




# Dell OptiPlex 3010 Mini-Tower Owner's Manual

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# Notes, Cautions, and Warnings

-  **NOTE:** A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your computer.
-  **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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# Working on Your Computer

## Before Working Inside Your Computer


Use the following safety guidelines to help protect your computer from potential damage and to help to ensure your personal safety. Unless otherwise noted, each procedure included in this document assumes that the following conditions exist:


- You have read the safety information that shipped with your computer.
- A component can be replaced or--if purchased separately--installed by performing the removal procedure in reverse order.


 **WARNING:** Before working inside your computer, read the safety information that shipped with your computer. For additional safety best practices information, see the Regulatory Compliance Homepage at [www.dell.com/regulatory\\_compliance](http://www.dell.com/regulatory_compliance)

 **CAUTION:** Many repairs may only be done by a certified service technician. You should only perform troubleshooting and simple repairs as authorized in your product documentation, or as directed by the online or telephone service and support team. Damage due to servicing that is not authorized by Dell is not covered by your warranty. Read and follow the safety instructions that came with the product.

 **CAUTION:** To avoid electrostatic discharge, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by periodically touching an unpainted metal surface, such as a connector on the back of the computer.

 **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:** 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; if you are disconnecting this type of cable, press in on the locking tabs before you disconnect the cable. As you pull connectors apart, keep them evenly aligned to avoid bending any connector pins. Also, before you connect a cable, ensure that both connectors are correctly oriented and aligned.

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

To avoid damaging your computer, perform the following steps before you begin working inside the computer.

1. Ensure that your work surface is flat and clean to prevent the computer cover from being scratched.
2. Turn off your computer (see Turning Off Your Computer).

 **CAUTION:** To disconnect a network cable, first unplug the cable from your computer and then unplug the cable from the network device.

3. Disconnect all network cables from the computer.
4. Disconnect your computer and all attached devices from their electrical outlets.
5. Press and hold the power button while the computer is unplugged to ground the system board.
6. Remove the cover.

**⚠ CAUTION: Before touching anything inside your computer, ground yourself by 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.**

## Turning Off Your Computer


**⚠ CAUTION: To avoid losing data, save and close all open files and exit all open programs before you turn off your computer.**

1. Shut down the operating system:

– In Windows 8:


\* Using a touch-enabled device:

a. Swipe in from the right edge of the screen, opening the Charms menu and select **Settings**.

b. Select the  and then select **Shut down**

\* Using a mouse:

a. Point to upper-right corner of the screen and click **Settings**.

b. Click the  and select **Shut down**.

– In Windows 7:

1. Click **Start** .

2. Click **Shut Down**.

or

1. Click **Start** .

2. Click the arrow in the lower-right corner of the **Start** menu as shown below, and then click **Shut**



**Down..**

2. Ensure that the computer and all attached devices are turned off. If your computer and attached devices did not automatically turn off when you shut down your operating system, press and hold the power button for about 6 seconds to turn them off.

## After Working Inside Your Computer

After you complete any replacement procedure, ensure you connect any external devices, cards, and cables before turning on your computer.

1. Replace the cover.

**⚠ CAUTION: To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network device and then plug it into the computer.**

2. Connect any telephone or network cables to your computer.

3. Connect your computer and all attached devices to their electrical outlets.

4. Turn on your computer.

5. If required, verify that the computer works correctly by running the Dell Diagnostics.



# Removing and Installing Components

This section provides detailed information on how to remove or install the components from your computer.

## Removing the Cover

1. Follow the procedures in [Before Working Inside Your Computer](#).
2. Pull up the cover-release-latch at the side of the computer.



3. Lift the cover upward to a 45-degree angle and remove it from the computer.



### Related Links

[Installing the Cover](#)

## Installing the Cover

1. Place the cover on the computer.
2. Press down on the cover till it clicks into place.
3. Follow the procedures in [After Working Inside Your Computer](#).

### Related Links

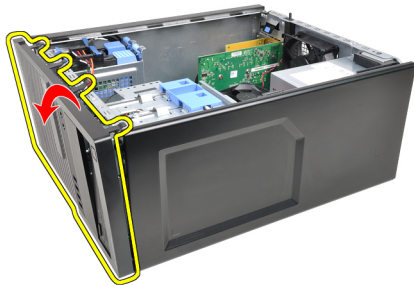
[Removing the Cover](#)

## Removing the Front Bezel

1. Follow the procedures in [Before Working Inside Your Computer](#).
2. Remove the [cover](#).
3. Pry the front bezel retention clips away from the chassis located at the side edge of front bezel.



4. Rotate the bezel away from the computer to release the hooks on the opposite edge of the bezel from the chassis.



### Related Links

[Installing the Front Bezel](#)

## Installing The Front Bezel

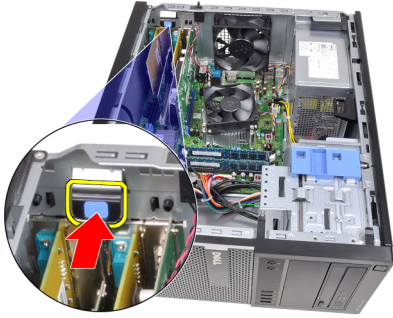
1. Insert the hooks along the bottom edge of the front bezel into the slots on the chassis front.
2. Rotate the bezel toward the computer to engage the four front-bezel retention clips until they click into place.
3. Install the [cover](#).
4. Follow the procedures in [After Working Inside Your Computer](#).

### Related Links

[Removing the Front Bezel](#)

## Removing the Expansion Card

1. Follow the procedures in [Before Working Inside Your Computer](#).
2. Remove the [cover](#).
3. Push the release tab on the card-retention latch outward.



4. Pull the release lever away from the PCIe x16 card to release the securing tab from the dent in the card. Then, ease the card up and out of its connector and remove it from the computer.



5. Lift the PCIe x1 expansion card (if any) up and out of its connector and remove it from the computer.



6. Lift the PCI expansion card (if any) up and out of its connector and remove it from the computer.



7. Lift the PCI x4 expansion card (if any) up and out of its connector and remove it from the computer.



#### Related Links

[Installing the Expansion Card](#)

## Installing The Expansion Card

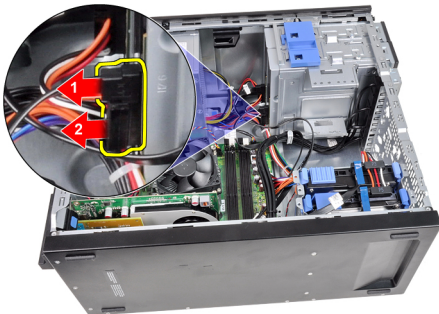
1. Insert the PCIe x4 card into the connector on the system board and press down to secure it in place.
2. Insert the PCIe card (if any) into the connector on the system board and press down to secure it in place.
3. Insert the PCIe x1 card (if any) into the connector on the system board and press down to secure it in place.
4. Insert the PCIe x16 card (if any) into the connector on the system board and press down to secure it in place.
5. Press the retention tab on the card-retention latch downwards.
6. Install the [cover](#).
7. Follow the procedures in [After Working Inside Your Computer](#).

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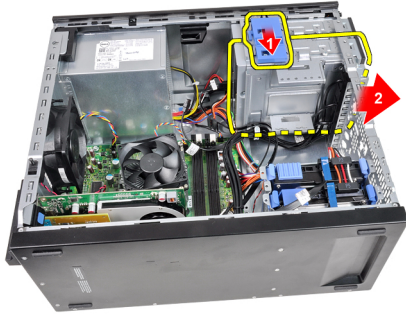
[Removing The Expansion Card](#)

## Removing the Optical Drive

1. Follow the procedures in [Before Working Inside Your Computer](#).
2. Remove the [cover](#).
3. Remove the [front bezel](#).
4. Remove the data cable and power cable from the back of the optical drive.



5. Slide down the optical-drive latch and then push the optical drive from the back towards the front of the computer.



6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 to remove the second optical drive (if available).

