Hardware Recommendations for The Professional Landlord Version 12

Special Note for users upgrading from Version 6

The database engine used in Version 6 was optimized for slower network transfer rates than are common today. The database engine used in Version 12 is optimized for faster networks and can perform poorly on a slow network, wireless network, or on an underpowered server. As a rule of thumb companies that manage 200 or more properties should consider upgrading their hardware if the server is several years old. Companies that manage in excess of 500 properties should consider using Remote Desktop Services to run the application. The most reliable way to determine if your current network and server are adequate for the Professional Landlord is install Version 12 and evaluate some time consuming tasks. Version 12 can be tested with your data while you continue to use Version 6. See the How To pdf How to Convert to Version 12.

Server 2012 or Server 2008 - Remote Desktop Services

Remote Desktop Services (RDS) is the recommended method for hosting the application for companies that manage 500 or more properties or companies that want to be able to run the Professional Landlord on varied devices such as iPads and Android tablets or from any location. In addition to running the Professional Landlord, RDS can be used to access other desktop applications used by your office.

RDS can be run from a physical server or a hosted server running a Windows server operating system such as Server 2012 R2. We recommend consulting a technician that has experience installing RDS on Microsoft Servers to evaluate your needs and recommend the appropriate server hardware.

Software as a Service

The Professional Landlord is offered as Software as a Service for those that want the benefits of remote access or choice of device without the need to maintain a physical server.

Dedicated File Server

For a dedicated file server we recommend an Intel I7 processor with 8 GB memory and a 256 GB or larger solid state drive running on a gigabit network. The server should be running a Windows desktop or Server operating system. We do not recommend using NAS (Network Attached Storage) devices, RAID drives that perform load balancing, or servers running anything but Windows operating systems.