OptiPlex XE3 Tower

Setup and Specifications



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Notes, cautions, and warnings

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

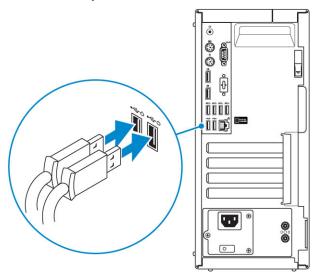
CAUTION: A CAUTION indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.

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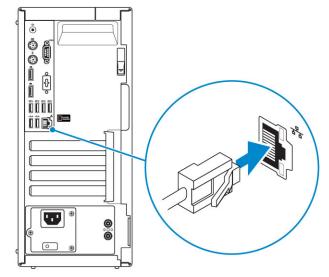
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Set up your computer

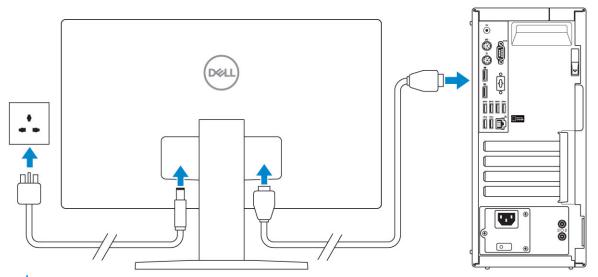
1. Connect the keyboard and mouse.



2. Connect to your network using a cable, or connect to a wireless network.

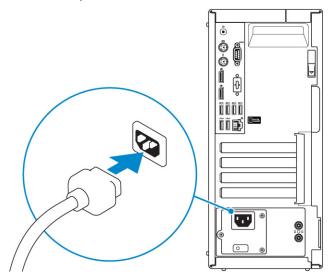


3. Connect the display.

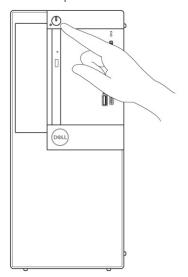


NOTE: If you ordered your computer with a discrete graphics card, the HDMI and the display ports on the back panel of your computer are covered. Connect the display to the discrete graphics card.

4. Connect the power cable.



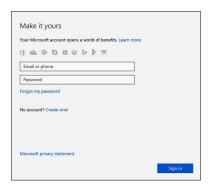
5. Press the power button.



- 6. Follow the instructions on the screen to finish Windows setup:
 - a. Connect to a network.

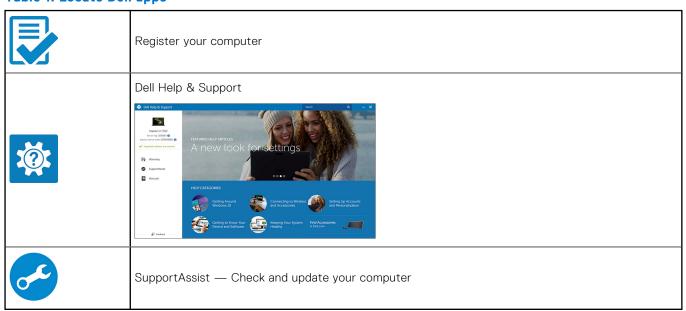


b. Sign-in to your Microsoft account or create a new account.



7. Locate Dell apps.

Table 1. Locate Dell apps



Chassis overview

Topics:

- System front view
- System back view
- Tower motherboard layout

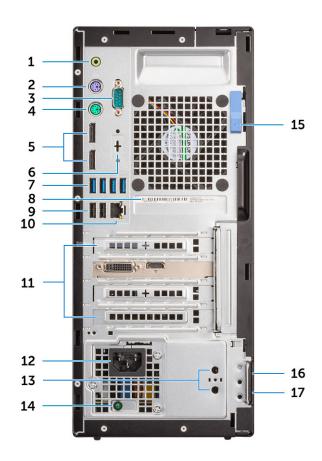
System front view



- 1. Power button and power light
- 3. Hard drive activity light
- 5. Headset port / Universal Audio Jack
- 7. USB 2.0 port
- 9. USB 3.1 Gen 1 port

- 2. Optical drive (optional)
- 4. Memory card reader (optional)
- 6. USB 2.0 port with PowerShare
- 8. USB 3.1 Gen 2 Type-C port with PowerShare