#### Related Links

[Installing the Optical Drive](#)

## Installing The Optical Drive

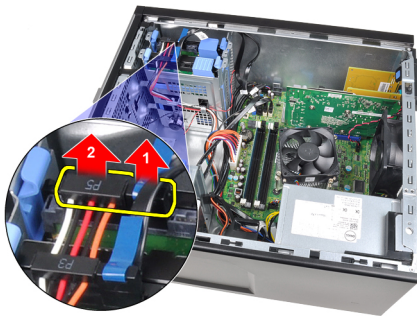
1. Slide up the optical-drive latch and push the optical drive from the front towards the back of the computer.
2. Connect the data cable and power cable to the optical drive.
3. Install the [front bezel](#).
4. Install the [cover](#).
5. Follow the procedures in [After Working Inside Your Computer](#).

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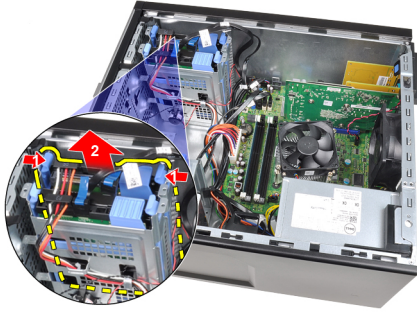
[Removing the Optical Drive](#)

## Removing the Hard Drive

1. Follow the procedures in [Before Working Inside Your Computer](#).
2. Remove the [cover](#).
3. Remove the data cable and power cable from the back of the hard drive.



4. Press both blue securing-bracket tabs inwards and lift the hard-drive bracket out of the bay.



5. Flex the hard-drive bracket and then remove the hard drive from the bracket.



6. Repeat the above steps for the second hard drive, if available.

#### Related Links

[Installing the Hard Drive](#)

## Installing The Hard Drive

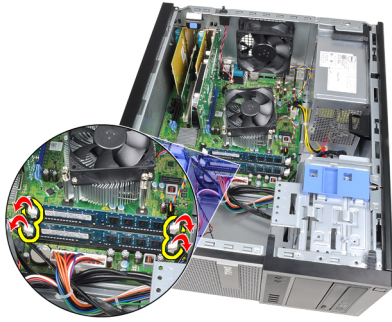
1. Flex the hard-drive bracket and then insert the hard drive into the bracket.
2. Press both blue securing-bracket tabs inward and slide the hard-drive bracket into the bay in the chassis.
3. Connect the data cable and power cable to the back of the hard drive.
4. Install the [cover](#).
5. Follow the procedures in [After Working Inside Your Computer](#).

#### Related Links

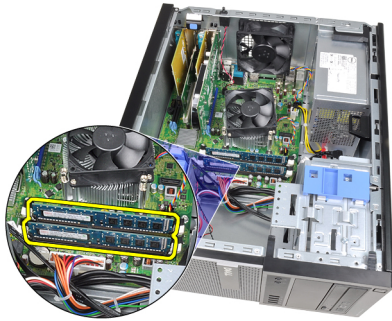
[Removing the Hard Drive](#)

## Removing the Memory

1. Follow the procedures in [Before Working Inside Your Computer](#).
2. Remove the [cover](#).
3. Release the memory-retention clips on each side of the memory modules.



4. Lift the memory modules out of the connectors on the system board.



#### Related Links

[Installing the Memory](#)

## Installing the Memory

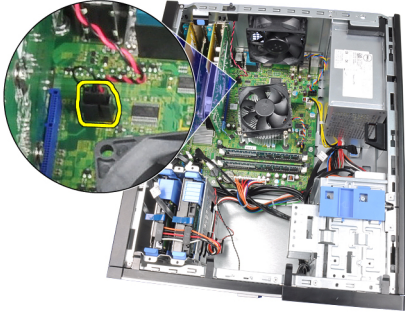
1. Insert the memory modules into the connectors on the system board. Install the memory module in the order of A1 > B1 > A2 > B2.
2. Press down on the memory modules until the retention clips spring back to secure them in place.
3. Install the [cover](#).
4. Follow the procedures in [After Working Inside Your Computer](#).

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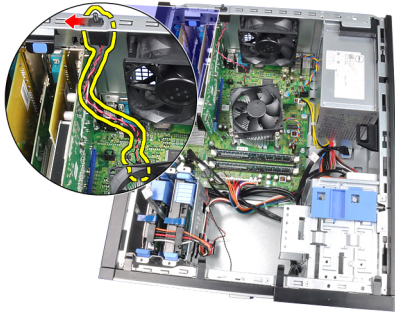
[Removing the Memory](#)

## Removing The Chassis Intrusion Switch

1. Follow the procedures in [Before Working Inside Your Computer](#).
2. Remove the [cover](#).
3. Disconnect the intrusion switch-cable from system board.



4. Slide the intrusion switch toward the chassis bottom and remove it from the system board.



#### Related Links

[Installing the Intrusion Switch](#)

## Installing the Intrusion Switch

1. Insert the intrusion switch into the chassis rear and slide it toward the chassis top to secure it.
2. Connect the intrusion switch-cable to the system board.
3. Install the [cover](#).
4. Follow the procedures in [After Working Inside Your Computer](#).

#### Related Links

[Removing the Intrusion Switch](#)

## Removing The Speaker

1. Follow the procedures in [Before Working Inside Your Computer](#).
2. Remove the [cover](#).
3. Disconnect the speaker cable from the system board.





4. Unthread the speaker cable from the chassis clip.



5. Press down the speaker-securing tab and slide the speaker upwards to remove it.



#### Related Links

[Installing the Internal Speaker](#)

## Installing the Speaker

1. Press the speaker-securing tab and slide the speaker downward to secure it.
2. Thread the speaker cable into the chassis clip.
3. Connect the speaker cable to the system board.
4. Install the [cover](#).
5. Follow the procedures in [After Working Inside Your Computer](#).

#### Related Links

[Removing the Internal Speaker](#)

## Removing the Heat Sink and Processor

1. Follow the procedures in [Before Working Inside Your Computer](#).
2. Remove the [cover](#).
3. Disconnect the heat sink assembly cable from the system board.



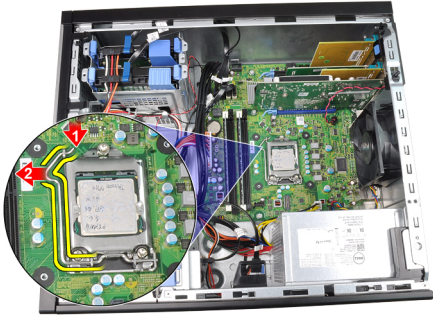
4. Loosen the captive screws that secure the heat sink assembly to the system board.



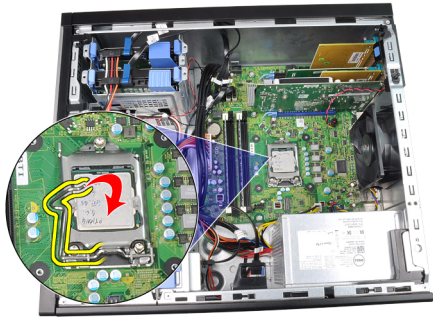
5. Lift the heat sink assembly upwards and remove it from the computer. Lay the assembly with the fan facing downwards, and with the thermal grease facing upwards.



6. Press the release lever down and then move it outwards to release it from the retention hook that secures it.



7. Lift the processor cover.



8. Lift the processor to remove it from the socket and place it in an antistatic package.



#### Related Links

[Installing the Heat Sink and Processor](#)

## Installing the Heat Sink and Processor

1. Insert the processor into the processor socket. Ensure the processor is properly seated.
2. Lower the processor cover.
3. Press the release lever down and then move it inward to secure it with the retention hook.
4. Place the heat sink assembly into the chassis.
5. Tighten the captive screws to secure the heat sink assembly to the system board.
6. Connect the heat sink assembly cable to the system board.
7. Install the [cover](#).
8. Follow the procedures in [After Working Inside Your Computer](#).

#### Related Links

[Removing the Heat Sink and Processor](#)

## Removing The Coin-Cell Battery

1. Follow the procedures in [Before Working Inside Your Computer](#).
2. Remove the [cover](#).
3. Press the release latch away from the coin-cell battery to allow the battery to pop-up from the socket.



