

Dell™ Inspiron™ 5160

Owner's Manual

Model PP08L

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Notes, Notices, and Cautions



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



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



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

Abbreviations and Acronyms

For a complete list of abbreviations and acronyms, see the *Dell Inspiron Help* file. To access the help file, see page 10.

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Finding Information

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Warranty information• Terms and conditions• Safety instructions• Regulatory information• Ergonomics information• End-user license agreement	<p data-bbox="721 743 1042 769">Dell™ Product Information Guide</p>  <p data-bbox="721 1090 1163 1142">NOTE: This document is available as a PDF at support.dell.com.</p>

What Are You Looking For?

- How to set up my computer

Find It Here
Setup Diagram


- Tips on using Microsoft® Windows®
- How to play CDs and DVDs
- How to use standby mode and hibernate mode
- How to change my display resolution
- How to clean my computer

The Dell Inspiron Help File

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Help and Support**.
- 2 Click **User and system guides** and click **User's guides**.
- 3 Click **Dell Inspiron Help**.

- Service Tag and Express Service Code
- Microsoft Windows License Label

Service Tag and Microsoft Windows License

These labels are located on the bottom of your computer.

- Use the Service Tag to identify your computer when you use support.dell.com or contact technical support.

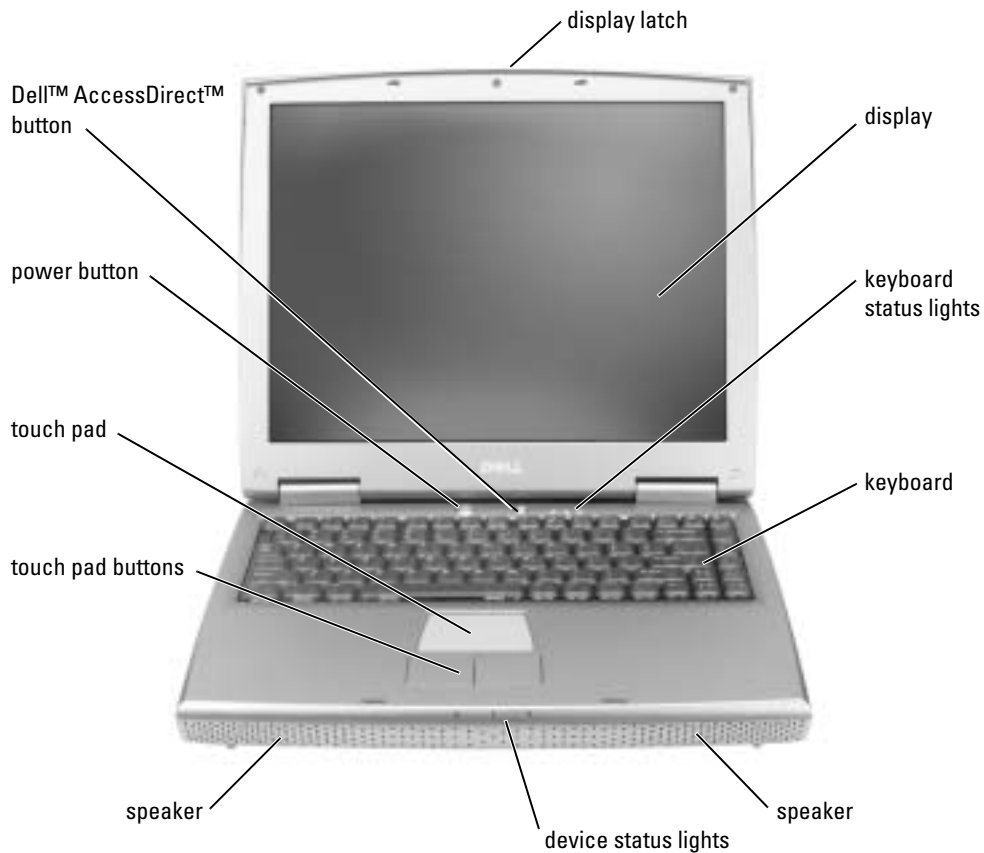


- Enter the Express Service Code to direct your call when contacting technical support. The Express Service Code is not available in all countries.

What Are You Looking For?	Find It Here
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest drivers for my computer • Answers to technical service and support questions • Online discussions with other users and technical support • Documentation for my computer 	<p data-bbox="725 239 1125 267">Dell Support Website — support.dell.com</p> <p data-bbox="725 274 1276 331">NOTE: Select your region to view the appropriate support site.</p> <p data-bbox="725 343 1268 401">The Dell Support website provides several online tools, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solutions — Troubleshooting hints and tips, articles from technicians, and online courses • Community — Online discussion with other Dell customers • Upgrades — Upgrade information for components, such as memory, the hard drive, and the operating system • Customer Care — Contact information, order status, warranty, and repair information • Downloads — Drivers, patches, and software updates • Reference — Computer documentation, product specifications, and white papers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to use Windows XP • Documentation for my computer • Documentation for devices (such as a modem) 	<p data-bbox="725 772 1058 800">Windows Help and Support Center</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Click the Start button and click Help and Support. 2 Type a word or phrase that describes your problem and click the arrow icon. 3 Click the topic that describes your problem. 4 Follow the instructions on the screen.

A Tour of Your Computer

Front View






DISPLAY LATCH — Keeps the display closed.

DISPLAY — For more information about your display, see "Using the Display" in the *Dell Inspiron Help* file. To access the help file, see page 10.

KEYBOARD STATUS LIGHTS



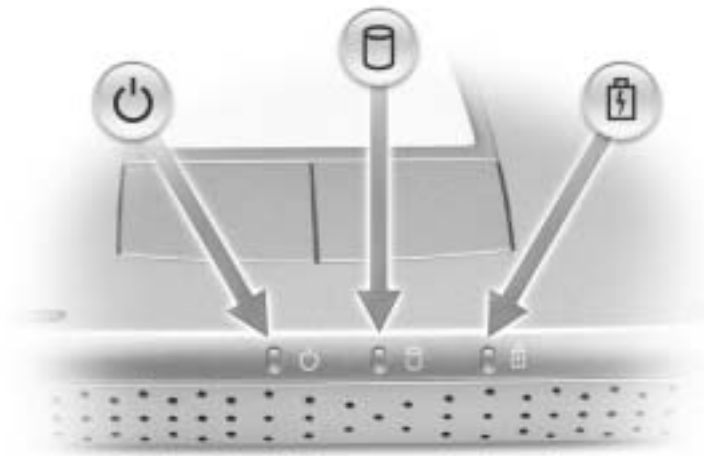
The green lights located above the keyboard indicate the following:


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-  Turns on when the numeric keypad is enabled.
 -  Turns on when Caps Lock is enabled.
 -  Turns on when the scroll lock function is enabled.
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KEYBOARD — The keyboard includes a numeric keypad as well as the Microsoft® Windows® logo key. For information on supported key combinations, see page 38.


SPEAKERS — To adjust the volume of the integrated speakers, use the key combinations (see page 38) for volume control.

DEVICE STATUS LIGHTS




 Turns on when you turn on the computer. Blinks or turns off in power management mode.

 Turns on when the computer reads or writes data.
NOTICE: To avoid loss of data, never turn off the computer while the  light is flashing.

 Blinks to indicate battery charge status.

If the computer is connected to an electrical outlet, the  light operates as follows:

- Solid green: The battery is charging.

If the computer is running on a battery, the  light operates as follows:

- Off: The battery is adequately charged (or the computer is turned off).
- Flashing orange: The battery charge is low.
- Solid orange: The battery charge is critically low.

TOUCH PAD BUTTONS — Touch pad buttons provide the functionality of a mouse. See page 40 for more information.

TOUCH PAD — The touch pad and touch pad buttons provide the functionality of a mouse. See page 40 for more information.

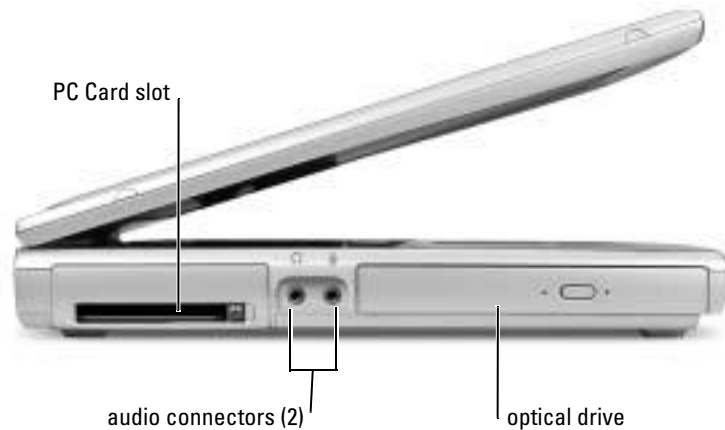
POWER BUTTON — Press the power button to turn on the computer or to enter or exit a power management mode. For more information, see "Power Management" in the *Dell Inspiron Help* file. To access the help file, see page 10.

 **NOTICE:** To avoid losing data, turn off your computer by performing a Windows shutdown rather than by pressing the power button (see "Turning Off Your Computer" on page 79).

If the computer stops responding, press and hold the power button until the computer turns off completely (which may take several seconds).

DELL™ ACCESSDIRECT™ BUTTON — Press this button to launch a frequently used program, such as support and educational tools. You can reprogram the button to launch a program of your choice. For more information, see page 37.


Left Side View




PC CARD SLOT — Supports one PC Card, such as a modem or network adapter. For more information, see "Using PC Cards" in the *Dell Inspiron Help* file. To access the help file, see page 10.

AUDIO CONNECTORS

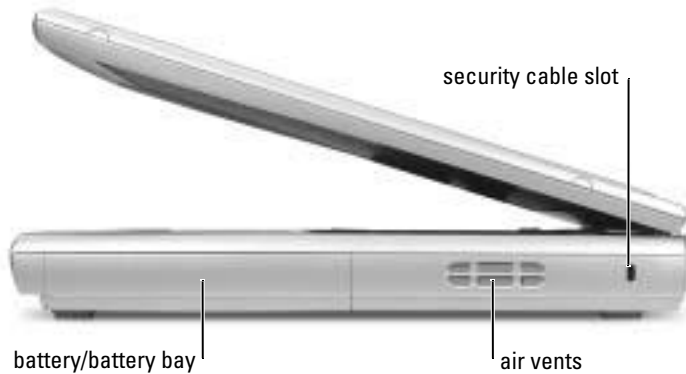


Attach headphones or speakers to the  connector.

Attach a microphone to the  connector.


OPTICAL DRIVE — Accommodates a DVD drive, a DVD/RW+R drive, or DVD/CD-RW combo drive.


Right Side View



BATTERY/BATTERY BAY — When a battery is installed, you can use the computer without connecting the computer to an electrical outlet. See page 27.

AIR VENTS — The computer uses an internal fan to create airflow through the vents, which prevents the computer from overheating.

 **CAUTION:** Do not block, push objects into, or allow dust to accumulate in the air vents. Do not store your computer in a low-airflow environment, such as a closed briefcase, while it is running. Restricting the airflow can damage the computer or cause a fire.

 **NOTE:** The fan runs constantly, and fan speed may vary depending on usage. Fan noise is normal and does not indicate a problem with the fan or the computer.

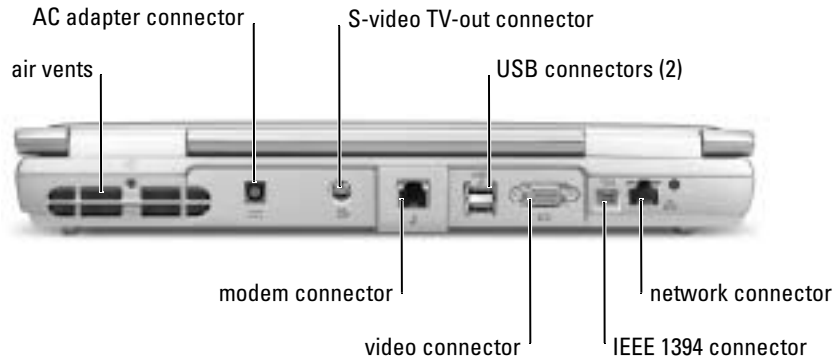
SECURITY CABLE SLOT — Lets you attach a commercially available antitheft device to the computer. For more information, see the instructions included with the device.

NOTICE: Before you buy an antitheft device, ensure that it will work with the security cable slot.




Back View

NOTE: The connector for your AC adapter on your computer may look different than the connector in the following graphic.




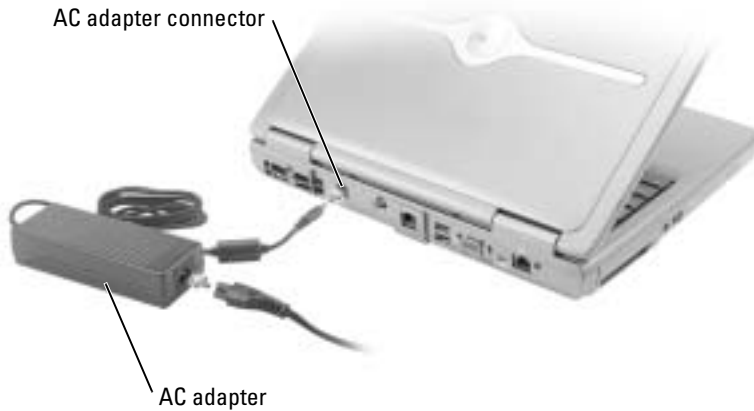
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AC ADAPTER CONNECTOR — Attach an AC adapter to the computer.


 **NOTE:** The AC adapter in the following graphic may not look exactly like the AC adapter that shipped with your computer.




 **NOTE:** Use only the AC adapter that came with your computer.

The AC adapter converts AC power to the DC power required by the computer. You can connect the AC adapter with your computer turned either on or off.

 **CAUTION:** The AC adapter works with electrical outlets worldwide. However, power connectors and power strips vary among countries. Using an incompatible cable or improperly connecting the cable to the power strip or electrical outlet may cause fire or equipment damage.

 **CAUTION:** Place the AC adapter in a ventilated area, such as a desk top or on the floor, when you use it to run the computer or to charge the battery. Do not cover the AC adapter with papers or other items that will reduce cooling; also, do not use the AC adapter inside a carrying case.

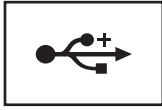
 **NOTE:** When you disconnect the AC adapter cable from the computer, grasp the connector, not the cable itself, and pull firmly but gently to avoid damaging the cable.

S-VIDEO TV-OUT CONNECTOR



Connects your computer to a TV. For more information, see page 33.

USB CONNECTORS



Connects USB devices, such as a mouse, keyboard, or printer.

VIDEO CONNECTOR



Connects an external monitor. For more information, see "Using the Display" in the *Dell Inspiron Help* file. To access the help file, see page 10.

IEEE 1394 CONNECTOR — Use to attach devices supporting IEEE 1394 high-speed transfer rates, such as some digital video cameras.

MODEM CONNECTOR

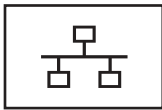


Connect the telephone line to the modem connector.
For information on using the modem, see the online modem documentation supplied with your computer.