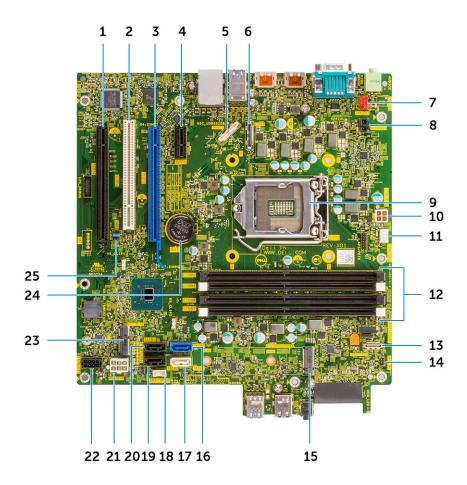
System back view



- 1. Line-out port
- 3. Serial port
- 5. DisplayPort
- 7. USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports
- 9. USB 2.0 ports (supports Smart Power On)
- 11. Expansion card slots
- 13. External antenna connectors (optional)
- 15. Release latch
- 17. Padlock ring

- 2. PS/2 Keyboard port
- 4. PS/2 Mouse port
- 6. DisplayPort/HDMI 2.0b/VGA/USB Type-C Alt-Mode (optional)
- 8. Service tag label
- 10. Network port
- 12. Power connector port
- 14. Power supply diagnostic light
- 16. Kensington security cable slot

Tower motherboard layout



- 1. PCle-X16 slot wired as x4 (Slot4)
- 3. PCI-eX16 Connector (Slot2)
- 5. USB type-C Alt-mode connector
- 7. System fan connector(FAN_SYS)
- 9. Processor Socket
- 11. CPU fan connector(FAN_CPU)
- 13. Memory card reader connector
- 15. M.2 Socket 3 Connector (M.2 SSD)
- 17. SATA2 connector (White color)
- 19. SATA3 connector(Black color)
- 21. ATX Power Connector(ATX_SYS)
- 23. M.2 Socket 1 connector(M.2 Wifi)
- 25. CMOS_CLR/Password/Service_Mode Jumper(JMP1)

- 2. PCI Connector (Slot3)
- 4. PCI-eX1 Connector (Slot1)
- 6. Video connector(VGA/DP1.2/HDMI2.0)
- 8. Intruder switch connector
- 10. CPU Power Connector(ATX_CPU)
- 12. Memory Connector (DIMM1~DIMM4)
- 14. Power button and power light connector
- 16. SATA0 connector(Blue color)
- 18. Internal Speaker Connector (INT_SPKR)
- 20. SATA1 connector(Black color)
- 22. HDD_ODD_Power Cable Connector(SATA_PWR)
- 24. Coin cell battery(RTC)

System specifications

NOTE: Offerings may vary by region. The following specifications are only those required by law to ship with your computer. For more information about the configuration of your computer, go to **Help and Support** in your Windows operating system and select the option to view information about your computer.

Topics:

- Physical system dimensions
- Chipset
- Processor
- Operating system
- Memory
- Storage
- Storage combinations
- Audio
- Video
- Communications
- Ports and connectors
- System board drive connectors
- Power supply
- Security
- Environmental

Physical system dimensions

Table 2. Physical system dimensions

Chassis volume (liters)	14.77
Chassis weight (pounds / kilograms)	17.49/7.93

Table 3. Chassis dimensions

Height (inches / centimeters)	13.8/35
Width (inches / centimeters)	6.10/15.40
Depth (inches / centimeters)	10.80/27.40
Shipping weight (pounds / kilograms – includes packaging materials)	20.96/9.43

Table 4. Packaging parameters

Height (inches / centimeters)	13.19/33.50
Width (inches / centimeters)	19.40/49.40
Depth (inches / centimeters)	15.50/39.40

Chipset

Table 5. Chipset specifications

Туре	Intel Q370
Non-volatile memory on chipset	Yes
BIOS configuration SPI (Serial Peripheral Interface)	256Mbit (32MB) located at SPI_FLASH on chipset
Trusted Platform Module (Discrete TPM Enabled)	24KB located at TPM 2.0 on chipset
Firmware TPM (Discrete TPM Disabled)	Available in select countries
NIC EEPROM	LOM configuration contained within LOM e-fuse – no dedicated LOM EEPROM

Processor

Global Standard Products (GSP) are a subset of Dell's relationship products that are managed for availability and synchronized transitions on a worldwide basis. They ensure the same platform is available for purchase globally. This allows customers to reduce the number of configurations managed on a worldwide basis, thereby reducing their costs. They also enable companies to implement global IT standards by locking in specific product configurations worldwide. The following GSP processors identified below will be made available to Dell customers.

