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1 Getting started

After you set up and register the computer, we recommend the following steps to get the most out of your smart investment:

- **Connect to the Internet**—Set up your wired or wireless network so that you can connect to the Internet. For more information, see [Connecting to a network on page 15](#).
- **Update your antivirus software**—Protect your computer from damage caused by viruses. The software is preinstalled on the computer. For more information, see [Security on page 35](#).
- **Get to know your computer**—Learn about your computer features. See [Components on page 3](#) and [Screen navigation on page 21](#) for additional information.
- **Find installed software**—Access a list of the software preinstalled on the computer:
Select **Start > All Programs**. For details about using the software included with the computer, see the software manufacturer's instructions, which may be provided with the software or on the manufacturer's website.
- Back up your hard drive by creating recovery discs or a recovery flash drive. See [Backup and recovery on page 48](#).

Finding information

You have already used *Setup Instructions* to turn on the computer and locate this guide. To locate resources that provide product details, how-to information, and more, use this table.

Resources	For information about
<i>Setup Instructions</i> poster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to set up the computer Help to identify computer components
HP Support Assistant To access Help and Support, select Start > All Programs > HP Help and Support . To access the latest user guide, go to http://www.hp.com/support , and select your country. Select Drivers & Downloads , and then follow the on-screen instructions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Software, driver, and BIOS updates Troubleshooting tools How to access support
Worldwide support To get support in your language, go to http://www.hp.com/support , and select your country.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online chat with an HP technician Support telephone numbers HP service center locations
HP website To access the latest user guide, go to http://www.hp.com/support , and select your country. Select Drivers & Downloads , and then follow the on-screen instructions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support information Ordering parts and finding additional help Accessories available for the device
<i>Safety & Comfort Guide</i> To access the user guide, select Start > All Programs > HP Help and Support > HP Documentation . – or – Go to http://www.hp.com/ergo .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proper workstation setup, posture, health, and work habits Electrical and mechanical safety information
<i>Regulatory, Safety, and Environmental Notices</i> To access the user guide, select Start > All Programs > HP Help and Support > HP Documentation .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulatory and safety information Battery disposal information
<i>Limited Warranty*</i> To access the Limited Warranty, select Start > All Programs > HP Help and Support > HP Documentation > View Warranty Information . – or – Go to http://www.hp.com/go/orderdocuments .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warranty information

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2 Components

Locating hardware and software

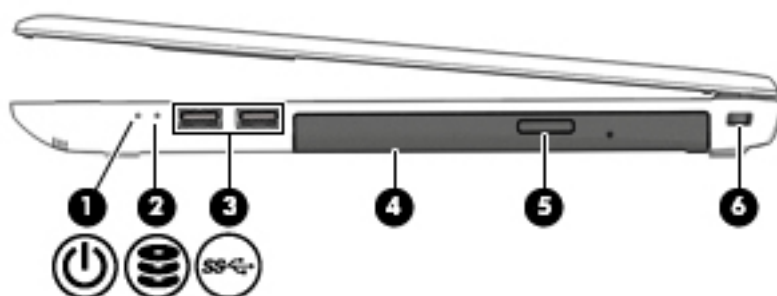
To see a list of your installed hardware:




- ▲ Select **Start > Control Panel > Device Manager**.

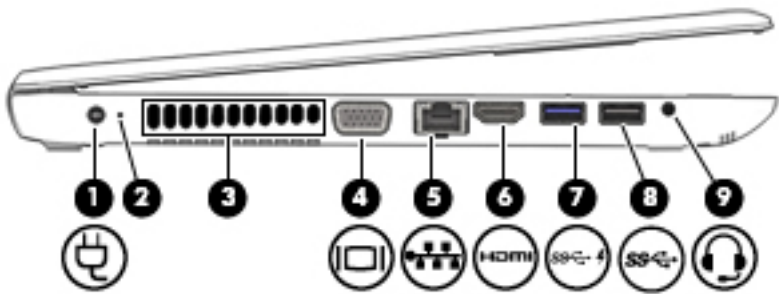
To see a list of your installed software:







- ▲ Select **Start > All Programs**.



Right



Component	Description
(1) 	<p>Power light</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">On: The computer is on.Blinking: The computer is in the Sleep state, a power-saving state. The computer shuts off power to the display and other unneeded components.Off: The computer is off or in Hibernation. Hibernation is a power-saving state that uses the least amount of power.
(2) 	<p>Drive light</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Blinking white: The hard drive is being accessed.Amber: HP 3D DriveGuard has temporarily parked the hard drive. <p>NOTE: For more information about HP 3D DriveGuard, see Using HP 3D DriveGuard (select products only) on page 44.</p>
(3) 	<p>USB 3.0 ports (2)</p> <p>Connect an optional USB device, such as a keyboard, mouse, external drive, printer, scanner or USB hub.</p>
(4)	<p>Optical drive (select products only)</p> <p>Depending on your computer model, reads an optical disc or reads and writes to an optical disc.</p>
(5)	<p>Optical drive eject button (select products only)</p> <p>Releases the optical drive disc tray.</p>
(6)	<p>Security cable slot</p> <p>Attaches an optional security cable to the computer.</p> <p>NOTE: The security cable is designed to act as a deterrent, but it may not prevent the computer from being mishandled or stolen.</p>



Component		Description
(1)		Power connector Connects an AC adapter.
(2)		Battery light When AC power is connected: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• White: The battery charge is greater than 90 percent.• Amber: The battery charge is from 0 to 90 percent.• Off: The battery is not charging. When AC power is disconnected (battery not charging): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blinking amber: The battery has reached a low battery level. When the battery has reached a critical battery level, the battery light begins blinking rapidly.• Off: The battery is not charging.
(3)		Vent Enables airflow to cool internal components. NOTE: The computer fan starts up automatically to cool internal components and prevent overheating. It is normal for the internal fan to cycle on and off during routine operation.
(4)		External monitor port Connects an external VGA monitor or projector.
(5)		RJ-45 (network) jack/status lights Connects a network cable. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Green (left): The network is connected.• Amber (right): Activity is occurring on the network.
(6)		HDMI port Connects an optional video or audio device, such as a high-definition television, any compatible digital or audio component, or a high-speed High Definition Multimedia Interface (HDMI) device.
(7)	 – or – 	USB 3.0 or USB 3.0 charging (powered) port (select products only) Connects an optional USB device, such as a keyboard, mouse, external drive, printer, scanner or USB hub. – or – Connects an optional USB device, such as a keyboard, mouse, external drive, printer, scanner or USB hub. Standard USB ports will not charge all USB devices or will charge using a low current. Some USB devices require power and require you to use a powered port.

Component	Description
(8)  USB 3.0 port	<p>NOTE: USB charging ports can also charge select models of cell phones and MP3 players, even when the computer is off.</p> <p>Connects an optional USB device, such as a keyboard, mouse, external drive, printer, scanner or USB hub.</p>
(9)  Audio-out (headphone)/Audio-in (microphone) combo jack	<p>Connects optional powered stereo speakers, headphones, earbuds, a headset, or a television audio cable. Also connects an optional headset microphone. This jack does not support optional standalone microphones.</p> <p>WARNING! To reduce the risk of personal injury, adjust the volume before putting on headphones, earbuds, or a headset. For additional safety information, refer to the <i>Regulatory, Safety, and Environmental Notices</i>.</p> <p>To access this guide:</p> <p>▲ Select Start > All Programs > HP Help and Support > HP Documentation.</p> <p>NOTE: When a device is connected to the jack, the computer speakers are disabled.</p> <p>NOTE: Be sure that the device cable has a 4-conductor connector that supports both audio-out (headphone) and audio-in (microphone).</p>

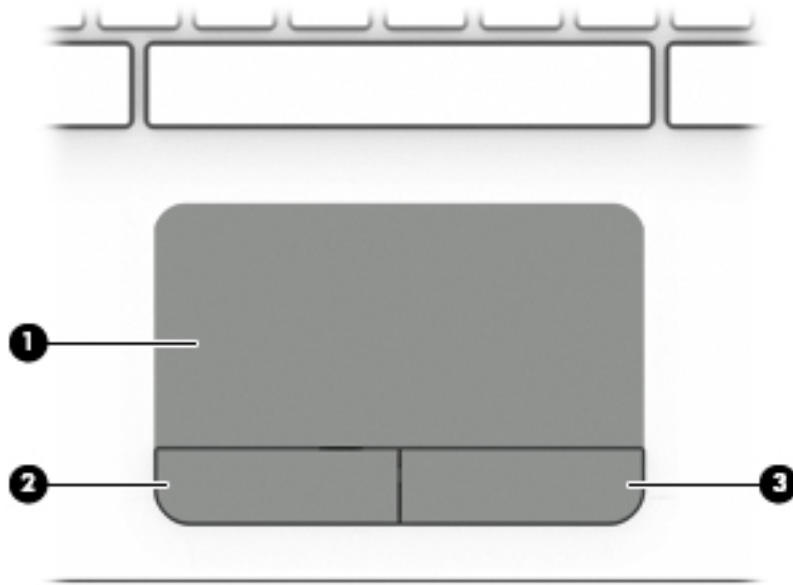
Display



Component		Description
(1)	Webcam light (select products only)	On: The webcam is in use.
(2)	Webcam (select products only)	Records video and captures still photographs. To use the webcam: ▲ Select Start > All Programs > Music, Photos and Videos .
(3)	Internal microphone	Records sound.
(4)	WLAN antennas* (select products only)	Send and receive wireless signals to communicate with wireless local area networks (WLANs).
*The antennas are not visible from the outside of the computer. For optimal transmission, keep the areas immediately around the antennas free from obstructions.		
For wireless regulatory notices, see the section of the <i>Regulatory, Safety, and Environmental Notices</i> that applies to your country or region.		
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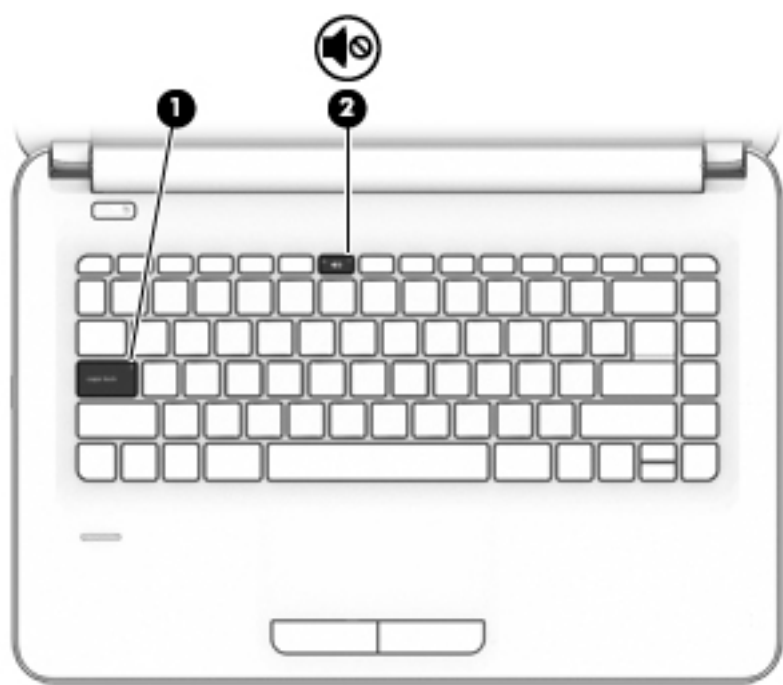
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TouchPad



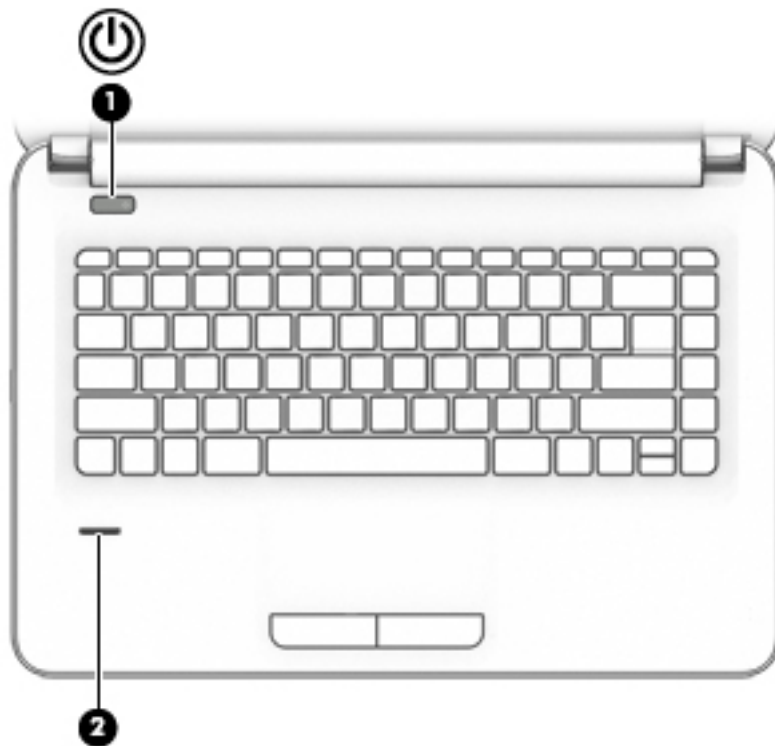
Component		Description
(1)	TouchPad zone	Reads your finger gestures to move the pointer or activate items on the screen.
(2)	Left TouchPad button	Functions like the left button on an external mouse.
(3)	Right TouchPad button	Functions like the right button on an external mouse.


