

Quick Start Technology Guide for Students

Downloading EcoXPT

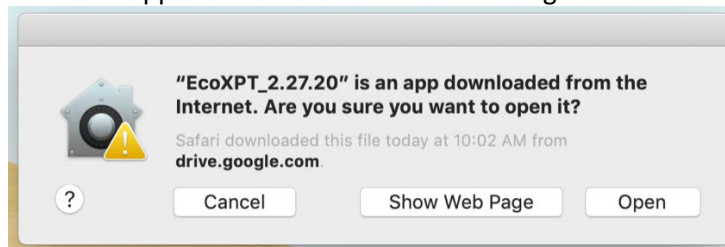
Your teacher will post a link to download EcoXPT from your classroom website. Be sure to download the link for the type of computer that you are using. Make sure your computer has the specs on the last page.

Installation

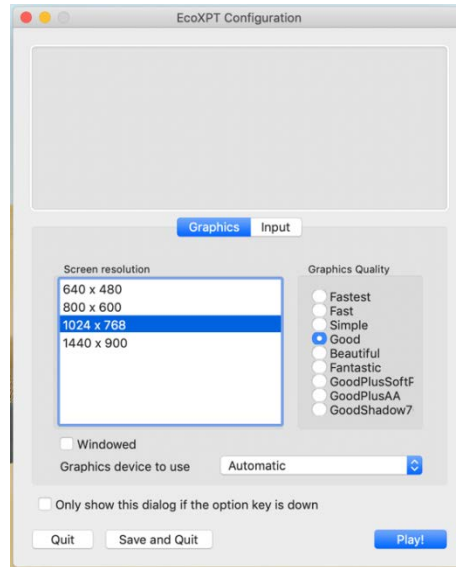
The EcoXPT software works on Mac and PC computers. Download the appropriate EcoXPT application (PC or Mac) onto your computer. You are going to save your work within this folder as well (see more notes about saving below).

Launching and Configuring EcoXPT

- Double click on the EcoXPT icon to open the program.
- Select your preferred screen resolution and graphics quality. You can also select whether you'd like the program to be windowed. It is better to play unwindowed. Click play to start.
- Click "New Game" to start a new game. Click "Load Game" to open a saved game.
- Type your file name or select your saved file. Users should name their saved game file with something they will recognize and/or remember. Make sure to save your student files within the application folder, as mentioned above.
- And because all data will be saved as files on the computer, users should anticipate needing to use the same computer every day the program is used.
- Once users log into the program, a message will pop-up asking which day/session the program should be set to. Users should click on the appropriate day corresponding with what curricular day is being completed.
- ***If you use a Mac:**
 - o Double click on the application. You will see the message seen below:



- o Click "Open."
- o You should then see a screen the configuration dialogue box, seen below. You can choose your settings and click "Play."



- Note, after the first time, you won't see the first message. It will go straight to the configuration dialog.

In-Game Experience

Navigating

- Explore the environment by walking around.
- Use the arrow keys to walk forward and backward and turn left and right.
- Hit the space bar to jump.
- If you are using a PC, right click and move the mouse to look up and down. If you are using a Mac, hold down the option button and move the mouse to look up and down.

Characters

- Various characters will be present on different days to provide clues.
- Click on a character to see what s/he has to say.

Quitting

- Press the command and Q buttons to quit out of the application.
- All work will automatically be saved.

EcoXPT System Requirements

Note: EcoXPT will not work on a Chromebook.

Windows

| SPECS |
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| Processor: Minimum Intel i3 530 or better (Jan 2010) (Ivy Bridge i5 or better preferred) |
| RAM: 2 GB (4 or more Preferred) |
| Hard Drive: 60 + GB 7200 RPM SATA or comparable SSD (space required less than 2GB) must be run on local disk |
| Graphics: Minimum Intel HD GPU or better. Preferred: Dedicated GPU minimum 256 MB RAM Supporting ShaderModel 3 or better. |
| OS: Windows 7 or newer |
| Internet: Working internet connection in order to download the program, either wired or wireless |
| Monitor, keyboard, and mouse required Minimum resolution: 1024x768 |

Mac

| DESKTOP SPECS | LAPTOP SPECS |
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| Processor: Minimum Intel i3 or better (such as iMac 2010) Ivy Bridge i5 or better preferred | Processor: Minimum 2.66 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo or better (such as 2010 13" MBP). Ivy Bridge i5 or better preferred. |
| RAM: 2 GB (4 Preferred) | RAM: 2 GB (4 Preferred) |
| Hard Drive: 60 GB + 5400 RPM SATA | Hard Drive: 60 GB + 5400 RPM SATA |
| Graphics: Minimum: 320M integrated graphics. Preferred: Dedicated PCI-express x16 Video card with a minimum 256 MB RAM Supporting ShaderModel 3 or better. | Graphics: Minimum: 320M integrated graphics. Preferred: Dedicated PCI-express x16 Video card with a minimum 256 MB RAM Supporting ShaderModel 3 or better. |
| OS: MacOS 10.7+ or better | OS: MacOS 10.7+ or better |
| Internet: Working internet connection, either wired or wireless, to download program. | Internet: Working internet connection, either wired or wireless, to download program. |
| Monitor, keyboard, and mouse required Minimum resolution: 1024x768 | Monitor, keyboard, and mouse/touchpad required Minimum resolution: 1024x768 |

EcoXPT should be run in full screen, at 1024x768 resolution, at Fastest graphics quality. (The resolution is especially important, different graphics quality settings should still be okay, but may slow things down.) MacBook Air 11" computers have a screen that is a little wider and shorter than the standard ratio, things may look a little more stretched than usual, but it's fine. This is the best solution for these computers.