

XPS 8910

Service Manual



Notes, cautions, and warnings

 **NOTE:** A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your product.

 **CAUTION:** A CAUTION indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.

 **WARNING:** A WARNING indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.

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Before working inside your computer

 **NOTE:** The images in this document may differ from your computer depending on the configuration you ordered.

Before you begin


1. Save and close all open files and exit all open applications.
2. Shut down your computer. Click **Start** >  **Power** > **Shut down**.


 **NOTE:** If you are using a different operating system, see the documentation of your operating system for shut-down instructions.

3. Disconnect your computer and all attached devices from their electrical outlets.
4. Disconnect all attached network devices and peripherals, such as keyboard, mouse, and monitor from your computer.
5. Remove any media card and optical disc from your computer, if applicable.
6. After the computer is unplugged, press and hold the power button for 5 seconds to ground the system board.

Safety instructions


Use the following safety guidelines to protect your computer from potential damage and to ensure your personal safety. Unless otherwise noted, each procedure included in this document assumes that you have read the safety information that shipped with your computer.


 **NOTE:** Before working inside your computer, read the safety information that shipped with your computer. For more safety best practices, see the Regulatory Compliance home page at www.dell.com/regulatory_compliance.


 **NOTE:** Disconnect all power sources before opening the computer cover or panels. After you finish working inside the computer, replace all covers, panels, and screws before connecting to the electrical outlet.

 **CAUTION:** To avoid damaging the computer, ensure that the work surface is flat and clean.

 **CAUTION:** Handle components and cards with care. Do not touch the components or contacts on a card. Hold a card by its edges or by its metal mounting bracket. Hold a component such as a processor by its edges, not by its pins.

 **CAUTION:** You should only perform troubleshooting and repairs as authorized or directed by the Dell technical assistance team. Damage due to servicing that is not authorized by Dell is not covered by your warranty. See the safety instructions that shipped with the product or at www.dell.com/regulatory_compliance.

 **CAUTION:** Before touching anything inside your computer, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by periodically touching an unpainted metal surface, such as the metal at the back of the computer. While you work, periodically touch an unpainted metal surface to dissipate static electricity, which could harm internal components.

 **CAUTION:** When you disconnect a cable, pull on its connector or on its pull tab, not on the cable itself. Some cables have connectors with locking tabs or thumb-screws that you must disengage before disconnecting the cable. When disconnecting cables, keep them evenly aligned to avoid bending any connector pins. When connecting cables, ensure that the ports and connectors are correctly oriented and aligned.

 **CAUTION:** Press and eject any installed card from the media-card reader.

 **NOTE:** The color of your computer and certain components may appear differently than shown in this document.

Recommended tools













The procedures in this document may require the following tools:

- Phillips screwdriver #1
- Phillips screwdriver #2
- Plastic scribe

Screw list

The following table provides the list of screws that are used for securing different components to the computer.

Table 1. Screw list

Component	Secured to	Screw type	Quantity	Screw image
Hard drive	Hard-drive bracket	#6-32x1/4"	4	
Hard-drive cage	Chassis	#6-32x1/4"	6 (two per hard-drive cage installed)	
Power-supply bracket	Chassis	#6-32x1/4"	2	
Power-supply unit	Chassis	#6-32x1/4"	4	
Blower	Heat-sink assembly	#6-32x1/4"	3	
Chassis fan	Chassis	#6-32x1/4"	1	
Power button module	Top panel	#6-32x1/4"	1	
Solid-state drive	System board	M2x2.5	1	
Wireless card	System board	M2x2.5	1	
Top IO panel	Chassis	#6-32x1/4"	4	
ODD	ODD bracket	M2x2.5	1	
System board	Chassis	#6-32x1/4"	8	

After working inside your computer

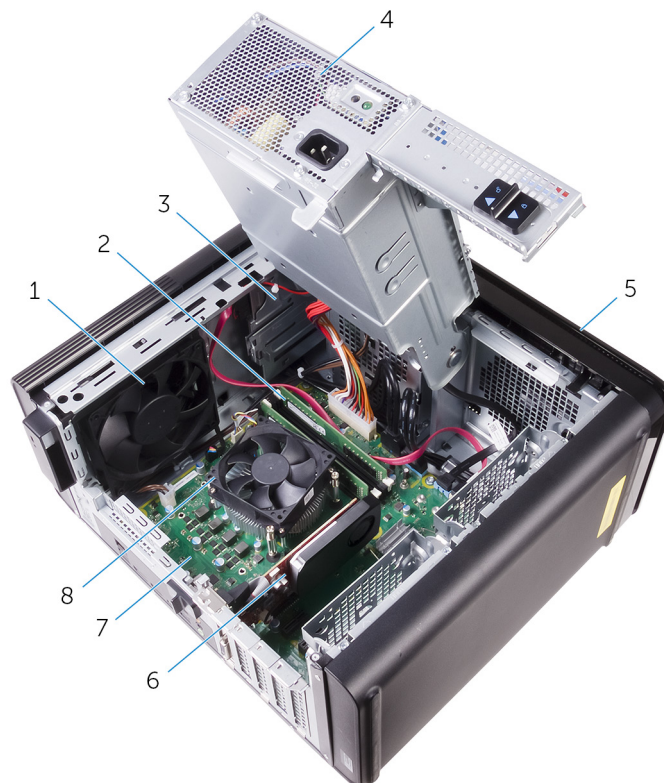
 **CAUTION:** Leaving stray or loose screws inside your computer may severely damage your computer.

1. Replace all screws and ensure that no stray screws remain inside your computer.
2. Connect any external devices, peripherals, or cables you removed before working on your computer.
3. Replace any media cards, discs, or any other parts that you removed before working on your computer.
4. Connect your computer and all attached devices to their electrical outlets.
5. Turn on your computer.

Technical overview

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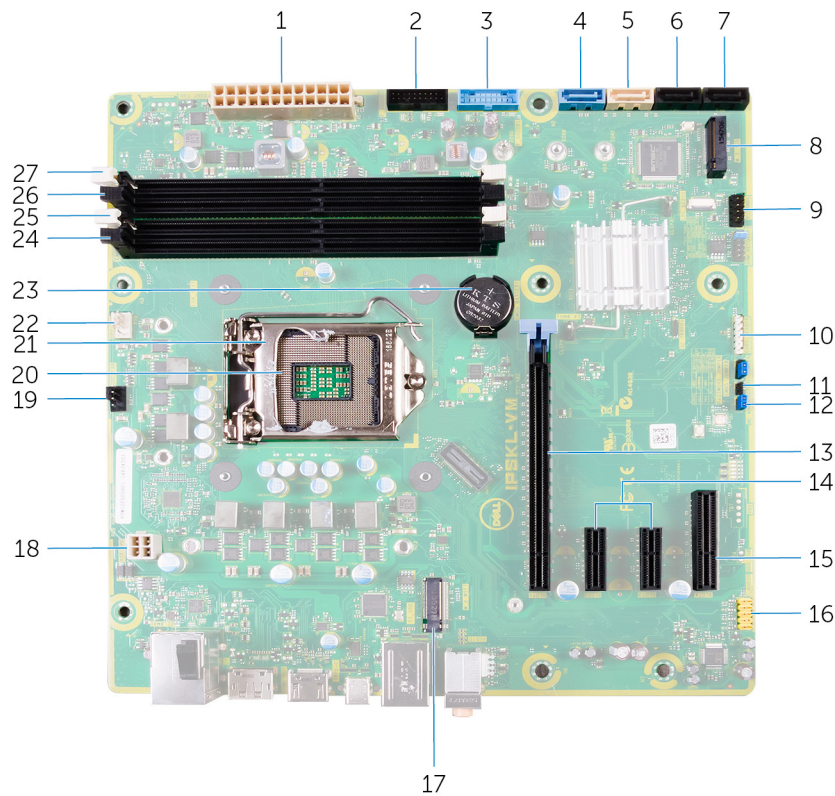
Inside view of your computer



- 1. chassis fan
- 3. optical drive
- 5. front bezel
- 7. system board

- 2. memory module
- 4. power-supply unit
- 6. graphics card
- 8. processor fan and heat-sink assembly

System-board components



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|---|---|
| 1. system board power connector (ATX_POWER) | 2. USB 2 (F_SSUSB2) |
| 3. USB 1 (F_SSUSB1) | 4. SATA 6 Gbps for hard drive (SATA1) |
| 5. SATA 6 Gbps for optical drive (SATA2) | 6. SATA 6 Gbps drive connector (SATA3) |
| 7. SATA 6 Gbps drive connector (SATA4) | 8. solid-state drive slot (M.2 SSD) |
| 9. front I/O panel (F_PANEL) | 10. media card reader connector (CARD_READER) |
| 11. CMOS-reset jumper (CMOS JUMPER) | 12. password-reset jumper (PASSWORD JUMPER) |
| 13. PCI-Express x16 card slot (SLOT1) | 14. PCI-Express x1 card slots (SLOT 2 and SLOT 3) |
| 15. PCI-Express x4 card slot (SLOT 4) | 16. front audio connector (F_audio) |
| 17. wireless-card slot (M.2_SLOT1) | 18. CPU power cable (ATX_CPU) |
| 19. chassis-fan connector (TOP_FAN) | 20. processor socket |
| 21. processor release latch | 22. processor-fan connector (CPU_FAN) |
| 23. coin-cell battery (CMOS BATTERY) | 24. memory-module slot (DIMM3) |
| 25. memory-module slot (DIMM1) | 26. memory-module slot (DIMM4) |
| 27. memory-module slot (DIMM2) | |

Removing the right-side cover

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Procedure

1. Lay the computer on the left side.
2. Pull the right-side cover release latch.
3. Lift the right-side cover and then slide it towards the top of the computer.
4. Remove the right-side cover from the chassis.

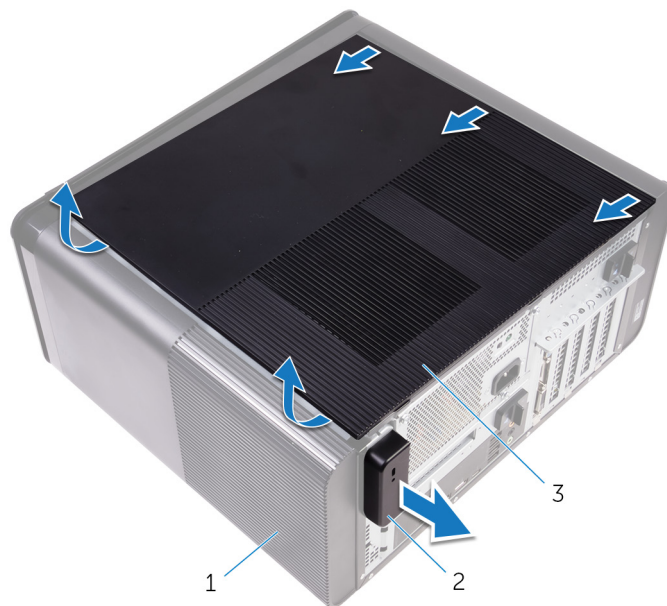


Figure 1. Removing the right-side cover

- a. chassis
- b. right-side cover release latch
- c. right-side cover

Replacing the right-side cover

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Procedure

1. Align the tabs on the right-side cover with the slots on the chassis and snap the side-cover to lock it in place.

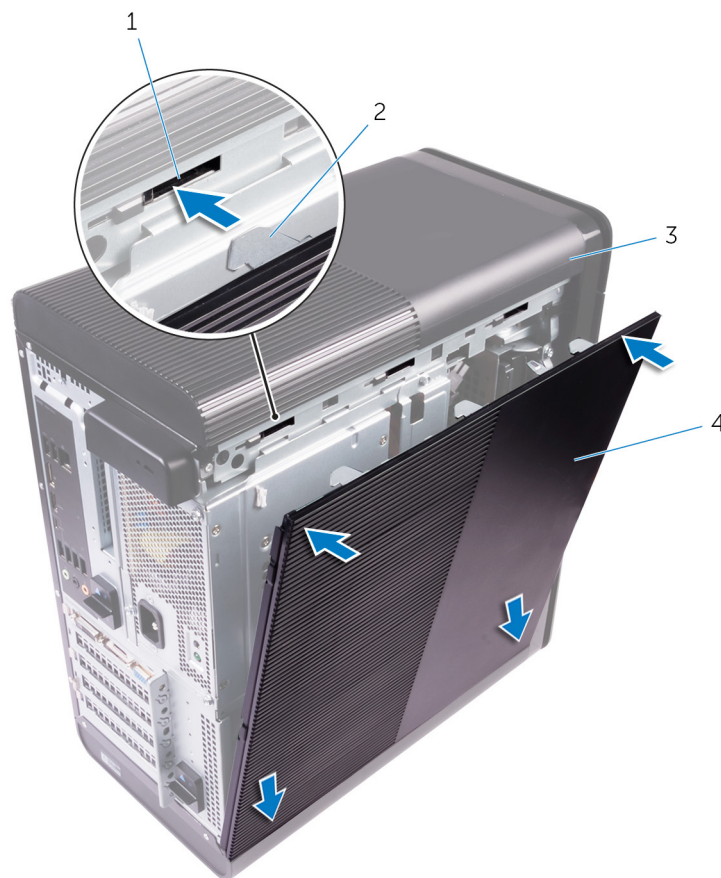


Figure 2. Right-side cover replacement

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| 1. slots | 2. tabs |
| 3. chassis | 4. right-side cover |

2. Place the computer in an upright position.

Removing the front bezel

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Prerequisites

Remove the [right-side cover](#).

Procedure

1. Pry the optical-drive bezel from the optical drive.



Figure 3. Removing the optical drive bezel

- a. optical-drive bezel
 - b. front bezel
2. Release the front-bezel tabs sequentially from the top, one at a time by moving them away from the front chassis.
 3. Rotate and pull the front bezel away from the front of the chassis to release the front-bezel.



Figure 4. Removing the front bezel

- a. front-bezel tabs
- b. front bezel
- c. front chassis

Replacing the front bezel

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Procedure

1. Align the tabs on the front bezel with the slots on the chassis.
2. Rotate the front bezel towards the chassis until the front bezel tabs snap into place.
3. Snap the optical-drive bezel to the optical drive.

Post-requisites

Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Removing the optical drive

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Prerequisites

1. Remove the [right-side cover](#).
2. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 2 in "[Removing the power-supply unit](#)".

Procedure

1. Disconnect the power and data cables from the optical drive.
2. Pull the release tab on the optical-drive cage towards the bottom of the computer.
3. Push to slide out the optical drive through the front of the computer.