4. Lift the coin-cell battery out of the computer.



### Related Links

[Installing The Coin-Cell Battery](#)

## Installing The Coin-Cell Battery

1. Place the coin-cell battery into its slot on the system board.
2. Press the coin-cell battery downwards until it is secured.
3. Install the [cover](#).
4. Follow the procedures in [After Working Inside Your Computer](#).

### Related Links

[Removing the Coin-Cell Battery](#)

## Removing the Power-Switch Cable

1. Follow the procedures in [Before Working Inside Your Computer](#).
2. Remove the [cover](#).
3. Remove the [front bezel](#).
4. Remove the [optical drive](#).

5. Disconnect the power-switch cable from the system board.



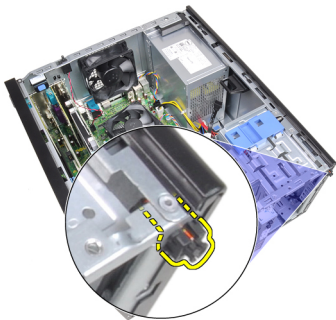
6. Unthread the power-switch cable from the chassis clips.



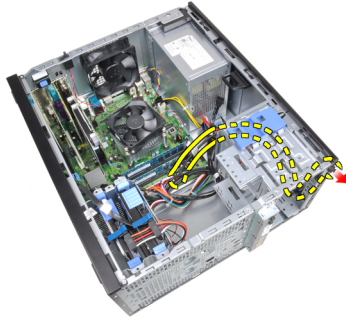
7. Unthread the power-switch cable from the chassis clip.



8. Pry the power-switch cable free.



9. Slide the power-switch cable out through the front of the computer.



#### Related Links

[Installing the Power Switch Cable](#)

## Installing the Power-Switch Cable

1. Slide the power-switch cable in through the front of the computer.
2. Secure the power-switch cable to the chassis.
3. Thread the power-switch cable into the chassis clips.
4. Connect the power-switch cable to the system board.
5. Install the [optical drive](#).
6. Install the [front bezel](#).
7. Install the [cover](#).
8. Follow the procedures in [After Working Inside Your Computer](#).

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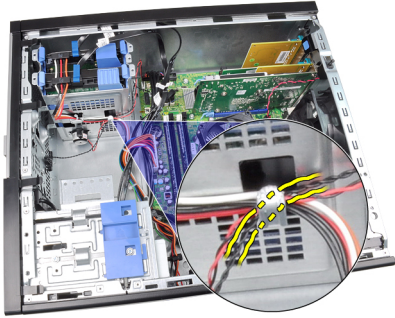
[Removing the Power Switch Cable](#)

## Removing the Front Thermal Sensor

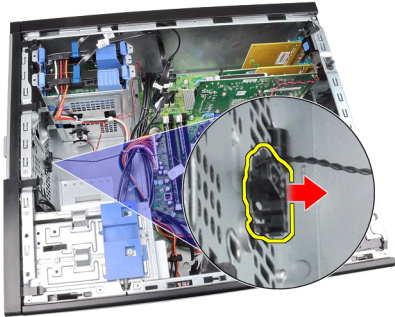
1. Follow the procedures in [Before Working Inside Your Computer](#).
2. Remove the [cover](#).
3. Disconnect the thermal-sensor cable from the system board.



4. Unthread the thermal-sensor cable from the chassis clip.



5. Pry the thermal sensor away from the chassis front and remove.



#### Related Links

[Installing the Front Thermal Sensor](#)

## Installing the Front Thermal Sensor

1. Secure the thermal sensor to the chassis front.
2. Thread the thermal sensor cable into the chassis clips.
3. Connect the thermal sensor cable to the system board.
4. Install the [cover](#).
5. Follow the procedures in [After Working Inside Your Computer](#).

#### Related Links

[Removing the Front Thermal Sensor](#)

## Removing The System Fan

1. Follow the procedures in [Before Working Inside Your Computer](#).
2. Remove the [cover](#).
3. Disconnect the system fan cable from the system board.



4. Pry and remove the system fan away from the four grommets securing it to the back of the computer.



## Installing the System Fan

1. Place the system fan in the chassis.
2. Pass the four grommets through the chassis and slide outward along the grooves to secure them in place.
3. Connect the fan cable to the system board.
4. Install the [cover](#).
5. Follow the procedures in [After Working Inside Your Computer](#).

## Removing the Input/Output Panel

1. Follow the procedures in [Before Working Inside Your Computer](#).
2. Remove the [cover](#).
3. Remove the [front bezel](#).
4. Disconnect the Input/Output Panel and FlyWire cable from the system board.



5. Unthread the Input/Output Panel and FlyWire cable from the clip on the computer.

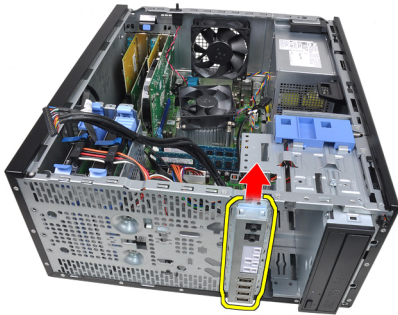




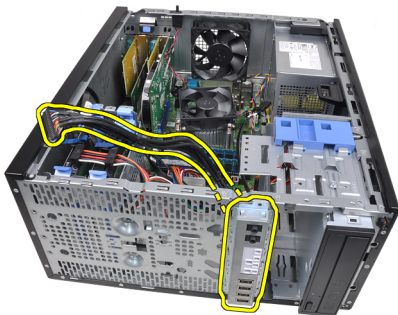
6. Remove the screw that secures the Input/Output panel to the computer.



7. Slide the Input/Output panel towards the left of the computer to release it.



8. Remove the Input/Output panel by routing the cable through the front of the computer.



#### Related Links

[Installing the Input/Output Panel](#)

## Installing the Input/Output Panel

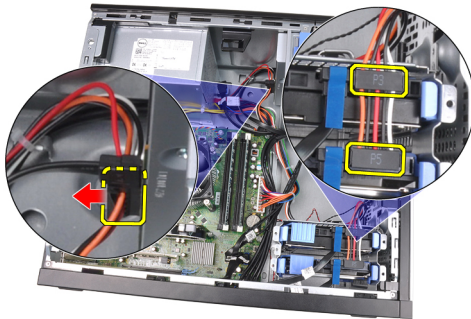
1. Insert the Input/Output panel into the slot on the chassis front.
2. Slide the Input/Output panel towards the right of the computer to secure to the chassis.
3. Tighten the single screw to secure the Input/Output panel to the chassis.
4. Thread the Input/Output panel or the FlyWire cable into the chassis clip.
5. Connect the Input/Output panel or the FlyWire cable to the system board.
6. Install the [front bezel](#).
7. Install the [cover](#).
8. Follow the procedures in [After Working Inside Your Computer](#).

### Related Links

[Removing the Input/Output Panel](#)

## Removing The Power Supply

1. Follow the procedures in [Before Working Inside Your Computer](#).
2. Remove the [cover](#).
3. Disconnect the power cables connected to the hard drive(s) and optical drive(s).



4. Unthread the power cables from the clips in the computer.



5. Disconnect the 24-pin power cable from the system board.



6. Disconnect the 4-pin power cable from the system board.



7. Remove the screws that secure the power supply to the back of the computer.



8. Push in on the blue release tab beside the power supply, and slide the power supply towards the front of the computer.



9. Lift the power supply out of the computer.



#### Related Links

[Installing the Power Supply](#)

## Installing the Power Supply

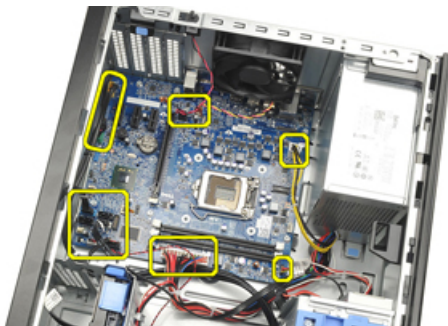
1. Place the power supply in the chassis and slide towards the back of the computer to secure it.
2. Tighten the screws securing the power supply to the back of the computer.
3. Connect the 4-pin power cable to the system board.
4. Connect the 24-pin power cable to the system board.
5. Thread the power cables into the chassis clips.
6. Connect the power cables connected to the hard drive(s) and optical drive(s).
7. Install the [cover](#).
8. Follow the procedures in [After Working Inside Your Computer](#).

