

[On the EA Store you can finally preorder The Sims 3 as a digital download](#) (that is, you won't receive any dvd by June, but thanks to an apposite software you'll be able to legally download the game on your computer). Plus, there are several interesting extras included!

Moreover, new system requirements have been published:

PC system requirements:

Windows XP (SP2) / Vista (SP1)

2GHz Intel Pentium IV or equivalent for XP / 2.4GHz Intel Pentium IV or equivalent for Vista

1GB RAM for XP / 1.5GB RAM for Vista

6.1GB HDD Space (with at least 1GB of additional space for custom content and saved games)

128MB Graphics Card with Pixel Shader 2.0 support

For computers using built-in graphics chipsets:

2.6GHz Pentium D, 1.8GHz Core 2 Duo or equivalent

0.5GB additional RAM

Intel Integrated Chipset, GMA 3-series or above

Supported PC graphics cards:

nVidia GeForce series

FX 5900, FX 5950

6200, 6500, 6600, 6800

7200, 7300, 7600, 7800, 7900, 7950

8400, 8500, 8600, 8800

9300, 9400, 9500, 9600, 9800

G100, GT 120, GT 130

GTS 150, GTS 250

GTX 260, GTX 280, GTX 285, GTX 295

ATi Radeon series

9500, 9600, 9800

X300, X600, X700, X800, X850

X1300, X1600, X1800, X1900, X1950

2400, 2600, 2900

3450, 3650, 3850, 3870

4850, 4870

Intel Graphics Media Accelerator series

GMA 3-Series

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GMA 4-Series

Mac system requirements:

Mac OS X 10.5.7 Leopard or higher

Intel Core Duo Processor

2GB RAM

6.1GB HDD Space (with at least 1GB additional space for custom content and saved games)

128MB ATi X1600, nVidia 7300 GT or Intel Integrated GMA X3100

Important Note! This game will not run on PowerPC (G3/G4/G5) based Mac systems, or the GMA 950 class of integrated video cards.

Supported Mac graphics cards:

nVidia GeForce series

7300, 7600

8600, 8800

9400M, 9600M GT

GT 120, GT 130

ATi Radeon series

X1600, X1900

2400, 2600

3870

4850, 4870

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This information is based on specifications supplied by manufacturers and should be used for guidance only.