Lights



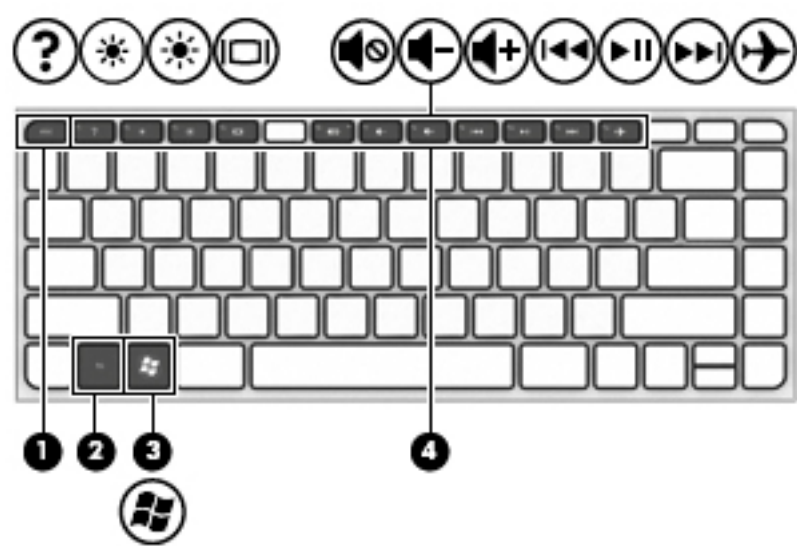
Component		Description
(1)	Caps lock light	On: Caps lock is on, which switches the key input to all capital letters.
(2)	 Mute light	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amber: Computer sound is off.• Off: Computer sound is on.


Button and fingerprint reader



Component		Description
(1)	 Power button	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• When the computer is off, press the button to turn on the computer.• When the computer is on, press the button briefly to initiate Sleep.• When the computer is in the Sleep state, press the button briefly to exit Sleep.• When the computer is in Hibernation, press the button briefly to exit Hibernation. <p>CAUTION: Pressing and holding down the power button results in the loss of unsaved information.</p> <p>If the computer has stopped responding and shutdown procedures are ineffective, press and hold the power button for at least 5 seconds to turn off the computer.</p> <p>To learn more about your power settings, see your power options.</p> <p>▲ Select Start > Control Panel > System and Security > Power Options.</p>
(2)	Fingerprint reader (select products only)	Allows a fingerprint logon to Windows, instead of a password logon.

Special function keys














Component		Description
(1)	esc key	Displays system information when pressed in combination with the fn key.
(2)	fn key	Executes frequently used system functions when pressed in combination with a function key, the num lock key, or the esc key. See Using the hot keys on page 11
(3)	 Windows key	Opens the Start menu. NOTE: Pressing the Windows key again will close the Start menu.
(4)	Function keys	Execute frequently used system functions when pressed in combination with the fn key.

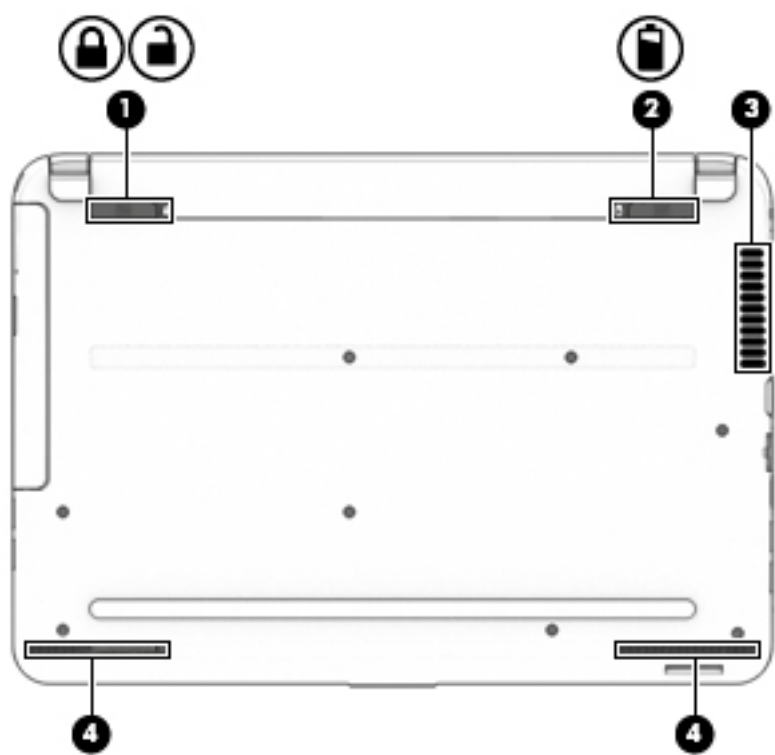
Using the hot keys




To use a hot key:

- ▲ Press the **fn** key, and then press the correct function key represented by the icons below.

Press fn +function key	Description
	Opens Help and Support, which provides tutorials, information about the Windows operating system and your computer, answers to questions, and updates to your computer. Help and Support also provides automated troubleshooting tools and access to support.
	Decreases the screen brightness incrementally as long as you hold down the key.
	Increases the screen brightness incrementally as long as you hold down the key.
	Switches the screen image between display devices connected to the system. For example, if a monitor is connected to the computer, repeatedly pressing this key alternates the screen image from the computer display to the monitor display to a simultaneous display on both the computer and the monitor.
	Mutes or restores speaker sound.
	Decreases speaker volume incrementally while you hold down the key.
	Increases speaker volume incrementally while you hold down the key.
	Plays the previous track of an audio CD or the previous section of a DVD or a Blu-ray Disc (BD).
	Starts, pauses, or resumes playback of an audio CD, a DVD, or a BD.
	Plays the next track of an audio CD or the next section of a DVD or a BD.
	Turns the airplane mode and wireless feature on or off. NOTE: The airplane mode key is also referred to as the wireless button. NOTE: A wireless network must be set up before a wireless connection is possible.

Bottom



Component		Description
(1)	 	Battery lock Locks the battery in the battery bay.
(2)		Battery release latch Releases the battery.
(3)		Vent Enables airflow to cool internal components. NOTE: The computer fan starts up automatically to cool internal components and prevent overheating. It is normal for the internal fan to cycle on and off during routine operation.
(4)		Speakers (2) Produce sound.


Front



Component		Description
SD	Memory card reader	Reads optional memory cards that store, manage, share, or access information.

Labels

The labels affixed to the computer provide information you may need when you troubleshoot system problems or travel internationally with the computer.

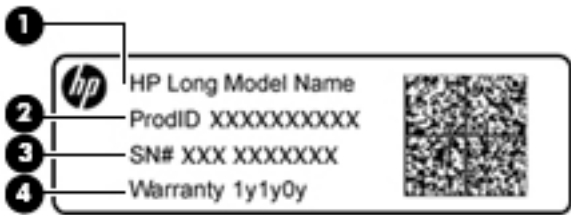
 **IMPORTANT:** Check the following locations for the labels described in this section: the bottom of the computer, inside the battery bay, under the service door, or on the back of the display.

- Service label—Provides important information to identify your computer. When contacting support, you will probably be asked for the serial number, and possibly for the product number or the model number. Locate these numbers before you contact support.

Your service label will resemble one of the examples shown below. Refer to the illustration that most closely matches the service label on your computer.



Component	
(1)	Serial number
(2)	Product number
(3)	Warranty period
(4)	Model number (select products only)



Component	
(1)	Model name (select products only)
(2)	Product number
(3)	Serial number
(4)	Warranty period

- Regulatory label(s)—Provide(s) regulatory information about the computer.
- Wireless certification label(s)—Provide(s) information about optional wireless devices and the approval markings for the countries or regions in which the devices have been approved for use.

3 Connecting to a network

Your computer can travel with you wherever you go. But even at home, you can explore the globe and access information from millions of websites using your computer and a wired or wireless network connection. This chapter will help you get connected to that world.

Connecting to a wireless network

Wireless technology transfers data across radio waves instead of wires. Your computer may be equipped with one or more of the following wireless devices:

- **Wireless local area network (WLAN) device**—Connects the computer to wireless local area networks (commonly referred to as Wi-Fi networks, wireless LANs, or WLANs) in corporate offices, your home, and public places such as airports, restaurants, coffee shops, hotels, and universities. In a WLAN, the mobile wireless device in your computer communicates with a wireless router or a wireless access point.
- **HP Mobile Broadband Module (select models only)**—A wireless wide area network (WWAN) device that gives you wireless connectivity over a much larger area. Mobile network operators install base stations (similar to cell phone towers) throughout large geographic areas, effectively providing coverage across entire states, regions, or even countries.
- **Bluetooth device®**—Creates a personal area network (PAN) to connect to other Bluetooth-enabled devices such as computers, phones, printers, headsets, speakers, and cameras. In a PAN, each device communicates directly with other devices, and devices must be relatively close together—typically within 10 meters (approximately 33 feet) of each other.

For more information about wireless technology, see the information and website links provided in Help and Support. To access Help and Support, select **Start > Help and Support**.

Using the wireless controls

You can control the wireless devices in your computer using these features:

- Wireless button, wireless switch, or wireless key (referred to in this chapter as the wireless button)
- Operating system controls

Turning wireless devices on or off

You can use the wireless button or HP Connection Manager (select models only) to turn on and turn off wireless devices.



NOTE: A computer may have a wireless button, a wireless switch, or a wireless key on the keyboard. The term wireless button is used throughout this guide to refer to all types of wireless controls.

To turn off wireless devices using HP Connection Manager:

- ▲ Right-click the **HP Connection Manager** icon in the notification area, at the far right of the taskbar, and then click the power button next to the desired device.

–or–

Select **Start > All Programs > Productivity and Tools > HP Connection Manager**, and then click the power button next to the desired device.

HP Connection Manager (select products only)

HP Connection Manager provides a central location for managing your wireless devices, an interface for connecting to the Internet using HP Mobile Broadband, and an interface for sending and receiving SMS (text) messages. HP Connection Manager allows you to manage the following devices:

- Wireless local area network (WLAN)/Wi-Fi
- Wireless wide area network (WWAN)/HP Mobile Broadband
- Bluetooth

HP Connection Manager provides information and notifications on connection status, power status, SIM card details, and SMS messages. Status information and notifications are provided in the notification area, at the far right of the taskbar.

To open HP Connection Manager:

▲ Click the **HP Connection Manager** icon in the taskbar.

-or-

Select **Start > All Programs > Productivity and Tools > HP Connection Manager**.

For more information, see the HP Connection Manager software Help.

Wireless button

The computer may have a wireless button, one or more wireless devices, and one or two wireless lights. All the wireless devices on your computer are enabled at the factory.

The wireless light indicates the overall power state of your wireless devices, not the status of individual devices.

Operating system controls

The Network and Sharing Center allows you to set up a connection or network, connect to a network, manage wireless networks, and diagnose and repair network problems.

To use operating system controls:

▲ Select **Start > Control Panel > Network and Internet > Network and Sharing Center**.

For more information, access Help and Support by selecting **Start > Help and Support**.

Connecting to a WLAN




NOTE: When you are setting up Internet access in your home, you must establish an account with an Internet service provider (ISP). To purchase Internet service and a modem, contact a local ISP. The ISP will help set up the modem, install a network cable to connect your wireless computer to the modem, and test the Internet service


To connect to the WLAN, follow these steps:

1. Be sure that the WLAN device is on.
2. Click the network status icon in the notification area, at the far right of the taskbar.
3. Select a WLAN to connect to.