NETWORK CONNECTOR



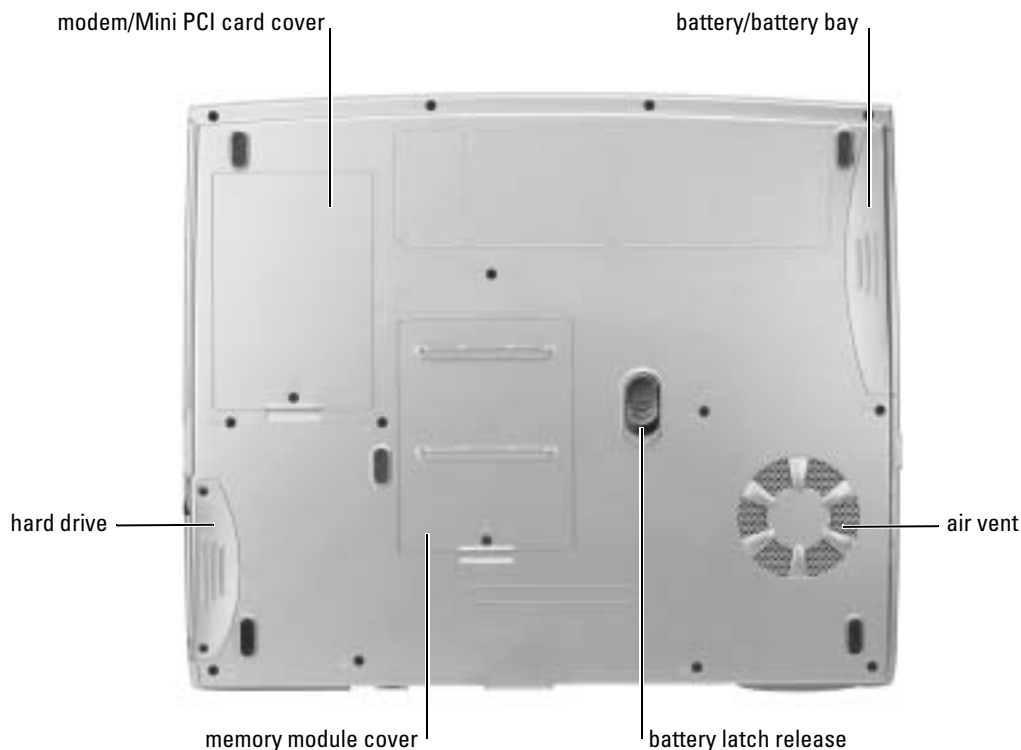
NOTICE: The network connector is slightly larger than the modem connector. To avoid damaging the computer, do not plug a telephone line into the network connector.



Connects the computer to a network. The lights next to the connector indicate activity for both wired and wireless network communications.

For information on using the network adapter, see the online network adapter documentation supplied with your computer.

Bottom View



MODEM/MINI PCI CARD COVER — Covers the compartment that contains the modem and Mini PCI card. See page 87.

BATTERY/BATTERY BAY — When a battery is installed, you can use the computer without connecting the computer to an electrical outlet. See page 27.

AIR VENTS — The computer uses an internal fan to create airflow through the vents, which prevents the computer from overheating.

CAUTION: Do not block, push objects into, or allow dust to accumulate in the air vents. Do not store your computer in a low-airflow environment, such as a closed briefcase, while it is running. Restricting the airflow can damage the computer or cause a fire.

NOTE: The fan runs constantly, and fan speed may vary depending on usage. Fan noise is normal and does not indicate a problem with the fan or the computer.


BATTERY LATCH RELEASE — Releases the battery. See page 27 for instructions.

MEMORY MODULE COVER — Covers the compartment that contains the memory module(s) and the optical drive release lever. See page 83 and page 89.

HARD DRIVE — Stores software and data.

Setting Up Your Computer

Connecting to the Internet

 **NOTE:** ISPs and ISP offerings vary by country.

To connect to the Internet, you need a modem or network connection and an Internet service provider (ISP), such as AOL or MSN. Your ISP will offer one or more of the following Internet connection options:

- Dial-up connections that provide Internet access through a telephone line. Dial-up connections are considerably slower than DSL and cable modem connections.
- DSL connections that provide high-speed Internet access through your existing telephone line. With a DSL connection, you can access the Internet and use your telephone on the same line simultaneously.
- Cable modem connections that provide high-speed Internet access through your local cable TV line.

If you are using a dial-up connection, connect a telephone line to the modem connector on your computer and to the telephone wall jack before you set up your Internet connection. If you are using a DSL or cable modem connection, contact your ISP for setup instructions.

Setting Up Your Internet Connection

To set up an AOL or MSN connection:

- 1 Save and close any open files, and exit any open programs.
- 2 Double-click the **MSN Explorer** or **AOL** icon on the Microsoft® Windows® desktop.
- 3 Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the setup.


If you do not have an **MSN Explorer** or **AOL** icon on your desktop or if you want to set up an Internet connection with a different ISP:

- 1 Save and close any open files, and exit any open programs.
- 2 Click the **Start** button and click **Internet Explorer**.
The **New Connection Wizard** appears.
- 3 Click **Connect to the Internet**.

- 4 In the next window, click the appropriate option:
 - If you do not have an ISP and want to select one, click **Choose from a list of Internet service providers (ISPs)**.
 - If you have already obtained setup information from your ISP but you did not receive a setup CD, click **Set up my connection manually**.
 - If you have a CD, click **Use the CD I got from an ISP**.

- 5 Click **Next**.

If you selected **Set up my connection manually**, continue to step 6. Otherwise, follow the instructions on the screen to complete the setup.


 **NOTE:** If you do not know which type of connection to select, contact your ISP.

- 6 Click the appropriate option under **How do you want to connect to the Internet?**, and then click **Next**.

- 7 Use the setup information provided by your ISP to complete the setup.

If you are having problems connecting to the Internet, see "E-mail, Modem, and Internet Problems" on page 59. If you cannot connect to the Internet but have successfully connected in the past, the ISP might have a service outage. Contact your ISP to check the service status, or try connecting again later.

Setting Up a Printer

 **NOTICE:** Complete the operating system setup before you connect a printer to the computer.


See the documentation that came with the printer for setup information, including how to:

- Obtain and install updated drivers.
- Connect the printer to the computer.
- Load paper and install the toner or ink cartridge.
- Contact the printer manufacturer for technical assistance.

Printer Cable

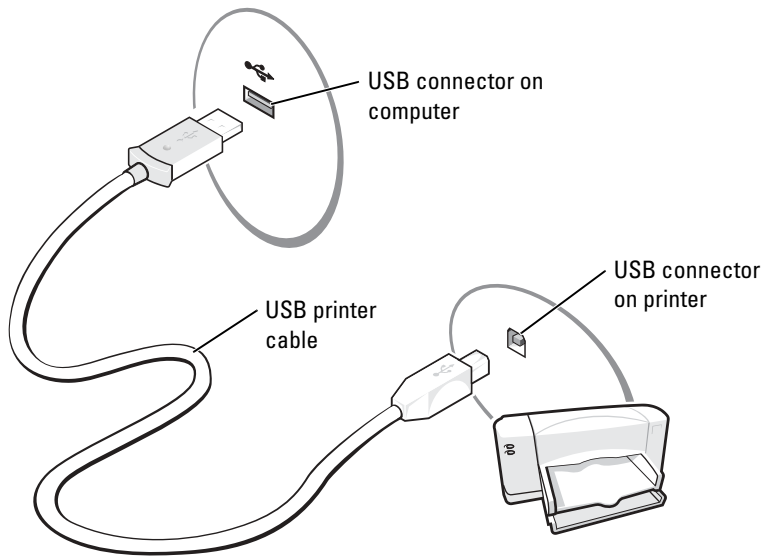
Your printer connects to your computer with a USB cable. Your printer may not come with a printer cable, so if you purchase a cable separately, ensure that it is compatible with your printer. If you purchased a printer cable at the same time you purchased your computer, the cable may arrive in the computer box.

Connecting a USB Printer

 **NOTE:** You can connect USB devices while the computer is turned on.

- 1 Complete the operating system setup if you have not already done so.
- 2 Install the printer driver if necessary. See the documentation that came with your printer.

- 3 Attach the USB printer cable to the USB connectors on the computer and the printer. The USB connectors fit only one way.



Power Protection Devices

Several devices are available to protect against power fluctuations and failures:

- Surge protectors
- Line conditioners
- Uninterruptible power supplies (UPS)


Surge Protectors

Surge protectors and power strips equipped with surge protection help to prevent damage to your computer from voltage spikes that can occur during electrical storms or following power interruptions. The level of protection is usually commensurate with the cost of the surge protector. Some surge protector manufacturers include warranty coverage for certain types of damage. Carefully read the device warranty when choosing a surge protector. A device with a higher joule rating offers more protection. Compare joule ratings to determine the relative effectiveness of different devices.




NOTICE: Most surge protectors do not protect against power fluctuations or power interruptions caused by nearby lightning strikes. When lightning occurs in your area, disconnect the telephone line from the telephone wall jack and disconnect your computer from the electrical outlet.

Many surge protectors have a telephone jack for modem protection. See the surge protector documentation for modem connection instructions.


 **NOTICE:** Not all surge protectors offer network adapter protection. Disconnect the network cable from the network wall jack during electrical storms.


Line Conditioners

 **NOTICE:** Line conditioners do not protect against power interruptions.

Line conditioners are designed to maintain AC voltage at a fairly constant level.

Uninterruptible Power Supplies

 **NOTICE:** Loss of power while data is being saved to the hard drive may result in data loss or file damage.


 **NOTE:** To ensure maximum battery operating time, connect only your computer to a UPS. Connect other devices, such as a printer, to a separate power strip that provides surge protection.

A UPS protects against power fluctuations and interruptions. UPS devices contain a battery that provides temporary power to connected devices when AC power is interrupted. The battery charges while AC power is available. See the UPS manufacturer documentation for information on battery operating time and to ensure that the device is approved by Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

Using a Battery


Battery Performance

 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions located in the *Product Information Guide*.

 **NOTE:** Batteries for portable computers are covered only during the initial 1-year period of the limited warranty for your computer. For more information about the Dell warranty for your computer, see the *Product Information Guide* or separate paper warranty document that shipped with your computer.


For optimal computer performance and to help preserve BIOS settings, operate your Dell™ portable computer with the main battery installed at all times. Use a battery to run the computer when it is not connected to an electrical outlet. One battery is supplied as standard equipment in the battery bay.

Battery operating time varies depending on operating conditions.


 **NOTE:** Battery operating time (the time the battery can hold a charge) decreases over time. Depending on how often the battery is used and the conditions under which it is used, you may need to purchase a new battery during the life of your computer.

Operating time is significantly reduced when you perform operations including, but not limited to, the following:


- Using DVD, DVD-R, and CD-RW drives
- Using wireless communications devices, PC Cards, or USB devices
- Using high-brightness display settings, 3D screen savers, or other power-intensive programs such as 3D games
- Running the computer in maximum performance mode. See "Power Management" in the *Dell Inspiron Help* file for more information. To access the help file, see page 10.

 **NOTE:** It is recommended that you connect your computer to an electrical outlet when writing to a CD or DVD.


You can check the battery charge before you insert the battery into the computer. You can also set power management options to alert you when the battery charge is low.

 **CAUTION:** Using an incompatible battery may increase the risk of fire or explosion. Replace the battery only with a compatible battery purchased from Dell. The lithium-ion battery is designed to work with your Dell computer. Do not use a battery from other computers with your computer.


 **CAUTION:** Do not dispose of batteries with household waste. When your battery no longer holds a charge, call your local waste disposal or environmental agency for advice on disposing of a lithium-ion battery. See "Battery Disposal" in the *Product Information Guide*.

 **CAUTION:** Misuse of the battery may increase the risk of fire or chemical burn. Do not puncture, incinerate, disassemble, or expose the battery to temperatures above 65°C (149°F). Keep the battery away from children. Handle damaged or leaking batteries with extreme care. Damaged batteries may leak and cause personal injury or equipment damage.

Checking the Battery Charge


The Microsoft® Windows® power meter window and  icon, the battery charge gauge, and the low-battery warning provide information on the battery charge.

Microsoft Windows Power Meter

The Windows Power Meter indicates the remaining battery charge. To check the Power Meter, double-click the  icon on the taskbar. For more information about the **Power Meter** tab, see "Power Management" in the *Dell Inspiron Help* file. To access help, see page 10.


If the computer is connected to an electrical outlet, a  icon appears.

Low-Battery Warning

 **NOTICE:** To avoid losing or corrupting data, save your work immediately after a low-battery warning. Then connect the computer to an electrical outlet. If the battery runs completely out of power, hibernate mode begins automatically.


A pop-up window warns you when the battery charge is approximately 90 percent depleted. For more information about low-battery alarms, see "Power Management" in the *Dell Inspiron Help* file. To access the help file, see page 10.

Charging the Battery

 **NOTE:** The AC adapter charges a completely discharged battery in approximately 3 hours with the computer turned off. Charge time is significantly longer if the computer is on and running at high processor speeds and system activity levels. Running the computer at high system activity levels for extended periods of time may prevent the battery from charging.


When you connect the computer to an electrical outlet or install a battery while the computer is connected to an electrical outlet, the computer checks the battery charge and temperature. If necessary, the AC adapter then charges the battery and maintains the battery charge.

If the battery is hot from being used in your computer or being in a hot environment, the battery may not charge when you connect the computer to an electrical outlet.

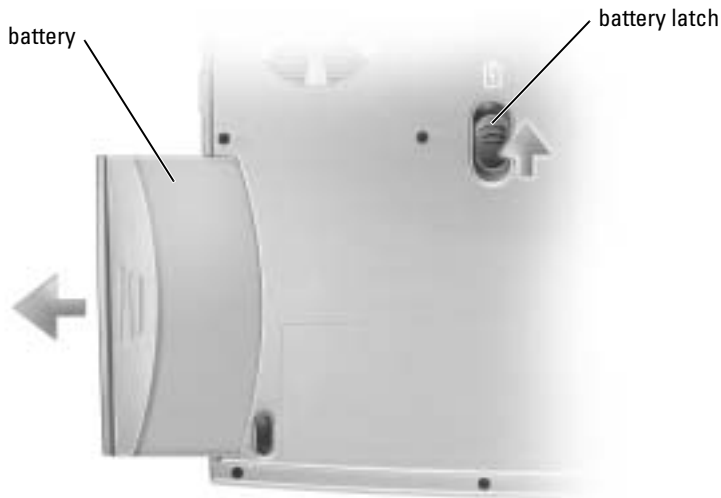
The battery is too hot to start charging if the  light flashes alternately green and orange. Disconnect the computer from the electrical outlet and allow the computer and the battery to cool to room temperature. Then connect the computer to an electrical outlet to continue charging the battery.

For more information about resolving problems with a battery, see "Power Problems" on page 67.

Removing a Battery

 **CAUTION:** Before performing these procedures, disconnect the modem from the telephone wall jack.

- 1 Ensure that the computer is turned off or connected to an electrical outlet.
- 2 Slide and hold the battery latch.



- 3 Remove the battery.

Installing a Battery

Slide the battery into the bay until the latch clicks.

Storing a Battery

Remove the battery when you store your computer for an extended period of time. A battery discharges during prolonged storage. After a long storage period, recharge the battery fully before you use it.

Using CDs, DVDs, and other Multimedia

Using CDs and DVDs

For information about using CDs and DVDs in your computer, see the *Dell™ Inspiron™ Help* file. To access the help file, see page 10.


Copying CDs and DVDs

 **NOTE:** Ensure that you follow all copyright laws when you create CDs or DVDs.

This section applies only to computers that have a DVD+RW/DVD+R or DVD/CD-RW combo drive.

The following instructions show how to make an exact copy of a optical drive. You can also use Sonic RecordNow for other purposes, including creating CDs from audio files on your computer and creating MP3 CDs. For instructions, see the Sonic RecordNow documentation that came with your computer. Open Sonic RecordNow, click the question mark icon in the upper-right corner of the window, and then click **RecordNow Help** or **RecordNow Tutorial**.