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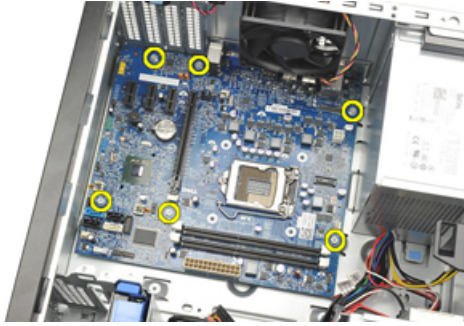
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## Removing The System Board

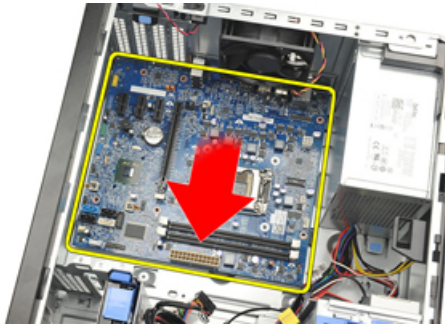
1. Follow the procedures in [Before Working Inside Your Computer](#).
2. Remove the [cover](#).
3. Remove the [front bezel](#).
4. Remove the [expansion card](#).
5. Remove the [heat sink and processor](#).
6. Disconnect all the cables connected to the system board.



7. Remove the screws that secure the system board to the computer.



8. Slide the system board towards the front of the computer.



9. Carefully tilt the system board to 45 degrees, and then lift the system board out of the computer.



## Installing The System Board

1. Align the system board to the port connectors on the back of the chassis and place the system board in the chassis.
2. Tighten the screws securing the system board to the chassis.
3. Connect the cables to the system board.
4. Install the [heatsink and processor](#).
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# System Setup

## System Setup

This computer offers you the following options:

- Access System Setup by pressing <F2>
- Bring up a one-time boot menu by pressing <F12>

Press <F2> to enter System Setup and make changes to the user-definable settings. If you have trouble entering System Setup using this key, press <F2> when the keyboard LEDs first flash.

## Boot Menu

This feature gives users a quick and convenient mechanism to bypass the System Setup-defined boot device order and boot directly to a specific device (for example: floppy, CD-ROM, or hard drive).

Keystroke	Function
<Ctrl><Alt><F8>	one-time boot and diagnostics utility menu
<F12>	one-time boot and diagnostics utility menu

## Boot Menu Enhancements

The boot menu enhancements are as follows:

- **Easier access** — Although the <Ctrl><Alt><F8> keystroke still exists and can be used to call up the menu, simply press <F12> during system boot to access the menu.
- **User prompting** — Not only is the menu easy to access, when you are prompted to use the keystroke on the BIOS splash screen (see image below). The keystroke is not "hidden".
- **Diagnostics options** — The boot menu includes two diagnostic options, **IDE Drive Diagnostics** (90/90 Hard Drive Diagnostics) and **Boot to the Utility Partition**. The benefit here is that you do not have to remember the <Ctrl><Alt><D> and <Ctrl><Alt><F10> keystrokes (although they still work).



**NOTE:** The BIOS features an option to disable either or both of the keystroke prompts under the System Security / Post Hotkeys submenu.

When you enter the <F12> or <Ctrl><Alt><F8> keystroke correctly, the computer beeps. The key sequence invokes the **Boot Device Menu**.



Since the one-time boot menu only affects the current boot, it has the added benefit of not requiring the technician to restore the customer's boot order after completing troubleshooting.

## Timing Key Sequences

The keyboard is not the first device initialized by Setup. As a result, if you press a keystroke too early, you lock out the keyboard. When this happens, a keyboard error message appears on the monitor, and you cannot restart the system with the <Ctrl><Alt><Del> keys.

To avoid this scenario, wait until the keyboard is initialized before pressing the keystroke. There are two ways to know that this has happened:

- The keyboard lights flash.
- The "F2=Setup" prompt appears in the top right-hand corner of the screen during boot.

The second method is good if the monitor is already warmed up. If it is not, the system often passes the window of opportunity before the video signal is visible. If this is the case, rely on the first method—the keyboard lights—to know the keyboard is initialized.

## Beep Codes and Text Error Messages

The OptiPlex BIOS is capable of displaying error messages in plain English, along with beep codes. If the BIOS determine the previous boot was unsuccessful, it displays an error message similar to the following:

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Previous attempts at booting the system have failed at checkpoint _____. For
help resolving this problem, please note this checkpoint and contact Dell
Technical Support.
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## Navigation

The computer setup can be navigated by either the keyboard or the mouse.


Use the following keystrokes to navigate the BIOS screens:

Action	Keystroke
Expand and collapse field	<Enter>, left- or right-arrow key, or +/-
Expand or collapse all fields	<>



Action	Keystroke
Exit BIOS	<Esc> — Remain in Setup, Save/Exit, Discard/Exit
Change a setting	Left or right-arrow key
Select field to change	<Enter>
Cancel modification	<Esc>
Reset defaults	<Alt><F> or <b>Load Defaults</b> menu option

## System Setup Options



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

**Table 1. General**

Option	Description
System Information	<p>Displays the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• System Information: Displays <b>BIOS Version, Service Tag, Asset Tag, Ownership Date, Manufacture Date</b>, and the <b>Express Service Code</b>.</li> <li>• Memory Information: Displays <b>Memory Installed, Memory Available, Memory Speed, Memory Channels Mode, Memory Technology, DIMM 1 Size, DIMM 2 Size, DIMM 3 Size</b>, and <b>DIMM 4 Size</b>.</li> <li>• Processor Information: Displays <b>Processor Type, Core Count, Processor ID, Current Clock Speed, Minimum Clock Speed, Maximum Clock Speed, Processor L2 Cache, Processor L3 Cache, HT Capable</b>, and <b>64-Bit Technology</b>.</li> <li>• PCI Information: Displays <b>SLOT1, SLOT2, SLOT3, SLOT4</b></li> <li>• Device Information: Displays <b>SATA-0, SATA-1, SATA-2, SATA-3</b>, and <b>LOM MAC Address</b>.</li> </ul>
Boot Sequence	<p>Allows you to specify the order in which the computer attempts to find an operating system from the devices specified in this list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USB Storage Device</li> <li>• CD/DVD/CD-RW Drive</li> <li>• Onboard NIC</li> </ul>
Date/Time	<p>Allows you to set the date and time settings. Changes to the system date and time take effect immediately.</p>


**Table 2. System Configuration**

Option	Description
Integrated NIC	<p>Allows you to enable or disable the integrated network card. You can set the integrated NIC to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disabled</li> <li>• Enabled (default)</li> <li>• Enabled w/PXE</li> <li>• Enabled w/ImageServer</li> </ul>


Option	Description
	 <b>NOTE:</b> Depending on the computer and its installed devices, the items listed in this section may or may not appear.
Serial Port	<p>Allows you to set the serial port settings. You can set the serial port to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disabled</li> <li>• Auto</li> <li>• COM1</li> <li>• COM2</li> <li>• COM3</li> <li>• COM4</li> </ul> <p> <b>NOTE:</b> The operating system may allocate resources even though the setting is disabled.</p>
SATA Operation	<p>Allows you to configure the operating mode of the integrated hard drive controller.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disabled = The SATA controllers are hidden</li> <li>• ATA = SATA is configured for ATA mode</li> </ul>
Drives	<p>Allows you to enable or disable the various drives on-board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SATA-0</li> <li>• SATA-1</li> <li>• SATA-2</li> <li>• SATA-3</li> </ul>
Smart Reporting	<p>This field controls whether hard drive errors for integrated drives are reported during system startup. This option is disabled by default.</p>
USB Configuration	<p>Allows you to enable or disable the integrated USB controller for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boot Support</li> <li>• Rear Dual USB Ports</li> <li>• Front USB Ports</li> <li>• Rear Quad USB Ports</li> </ul>
Miscellaneous Devices	<p>Allows you to enable or disable the Wi-Fi Radio.</p>

