BATON ROUGE SCHOOL OF COURT REPORTING
VOICE WRITING PROGRAM

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

This required equipment is needed *to begin skills training*, typically a month or two into the program. (Most any computer will work for the initial *academic coursework*, so you have a little time to gather your equipment.)

I.   LAPTOP COMPUTER - Minimum Specifications:

• **PROCESSOR:**	Intel i7 processor (or higher)
• **OPERATING SYSTEM:**	Windows 10 or 11 Professional ***PCs only. No Macs.***
• **RAM:**	16 GB (or higher) for Windows
• **HARD DRIVE:**	Solid State Drive (SSD); 512 GB (or higher)
• **PORTS:**	Minimum of one (1) USB-A port; more preferred

Other Laptop Considerations:

- BRAND: Any name brand PC is acceptable. Dell, Lenovo, HP, etc. (PCs only, no Macs.)
- STURDINESS: Think sturdy workhorse rather than featherlight.
- SCREEN SIZE: Get a screen big enough to easily see and read.

Consider purchasing a business-grade laptop versus a lower-end "student" computer, as you will take this laptop into the workforce after graduation. Your laptop is a very important element of the speech recognition process. Price range: $1100 and up.

NOTE: The last page of this handout has instructions on how to evaluate your current laptop to see if it meets the minimum requirements**.**

II.   SPEECH RECOGNITION SOFTWARE

Dragon Professional Version 16.

Available as a download from:
- Amazon.com
- KnowBrainer.com
- Nuance.com

Retail price: $699.00
Price subject to change.

You will use this software to go to work.

Dragon Professional 16.0 Speech Dictation and Voice Recognition Software [PC Download]
Brand: Nuance
Platform : Windows 10, Windows 11
New to Amazon

Price: $699.00

Note: You can access this item in Your Software Library. The number of computers eligible for installation may vary. By placing your order, you agree to our Games and Software Terms of Use.

III.   STENOMASK and USB SOUND CARD ADAPTER

Stenomask SR Pro-2

Available from:
- Amazon.com
- Talk Technologies
  - o A student discount may be available from Talk Technologies.
  - o Order online: www.talktech.com
  - o Phone: 1-888-811-9944
  - o Email: info@talktech.com

Steno SR Pro-2. Dual Microphone Stenomask for Court Reporting and captioning.

Visit the Steno SR, TalkTech, Talk Technologies Store

★★★★☆ 29 ratings
| 21 answered questions

List Price: $289.00
Business Price ⌄ $284.00 ✓prime
FREE Returns ⌄
You Save: $5.00 (1%)

Buy more, 5 units
save more: $255.60 LOWEST PRICE
Save 11%

Brand   Steno SR, TalkTech, Talk Technologies

Retail price: $289.00   You will use this equipment to go to work.
Price subject to change.

USB Sound Card Adapter - Andrea Communications Model USB-SA-1

Available from
Amazon.com.

Retail price: $41.15
Price subject to change.

Andrea Electronics C1-1021450-1 Model USB-SA-1 High Fidelity External Digital Sound Card with Noise Reduction Technology

Visit the ANDREA Store

4.6 ★★★★☆ ⌄   121 ratings |
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50+ bought in past month

Typical price: $41.99 Details
Business Price⌄ $41.15
✓prime Two-Day

You will use this equipment to go to work.

IV.   ECLIPSE VOX STUDENT LICENSE

At the appropriate time, we will request a student license for you from Advantage Software for your use of their Eclipse Vox court reporting software.

A separate user agreement and payment of $100 is required to get a student license for use while in school.

You can upgrade this software to a professional license when you are ready to go to work.

OTHER USEFUL EQUIPMENT:

Headphones: Needed at certification testing. Consider noise-cancelling headphones to protect your hearing.

Foot pedal:

Useful for efficient editing of transcripts.

Retail price: $64.95
Price subject to change.

Executive Communication Systems Infinity 3 USB Foot Pedal Control with Computer Plug In, one unit

Brand: Infinity

★★★★☆ 2,521 ratings

| 387 answered questions

List Price: $99.95 Details
Price: $64.95
✓prime One-Day
FREE Returns ˅

The foot pedal may also be bundled with Express Scribe transcription software:

Retail price: $119.49
Price subject to change.

Express Scribe Pro Transcription Software with USB Foot Pedal

★★★★☆ ˅ 613

$119⁴⁹

FREE delivery **Feb 19 - 20**

Specifications

Compatible Devices	Personal Computer
Brand	Dictation Depot LLC
Hardware Interface	USB 3.0
Microphone Form Factor	Built-In
Format	WMA, MP3 Audio, WAV
Headphones Jack	USB

About this item

- heavy duty Infinity IN-USB-3 USB transcription foot Pedal
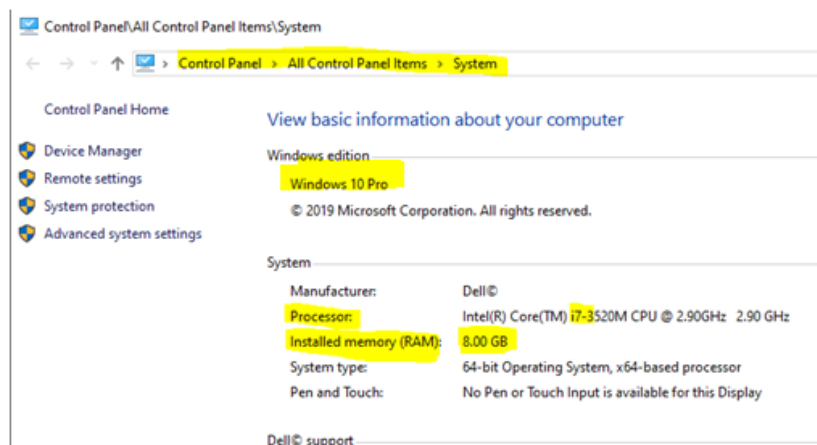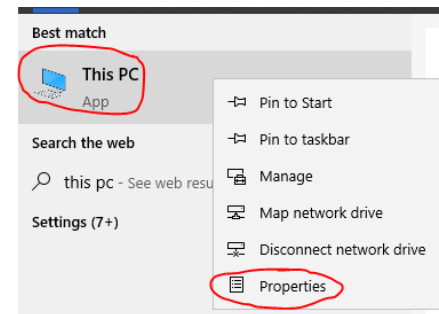- Express Scribe Professional Transcription Software

HOW TO DETERMINE IF YOUR CURRENT LAPTOP IS SUITABLE FOR VOICEWRITING

Let's evaluate <u>three things</u> to see if your computer can run Dragon software effectively:

- Do you have an **i7 processor**?
- Do you have at least **16 GB of RAM**?
- Do you have a **solid state drive (SSD)**?

To determine the processor and RAM:

1. <mark>RIGHT</mark> click on your Desktop icon for **Computer** (or **This PC**, **This Computer**, whatever it is called).
2. <mark>LEFT</mark> click on **Properties.**
   This will take you to your computer's Control Panel system settings.
3. See what is shown by **Processor** and **Installed Memory**. (Note that we want <u>16 GB</u> for memory).

To determine if you have an SSD (solid state drive):

Do the beginning steps of a **Disk Defrag**, which will expose the <u>drive types available</u>.

Type **defrag** into the **Search** window of your computer.

Click on **Defragment & Optimize Drives**.
The **media type** will show the type of drive.

You can close or X out without running the defrag.