How to Copy a CD or DVD

 **NOTE:** If you have a DVD/CD-RW combo drive or DVD+RW/+R drive and you experience recording problems, check for available software patches at the Sonic support website at support.sonic.com.

Currently, five DVD-writable disc formats are available: DVD+R, DVD+RW, DVD-R, DVD-RW, and DVD-RAM. The DVD-writable drives installed in Dell™ computers can write to DVD+R and DVD+RW media, and can read DVD-R and DVD-RW media. However, DVD-writable drives do not write to and might not read DVD-RAM media. In addition, commercially available DVD players for home theater systems might not read all five formats.

 **NOTE:** Most commercial DVDs have copyright protection and cannot be copied using Sonic RecordNow.

- 1 Click the **Start** button, point to **All Programs**→ **Sonic**→ **RecordNow!**, and then click **RecordNow!**
- 2 Click either the audio tab or the data tab, depending on the kind of CD or DVD you want to copy.
- 3 Click **Exact Copy**.

4 To copy the CD or DVD:

- Ensure that the settings are correct and click **Copy**. The computer reads your source CD or DVD and copies it to a temporary folder on your computer hard drive.

When prompted, insert a blank CD or DVD into the CD or DVD drive and click **OK**.

- The computer copies the data on the CD or DVD to the blank CD or DVD.

Once you have finished copying the source CD or DVD, the CD or DVD that you have created automatically ejects.

Using Blank CD-Rs and CD-RWs

Your CD-RW drive can write to two different types of recording media—CD-Rs and CD-RWs (including high-speed CD-RWs). Use blank CD-Rs to record music or permanently store data files. After creating a CD-R, you cannot write to that CD-R again without changing your method of recording (see the Sonic documentation for more information). Use blank CD-RWs to write to CDs or to erase, rewrite, or update data on CDs.

Your DVD-writable drive can write to four different types of recording media—CD-Rs, CD-RWs (including high-speed CD-RWs), DVD+Rs, and DVD+RWs. Blank DVD+Rs can be used to permanently store large amounts of information. After you create a DVD+R disc, you may not be able to write to that disc again if the disc is "finalized" or "closed" during the final stage of the disc creation process. Use blank DVD+RWs if you plan to erase, rewrite, or update information on that disc later.

Helpful Tips

- Use Microsoft® Windows® Explorer to drag and drop files to a CD-R or CD-RW only after you start Sonic RecordNow and open a RecordNow project.
- You must use CD-Rs to burn music CDs that you want to play in regular stereos. CD-RWs do not play in most home or car stereos.
- You cannot create audio DVDs with Sonic RecordNow.
- Music MP3 files can be played only on MP3 players or on computers that have MP3 software installed.
- Do not burn a blank CD-R or CD-RW to its maximum capacity; for example, do not copy a 650-MB file to a 650-MB blank CD. The CD-RW drive needs 1 or 2 MB of the blank CD to finalize the recording.
- Use a blank CD-RW to practice CD recording until you are familiar with CD recording techniques. If you make a mistake, you can erase the data on the CD-RW and try again. You can also use blank CD-RWs to test music file projects before you record the project permanently to a blank CD-R.
- See the Sonic support website at support.sonic.com for additional information.

Connecting Your Computer to a TV or Audio Device

NOTE: Video and audio cables for connecting your computer to a TV or other audio device are not included with your computer. Cables may be purchased at most consumer electronics stores. The composite TV-out adapter cable is available for purchase from Dell.

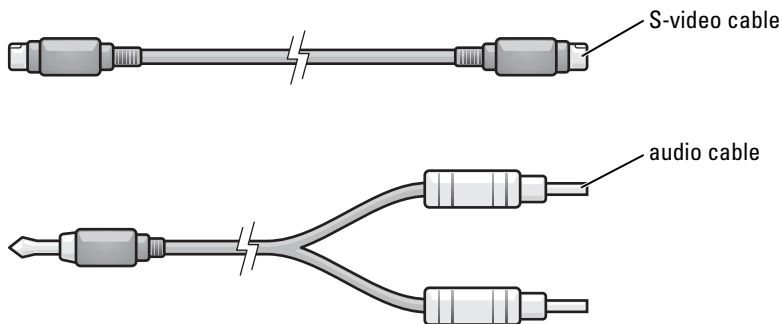
Your TV has either an S-video input connector or a composite video-input connector. Depending on what type of connector is available on your TV, you can use a commercially available S-video cable or composite video cable to connect your computer to your TV. For a TV with only a composite video-input connector, you must also use a composite TV-out adapter cable, which is available from Dell.

The audio connector on the side of the computer enables you to connect the computer to your TV or audio device, using a commercially available audio cable.

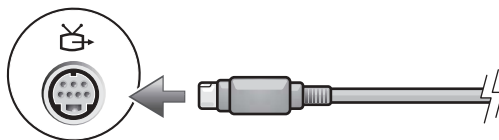
NOTE: See the diagrams at the beginning of each subsection to help you determine which method of connection you should use.

When you finish connecting the video and audio cables between your computer and your TV, you must enable your computer to work with the TV. See "Enabling the Display Settings for a TV" on page 36 to ensure that the computer recognizes and works properly with the TV.

S-Video Connection

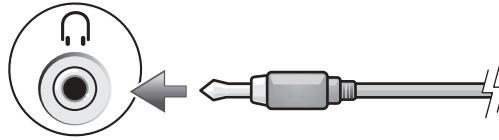


- 1 Turn off the computer and the TV and/or audio device that you want to connect.
- 2 Plug one end of the S-video cable in to the S-video TV-out connector on the computer.



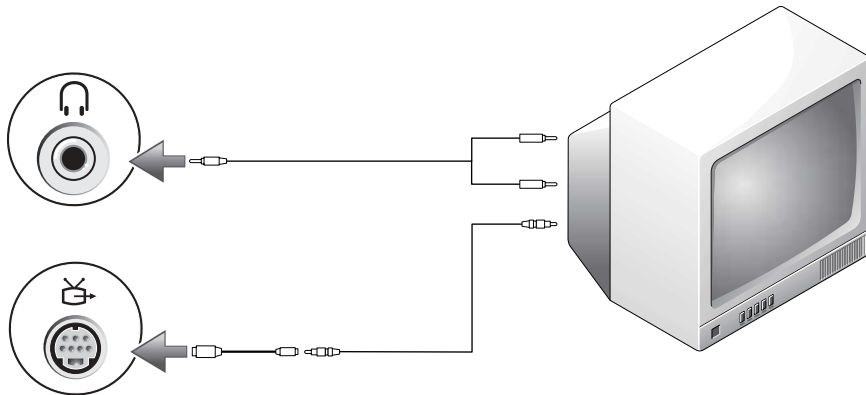
- 3 Plug the other end of the S-video cable in to the S-video input connector on your TV.

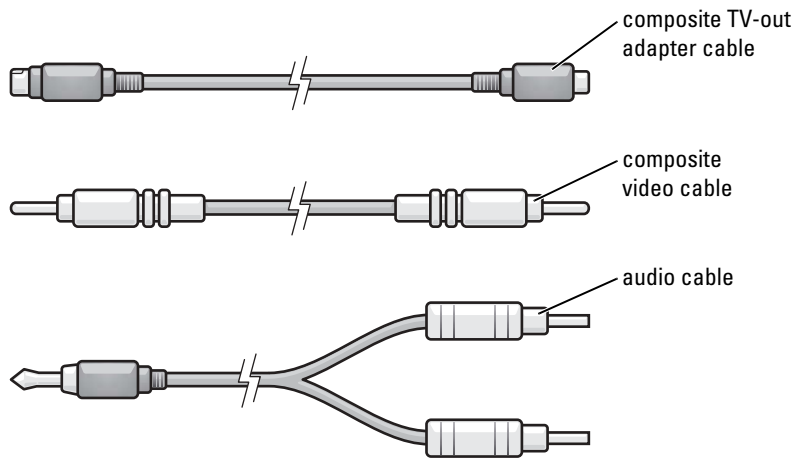
- 4 Plug the single-connector end of the audio cable in to the headphone connector on your computer.



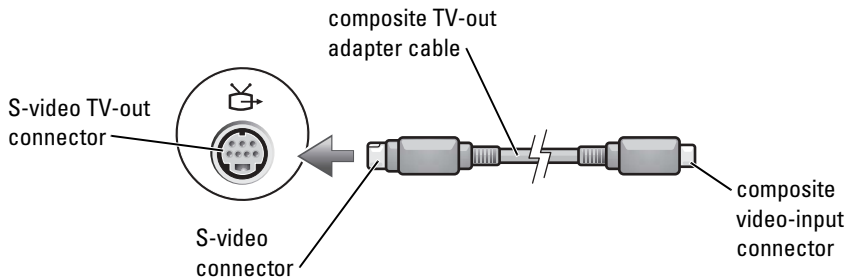
- 5 Plug the two RCA connectors on the other end of the audio cable in to the audio input connectors on your TV or other audio device.
- 6 Turn on the TV, turn on any audio device that you connected (if applicable), and then turn on the computer.
- 7 See "Enabling the Display Settings for a TV" on page 36 to ensure that the computer recognizes and works properly with the TV.

Composite Video Connection





- 1 Turn off the computer and the TV and/or audio device that you want to connect.
- 2 Connect the composite TV-out adapter cable to the S-video TV-out connector on the computer.

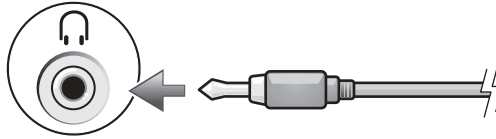


- 3 Plug one end of the composite video cable in to the composite video-input connector on the composite TV-out adapter cable.



- 4 Plug the other end of the composite video cable in to the composite video-input connector on the TV.


- 5 Plug the single-connector end of the audio cable in to the headphone connector on the computer.



- 6 Plug the two RCA connectors on the other end of the audio cable in to the audio input connectors on your TV or other audio device.
- 7 Turn on the TV and any audio device that you connected (if applicable), and then turn on the computer.
- 8 See "Enabling the Display Settings for a TV" on page 36 to ensure that the computer recognizes and works properly with the TV.

Enabling the Display Settings for a TV

NVIDIA Video-Controller Card

 **NOTE:** Ensure that you properly connect the TV before you enable the display settings.

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Under or pick a **Control Panel** icon, click **Display**.
- 3 Click the **Settings** tab and click **Advanced**.
- 4 Click the **Nvidia GeForce** tab.
- 5 On the left side of the menu, click **nView Display Mode**.
- 6 Click **Clone** to enable the television.
- 7 Click **Apply**.
- 8 Click **OK** to confirm the settings change.
- 9 Click **Yes** to keep the new settings.
- 10 Click **OK**.

Using the Keyboard and Touch Pad

Dell™ AccessDirect™ Buttons

Press this button to launch a frequently used program, such as support and educational tools or your default Internet browser.

Button Functions

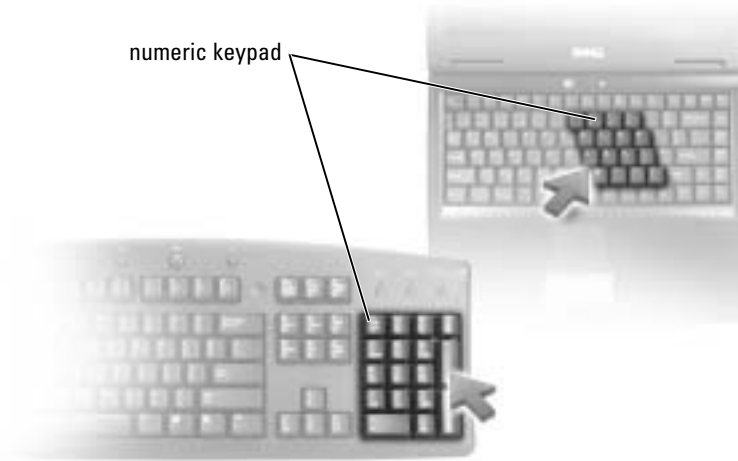
- 1 Provides access to support and educational tools that Dell installed on your computer.
- 2 Launches your default Internet browser.
- 3 Launches www.dell.com; is reprogrammable to launch a program of your choice.
- 4 Opens your default e-mail program; is reprogrammable to launch a program of your choice.

Reprogramming the Buttons


To change the reprogrammable button settings, to find information on using the buttons, or to change the button scheme to control CD or DVD player functions:

- 1 Open the Control Panel and double-click the **Keyboard** icon.
- 2 Click the **AccessDirect** tab.
- 3 Click the **Help** button and follow the instructions on the screen.

Numeric Keypad



The numeric keypad functions like the numeric keypad on an external keyboard. Each key on the keypad has multiple functions. The keypad numbers and symbols are marked in blue on the right of the keypad keys. To type a number or symbol, hold down <Fn> and press the desired key.

- To enable the keypad, press <Num Lk>. The  light indicates that the keypad is active.
- To disable the keypad, press <Num Lk> again.

Key Combinations

System Functions

<Ctrl><Shift><Esc>	Opens the Task Manager window
<Fn><F11>	Enables and disables the numeric keypad
<Fn><F12>	Enables and disables the scroll lock

Display Functions

<Fn><F8>	Switches the video image to the next display option. The options include the integrated display, an external monitor, and both displays simultaneously.
<Fn> and up-arrow key	Increases brightness on the integrated display only (not on an external monitor).

<Fn> and down-arrow key	Decreases brightness on the integrated display only (not on an external monitor).
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Power Management

<Fn><Esc>	Activates a power management mode. You can reprogram this keyboard shortcut to activate a different power management mode using the Advanced tab in the Power Options Properties window in the <i>Dell Inspiron Help</i> file for more information. To access the help file, see page 10.
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Speaker Functions

<Fn><Page Up>	Increases the volume of the integrated speakers and external speakers, if attached
<Fn><Page Dn>	Decreases the volume of the integrated speakers and external speakers, if attached
<Fn><End>	Enables and disables the integrated speakers and external speakers, if attached

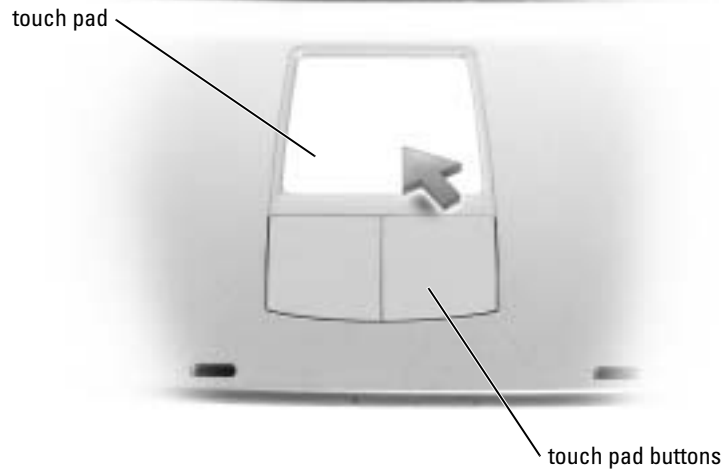
Microsoft® Windows® Logo Key Functions

Windows logo key and <m>	Minimizes all open windows
Windows logo key and <Shift><m>	Maximizes all windows
Windows logo key and <e>	Runs Windows Explorer
Windows logo key and <r>	Opens the Run dialog box
Windows logo key and <f>	Opens the Search Results dialog box
Windows logo key and <Ctrl><f>	Opens the Search Results-Computer dialog box (if the computer is connected to a network)
Windows logo key and <Pause>	Opens the System Properties dialog box

To adjust keyboard operation, such as the character repeat rate, open the Control Panel, click **Printers and Other Hardware**, and then click **Keyboard**.

Touch Pad

The touch pad detects the pressure and movement of your finger to allow you to move the cursor on the display. Use the touch pad and touch pad buttons as you would use a mouse.