NOTE: Processor numbers are not a measure of performance. Processor availability is subject to change and may vary by region/country.

Table 6. Processor specifications

Туре	UMA Graphics
Intel Core i3-8100 (4 Cores/6MB/4T/3.6GHz/65W)	Intel UHD 630 Graphics integrated in the CPU
Intel Core i3-8300 (4 Cores/8MB/4T/3.7GHz/65W)	Intel UHD 630 Graphics integrated in the CPU
Intel Core i5-8400 (6 Cores/9MB/6T/up to 4.0GHz/65W)	Intel UHD 630 Graphics integrated in the CPU
Intel Core i5-8500 (6 Cores/9MB/6T/up to 4.1GHz/65W)	Intel UHD 630 Graphics integrated in the CPU
Intel Core i5-8600 (6 Cores/9MB/6T/up to 4.3GHz/65W)	Intel UHD 630 Graphics integrated in the CPU
Intel Core i7-8700 (6 Cores/12MB/12T/up to 4.6GHz/65W)	Intel UHD 630 Graphics integrated in the CPU
Intel Celeron-G4900 (2 Cores/2MB/up to 3.1GHz/54W)	Intel UHD 610 Graphics integrated in the CPU
Intel Celeron-G4920 (2 Cores/2MB/up to 3.2GHz/54W)	Intel UHD 610 Graphics integrated in the CPU
Intel Pentium Gold-G5400 (2 Cores/4MB/up to 3.7GHz/54W)	Intel UHD 610 Graphics integrated in the CPU
Intel Pentium Gold-G5500 (2 Cores/4MB/up to 3.8GHz/54W)	Intel UHD 610 Graphics integrated in the CPU
Intel Pentium Gold-G5600 (2 Cores/4MB/up to 3.9GHz/54W)	Intel UHD 610 Graphics integrated in the CPU

Operating system

Your OptiPlex XE3 supports the following operating systems:

- Windows 11 Home, 64-bit
- Windows 11 Home National Academic, 64-bit
- Windows 11 Pro, 64-bit
- Windows 11 Pro National Academic, 64-bit
- Windows 10 Home, 64-bit
- Windows 10 Home National Academic, 64-bit
- Windows 10 Pro, 64-bit
- Windows 10 Pro National Academic, 64-bit
- Ubuntu 16.04 LTS, 64-bit
- Neokylin 6.0 (China only)

Memory

Table 7. Memory specifications

Minimum memory configuration	4 GB	
Maximum memory configuration	64 GB	
Number of slots	4 DIMM slots	
Maximum memory supported per slot	32 GB	
Memory options	 4 GB - 1 x 4 GB 8 GB - 1 x 8 GB 8 GB - 2 x 4 GB 16 GB - 2 x 8 GB 16 GB - 1 x 16 GB 32 GB - 2 x 16 GB 64 GB - 2 x 32 GB 	
Туре	DDR4 DRAM Non-ECC memory	
Speed	2666 MHz (performs at 2400 MHz on i3, Pentium, Celeron processors)	

Storage

Table 8. Storage specifications

Туре	Form factor	Interface	Capacity
Solid-State Drive (SSD)	M.2 2280/2230	SATA AHCI, Up to 6 GbpsPCle 3 x4 NVME, Up to 32 Gbps	Up to 512 GB
Hard drive (HDD)	2.5 and 3.5 inch	SATA AHCI, Up to 6 Gbps	Up to 2 TB at 5400/7200 RPM
Solid State Hybrid Drive	One 2.5 inch	SATA AHCI, Up to 6 Gbps	2.5 inch 1 TB at 5400 RPM
Optical drive	1 Slim	SATA AHCI, Up to 6 Gbps	

Table 8. Storage specifications (continued)

Туре	Form factor	Interface	Capacity
Intel Optane Memory	2.5 and 3.5 inch		Up to 2 TB at 5400/7200 RPM

Storage combinations

Table 9. Storage combinations

Primary/Boot drive	Secondary drive
M.2 Drive	None
M.2 Drive	2.5 inch HDD/ SSD
M.2 Drive	3.5 inch HDD
2.5 inch HDD/ SSD	None
2.5 inch HDD/ SSD	2.5 inch HDD/ SSD
3.5 inch HDD	2.5 inch HDD/ SSD
3.5 inch HDD	None
2.5 inch HDD with Intel Optane	None
2.5 inch HDD with Intel Optane	2.5 inch HDD/ SSD
3.5 inch HDD with Intel Optane	2.5 inch HDD/ SSD