**Table 3. Security**

Option	Description
Administrative Password	<p>Allows you to set restricted access to system setup program. This option is not set by default.</p>
System Password	<p>Displays the current status of the system's password security feature and allows a new system password to be assigned and verified.</p> <p>This option is not set by default.</p>
Internal HDD-0 Password	<p>Displays the current status of the password on the system's internal hard disk drive (HDD).</p> <p>This option is not set by default</p>

Option	Description
Strong Password	This option lets you enable or disable strong passwords for the system.
Password Configuration	Allows you to control the minimum and maximum number of characters allowed for a administrative password and the system password.
Password Bypass	<p>This option lets you bypass the System (Boot) Password and the internal HDD password prompts during a system restart.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disabled — Always prompt for the system and internal HDD password when they are set. This option is disabled by default.</li> <li>• Reboot Bypass — Bypass the password prompts on Restarts (warm boots).</li> </ul> <p> <b>NOTE:</b> The system will always prompt for the system and internal HDD passwords when powered on from the off state (a cold boot). Also, the system will always prompt for passwords on any module bay HDDs that may be present.</p>
Password Changes	<p>This option lets you determine whether changes to the System and Hard Disk passwords are permitted when an administrator password is set. W</p> <p><b>Allow Non-Admin Password Changes</b> - This option is enabled by default.</p>
Computrace	<p>This field lets you Activate or Disable the BIOS module interface of the optional Computrace Service from Absolute Software. Enables or disables the optional Computrace service designed for asset management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Deactivate</b> - This option is disabled by default.</li> <li>• Disable</li> <li>• Activate</li> </ul>
Chassis Intrusion	<p>Allows you to control the chassis intrusion feature. You can set this option to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable</li> <li>• Disable</li> <li>• <b>On-Silent</b> — Enabled by default if chassis intrusion is detected.</li> </ul>
CPU XD Support	Allows you to enable or disable the Execute Disable mode of the processor. This option is enabled by default.
OROM Keyboard Access	<p>This option determines whether users are able to enter Option ROM Configuration screens via hotkeys during boot. Specifically, these settings are capable of preventing access to Intel RAID (CTRL+I) or Intel Management Engine BIOS Extension (CTRL+P/ F12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Enable</b> — User may enter OROM configuration screens via the hotkey.</li> <li>• <b>One-Time Enable</b> — User may enter OROM configuration screens via the hotkeys on next boot only. After next boot, the setting will revert to disabled.</li> <li>• <b>Disable</b> — User may not enter OROM configuration screens via the hotkey.</li> </ul> <p>This option is set to Enable by default.</p>
Admin Setup Lockout	Allows you to enable or disable the option to enter Setup when an Administrative password is set. This option is not set by default.

**Table 4. Secure Boot**



Option	Description
Secure Boot Enable	<p>Allows you to enable or disable Secure Boot feature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disable</li> <li>• Enable</li> </ul>
Expert key Management	<p>Allows you to manipulate the security key databases only if the system is in Custom Mode. The <b>Enable Custom Mode</b> option is disabled by default. The options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PK</li> <li>• KEK</li> <li>• db</li> <li>• dbx</li> </ul> <p>If you enable the <b>Custom Mode</b>, the relevant options for <b>PK, KEK, db, and dbx</b> appear. The options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Save to File</b>- Saves the key to a user-selected file</li> <li>• <b>Replace from File</b>- Replaces the current key with a key from a user-selected file</li> <li>• <b>Append from File</b>- Adds a key to the current database from a user-selected file</li> <li>• <b>Delete</b>- Deletes the selected key</li> <li>• <b>Reset All Keys</b>- Resets to default setting</li> <li>• <b>Delete All Keys</b>- Deletes all the keys</li> </ul> <p> <b>NOTE:</b> If you disable the Custom Mode, all the changes made will be erased and the keys will restore to default settings.</p>

**Table 5. Performance**

Option	Description
Multi Core Support	This field specifies whether the process will have one or all cores enabled. This option is enabled by default.
Intel SpeedStep	Allows you to enable or disable the Intel SpeedStep mode of the processor. This option is disabled by default.
C States Control	Allows you to enable or disable additional processor sleep states. This option is disabled by default.
Hyper-Thread Control	Allows you to enable or disable the Hyper-Threading Technology. This option is enabled by default.

**Table 6. Power Management**

Option	Description
AC Recovery	<p>Determines how the system responds when AC power is re-applied after a power loss. You can set the AC Recovery to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power Off</li> <li>• Power On</li> </ul>

Option	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last State</li> </ul> <p>This option is Power Off by default.</p>
Auto On Time	<p>Sets time to automatically turn on the computer. Time is kept in standard 12-hour format (hour:minutes:seconds). Change the startup time by typing the values in the time and AM/PM fields.</p> <p> <b>NOTE:</b> This feature does not work if you turn off your computer using the switch on a power strip or surge protector or if <b>Auto Power is set to disabled</b>.</p>
Deep Sleep Control	<p>Allows you to define the controls when Deep Sleep is enabled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disabled</li> <li>Enabled in S5 only</li> <li>Enabled in S4 and S5</li> </ul> <p>This option is Disabled by default.</p>
Fan Control Override	<p>Controls the speed of the system fan. This option is disabled by default.</p> <p> <b>NOTE:</b> When enabled, the fan runs at full speed.</p>
Wake on LAN	<p>This option allows the computer to power up from the off state when triggered by a special LAN signal. This feature only works when the computer is connected to AC power supply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Disabled</b> - Does not allow the system to power on by special LAN signals when it receives a wake-up signal from the LAN or wireless LAN.</li> <li><b>LAN Only</b> - Allows the system to be powered on by special LAN signals.</li> </ul> <p>This option is Disabled by default.</p>

**Table 7. POST Behavior**

Option	Description
Numlock LED	Allows you to enable or disable the Numlock feature when your computer starts. This option is enabled by default.
Keyboard Errors	Allows you to enable or disable the keyboard error reporting when the computer starts. This option is enabled by default.
POST Hotkeys	Allows you to specify the function keys to display on the screen when the computer starts. <b>Enable F12 — Boot menu</b> (enabled by default)
Fast Boot	<p>This option can speed up the boot process by bypassing some compatibility steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimal — The system boots quickly, unless the BIOS has been updated, memory changed, or the previous POST did not complete.</li> <li>Thorough — The system does not skip any steps in the boot process.</li> <li>Auto — This allows the operating system to control this setting (this works only when the operating system supports Simple Boot Flag).</li> </ul>

Option	Description
	This option is set to <b>Thorough</b> by default.




**Table 8. Virtualization Support**





Option	Description
Virtualization	This option specifies whether a Virtual Machine Monitor (VMM) can utilize the additional hardware capabilities provided by Intel® Virtualization Technology. <b>Enable Intel Virtualization Technology</b> - This option is disabled by default.
VT for Direct I/O	Enables or disables the Virtual Machine Monitor (VMM) from utilizing the additional hardware capabilities provided by Intel® Virtualization technology for direct I/O. <b>Enable Intel Virtualization Technology for Direct I/O</b> - This option is disabled by default.

**Table 9. Maintenance**

Option	Description
Service Tag	Displays the Service Tag of your computer.
Asset Tag	Allows you to create a system asset tag if an asset tag is not already set. This option is not set by default.
SERR Messages	Controls the SERR message mechanism. This option is not set by default. Some graphics cards require that the SERR message mechanism be disabled.