- To move the cursor, lightly slide your finger over the touch pad.
- To select an object, lightly tap once on the surface of the touch pad or use your thumb to press the left touch-pad button.
- To select and move (or drag) an object, position the cursor on the object and tap down-up-down on the touch pad. On the second down motion, leave your finger on the touch pad and move the selected object by sliding your finger over the surface.
- To double-click an object, position the cursor on the object and tap twice on the touch pad or use your thumb to press the left touch-pad button twice.

Customizing the Touch Pad


You can use the **Mouse Properties** window to disable the touch pad or adjust its settings.

- 1 Open the Control Panel, click **Printers and Other Hardware**, and then click **Mouse**.
- 2 In the **Mouse Properties** window:
 - Click the **Device Select** tab to disable the touch pad.
 - Click the **Pointer** tab to adjust touch pad settings.
- 3 Click **OK** to save the settings and close the window.

Using PC Cards

PC Card Types

See "PC Card" on page 93 for information on supported PC Cards.

 **NOTE:** A PC Card is not a bootable device.

The PC Card slot has one connector that supports a single Type I or Type II card.

The PC Card slot supports CardBus technology and extended PC Cards. "Type" of card refers to its thickness, not its functionality.

PC Card Blanks

Your computer shipped with a plastic blank installed in the PC Card slot. Blanks protect unused slots from dust and other particles. Save the blank for use when no PC Card is installed in the slot; blanks from other computers may not fit your computer.



To remove the blank, see "Removing a PC Card or Blank" on page 41.

Extended PC Cards

An extended PC Card (for example, a wireless network adapter) is longer than a standard PC Card and extends outside the computer. Follow these precautions when using extended PC Cards:

- Protect the exposed end of an installed card. Striking the end of the card can damage the system board.
- Always remove an extended PC Card before you pack the computer in its carrying case.

Removing a PC Card or Blank

 **NOTICE:** Use the PC Card configuration utility (click the  icon in the taskbar) to select a card and stop it from functioning before you remove it from the computer. If you do not stop the card in the configuration utility, you could lose data. Do not attempt to eject a card by pulling its cable, if one is attached.

 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions located in the *Product Information Guide*.

- 1 Press in on the latch.

For some latches, you must press the latch twice: once to pop the latch out, and then a second time to pop the card out.



- 2 Remove the card or blank.



- 3 Save a blank to use when no PC Card is installed in a slot. Blanks protect unused slots from dust and other particles.

Installing a PC Card

You can install a PC Card in the computer while the computer is running. The computer automatically detects the card.

PC Cards are generally marked with a symbol (such as a triangle or an arrow) to indicate which end to insert into the slot. The cards are keyed to prevent incorrect insertion. If card orientation is not clear, see the documentation that came with the card.

 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions located in the *Product Information Guide*.

To install a PC Card:

- 1 Hold the card with its orientation symbol pointing into the slot and the top side of the card facing up. The latch may need to be in the "in" position before you insert the card.
- 2 Slide the card into the slot until the card is completely seated in its connector.
If you encounter too much resistance, do not force the card. Check the card orientation and try again.



The computer recognizes most PC Cards and automatically loads the appropriate device driver. If the configuration program tells you to load the manufacturer's drivers, use the floppy disk or CD that came with the PC Card.


Setting Up a Home and Office Network

Connecting to a Network Adapter


Before you connect your computer to a network, the computer must have a network adapter installed and a network cable connected to it.

To connect a network cable:

- 1 Connect the network cable to the network adapter connector on the back of your computer.

 **NOTE:** Insert the cable until it clicks into place, and then gently pull it to ensure that it is secure.

- 2 Connect the other end of the network cable to a network connection device, such as a network wall jack.

 **NOTE:** Do not use a network cable with a telephone wall jack.



Network Setup Wizard


The Microsoft® Windows® XP operating system provides a Network Setup Wizard to guide you through the process of sharing files, printers, or an Internet connection between computers in a home or small office.

- 1 Click the **Start** button, point to **All Programs**→**Accessories**→**Communications**, and then click **Network Setup Wizard**.
- 2 On the welcome screen, click **Next**.
- 3 Click **Checklist for creating a network**.

 **NOTE:** Selecting the connection method labeled "This computer connects directly to the Internet" enables the integrated firewall provided with Windows XP.

- 4 Complete the checklist and required preparations.
- 5 Return to the Network Setup Wizard and follow the instructions on the screen.

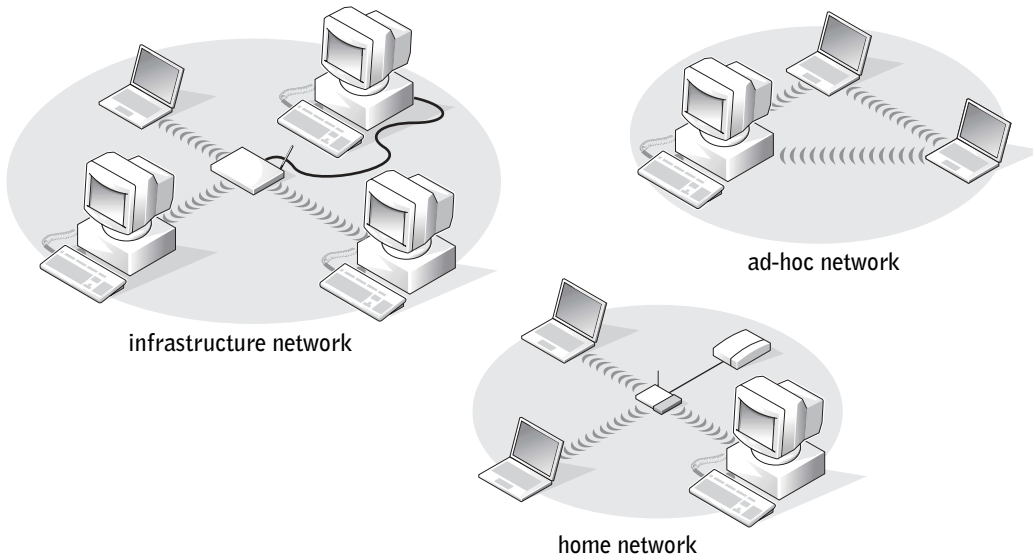
Connecting to a Wireless Local Area Network

 **NOTE:** These networking instructions do not apply to cards with Bluetooth® wireless technology or cellular products.

Determining Your Network Type

 **NOTE:** Most wireless networks are of the infrastructure type.

Wireless networks fall into three categories—infrastructure networks, ad-hoc networks, and home networks. An infrastructure network uses routers or access points to connect several computers. An ad-hoc network does not use routers or access points and consists of computers that broadcast to one another. A home network typically employs high-speed Internet access such as DSL or cable, and an access point or router. For more information on the type of network you have, go to support.dell.com and search for Knowledge Base articles on wireless networking.




Connecting to a Wireless Network in Microsoft Windows XP

Your wireless network card requires specific software and drivers in order to connect to a network. The software is already installed. If the software is removed or corrupted, follow the instructions included in the user's guide for your wireless network card. The user's guide is located on the Dell Support website at support.dell.com.

- 1 Click the **Start** button, click **Control Panel**, and then click **Switch to Classic View**.
- 2 Double-click **Network Connections**.
- 3 Click **Wireless Network Connection**.
The **Wireless Network Connection** icon is highlighted.
- 4 Under **Network Tasks** in the left-hand pane, click **Change settings of this connection**.
The **Wireless Network Connection Properties** window appears.

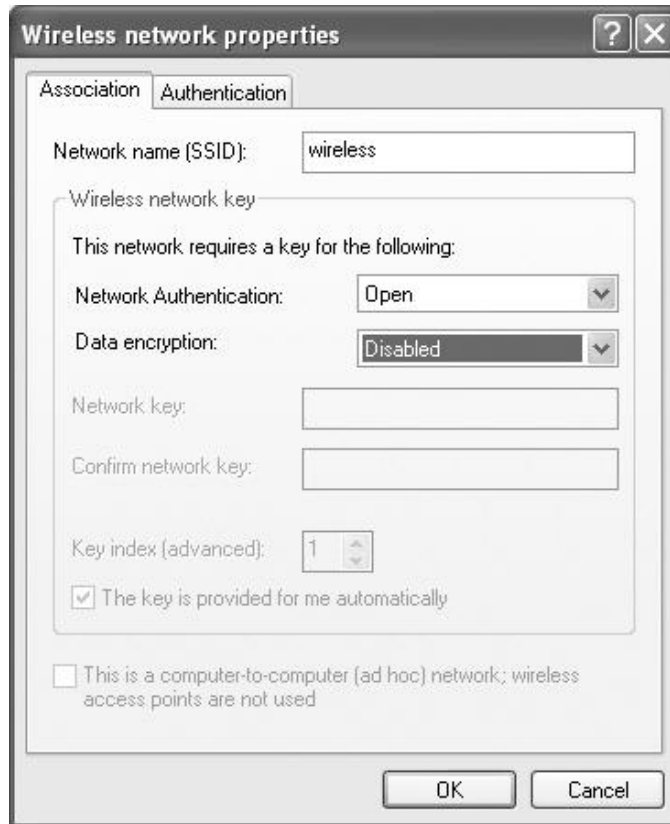
5 Click the Wireless Networks tab.

 **NOTE:** The names of wireless networks that your computer can detect are listed under Available Networks.



6 Click Add.

The **Wireless network properties** window appears.



NOTE: If you are using a WPA-protected network, and the **Association** tab does not give you the option to select WPA, download the WPA wireless security update from the Microsoft support site.

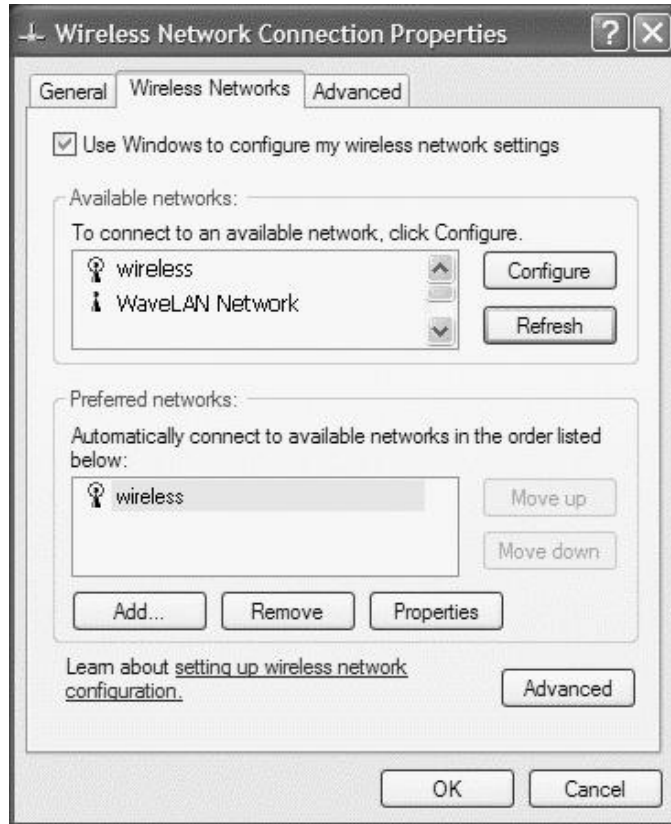
7 Enter the name of your network in the **Network name (SSID)** field.

8 *If you do not need to configure security settings, go to step 9.*

If you choose to configure security settings (optional), go to "Configuring Security Settings (Optional)" on page 50.

9 Click **OK**.


Your new network name appears in the **Preferred networks** field, and your network setup is complete.



Configuring Security Settings (Optional)

Choose one of the following connection options based on the security settings for your network:

- Connecting to a Network with Wired Equivalent Protocol (WEP) Security Requirements
- Connecting to a Network with Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA) Security Requirements

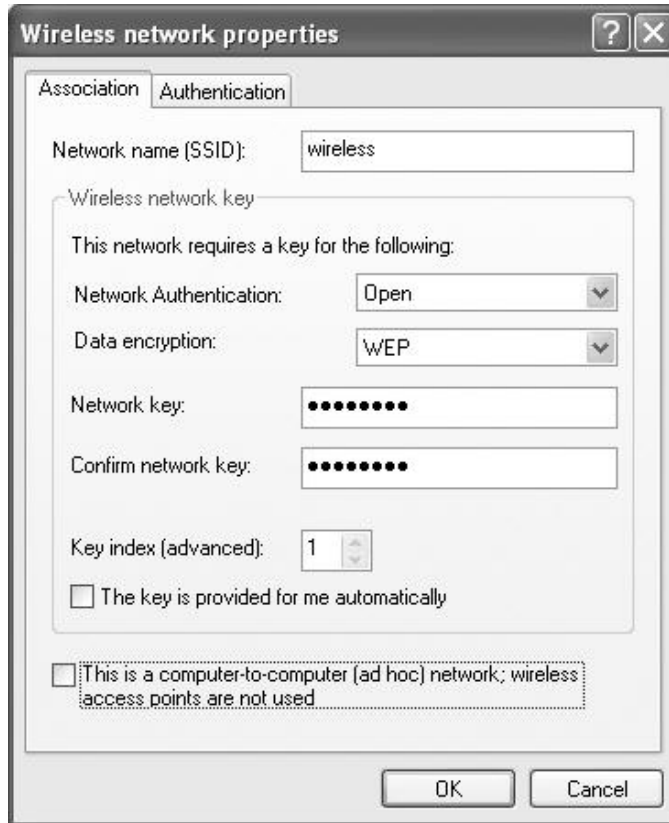
 **NOTE:** Network security settings are unique to your network. Dell cannot provide this information.


Connecting to a Network With Wired Equivalent Protocol (WEP) Security Requirements

- 1 In the **Preferred networks** field, click the name of your wireless network.
- 2 Click **Properties**.

- 3 From the **Network Authentication** drop-down menu, select **Open**.

Earlier versions of Dell wireless network software may not contain the drop-down menu. If you are using an earlier version, click to check the **Data encryption (WEP enabled)** check box and go to step 5.




- 4 From the **Data encryption** drop-down menu, select **WEP**.
 - 5 If the wireless network does not require a network key, such as a password, go to step 9.
 - 6 Click to uncheck the **The key is provided for me automatically** check box.
 - 7 Enter the WEP network key in the **Network key** field.
 - 8 Enter the WEP network key again in the **Confirm network key** field.
-  **NOTE:** Your computer can take up to 1 minute to connect to the network.
- 9 Click **OK**.

Your network setup is complete.

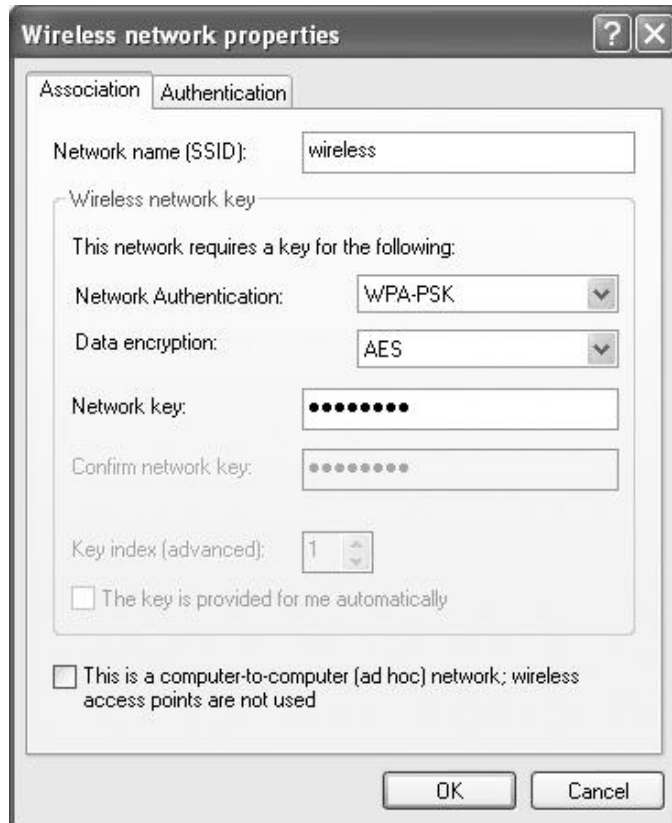
Connecting to a Network With Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA) Security Requirements

The following instructions are basic steps for connecting to a WPA network. If your network requires a user name, password, or domain settings, consult the setup instructions in the user's guide for your wireless network card.