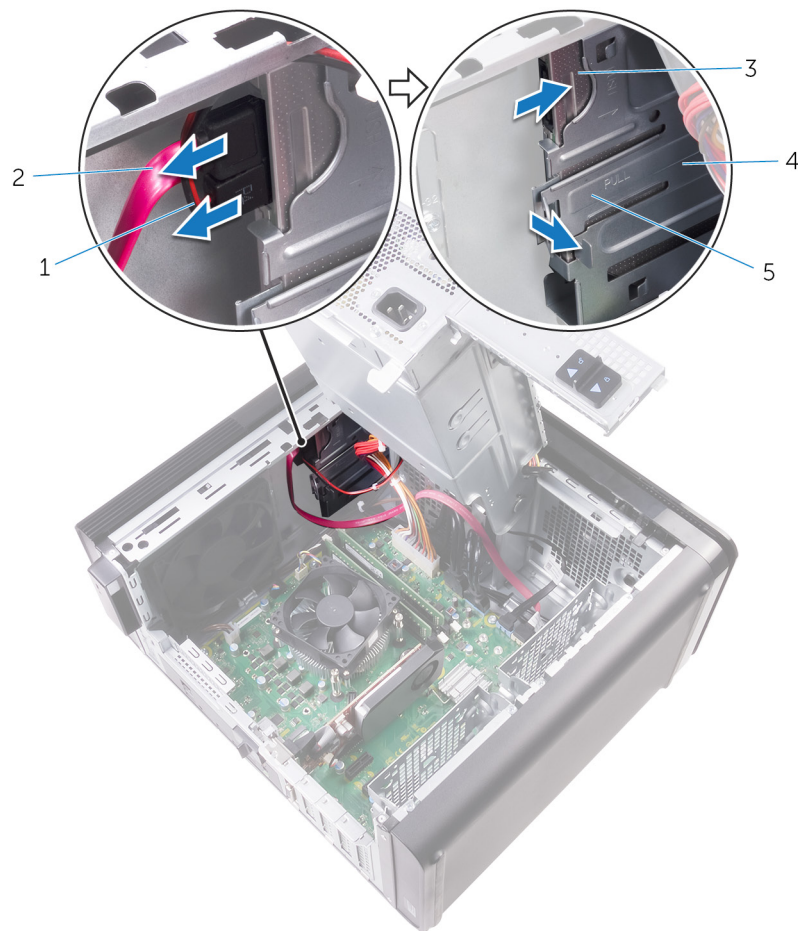


Figure 5. Removing the optical drive

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| 1. power cable | 2. data cable |
| 3. optical drive | 4. optical-drive cage |

5. release tab

4. Push and slide the optical drive through the front of the computer.

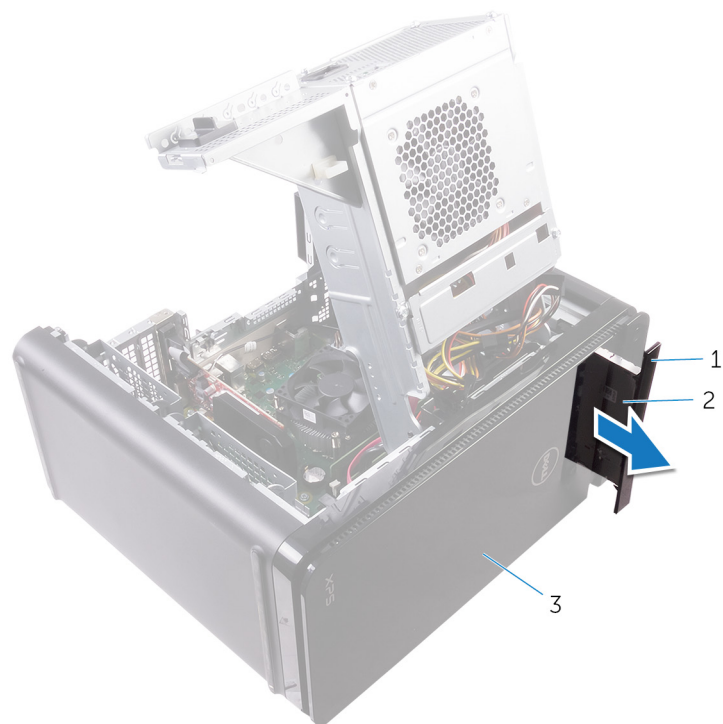


Figure 6. Removing the optical drive

- a. optical-drive bezel
- b. optical drive
- c. front bezel

5. Remove the screw that secures the optical-drive bracket to the optical drive.



Figure 7. Removing the optical drive

- a. M2x2.5 screw
- b. optical-drive bracket
- c. optical drive

Replacing the optical drive

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Procedure

1. Align the screw hole on the optical-drive bracket with the screw hole on the optical drive.
2. Replace the screw that secures the optical-drive bracket to the optical drive.
3. Replace the optical drive bezel.
4. Slide the optical drive into the optical-drive cage through the front of the computer till it snaps into place.
5. Connect the power and data cables to the optical drive.

Post-requisites

1. Follow the procedure from step 9 to step 10 in [“Replacing the power-supply unit”](#).
2. Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Post-requisites

1. Follow the procedure from step 9 to step 10 in [“Replacing the power-supply unit”](#).
2. Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Removing the top cover

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Prerequisites

Remove the [right-side cover](#).

Procedure

1. Place the computer in an upright position.
2. Pry the cover from the back corner and lift the top cover away from the chassis.



Figure 8. Removing the top cover

- a. top cover
- b. chassis

Replacing the top cover

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Procedure

Align the tabs on the top cover with the slots on the top panel and press the top cover until it snaps into place.

Post-requisites

Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Removing the bottom cover

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Prerequisites

Remove the [right-side cover](#).

Procedure

1. Place the computer with the bottom facing up.
2. Pry and lift the bottom cover away from the chassis.



Figure 9. Removing the bottom cover

- a. bottom cover
- b. chassis

Replacing the bottom cover

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Procedure

Align the tabs on the bottom cover with the slots on the bottom panel and press the bottom cover until it snaps in place.

Post-requisites

Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Removing the primary hard-drive

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CAUTION: Hard drives are fragile. Exercise care when handling the hard drive.

CAUTION: To avoid data loss, do not remove the hard drive while the computer is in sleep or on state.

Prerequisites

Remove the [right-side cover](#).

Procedure (with screws)

NOTE: There is a running change on implementing a new blue tool-less plastic bracket for the primary hard-disk drive. Technicians encounter that later revisions of the systems have the new blue tool-less plastic bracket for the primary hard-disk drive.

1. Disconnect the data and power cables from the hard drive.
2. Remove the screws that secure the hard-drive cage to the chassis.

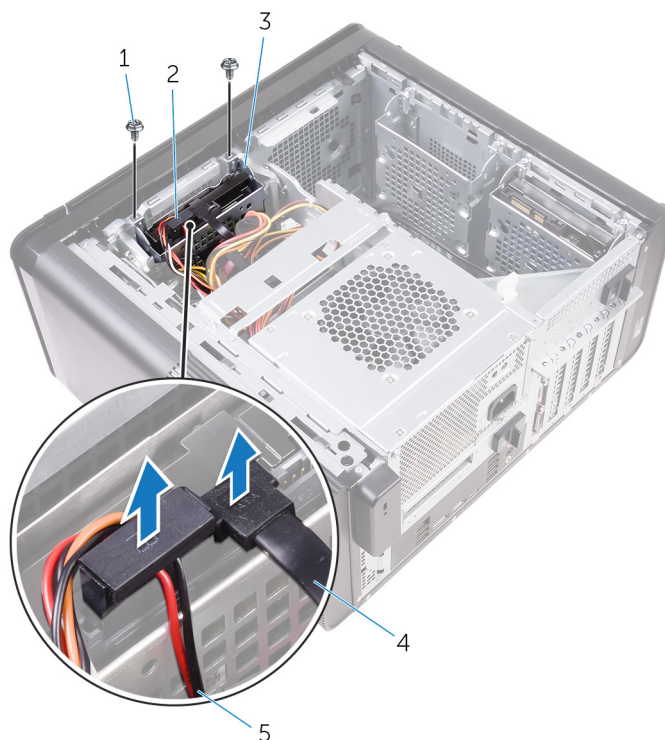


Figure 10. Disconnecting cables

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1. #6-32x1/4" screws (2) | 2. hard drive |
| 3. hard-drive cage | 4. data cable |

5. power cable

3. Lift the hard-drive cage off the chassis.

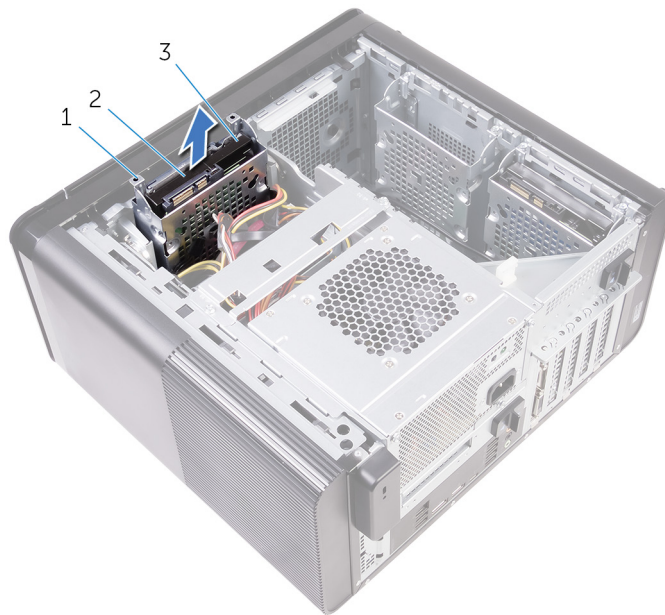


Figure 11. Removing the hard-drive cage

- a. hard-drive cage
- b. tab
- c. hard-drive assembly

4. Remove the screws that secure the hard drive to the hard-drive cage.

5. Lift the hard drive off the hard-drive cage.

NOTE: Note the orientation of the hard drive to replace it correctly.

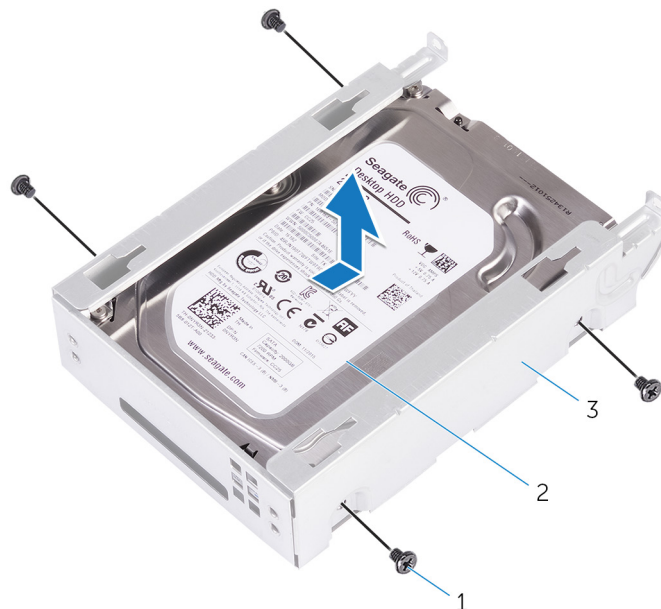



Figure 12. Removing the hard drive from the bracket

- a. #6-32 X 1/4" screws (4)
- b. hard drive
- c. hard-drive cage

Replacing the primary hard-drive

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 **CAUTION:** Hard drives are fragile. Exercise care when handling the hard drive.

Procedure

1. Place the hard drive into the hard-drive cage.
2. Align the screw holes on the hard-drive cage with the screw holes on the hard drive.
3. Replace the screws that secure the hard drive to the hard-drive cage.
4. Insert the hard-drive cage into the chassis.
5. Replace the screws that secure the hard-drive cage to the chassis.
6. Connect the data and power cables to the hard drive.

Post-requisites

Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Removing the secondary hard-drive

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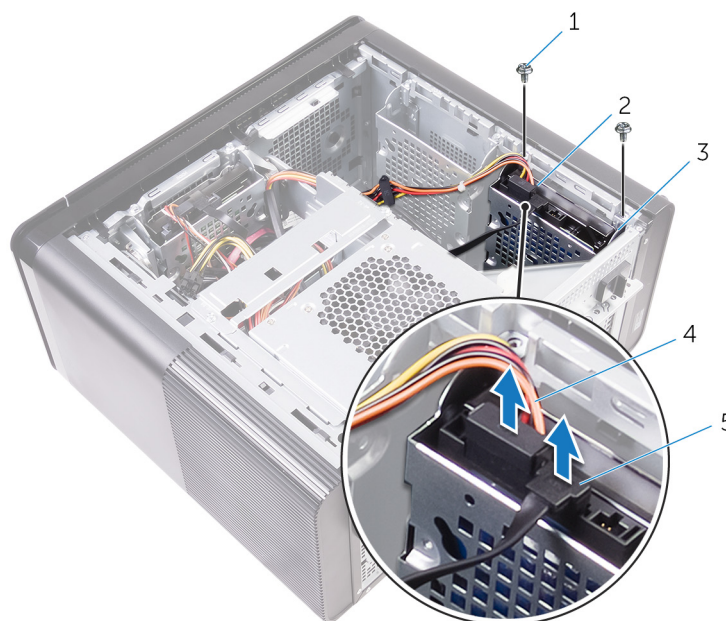
CAUTION: To avoid data loss, do not remove the hard drive while the computer is in sleep or on state.

Prerequisites

Remove the [right-side cover](#).

Procedure

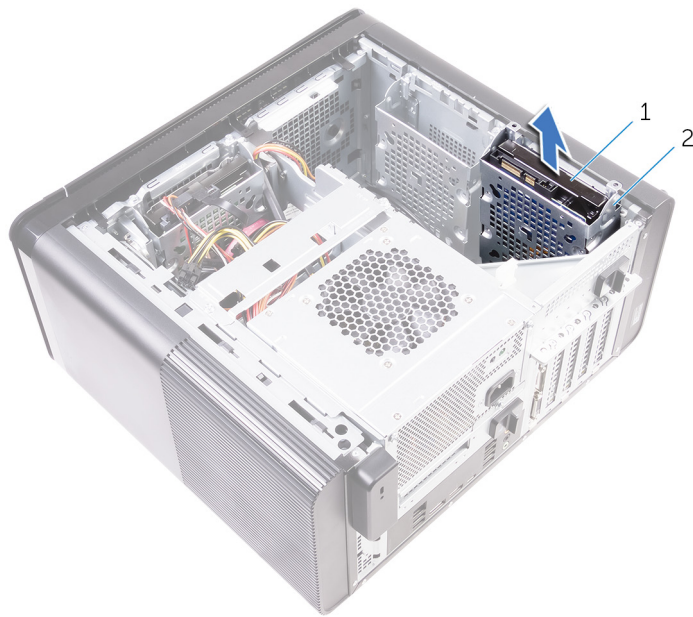
1. Disconnect the data and power cables from the hard drive.
2. Remove the screws that secure the hard-drive cage to chassis.



1. #6-32 X 1/4" screws (2)
3. hard-drive cage
5. data cable

2. hard drive
4. power cable

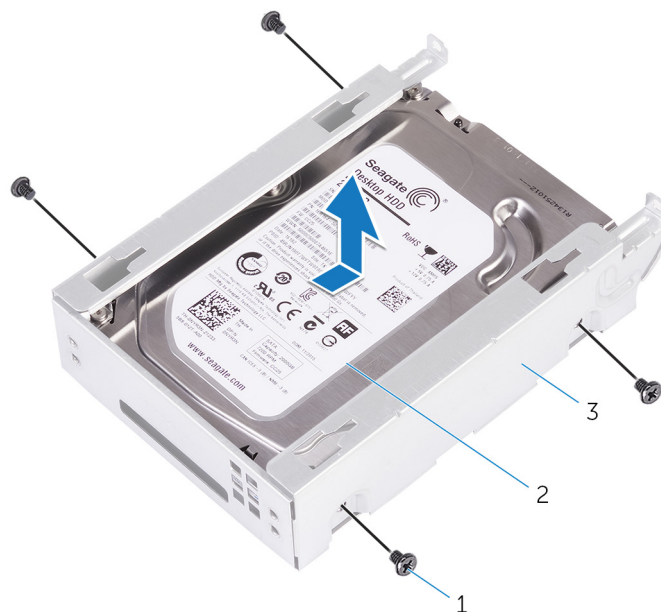
3. Lift the hard drive cage off the chassis.



- a. hard drive
- b. hard-drive cage


4. Remove the screws that secure the hard drive to the hard-drive cage.
5. Lift the hard drive out of the hard drive cage.

NOTE: Note the orientation of the hard drive so that you can replace it correctly.



- a. #6-32 X 1/4" screws (4)
- b. hard drive
- c. hard-drive cage

Replacing the secondary hard-drive

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 **CAUTION:** Hard drives are fragile. Exercise care when handling the hard drive.

