

CM/ECF User's Guide Part 1 US Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Iowa	Chapter Requirements and Prerequisites
	Section Software

1. Internet access using Netscape browser version 4.77 or higher available for download at www.netscape.com or Internet Explorer version 5.5.
2. Netscape version 6.0 is NOT compatible with ECF.
3. Do not use American On Line's version of Netscape Navigator, or a version of Netscape Navigator lower than 4.
4. Adobe Acrobat Reader version 4.0 or higher available for download at www.adobe.com or by calling 888-502-5272.
5. Windows –based or Macintosh word processor. Any DOS based word processor is insufficient since Adobe Acrobat software cannot generate PDF files from these word processors.
6. Word processing and/or petition software. Refer to Appendix A: Bankruptcy Petition Software with Case Upload Capability.

Note: This court does not support any vendor's products or software.

Caution: Take precautions when installing and using Version 5 of Adobe Acrobat with CM/ECF. Adobe Acrobat Version 5 offers two packages for converting documents to PDF – Acrobat 5 *Distiller* and Acrobat 5 *Writer*. Adobe's standard installation automatically installs the *Distiller* package. **The court strongly recommends that all CM/ECF users opt for the Custom installation and also install the *Writer*.** The Acrobat 5 *Writer* converts files into PDF considerably faster and produces significantly smaller PDF files than Adobe 5 *Distiller*.

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