 **NOTE:** WPA protocols require that you know the network authentication and data encryption settings for your wireless network. In addition, your WPA-protected network may require special settings such as a network key, user name, password, and domain name.

- 1 In the **Preferred networks** field, click the name of your wireless network.
- 2 Click **Properties**.
- 3 From the **Network Authentication** drop-down menu, select your network authentication type.

If you are using a WPA-protected network, and the **Association** tab does not give you the option to select WPA, download the WPA wireless security update from the Microsoft support site.



4 From the **Data encryption** drop-down menu, select your data encryption type.

5 If your wireless network requires a key, enter it in the **Network key** field.



NOTE: Your computer can take up to 1 minute to connect to the network.

6 Click **OK**.

Your network setup is complete.


Solving Problems

Dell Diagnostics

 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions located in the *Product Information Guide*.


When to Use the Dell Diagnostics

If you experience a problem with your computer, perform the checks in this chapter and run the Dell Diagnostics before you contact Dell for technical assistance.


 **NOTICE:** The Dell Diagnostics works only on Dell™ computers.

Starting the Dell Diagnostics

The Dell Diagnostics is located on a hidden diagnostic utility partition on your hard drive.

 **NOTE:** If your computer cannot display a screen image, contact Dell (see page 101).

- 1 Shut down the computer (see page 79).
- 2 Connect the computer to an electrical outlet.
- 3 Turn on the computer. When the DELL™ logo appears, press <F12> immediately.

 **NOTE:** If you cannot see anything on your display, hold down the mute button and press the computer's power button to begin the Dell Diagnostics. The computer automatically runs the Pre-boot System Assessment.

If you wait too long and the operating system logo appears, continue to wait until you see the Microsoft® Windows® desktop. Then shut down your computer (see page 79) and try again.

- 4 When the boot device list appears, highlight **Diagnostics** and press <Enter>.

The computer runs the Pre-boot System Assessment, a series of initial tests of your system board, keyboard, hard drive, and display.

- During the assessment, answer any questions that appear.
- If a failure is detected, the computer stops and beeps. To stop the assessment and restart the computer, press <n>; to continue to the next test, press <y>; to retest the component that failed, press <r>.

- If failures are detected during the Pre-boot System Assessment, write down the error code(s) and contact Dell (see page 101) before continuing on to the Dell Diagnostics.

If the Pre-boot System Assessment completes successfully, you receive the message **Booting Dell Diagnostic Utility Partition**. Press any key to continue.

- 5 Press any key to start the Dell Diagnostics from the diagnostics utility partition on your hard drive.


Dell Diagnostics Main Menu

- 1 After the Dell Diagnostics loads and the **Main Menu** screen appears, click the button for the option you want.

Option	Function
Express Test	Performs a quick test of devices. This test typically takes 10 to 20 minutes and requires no interaction on your part. Run Express Test first to increase the possibility of tracing the problem quickly.
Extended Test	Performs a thorough check of devices. This test typically takes an hour or more and requires you to answer questions periodically.
Custom Test	Tests a specific device. You can customize the tests you want to run.
Symptom Tree	Lists the most common symptoms encountered and allows you to select a test based on the symptom of the problem you are having.

- 2 If a problem is encountered during a test, a message appears with an error code and a description of the problem. Write down the error code and problem description and follow the instructions on the screen.

If you cannot resolve the error condition, contact Dell (see page 101).

 **NOTE:** The Service Tag for your computer is located at the top of each test screen. If you contact Dell, technical support will ask for your Service Tag.

- 3 If you run a test from the **Custom Test** or **Symptom Tree** option, click the applicable tab described in the following table for more information.

Tab	Function
Results	Displays the results of the test and any error conditions encountered.
Errors	Displays error conditions encountered, error codes, and the problem description.

Tab	Function
Help	Describes the test and may indicate requirements for running the test.
Configuration	<p>Displays your hardware configuration for the selected device.</p> <p>The Dell Diagnostics obtains configuration information for all devices from system setup, memory, and various internal tests, and it displays the information in the device list in the left pane of the screen. The device list may not display the names of all the components installed on your computer or all devices attached to your computer.</p>
Parameters	Allows you to customize the test by changing the test settings.

- When the tests are complete, close the test screen to return to the **Main Menu** screen. To exit the Dell Diagnostics and restart the computer, close the **Main Menu** screen.

Drive Problems



CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

ENSURE THAT MICROSOFT WINDOWS RECOGNIZES THE DRIVE — Click the Start button and click My Computer. If the floppy, CD, or DVD drive, is not listed, perform a full scan with your antivirus software to check for and remove viruses. Viruses can sometimes prevent Windows from recognizing the drive.

TEST THE DRIVE —

- Insert another floppy disk, CD, or DVD to eliminate the possibility that the original one is defective.
- Insert a bootable floppy disk and restart the computer.

CLEAN THE DRIVE OR DISK — See the *Dell Inspiron Help* file (see page 10).

ENSURE THAT THE CD IS SNAPPED ONTO THE SPINDLE

CHECK THE CABLE CONNECTIONS

CHECK FOR HARDWARE INCOMPATIBILITIES**RUN THE DELL DIAGNOSTICS (SEE PAGE 55)****Optical drive problems**

NOTE: High-speed optical drive vibration is normal and may cause noise, which does not indicate a defect in the drive or the CD or DVD.



NOTE: Because of different regions worldwide and different disc formats, not all DVD titles work in all DVD drives.

Problems writing to a CD/DVD-RW drive

CLOSE OTHER PROGRAMS — The CD/DVD-RW drive must receive a steady stream of data when writing. If the stream is interrupted, an error occurs. Try closing all programs before you write to the CD/DVD-RW.

TURN OFF STANDBY MODE IN WINDOWS BEFORE WRITING TO A CD/DVD-RW DISC — See the *Dell Inspiron Help* file (see page 10) or search for the keyword *standby* in the Windows Help and Support Center for information on power management modes (see page 11).

CHANGE THE WRITE SPEED TO A SLOWER RATE — See the help files for your CD or DVD creation software.

If you cannot eject the CD, CD-RW, DVD, or DVD+RW drive tray

- 1 Ensure that the computer is shut down.
- 2 Straighten a paper clip and insert one end into the eject hole at the front of the drive; push firmly until the tray is partially ejected.
- 3 Gently pull out the tray until it stops.

If you hear an unfamiliar scraping or grinding sound

- Ensure that the sound is not caused by the program that is running.
- Ensure that the disk or disc is inserted properly.

Hard drive problems

ALLOW THE COMPUTER TO COOL BEFORE TURNING IT ON — A hot hard drive may prevent the operating system from starting. Try allowing the computer to return to room temperature before turning it on.

RUN CHECK DISK —

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **My Computer**.
- 2 Right-click **Local Disk C:**.
- 3 Click **Properties**.
- 4 Click the **Tools** tab.
- 5 Under **Error-checking**, click **Check Now**.
- 6 Click **Scan for and attempt recovery of bad sectors**.
- 7 Click **Start**.

E-mail, Modem, and Internet Problems



CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.



NOTE: Connect the modem to an analog telephone jack only. The modem does not operate while it is connected to a digital telephone network.

CHECK THE MICROSOFT OUTLOOK® EXPRESS SECURITY SETTINGS — If you cannot open your e-mail attachments:

- 1 In Outlook Express, click **Tools**, click **Options**, and then click **Security**.
- 2 Click **Do not allow attachments** to remove the checkmark.

CHECK THE TELEPHONE LINE CONNECTION —

CHECK THE TELEPHONE JACK —

CONNECT THE MODEM DIRECTLY TO THE TELEPHONE WALL JACK —

USE A DIFFERENT TELEPHONE LINE —

- Verify that the telephone line is connected to the jack on the modem. (The jack has either a green label or a connector-shaped icon next to it.)
- Ensure that you hear a click when you insert the telephone line connector into the modem.
- Disconnect the telephone line from the modem and connect it to a telephone. Listen for a dial tone.
- If you have other telephone devices sharing the line, such as an answering machine, fax machine, surge protector, or line splitter, then bypass them and use the telephone to connect the modem directly to the telephone wall jack. If you are using a line that is 3 m (10 ft) or more in length, try a shorter one.

RUN THE MODEM HELPER DIAGNOSTICS — Click the **Start** button, point to **All Programs**, and then click **Modem Helper**. Follow the instructions on the screen to identify and resolve modem problems. (Modem Helper is not available on all computers.)

VERIFY THAT THE MODEM IS COMMUNICATING WITH WINDOWS —

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Click **Printers and Other Hardware**.
- 3 Click **Phone and Modem Options**.
- 4 Click the **Modems** tab.
- 5 Click the COM port for your modem.
- 6 Click **Properties**, click the **Diagnostics** tab, and then click **Query Modem** to verify that the modem is communicating with Windows.

If all commands receive responses, the modem is operating properly.

ENSURE THAT YOU ARE CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET — Ensure that you have subscribed to an Internet provider. With the Outlook Express e-mail program open, click **File**. If **Work Offline** has a checkmark next to it, click the checkmark to remove it and connect to the Internet. For help, contact your Internet service provider.

SCAN THE COMPUTER FOR SPYWARE — If you are experiencing slow computer performance, you frequently receive pop-up advertisements, or you are having problems connecting to the Internet, your computer might be infected with spyware. Use an antivirus program that includes anti-spyware protection (your program may require an upgrade) to scan the computer and remove spyware. For more information, go to support.dell.com and search for the keyword *spyware*.

Error Messages



CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

If the message is not listed, see the documentation for the operating system or the program that was running when the message appeared.

BAD COMMAND OR FILE NAME — Ensure that you have spelled the command correctly, put spaces in the proper place, and used the correct pathname.

CD DRIVE CONTROLLER FAILURE — The CD drive does not respond to commands from the computer. See "Drive Problems" on page 57.

DATA ERROR — The hard drive cannot read the data. See "Drive Problems" on page 57.

THE FILE BEING COPIED IS TOO LARGE FOR THE DESTINATION DRIVE — The file that you are trying to copy is too large to fit on the disk, or the disk is too full. Try copying the file to a different disk or use a larger capacity disk.

A FILENAME CANNOT CONTAIN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERS: \ / : * ? " < > | — Do not use these characters in filenames.

INSERT BOOTABLE MEDIA — The operating system is trying to boot to a nonbootable CD. Insert a CD.

NOT ENOUGH MEMORY OR RESOURCES. EXIT SOME PROGRAMS AND TRY AGAIN — You have too many programs open. Close all windows and open the program that you want to use.

OPERATING SYSTEM NOT FOUND — Reinstall the hard drive (see page 81). If the problem persists, contact Dell (see page 101).

A REQUIRED .DLL FILE WAS NOT FOUND — The program that you are trying to open is missing an essential file. Remove and then reinstall the program.

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Click **Add or Remove Programs**.
- 3 Select the program you want to remove.
- 4 Click **Remove** or **Change/Remove** and follow the prompts on the screen.
- 5 See the program documentation for installation instructions.

X:\ IS NOT ACCESSIBLE. THE DEVICE IS NOT READY — Insert a disk into the drive and try again.

IEEE 1394 Device Problems



CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

ENSURE THAT THE IEEE 1394 DEVICE IS PROPERLY INSERTED INTO THE CONNECTOR

ENSURE THAT THE IEEE 1394 DEVICE IS RECOGNIZED BY WINDOWS —

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
 - 2 Click **Printers and Other Hardware**.
- If your IEEE 1394 device is listed, Windows recognizes the device.

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH A DELL-PROVIDED IEEE 1394 DEVICE —**IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH AN IEEE 1394 DEVICE NOT PROVIDED BY DELL —**

Contact Dell (see page 101) or the IEEE 1394 device manufacturer.

Keyboard Problems



CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.



NOTE: Use the integrated keyboard when working in MS-DOS® mode or when running the Dell Diagnostics or the system setup program. When you attach an external keyboard, the integrated keyboard remains fully functional.

External Keyboard Problems



NOTE: When you attach an external keyboard, the integrated keyboard remains fully functional.

CHECK THE KEYBOARD CABLE — Shut down the computer. Disconnect the keyboard cable and check it for damage, and firmly reconnect the cable.

If you are using a keyboard extension cable, disconnect it and connect the keyboard directly to the computer.

CHECK THE EXTERNAL KEYBOARD —

- 1 Shut down the computer, wait 1 minute, and turn it on again.
- 2 Verify that the numbers, capitals, and scroll lock lights on the keyboard blink during the boot routine.
- 3 From the Windows desktop, click the **Start** button, point to **Programs**, point to **Accessories**, and click **Notepad**.
- 4 Type some characters on the external keyboard and verify that they appear on the display.

If you cannot verify these steps, you may have a defective external keyboard.

TO VERIFY THAT THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE EXTERNAL KEYBOARD, CHECK THE INTEGRATED KEYBOARD —

- 1 Shut down the computer.
- 2 Disconnect the external keyboard.
- 3 Turn on the computer.
- 4 From the Windows desktop, click the **Start** button, point to **Programs**, point to **Accessories**, and click **Notepad**.
- 5 Type some characters on the external keyboard and verify that they appear on the display.

If the characters appear now but did not with the external keyboard, you may have a defective external keyboard. Contact Dell (see page 101).

Unexpected Characters

DISABLE THE NUMERIC KEYPAD — Press <Num Lk> to disable the numeric keypad if numbers are displayed instead of letters. Verify that the numbers lock light is not lit.

Lockups and Software Problems



CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

The computer does not start up

ENSURE THAT THE AC ADAPTER IS FIRMLY CONNECTED TO THE COMPUTER AND TO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET

The computer stops responding



NOTICE: You might lose data if you are unable to perform an operating system shutdown.


TURN THE COMPUTER OFF — If you are unable to get a response by pressing a key on your keyboard or moving your mouse, press and hold the power button for at least 8 to 10 seconds until the computer turns off. Then restart your computer.

A program stops responding

END THE PROGRAM —

- 1 Press <Ctrl><Shift><Esc> simultaneously.
- 2 Click **Applications**.
- 3 Click the program that is no longer responding.
- 4 Click **End Task**.

A program crashes repeatedly

 **NOTE:** Software usually includes installation instructions in its documentation or on a floppy disk or CD.

CHECK THE SOFTWARE DOCUMENTATION — If necessary, uninstall and then reinstall the program.

A program is designed for an earlier Windows operating system

RUN THE PROGRAM COMPATIBILITY WIZARD —

The Program Compatibility Wizard configures a program so it runs in an environment similar to non-Windows XP operating system environments.

- 1 Click the **Start** button, point to **All Programs**→**Accessories**, and then click **Program Compatibility Wizard**.
- 2 In the welcome screen, click **Next**.
- 3 Follow the instructions on the screen.

A solid blue screen appears

TURN THE COMPUTER OFF — If you are unable to get a response by pressing a key on your keyboard or moving your mouse, press and hold the power button for at least 8 to 10 seconds until the computer turns off. Then restart your computer.