4. Click **Connect**.


If the WLAN is a security-enabled WLAN, you are prompted to enter a security code. Type the code, and then click **OK** to complete the connection.

 **NOTE:** If no WLANs are listed, you may be out of range of a wireless router or access point.

 **NOTE:** If you do not see the WLAN you want to connect to, click **Open Network and Sharing Center**, and then click **Set up a new connection or network**. A list of options is displayed, allowing you to manually search for and connect to a network or to create a new network connection.


5. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the connection.

After the connection is made, place the mouse pointer over the network status icon in the notification area, at the far right of the taskbar, to verify the name and status of the connection.

 **NOTE:** The functional range (how far your wireless signals travel) depends on WLAN implementation, router manufacturer, and interference from other electronic devices or structural barriers such as walls and floors.

Using HP Mobile Broadband (select products only)

Your HP Mobile Broadband computer has built-in support for mobile broadband service. Your new computer, when used with a mobile operator's network, gives you the freedom to connect to the Internet, send e-mail, or connect to your corporate network without the need for Wi-Fi hotspots.

 **NOTE:** If your computer includes HP Mobile Connect, these instructions do not apply. See [Using HP Mobile Connect \(select products only\) on page 17](#).

You may need the HP Mobile Broadband Module serial number to activate mobile broadband service. The serial number may be printed on a label inside the battery bay, under the service door, or on the back of the display.

Some mobile network operators require the use of a SIM card. A SIM card contains basic information about you, such as a personal identification number (PIN), as well as network information. Some computers include a SIM card that is preinstalled. If the SIM card is not preinstalled, it may be provided in the HP Mobile Broadband information provided with your computer or the mobile network operator may provide it separately from the computer.

For information about HP Mobile Broadband and how to activate service with a preferred mobile network operator, see the HP Mobile Broadband information included with your computer.

Using HP Mobile Connect (select products only)

HP Mobile Connect is a prepaid, mobile broadband service that provides a cost-effective, secure, simple, and flexible mobile broadband connection for your computer. To use HP Mobile Connect, your computer must have a SIM and the **HP Mobile Connect** app. For more information about HP Mobile Connect and where it is available, go to <http://www.hp.com/go/mobileconnect>.

Using GPS (select products only)

Your computer may be equipped with a Global Positioning System (GPS) device. GPS satellites deliver location, speed, and direction information to GPS-equipped systems.

For more information, see the HP GPS and Location software Help.

Using Bluetooth wireless devices (select products only)


A Bluetooth device provides short-range wireless communications that replace the physical cable connections that traditionally link electronic devices such as the following:


- Computers (desktop, notebook, PDA)
- Phones (cellular, cordless, smart phone)
- Imaging devices (printer, camera)
- Audio devices (headset, speakers)
- Mouse

Bluetooth devices provide peer-to-peer capability that allows you to set up a personal area network (PAN) of Bluetooth devices. For information about configuring and using Bluetooth devices, see the Bluetooth software Help.

Adding a Bluetooth-enabled device


1. Select **Start > Devices and printers > Add a device**, and then follow the on-screen instructions.
2. Select the Bluetooth-enabled device you want to add to your computer, and then select **Next**.

 **NOTE:** If the device requires verification, a pairing code is displayed. On the device you are adding, follow the on-screen instructions to verify that the code on your device matches the pairing code. For more information, refer to the documentation provided with the device.

 **NOTE:** If your device does not appear in the list, be sure that Bluetooth on that device is turned on and that the wireless setting for your computer is turned on. Some devices may have additional requirements; refer to the documentation provided with the device.

Connecting to a wired network

Select products may allow wired connections: local area network (LAN) and modem connection. A LAN connection uses a network cable and is much faster than a modem, which uses a telephone cable. Both cables are sold separately.

 **WARNING!** To reduce the risk of electric shock, fire, or damage to the equipment, do not plug a modem cable or telephone cable into an RJ-45 (network) jack.

Connecting to a local area network (LAN) (select products only)

Use a LAN connection if you want to connect the computer directly to a router in your home (instead of working wirelessly), or if you want to connect to an existing network at your office.

Connecting to a LAN requires an 8-pin, RJ-45 network cable or an optional docking device or expansion port, if there is no RJ-45 port on the computer.

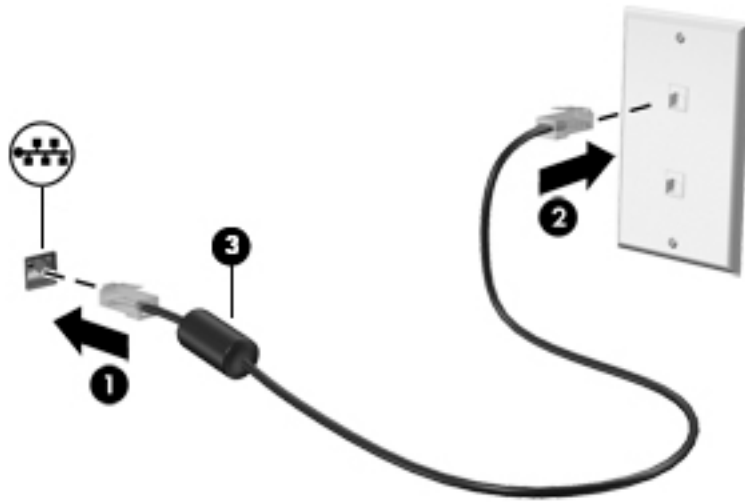
To connect the network cable, follow these steps:

1. Plug the network cable into the network jack **(1)** on the computer.

2. Plug the other end of the network cable into a network wall jack **(2)** or router.



NOTE: If the network cable contains noise suppression circuitry **(3)**, which prevents interference from TV and radio reception, orient the circuitry end of the cable toward the computer.



Using a modem (select products only)

A modem must be connected to an analog telephone line using a 6-pin, RJ-11 modem cable. In some countries or regions, a specific modem cable adapter is also required. Jacks for digital PBX systems may resemble analog telephone jacks, but they are not compatible with the modem.

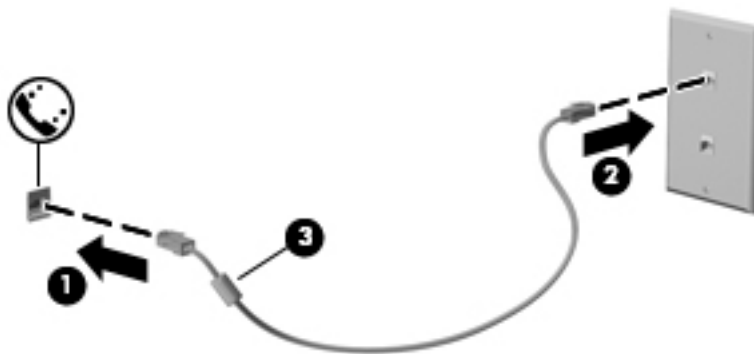
Connecting a modem cable

To connect the modem cable, follow these steps:

1. Plug the modem cable into the modem jack **(1)** on the computer.
2. Plug the modem cable into the RJ-11 telephone wall jack **(2)**.



NOTE: If the modem cable contains noise suppression circuitry **(3)**, which prevents interference from TV and radio reception, orient the circuitry end of the cable toward the computer.

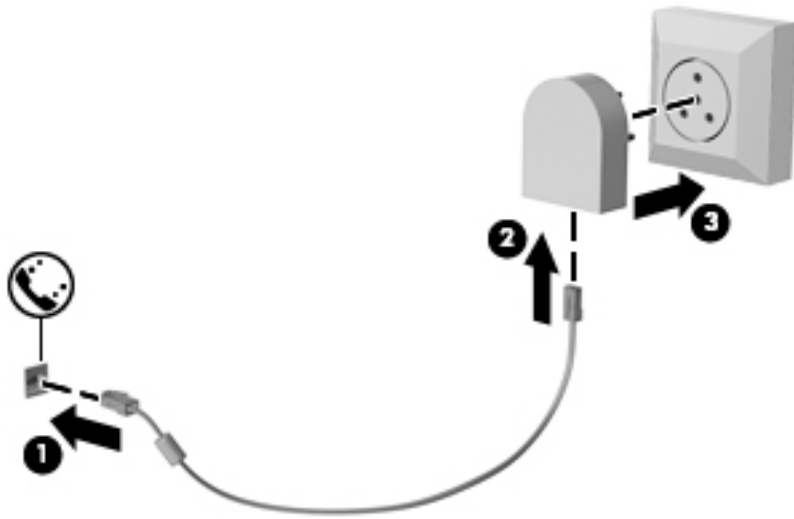


Connecting a country- or region-specific modem cable adapter

Telephone jacks vary by country or region. To use the modem and the modem cable outside the country or region in which you purchased the computer, you must obtain a country- or region-specific modem cable adapter.

To connect the modem to an analog telephone line that does not have an RJ-11 telephone jack, follow these steps:

1. Plug the modem cable into the modem jack **(1)** on the computer.
2. Plug the modem cable into the modem cable adapter **(2)**.
3. Plug the modem cable adapter **(3)** into the telephone wall jack.



4 Screen navigation

You can navigate the computer screen in the following ways:

- Use touch gestures directly on the computer screen (select products only)
- Use touch gestures on the TouchPad
- Use keyboard and optional mouse (mouse purchased separately)

Using the TouchPad and touch screen gestures

The TouchPad helps you navigate the computer screen and control the pointer using simple touch gestures. You can also use the left and right TouchPad buttons as you would use the corresponding buttons on an external mouse. To navigate a touch screen (select products only), touch the screen directly using gestures described in this chapter.

You can also customize gestures and view demonstrations of how they work. Select **Start > Control Panel > Hardware and Sound > Devices and Printers > Mouse**.



NOTE: Unless noted, gestures can be used on the TouchPad or a touch screen (select products only).

Tap

Use the tap/double-tap gesture to select or open an item on the screen.

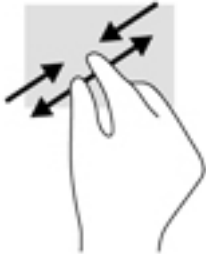
- Point to an item on the screen, and then tap one finger on the TouchPad zone or touch screen to select the item. Double-tap an item to open it.



Two-finger pinch zoom

Use the two-finger pinch zoom to zoom out or in on images or text.

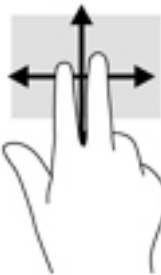
- Zoom out by placing two fingers apart on the TouchPad zone or touch screen and then moving your fingers together.
- Zoom in by placing two fingers together on the TouchPad zone or touch screen and then moving your fingers apart.



Two-finger scroll (TouchPad only)

Use the two-finger scroll to move up, down, or sideways on a page or image.

- Place two fingers slightly apart on the TouchPad zone and then drag them up, down, left, or right.



Two-finger tap (TouchPad only)

Use the two-finger tap to open the menu for an object on the screen.



NOTE: The two-finger tap performs the same function as right-clicking with the mouse.

- Tap two fingers on the TouchPad zone to open the options menu for the selected object.



5 Entertainment features

Use your HP computer for business or pleasure to meet with others via the webcam, mix audio and video, or connect external devices like a projector, monitor, TV, or speakers. See [Components on page 3](#) to locate the audio, video and camera features on your computer.

Using a webcam (select products only)

Your computer has a webcam (integrated camera) that records video and captures photographs. Some models allow you to video conference and chat online using streaming video.

- ▲ To access the camera, select **Start > All Programs > Communication and Chat > CyberLink YouCam**.

Using audio


You can download and listen to music, stream audio content (including radio) from the web, record audio, or mix audio and video to create multimedia. You can also play music CDs on the computer (on select products) or attach an external optical drive to play CDs. To enhance your listening enjoyment, attach headphones or speakers.

Connecting speakers

You can attach wired speakers to your computer by connecting them to a USB port or to the audio-out (headphone)/audio-in (microphone) combo jack on your computer or on a docking station.

To connect wireless speakers to your computer, follow the device manufacturer's instructions. To connect high-definition speakers to the computer, see [Setting up HDMI audio on page 25](#). Before connecting speakers, lower the volume setting.