Audio

Table 10. Audio specifications

Controller	Realtek ALC3234	
Туре	Integrated	
Speakers	Internal Business speaker (mono)	
Interface	 AC511 Sound Bar (optional) Microsoft PlayReady3 Ready Multi-streaming audio support Stereo headset/mic combo 	
Internal speaker amplifier	2W (RMS) per channel	

Video

Table 11. Video

Controller	Туре	CPU Dependency	Graphics memory type	Capacity	External display support	Maximum resolution
Intel HD 630 Graphics	UMA	8th Generation Intel Core Processors • Intel Core i3-8100	Integrated on CPU	Shared system memory	DisplayPort 1.2	VGA: 2048x1536@60 Hz

Table 11. Video (continued)

Controller	Туре	CPU Dependency	Graphics memory type	Capacity	External display support	Maximum resolution
		 Intel Core i3-8300 Intel Core i5-8400 Intel Core i5-8500 Intel Core i5-8600 Intel Core i7-8700 			Multiple Video option (VGA, DP1.2, HDMI 2.0 and USB Type-C Alt- mode)	DisplayPort: 4096x2304@60 Hz HDMI: 1920x1080@60 Hz
gfx controller	UMA	8th Generation Intel Core Processors Intel Celeron-G4900 Intel Celeron-G4920 Intel Pentium Gold-G5400 Intel Pentium Gold-G5500 Intel Pentium Gold-G5600	Integrated on CPU	Shared system memory	DisplayPort 1.2 Multiple Video option (VGA, DP1.2, HDMI 2.0 and USB Type-C Alt- mode)	VGA: 2048x1536@60 Hz DisplayPort: 4096x2304@60 Hz HDMI: 1920x1080@60 Hz
AMD Radeon R5 430	Discrete	N/A	GDDR5	2GB	DisplayPort 1.2 Multiple Video option (VGA, DP1.2, HDMI 2.0 and USB Type-C Alt- mode)	VGA: 2048x1536@60 Hz DisplayPort: 4096x2304@60 Hz HDMI: 1920x1080@60 Hz
NVIDIA GeForce GT 730	Discrete	N/A	GDDR5	2GB	DisplayPort 1.2 Multiple Video option (VGA, DP1.2, HDMI 2.0 and USB Type-C Alt- mode)	VGA: 2048x1536@60 Hz DisplayPort: 4096x2304@60 Hz HDMI: 1920x1080@60 Hz
AMD Radeon RX 550	Discrete	N/A	GDDR5	4GB	DisplayPort 1.2 Multiple Video option (VGA, DP1.2, HDMI 2.0 and USB Type-C Alt- mode)	VGA: 2048x1536@60 Hz DisplayPort: 4096x2304@60 Hz HDMI: 1920x1080@60 Hz
Dual AMD Radeon R5 430	Discrete	N/A	GDDR5	2GB	DisplayPort 1.2 Multiple Video option (VGA, DP1.2, HDMI 2.0	VGA: 2048x1536@60 Hz DisplayPort: 4096x2304@60 Hz

Table 11. Video (continued)

Controller	Туре	CPU Dependency	Graphics memory type	Capacity	External display support	Maximum resolution
					and USB Type-C Alt- mode)	HDMI: 1920x1080@60 Hz
NVIDIA GeForce GTX 1050	Discrete	N/A	GDDR5	4GB	DisplayPort 1.2 Multiple Video option (VGA, DP1.2, HDMI 2.0 and USB Type-C Alt- mode)	VGA: 2048x1536@60 Hz DisplayPort: 4096x2304@60 Hz HDMI: 1920x1080@60 Hz
Dual AMD Radeon RX 550	Discrete	N/A	GDDR5	2GB	DisplayPort 1.2 Multiple Video option (VGA, DP1.2, HDMI 2.0 and USB Type-C Alt- mode)	VGA: 2048x1536@60 Hz DisplayPort: 4096x2304@60 Hz HDMI: 1920x1080@60 Hz