Other software problems

CHECK THE SOFTWARE DOCUMENTATION OR CONTACT THE SOFTWARE MANUFACTURER FOR TROUBLESHOOTING INFORMATION —

- Ensure that the program is compatible with the operating system installed on your computer.
- Ensure that your computer meets the minimum hardware requirements needed to run the software. See the software documentation for information.
- Ensure that the program is installed and configured properly.
- Verify that the device drivers do not conflict with the program.
- If necessary, uninstall and then reinstall the program.

BACK UP YOUR FILES IMMEDIATELY

USE A VIRUS-SCANNING PROGRAM TO CHECK THE HARD DRIVE, FLOPPY DISKS, OR CDs

SAVE AND CLOSE ANY OPEN FILES OR PROGRAMS AND SHUT DOWN YOUR COMPUTER THROUGH THE Start MENU

SCAN THE COMPUTER FOR SPYWARE — If you are experiencing slow computer performance, you frequently receive pop-up advertisements, or you are having problems connecting to the Internet, your computer might be infected with spyware. Use an anti-virus program that includes anti-spyware protection (your program may require an upgrade) to scan the computer and remove spyware. For more information, go to support.dell.com and search for the keyword *spyware*.

RUN THE DELL DIAGNOSTICS (SEE PAGE 55) — If all tests run successfully, the error condition is related to a software problem.

Memory Problems



CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

IF YOU RECEIVE AN INSUFFICIENT MEMORY MESSAGE —

- Save and close any open files and exit any open programs you are not using to see if that resolves the problem.
- See the software documentation for minimum memory requirements. If necessary, install additional memory (see page 83).
- Reseat the memory modules (see page 83) to ensure that your computer is successfully communicating with the memory.
- Run the Dell Diagnostics (see page 55).

IF YOU EXPERIENCE OTHER MEMORY PROBLEMS —

- Reseat the memory modules (see page 83) to ensure that your computer is successfully communicating with the memory.
- Ensure that you are following the memory installation guidelines (see page 83).
- Run the Dell Diagnostics (see page 55).

Network Problems



CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

CHECK THE NETWORK CABLE CONNECTOR — Ensure that the network cable is firmly inserted into both the network connector on the back of the computer and the network jack.

CHECK THE NETWORK LIGHTS ON THE NETWORK CONNECTOR — No light indicates that no network communication exists. Replace the network cable.

RESTART THE COMPUTER AND LOG ON TO THE NETWORK AGAIN

CHECK YOUR NETWORK SETTINGS — Contact your network administrator or the person who set up your network to verify that your network settings are correct and that the network is functioning.

PC Card Problems

 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

CHECK THE PC CARD — Ensure that the PC Card is properly inserted into the connector.


ENSURE THAT THE CARD IS RECOGNIZED BY WINDOWS — Double-click the Safely Remove Hardware icon in the Windows taskbar. Ensure that the card is listed.

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH A DELL-PROVIDED PC CARD — Contact Dell (see page 101).

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH A PC CARD NOT PROVIDED BY DELL — Contact the PC Card manufacturer.

Power Problems

 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

 **NOTE:** See the *Dell Inspiron Help* file for information on standby mode. To access the help file, see page 10.

CHECK THE POWER LIGHT — When the power light is lit or blinking, the computer has power. If the power light is blinking, the computer is in standby mode—press the power button to exit standby mode. If the light is off, press the power button to turn on the computer.

CHARGE THE BATTERY — The battery charge may be depleted.

- 1 Reinstall the battery.
- 2 Use the AC adapter to connect the computer to an electrical outlet.
- 3 Turn on the computer.

CHECK THE BATTERY STATUS LIGHT — If the battery status light flashes orange or is a steady orange the battery charge is low or depleted. Connect the computer to an electrical outlet.

If the battery status light flashes green and orange, the battery is too hot to charge. Shut down the computer, disconnect the computer from the electrical outlet, and then let the battery and computer cool to room temperature.

If the battery status light rapidly flashes orange, the battery may be defective. Contact Dell (see page 101).

CHECK THE BATTERY TEMPERATURE — If the battery temperature is below 0° C (32° F), the computer will not start up.

TEST THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET — Ensure that the electrical outlet is working by testing it with another device, such as a lamp.

CHECK THE AC ADAPTER — Check the AC adapter cable connections. If the AC adapter has a light, ensure that the light is on.

CONNECT THE COMPUTER DIRECTLY TO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET — Bypass power protection devices, power strips, and the extension cable to verify that the computer turns on.

ELIMINATE POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE — Turn off nearby fans, fluorescent lights, halogen lamps, or other appliances.

ADJUST THE POWER PROPERTIES — See the *Dell Inspiron Help* file or search for the keyword *standby* in the Help and Support Center. To access help, see page 10.

RESEAT THE MEMORY MODULES — If the computer power light turns on but the display remains blank, reinstall the memory modules (see page 83).

Ensuring Sufficient Power for Your Computer

Your computer is designed to use the 130-W AC adapter; for optimum system performance, you should always use a 130-W AC adapter.

The 90-W AC adapters used in other Dell™ portable computers can be used with your computer, but they will decrease system performance. Using a 90-W AC adapter will cause you to receive a WARNING message.

Printer Problems



CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.



NOTE: If you need technical assistance for your printer, contact the printer's manufacturer.

CHECK THE PRINTER DOCUMENTATION — See the printer documentation for setup and troubleshooting information.

ENSURE THAT THE PRINTER IS TURNED ON

CHECK THE PRINTER CABLE CONNECTIONS —

- See the printer documentation for cable connection information.
- Ensure that the printer cables (see page 24) are securely connected to the printer and the computer.

TEST THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET — Ensure that the electrical outlet is working by testing it with another device, such as a lamp.

VERIFY THAT THE PRINTER IS RECOGNIZED BY WINDOWS —

- 1 Click the **Start** button, click **Control Panel**, and then click **Printers and Other Hardware**.
- 2 Click **View installed printers or fax printers**.
If the printer is listed, right-click the printer icon.
- 3 Click **Properties** and click the **Ports** tab. For a USB printer, ensure that the **Print to the following port(s)**: setting is **USB**.

REINSTALL THE PRINTER DRIVER — See the printer documentation for instructions

Scanner Problems



CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.



NOTE: If you need technical assistance for your scanner, contact the scanner's manufacturer.

CHECK THE SCANNER DOCUMENTATION — See the scanner documentation for setup and troubleshooting information.

UNLOCK THE SCANNER — Ensure that your scanner is unlocked if it has a locking tab or button.

RESTART THE COMPUTER AND TRY THE SCANNER AGAIN

CHECK THE CABLE CONNECTIONS —

- See the scanner documentation for cable connection information.
- Ensure that the scanner cables are securely connected to the scanner and the computer.

VERIFY THAT THE SCANNER IS RECOGNIZED BY MICROSOFT WINDOWS —

1 Click the Start button, click Control Panel, and then click Printers and Other Hardware.

2 Click Scanners and Cameras.

If your scanner is listed, Windows recognizes the scanner.

REINSTALL THE SCANNER DRIVER — See the scanner documentation for instructions.

Sound and Speaker Problems



CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

No sound from integrated speakers

ADJUST THE WINDOWS VOLUME CONTROL — Double-click the speaker icon in the lower-right corner of your screen. Ensure that the volume is turned up and that the sound is not muted. Adjust the volume, bass, or treble controls to eliminate distortion.

ADJUST THE VOLUME USING KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS — Press <Fn><End> to disable (mute) or reenable the integrated speakers.

REINSTALL THE SOUND (AUDIO) DRIVER — See "Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities" on page 74.

No sound from external speakers



NOTE: The volume control in some MP3 players overrides the Windows volume setting. If you have been listening to MP3 songs, ensure that you did not turn the player volume down or off.

ENSURE THAT THE SUBWOOFER AND THE SPEAKERS ARE TURNED ON — See the setup diagram supplied with the speakers. If your speakers have volume controls, adjust the volume, bass, or treble to eliminate distortion.

ADJUST THE WINDOWS VOLUME CONTROL — Click or double-click the speaker icon in the lower-right corner of your screen. Ensure that the volume is turned up and that the sound is not muted.

DISCONNECT HEADPHONES FROM THE HEADPHONE CONNECTOR — Sound from the speakers is automatically disabled when headphones are connected to the computer's front-panel headphone connector.

TEST THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET — Ensure that the electrical outlet is working by testing it with another device, such as a lamp.

ELIMINATE POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE — Turn off nearby fans, fluorescent lights, or halogen lamps to check for interference.

REINSTALL THE AUDIO DRIVER (SEE PAGE 74)

RUN THE DELL DIAGNOSTICS (SEE PAGE 55)

No sound from headphones

CHECK THE HEADPHONE CABLE CONNECTION — Ensure that the headphone cable is securely inserted into the headphone connector (see page 16).

ADJUST THE WINDOWS VOLUME CONTROL — Click or double-click the speaker icon in the lower-right corner of your screen. Ensure that the volume is turned up and that the sound is not muted.

Touch Pad or Mouse Problems

CHECK THE TOUCH PAD SETTINGS —

- 1 Click the Start button, click Control Panel, and then click Printers and Other Hardware.
- 2 Click Mouse.
- 3 Try adjusting the settings.

CHECK THE MOUSE CABLE — Shut down the computer. Disconnect the mouse cable, check it for damage, and firmly reconnect the cable.

If you are using a mouse extension cable, disconnect it and connect the mouse directly to the computer.

TO VERIFY THAT THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE MOUSE, CHECK THE TOUCH PAD —

- 1 Shut down the computer.
- 2 Disconnect the mouse.
- 3 Turn on the computer.
- 4 At the Windows desktop, use the touch pad to move the cursor around, select an icon, and open it.

If the touch pad operates correctly, the mouse may be defective.

REINSTALL THE TOUCH PAD DRIVER — See "Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities" on page 74.

Video and Display Problems



CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

If the display is blank



NOTE: If you are using a program that requires a higher resolution than your computer supports, it is recommended that you attach an external monitor to your computer.

CHECK THE BATTERY — If you are using a battery to power your computer, the battery charge may be depleted. Connect the computer to an electrical outlet using the AC adapter, and turn on the computer.

TEST THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET — Ensure that the electrical outlet is working by testing it with another device, such as a lamp.

CHECK THE AC ADAPTER — Check the AC adapter cable connections. If the AC adapter has a light, ensure that the light is on.

CONNECT THE COMPUTER DIRECTLY TO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET — Bypass power protection devices, power strips, and the extension cable to verify that the computer turns on.

ADJUST THE POWER PROPERTIES — Search for the keyword *standby* in the Windows Help and Support Center. To access help, see "Windows Help and Support Center" on page 11.

SWITCH THE VIDEO IMAGE — If your computer is attached to an external monitor, press <Fn><F8> to switch the video image to the display.

If the display is difficult to read

ADJUST THE BRIGHTNESS — Press <Fn> and the up- or down-arrow.

MOVE THE EXTERNAL SUBWOOFER AWAY FROM THE COMPUTER OR MONITOR — If your external speaker system includes a subwoofer, ensure that the subwoofer is at least 60 cm (2 ft) away from the computer or external monitor.

ELIMINATE POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE — Turn off nearby fans, fluorescent lights, halogen lamps, or other appliances.

ROTATE THE COMPUTER TO FACE A DIFFERENT DIRECTION — Eliminate sunlight glare, which can cause poor picture quality.

ADJUST THE WINDOWS DISPLAY SETTINGS —

- 1 Click the **Start** button and then click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Click the area you want to change or click the **Display** icon.
- 3 Try different settings for **Color quality** and **Screen resolution**.

SEE "ERROR MESSAGES" — If an error message appears, see page 60.

If only part of the display is readable

CONNECT AN EXTERNAL MONITOR —

- 1 Shut down your computer and connect an external monitor to the computer.
- 2 Turn on the computer and the monitor and adjust the monitor brightness and contrast controls.

If the external monitor works, the computer display or video controller may be defective. Contact Dell (see page 101).

Drivers

What Is a Driver?

A driver is a program that controls a device such as a printer, mouse, or keyboard. All devices require a driver program.

A driver acts like a translator between the device and any other programs that use the device. Each device has its own set of specialized commands that only its driver recognizes.

Dell ships your computer to you with required drivers already installed—no further installation or configuration is needed.

Many drivers, such as the keyboard driver, come with your Microsoft Windows operating system. You may need to install drivers if you:

- Upgrade your operating system.
- Reinstall your operating system.
- Connect or install a new device.

Identifying Drivers

If you experience a problem with any device, identify whether the driver is the source of your problem and, if necessary, update the driver.

Windows XP

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Under **Pick a Category**, click **Performance and Maintenance**.
- 3 Click **System**.
- 4 In the **System Properties** window, click the **Hardware** tab.
- 5 Click **Device Manager**.
- 6 Scroll down the list to see if any device has an exclamation point (a yellow circle with a [!]) on the device icon.

If an exclamation point is next to the device name, you may need to reinstall the driver or install a new driver (see "Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities" on page 74).

Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities



NOTICE: The Dell Support website at support.dell.com provides approved drivers for Dell™ computers. If you install drivers obtained from other sources, your computer might not work correctly.

Using Windows XP Device Driver Rollback

If a problem occurs on your computer after you install or update a driver, use Windows XP Device Driver Rollback to replace the driver with the previously installed version.

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Under **Pick a Category**, click **Performance and Maintenance**.
- 3 Click **System**.
- 4 In the **System Properties** window, click the **Hardware** tab.
- 5 Click **Device Manager**.
- 6 Right-click the device for which the new driver was installed and click **Properties**.

- 7 Click the **Drivers** tab.
- 8 Click **Roll Back Driver**.

If Device Driver Rollback does not resolve the problem, then use System Restore to return your computer to the operating state that existed before you installed the new driver.

Manually Reinstalling Drivers

- 1 After copying the required driver files to your hard drive, click the **Start** button and right-click **My Computer**.
- 2 Click **Properties**.
- 3 Click the **Hardware** tab and click **Device Manager**.
- 4 Double-click the type of device for which you are installing the driver (for example, **Modems** or **Infrared devices**).
- 5 Double-click the name of the device for which you are installing the driver.
- 6 Click the **Driver** tab and click **Update Driver**.
- 7 Click **Install from a list or specific location (Advanced)** and click **Next**.
- 8 Click **Browse** and browse to the location to which you previously extracted the driver files.
- 9 When the name of the appropriate driver appears, click **Next**.
- 10 Click **Finish** and restart your computer.

Resolving Software and Hardware Incompatibilities

If a device is either not detected during the operating system setup or is detected but incorrectly configured, you can use the Hardware Troubleshooter to resolve the incompatibility.

To resolve incompatibilities using the Hardware Troubleshooter:

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Help and Support**.
- 2 Type `hardware troubleshooter` in the **Search** field and click the arrow to start the search.
- 3 Click **Hardware Troubleshooter** in the **Search Results** list.
- 4 In the **Hardware Troubleshooter** list, click **I need to resolve a hardware conflict on my computer**, and click **Next**.

Restoring Your Operating System

You can restore your operating system in the following ways:

- Microsoft Windows XP System Restore returns your computer to an earlier operating state without affecting data files.

- Dell PC Restore by Symantec restores your hard drive to the operating state it was in when you purchased the computer. Dell PC Restore permanently deletes all data on the hard drive and removes any applications installed after you received the computer.

Using Microsoft Windows XP System Restore

The Microsoft Windows XP operating system provides System Restore to allow you to return your computer to an earlier operating state (without affecting data files) if changes to the hardware, software, or other system settings have left the computer in an undesirable operating state. See the Windows Help and Support Center for information on using System Restore. To access help, see page 10.