Post-requisites

Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Procedure

1. Place the hard drive into the hard-drive cage.
2. Replace the screws that secure the hard drive to the hard-drive cage.
3. Place the hard-drive cage into the hard-drive cage slot in the chassis.
4. Replace the screws that secure the hard-drive cage to the chassis.
5. Connect the data and power cables to the hard drive.

Removing the solid-state drive

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CAUTION: Solid-state drives are fragile. Exercise care when handling the solid-state drive.

CAUTION: To avoid data loss, do not remove the solid-state drive while the computer is in sleep or on state.

Prerequisites

1. Remove the [right-side cover](#).
2. Remove the [full-length graphics card](#) (if installed).

Procedure

1. Remove the screw that secures the solid-state drive to the system board.
 2. Slide and lift the solid-state drive off the system board.
- For more information, see "[System-board components](#)".

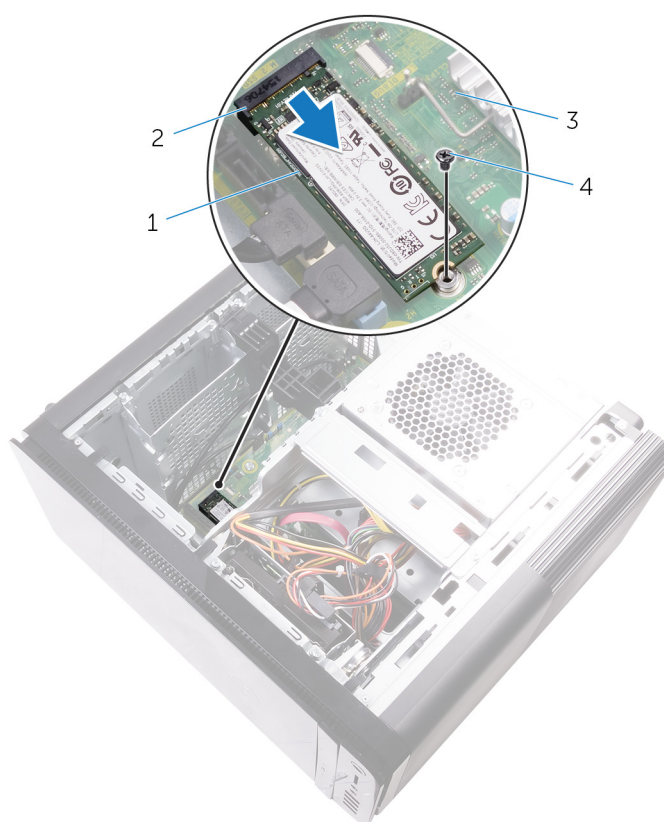


Figure 13. Removing the solid-state drive

1. solid-state drive
2. solid-state drive slot

3. system board

4. M2x2.5 screw

Replacing the solid-state drive

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CAUTION: Solid-state drives are fragile. Exercise care when handling the solid-state drive.

Procedure

1. Align the notch on the solid-state drive with the tab on the solid-state drive slot.
2. Insert the solid-state drive at a 45-degree angle into the solid-state drive slot.
For more information, see "[System-board components](#)".
3. Replace the screw that secures the solid-state drive to the system board.

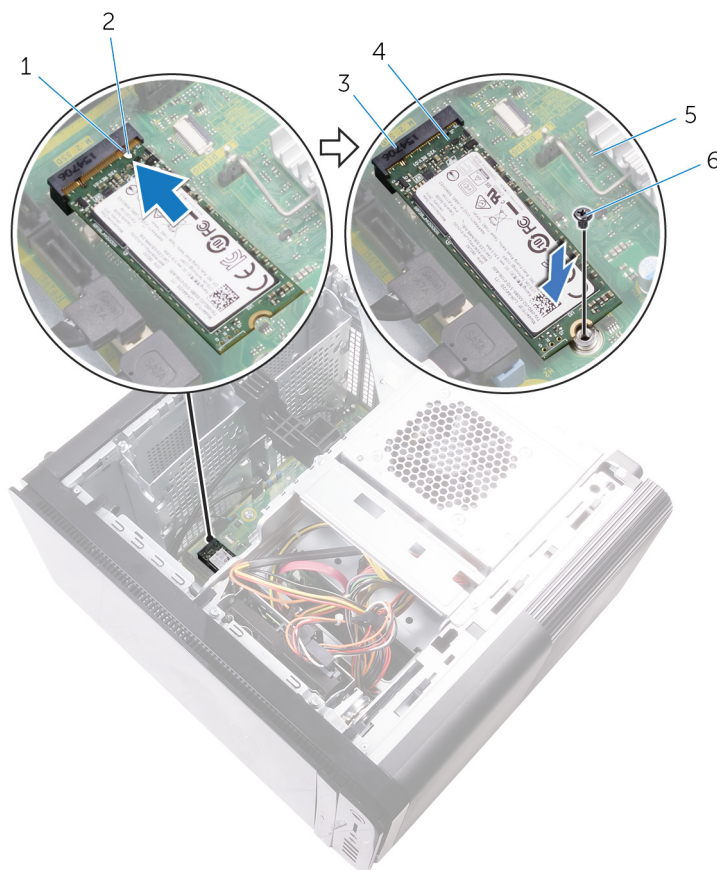



Figure 14. Replacing the solid-state drive

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| 1. tab | 2. notch |
| 3. solid-state drive slot | 4. solid-state drive |
| 5. system board | 6. M2 X 2.5 screw |

Post-requisites

1. Replace the [full-length graphics card](#) (if installed).
2. Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Removing the power-supply unit

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 **WARNING:** Lift the power-supply unit carefully as it is designed with a tight hinge without a physical lock. It always stays in the upright position while lifted up.

Prerequisites

Remove the [right-side cover](#).

Procedure

 **NOTE:** Note the routing of all cables as you remove them so that you can reroute them correctly after you replace the power supply.

1. Slide the power-supply unit cage release latches towards the unlock position.
2. Rotate the power-supply unit cage away from the chassis.

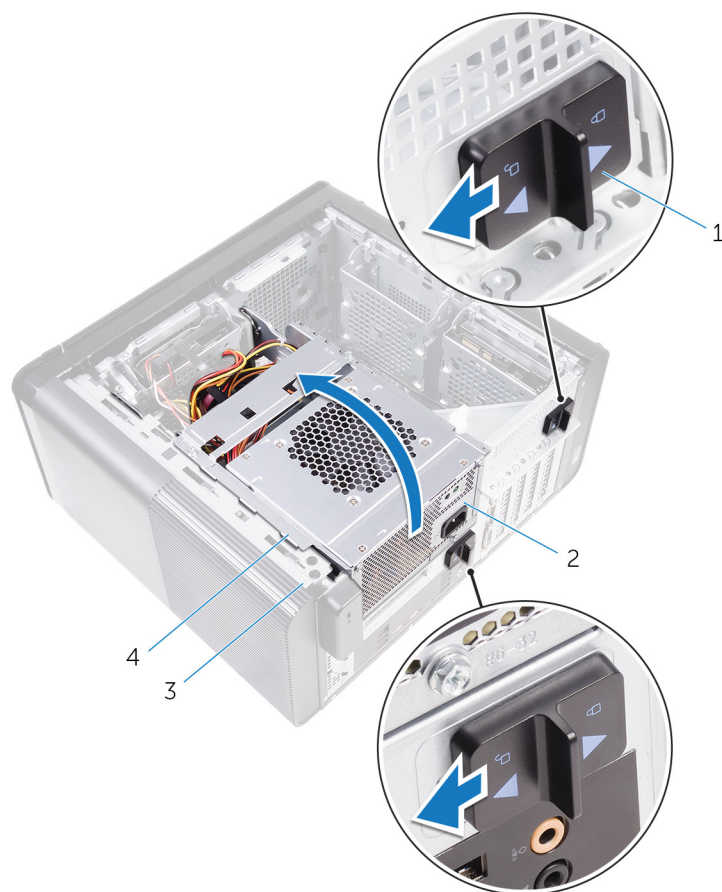


Figure 15. Rotating the power-supply unit

- 1. power-supply unit cage release latches (2)
- 3. chassis

- 2. power-supply unit
- 4. power-supply unit cage

3. Disconnect the CPU-power cable and system board power cable from the system board and the optical-drive power cable from the optical drive.
For more information, see "[System-board components](#)".
4. Disconnect the graphics-card power cables if applicable.
5. Remove the system-board power cable from the routing guide on the chassis.

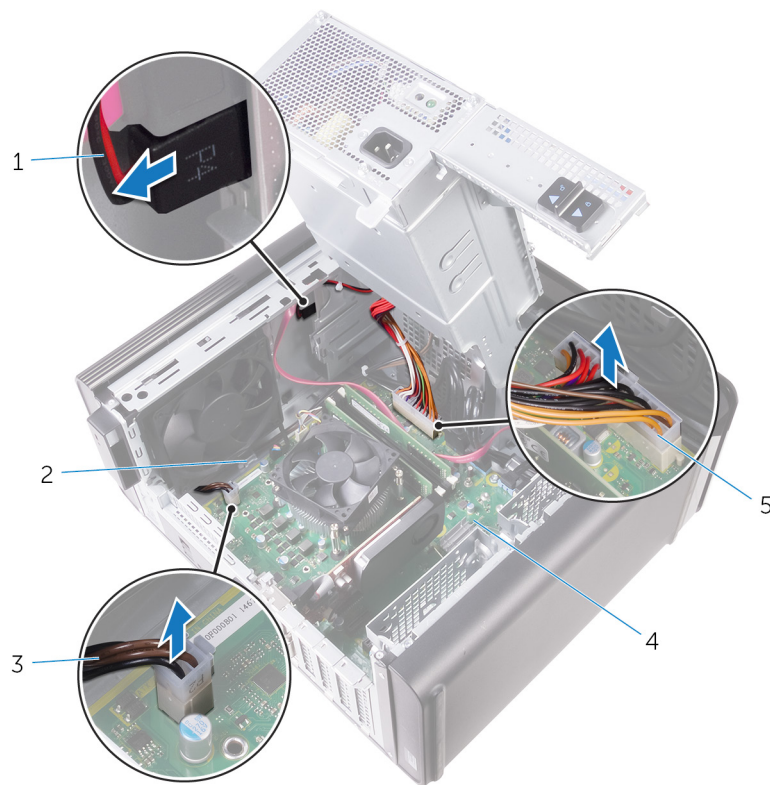


Figure 16. Disconnecting cables

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| 1. optical drive power cable | 2. routing guide |
| 3. CPU power cable | 4. system board |
| 5. system board power cable | |

6. Rotate the power-supply unit cage towards the chassis.
7. Disconnect the hard-disk power cable.

NOTE: There could be up to three hard-disk power cables depending on the quantity of hard-disk drive installed.

8. Remove the screws that secure the power-supply bracket to the chassis.
9. Remove the screws that secure the power-supply unit to the chassis.
10. Lift the power-supply bracket off the chassis.
11. Lift the power-supply unit off the chassis.

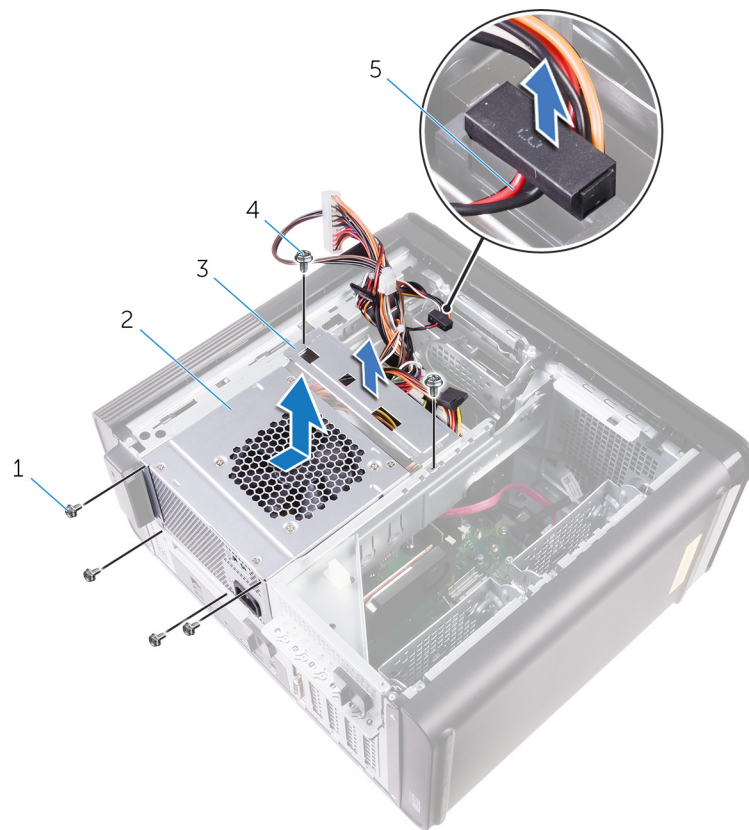



Figure 17. Removing the power supply unit

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| 1. #6-32x1/4" screws (4) | 2. power-supply unit |
| 3. power-supply bracket | 4. #6-32x1/4" screws (2) |
| 5. hard-drive cable | |

Replacing the power-supply unit

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 **WARNING:** Lift the power-supply unit carefully as it is designed with a tight hinge without a physical lock. It always stays in the upright position while lifted up.

Procedure

1. Place the power supply on the power-supply unit cage.
2. Replace the screws that secure the power-supply unit to the power-supply unit cage.
3. Align the screw holes on the power-supply bracket with the screw holes on the power-supply unit cage.
4. Replace the screws that secure the power supply bracket to the power-supply unit cage.
5. Connect the hard-drive power cable.
6. Rotate the power-supply unit away from the chassis.
7. Connect the CPU-power cable, system-board power cable to the system board and the optical-drive power cable to the optical drive.
For more information, see "[System-board components](#)".
8. Route the system-board power cable through the routing guide on the chassis.
9. Connect the graphics-card power cables if applicable.
10. Rotate the power-supply unit towards the chassis until the unit snaps into place.
11. Slide the power-supply unit cage release latches to their locking positions to lock the release latches.

Post-requisites

Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Removing the coin-cell battery

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CAUTION: Removing the coin-cell battery resets the BIOS setup program's settings to default. It is recommended that you note the BIOS setup program's settings before removing the coin-cell battery.

Prerequisites

1. Remove the [right-side cover](#).
2. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 2 in "[Removing the power-supply unit](#)".

Procedure

1. Using a plastic scribe, press the battery-release lever away from the coin-cell battery until the coin-cell battery pops up.
2. Lift the coin-cell battery out of its socket.

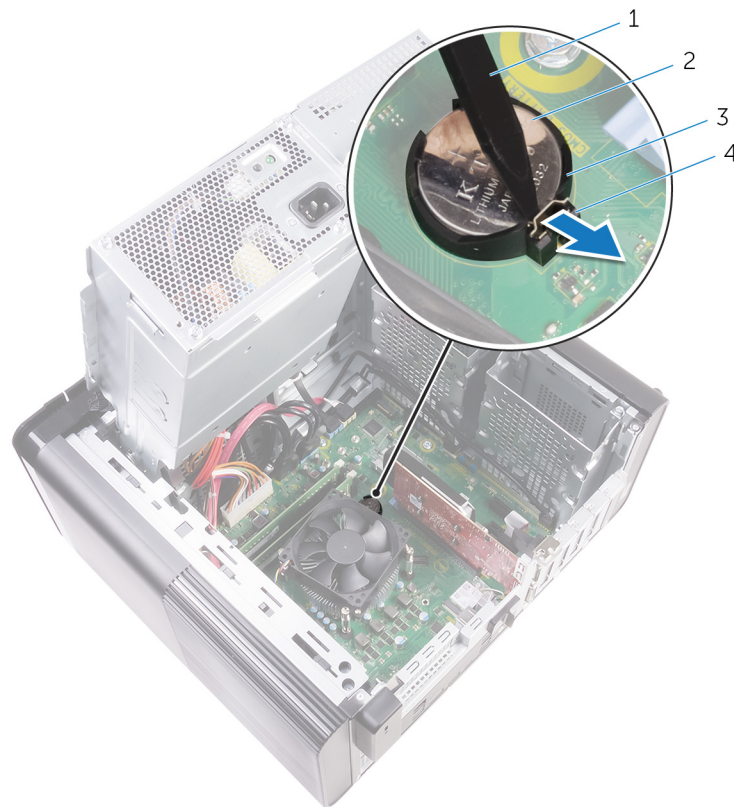


Figure 18. Removing the coin cell battery

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| 1. plastic scribe | 2. coin-cell battery |
| 3. coin-cell battery socket | 4. battery-release lever |

Replacing the coin-cell battery

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Procedure

Insert the coin-cell battery into the battery socket with the positive side facing up, and snap the battery into place.

