How to Determine Hardware and Software on a Mac

Description/Purpose: This document explains how to check operating system, hard drive space and Memory (RAM) on a Mac. Computer systems must meet certain minimum requirements for many school programs. Additionally, there are minimum system requirements for many school products, such as the online classroom, Campus Common, and the Digital Bookshelf.

Process:

1. Identify hardware/software requirements by accessing your program from the school website at http://www.aionline.edu

2. Verify operating system - To view system specifications for Mac OS X, 10.4/5/6:
   a. Select Apple menu > About this Mac from the top navigation menu.
      ![About this Mac](image1)
      b. The operating system version will display under Mac OS X.
      c. The amount of RAM will display next to Memory.

3. Verify Hard Drive specifications
   a. Right-click on the Macintosh HD icon and select Get Info.
      ![Get Info](image2)
b. Capacity, Used space, and Available space will be displayed:

![Macintosh HD Info](image)

- **Kind**: Volume
- **Created**: Friday, August 14, 2009 3:44 AM
- **Modified**: Monday, May 24, 2010 7:55 PM
- **Version**: 10.6.3
- **Format**: Mac OS Extended (Journaled)
- **Capacity**: 159.7 GB
- **Available**: 126.87 GB
- **Used**: 32.85 GB on disk (32,831,160,320 bytes)

4. Determine the installed software:
   a. Click the **Finder** icon from the desktop.

   ![Finder icons](image)

   b. A window will open that displays all applications installed on the computer.

   c. The Application icon can sometimes be located at the bottom of the screen if the student has moved it there.

   ![Applications icon](image)