](#).

What's the difference in "Base", "Better" and "Best" configurations?
- **Base**: ATX will install and run correctly in this minimal configuration, but performance may not be suitable for some users.
- **Better**: Enhances performance and application response times to meet the needs of most ATX users.
- **Best**: Recommended for optimum performance, especially for users who prepare complex returns or large numbers of returns.

Hard Disk Space
- The recommended space only covers what is needed to install and run ATX with an average number of returns. The database will grow as the number of returns increases.
- Do not forget the hard disk space requirements of your operating system or other programs that are installed or will be installed on your machine.

Memory (RAM) Requirements
- The recommended amount of RAM only covers what is needed to run ATX along with the operating system requirements.
- Do not forget the memory (RAM) requirements of other programs that are installed or will be installed on your machine.
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Internet Connection Required
- High-speed internet connection required for all install types (e.g., DSL, cable modem, T1/T3).

All Installations

	Base	Better	Best
Computer Monitor (Display)	1024x768	1024x768 or higher	1920x1080
Internet Browser	Google® Chrome™ or Microsoft Edge®		
Authenticator App	You can use any authenticator app that supports a Time-based One-Time Password. Check this list for authenticator apps confirmed to be compatible with the software: [Multi-Factor Authenticators for Customers](#)		
Printer	Inkjet (non-W-2/1099 forms); Laser (W-2/1099 forms)	Inkjet (non-W-2/1099 forms); Laser (W-2/1099 forms)	Laser

Standalone and Workstation/Server Installations

	Base	Better	Best
Operating System	Windows® 11*	Windows® 11*	Windows® 11*
Processor	Intel® Core™ 10th generation i5 or better and equivalent processors	Intel® Core™ 10th generation i7 or better and equivalent processors	Intel® Core™ 12th generation i9 or better and equivalent processors
Memory (RAM) ATX Operating System Requirements	12 GB 8 GB 4 GB	20 GB 12 GB 8 GB	24 GB 16 GB 8 GB
Available Hard Disk Space	15 GB	15 GB on solid state drive	15 GB on solid state drive
Computer Monitor (Display)	1024x768	1024x768 or higher	1920x1080
Internet Browser	Google® Chrome™ or Microsoft Edge®	Google® Chrome™ or Microsoft Edge®	Google® Chrome™ or Microsoft Edge®
Authenticator App	You can use any authenticator app that supports a Time-based One-Time Password. Check this list for authenticator apps confirmed to be compatible with the software: [Multi-Factor Authenticators for Customers](#)		
Printer	Inkjet (non-W-2/1099 forms); Laser (W-2/1099 forms)	Inkjet (non-W-2/1099 forms); Laser (W-2/1099 forms)	Laser

Workstation Only Installations

	Base	Better	Best
Operating System	Windows® 11*	Windows® 11*	Windows® 11*
Processor	Intel® Core™ 7th generation i3 or better and equivalent processors	Intel® Core™ 10th generation i5 or better and equivalent processors	Intel® Core™ 10th generation i7 or better and equivalent processors
Memory (RAM)	12 GB	20 GB	24 GB
ATX	8 GB	12 GB	16 GB
Operating System Requirements	4 GB	8 GB	8 GB
Available Hard Disk Space	12 GB	12 GB on solid state drive	12 GB on solid state drive
Printer	Inkjet (non-W-2/1099 forms); Laser (W-2/1099 forms)	Inkjet (non-W-2/1099 forms); Laser (W-2/1099 forms)	Laser

Server-Only Installations

	Base	Better	Best
Operating System	Windows Server® 2019*	Windows Server® 2022*	Windows Server® 2025*
Processor	Intel® Core™ 7th generation i5 or better and equivalent processors	Intel® Core™ 10th generation i5 or better and equivalent processors	Intel® Core™ 10th generation i9 or better and equivalent processors
Memory (RAM)	16 GB	20 GB	40 GB
ATX	8 GB	12 GB	24 GB
Operating System Requirements	8 GB	8 GB	16 GB
Available Hard Disk Space	12 GB	12 GB on solid state drive	12 GB on solid state drive
Printer	Inkjet (non-W-2/1099 forms); Laser (W-2/1099 forms)	Inkjet (non-W-2/1099 forms); Laser (W-2/1099 forms)	Laser