Connecting headsets

 **WARNING!** To reduce the risk of personal injury, lower the volume setting before putting on headphones, earbuds, or a headset. For additional safety information, see the *Regulatory, Safety and Environmental Notices*.

To access this document:

- ▲ Select **Start > All Programs > HP Help and Support > HP Documentation**.

Headphones combined with a microphone are called headsets. You can connect wired headsets to the audio-out (headphone)/audio-in (microphone) combo jack on your computer.


To connect wireless headsets to your computer, follow the device manufacturer's instructions.

Using sound settings

Use sound settings to adjust system volume, change system sounds, or manage audio devices.

To view or change sound settings:


- ▲ Select **Start > Control Panel > Hardware and Sound**, and then select **Sound** or your audio software.

 **NOTE:** To see all Control Panel contents, select large or small icon view, instead of **Category** view.

Using video


Your computer is a powerful video device that enables you to watch streaming video from your favorite websites and download video and movies to watch on your computer when you are not connected to a network.

To enhance your viewing enjoyment, use one of the video ports on the computer to connect an external monitor, projector, or TV.

 **IMPORTANT:** Be sure that the external device is connected to the correct port on the computer, using the correct cable. Follow the device manufacturer's instructions.

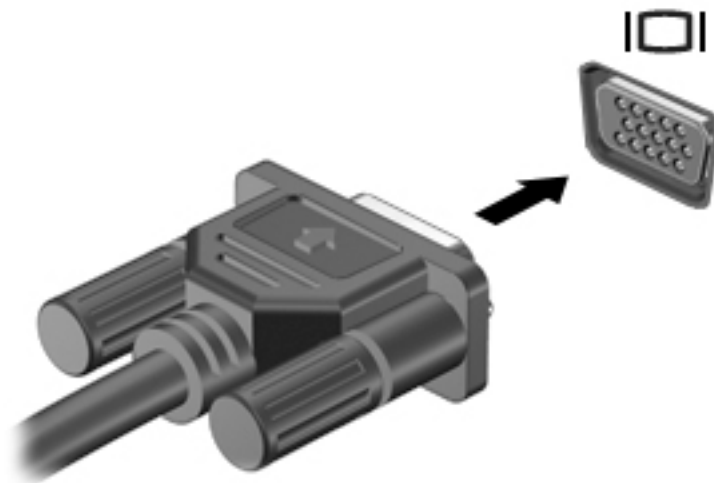
For information on using your video features, refer to HP Support Assistant.

Connecting video devices using a VGA cable (select products only)

 **NOTE:** To connect a VGA video device to your computer, you need a VGA cable, purchased separately.


To see the computer screen image on an external VGA monitor or projected for a presentation, connect a monitor or projector to the computer's VGA port.

1. Connect the VGA cable from the monitor or projector to the VGA port on the computer as shown.




2. Press **fn+f4** to alternate the screen image between 4 display states:
 - **PC screen only:** View the screen image on the computer only.
 - **Duplicate:** View the screen image simultaneously on both the computer and the external device.
 - **Extend:** View the screen image extended across both the computer and the external device.
 - **Second screen only:** View the screen image on the external device only.

Each time you press **fn+f4**, the display state changes.

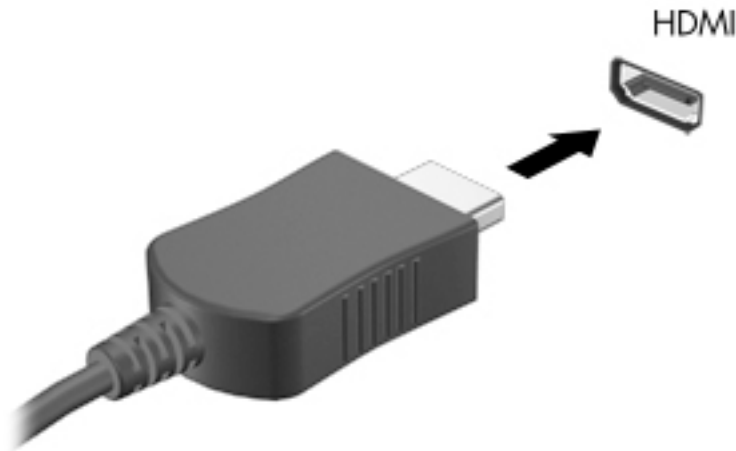
 **NOTE:** For best results, especially if you choose the "Extend" option, increase the screen resolution of the external device, as follows. Select **Start > Control Panel > Appearance and Personalization**. Under **Display**, select **Adjust resolution**.

Connecting video devices using an HDMI cable (select products only)

 **NOTE:** To connect an HDMI device to your computer, you need an HDMI cable, purchased separately.

To see the computer screen image on a high-definition TV or monitor, connect the high-definition device according to the following instructions:

1. Connect one end of the HDMI cable to the HDMI port on the computer.



2. Connect the other end of the cable to the high-definition TV or monitor.
3. Press **fn+f4** to alternate the computer screen image between 4 display states:
 - **PC screen only:** View the screen image on the computer only.
 - **Duplicate:** View the screen image simultaneously on both the computer and the external device.
 - **Extend:** View the screen image extended across both the computer and the external device.
 - **Second screen only:** View the screen image on the external device only.

Each time you press **fn+f4**, the display state changes.



NOTE: For best results, especially if you choose the "Extend" option, increase the screen resolution of the external device, as follows. Select **Start > Control Panel > Appearance and Personalization**. Under **Display**, select **Adjust resolution**.

Setting up HDMI audio

HDMI is the only video interface that supports high-definition video and audio. After you connect an HDMI TV to the computer, you can then turn on HDMI audio by following these steps:

1. Right-click the **Speakers** icon in the notification area, at the far right of the taskbar, and then select **Playback devices**.
2. On the **Playback** tab, select the name of the digital output device.
3. Click **Set Default**, and then click **OK**.

To return the audio stream to the computer speakers:


1. Right-click the **Speakers** icon in the notification area, at the far right of the taskbar, and then click **Playback devices**.
2. On the Playback tab, click **Speakers**.
3. Click **Set Default**, and then click **OK**.


Discovering and connecting wired displays using MultiStream Transport

MultiStream Transport (MST) allows you to connect multiple wired display devices to your computer by connecting to the VGA or DisplayPorts on your computer and also to the VGA or DisplayPorts on a hub or an external docking station. You can connect in several ways, depending on the type of graphics controller installed on your computer and whether or not your computer includes a built-in hub. Go to Device Manager to find out what hardware is installed on your computer.

- ▲ Select **Start > Control Panel > System and Security > System > Device Manager** to see a list of all devices installed on your computer.


Connect displays to computers with AMD or Nvidia graphics (with an optional hub)

 **NOTE:** With an AMD graphics controller and optional hub, you can connect up to 6 external display devices.


 **NOTE:** With an Nvidia graphics controller and optional hub, you can connect up to 4 external display devices.

To set up multiple display devices, follow these steps:

1. Connect an external hub (purchased separately) to the DisplayPort on your computer, using a DP-to-DP cable (purchased separately). Be sure that the hub power adapter is connected to AC power.
2. Connect your external display devices to the VGA ports or DisplayPorts on the hub.
3. To see all of your connected display devices, select **Start > Control Panel > System and Security > System > Device Manager**. If you don't see all of your connected displays, be sure that each is connected to the correct port on the hub.


 **NOTE:** Multiple display choices include **Duplicate**, which mirrors your computer screen on all enabled display devices, or **Extend**, which spans your computer screen across all enabled display devices.

Connect displays to computers with Intel graphics (with an optional hub)

 **NOTE:** With an Intel graphics controller and optional hub, you can connect up to 3 display devices.

To set up multiple display devices, follow these steps:

1. Connect an external hub (purchased separately) to the DisplayPort on your computer, using a DP-to-DP cable (purchased separately). Be sure that the hub power adapter is connected to AC power.
2. Connect your external display devices to the VGA ports or DisplayPorts on the hub.
3. When Windows detects a monitor connected to the DP hub, the **DisplayPort Topology Notification** dialog box is displayed. Click the appropriate options to configure your displays. Multiple display choices include **Duplicate**, which mirrors your computer screen on all enabled display devices, or **Extend**, which extends the screen image across all enabled display devices.

 **NOTE:** If this dialog box does not appear, be sure that each external display device is connected to the correct port on the hub. For more information, select **Start > Control Panel > Appearance and Personalization > Display > Connect to an external display**.

Connect displays to computers with Intel graphics (with a built-in hub)

With your internal hub and Intel graphics controller, you can connect up to 3 display devices in the following configurations:

- Two 1920 x 1200 DP monitors connected to the computer + one 1920 x 1200 VGA monitor connected to an optional docking station
- One 2560 x 1600 DP monitor connected to the computer + one 1920 x 1200 VGA monitor connected to an optional docking station

To set up multiple display devices, follow these steps:

1. Connect your external display devices to the VGA ports or DisplayPorts (DP) on the computer base or the docking station.
2. When Windows detects a monitor connected to the DP hub, the **DisplayPort Topology Notification** dialog box is displayed. Click the appropriate options to configure your displays. Multiple display choices include **Duplicate**, which mirrors your computer screen on all enabled display devices, or **Extend**, which extends the screen image across all enabled display devices.



NOTE: If this dialog box does not appear, be sure that each external display device is connected to the correct port on the hub. For more information, select **Start > Control Panel > Appearance and Personalization > Display > Connect to an external display**.

Discovering and connecting to Miracast-compatible wireless displays (select products only)



NOTE: To learn what type of display you have (Miracast-compatible or Intel WiDi), refer to the documentation that came with your TV or secondary display.

To discover and connect to Miracast-compatible wireless displays without leaving your current apps, follow the steps below.

To open Miracast:

- ▲ Select **Start > Control Panel > Appearance and Personalization > Display > Connect to an external display**.

Discovering and connecting to Intel WiDi certified displays (select Intel products only)

Use Intel WiDi to wirelessly project individual files such as photos, music, or videos, or to duplicate your entire computer screen to a TV or a secondary display device.

Intel WiDi, a premium Miracast solution, makes it easy and seamless to pair your secondary display device; provides for full-screen duplication; and improves speed, quality, and scaling.

To connect to Intel WiDi certified displays:

- ▲ Select **Start > Control Panel > Appearance and Personalization > Display > Connect to an external display**.

To open Intel WiDi:

- ▲ Select **Start > Control Panel > Appearance and Personalization > Display > Intel WiDi**.

6 Power management



NOTE: A computer may have a power button or a power switch. The term *power button* is used throughout this guide to mean both types of power controls.

Shutting down (turning off) the computer



CAUTION: Unsaved information is lost when the computer shuts down.

The shutdown command closes all open programs, including the operating system, and then turns off the display and computer.

Shut down the computer under any of the following conditions:

- When you need to replace the battery or access components inside the computer
- When you are connecting an external hardware device that does not connect to a Universal Serial Bus (USB) port
- When the computer will be unused and disconnected from external power for an extended period

Although you can turn off the computer with the power button, the recommended procedure is to use the Windows shutdown command:



NOTE: If the computer is in the Sleep state or in Hibernation, you must first exit Sleep or Hibernation before shutdown is possible by briefly pressing the power button.

1. Save your work and close all open programs.
2. Select **Start > Shut Down**.

If the computer is unresponsive and you are unable to use the preceding shutdown procedure, try the following emergency procedures in the sequence provided:

- Press **ctrl+alt+delete**. Select the **Power** icon, and then select **Shut Down**.
- Press and hold the power button for at least 5 seconds.
- Disconnect the computer from external power.
- Remove the battery.


Setting power options




CAUTION: Several well-known vulnerabilities exist when a computer is in the Sleep state. To prevent an unauthorized user from accessing data on your computer, even encrypted data, HP recommends that you always initiate Hibernation instead of Sleep anytime the computer will be out of your physical possession. This practice is particularly important when you travel with your computer.

Using power-saving states

Sleep is enabled at the factory. When Sleep is initiated, the power lights blink and the screen clears. Your work is saved to memory.

 **CAUTION:** To reduce the risk of possible audio and video degradation, loss of audio or video playback functionality, or loss of information, do not initiate Sleep while reading from or writing to a disc or an external memory card.

 **NOTE:** You cannot initiate any type of networking connection or perform any computer functions while the computer is in the Sleep state.

Initiating and exiting Sleep


With the computer on, you can initiate Sleep in any of the following ways:

- Briefly press the power button.
- Close the display.
- Select **Start**, select the arrow next to the Shut down button, and then select **Sleep**.