Post-requisites

1. Follow the procedure from step 9 to step 10 in [“Replacing the power-supply unit”](#).
2. Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Removing the graphics card

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Prerequisites

NOTE: Your computer will be shipped with either graphics card or full-length graphics card.

1. Remove the [right-side cover](#).
2. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 2 in [“Removing the power-supply unit”](#).

Procedure

1. Locate the graphics card on the system board and make note of the graphics-card slot (PCI-Express x16).
For more information, see [“System-board components”](#).
2. Push the securing tab on the PCIe slot away from the graphics card, grasp the card by its top corner, and ease it out of the slot.

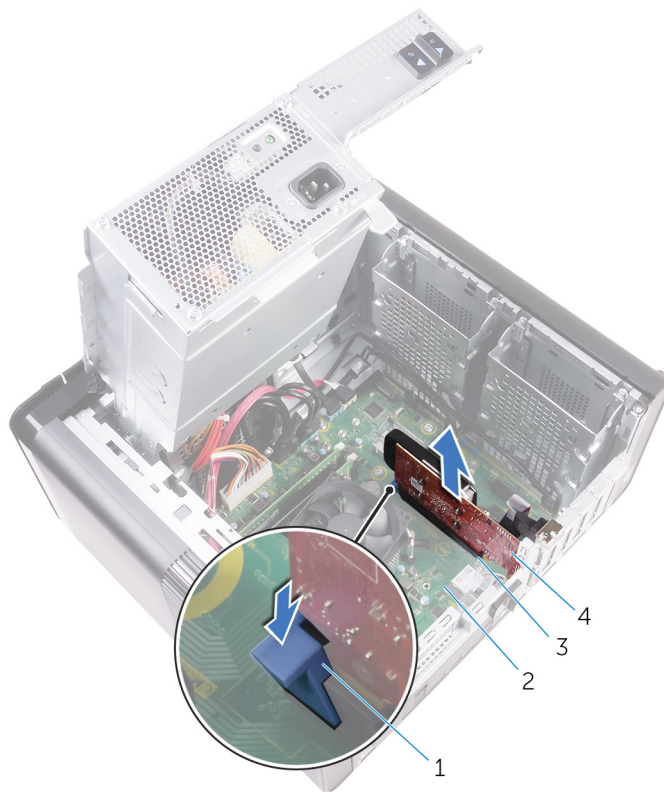


Figure 19. Removing the graphics card

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| 1. securing tab | 2. system board |
| 3. graphics card slot | 4. graphics card |

Replacing the graphics card

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Procedure

1. Locate the PCI-Express x16 card slot on the system board.
For more information, see "[System-board components](#)".
2. Align the notch on the graphics card with the tab on the slot and snap the graphics card in place.

Post-requisites

1. Follow the procedure from step 9 to step 10 in "[Replacing the power-supply unit](#)".
2. Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Removing the full-length graphics cards

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Prerequisites

NOTE: Your computer will be shipped with either graphics card or full-length graphics card.

1. Remove the [right-side cover](#).
2. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 2 in [“Removing the power-supply unit”](#).

Procedure

1. Lift to release the graphics-card bracket from the chassis.

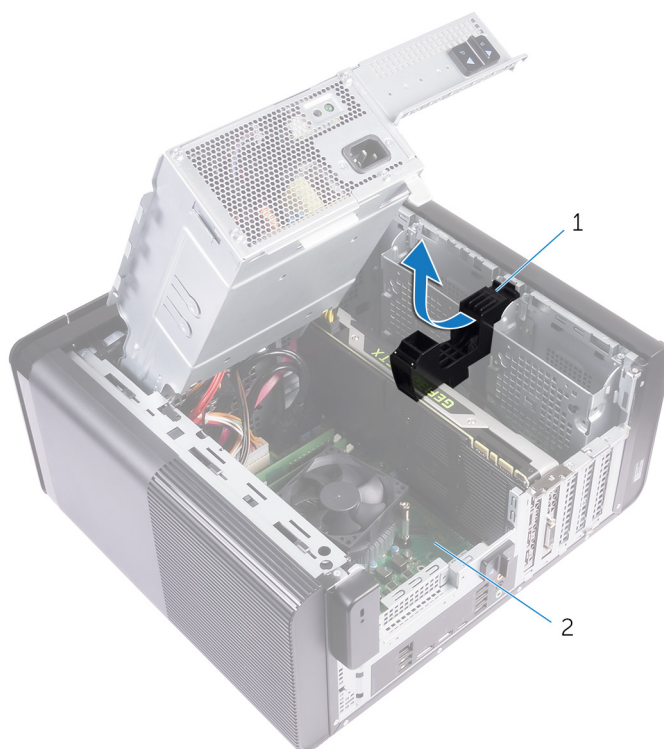


Figure 20. Removing the graphics-card bracket

- a. graphics-card bracket
 - b. chassis
2. Press the releasing clip on the power-cable connectors and disconnect the power cables from the graphics card.
 3. Push the securing tab on the PCIe slot away from the graphics card, grasp the card by its top corner, and ease it out of the slot.

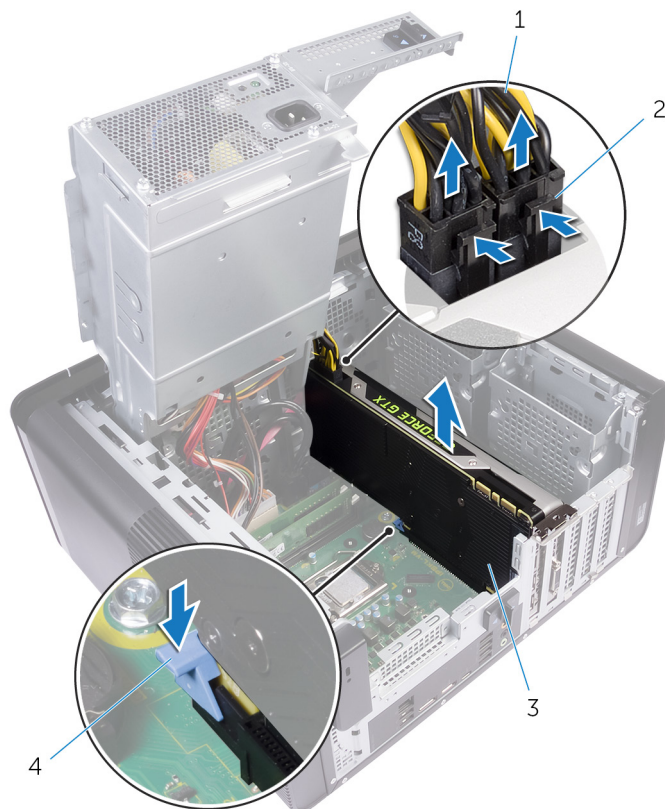


Figure 21. Removing the power cable

1. power cables
2. releasing clips (2)
3. graphics card
4. securing tab

Replacing the full-length graphics cards

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Procedure

1. Align the full-length graphics card with the slot on the system board.
2. Place the card into the slot and press down firmly until the full-length graphics card snaps into place.
3. Connect the power cables to the full-length graphics card.
4. Slide the tab on the graphics-card bracket into the slot on the chassis and snap it into place.

Post-requisites

1. Follow the procedure from step 9 to step 10 in [“Replacing the power-supply unit”](#).
2. Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Removing the memory modules


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Prerequisites

1. Remove the [right-side cover](#).
2. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 2 in “[Removing the power-supply unit](#)”.

Procedure

1. Locate the memory-module slot on the system board.
For more information, see “[System-board components](#)”.
2. Push the securing clips away from the memory module.
3. Grasp the memory module near the securing clip, and then gently ease the memory module out of the memory-module slot.

 **CAUTION:** If the memory module is difficult to remove, gently ease the memory module back and forth to remove it from the slot.

 **NOTE:** Repeat step 2 to step 3 to remove any other memory modules installed in your computer.

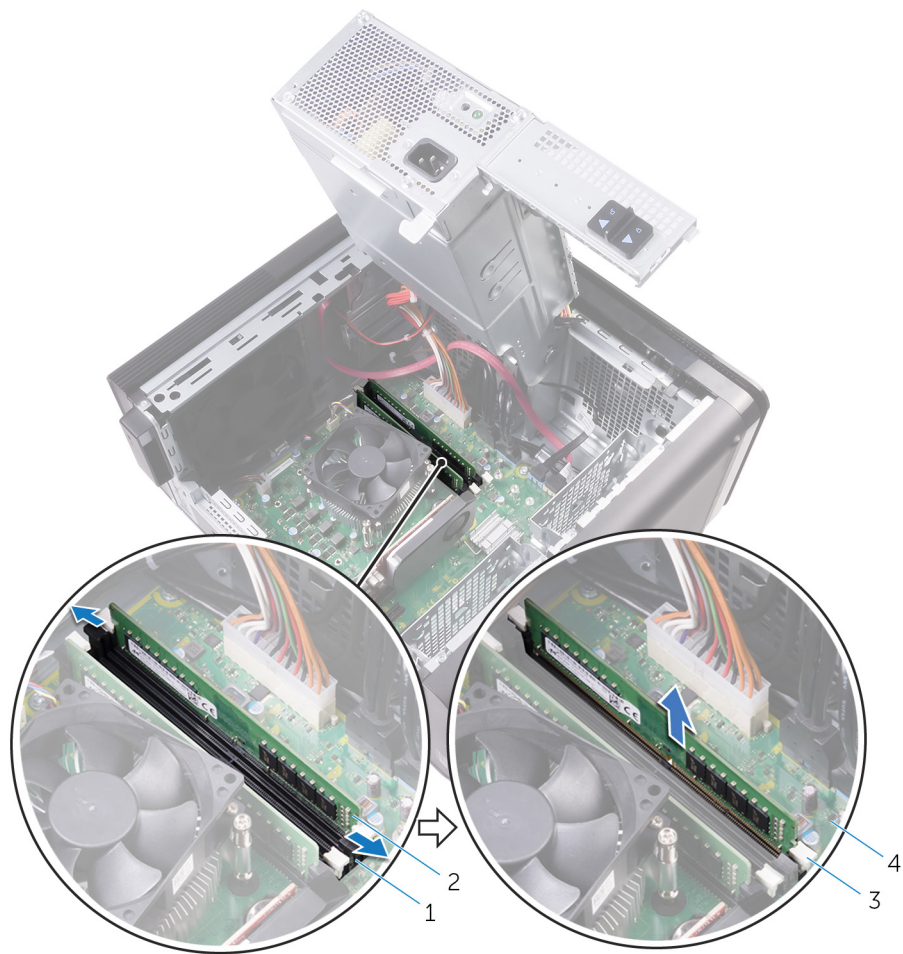


Figure 22. Removing the memory module

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| 1. memory-module slot | 2. memory module |
| 3. securing clips (2) | 4. system board |

Replacing the memory modules

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Procedure


1. Align the notch on the memory module with the tab on the memory-module slot.
2. Insert the memory module into the memory-module slot, and press the memory module straight until it snaps into position and the securing clips lock in place.

NOTE: If you do not hear the click, remove the memory module and reinstall it.



Figure 23. Replacing the memory module

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. tab | 2. notch |
| 3. memory-module slot | 4. memory module |
| 5. system board | |

 **NOTE:** Use slots DIMM1 and DIMM2 if you need to use two memory modules. For more information, see [System-board components](#).

The following table lists the available memory configuration matrix:

Table 2. Memory configuration matrix

Configuration	Slot			
	DIMM1	DIMM2	DIMM3	DIMM4
8 GB	4 GB	4 GB		
8 GB	8 GB			
16 GB	8 GB	8 GB		
16 GB	16 GB			
24 GB	8 GB	8 GB	4 GB	4 GB
32 GB	8 GB	8 GB	8 GB	8 GB
64 GB	16 GB	16 GB	16 GB	16 GB

Post-requisites

1. Follow the procedure from step 9 to step 10 in “[Replacing the power-supply unit](#)”.
2. Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Removing the power-button module

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Prerequisites

1. Remove the [right-side cover](#).
2. Remove the [top cover](#).
3. Remove the [front bezel](#).

Procedure

NOTE: Note the routing of the cable as you remove it so that you can reroute it correctly after you replace the power-button module.

1. Disconnect the power-button module cable from the system board.
For more information, see "[System-board components](#)".
2. Note the power-button module cable routing and remove the cable from the routing guides next to the system board on the chassis.
3. Remove the screw that secures the power-button module and lift the power-button module from the chassis.
4. Remove the cable from the slot on top of the chassis.

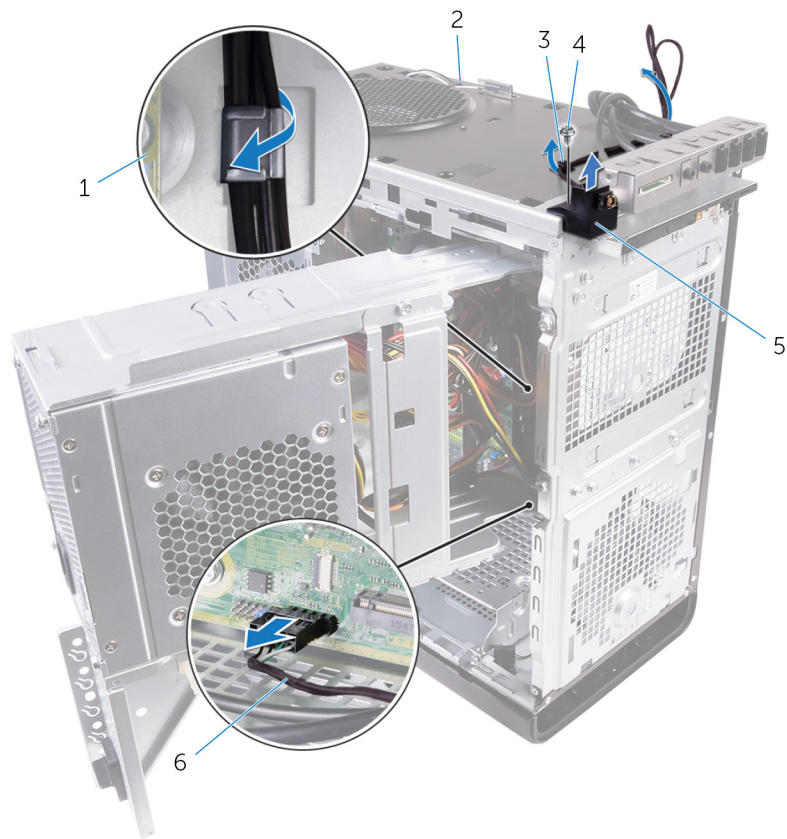


Figure 24. Disconnect the power-button module cable

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|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. system board | 2. chassis |
| 3. routing guide | 4. #6-32x1/4" screw |
| 5. power-button module | 6. power-button module cable |

Replacing the power-button module

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Procedure

1. Route the cable through the slot on the top of the chassis.
 2. Align the screw hole on the power-button module with the screw hole on the chassis.
 3. Replace the screw that secures the power-button module to the top chassis.
 4. Route the power-button module cable through the routing guides on the chassis.
 5. Connect the power-button module cable to the system board.
- For more information, see "[System-board components](#)".