**Table 10. Image Server**

Option	Description
Lookup Method	Specifies how the ImageServer looks up the server address. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Static IP</li> <li>• DNS (enabled by default)</li> </ul>  <b>NOTE:</b> This field is only relevant when the "Integrated NIC" control in the "System Configuration" group is set to "Enabled with ImageServer".
ImageServer IP	Specifies the primary static IP address of the ImageServer with which the client software communicates. The default IP address is <b>255.255.255.255</b> .  <b>NOTE:</b> This field is only relevant when the "Integrated NIC" control in the "System Configuration" group is set to "Enabled with ImageServer" and when "Lookup Method" is set to "Static IP".
ImageServer Port	Specifies the primary IP port of the ImageServer with which the client communicates. The default IP port is <b>06910</b> .  <b>NOTE:</b> This field is only relevant when the "Integrated NIC" control in the "System Configuration" group is set to "Enabled with ImageServer".
Client DHCP	Specifies how the client obtains the IP address. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Static IP</li> <li>• DNS (enabled by default)</li> </ul>

Option	Description
	 <b>NOTE:</b> This field is only relevant when the "Integrated NIC" control in the "System Configuration" group is set to "Enabled with ImageServer".
Client IP	Specifies the static IP address of the client. The default IP address is <b>255.255.255.255</b> .
	 <b>NOTE:</b> This field is only relevant when the "Integrated NIC" control in the "System Configuration" group is set to "Enabled with ImageServer" and when "Client DHCP" is set to "Static IP".
Client Subnet Mask	Specifies the subnet mask of the client. The default setting is <b>255.255.255.255</b> .
	 <b>NOTE:</b> This field is only relevant when the "Integrated NIC" control in the "System Configuration" group is set to "Enabled with ImageServer" and when "Client DHCP" is set to "Static IP".
Client Gateway	Specifies the gateway IP address for the client. The default setting is <b>255.255.255.255</b> .
	 <b>NOTE:</b> This field is only relevant when the "Integrated NIC" control in the "System Configuration" group is set to "Enabled with ImageServer" and when "Client DHCP" is set to "Static IP".
License Status	Displays the current license status.

**Table 11. System Logs**


Option	Description
BIOS Events	Displays the system event log and allows you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear Log</li> <li>• Mark all Entries</li> </ul>






# Troubleshooting

## Diagnostic LEDs

 **NOTE:** The diagnostic LEDs only serve as an indicator of the progress through the Power-on Self-Test (POST) process. These LEDs do not indicate the problem that caused the POST routine to stop.

The diagnostic LEDs are located on the front of the chassis next to the power button. These diagnostic LEDs are only active and visible during the POST process. Once the operating system starts to load, they turn off and are no longer visible.

The system now includes pre-POST and POST LEDs in an attempt to help identifying a possible problem with the system easier and more accurate.

 **NOTE:** The diagnostic lights will blink when the power button is amber or off, and will not blink when it is blue. This has no other significance.

### Diagnostic Light Patterns

LED



Power Button



**Problem Description**

The computer is either turned off or is not receiving power.

**Troubleshooting Steps**

- Re-seat the power cable in the power connector at the back of the computer and the electrical outlet.
- Bypass power strips, power extension cables, and other power protection devices to verify that the computer turns on properly.
- Ensure that any power strips being used are plugged into an electrical outlet and are turned on.
- Ensure that the electrical outlet is working by testing it with another device, such as a lamp.
- Ensure that the main power cable and front panel cable are securely connected to the system board.

LED



Power Button



**Problem Description**

A possible system board failure has occurred.

**Troubleshooting Steps**

Unplug the computer. Allow one minute for the power to drain. Plug the computer into a working electrical outlet and press the power button.

**LED**



**Power Button**



**Problem Description**

A possible system board, power supply, or peripheral failure has occurred.

**Troubleshooting Steps**

- Power off computer, leaving the computer plugged in. Press and hold the power supply test button at the rear of the power supply unit. If the LED next to the switch illuminates, the problem may be with your system board.
- If the LED next to the switch does not illuminate, disconnect all internal and external peripherals, and press and hold the power supply test button. If it illuminates, there could be a problem with a peripheral.
- If the LED still does not illuminate, remove the PSU connections from the system board, then press and hold the power supply button. If it illuminates, there could be a problem with the system board.
- If the LED still does not illuminate, the problem is with the power supply.

**LED**



**Power Button**



**Problem Description**

Memory modules are detected, but a memory power failure has occurred.

**Troubleshooting Steps**









- If two or more memory modules are installed, remove the modules, then re-install one module and re-start the computer. If the computer starts normally, continue to install additional memory modules (one at a time) until you have identified a faulty module or reinstalled all modules without error. If only one memory module is installed, try moving it to a different DIMM connector and re-start the computer.
- If available, install verified working memory of the same type into your computer.

**LED**



**Power Button**



<b>Problem Description</b>	BIOS may be corrupt or missing.
<b>Troubleshooting Steps</b>	The computer hardware is operating normally but the BIOS may be corrupt or missing.
<b>LED</b>	
<b>Power Button</b>	
<b>Problem Description</b>	A possible system board failure has occurred.
<b>Troubleshooting Steps</b>	Remove all peripheral cards from the PCI and PCI-E slots and re-start the computer. If the computer boots, add the peripheral cards back one by one until you find the bad one.
<b>LED</b>	
<b>Power Button</b>	
<b>Problem Description</b>	Power connector not installed properly.
<b>Troubleshooting Steps</b>	Re-seat the 2x2 power connector from the power supply unit.
<b>LED</b>	
<b>Power Button</b>	
<b>Problem Description</b>	Possible peripheral card or system board failure has occurred.
<b>Troubleshooting Steps</b>	Remove all peripheral cards from the PCI and PCI-E slots and re-start the computer. If the computer boots, add the peripheral cards back one by one until you find the bad one.
<b>LED</b>	
<b>Power Button</b>	

**Problem Description**

A possible system board failure has occurred.

**Troubleshooting Steps**

- Disconnect all internal and external peripherals, and re-start the computer. If the computer boots, add the peripheral cards back one by one until you find the bad one.
- If the problem persists, the system board is faulty.

LED



Power Button



**Problem Description**

A possible coin cell battery failure has occurred.

**Troubleshooting Steps**

Remove the coin cell battery for one minute, reinstall the battery, and restart.

LED



Power Button



**Problem Description**

A possible processor failure has occurred.

**Troubleshooting Steps**

Re-seat the processor.

LED



Power Button



**Problem Description**

Memory modules are detected, but a memory failure has occurred.

**Troubleshooting Steps**

- If two or more memory modules are installed, remove the modules, then re-install one module and re-start the computer. If the computer starts normally, continue to install additional memory modules (one at a time) until you have identified a faulty module or reinstalled all modules without error.
- If available, install working memory of the same type into your computer.

LED



**Power Button**



**Problem Description**

A possible hard drive failure has occurred.

**Troubleshooting Steps**

Re-seat all power and data cables.

**LED**



**Power Button**



**Problem Description**

A possible USB failure has occurred.

**Troubleshooting Steps**

Re-install all USB devices and check all cable connections.

**LED**



**Power Button**



**Problem Description**

No memory modules are detected.

**Troubleshooting Steps**

- If two or more memory modules are installed, remove the modules, then reinstall one module and restart the computer. If the computer starts normally, continue to install additional memory modules (one at a time) until you have identified a faulty module or reinstalled all modules without error.
- If available, install working memory of the same type into your computer.

**LED**



**Power Button**



**Problem Description**

Memory modules are detected, but a memory configuration or compatibility error has occurred.

**Troubleshooting Steps**

- Ensure that no special requirements for memory module/connector placement exist.
- Ensure that the memory you are using is supported by your computer.

LED



Power Button



**Problem Description**

A possible expansion card failure has occurred.

**Troubleshooting Steps**

- Determine if a conflict exists by removing an expansion card (not a graphics card) and restarting the computer.
- If the problem persists, reinstall the card you removed, then remove a different card and restart the computer.
- Repeat this process for each expansion card installed. If the computer starts normally, troubleshoot the last card removed from the computer for resource conflicts.

LED



Power Button



**Problem Description**

A possible system board resource and/or hardware failure has occurred.

**Troubleshooting Steps**

- Clear CMOS.
- Disconnect all internal and external peripherals, and restart the computer. If the computer boots, add the peripheral cards back one by one until you find the bad one.
- If the problem persists, the system board / system board component is faulty.

LED



Power Button



**Problem Description**

Some other failure has occurred.

**Troubleshooting Steps**

- Ensure that the display/monitor is plugged into a discrete graphic card.
- Ensure that all hard drives and optical drive cables are properly connected to the system board.
- If there is an error message on the screen identifying a problem with a device ( hard drive), check the device to make sure it is functioning properly.