To exit Sleep:

- Briefly press the power button.
- If the display is closed, open the display.
- Press a key on the keyboard.
- Tap or swipe the TouchPad

When the computer exits Sleep, the power lights turn on and the computer returns to the screen where you stopped working.

 **NOTE:** If you have set a password to be required on wakeup, you must enter your Windows password before the computer will return to the screen.

Initiating and exiting Hibernation

The system is set at the factory to initiate Hibernation after a period of inactivity when running on battery power or on external power, or when the battery reaches a critical battery level.

Power settings and timeouts can be changed in Windows Control Panel.


To initiate Hibernation:

- ▲ Select **Start**, select the arrow next to the Shut down button, and then select **Hibernate**.

To exit Hibernation:

- ▲ Briefly press the power button.

The power lights turn on and your work returns to the screen where you stopped working.

 **NOTE:** If you have set a password to be required on wakeup, you must enter your Windows password before your work will return to the screen.

Using the power meter and power settings

The power meter is located in the notification area, at the far right of the taskbar. The power meter allows you to quickly access power settings and view the remaining battery charge.

- To reveal the percentage of remaining battery charge and the current power plan, point over the power meter icon.
- To use Power Options, or to change the power plan, select the power meter icon and select an item from the list.

Different power meter icons indicate whether the computer is running on battery or external power. The icon also reveals a message if the battery has reached a low or critical battery level.

Setting password protection on wakeup

To set the computer to prompt for a password when the computer exits Sleep or Hibernation, follow these steps:

1. Select **Start > Control Panel > System and Security > Power Options**.
2. In the left pane, select **Require a password on wakeup**.
3. Select **Change Settings that are currently unavailable**.
4. Select **Require a password (recommended)**.



NOTE: If you need to create a user account password or change your current user account password, select **Create or change your user account password**, and then follow the on-screen instructions. If you do not need to create or change a user account password, go to step 5.

5. Select **Save changes**.

Using battery power



WARNING! To reduce potential safety issues, use only the battery provided with the computer, a replacement battery provided by HP, or a compatible battery purchased from HP.

The computer runs on battery power whenever it is not plugged into external AC power. Computer battery life varies, depending on power management settings, running programs, display brightness, external devices connected to the computer, and other factors. Keeping the battery in the computer whenever the computer is plugged into AC power charges the battery and also protects your work in case of a power outage. If the computer contains a charged battery and is running on external AC power, the computer automatically switches to battery power if the AC adapter is disconnected on the computer or an AC power loss occurs.



NOTE: When you disconnect AC power, the display brightness is automatically decreased to save battery life. Select computer products can switch between graphic modes to increase battery life.

Using HP Battery Check

To monitor the status of your battery, or if the battery is no longer holding a charge, run HP Battery Check in HP Support Assistant. If HP Battery Check indicates that your battery should be replaced, contact support.

To run HP Battery Check:

1. Connect the AC adapter to the computer.



NOTE: The computer must be connected to external power for HP Battery Check to work properly.

2. Select **Start > All Programs > HP Help and Support > HP Support Assistant**.

– or –

Select the question mark icon in the taskbar.

3. Select **My PC**, select the **Diagnostics and Tools** tab, and then select **HP Battery Check**.

HP Battery Check examines the battery and its cells to see if they are functioning properly, and then reports the results of the examination.

Displaying the remaining battery charge

- ▲ Move the pointer over the power meter icon on the Windows desktop in the notification area, at the far right of the taskbar.

Maximizing battery discharge time

Battery discharge time varies depending on features you use while on battery power. Maximum discharge time gradually decreases as the battery storage capacity naturally degrades.

Tips for maximizing battery discharge time:

- Lower the brightness on the display.
- Select the **Power saver** setting in Power Options.
- Remove a user-replaceable battery when the computer is not being used for longer than 2 weeks.
- Store a user-replaceable battery in a cool, dry location.

Managing low battery levels

The information in this section describes the alerts and system responses set at the factory. Some low-battery alerts and system responses can be changed using Power Options. Preferences set using Power Options do not affect lights.

Identifying low battery levels

When a battery that is the sole power source for the computer reaches a low or critical battery level, the following behavior occurs:

- The battery light (select products only) indicates a low or critical battery level.
- or –
- The power meter icon in the notification area shows a low or critical battery notification.

If the computer is on or in the Sleep state, the computer remains briefly in the Sleep state, and then shuts down and loses any unsaved information.

Resolving a low battery level

Resolving a low battery level when external power is available

- ▲ Connect one of the following devices:
 - AC adapter
 - Optional docking or expansion device
 - Optional power adapter purchased as an accessory from HP

Resolving a low battery level when no power source is available

To resolve a low battery level when no power source is available, save your work and shut down the computer.

Removing the battery

To remove the battery:

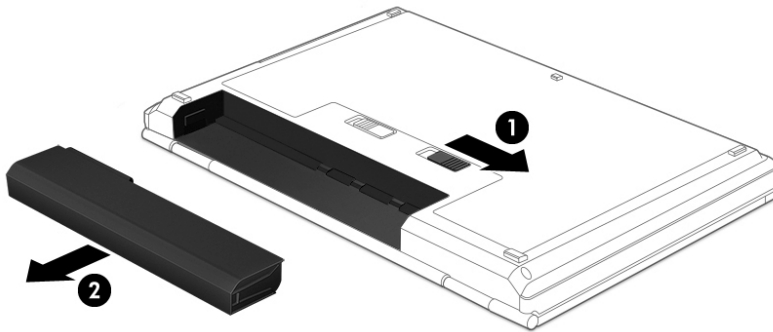
⚠ CAUTION: Removing a battery that is the sole power source for the computer can cause loss of information. To prevent loss of information, save your work and shut down the computer through Windows before removing the battery.

1. Turn the computer upside down on a flat surface, with the battery bay toward you.
2. Slide the battery release latch **(1)** to release the battery.



NOTE: The battery release latch automatically returns to its original position.

3. Remove the battery from the computer **(2)**.



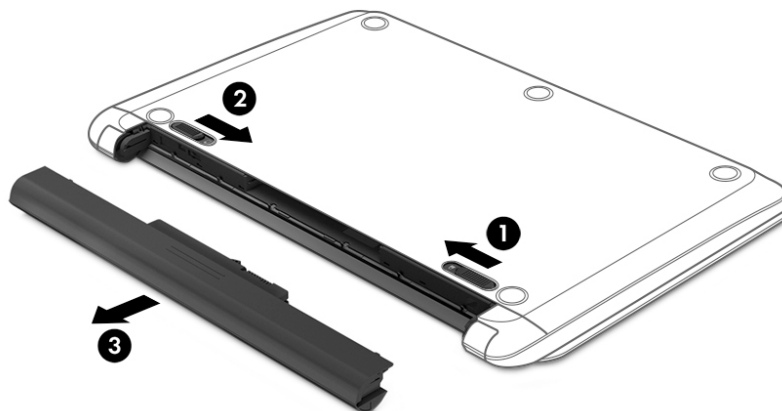
– or –

1. Turn the computer upside down on a flat surface, with the battery bay toward you.
2. Slide the battery lock latch **(1)** to unlock the battery, and then slide the battery release latch **(2)** to release the battery.



NOTE: The battery release latch automatically returns to its original position.

3. Remove the battery from the computer **(3)**.



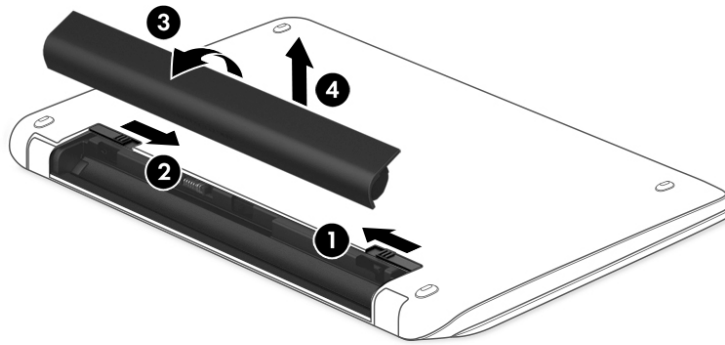
– or –

1. Turn the computer upside down on a flat surface with the battery facing toward you.
2. Slide the battery lock latch **(1)** to unlock the battery, and then slide the battery release latch **(2)** to release the battery.



NOTE: The battery release latch automatically returns to its original position.

3. Pivot the battery **(3)** upward, and then remove the battery **(4)** from the computer.



Conserving battery power

- Select low power-use settings through Power Options in Windows Control Panel.
- Turn off wireless and LAN connections and exit modem applications when you are not using them.
- Disconnect unused external devices that are not plugged into an external power source.
- Stop, disable, or remove any external memory cards that you are not using.
- Decrease screen brightness.
- Before you leave your work, initiate Sleep, or shut down the computer.

Disposing of a user-replaceable battery




WARNING! To reduce the risk of fire or burns, do not disassemble, crush, or puncture; do not short external contacts; do not dispose of in fire or water.


See the *Regulatory, Safety and Environmental Notices* for proper battery disposal. To access the user guides, select the **Start > All Programs > HP Help and Support > HP Documentation**.


Replacing a battery

HP Battery Check notifies you to replace the battery when an internal cell is not charging properly or when the battery storage capacity has reached a weak condition. If the battery is possibly covered by an HP warranty, instructions include a warranty ID. A message refers you to the HP website for more information about ordering a replacement battery.

Using external AC power

 **WARNING!** Do not charge the computer battery while you are onboard aircraft.

 **WARNING!** To reduce potential safety issues, use only the AC adapter provided with the computer, a replacement AC adapter provided by HP, or a compatible AC adapter purchased from HP.

 **NOTE:** For information on connecting to AC power, see the *Setup Instructions* poster provided in the computer box.

External AC power is supplied through an approved AC adapter or an optional docking or expansion device.

Connect the computer to external AC power under any of the following conditions:

- When charging or calibrating a battery
- When installing or modifying system software
- When writing information to a CD, a DVD, or a BD (select products only)
- When running Disk Defragmenter
- When performing a backup or recovery

When you connect the computer to external AC power, the following events occur:

- The battery begins to charge.
- If the computer is turned on, the power meter icon in the notification area changes appearance.

When you disconnect external AC power, the following events occur:


- The computer switches to battery power.
- The display brightness is automatically decreased to save battery life.

Testing an AC adapter

Test the AC adapter if the computer exhibits any of the following symptoms when it is connected to AC power:

- The computer does not turn on.
- The display does not turn on.
- The power lights are off.

To test the AC adapter:

 **NOTE:** The following instructions apply to computers with user-replaceable batteries.

1. Shut down the computer.
2. Remove the battery on the computer.
3. Connect the AC adapter to the computer, and then plug it into an AC outlet.
4. Turn on the computer.
 - If the power lights turn *on*, the AC adapter is working properly.
 - If the power lights remain *off*, the AC adapter is not functioning and should be replaced.

Contact support for information on obtaining a replacement AC power adapter.

7 Security

Protecting the computer

Standard security features provided by the Windows operating system and the non-Windows Computer Setup utility (BIOS) can protect your personal settings and data from a variety of risks.



NOTE: Security solutions are designed to act as deterrents. These deterrents may not prevent a product from being mishandled or stolen.



NOTE: Before you send your computer for service, back up and delete confidential files, and remove all password settings.



NOTE: Some features listed in this chapter may not be available on your computer.



NOTE: Your computer supports Computrace, which is an online security-based tracking and recovery service available in select regions. If the computer is stolen, Computrace can track the computer if the unauthorized user accesses the Internet. You must purchase the software and subscribe to the service in order to use Computrace. For information about ordering the Computrace software, go to <http://www.hp.com>.

Computer risk	Security feature
Unauthorized use of the computer	HP Client Security, in combination with a password, smart card, contactless card, registered fingerprints, or other authentication credential
Unauthorized access to Computer Setup (BIOS)	BIOS Administrator password in Computer Setup*
Unauthorized access to the contents of a hard drive	DriveLock password (select products only) in Computer Setup*
Unauthorized startup from an optional external optical drive (select products only), optional external hard drive (select products only), or internal network adapter	Boot options feature in Computer Setup*
Unauthorized access to a Windows user account	Windows user password
Unauthorized access to data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HP Drive Encryption software (select products only)• Windows Defender
Unauthorized access to Computer Setup settings and other system identification information	BIOS Administrator password in Computer Setup*
Unauthorized removal of the computer	Security cable slot (used with an optional security cable on select products only)

*Computer Setup is a preinstalled, ROM-based utility that can be used even when the operating system is not working or will not load. You can use a pointing device (TouchPad, pointing stick, or USB mouse) or the keyboard to navigate and make selections in Computer Setup.

