

Using the CS VM

In this course we will be using the Computer Science Virtual Machine (**CS VM**), but, at least until the last part of the course, you may be able to use your own laptop if you prefer.

Of course, it will then be your responsibility to be sure that you have loaded onto it the platforms/tools which are on the CS VM (to be demonstrated if needed.)

Initially you will need to have:

Chrome browser

Firefox browser (We will add other browsers later) or SeaMonkey.

A text editor.

For PCs the editor of choice is Notepad++.

For Macs the most popular is TextWrangler.

Komodo Edit is available for Windows, Mac and Linux operating systems.

If you have not used the CS VM before, here is how you do so:

To access the CS VDI pool from anywhere: <https://apps.simmons.edu>

Options:

1. [Install the VMware Horizon Client](#) on your personal computer (it's already installed on all Simmons-owned computers). Open the application and connect to "apps.simmons.edu" using your Simmons username and password and select "Computer Science"
2. Connect via [VMware Horizon HTML Access](#). Log in from your web browser using your Simmons username and password and select "Computer Science".

NOTE: Whichever option you choose, you will also need to authenticate your login through Duo Mobile

The [Syllabus](#) and other [useful reference material](#) is in Moodle.

Depending on the course, the assignments will be posted on line or in Moodle.

The Schedule is posted in the same folder as the Syllabus (may not be available as quickly as the Syllabus is.)