- If the operating system is attempting to boot from a device (optical drive), check system setup to ensure the boot sequence is correct for the devices installed on your computer.

## Beep Codes

The computer can emit a series of beeps during start-up if the display cannot show errors or problems. These series of beeps, called beep codes, identify various problems. The delay between each beep is 300 ms, the delay between each set of beeps is 3 sec, and the beep sound lasts 300 ms. After each beep and each set of beeps, the BIOS should detect if the user presses the power button. If so, BIOS will jump out from looping and execute the normal shutdown process and power system.

<b>Code</b>	1-1-2
<b>Cause</b>	Microprocessor register failure
<b>Code</b>	1-1-3
<b>Cause</b>	NVRAM
<b>Code</b>	1-1-4
<b>Cause</b>	ROM BIOS checksum failure
<b>Code</b>	1-2-1
<b>Cause</b>	Programmable interval timer
<b>Code</b>	1-2-2
<b>Cause</b>	DMA initialization failure
<b>Code</b>	1-2-3
<b>Cause</b>	DMA page register read/write failure
<b>Code</b>	1-3-1 through 2-4-4
<b>Cause</b>	DIMMs not being properly identified or used
<b>Code</b>	3-1-1
<b>Cause</b>	Slave DMA register failure
<b>Code</b>	3-1-2
<b>Cause</b>	Master DMA register failure
<b>Code</b>	3-1-3
<b>Cause</b>	Master interrupt mask register failure
<b>Code</b>	3-1-4
<b>Cause</b>	Slave interrupt mask register failure

<b>Code</b>	3-2-2
<b>Cause</b>	Interrupt vector loading failure
<b>Code</b>	3-2-4
<b>Cause</b>	Keyboard Controller Test failure
<b>Code</b>	3-3-1
<b>Cause</b>	NVRAM power loss
<b>Code</b>	3-3-2
<b>Cause</b>	NVRAM configuration
<b>Code</b>	3-3-4
<b>Cause</b>	Video Memory Test failure
<b>Code</b>	3-4-1
<b>Cause</b>	Screen initialization failure
<b>Code</b>	3-4-2
<b>Cause</b>	Screen retrace failure
<b>Code</b>	3-4-3
<b>Cause</b>	Search for video ROM failure
<b>Code</b>	4-2-1
<b>Cause</b>	No time tick
<b>Code</b>	4-2-2
<b>Cause</b>	Shutdown failure
<b>Code</b>	4-2-3
<b>Cause</b>	Gate A20 failure
<b>Code</b>	4-2-4
<b>Cause</b>	Unexpected interrupt in protected mode
<b>Code</b>	4-3-1
<b>Cause</b>	Memory failure above address 0FFFFh
<b>Code</b>	4-3-3
<b>Cause</b>	Timer-chip counter 2 failure
<b>Code</b>	4-3-4
<b>Cause</b>	Time-of-day clock stopped



<b>Code</b>	4-4-1
<b>Cause</b>	Serial or parallel port test failure
<b>Code</b>	4-4-2
<b>Cause</b>	Failure to decompress code to shadowed memory
<b>Code</b>	4-4-3
<b>Cause</b>	Math coprocessor test failure
<b>Code</b>	4-4-4
<b>Cause</b>	Cache test failure

## Error Messages

### Address mark not found

**Description** The BIOS found a faulty disk sector or could not find a particular disk sector.

**Alert! Previous attempts at booting this system have failed at checkpoint [nnnn]. For help in resolving this problem, please note this checkpoint and contact Dell Technical Support.**

**Description** The computer failed to complete the boot routine three consecutive times for the same error. Contact Dell and report the checkpoint code (nnnn) to the support technician

### Alert! Security override Jumper is installed.

**Description** The MFG\_MODE jumper has been set and AMT Management features are disabled until it is removed.

### Attachment failed to respond

**Description** The floppy or hard drive controller cannot send data to the associated drive.

### Bad command or file name

**Description** Ensure that you have spelled the command correctly, put spaces in the proper place, and used the correct pathname.

### Bad error-correction code (ECC) on disk read

**Description** The floppy or hard drive controller detected an uncorrectable read error.

## Controller has failed

**Description** The hard drive or the associated controller is defective.

## Data error

**Description** The floppy or hard drive cannot read the data. For the Windows operating system, run the chkdsk utility to check the file structure of the floppy or hard drive. For any other operating system, run the appropriate corresponding utility.

## Decreasing available memory

**Description** One or more memory modules may be faulty or improperly seated. Re-install the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them.

## Diskette drive 0 seek failure

**Description** A cable may be loose or the computer configuration information may not match the hardware configuration.

## Diskette read failure

**Description** The floppy disk may be defective or a cable may be loose. If the drive access light turns on, try a different disk.

## Diskette subsystem reset failed

**Description** The floppy drive controller may be faulty.

## Gate A20 failure

**Description** One or more memory modules may be faulty or improperly seated. Reinstall the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them.

## General failure

**Description** The operating system is unable to carry out the command. This message is usually followed by specific information—for example, **Printer out of paper**. Take the appropriate action to resolve the problem.

## Hard-disk drive configuration error

**Description** The hard drive failed initialization.

## **Hard-disk drive controller failure**

**Description** The hard drive failed initialization.

## **Hard-disk drive failure**

**Description** The hard drive failed initialization.

## **Hard-disk drive read failure**

**Description** The hard drive failed initialization.

## **Invalid configuration information-please run SETUP program**

**Description** The computer configuration information does not match the hardware configuration.

## **Invalid Memory configuration, please populate DIMM1**

**Description** DIMM1 slot does not recognize a memory module. The module should be re-seated or installed.

## **Keyboard failure**

**Description** A cable or connector may be loose, or the keyboard or keyboard/mouse controller may be faulty.

## **Memory address line failure at address, read value expecting value**

**Description** A memory module may be faulty or improperly seated. Reinstall the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them.

## **Memory allocation error**

**Description** The software you are attempting to run is conflicting with the operating system, another program, or a utility.

## **Memory data line failure at address, read value expecting value**

**Description** A memory module may be faulty or improperly seated. Reinstall the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them.

### **Memory double word logic failure at address, read value expecting value**

**Description** A memory module may be faulty or improperly seated. Reinstall the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them.

### **Memory odd/even logic failure at address, read value expecting value**

**Description** A memory module may be faulty or improperly seated. Reinstall the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them.

### **Memory write/read failure at address, read value expecting value**

**Description** A memory module may be faulty or improperly seated. Reinstall the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them.

### **Memory size in CMOS invalid**

**Description** The amount of memory recorded in the computer configuration information does not match the memory installed in the computer.

### **Memory tests terminated by keystroke**

**Description** A keystroke interrupted the memory test.

### **No boot device available**

**Description** The computer cannot find the floppy disk or hard drive.

### **No boot sector on hard-disk drive**

**Description** The computer configuration information in System Setup may be incorrect.

### **No timer tick interrupt**

**Description** A chip on the system board might be malfunctioning.

### **Non-system disk or disk error**

**Description** The floppy disk in drive A does not have a bootable operating system installed on it. Either replace the floppy disk with one that has a bootable operating system, or remove the floppy disk from drive A and restart the computer.

## **Not a boot diskette**

**Description** The operating system is trying to boot to a floppy disk that does not have a bootable operating system installed on it. Insert a bootable floppy disk.

## **Plug and play configuration error**

**Description** The computer encountered a problem while trying to configure one or more cards.

## **Read fault**

**Description** The operating system cannot read from the floppy or hard drive, the computer could not find a particular sector on the disk, or the requested sector is defective.

## **Requested sector not found**

**Description** The operating system cannot read from the floppy or hard drive, the computer could not find a particular sector on the disk, or the requested sector is defective.