NOTE: On tablets without keyboards, you can use the touchscreen.

Using passwords

A password is a group of characters that you choose to secure your computer information. Several types of passwords can be set, depending on how you want to control access to your information. Passwords can be set in Windows or in Computer Setup, which is preinstalled on the computer.

- BIOS Administrator and DriveLock passwords are set in Computer Setup and are managed by the system BIOS.
- Windows passwords are set only in the Windows operating system.
- If you forget both the DriveLock user password and the DriveLock master password set in Computer Setup, the hard drive that is protected by the passwords is permanently locked and can no longer be used.

You can use the same password for a Computer Setup feature and for a Windows security feature. You can also use the same password for more than one Computer Setup feature.

Use the following tips for creating and saving passwords:

- When creating passwords, follow requirements set by the program.
- Do not use the same password for multiple applications or websites, and do not reuse your Windows password for any other application or website.
- Use the Password Manager feature of HP Client Security to store your user names and passwords for your websites and applications. You can securely read them in the future if they cannot be remembered.
- Do not store passwords in a file on the computer.

The following tables list commonly used Windows and BIOS Administrator passwords and describe their functions.

Setting passwords in Windows

Password	Function
Administrator password*	Protects access to a Windows administrator-level account. NOTE: Setting the Windows administrator password does not set the BIOS Administrator password.
User password*	Protects access to a Windows user account.
*For information about setting a Windows administrator password or a Windows user password, select Start > All Programs > HP Help and Support > HP Support Assistant .	

Setting passwords in Computer Setup

Password	Function
BIOS administrator password*	Protects access to Computer Setup. NOTE: If features have been enabled to prevent removing the BIOS administrator password, you may not be able to remove it until those features have been disabled.
DriveLock master password*	Protects access to the internal hard drive that is protected by DriveLock. It is also used to remove DriveLock protection. NOTE: For select products, a BIOS administrator password must be set before you can set a DriveLock password.
DriveLock user password*	Protects access to the internal hard drive that is protected by DriveLock, and is set under DriveLock Passwords during the enable process. NOTE: For select products, a BIOS administrator password must be set before you can set a DriveLock password.

*For details about each of these passwords, see the following topics.

Managing a BIOS administrator password

To set, change, or delete this password, follow these steps:

Setting a new BIOS administrator password

1. Start Computer Setup.
 - Computers or tablets with keyboards:
 - ▲ Turn on or restart the computer, and when the HP logo appears, press **f10** to enter Computer Setup.
 - Tablets without keyboards:
 - ▲ Turn off the tablet. Press the power button in combination with the volume down button until the Startup menu is displayed, and then tap **F10** to enter Computer Setup.
2. Select **Security**, select **Create BIOS Administrator password**, and then press **enter**.
3. When prompted, type a password.
4. When prompted, type the new password again to confirm.
5. To save your changes and exit Computer Setup, select the **Save** icon and then follow the on-screen instructions.

– or –

Select **Main**, select **Save Changes and Exit**, and then press **enter**.

Your changes go into effect when the computer restarts.

Changing a BIOS administrator password

1. Start Computer Setup.
 - Computers or tablets with keyboards:

- ▲ Turn on or restart the computer, and when the HP logo appears, press **F10** to enter Computer Setup.
- Tablets without keyboards:
 - ▲ Turn off the tablet. Press the power button in combination with the volume down button until the Startup menu is displayed, and then tap **F10** to enter Computer Setup.
- 2. Select **Security**, select **Change BIOS Administrator Password**, and then press **enter**.
- 3. When prompted, type your current password.
- 4. When prompted, type your new password.
- 5. When prompted, type your new password again to confirm.
- 6. To save your changes and exit Computer Setup, select the **Save** icon, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

– or –

Select **Main**, select **Save Changes and Exit**, and then press **enter**.

Your changes go into effect when the computer restarts.

Deleting a BIOS administrator password

1. Start Computer Setup.
 - Computers or tablets with keyboards:
 - ▲ Turn on or restart the computer, and when the HP logo appears, press **F10** to enter Computer Setup.
 - Tablets without keyboards:
 - ▲ Turn off the tablet. Press the power button in combination with the volume down button until the Startup menu is displayed, and then tap **F10** to enter Computer Setup.
2. Select **Security**, select **Change BIOS Administrator Password**, and then press **enter**.
3. When prompted, type your current password.
4. When prompted for the new password, leave the field empty, and then press **enter**.
5. When prompted to type your new password again, leave the field empty, and then press **enter**.
6. To save your changes and exit Computer Setup, select the **Save** icon, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

– or –


Select **Main**, select **Save Changes and Exit**, and then press **enter**.

Your changes go into effect when the computer restarts.

Entering a BIOS administrator password

At the **BIOS Administrator password** prompt, type your password (using the same kind of keys you used to set the password), and then press **enter**. After two unsuccessful attempts to enter the BIOS administrator password, you must restart the computer and try again.

Managing a Computer Setup DriveLock password (select products only)

 **CAUTION:** To prevent a DriveLock-protected hard drive from becoming permanently unusable, record the DriveLock user password and the DriveLock master password in a safe place away from your computer. If you forget both DriveLock passwords, the hard drive will be permanently locked and can no longer be used.

DriveLock protection prevents unauthorized access to the contents of a hard drive. DriveLock can be applied only to the internal hard drive(s) of the computer. After DriveLock protection is applied to a drive, a password must be entered to access the drive. The drive must be inserted into the computer or an advanced port replicator in order for it to be accessed by the DriveLock passwords.

To apply DriveLock protection to an internal hard drive, a user password and a master password must be set in Computer Setup. Note the following considerations about using DriveLock protection:

- After DriveLock protection is applied to a hard drive, the hard drive can be accessed only by entering either the user password or the master password.
- The owner of the user password should be the day-to-day user of the protected hard drive. The owner of the master password may be either a system administrator or the day-to-day user.
- The user password and the master password can be identical.
- You can delete a user password or master password only by removing DriveLock protection from the drive.



NOTE: For select products, a BIOS administrator password must be set before you can access the DriveLock features.

Setting a DriveLock password

To set a DriveLock password in Computer Setup, follow these steps:

1. Start Computer Setup.
 - Computers or tablets with keyboards:
 1. Turn off the computer.
 2. Press the power button, and when the HP logo appears, press **f10** to enter Computer Setup.
 - Tablets without keyboards:
 1. Turn off the tablet.
 2. Press the power button in combination with the volume down button until the Startup menu is displayed, and then tap **F10** to enter Computer Setup.
2. Select **Security**, make the selection for **Hard Drive Utilities**, select **DriveLock**, and then press **enter**.



NOTE: For select products, you may be required to set a DriveLock password and enter the BIOS administrator password.

3. Select the hard drive you want to protect, and then press **enter**.
4. Select **Set DriveLock Master Password** or **Set DriveLock Password** (select products only), and then press **enter**.
5. Carefully read the warning.
6. Follow the on-screen instructions to set a DriveLock password.
7. To exit Computer Setup, select **Main**, select **Save Changes and Exit**, and then select **Yes**.

Enabling DriveLock (select products only)

For select products, you may need to follow these instructions to enable DriveLock.

1. Start Computer Setup.
 - Computers or tablets with keyboards:
 1. Turn off the computer.
 2. Press the power button, and when the HP logo appears, press **f10** to enter Computer Setup.
 - Tablets without keyboards:
 1. Turn off the tablet.
 2. Press the power button in combination with the volume down button until the Startup menu is displayed, and then tap **F10** to enter Computer Setup.
2. Select **Security**, select **Hard Drive Utilities**, select **DriveLock**, and then press **enter**.



NOTE: For select products, you may be required to enter the BIOS Administrator password and select **Set DriveLock Password**.

3. Select the hard drive you want to protect, and then press **enter**.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to make the selections to enable DriveLock and to enter passwords when prompted.



NOTE: For select products, you may be prompted to type *DriveLock*. The field is case sensitive.

5. To exit Computer Setup, select **Main**, select **Save Changes and Exit**, and then select **Yes**.

Disabling DriveLock (select products only)

1. Start Computer Setup.
 - Computers or tablets with keyboards:
 1. Turn off the computer.
 2. Press the power button, and when the HP logo appears, press **f10** to enter Computer Setup.
 - Tablets without keyboards:
 1. Turn off the tablet.
 2. Press the power button in combination with the volume down button until the Startup menu is displayed, and then tap **F10** to enter Computer Setup.
2. Select **Security**, select **Hard Drive Utilities**, select **DriveLock**, and then press **enter**.



NOTE: For select products, you may be required to enter the BIOS Administrator password and select **Set DriveLock Password**.

3. Select the hard drive you want to manage, and then press **enter**.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to disable DriveLock.
5. To exit Computer Setup, select **Main**, select **Save Changes and Exit**, and then select **Yes**.

Entering a DriveLock password (select products only)

Be sure that the hard drive is inserted into the computer (not into an optional docking device or external MultiBay).

At the **DriveLock Password** prompt, type your user or master password (using the same kind of keys you used to set the password), and then press [enter](#).

After three incorrect attempts to enter the password, you must shut down the computer and try again.

Changing a DriveLock password (select products only)

To change a DriveLock password in Computer Setup, follow these steps:

1. Turn off the computer.
2. Press the power button.
3. At the **DriveLock Password** prompt, type the current DriveLock user password or master password that you are changing, press [enter](#), and then press or tap **f10** to enter Computer Setup.
4. Select **Security**, select **Hard Drive Utilities**, select **DriveLock**, and then press [enter](#).



NOTE: For select products, you may be required to enter the BIOS Administrator password and select **Set DriveLock Password**.

5. Select the hard drive you want to manage, and then press [enter](#).
6. Make the selection to change the password, and then follow the on-screen prompts to enter passwords.



NOTE: The **Change DriveLock Master Password** option is visible only if the master password was provided at the DriveLock Password prompt in step 3.

7. To exit Computer Setup, select **Main**, select **Save Changes and Exit**, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

Using antivirus software

When you use the computer to access e-mail, a network, or the Internet, you potentially expose it to computer viruses. Computer viruses can disable the operating system, programs, or utilities, or cause them to function abnormally.

Antivirus software can detect most viruses, destroy them, and, in most cases, repair any damage they have caused. To provide ongoing protection against newly discovered viruses, antivirus software must be kept up to date.

Windows Defender is preinstalled on your computer. It is strongly recommended that you continue to use an antivirus program in order to fully protect your computer.

For more information about computer viruses, access the HP Support Assistant.

Using firewall software

Firewalls are designed to prevent unauthorized access to a system or network. A firewall can be a software program you install on your computer and/or network, or it can be a solution made up of both hardware and software.

There are two types of firewalls to consider:

- Host-based firewalls—Software that protects only the computer it is installed on.
- Network-based firewalls—Installed between your DSL or cable modem and your home network to protect all the computers on the network.

When a firewall is installed on a system, all data sent to and from the system is monitored and compared with a set of user-defined security criteria. Any data that does not meet those criteria is blocked.

Your computer or networking equipment may already have a firewall installed. If not, firewall software solutions are available.



NOTE: Under some circumstances a firewall can block access to Internet games, interfere with printer or file sharing on a network, or block authorized e-mail attachments. To temporarily resolve the problem, disable the firewall, perform the task that you want to perform, and then reenabling the firewall. To permanently resolve the problem, reconfigure the firewall.

Installing critical security updates



CAUTION: Microsoft® sends out alerts regarding critical updates. To protect the computer from security breaches and computer viruses, install all critical updates from Microsoft as soon as you receive an alert.

You can choose whether updates are installed automatically. To change the settings, select **Start > Control Panel > System and Security > Windows Update > Change settings**, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

Using HP Client Security (select products only)

HP Client Security software is preinstalled on your computer. This software can be accessed through the HP Client Security icon at the far right of the taskbar or Windows Control Panel. It provides security features that help protect against unauthorized access to the computer, networks, and critical data. For more information, see the HP Client Security software Help.

Using HP Touchpoint Manager (select products only)

HP Touchpoint Manager is a cloud-based IT solution that enables businesses to effectively manage and secure their company assets. HP Touchpoint Manager helps protect devices against malware and other attacks, monitors device health, and enables customers to reduce time spent solving end-user device and security issues. Customers can quickly download and install the software, which is highly cost effective relative to traditional in-house solutions. For more information, see <http://www.hptouchpointmanager.com>.