Post-requisites

1. Replace the [front bezel](#).
2. Replace the [top cover](#).
3. Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Removing the top I/O-panel

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Prerequisites

1. Remove the [right-side cover](#).
2. Remove the [front bezel](#).
3. Remove the [top cover](#).
4. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 2 in "[Removing the power-supply unit](#)".

Procedure

1. Disconnect the top I/O-panel cables from the system board.
For more information, see "[System-board components](#)".
2. Note the I/O-panel cables routing and remove them from the routing guides next to the system board on the chassis.
3. Remove the cables through the slot at the top of the chassis.



Figure 25. Disconnecting the cables

1. I/O-panel cables (2)
2. routing guide

3. chassis

4. top I/O panel bracket

4. Remove the screws that secure the top I/O-panel to the chassis.
5. Lift the top I/O-panel bracket from the chassis.



Figure 26. Removing the USB panel

- a. #6-32x1/4" (4)
- b. top I/O-panel bracket
- c. chassis

Replacing the top I/O-panel

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Procedure

1. Align the screw holes on the top I/O-panel with the screw holes on the chassis.
2. Replace the screws that secure the top I/O-panel to the top chassis.
3. Route the I/O-panel cables through the routing guides on the chassis.
4. Connect the top I/O-panel cables to the system board.

For more information, see "[System-board components](#)".

Post-requisites

1. Replace the [top cover](#).
2. Replace the [front bezel](#).
3. Follow the procedure from step 9 to step 10 in "[Replacing the power-supply unit](#)".
4. Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Removing blower and heat-sink assembly

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- NOTE:** The heat sink may become hot during normal operation. Allow sufficient time for the heat sink to cool before you touch it.
- CAUTION:** For maximum cooling of the processor, do not touch the heat transfer areas on the heat sink. The oils in your skin can reduce the heat transfer capability of the thermal grease.

Prerequisites

1. Remove the [right-side cover](#).
2. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 2 in "[Removing the power-supply unit](#)".

Procedure

1. Remove the screws that secure the blower to the heat-sink assembly.
2. Lift the blower off the heat-sink assembly and place it to the side.

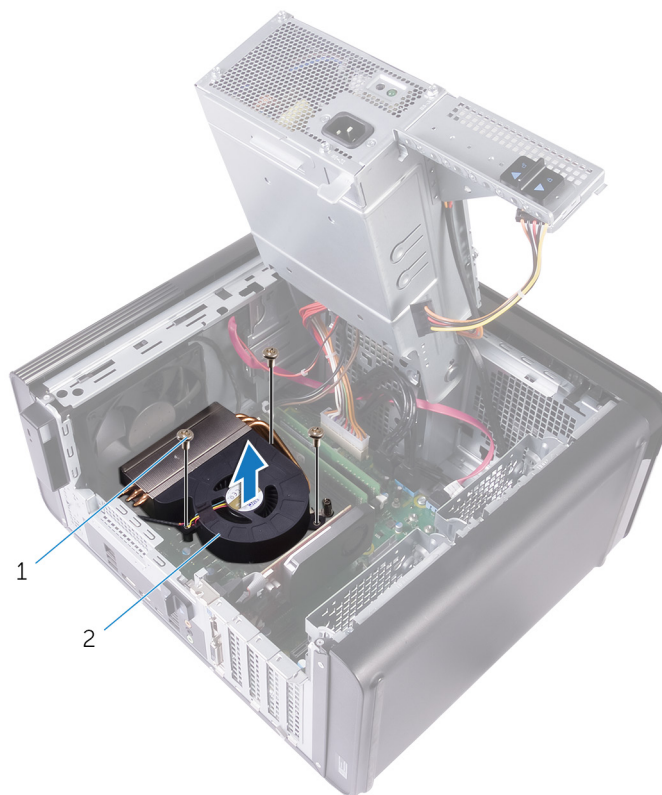


Figure 27. Removing the blower

- a. #6-32x1/4" screws (3)
- b. blower

3. In a non-adjacent sequence, loosen the captive screws that secure the heat-sink assembly to the system board.
4. Lift the heat-sink assembly off the system board.

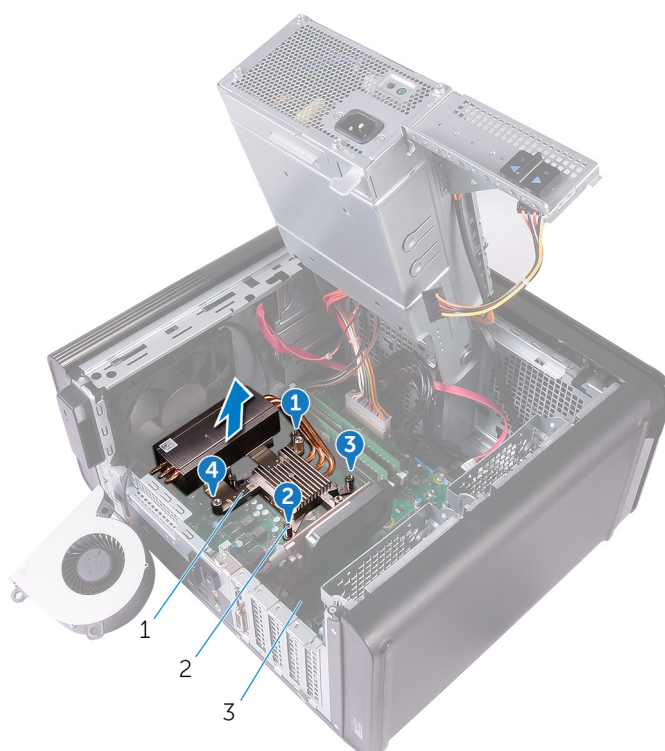


Figure 28. Removing the captive screws


- a. heat-sink assembly
 - b. captive screws (4)
 - c. system board
5. Disconnect the blower cable from the system board.
For more information, see “[System-board components](#)”.



Figure 29. Removing the blower cable

- a. system board
- b. blower cable
- c. blower

Replacing blower and heat-sink assembly

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Procedure

 **CAUTION:** If either the processor or the heat-sink assembly is replaced, use the thermal grease provided in the kit to make sure that thermal conductivity is achieved.

 **NOTE:** The original thermal grease can be reused if the original processor and heat-sink assembly are reinstalled together.

1. Connect the blower cable to the system board.
For more information, see “[System-board components](#)”.
2. Place the heat-sink assembly over the processor.
3. Align the captive screws on the heat-sink assembly with the screw holes on the system board.
4. In a non-adjacent sequence, tighten the captive screws that secure the heat-sink assembly to the system board.
5. Place the blower over the heat-sink assembly.
6. Align the screw holes on the blower to the screw holes on the heat-sink assembly.
7. Replace the screws that secure the blower to the heat-sink assembly.

Post-requisites

1. Follow the procedure from step 9 to step 10 in “[Replacing the power-supply unit](#)”.
2. Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Removing the VR heat sink

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- NOTE:** The heat sink may become hot during normal operation. Allow sufficient time for the heat sink to cool before you touch it.
- CAUTION:** For maximum cooling of the processor, do not touch the heat transfer areas on the heat sink. The oils in your skin can reduce the heat transfer capability of the thermal grease.

Prerequisites

1. Remove the [right-side cover](#).
2. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 2 in “[Removing the power-supply unit](#)”.
3. Remove the [blower and heat-sink assembly](#).

Procedure

1. Loosen the captive screws that secure the VR heat sink to the system board.
2. Lift the VR heat sink from the system board.

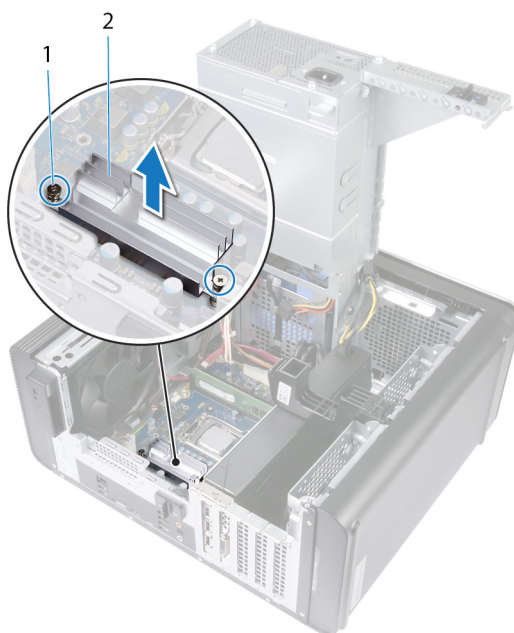



Figure 30. Removing the VR heat sink

Replacing the VR heat sink

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Procedure

1. Align and place the VR heat sink on the system board.
2. Tighten the captive screws that secure the VR heat sink to the system board.


Post-requisites

1. Replace the [blower and heat-sink assembly](#).
2. Follow the procedure from step 9 to step 10 in “[Replacing the power-supply unit](#)”.
3. Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Removing the processor fan and heat-sink assembly

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 **NOTE:** The heat sink may become hot during normal operation. Allow sufficient time for the heat sink to cool before you touch it.

 **CAUTION:** For maximum cooling of the processor, do not touch the heat transfer areas on the heat sink. The oils in your skin can reduce the heat transfer capability of the thermal grease.

Prerequisites

1. Remove the [right-side cover](#).
2. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 2 in “[Removing the power-supply unit](#)”.

Procedure


1. Disconnect the processor-fan cable from the system board.
For more information, see “[System-board components](#)”.
2. In a non-adjacent sequence, loosen the captive screws that secure the processor fan and heat-sink assembly to the system board.
3. Lift the processor fan and heat-sink assembly off the system board.



Figure 31. Removing the processor fan and heat sink

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|---|-----------------------|
| 1. processor-fan cable | 2. captive screws (4) |
| 3. processor fan and heat-sink assembly | 4. system board |

Replacing the processor fan and heat-sink assembly

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Procedure

 **CAUTION:** If either the processor or the heat-sink assembly is replaced, use the thermal grease provided in the kit to make sure that thermal conductivity is achieved.

 **NOTE:** The original thermal grease can be reused if the original processor and heat-sink assembly are reinstalled together.

1. Place the processor fan and heat-sink assembly over the processor.
2. Align the captive screws on the processor fan heat-sink assembly with the screw holes on the system board.
3. In a non-adjacent sequence, tighten the captive screws that secure the processor fan and heat-sink assembly to the system board.
4. Connect the processor-fan cable to the system board.
For more information, see "[System-board components](#)".

Post-requisites

1. Follow the procedure from step 9 to step 10 in "[Replacing the power-supply unit](#)".
2. Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Removing the chassis fan

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Prerequisites

1. Remove the [right-side cover](#).
2. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 2 in [“Removing the power-supply unit”](#).
3. Remove the [blower and heat-sink assembly](#). (if installed)

Procedure

1. Remove the chassis-fan cable from the routing guide on the chassis-fan bracket.
2. Disconnect the chassis-fan cable from the system board.
For more information, see [“System-board components”](#).
3. Remove the screw that secures the chassis-fan bracket to the chassis.
4. Slide the chassis-fan assembly towards the front of the computer to release the fan from the chassis.
5. Lift the chassis-fan assembly off the chassis.

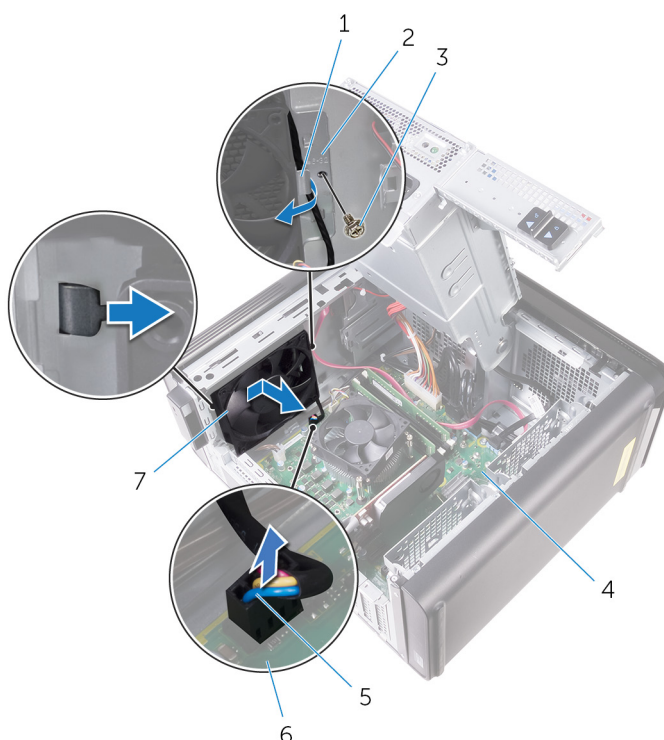


Figure 32. Removing the chassis fan

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| 1. routing guide | 2. chassis-fan bracket |
| 3. #6-32x1/4" screw | 4. chassis |
| 5. chassis-fan cable | 6. system board |
| | 7. chassis-fan assembly |

7. chassis fan

6. Push the rubber grommets through the holes at each corner of the fan to release the chassis-fan from the bracket.
7. Lift the chassis-fan off the chassis-fan bracket.



Figure 33. Removing the chassis fan

- a. chassis-fan bracket
- b. chassis-fan

Replacing the chassis fan

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Procedure

1. Align the holes on the chassis fan with the rubber grommets on the chassis-fan bracket.


NOTE: You must correctly align to the chassis-fan bracket to ensure that the chassis fan is secured to the computer.

2. Insert the ends of the rubber grommets through the holes at each corner of the fan.
 3. Align the grommets in the fan with the holes at each corner of the chassis fan bracket and pull through until they snap into place.
 4. Route the chassis-fan cable through the routing guide on the bracket.
 5. Align the tabs on the chassis-fan bracket with the slots on the chassis and slide the fan into position.
 6. Align the screw hole on the chassis-fan bracket with the screw hole on the chassis.
 7. Replace the screw that secures the chassis-fan bracket to the chassis.
 8. Route the chassis-fan cable through the routing guide on the bracket.
 9. Connect the chassis-fan cable to the system board.
- For more information, see "[System-board components](#)".

Post-requisites

1. Replace the [blower and heat-sink assembly](#). (if installed)
2. Follow the procedure from step 9 to step 10 in "[Replacing the power-supply unit](#)".
3. Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Removing the processor

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Prerequisites

1. Remove the [right-side cover](#).
2. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 2 in “[Removing the power-supply unit](#)”.
3. Remove the [processor fan and heat-sink assembly](#).
4. Remove the [blower and heat-sink assembly](#). (if installed)

Procedure

1. Press the processor release-lever down and then pull it outwards to release it from the securing tab.
2. Extend the processor release-lever completely to open the processor cover.
3. Gently lift the processor and remove it from the processor socket.

