

Hardware

Component	Minimum Requirement	Recommended Specification
Processor	Intel Core i3 (10th Gen+), AMD Ryzen 3, Apple M1. Speed: 2.0 GHz+	Intel Core i7+ (10th Gen+), Ryzen 5+, Apple M1+. Speed: 2.5 GHz+
Free CPU Cores	Minimum 2 cores available	3-4 cores available
CPU Idle Usage	Below 30% before test launch	Below 15%
RAM	4 GB (at least 2 GB free before launch)	8 GB (at least 4 GB free)
Disk Space	10 GB free or 10% of total capacity	20 GB free
Graphics	512 MB internal / 1 GB external graphics memory	1 GB internal / 1.5 GB external graphics memory
Headphones	Over-ear, closed-back with good padding. Noise cancelling recommended with a microphone on a boom. See below.	

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Microphone	<p>Attached to headset via a boom (flexible stalk)</p> <p>Noise-cancelling or directional (minimum)</p> <p>USB or standard stereo connection (Bluetooth not supported)</p> <p>Do not use built-in computer microphones</p>	
Webcam	640x480 Required on all computers and laptops used by candidates	

Software

Operating System	<p>Windows 11</p> <p>In October 2025, Microsoft officially ended support for all standard editions of Windows 10 (Home, Pro, Enterprise, Education). Microsoft no longer provides free security and feature updates, or technical support for Windows 10. Using Windows 10 is potentially insecure and is done so at your own risk.</p> <p>Apple Macs running macOS 13 (Ventura) and later</p>
Browser	<p>The Talview Secure Browser must be installed on all candidate computers.</p> <p>The Secure Browser cannot be used with Chromebooks.</p>

Network

Internet bandwidth	5 - 10 Mbps upload and download per candidate (local network speed) 1-10 candidates - 50 Mbps 11-25 candidates - 150 Mbps 26-50 candidates - 200 Mbps 51-100 candidates - 750 Mbps 101-150 candidates - 1Gbps
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Unsupported Devices and Software

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobile devices• iOS devices• Android devices (including tablets)• Linux• Built-in computer microphones• Bluetooth headsets
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