NOTICE: Make regular backups of your data files. System Restore does not monitor your data files or recover them.



NOTE: The procedures in this document were written for the Windows default view, so they may not work if you set your Dell™ computer to the Windows Classic view.

Creating a Restore Point

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Help and Support**.
- 2 Click **System Restore**.
- 3 Follow the instructions on the screen.

Restoring the Computer to an Earlier Operating State

If problems occur after you install a device driver, use Device Driver Rollback (see page 76) to resolve the problem. If that is unsuccessful, then use System Restore.



NOTICE: Before you restore the computer to an earlier operating state, save and close any open files and exit any open programs. Do not alter, open, or delete any files or programs until the system restoration is complete.

- 1 Click the **Start** button, point to **All Programs**→**Accessories**→**System Tools**, and then click **System Restore**.
- 2 Ensure that **Restore my computer to an earlier time** is selected and click **Next**.
- 3 Click a calendar date to which you want to restore your computer.

The **Select a Restore Point** screen provides a calendar that allows you to see and select restore points. All calendar dates with available restore points appear in boldface type.

- 4 Select a restore point and click **Next**.

If a calendar date has only one restore point, then that restore point is automatically selected. If two or more restore points are available, click the restore point that you prefer.

- 5 Click **Next**.

The **Restoration Complete** screen appears after System Restore finishes collecting data and then the computer restarts.

- 6 After the computer restarts, click **OK**.

To change the restore point, you can either repeat the steps using a different restore point, or you can undo the restoration.

Undoing the Last System Restore

- ➡ **NOTICE:** Before you undo the last system restore, save and close all open files and exit any open programs. Do not alter, open, or delete any files or programs until the system restoration is complete.

 - 1 Click the **Start** button, point to **All Programs**→**Accessories**→**System Tools**, and then click **System Restore**.
 - 2 Click **Undo my last restoration** and click **Next**.

Using Dell PC Restore by Symantec

Use Dell PC Restore by Symantec only as the last method to restore your operating system. PC Restore restores your hard drive to the operating state it was in when you purchased the computer. Any programs or files added since you received your computer—including data files—are permanently deleted from the hard drive. Data files include documents, spreadsheets, e-mail messages, digital photos, music files, and so on. If possible, back up all data before using PC Restore.

- ➡ **NOTICE:** Using PC Restore permanently deletes all data on the hard drive and removes any applications or drivers installed after you received your computer. If possible, back up the data before using PC Restore.

To use PC Restore:

- 1 Turn on the computer.
During the boot process, a blue bar with www.dell.com appears at the top of the screen.
- 2 Immediately upon seeing the blue bar, press <Ctrl><F11>.
If you do not press <Ctrl><F11> in time, let the computer finish restarting, and then restart the computer again.

- ➡ **NOTICE:** If you do not want to proceed with PC Restore, click **Reboot** in the following step.

- 3 On the next screen that appears, click **Restore**.
- 4 On the next screen, click **Confirm**.
The restore process takes approximately 6–10 minutes to complete.
- 5 When prompted, click **Finish** to reboot the computer.

- 🖱️ **NOTE:** Do not manually shut down the computer. Click **Finish** and let the computer completely reboot.

- 6 When prompted, click **Yes**.

The computer restarts. Because the computer is restored to its original operating state, the screens that appear, such as the End User License Agreement, are the same ones that appeared the first time the computer was turned on.

- 7 Click **Next**.

The **System Restore** screen appears and the computer restarts.

- 8 After the computer restarts, click **OK**.

Enabling System Restore

If you reinstall Windows XP with less than 200 MB of free hard-disk space available, System Restore is automatically disabled. To see if System Restore is enabled:

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Click **Performance and Maintenance**.
- 3 Click **System**.
- 4 Click the **System Restore** tab.
- 5 Ensure that **Turn off System Restore** is unchecked.

Adding and Replacing Parts

Before You Begin

This chapter provides procedures for removing and installing the components in your computer. Unless otherwise noted, each procedure assumes that the following conditions exist:

- You have performed the steps in "Turning Off Your Computer" on page 79 and "Before Working Inside Your Computer" on page 79.
- You have read the safety information in your Dell™ *Product Information Guide*.
- A component can be replaced by performing the removal procedure in reverse order.

Recommended Tools

The procedures in this document may require the following tools:

- Small flat-blade screwdriver
- Phillips screwdriver
- Flash BIOS update program CD

Turning Off Your Computer




NOTICE: To avoid losing data, save and close any open files and exit any open programs before you turn off your computer.


- 1 Shut down the operating system:
 - a Save and close any open files, exit any open programs, click the **Start** button, and then click **Turn Off Computer**.
 - b In the **Turn off computer** window, click **Turn off**.
The computer turns off after the operating system shutdown process finishes.
- 2 Ensure that the computer and any attached devices are turned off. If your computer and attached devices did not automatically turn off when you shut down your operating system, press and hold the power button for 4 seconds.


Before Working Inside Your Computer


Use the following safety guidelines to help protect your computer from potential damage and to help ensure your own personal safety.

 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.


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

 **NOTICE:** Only a certified service technician should perform repairs on your computer. Damage due to servicing that is not authorized by Dell is not covered by your warranty.


 **NOTICE:** When you disconnect a cable, pull on its connector or on its strain-relief loop, not on the cable itself. Some cables have a connector with locking tabs; if you are disconnecting this type of cable, press in on the locking tabs before you disconnect the cable. As you pull connectors apart, keep them evenly aligned to avoid bending any connector pins. Also, before you connect a cable, ensure that both connectors are correctly oriented and aligned.

 **NOTICE:** To avoid damaging the computer, perform the following steps before you begin working inside the computer.


- 1 Ensure that the work surface is flat and clean to prevent the computer cover from being scratched.
- 2 Turn off your computer (see page 79).

 **NOTICE:** To disconnect a network cable, first unplug the cable from your computer and then unplug it from the network wall jack.

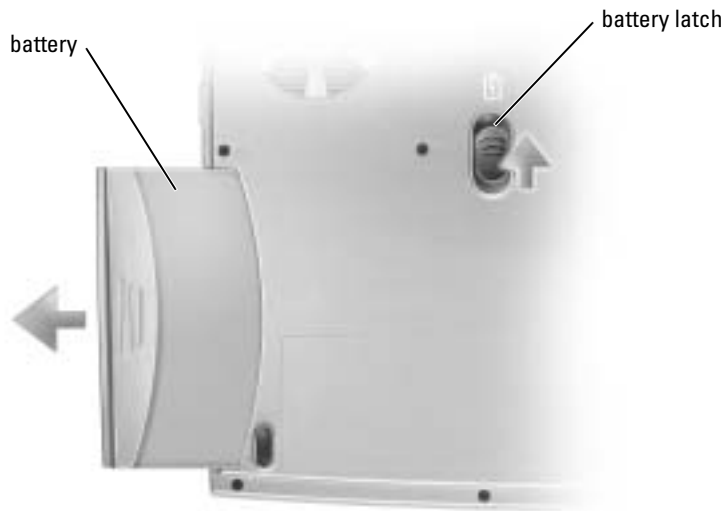
- 3 Disconnect any telephone or telecommunication lines from the computer.
- 4 Disconnect your computer and all attached devices from their electrical outlets, and then press the power button to ground the system board.

 **NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network wall jack and then plug it into the computer.






- 5 Remove any installed PC Cards from the PC Card slot.
- 6 Close the display and turn the computer upside down on a flat work surface.

 **NOTICE:** To avoid damaging the system board, you must remove the main battery before you service the computer.

- 7 Slide and hold the battery latch on the bottom of the computer, and then remove the battery.

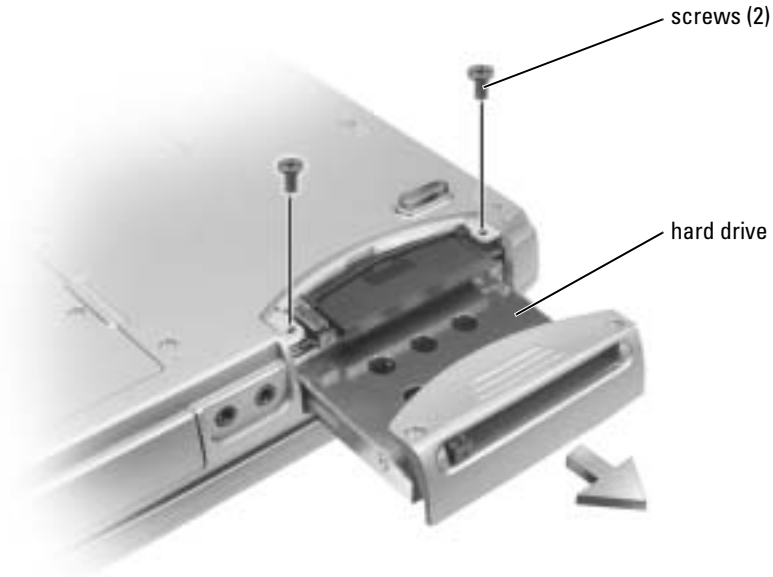


Hard Drive

-  **CAUTION:** If you remove the hard drive from the computer when the drive is hot, *do not touch* the metal housing of the hard drive.
-  **CAUTION:** Before working inside your computer, follow the safety instructions located in the *Product Information Guide*.
-  **NOTICE:** To prevent data loss, turn off your computer (see page 79) before removing the hard drive. Do not remove the hard drive while the computer is on, in standby mode, or in hibernate mode.
-  **NOTICE:** Hard drives are extremely fragile; even a slight bump can damage the drive.
-  **NOTE:** Dell does not guarantee compatibility or provide support for hard drives from sources other than Dell.

To replace the hard drive in the hard drive bay:

- 1 Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 79.
- 2 Turn the computer over, and remove the hard drive screws.



ⓘ NOTICE: When the hard drive is not in the computer, store it in protective antistatic packaging. See "Protecting Against Electrostatic Discharge" in the *Product Information Guide*.

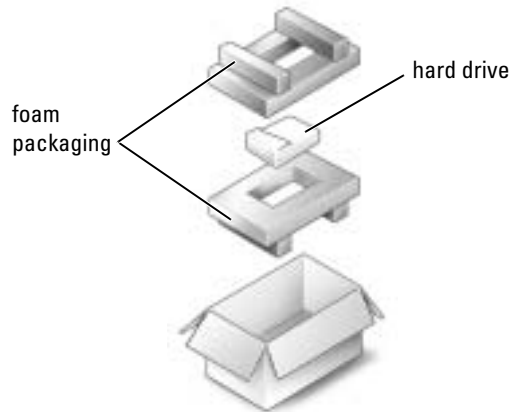
- 3 Slide the hard drive out of the computer.
- 4 Remove the new drive from its packaging.
Save the original packaging for storing or shipping the hard drive.

ⓘ NOTICE: Use firm and even pressure to slide the drive into place. If you use excessive force, you may damage the connector.

- 5 Slide the hard drive into the bay until it is fully seated.
- 6 Replace and tighten the screws.
- 7 Reinstall the operating system, drivers, and utilities.

Returning a Hard Drive to Dell

Return your old hard drive to Dell in its original or comparable foam packaging. Otherwise, the hard drive may be damaged in transit.



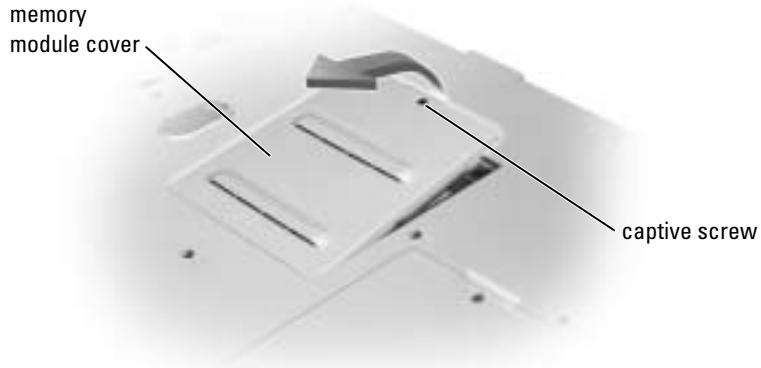
Memory

You can increase your computer memory by installing memory modules on the system board. See page 93 for information on the memory supported by your computer. Install only memory modules that are intended for your computer.

 **NOTE:** Memory modules purchased from Dell are covered under your computer warranty.

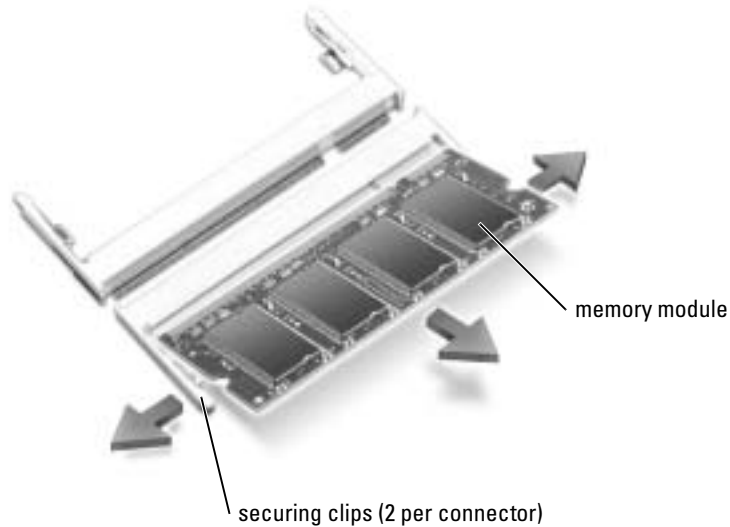
 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions located in the *Product Information Guide*.

- 1 Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 79.
- 2 Turn the computer over, loosen the captive screw on the memory module cover, and lift the cover away from the computer.



ⓘ NOTICE: To prevent damage to the memory module connector, do not use tools to spread the memory-module securing clips.

- 3** If you are replacing a memory module, remove the existing module:
 - a** Use your fingertips to carefully spread apart the securing clips on each end of the memory module connector until the module pops up.
 - b** Remove the module from the connector.




- 4** Ground yourself and install the new memory module.

⚠ NOTE: If the memory module is not installed properly, the computer may not boot properly. No error message indicates this failure.

- a Align the notch in the module edge connector with the tab in the connector slot.
- b Slide the module firmly into the slot at a 45-degree angle, and rotate the module down until it clicks into place. If you do not feel the click, remove the module and reinstall it.



- 5 Replace the cover.

 **NOTICE:** If the cover is difficult to close, remove the module and reinstall it. Forcing the cover to close may damage your computer.

- 6 Insert the battery into the battery bay, or connect the AC adapter to your computer and an electrical outlet.
- 7 Turn on the computer.

As the computer boots, it detects the additional memory and automatically updates the system configuration information.

To confirm the amount of memory installed in the computer: click the **Start** button, click **Help and Support**, and then click **Computer Information**.

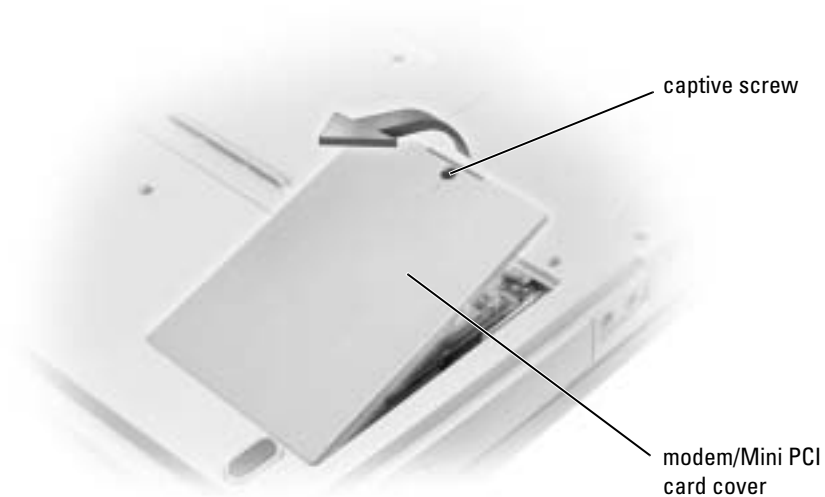
Modem

If you ordered the optional modem at the same time that you ordered your computer, the modem is already installed.

