

Lutron Designer System Requirements

What is Lutron Designer? Lutron Designer software is used to program Lutron HomeWorks, Athena, and RadioRA 3 systems. Also, the Lutron Designer+ workflow within Lutron Designer is used to design Lutron commercial systems including Vive.

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System Requirements

- Windows 10 or newer or Windows Server 2016 or newer
- Core i5 at 2.67 GHz or better
- 8 GB of RAM or more
- 4 GB of disk space for software and the installation process (an SSD will increase performance)
- 1920 x 1080 or higher-resolution monitor

For Athena and Lutron Designer+ users, an external mouse with a scroll wheel is strongly recommended.

Apple Mac Computers

Lutron Designer software can be run on an Apple Mac computer using one of the following methods:

	Pros	Cons
Boot Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Natively boots into Windows• No additional networking considerations• Faster software performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can't easily access Mac OS software
Virtualization software such as Parallels or VMWare Fusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full access to Mac OS software and files, easily switch between Lutron Designer and other applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May require bridging network settings into virtual machine for proper connectivity• Slower software performance due to virtualization layer

Notes:

1. When using Boot Camp or virtualization software you must use a supported operating system (such as Windows 10).

2. When using virtualization software Lutron recommends running the latest stable version of that software. Please check with the virtualization software vendor for known issues when choosing what vendor to go with.
3. If using virtualization software, you may need to enable "Bridged Network" mode in the virtual machine software for proper network connectivity with the HomeWorks, Athena, or RadioRA 3 processors. Please review networking configuration documentation for the virtualization software in use when troubleshooting networking issues.

ARM processors

The Lutron Designer application is not built for ARM processors but can be run on computers with ARM processors by using emulation that is built into Windows. This includes the Apple M1 processor (see the "Apple Mac Computers" section above). As of October 31, 2021 this emulation is not available in a major release for Windows 10, but is available in a preview of Windows 10 starting with the Build 21277.