Communications

Table 12. Communications

Network adapter	Intel i219-LM Gigabit1 Ethernet LAN 10/100/1000 (Remote Wake Up, PXE and support) Intel 10/100/1000 PCle Gigabit Network Card (optional)
Wireless	 Qualcomm QCA61x4A Dual-band 2x2 802.11ac Wireless with MU-MIMO + Bluetooth 4.2 Intel Wireless-AC 9560, Dual-band 2x2 802.11ac Wi-Fi with MU-MIMO + Bluetooth 5 Internal Wireless Antennas External wireless connectors and antenna Support for 802.11n and 802.11ac wireless NIC

Ports and connectors

Table 13. Ports and connectors

Memory card reader	SD 4.0 memory card reader—optional	
USB	 USB 2.0 ports supports Smart Power On (Rear) Four USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports (Rear) One USB 2.0 port (Front) USB 2.0 port with PowerShare (Front) 	

Table 13. Ports and connectors (continued)

	USB 3.1 Gen 1 port (Front)USB 3.1 Gen 2 port with PowerShare (Front)
Security	Kensington lock slot
Audio	Universal audio jackOne line-out port
Video	 Two DisplayPorts HDMI 2.0, DP, VGA, USB Type C (with DP Alt Mode)— optional
Network adapter	One RJ-45 (10/100/1000) connector
Serial port	One serial port—optional

System board drive connectors

Table 14. System board drive connectors

M.2 Connectors	 1 - 2230/2280 1 - 2230 (keyed to support Integrated or Discrete WiFi, Support Intel CNVi or USB2.0/PCle)
Serial ATA (SATA) connector	4 (one Gen2 port for ODD and the rest of the ports support Gen3)
PCle X16 slot	1
PCle X1 slot	1
PCI slot	1
PCle X16 slot (wired x4) slot	1

Power supply

Table 15. Power supply

Input Voltage	90 - 264 VAC, 47 Hz - 63 Hz
Input current (maximum)	5.0A/2.5A

Security

Table 16. Security

Specifications	Optiplex XE3 Tower
Trusted Platform Module (Discrete TPM Enabled)Discrete TPM Disabled	Integrated on system board
Cable Cover	Optional
Chassis Intrusion Switch	Standard

Table 16. Security (continued)

Specifications	Optiplex XE3 Tower	
Dell Smartcard Keyboard	Optional	
Chassis lock slot and loop support	Standard	

¹TPM is not available in all countries.

Environmental

NOTE: For more details on Dell environmental features, please go to the environmental attributes section. See your specific region for availability.

Table 17. Environmental

Energy efficient power supply	Standard
BFR/PVC-free chassis	No
Vertical orientation packaging support	Yes
Recyclable packaging	Yes
MultiPack packaging	Optional, US only

Software

This chapter details the supported operating systems along with instructions on how to install the drivers.

Topics:

- Drivers and downloads
- Downloading drivers
- Downloading the chipset driver
- · Downloading graphic drivers
- Intel Wi-Fi and Bluetooth drivers
- Realtek HD audio drivers

Drivers and downloads

When troubleshooting, downloading or installing drivers it is recommended that you read the Dell Knowledge Based article, Drivers and Downloads FAQ 000123347.

Downloading drivers

- 1. Turn on the computer.
- 2. Go to Dell.com/support.
- 3. Click Product Support, enter the Service Tag of your computer, and then click Submit.
 - (i) NOTE: If you do not have the Service Tag, use the auto detect feature or manually browse for your computer model.
- 4. Click Drivers and Downloads.
- **5.** Select the operating system installed on your computer.
- 6. Scroll down the page and select the driver to install.
- 7. Click **Download File** to download the driver for your computer.
- 8. Navigate to the folder where you saved the driver file, after the download is complete.
- 9. Double-click the driver file icon and follow the instructions on the screen.

Downloading the chipset driver

- 1. Turn on the computer.
- 2. Go to Dell.com/support.
- 3. Click Product Support, enter the Service Tag of your computer, and then click Submit.
 - (i) NOTE: If you do not have the Service Tag, use the autodetect feature or manually browse for your computer model.
- 4. Click Drivers and Downloads.
- **5.** Select the operating system installed in your computer.
- 6. Scroll down the page, expand Chipset, and select your chipset driver.
- 7. Click Download File to download the latest version of the chipset driver for your computer.
- 8. After the download is complete, navigate to the folder where you saved the driver file.
- 9. Double-click the chipset driver file icon and follow the instructions on the screen.