Installing an optional security cable (select products only)

A security cable (purchased separately) is designed to act as a deterrent, but it may not prevent the computer from being mishandled or stolen. To connect a security cable to your computer, follow the device manufacturer's instructions.

Using a fingerprint reader (select products only)

Integrated fingerprint readers are available on select products. In order to use the fingerprint reader, you must enroll your fingerprints in HP Client Security's Credential Manager. Refer to the HP Client Security software Help.

After you enroll your fingerprints in Credential Manager, you can use HP Client Security's Password Manager to store and fill in your user names and passwords in supported websites and applications.

Locating the fingerprint reader

The fingerprint reader is a small metallic sensor that is located in one of the following areas of your computer:

- Near the bottom of the TouchPad
- On the right side of the keyboard
- On the upper-right side of the display
- On the left side of the display

Depending on your product, the reader may be oriented horizontally or vertically. Both orientations require that you swipe your finger perpendicular to the metallic sensor.

8 Maintenance

It is important to perform regular maintenance to keep your computer in optimal condition. This chapter explains how to use tools like Disk Defragmenter and Disk Cleanup. It also provides instructions for updating programs and drivers, steps to clean the computer, and tips for traveling with (or shipping) the computer.

Improving performance

You can improve the performance of your computer by performing regular maintenance tasks with tools such as Disk Defragmenter and Disk Cleanup.

Using Disk Defragmenter

HP recommends using Disk Defragmenter to defragment your hard drive at least once a month.



NOTE: It is not necessary to run Disk Defragmenter on solid-state drives.

To run Disk Defragmenter:

1. Connect the computer to AC power.
2. Select **Start > Control Panel > System and Security > Administrative Tools**, and then select **Defragment your hard drive**.



NOTE: Windows includes the User Account Control feature to improve the security of your computer. You may be prompted for your permission or password for tasks such as installing software, running utilities, or changing Windows settings. Refer to Help and Support. To access Help and Support, select **Start > All Programs > HP Help and Support**.

For additional information, access the Disk Defragmenter software Help.

Using Disk Cleanup

Use Disk Cleanup to search the hard drive for unnecessary files that you can safely delete to free up disk space and help the computer run more efficiently.

To run Disk Cleanup:

1. Select **Start > Control Panel > System and Security > Administrative Tools**, and then select **Free up disk space**.
2. Follow the on-screen instructions.

Using HP 3D DriveGuard (select products only)

HP 3D DriveGuard protects a hard drive by parking the drive and halting data requests under either of the following conditions:

- You drop the computer.
- You move the computer with the display closed while the computer is running on battery power.

A short time after the end of one of these events, HP 3D DriveGuard returns the hard drive to normal operation.



NOTE: Only internal hard drives are protected by HP 3D DriveGuard. A hard drive installed in an optional docking device or connected to a USB port is not protected by HP 3D DriveGuard.



NOTE: Because solid-state drives (SSDs) lack moving parts, HP 3D DriveGuard is unnecessary for these drives.

For more information, see the HP 3D DriveGuard software Help.

Identifying HP 3D DriveGuard status

The hard drive light on the computer changes color to show that the drive in a primary hard drive bay and/or the drive in a secondary hard drive bay (select products only) is parked. To determine whether a drive is currently protected or whether it is parked, view the icon on the Windows desktop in the notification area, at the far right of the taskbar.

Updating programs and drivers

HP recommends that you update your programs and drivers on a regular basis. Updates can resolve issues and bring new features and options to your computer. For example, older graphics components might not work well with the most recent gaming software. Without the latest driver, you would not be getting the most out of your equipment.

Go to <http://www.hp.com/support> to download the latest versions of HP programs and drivers. In addition, register to receive automatic notifications when updates become available.

If you would like to update your programs and drivers, follow these instructions:

1. Select **Start > All Programs > Windows Update**.
2. Follow the on-screen instructions.

Cleaning your computer

Use the following products to safely clean your computer:

- Dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride 0.3 percent maximum concentration (for example, disposable wipes, which come in a variety of brands)
- Alcohol-free glass-cleaning fluid
- Solution of water and mild soap
- Dry microfiber cleaning cloth or a chamois (static-free cloth without oil)
- Static-free cloth wipes




CAUTION: Avoid strong cleaning solvents that can permanently damage your computer. If you are not sure that a cleaning product is safe for your computer, check the product contents to make sure that ingredients such as alcohol, acetone, ammonium chloride, methylene chloride, and hydrocarbons are not included in the product.


Fibrous materials, such as paper towels, can scratch the computer. Over time, dirt particles and cleaning agents can get trapped in the scratches.

Cleaning procedures

Follow the procedures in this section to safely clean your computer.

 **WARNING!** To prevent electric shock or damage to components, do not attempt to clean your computer while it is on.

1. Turn off the computer.
2. Disconnect AC power.
3. Disconnect all powered external devices.


 **CAUTION:** To prevent damage to internal components, do not spray cleaning agents or liquids directly on any computer surface. Liquids dripped on the surface can permanently damage internal components.

Cleaning the display


Gently wipe the display using a soft, lint-free cloth moistened with an alcohol-free glass cleaner. Be sure that a display is dry before you close the computer.


Cleaning the sides or cover

To clean the sides or cover, use a soft microfiber cloth or chamois moistened with one of the cleaning solutions listed previously, or use an acceptable disposable wipe.

 **NOTE:** When cleaning the cover of the computer, use a circular motion to aid in removing dirt and debris.

Cleaning the TouchPad, keyboard, or mouse (select products only)

 **WARNING!** To reduce the risk of electric shock or damage to internal components, do not use a vacuum cleaner attachment to clean the keyboard. A vacuum cleaner can deposit household debris on the keyboard surface.


 **CAUTION:** To prevent damage to internal components, do not allow liquids to drip between the keys.

- To clean the TouchPad, keyboard, or mouse, use a soft microfiber cloth or a chamois moistened with one of the cleaning solutions listed previously or use an acceptable disposable wipe.
- To prevent keys from sticking and to remove dust, lint, and particles from the keyboard, use a can of compressed air with a straw extension.


Traveling with or shipping your computer

If you have to travel with or ship your computer, follow these tips to keep your equipment safe.

- Prepare the computer for traveling or shipping:
 - Back up your information to an external drive.
 - Remove all discs and all external media cards, such as memory cards.
 - Turn off and then disconnect all external devices.
 - Shut down the computer.
- Take along a backup of your information. Keep the backup separate from the computer.
- When traveling by air, carry the computer as hand luggage; do not check it in with the rest of your luggage.

 **CAUTION:** Avoid exposing a drive to magnetic fields. Security devices with magnetic fields include airport walk-through devices and security wands. Airport conveyer belts and similar security devices that check carry-on baggage use X-rays instead of magnetism and do not damage drives.

- If you plan to use the computer during a flight, listen for the in-flight announcement that tells you when you are allowed to use your computer. In-flight computer use is at the discretion of the airline.
- If you are shipping the computer or a drive, use suitable protective packaging and label the package "FRAGILE."
- The use of wireless devices may be restricted in some environments. Such restrictions may apply aboard aircraft, in hospitals, near explosives, and in hazardous locations. If you are uncertain of the policy that applies to the use of a wireless device in your computer, ask for authorization to use your computer before you turn it on.
- If you are traveling internationally, follow these suggestions:
 - Check the computer-related customs regulations for each country or region on your itinerary.
 - Check the power cord and adapter requirements for each location in which you plan to use the computer. Voltage, frequency, and plug configurations vary.

 **WARNING!** To reduce the risk of electric shock, fire, or damage to the equipment, do not attempt to power the computer with a voltage converter kit sold for appliances.

9 Backup and recovery

Your computer includes tools provided by the operating system and HP to help you safeguard your information and retrieve it if ever needed.

Creating backups

1. Use HP Recovery Manager to create recovery media immediately after you set up the working computer.
2. As you add hardware and software programs, create system restore points.
3. As you add photos, video, music, and other personal files, create a backup of your system and personal information.

Creating recovery media to recover the original system

After you successfully set up the computer, you should create recovery discs or a recovery flash drive using HP Recovery Manager. You will need these recovery discs or recovery flash drive to perform a system recovery should the hard drive become corrupted. A system recovery reinstalls the original operating system, and then configures the settings for the default programs.

What you need to know

- Only one set of recovery media can be created. Handle these recovery tools carefully, and keep them in a safe place.
- HP Recovery Manager examines the computer and determines the required storage capacity for the flash drive or the number of blank DVD discs that will be required.

Use DVD-R, DVD+R, DVD-R DL, DVD+R DL discs or a flash drive. Do not use rewriteable discs such as CD ±RW, DVD±RW, double-layer DVD±RW, and BD-RE (rewritable Blu-ray) discs; they are not compatible with HP Recovery Manager software.

- If your computer does not include an integrated optical drive, you can use an optional external optical drive (purchased separately) to create recovery discs, or you can obtain recovery discs for your computer from the HP website. If you use an external optical drive, it must be connected directly to a USB port on the computer, not to a USB port on an external device, such as a USB hub.
- Be sure that the computer is connected to AC power before you begin creating the recovery media.
- The creation process can take up to an hour or more. Do not interrupt the creation process.
- Store the recovery media in a safe location, separate from the computer.
- If necessary, you can exit the program before you have finished creating the recovery media. The next time you open HP Recovery Manager, you will be prompted to continue the process.

Creating the recovery media

1. Select **Start** and type `recovery` in the search field. Select **HP Recovery Manager** from the list. Allow the action to continue, if prompted.
2. Click **Recovery Media Creation**.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions to continue.

To recover, see [Recovering the original system using HP Recovery Manager on page 51](#).

Creating system restore points

A system restore point is a snapshot of certain hard drive contents saved by Windows System Restore at a specific time. A restore point contains information such as registry settings that Windows uses. Restoring to a previous restore point allows you to reverse changes that have been made to the system since the restore point was created.

Restoring to an earlier system restore point does not affect data files saved or emails created since the last restore point, but it does affect software you may have installed.

For example, if you download a photo from a digital camera and then restore the computer to the state it was on the previous day, the photo remains on the computer.

However, if you install photo viewing software and then restore your computer to the state it was on the previous day, the software will be uninstalled, and you won't be able to use it.

What you need to know

- If you restore to a restore point and then change your mind, you can undo the restoration.
- You should create system restore points:
 - Before you add or change software or hardware
 - Periodically, whenever the computer is running normally
- System Restore also saves shadow copies of files that have been changed since the last restore point was created. For more information about using shadow copies to restore, see Help and Support.

Creating a system restore point

1. Select **Start > Control Panel > System and Security > System**.
2. In the left pane, click **System Protection**.
3. Click the **System Protection** tab.
4. Click **Create**, and follow the on-screen instructions.

To restore, see [Restoring to a previous system restore point on page 51](#).

Backing up system and personal information

Your computer stores information that is important to you, such as files, emails, and photos, and you will want to keep that information even if you download a virus or the system stops working properly. How completely you are able to recover your files depends on how recent your backup is. As you add new software and data files, you should create backups on a regular basis.

Tips for a successful backup

- Number backup discs before inserting them into the optical drive.
- Store personal files in the Documents, Music, Pictures, and Videos libraries, and back up these folders periodically.
- Save customized settings in a window, toolbar, or menu bar by taking a screen shot of your settings. The screen shot can be a time-saver if you have to re-enter your preferences.

To create a screen shot:

1. Display the screen you want to save.
2. Copy the screen image:
To copy only the active window, press **alt+prt sc**.
To copy the entire screen, press **prt sc**.
3. Open a word-processing document or graphics editing program, and then select **Edit > Paste**. The screen image is added to the document.
4. Save and print the document.

What you need to know

- You can back up your information to an optional external hard drive, a flash drive, a network drive, or discs.
- Connect the computer to AC power during backups.
- Allow enough time for the backup. Depending on files sizes, it may take more than an hour.
- Verify the amount of free space on your backup storage device before you back up.
- You should back up:
 - Before adding or changing software or hardware.
 - Before the computer is repaired or restored.
 - On a regular schedule to be sure you have recent copies of personal information.
 - After you add many files—for example, if you saved videos from a birthday party.
 - Before using antivirus software to remove a malicious program.
 - After adding information that is hard to replace, such as pictures, videos, music, project files, or data records.