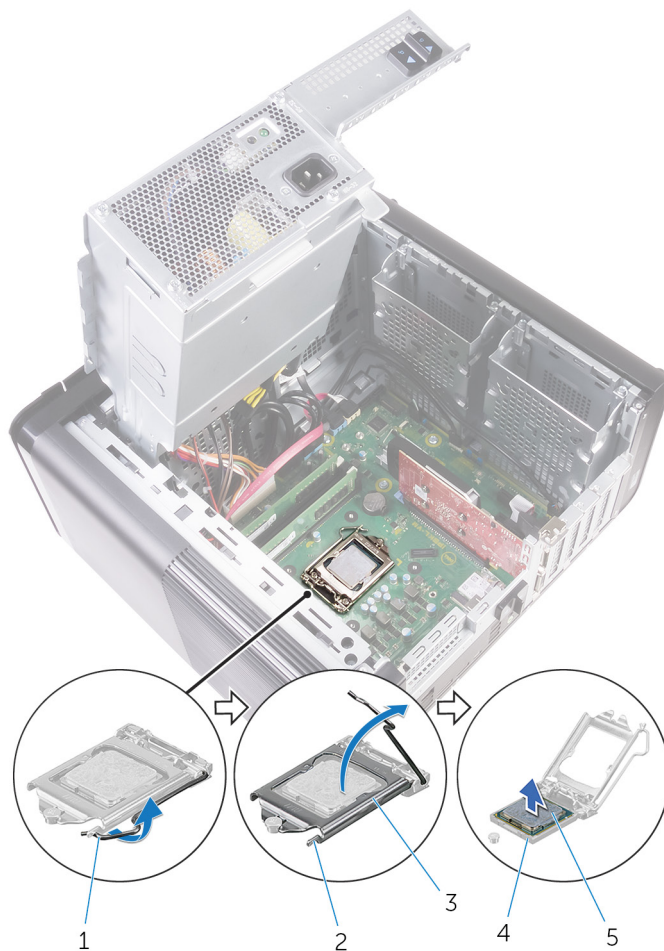




Figure 34. Removing processor

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. processor release-lever | 2. securing tab |
| 3. processor cover | 4. processor socket |
| 5. processor | |

Replacing the processor


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 **CAUTION:** If either the processor or the heat sink is replaced, use the thermal grease provided in the kit to ensure that thermal conductivity is achieved.

 **NOTE:** A new processor ships with a thermal pad in the package. In some cases, the processor may ship with the thermal pad attached to it.

Procedure

1. Ensure that the release lever on the processor socket is fully extended in the open position.

 **CAUTION:** The pin-1 corner of the processor has a triangle that aligns with the triangle on the pin-1 corner on the processor socket. When the processor is properly seated, all four corners are aligned at the same height. If one or more corners of the processor are higher than the others, the processor is not seated properly.

2. Align the pin-1 corner on the processor with the pin-1 corner on the processor socket, and then place the processor in the processor socket.
3. When the processor is fully seated in the socket, close the processor cover.
4. Pivot the release-lever down and place it under the tab on the processor cover.

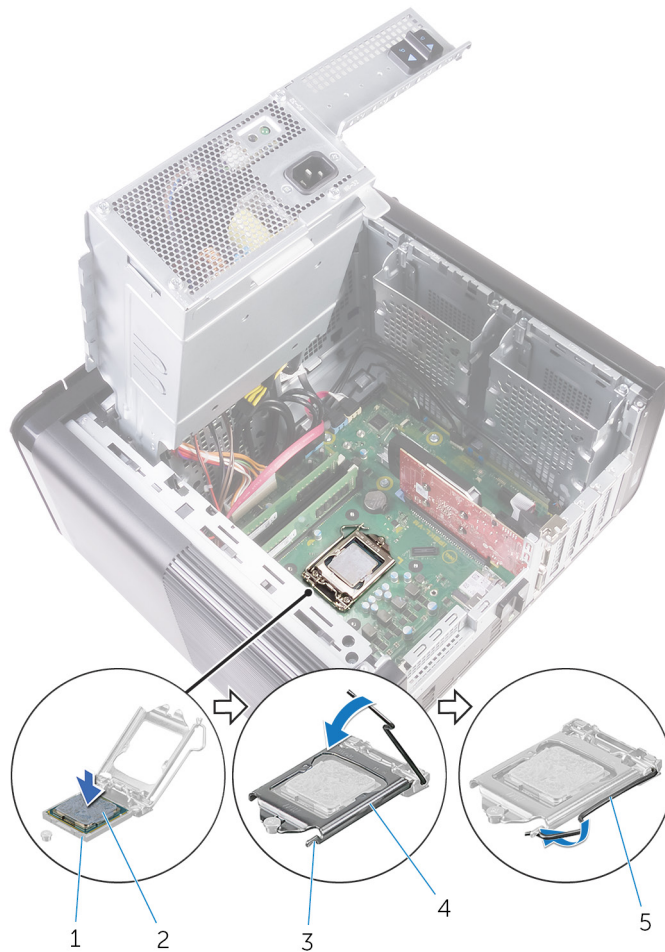


Figure 35. Replacing processor

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. processor socket | 2. processor |
| 3. securing tab | 4. processor cover |
| 5. release lever | |

Post-requisites

1. Replace the [blower and heat-sink assembly](#). (if installed)
2. Replace the [processor fan and heat-sink assembly](#).
3. Follow the procedure from step 9 to step 10 in "[Replacing the power-supply unit](#)".
4. Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Removing the wireless card

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Prerequisites

1. Remove the [right-side cover](#).
2. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 2 in "[Removing the power-supply unit](#)".

Procedure

1. Locate the wireless-card slot on the system board.
For more information, see "[System-board components](#)".
2. Remove the screw that secures the wireless-card bracket to the wireless card and the system board.
3. Remove the wireless-card bracket and disconnect the antenna cables from the wireless card.
4. Slide and lift the wireless card off the system board.

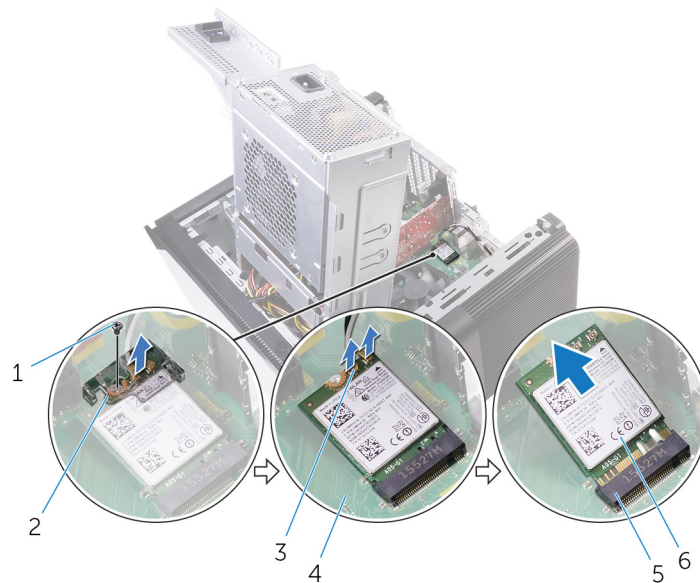


Figure 36. Removing the wireless card

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. M2x2.5 screw | 2. wireless-card bracket |
| 3. antenna cables (2) | 4. system board |
| 5. wireless-card slot | 6. wireless card |

Replacing the wireless card

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Procedure

CAUTION: To avoid damaging the wireless card, do not place any cables under it.

1. Align the notch on the wireless card with the tab on the wireless-card slot.
2. Slide the wireless card at an angle into the wireless-card slot.
3. Connect the antenna cables to the wireless card.

The following table provides the antenna-cable color scheme for the wireless card supported by your computer.

Table 3. Antenna-cable color scheme

Connectors on the wireless card	Antenna-cable color
Main (white triangle)	White
Auxiliary (black triangle)	Black

4. Align the screw hole on the wireless-card bracket with the screw hole on the wireless card and the system board.
5. Replace the screw that secures the wireless-card bracket to the wireless card and the system board.

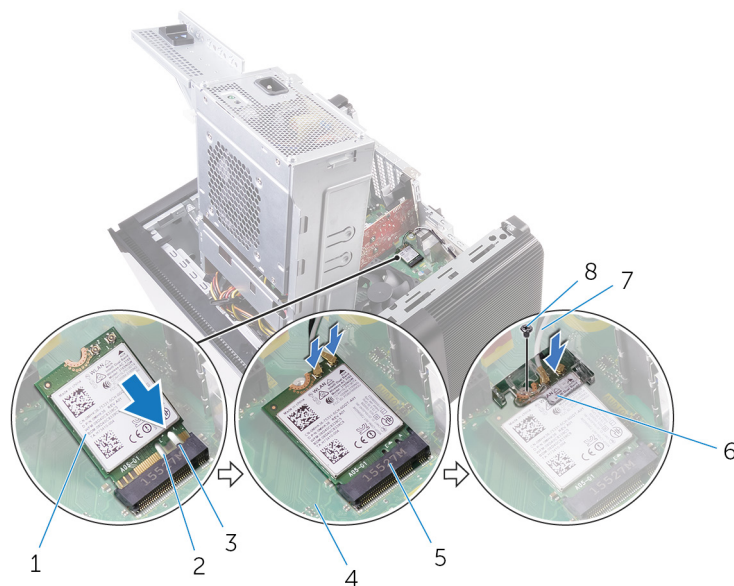


Figure 37. Replacing the wireless card

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. wireless card | 2. notch (2) |
| 3. tab | 4. system board |
| 5. wireless card slot | 6. wireless card bracket |
| 7. antenna cables | 8. M2x2.5 screw |

Post-requisites

1. Follow the procedure from step 9 to step 10 in [“Replacing the power-supply unit”](#).
2. Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Removing the antenna

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Prerequisites

1. Remove the [right-side cover](#).
2. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 2 in “[Removing the power-supply unit](#)”.
3. Remove the [top cover](#).
4. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 4 in [Removing the wireless card](#).

Procedure

1. Open the securing clip which secures the antenna cable to the chassis.
2. Remove the cables from the routing guide through the slot on the top of the chassis.
3. Note the antenna-cable routing and remove the antenna cables from the routing guides on the chassis.

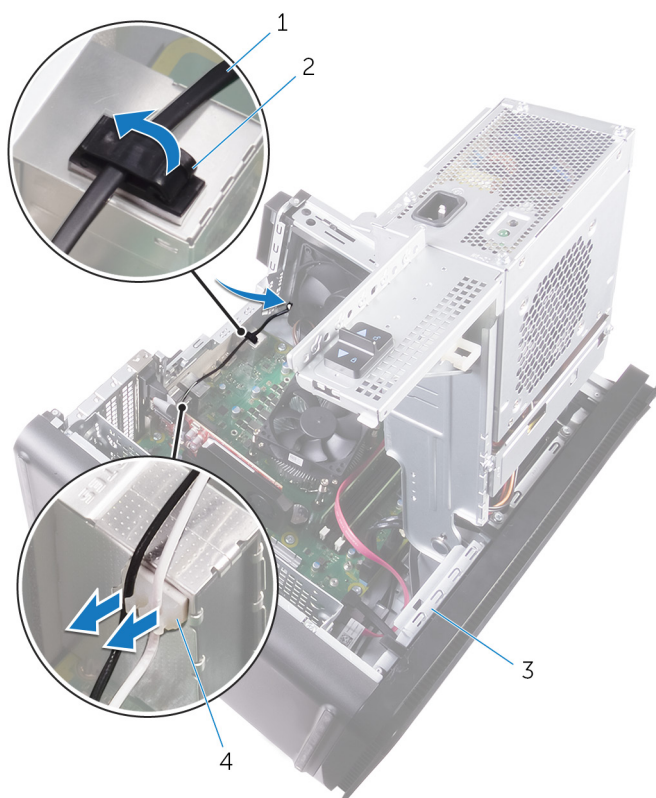


Figure 38. Disconnecting the antenna cables

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|------------------|------------------|
| 1. antenna cable | 2. securing clip |
| 3. chassis | 4. routing guide |
4. Using a plastic scribe, pry the antenna off the chassis.

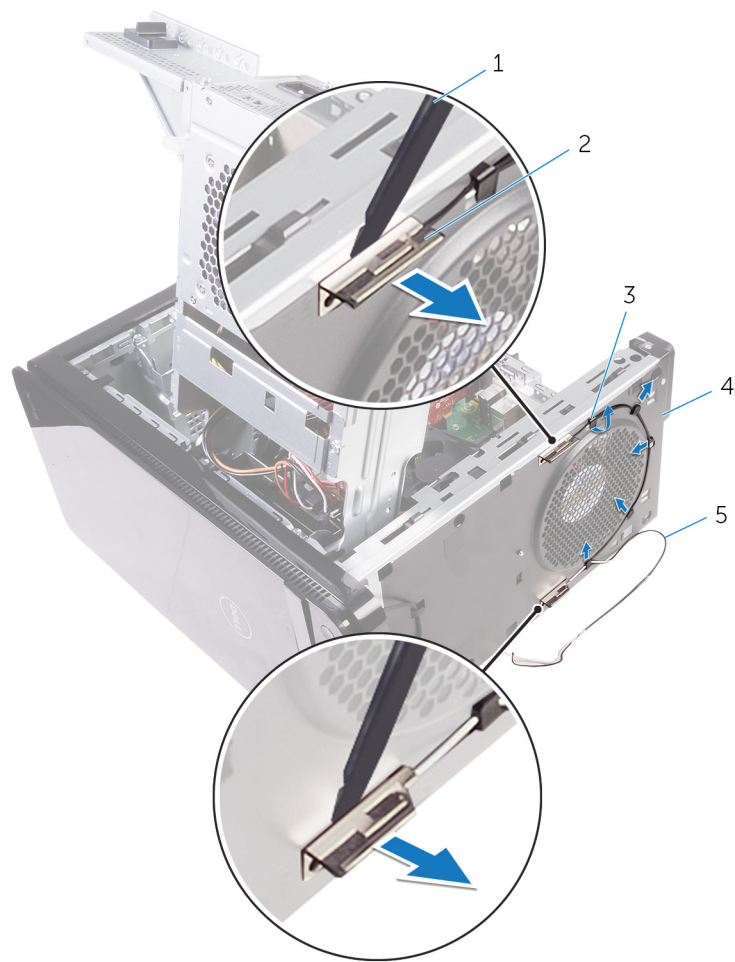



Figure 39. Removing the antenna

- 1. plastic scribe
- 2. antenna (2)
- 3. routing guide
- 4. chassis
- 5. antenna cables

Replacing the antenna

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Procedure

1. Adhere the antenna to the chassis.
2. Route the antenna cables through the slot on the top of the chassis.
3. Route the antenna cables through the routing guides on the chassis.
4. Secure the antenna cables to the chassis using the securing clip.

Post-requisites

1. Follow the procedure from step 3 to step 5 in "[Replacing the wireless card](#)".
2. Replace the [top cover](#).
3. Follow the procedure from step 9 to step 10 in "[Replacing the power-supply unit](#)".
4. Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Removing the system board

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-  **NOTE:** Your computer's Service Tag is stored in the system board. You must enter the Service Tag in the BIOS setup program after you replace the system board.
-  **NOTE:** Replacing the system board removes any changes you have made to the BIOS using the BIOS setup program. You must make the appropriate changes again after you replace the system board.
-  **NOTE:** Before disconnecting the cables from the system board, note the location of the connectors so that you can reconnect the cables correctly after you replace the system board.

Prerequisites

1. Remove the [right-side cover](#).
2. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 2 in "[Removing the power-supply unit](#)".
3. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 3 in "[Removing the antenna](#)".
4. Remove the [memory modules](#).
5. Remove the [graphics card](#).
6. Remove the [solid-state drive](#).
7. Remove the [wireless card](#).
8. Remove the [processor fan and heat sink assembly](#).
9. Remove the [processor](#).

Procedure

1. Disconnect all the cables connected to the system board.
For more information, see "[System-board components](#)".
2. Make note of the cable routing and remove the cables from the routing guides.
3. Remove the screws that secure the system board to the chassis.
4. Lift the system board at an angle and remove it from the computer.