Intel chipset drivers

Verify if the Intel chipset drivers are already installed in the computer.

i NOTE: Click Start > Control Panel > Device Manager

or

In Search the web and Windows, type Device Manager

Table 18. Intel chipset drivers

Before installation	After installation
	□ ACPI Fan □ ACPI Fan □ ACPI Fan □ ACPI Fan □ ACPI Fixed Feature Button □ ACPI Processor Aggregator □ ACPI Thermal Zone □ ACPI Thermal Zone □ ACPI Thermal Zone □ Composite Bus Enumerator □ High Definition Audio Controller □ High Definition Audio Controller □ High Precision event timer □ Intel(R) 100 Series/C230 Series Chipset Family LPC Controller - A143 □ Intel(R) 100 Series/C230 Series Chipset Family PCI Express Root Port #6 - A115 □ Intel(R) 100 Series/C230 Series Chipset Family PCI Express Root Port #6 - A115 □ Intel(R) 100 Series/C230 Series Chipset Family PCI Express Root Port #6 - A114 □ Intel(R) 100 Series/C230 Series Chipset Family MSBus - A123 □ Intel(R) 100 Series/C230 Series Chipset Family SMBus - A123 □ Intel(R) 100 Series/C230 Series Chipset Family Thermal subsystem - A131

Downloading graphic drivers

- 1. Turn on the computer.
- 2. Go to Dell.com/support.
- 3. Click Product Support, enter the Service Tag of your computer, and then click Submit.
 - i NOTE: If you do not have the Service Tag, use the auto detect feature or manually browse for your computer model.
- 4. Click Drivers and Downloads.
- 5. Click Find it myself tab.
- **6.** Select the operating system installed on your computer.
- 7. Scroll down the page and select the graphic driver to install.
- 8. Click **Download File** to download the graphic driver for your computer.
- 9. After the download is complete, navigate to the folder where you saved the graphic driver file.
- 10. Double-click the graphic driver file icon and follow the instructions on the screen.

Intel HD Graphics drivers

Verify if the Intel HD Graphics drivers are already installed in the computer.

i NOTE: Click Start > Control Panel > Device Manager.

or

Tap Search the web and Windows and type Device Manager

Table 19. Intel HD Graphics drivers

Before installation	After installation	
✓ ■ Display adapters ■ Microsoft Basic Display Adapter	V ■ Display adapters ■ Intel(R) HD Graphics 530	
Sound, video and game controllers High Definition Audio Device High Definition Audio Device		

Intel Wi-Fi and Bluetooth drivers

In the Device Manager, check if the network card driver is installed. Install the driver updates from dell.com/



In the Device Manager, check if the Bluetooth driver is installed. Install the

driver updates from dell.com/support.

Downloading the Wi-Fi driver

1. Turn on your computer.

support.

- 2. Go to 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 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 the driver file icon and follow the instructions on the screen.

Realtek HD audio drivers

Verify if the Realtek audio drivers are already installed in the computer.

Table 20. Realtek HD audio drivers



Downloading the audio driver

- 1. Turn on your computer.
- 2. Go to dell.com/support.
- 3. Click Product support, enter the Service Tag of your computer, and then click Submit.
 - i 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 Audio.
- 6. Click **Download** to download the audio driver.
- 7. Save the file, and after the download is complete, navigate to the folder where you saved the audio driver file.
- 8. Double-click the audio driver file icon and follow the instructions on the screen to install the driver.

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 21. Self-help resources

Self-help resources	Resource location
Information about Dell products and services	www.dell.com
My Dell app	DELL
Tips	*
Contact Support	In Windows search, type Contact Support, and press Enter.
Online help for operating system	www.dell.com/support/windows
Access top solutions, diagnostics, drivers and downloads, and learn more about your computer through videos, manuals and documents.	Your Dell computer is uniquely identified by a Service Tag or Express Service Code. To view relevant support resources for your Dell computer, enter the Service Tag or Express Service Code at www.dell.com/support. For more information on how to find the Service Tag for your computer, see Locate the Service Tag on your computer.
Dell knowledge base articles for a variety of computer concerns	 Go to www.dell.com/support. On the menu bar at the top of the Support page, select Support > Knowledge Base. In the Search field on the Knowledge Base page, type the keyword, topic, or model number, and then click or tap the search icon to view the related articles.

Contacting Dell

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

- (i) NOTE: Availability varies by country/region and product, and some services may not be available in your country/region.
- NOTE: If you do not have an active Internet connection, you can find contact information about your purchase invoice, packing slip, bill, or Dell product catalog.