Creating a backup using Windows Backup and Restore

Windows allows you to back up files using Windows Backup and Restore. You can select the level you want to back up, from individual folders to drives. The backups are compressed to save space. To back up:

1. Select **Start > Control Panel > System and Security > Backup and Restore**.
2. Follow the on-screen instructions to schedule and create a backup.



NOTE: Windows includes the User Account Control feature to improve the security of the computer. You may be prompted for your permission or password for tasks such as installing software, running utilities, or changing Windows settings. See Help and Support for more information.

To restore, see [Restoring specific files using Windows Backup and Restore on page 51](#).

Restore and recovery

Restoring to a previous system restore point

Sometimes installing a software program causes your computer or Windows to behave unpredictably. Usually uninstalling the software fixes the problems. If uninstalling does not fix the problems, you can restore the computer to a previous system restore point (created at an earlier date and time).

To restore to a previous system restore point, when the computer was running correctly:

1. Select **Start > Control Panel > System and Security > System**.
2. In the left pane, click **System Protection**.
3. Click the **System Protection** tab.
4. Click **System Restore**, and follow the on-screen instructions.

Restoring specific files

If files are accidentally deleted from the hard disk and they can no longer be restored from the Recycle Bin, or if files become corrupt, restoring specific files is useful. Restoring specific files is also useful if you ever choose to recover the original system using HP Recovery Manager. You can only restore specific files that you have backed up before.

Restoring specific files using Windows Backup and Restore

Windows allows you to restore files that were backed up using Windows Backup and Restore:

1. Select **Start > Control Panel > System and Security > Backup and Restore**.
2. Follow the on-screen instructions to restore your backup.



NOTE: Windows includes the User Account Control feature to improve the security of the computer. You may be prompted for your permission or password for tasks such as installing software, running utilities, or changing Windows settings. See Help and Support for more information.

Recovering the original system using HP Recovery Manager

HP Recovery Manager software allows you to repair or recover the computer to its original factory state.

What you need to know

- HP Recovery Manager recovers only software that was installed at the factory. For software not provided with this computer, you must either download the software from the manufacturer's website or reinstall the software from the disc provided by the manufacturer.
- A system recovery should be used as a final attempt to correct computer issues. If you have not already tried restore points (see [Restoring to a previous system restore point on page 51](#)) and partial restores (see [Restoring specific files on page 51](#)), try them before using HP Recovery Manager to recover your system.
- A system recovery must be performed if the computer hard drive fails or if all attempts to correct any functional computer issues fail.

- If the recovery media do not work, you can obtain recovery discs for your system from the HP website.
- The Minimized Image Recovery option is recommended for advanced users only. All hardware-related drivers and software are re-installed, but other software applications are not. Do not interrupt the process until it is complete, otherwise the recovery will fail.

Recovering using HP Recovery partition (select models only)

The HP Recovery partition (select models only), allows you to restore your system without the need for recovery discs or a recovery flash drive. This type of recovery can only be used if the hard drive is still working.

To check for the presence of a recovery partition, select **Start**, right-click **Computer** then select **Manage > Disk Management**. If the recovery partition is present, a Recovery drive is listed in the window.



NOTE: Recovery discs have been included if your computer did not ship with a recovery partition.

1. Access HP Recovery Manager in either of the following ways:
 - Select **Start** and type `recovery` in the search field. Select **HP Recovery Manager** from the list.
 - or –
 - Turn on or restart the computer, and then press `esc` while the “Press the ESC key for Startup Menu” message is displayed at the bottom of the screen. Then press `f11` while the “F11 (System Recovery)” message is displayed on the screen.
2. Click **System Recovery** in the **HP Recovery Manager** window.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions.

Recovering using the recovery media

1. If possible, back up all personal files.
2. Insert the first recovery disc into the optical drive on your computer or an optional external optical drive, and then restart the computer.

– or –

Insert the recovery flash drive into a USB port on your computer, and then restart the computer.



NOTE: If the computer does not automatically restart in HP Recovery Manager, change the computer boot order. See [Changing the computer boot order on page 52](#).

3. Press `f9` at system bootup.
4. Select the optical drive or the flash drive.
5. Follow the on-screen instructions.

Changing the computer boot order

To change the boot order for recovery discs:

1. Restart the computer.
2. Press `esc` while the computer is restarting, and then press `f9` for boot options.
3. Select **Internal CD/DVD ROM Drive** from the boot options window.

To change the boot order for a recovery flash drive:

1. Insert the flash drive into a USB port.
2. Restart the computer.
3. Press `esc` while the computer is restarting, and then press `f9` for boot options.
4. Select the flash drive from the boot options window.

10 Using Setup Utility (BIOS) and HP PC Hardware Diagnostics (UEFI)

Setup Utility, or Basic Input/Output System (BIOS), controls communication between all the input and output devices on the system (such as disk drives, display, keyboard, mouse, and printer). Setup Utility (BIOS) includes settings for the types of devices installed, the startup sequence of the computer, and the amount of system and extended memory.

Starting Setup Utility (BIOS)

- ▲ To start Setup Utility (BIOS), turn on or restart the computer, quickly press **esc**, and then press **f10**.



NOTE: Use extreme care when making changes in Setup Utility (BIOS). Errors can prevent the computer from operating properly.

Updating the BIOS

Updated versions of Setup Utility (BIOS) may be available on the HP website.

Most BIOS updates on the HP website are packaged in compressed files called *SoftPaqs*.

Some download packages contain a file named *Readme.txt*, which contains information regarding installing and troubleshooting the file.

Determining the BIOS version

To decide whether you need to update Setup Utility (BIOS), first determine the BIOS version on your computer.


BIOS version information (also known as *ROM date* and *System BIOS*) can be accessed by pressing **fn+esc** (if you are already in Windows) or by using Setup Utility (BIOS).

To use Setup Utility (BIOS):

1. Start Setup Utility (BIOS).
2. Use the arrow keys to select **Main**, and then make note of your current BIOS version.
3. To exit Setup Utility (BIOS) without saving your changes, use the tab key and the arrow keys to select **Exit > Exit Discarding Changes**, and then press **enter**.

To check for later BIOS versions, see [Downloading a BIOS update on page 55](#).

Downloading a BIOS update

 **CAUTION:** To reduce the risk of damage to the computer or an unsuccessful installation, download and install a BIOS update only when the computer is connected to reliable external power using the AC adapter. Do not download or install a BIOS update while the computer is running on battery power, docked in an optional docking device, or connected to an optional power source. During the download and installation, follow these instructions:


Do not disconnect power from the computer by unplugging the power cord from the AC outlet.

Do not shut down the computer or initiate Sleep or Hibernation.

Do not insert, remove, connect, or disconnect any device, cable, or cord.

1. Select **Start**, type `hp support assistant`, and then select the **HP Support Assistant** program.
2. Follow the on-screen instructions to identify your computer and access the BIOS update you want to download.
3. At the download area, follow these steps:
 - a. Identify the BIOS update that is later than the BIOS version currently installed on your computer. If the update is more recent than your BIOS version, make a note of the date, name, or other identifier. You may need this information to locate the update later, after it has been downloaded to your hard drive.
 - b. Follow the on-screen instructions to download your selection to the hard drive.

Make a note of the path to the location on your hard drive where the BIOS update is downloaded. You will need to access this path when you are ready to install the update.


 **NOTE:** If you connect your computer to a network, consult the network administrator before installing any software updates, especially system BIOS updates.

BIOS installation procedures vary. Follow any instructions that are displayed on the screen after the download is complete. If no instructions are displayed, follow these steps:

1. Open Windows Explorer by selecting **Start > Computer**.
2. Double-click your hard drive designation. The hard drive designation is typically Local Disk (C:).
3. Using the hard drive path you recorded earlier, open the folder that contains the update.
4. Double-click the file that has an .exe extension (for example, *filename.exe*).

The BIOS installation begins.

5. Complete the installation by following the on-screen instructions.

 **NOTE:** After a message on the screen reports a successful installation, you can delete the downloaded file from your hard drive.

Using HP PC Hardware Diagnostics (UEFI)

HP PC Hardware Diagnostics is a Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) that allows you to run diagnostic tests to determine whether the computer hardware is functioning properly. The tool runs outside the operating system so that it can isolate hardware failures from issues that are caused by the operating system or other software components.

To start HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI:

1. Turn on or restart the computer, quickly press [esc](#), and then press [f2](#).

The BIOS searches three places for the diagnostic tools, in the following order:

- a. Connected USB drive



NOTE: To download the HP PC Hardware Diagnostics (UEFI) tool to a USB drive, see [Downloading HP PC Hardware Diagnostics \(UEFI\) to a USB device on page 56](#).

- b. Hard drive
- c. Setup Utility (BIOS)

2. When the diagnostic tool opens, use the keyboard arrow keys to select the type of diagnostic test you want to run, and then follow the on-screen instructions.



NOTE: If you need to stop a diagnostic test, press [esc](#).

Downloading HP PC Hardware Diagnostics (UEFI) to a USB device

There are two options to download HP PC Hardware Diagnostics to a USB device.

Download the latest UEFI version:

1. Go to <http://www.hp.com/go/techcenter/pcdiags>. The HP PC Diagnostics home page is displayed.
2. In the HP PC Hardware Diagnostics section, click the **Download** link, and then select **Run**.

Download any version of UEFI for a specific product:

1. Go to <http://www.hp.com/support>, and then select your country. The HP Support page is displayed.
2. Click **Drivers & Downloads**.
3. In the text box, enter the product name, and then click **Go**.

– or –

Click **Find now** to let HP automatically detect your product.

4. Select your computer model, and then select your operating system.
5. In the **Diagnostic** section, follow the on-screen instructions to select and download the UEFI version you want.

11 Specifications


Input power


The power information in this section may be helpful if you plan to travel internationally with the computer.

The computer operates on DC power, which can be supplied by an AC or a DC power source. The AC power source must be rated at 100–240 V, 50–60 Hz. Although the computer can be powered from a standalone DC power source, it should be powered only with an AC adapter or a DC power source supplied and approved by HP for use with this computer.

The computer can operate on DC power within the following specifications.

Input Power	Rating
Operating voltage and current	19.5 V dc @ 3.33 A – 65 W

 **NOTE:** This product is designed for IT power systems in Norway with phase-to-phase voltage not exceeding 240 V rms.

 **NOTE:** The computer operating voltage and current can be found on the system regulatory label.

Operating environment

Factor	Metric	U.S.
Temperature		
Operating (writing to optical disc)	5°C to 35°C	41°F to 95°F
Nonoperating	-20°C to 60°C	-4°F to 140°F
Relative humidity (noncondensing)		
Operating	10% to 90%	10% to 90%
Nonoperating	5% to 95%	5% to 95%
Maximum altitude (unpressurized)		
Operating	-15 m to 3,048 m	-50 ft to 10,000 ft
Nonoperating	-15 m to 12,192 m	-50 ft to 40,000 ft

12 Electrostatic Discharge

Electrostatic discharge is the release of static electricity when two objects come into contact—for example, the shock you receive when you walk across the carpet and touch a metal door knob.

A discharge of static electricity from fingers or other electrostatic conductors may damage electronic components.

To prevent damage to the computer, damage to a drive, or loss of information, observe these precautions:


- If removal or installation instructions direct you to unplug the computer, first be sure that it is properly grounded.
- Keep components in their electrostatic-safe containers until you are ready to install them.
- Avoid touching pins, leads, and circuitry. Handle electronic components as little as possible.
- Use nonmagnetic tools.
- Before handling components, discharge static electricity by touching an unpainted metal surface.
- If you remove a component, place it in an electrostatic-safe container.

13 Accessibility

HP designs, produces, and markets products and services that can be used by everyone, including people with disabilities, either on a stand-alone basis or with appropriate assistive devices.


Supported assistive technologies

HP products support a wide variety of operating system assistive technologies and can be configured to work with additional assistive technologies. Use the Search feature on your device to locate more information about assistive features.

 **NOTE:** For additional information about a particular assistive technology product, contact customer support for that product.

Getting support for accessibility

We are constantly refining the accessibility of our products and services and welcome feedback from users. If you have an issue with a product or would like to tell us about accessibility features that have helped you, please contact us at +1 (888) 259-5707, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. North American Mountain Time. If you are deaf or hard-of-hearing and use TRS/VRS/WebCapTel, contact us if you require technical support or have accessibility questions by calling +1 (877) 656-7058, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. North American Mountain Time.

 **NOTE:** Support is in English only.

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