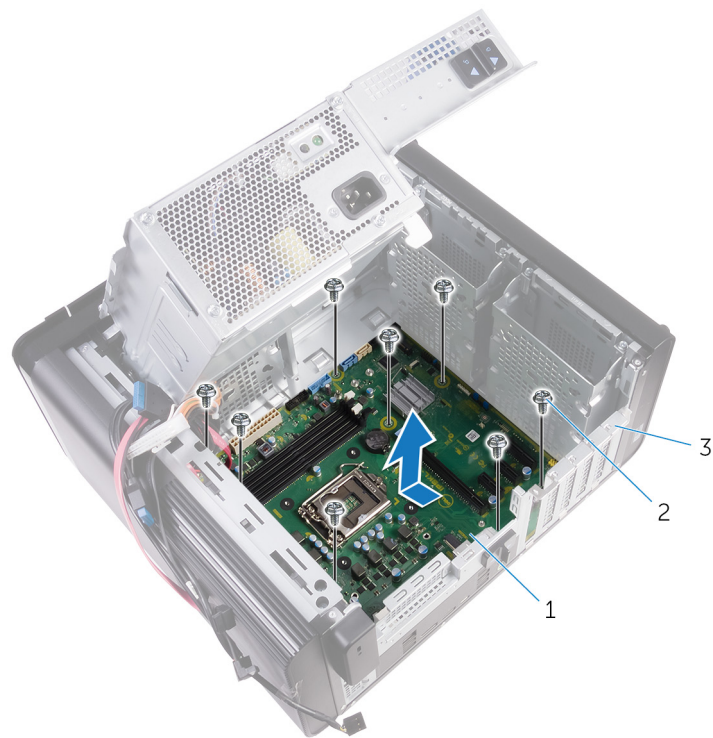





Figure 40. Removing the system board

- a. system board
- b. #6-32x1/4" screws (8)
- c. chassis

Replacing the system board

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-  **NOTE:** Your computer's Service Tag is stored in the system board. You must enter the Service Tag in the BIOS setup program after you replace the system board.
-  **NOTE:** Replacing the system board removes any changes you have made to the BIOS using the BIOS setup program. You must make the appropriate changes again after you replace the system board.

Procedure

1. Slide the I/O ports on the system board into the slots on the chassis and align the screw holes on the system board with the screw holes on the chassis.
2. Replace the screws that secure the system board to the chassis.
3. Route and connect the cables that you disconnected from the system board.
For more information, see "[System-board components](#)."

Post-requisites

1. Replace the [processor](#).
2. Replace the [processor fan and heat sink assembly](#).
3. Replace the [wireless card](#).
4. Replace the [solid-state drive](#).
5. Replace the [graphics card](#).
6. Replace the [memory modules](#).
7. Follow the procedure from step 3 to step 4 in "[Replacing the antenna](#)".
8. Follow the procedure from step 9 to step 10 in "[Replacing the power-supply unit](#)".
9. Replace the [right-side cover](#).

Downloading drivers

Downloading the audio driver

1. Turn on your computer.
2. Go to www.dell.com/support.
3. Click or tap **Product support**, enter the Service Tag of your computer, and then click or tap **Submit**.

 **NOTE:** If you do not have the Service Tag, use the auto-detect feature or manually browse for your computer model.

4. Click or tap **Drivers & downloads > Find it myself**.
5. Scroll down the page and expand **Audio**.
6. Click or tap **Download** to download the audio driver for your computer.
7. After the download is complete, navigate to the folder where you saved the audio driver file.
8. Double-click or double-tap the audio driver file icon and follow the instructions on the screen to install the driver.

Downloading the graphics driver

1. Turn on your computer.
2. Go to www.dell.com/support.
3. Click or tap **Product support** enter the Service Tag of your computer, and then click or tap **Submit**.

 **NOTE:** If you do not have the Service Tag, use the auto-detect feature or manually browse for your computer model.

4. Click or tap **Drivers & downloads > Find it myself**.
5. Scroll down the page and expand **Video**.
6. Click or tap **Download** to download the graphics driver for your computer.
7. After the download is complete, navigate to the folder where you saved the graphics driver file.
8. Double-click or double-tap the graphics driver file icon and follow the instructions on the screen.

Downloading the USB 3.0 driver

1. Turn on your computer.
2. Go to www.dell.com/support.
3. Click or tap **Product support** enter the Service Tag of your computer, and then click or tap **Submit**.

 **NOTE:** If you do not have the Service Tag, use the auto-detect feature or manually browse for your computer model.

4. Click or tap **Drivers & downloads > Find it myself**.
5. Scroll down the page and expand **Chipset**.
6. Click or tap **Download** to download the USB 3.0 driver for your computer.
7. After the download is complete, navigate to the folder where you saved the USB 3.0 driver file.
8. Double-click or double-tap the driver file icon and follow the instructions on screen.

Downloading the Wi-Fi driver

1. Turn on your computer.
2. Go to www.dell.com/support.
3. Click or tap **Product support** enter the Service Tag of your computer, and then click or tap **Submit**.

 **NOTE:** If you do not have the Service Tag, use the auto-detect feature or manually browse for your computer model.

4. Click or tap **Drivers & downloads > Find it myself**.
5. Scroll down the page and expand **Network**.
6. Click or tap **Download** to download the Wi-Fi driver for your computer.
7. After the download is complete, navigate to the folder where you saved the Wi-Fi driver file.
8. Double-click or double-tap the driver file icon and follow the on-screen instructions to install the driver.

Downloading the media-card reader driver

1. Turn on your computer.
2. Go to www.dell.com/support.
3. Click **Product support**, enter the Service Tag of your computer, and then click **Submit**.

 **NOTE:** If you do not have the Service Tag, use the auto-detect feature or manually browse for your computer model.

4. Click **Drivers & downloads > Find it myself**.
5. Scroll down the page, and expand **Chipset**.
6. Click **Download** to download the media-card reader driver for your computer.
7. After the download is complete, navigate to the folder where you saved the card reader driver file.
8. Double-click the card reader driver file icon, and follow the instructions on the screen.

Downloading the chipset driver

1. Turn on your computer.
2. Go to www.dell.com/support.
3. Click or tap **Product support**, enter the Service Tag of your computer, and then click or tap **Submit**.

 **NOTE:** If you do not have the Service Tag, use the auto-detect feature or manually browse for your computer model.

4. Click or tap **Drivers & downloads > Find it myself**.
5. Scroll down the page and expand **Chipset**.
6. Click or tap **Download** to download the chipset driver for your computer.
7. After the download is complete, navigate to the folder where you saved the chipset driver file.
8. Double-click or double-tap the chipset driver file icon and follow the instructions on the screen.

Downloading the network driver

1. Turn on your computer.
2. Go to www.dell.com/support.
3. Click **Product support**, enter the Service Tag of your computer and click **Submit**.

 **NOTE:** If you do not have the Service Tag, use the auto-detect feature or manually browse for your computer model.

4. Click **Drivers & downloads > Find it myself**.
5. Scroll down the page and expand **Network**.
6. Click **Download** to download the network driver for your computer.
7. Save the file, and after the download is complete, navigate to the folder where you saved the network driver file.
8. Double-click the network driver file icon and follow the instructions on screen.

System setup

NOTE: Depending on the computer and its installed devices, the items listed in this section may or may not be displayed.

Boot Sequence

Boot sequence enables you to bypass the System Setup–defined boot device order and boot directly to a specific device (for example: optical drive or hard drive). During the Power-on Self-Test (POST), when the Dell logo appears, you can:

- Access System Setup by pressing F2 key
- Bring up the one-time boot menu by pressing F12 key.

The one-time boot menu displays the devices that you can boot from including the diagnostic option. The boot menu options are:

- Removable Drive (if available)
- STXXXX Drive

NOTE: XXXX denotes the SATA drive number.

- Optical Drive (if available)
- SATA Hard Drive (if available)
- Diagnostics

NOTE: Choosing Diagnostics, displays the ePSA diagnostics screen.

The boot sequence screen also displays the option to access the System Setup screen.

Navigation keys

NOTE: For most of the System Setup options, changes that you make are recorded but do not take effect until you restart the system.

Keys	Navigation
Up arrow	Moves to the previous field.
Down arrow	Moves to the next field.
Enter	Selects a value in the selected field (if applicable) or follow the link in the field.
Spacebar	Expands or collapses a drop-down list, if applicable.
Tab	Moves to the next focus area.
Esc	Moves to the previous page until you view the main screen. Pressing Esc in the main screen displays a message that prompts you to save any unsaved changes and restarts the system.

BIOS overview

The BIOS manages data flow between the computer's operating system and attached devices such as hard disk, video adapter, keyboard, mouse, and printer.

Entering BIOS setup program

1. Turn on (or restart) your computer.
2. During POST, when the DELL logo is displayed, watch for the F2 prompt to appear, and then press F2 immediately.

NOTE: The F2 prompt indicates that the keyboard is initialized. This prompt can appear very quickly, so you must watch for it, and then press F2. If you press F2 before the F2 prompt, this keystroke is lost. If you wait too long and the operating system logo appears, continue to wait until you see the desktop. Then, turn off your computer and try again.

System Setup Options

NOTE: Depending on your computer and its installed devices, the items listed in this section may or may not appear.

Table 4. System setup options—Main menu

Main	
System Date	Displays the current date in mm/dd/yyyy format.
System Time	Displays the current time in hh:mm:ss format.
BIOS Information	
BIOS Version	Displays the BIOS version number.
Product Information	
Product Name	Displays the product name.
Service Tag	Allows you to enter the service tag of your computer.
Asset Tag	Displays the asset tag of your computer.
Memory Information	
System Memory	Displays the total computer memory installed.
Memory Speed	Displays the memory speed.
CPU Information	
Processor Type	Displays the processor type
Processor ID	Displays the processor identification code.
CPU Speed	Displays the speed of the processor.
Cache L1	Displays the processor L1 cache size.
Cache L2	Displays the processor L2 cache size.
Cache L3	Displays the processor L3 cache size.

Table 5. System setup options—Advanced menu

Advanced	
Advanced BIOS Features	
Intel SpeedStep Technology	Allows you to enable or disable Intel Speedstep Technology. Default: Enabled. NOTE: If enabled, the processor clock speed and core voltage are adjusted dynamically based on the processor load.
Intel Virtualization Technology	Allows you to enable or disable Intel Virtualization Technology feature for the processor.
VT for Direct I/O	Allows you to enable or disable Intel Virtualization Technology feature for the Direct I/O.
SATA Operation	Allows you to configure the operating mode of the integrated SATA hard drive controller.
Intel Ready Mode Technology	Allows you to enable or disable the Intel Ready Mode Technology.

Table 5. System setup options—Advanced menu (continued)

Advanced	
Intel Software Guard Extensions	Allows you to enable or disable Intel Software Guard Extensions.
BIOS Recovery from Hard Drive	Allows you to enable or disable BIOS Recovery from hard drive.
USB Configuration	
Front USB Ports	Allows you to enable or disable the front USB ports.
Rear USB Ports	Allows you to enable or disable the rear USB ports.
Power Options	
Numlock Key	Allows you to set the status of the Num Lock key during boot to On or Off.
Wake Up by Integrated LAN	Allow the computer to be powered on by special LAN signals.
AC Recovery	Sets what action the computer takes when power is restored.
Deep Sleep Control	Allows you to define the controls when Deep Sleep is enabled.
USB Wake Support (S3)	Allows you to enable the USB devices to wake the computer from Standby.
USB PowerShare (S4/S5)	Allows you to charge external devices.
USB PowerShare Wake Support (S4/S5)	Allows you to enable USB devices to wake the computer from S4/S5.
Auto Power On	
Auto Power On Mode	Allows you to set the computer to turn on automatically every day or on a preselected date. This option can be configured only if the Auto Power On mode is set to Enabled Everyday or Selected Day.
Auto Power On Date	Allows you to set the date on which the computer must turn on automatically. This option can be configured only if the Auto Power On mode is set to Enabled 1 to 31.
Auto Power On Time	Allows you to set the time at which the computer must turn on automatically. This option can be configured only if the Auto Power On mode is set to Enabled hh:mm:ss.
Performance Options	
Overclocking Feature	
Core Over Clocking Level	Allows you enable or disable the processor to adjust the flex ratio and voltage in a turbo mode environment.
Core Ratio Limit Override	Allows you to set the core ratio limit.
Single Core	Allows you to select single core or multiple cores.
Core Voltage Mode	Allows you to select between adaptive and override voltage modes.
Core Voltage Offset	Allows you to set the override value of core voltage.
Long Duration PWR Limit	Allows you to set the turbo mode power limit.
Short Duration PWR Limit Options	Allows you to set the turbo mode power limit.
SupportAssist System Resolution	
Auto OS Recovery Threshold	Control the automatic boot flow for SupportAssist System Resolution Console and for the Dell OS Recovery tool.
SupportAssist OS Recovery	Enable or disable the boot flow for the SupportAssist OS Recovery tool when certain system errors.

Table 6. System setup options—Security menu

Security	
Admin Password Status	Displays whether the admin password is set.
System Password Status	Displays whether the system password is set.
HDD Password Status	Displays if the hard drive password is set.
Admin Password	Displays the admin password.
System Password	Displays the system password.
HDD Password	Displays the hard drive password.
Firmware TPM	Displays the firmware TPM.

Table 7. System setup options—Boot menu

Boot	
Boot List Option	Displays the available boot devices.
File Browser Add Boot Option	Allows you to set the boot path in the boot option list.
File Browser Del Boot Option	Allows you to delete the boot path in the boot option list.
Secure Boot Control	Allows you to enable or disable the secure boot control.
Load Legacy OPRM	Allows you to enable or disable the Legacy Option ROM.
Boot Option Priorities	Displays the available boot devices.
Boot Option #1	Displays the first boot device. Default: UEFI: Windows Boot Manager.
Boot Option #2	Displays the second boot device. Default: Onboard NIC Device.
Boot Option #3	Displays the third boot device. Default: Onboard NIC Device.

Table 8. System setup options—Exit menu

Save & Exit	
Save Changes and Reset	Allows you to exit system setup and save your changes.
Discard Changes and Reset	Allows you to exit system setup and load previous values for all system setup options.
Restore Defaults	Allows you to load default values for all system setup options.
Discard Changes	Allows you to exit your changes.
Save Changes	Allows you to save your changes.


System and setup password

Table 9. System and setup password

Password type	Description
System password	Password that you must enter to log on to your system.
Setup password	Password that you must enter to access and make changes to the BIOS settings of your computer.

You can create a system password and a setup password to secure your computer.

 **CAUTION:** The password features provide a basic level of security for the data on your computer.

 **CAUTION:** Anyone can access the data stored on your computer if it is not locked and left unattended.

 **NOTE:** System and setup password feature is disabled.

Assigning a system setup password

You can assign a new **System or Admin Password** only when the status is in **Not Set**.


To enter the system setup, press F2 immediately after a power-on or reboot.

1. In the **System BIOS** or **System Setup** screen, select **Security** and press **Enter**.
The **Security** screen is displayed.
2. Select **System/Admin Password** and create a password in the **Enter the new password** field.
Use the following guidelines to assign the system password:
 - A password can have up to 32 characters.
 - The password can contain the numbers 0 through 9.
 - Only lower case letters are valid, upper case letters are not allowed.
 - Only the following special characters are allowed: space, ("), (+), (.), (-), (.), (/), (:), ([), (\), (]), (').
3. Type the system password that you entered earlier in the **Confirm new password** field and click **OK**.
4. Press Esc and a message prompts you to save the changes.
5. Press Y to save the changes.
The computer reboots.


Deleting or changing an existing system setup password

Ensure that the **Password Status** is Unlocked (in the System Setup) before attempting to delete or change the existing System and Setup password. You cannot delete or change an existing System or Setup password, if the **Password Status** is Locked.

To enter the System Setup, press F2 immediately after a power-on or reboot.

