

VGA Adapter for Laptop Display

In order to connect your laptop to the projector to show your workshop presentation, you need the correct adapter cable. Many of the newer laptops do not have connector ports we can support so you must purchase the proper adapter cable before the symposium.

If your laptop has a connector port that looks like this, you **DO NOT** need to read any further and we can provide you an adaptor cable.



If your laptop does **NOT** have the above connector port, you will need to purchase the proper adaptor as described below. (See next page for various adaptor pictures)










Digital display outputs (HDMI) are increasingly common on laptops. Because the symposium standard is VGA, many laptops will require a special adapter that **you will need to purchase**.

When buying the specific adapter for your laptop, if possible it is best to take the laptop to the store to find the exact adapter. **Remember, one end of the adapter needs to be VGA in order to work.**

Mac VGA adapters may be purchased online through the [Apple](#) website or Amazon. HDMI & Dell Displayport to VGA adapters are available via [Amazon](#).

Note: The Dell laptop Mini-Displayport connector for external video will NOT work with the Apple displayport (lightning) adapter. If you have a Dell Mini-Displayport laptop, you will need to purchase the Dell VGA adapter to display correctly.

Laptop Digital Display to VGA Adapter Types

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| <p>Full-size HDMI</p> | <p>This is the full-size HDMI connector, like you would see on a HD television. These are common on PC laptops and are also available on the Retina MacBook Pros.</p> |  |  |
| <p>Mini HDMI</p> | <p>This is a smaller version of the HDMI connector and is common on PC laptops.</p> |  |  |
| <p>Micro HDMI</p> | <p>This is the smallest HDMI connector, and is mostly seen on tablets and cameras.</p> |  |  |
| <p>Displayport</p> | <p>This is the full-size Displayport adapter, which is very rare.</p> |  |  |
| <p>Mini-Displayport/Thunderbolt Port</p> | <p>All Macbook Pro and Air laptops from mid-2008 to the present and the white Macbook laptop starting in Fall of 2009 have this connector. 2011 models are labeled as Thunderbolt ports but the connector is the same.</p> |  |  |