## **Reset failed**

**Description** The disk re-set operation failed.

## **Sector not found**

**Description** The operating system cannot locate a sector on the floppy or hard drive.

## **Seek error**

**Description** The operating system cannot find a specific track on the floppy disk or hard drive.

## **Shutdown failure**

**Description** A chip on the system board might be malfunctioning.

## **Time-of-day clock stopped**

**Description** The battery might be dead.

## **Time-of-day not set-please run the System Setup program**

**Description** The time or date stored in System Setup does not match the computer clock.

## Timer chip counter 2 failed

**Description** A chip on the system board may be malfunctioning.

## Unexpected interrupt in protected mode

**Description** The keyboard controller may be malfunctioning or a memory module may be loose.

**WARNING: Dell's Disk Monitoring System has detected that drive [0/1] on the [primary/secondary] EIDE controller is operating outside of normal specifications. It is advisable to immediately back up your data and replace your hard drive by calling your support desk or Dell.**

**Description** During initial startup, the drive detected possible error conditions. When your computer finishes booting, immediately back up your data and replace your hard drive (for installation procedures, see "Adding and Removing Parts" for your computer type). If no replacement drive is immediately available and the drive is not the only bootable drive, enter System Setup and change the appropriate drive setting to **None**. Then remove the drive from the computer.

## Write fault

**Description** The operating system cannot write to the floppy or hard drive.

## Write fault on selected drive



**Description** The operating system cannot write to the floppy or hard drive.

## X:\ is not accessible. The device is not ready

**Description** The floppy drive cannot read the disk. Insert a floppy disk into the drive and try again.

# Specifications

## Specification

 **NOTE:** Offerings may vary by region. For more information regarding the configuration of your computer, click Start  (or Start in Windows XP) Help and Support, and then select the option to view information about your computer.

<b>System Information</b>	
System Chipset	Intel H61 Express Chipset
DMA Channels	two 82C37 DMA controllers with seven independently programmable channels
Interrupt Levels	Integrated I/O APIC capability with 24 interrupts
BIOS Chip (NVRAM)	64 MB (8 MB)
<b>Processor</b>	
Processor type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intel Core i3 series</li> <li>• Intel Core i5 series</li> </ul>
Total Cache	up to 8 MB cache depending on processor type
<b>Memory</b>	
Type	DDR3
Speed	1333 MHz
Connectors	two DIMM slots
Capacity	1 GB, 2 GB, and 4 GB
Minimum Memory	1 GB
Maximum memory	8 GB
<b>Video</b>	
Video type:	
Integrated	Intel HD graphics 2000
Discrete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AMD Radeon HD 6350</li> <li>• AMD Radeon HD 6450</li> </ul>

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**Video**

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Video memory:	
Integrated	up to 1.7 GB shared video memory (Microsoft Windows Vista and Windows 7)
Discrete	up to 1 GB

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**Audio**

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Integrated	integrated Conexant CX20641 HD-audio codec
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**Network**

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Integrated	integrated Realtek RTL8111E Ethernet capable of 10/100/1000 Mb/s communication
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**Expansion Bus**

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Bus Type	PCI Express 2.0, SATA 2.0, and, USB 2.0
Bus Speed:	PCI Express: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• x1-slot bidirectional speed – 1 GB/s</li><li>• x16-slot bidirectional speed – 16 GB/s</li></ul> SATA: 1.5 Gbps, and 3.0 Gbps

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**Cards**

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PCI Express x1	
Mini-Tower	up to three full-height cards
Desktop	up to three low-profile cards
Small Form Factor	up to one low-profile cards
PCI-Express x16	
Mini-Tower	up to one full-height cards
Desktop	up to one low-profile cards
Small Form Factor	up to one low-profile cards

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**Drives**

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Externally Accessible (5.25-inch drive bays)		
	Mini-Tower	two
	Desktop	one
	Small Form Factor	one slim optical drive bay
Internally Accessible:		
	3.5-inch SATA drive bays	



<b>Drives</b>		
	Mini-Tower	two
	Desktop	one
	Small Form Factor	one

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### External Connectors

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#### Audio:

##### Back Panel

Mini-Tower/Desktop	three connectors once each for line-out, line-in, and microphone
Small Form Factor	two connectors for line-out and line-in/microphone

##### Front Panel

two connectors for microphone and headphone

#### Network Adapter

one RJ45 connector

#### USB 2.0

Front Panel: 2

Back Panel: 6

#### Video

15-pin VGA connector, 19-pin HDMI connector



**NOTE:** Available video connectors may vary based on the graphics card selected.

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### System Board Connectors

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PCI Express x1 data width (maximum) — one PCI Express lane

Mini-Tower, Desktop	three 36-pin connector
Small Form Factor	one 36-pin connector

PCI Express x16 data width (maximum) — 16 PCI Express lanes

Mini-Tower, Desktop, Small Form Factor	one 164-pin connector
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#### Serial ATA

Mini-Tower, Desktop	four 7-pin connectors
Small Form Factor	two 7-pin connectors

#### PS2/COM connector

one 24-pin connectors

#### Memory

two 240-pin connectors

#### System Fan

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## System Board Connectors

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	Mini-Tower, Desktop	two 3-pin connector
	Small Form Factor	one 5-pin connector
Front panel control		one 16-pin, two 10-pin, and one 5-pin connector
Processor		one 1155-pin connector
Processor Fan		
	Mini-Tower, Desktop	one 4-pin connector
	Small Form Factor	one 5-pin connector
Password clear jumper		one 3-pin connector
RTC reset jumper		one 3-pin connector
Internal speaker		one 5-pin connector
Intruder connector		one 3-pin connector
Power connector		one 24-pin and one 4-pin connector

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## Controls and Lights

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### Front of the computer:

#### Power button light

Blue light — Solid blue light indicates power-on state; blinking blue light indicates sleep state of the computer.

Amber light — Solid amber light when the computer does not start indicates a problem with the system board or power supply. Blinking amber light indicates a problem with the system board.

#### Drive activity light

Blue light — Blinking blue light indicates that the computer is reading data from or writing data to the hard drive.

#### Diagnostic lights

Four lights located on the front panel of the computer. For more information on the diagnostic lights, see the Service Manual at [support.dell.com/manuals](http://support.dell.com/manuals).

### Back of the computer:

#### Power supply diagnostic light

Green light — The power supply is turned on and is functional. The power cable must be connected to the power connector (at the back of the computer) and the electrical outlet.

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**Controls and Lights**

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**NOTE:** You can test the health of the power system by pressing the test button. When the system power supply voltage is within specification, the self-test LED lights up. If the LED does not light up, the power supply may be defective. AC power must be connected during this test.

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Power	Wattage	Maximum Heat Dissipation	Voltage
Mini-Tower	265 W	1390 BTU/hr	100 VAC to 240 VAC, 50 Hz to 60 Hz, 5.0 A
Desktop	250 W	1312 BTU/hr	100 VAC to 240 VAC, 50 Hz to 60 Hz, 4.4 A
Small Form Factor	240 W	1259 BTU/hr	100 VAC to 240 VAC, 50 Hz to 60 Hz, 3.6 A;
Coin-cell battery	3 V CR2032 lithium coin cell		

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**NOTE:** Heat dissipation is calculated by using the power supply wattage rating.

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Physical	Height	Width	Depth	Weight
Mini-Tower	36.00 cm (14.17 inches)	17.50 cm (6.89 inches)	41.70 cm (16.42 inches)	8.87 kg (19.55 lb)
Desktop	36.00 cm (14.17 inches)	10.20 cm (4.01 inches)	41.00 cm (16.14 inches)	7.56 kg (16.67 lb)
Small Form Factor	29.00 cm (11.42 inches)	9.26 cm (3.65 inches)	31.20 cm (12.28 inches)	5.70 kg (12.57 lb)

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**Environmental**

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Temperature range:

Operating	10 °C to 35 °C (50 °F to 95 °F)
Storage	-40 °C to 65 °C (-40 °F to 149 °F)

Relative humidity (maximum):

Operating	20% to 80% (non-condensing)
Storage	5% to 95% (non-condensing)

Maximum vibration:

Operating	0.26 GRMS
Storage	2.2 GRMS


Maximum shock:

Operating	40 G
Storage	105 G



# Contacting Dell

## Contacting Dell

 **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.

Dell provides several online and telephone-based support and service options. Availability varies by country and product, and some services may not be available in your area. To contact Dell for sales, technical support, or customer service issues:

1. Visit [dell.com/support](http://dell.com/support)
2. Select your support category.
3. Verify your country or region in the Choose a Country/Region drop-down menu at the top of page.
4. Select the appropriate service or support link based on your need.