1. In the **System BIOS** or **System Setup** screen, select **System Security** and press **Enter**.
The **System Security** screen is displayed.
2. In the **System Security** screen, verify that **Password Status** is **Unlocked**.
3. Select **System Password**, alter or delete the existing system password and press **Enter** or Tab.
4. Select **Setup Password**, alter or delete the existing setup password and press **Enter** or Tab.
 **NOTE:** If you change the System and/or Setup password, re enter the new password when prompted. If you delete the System and Setup password, confirm the deletion when prompted.
5. Press Esc and a message prompts you to save the changes.
6. Press Y to save the changes and exit from System Setup.
The computer restarts.

Clearing CMOS settings

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Prerequisites

1. Remove the [right side-cover](#).
2. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 3 in "[Removing the power-supply unit](#)".

Procedure

1. Locate the CMOS reset jumper (CMCLR) on the system board.

NOTE: For more information on the location of the CMOS jumper, see “[System-board components](#)”.

2. Remove the power cord.
3. Remove the jumper plug from the password jumper-pins (PSWD) and connect it to the CMOS jumper-pins.
4. Wait for 5 seconds and then replace the jumper plug to the password jumper-pins (PSWD).

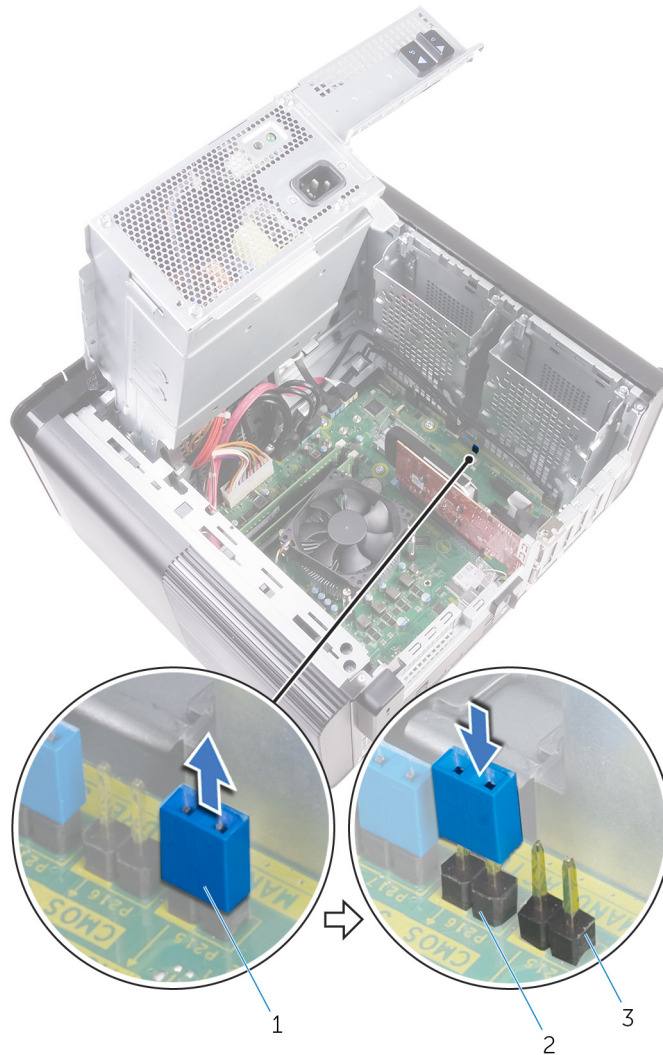


Figure 41. Clearing the CMOS

- a. jumper plug
- b. CMOS jumper-pins
- c. password jumper-pins (PSWD)

Post-requisites

1. Replace the [right side-cover](#).
2. Follow the procedure from step 9 to step 10 in “[Replacing the power-supply unit](#)”.

Clearing forgotten passwords

NOTE: Before working inside your computer, read the safety information that shipped with your computer and follow the steps in [Before working inside your computer](#). After working inside your computer, follow the instructions in [After working inside your computer](#). For more safety best practices, see the Regulatory Compliance home page at www.dell.com/regulatory_compliance.

Prerequisites

1. Remove the [right side-cover](#).
2. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 3 in "[Removing the power-supply unit](#)".

Procedure

1. Locate the password reset jumper (PSWD) on the system board.

NOTE: For more information on the location of the password reset jumper, see "[System-board components](#)".

2. Remove the jumper plug from the password jumper-pins.

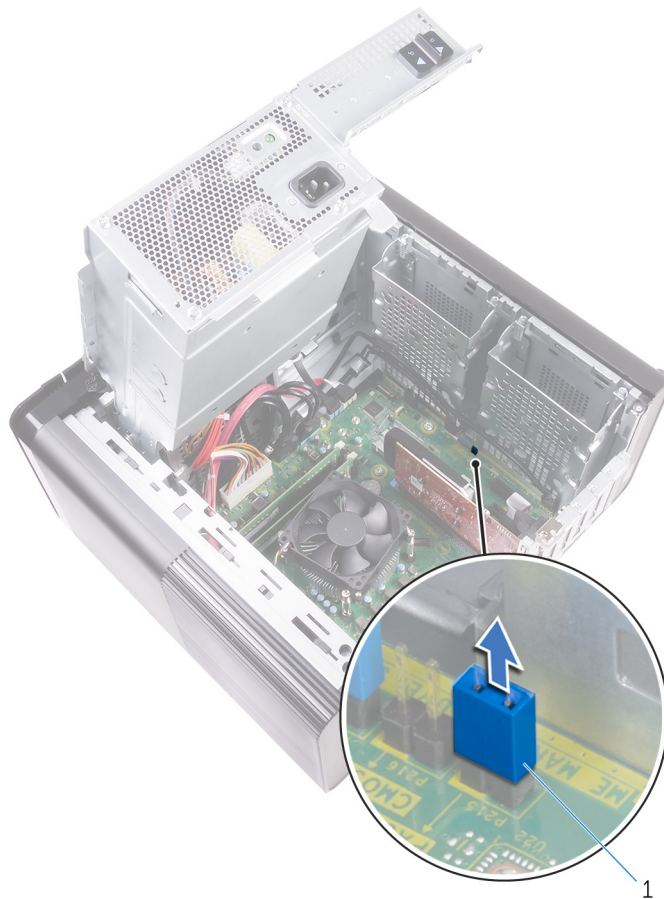


Figure 42. Removing the jumper plug

- a. jumper plug
3. Power on without the jumper plug to clear the password.
 4. Wait until the desktop is loaded and then shut down the system and replace the jumper plug in its original location.

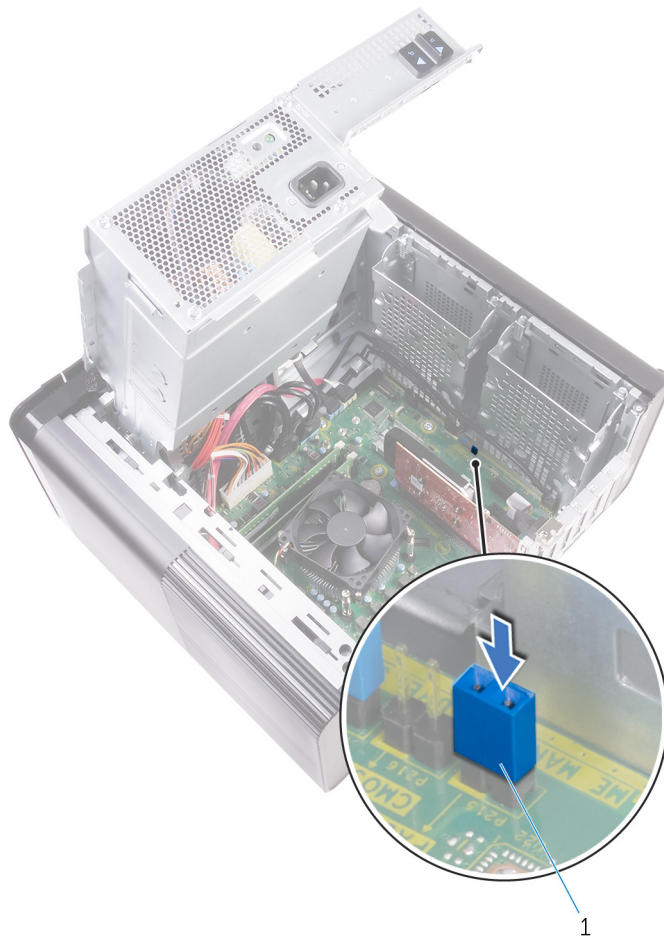


Figure 43. Clearing the password

a. jumper plug

Post-requisites

1. Replace the [right side-cover](#).
2. Follow the procedure from step 9 to step 10 in [“Replacing the power-supply unit”](#).

Troubleshooting

Enhanced Pre-Boot System Assessment (ePSA) diagnostics

The ePSA diagnostics (also known as system diagnostics) performs a complete check of your hardware. The ePSA is embedded with the BIOS and is launched by the BIOS internally. The embedded system diagnostics provides a set of options for particular devices or device groups allowing you to:

- Run tests automatically or in an interactive mode
- Repeat tests
- Display or save test results
- Run thorough tests to introduce additional test options to provide extra information about the failed device(s)
- View status messages that inform you if tests are completed successfully
- View error messages that inform you of problems encountered during testing

NOTE: Some tests for specific devices require user interaction. Always ensure that you are present at the computer terminal when the diagnostic tests are performed.

Running the ePSA Diagnostics

Invoke diagnostics boot by either of the methods that are suggested below:

1. Power on the computer.
2. As the computer boots, press the F12 key when the Dell logo is displayed.
3. In the boot menu screen, use Up/Down arrow key to select the **Diagnostics** option and then press **Enter**.

NOTE: The Enhanced Pre-boot System Assessment window displays, listing all devices detected in the computer. The diagnostics starts running the tests on all the detected devices.

4. Press the arrow in the lower-right corner to go to the page listing.
The detected items are listed and tested.
5. To run a diagnostic test on a specific device, press Esc and click **Yes** to stop the diagnostic test.
6. Select the device from the left pane and click **Run Tests**.
7. If there are any issues, error codes are displayed.
Note the error code and contact Dell.

Diagnostics

The computer POST (Power On Self Test) ensures that it meets the basic computer requirements and the hardware is working appropriately before the boot process begins. If the computer passes the POST, the computer continues to start in a normal mode. However, if the computer fails the POST, the computer emits a series of LED codes during the start-up. The system LED is integrated on the Power button.

The following table shows different light patterns and what they indicate.

Table 10. Diagnostics

Number of LED flashes	Problem description
1	System board: BIOS and ROM failure
2	No memory or RAM detected

Table 10. Diagnostics (continued)

Number of LED flashes	Problem description
3	System board or chipset error
4	Memory or RAM failure
5	CMOS battery failure
6	Video card or chip failure
7	CPU failure
2,1	System board failure
2,2	No memory/RAM detected, system board, PSU
2,3	System board, memory or processor failure
3,6	Recovery image not found
3,7	Recovery image found but invalid

Flashing BIOS (USB key)

1. Follow the procedure from step 1 to step 7 in "[Flashing the BIOS](#)" to download the latest BIOS setup program file.
2. Create a bootable USB drive. For more information see the knowledge base article [SLN143196](#) at www.dell.com/support.
3. Copy the BIOS setup program file to the bootable USB drive.
4. Connect the bootable USB drive to the computer that needs the BIOS update.
5. Restart the computer and press **F12** when the Dell logo is displayed on the screen.
6. Boot to the USB drive from the **One Time Boot Menu**.
7. Type the BIOS setup program filename and press **Enter**.
8. The **BIOS Update Utility** appears. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the BIOS update.

Flashing the BIOS

You may need to flash (update) the BIOS when an update is available or when you replace the system board. To flash the BIOS:

1. Turn on your computer.
2. Go to www.dell.com/support.
3. Click **Product support**, enter the Service Tag of your computer, and then click **Submit**.

 **NOTE:** If you do not have the Service Tag, use the auto-detect feature or manually browse for your computer model.

4. Click **Drivers & downloads > Find it myself**.
5. Select the operating system installed on your computer.
6. Scroll down the page and expand **BIOS**.
7. Click **Download** to download the latest version of the BIOS for your computer.
8. After the download is complete, navigate to the folder where you saved the BIOS update file.
9. Double-click the BIOS update file icon and follow the instructions on the screen.

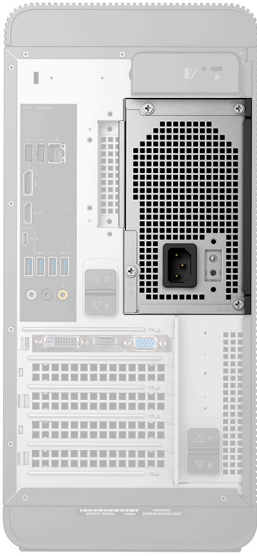
Backup media and recovery options

It is recommended to create a recovery drive to troubleshoot and fix problems that may occur with Windows. Dell proposes multiple options for recovering Windows operating system on your Dell PC. For more information, see [Dell Windows Backup Media and Recovery Options](#).

Power-supply unit Built-in Self Test (BIST)

XPS 8930 supports a new power-supply unit Built-in Self Test (BIST). BIST can now be performed by connecting the power cord to the power-supply unit.

1. Turn off your computer.
2. Disconnect the power cord from the power-supply unit, and wait for 15 seconds.
3. After 15 seconds, connect the power cord to the power-supply unit.
 - If the LED is on for 3 seconds and turns off, it indicates that the power-supply unit is functional. Continue with troubleshooting steps for other devices.
 - If the LED does not turn on, it indicates a hardware failure.



Steps to confirm that power-supply unit is defective

1. Disconnect the power cord from the power-supply unit.



CAUTION: Ensure that you take adequate safety precautions before accessing the components on your computer. See the removing and replacing instructions in the service manual for procedure to access the power-supply unit and its cables.

2. Disconnect the power-supply unit cables from the system board.
3. Connect the power cord to the power-supply unit.
 - If the LED is on for 3 seconds and turns off, it indicates that the power-supply unit is functional. Continue with troubleshooting steps for other devices.
 - If the LED does not turn on, it indicates a power-supply unit failure. Replace the power-supply unit only.

WiFi power cycle

If your computer is unable to access the Internet due to WiFi connectivity issues, a WiFi power cycle procedure may be performed. The following procedure provides the instructions on how to conduct a WiFi power cycle:



NOTE: Some ISPs (Internet Service Providers) provide a modem/router combo device.

1. Turn off your computer.
2. Turn off the modem.
3. Turn off the wireless router.
4. Wait for 30 seconds.
5. Turn on the wireless router.
6. Turn on the modem.



7. Turn on your computer.

Getting help and contacting Dell

Self-help resources


You can get information and help on Dell products and services using these self-help resources:


Table 11. Self-help resources

Self-help resources	Resource location
Information about Dell products and services	www.dell.com
My Dell	
Tips	
Contact Support	In Windows search, type Contact Support , and press Enter.
Online help for operating system	www.dell.com/support/windows www.dell.com/support/linux
Troubleshooting information, user manuals, setup instructions, product specifications, technical help blogs, drivers, software updates, and so on.	www.dell.com/support
Dell knowledge base articles for a variety of computer concerns.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to https://www.dell.com/support/home/?app=knowledgebase. 2. Type the subject or keyword in the Search box. 3. Click Search to retrieve the related articles.
Learn and know the following information about your product: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product specifications • Operating system • Setting up and using your product • Data backup • Troubleshooting and diagnostics • Factory and system restore • BIOS information 	See <i>Me and My Dell</i> at www.dell.com/support/manuals . To locate the <i>Me and My Dell</i> relevant to your product, identify your product through one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select Detect Product. • Locate your product through the drop-down menu under View Products. • Enter the Service Tag number or Product ID in the search bar.

Contacting Dell

To contact Dell for sales, technical support, or customer service issues, see www.dell.com/contactdell.

 **NOTE:** Availability varies by country and product, and some services may not be available in your country.

 **NOTE:** If you do not have an active internet connection, you can find contact information on your purchase invoice, packing slip, bill, or Dell product catalog.