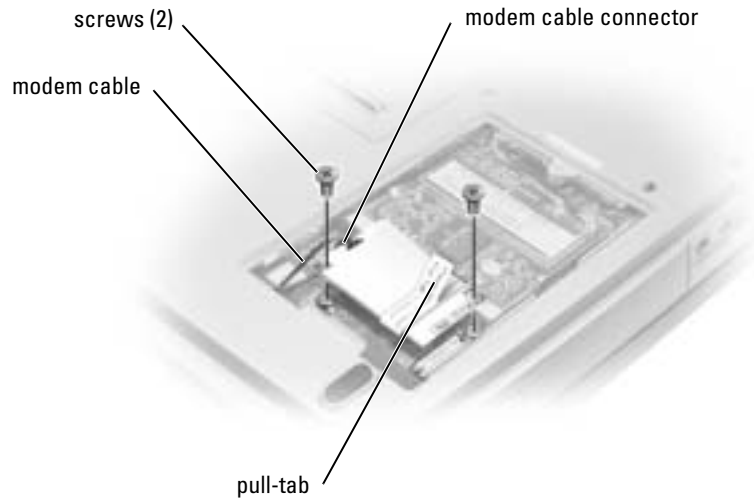
 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions located in the *Product Information Guide*.

- 1 Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 79.
- 2 Turn the computer over and loosen the captive screw on the modem/Mini PCI card cover.

- 3 Place your finger under the cover at the indentation and lift the cover open.



- 4 If a modem is not already installed, go to step 5. If you are replacing a modem, remove the existing modem:
 - a Remove the screws securing the modem to the system board, and set them aside.
 - b Pull straight up on the attached pull-tab to lift the modem out of its connector on the system board, and disconnect the modem cable.



- 5 Connect the modem cable to the modem.

- NOTICE:** The connectors are keyed to ensure correct insertion. If you feel resistance, check the connectors and realign the card.
- Align the modem with the screw holes and press the modem into the connector on the system board.
 - Install the screws to secure the modem to the system board.
 - Replace the cover.

Mini PCI Card

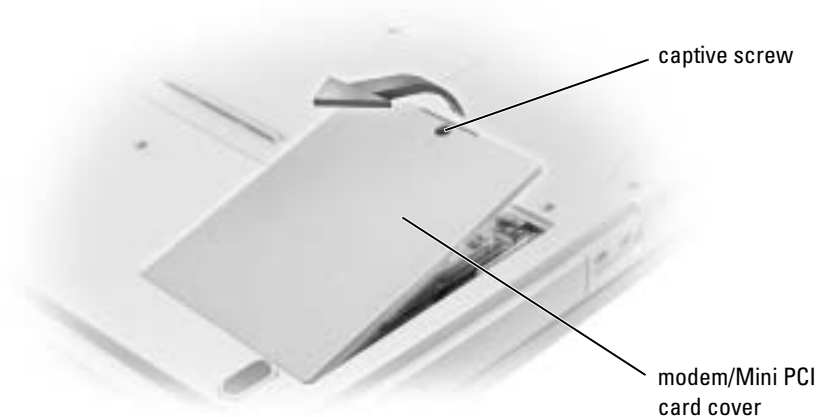
CAUTION: FCC rules strictly prohibit users from installing 5-GHz (802.11a, 802.11a/b, 802.11a/b/g) Wireless LAN Mini PCI cards. Under no circumstances should the user install such a device. Only trained Dell service personnel are authorized to install a 5-GHz Wireless LAN Mini PCI card.

If you are removing and/or installing a 2.4-GHz (802.11b, 802.11b/g) Mini PCI Card, follow the instructions noted below. Only products approved for use in your portable computer may be installed. Approved Mini PCI Cards may be purchased only from Dell.

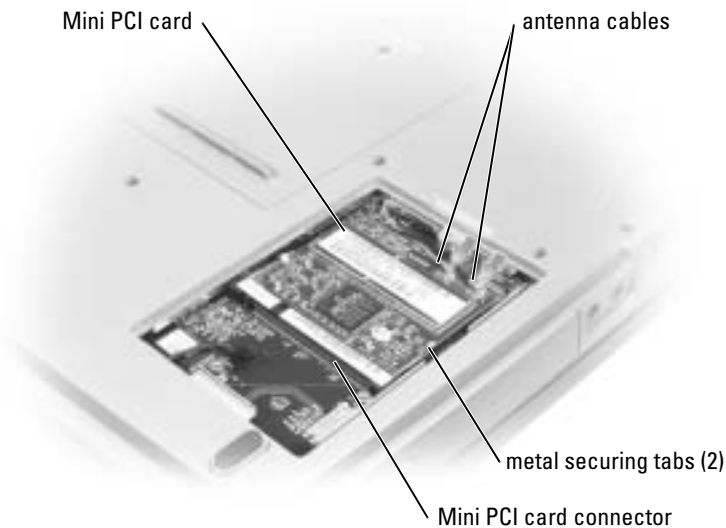
NOTE: 2.4-GHz Wireless LAN PC Cards may be removed and installed by the user. If you ordered a Mini PCI card with your computer, the card is already installed.

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions located in the *Product Information Guide*.

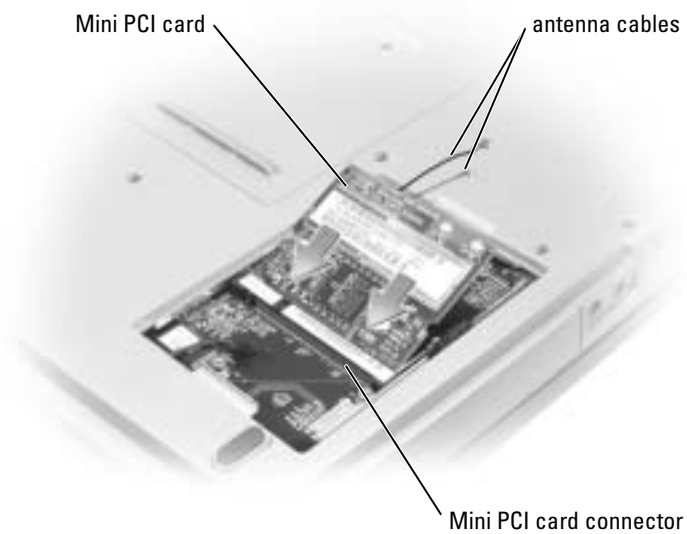
- Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 79.
- Turn the computer over.
- Loosen the captive screw on the modem/Mini PCI card cover and lift the cover away from the computer.



- 4 If a Mini PCI card is not already installed, go to step 5. If you are replacing a Mini PCI card, remove the existing card:
 - a Disconnect the Mini PCI card from any attached cables.
 - b Release the Mini PCI card by spreading the metal securing tabs until the card pops up slightly.
 - c Lift the Mini PCI card out of its connector.



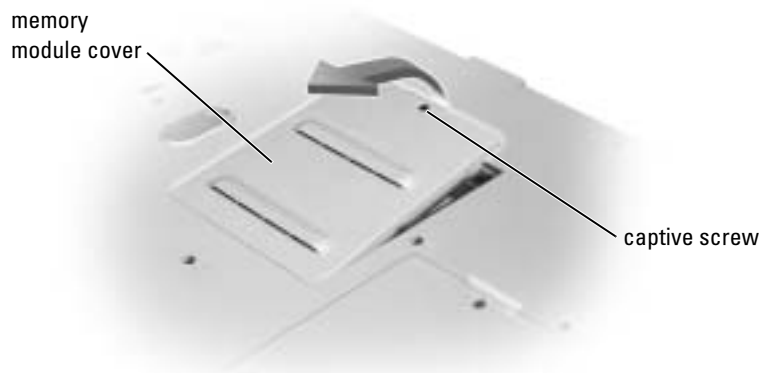
- ⓘ NOTICE:** To avoid damaging the Mini PCI card, never place cables on top of or under the card.
- ⓘ NOTICE:** The connectors are keyed to ensure correct insertion. If you feel resistance, check the connectors and realign the card.
- 5 Align the Mini PCI card with the connector at a 45-degree angle, and press the Mini PCI card into the connector until you hear a click.
- ⓘ NOTICE:** To avoid damaging the Mini PCI card, never place cables on top of or under the card.
- 6 Connect the antenna cables to the Mini PCI card.



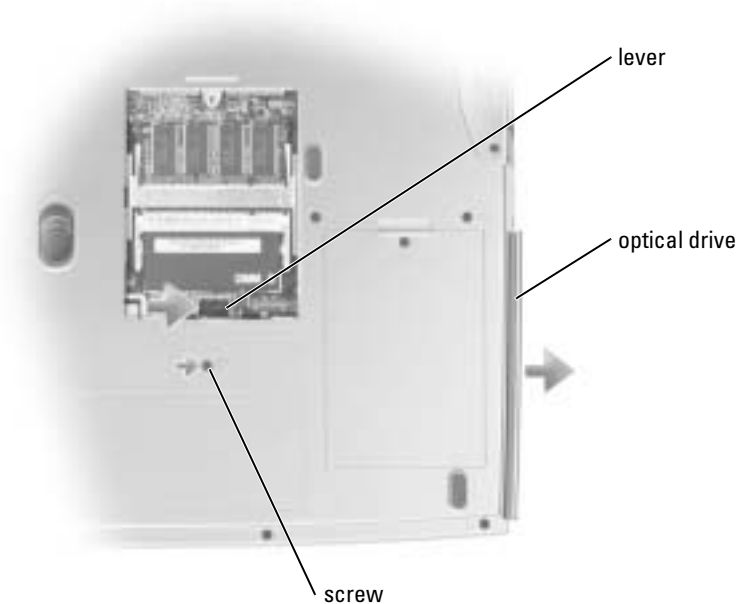
- 7 Replace the cover and tighten the screw.

Optical Drive

- 1 Complete the instructions in "Before You Begin" on page 79.
- 2 Turn the computer over, loosen the captive screw on the memory module cover, and lift the cover away from the computer.



- 3 Remove the screw labeled "O" next to the memory module cover.



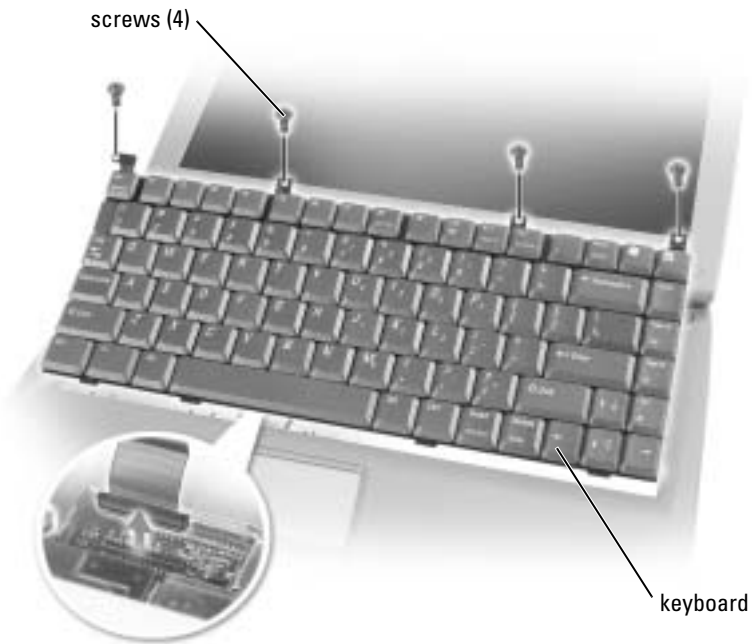
- 4 Press the lever next to the memory module connectors in the direction of the arrow on the lever (towards the drive) to release the drive.
- 5 Pull the drive out of the bay.
- 6 Slide the new drive into the bay until the drive is fully seated.
- 7 Replace the screw that you removed in step 3.
- 8 Replace the memory module cover and tighten the captive screw.

Keyboard

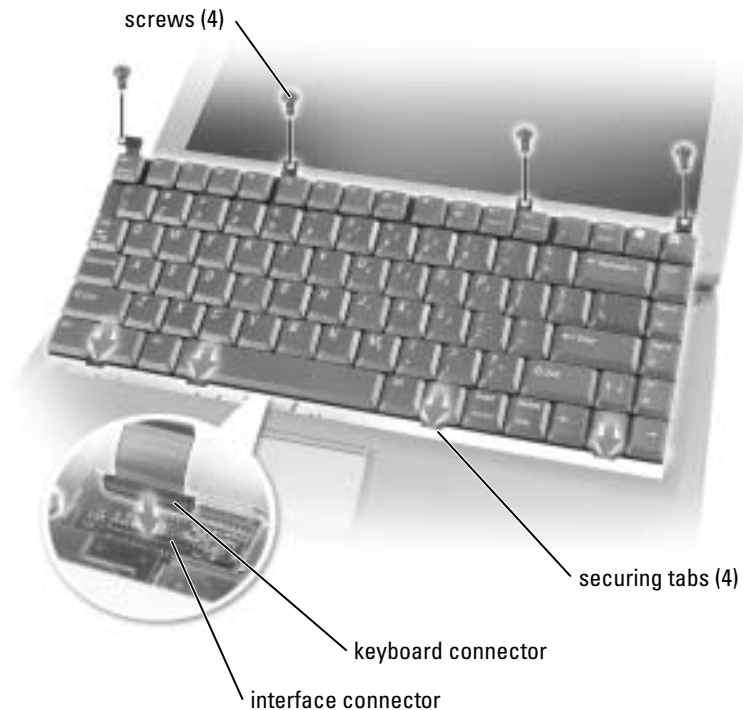
- 1 Complete the instructions in "Before You Begin" on page 79.
- 2 Use a small flat-blade screwdriver to lift the notched right-side edge of the hinge cover, and pry the cover loose from the hinges and bottom case.



- 3 Lift the hinge cover up and away from the hinges and bottom case.
- 4 Remove the four keyboard screws.



- ⌚ NOTICE:** The keycaps on the keyboard are fragile, easily dislodged, and time-consuming to replace. Be careful when removing and handling the keyboard.
- 5 Lift the keyboard out of the bottom case, and rest it on the display hinges so that the keyboard connector is exposed.
 - 6 Pull up on the keyboard connector to disconnect it from the interface connector on the system board.
 - 7 Remove the keyboard from the bottom case.
- ⌚ NOTICE:** To avoid damage to the connector pins, press the keyboard connector evenly into the interface connector on the system board, and do not reverse the keyboard connector.
- 8 Connect the keyboard connector of the replacement keyboard to the interface connector on the system board.



- 9 Insert the four securing tabs on the keyboard into their respective slots in the palm rest, and lower the keyboard into the bottom case.
Ensure that all four securing tabs are engaged before trying to completely seat the keyboard.
- 10 Replace the four keyboard screws.
- 11 Replace the hinge cover.

Appendix

Specifications

Processor

Microprocessor	Mobile Intel® Pentium® 4 processor
L1 cache	8 KB (internal)
L2 cache	512 KB or 1 MB
External bus frequency	533 MHz

System Information

System chip set	Intel 852PM
Data bus width	64 bits
DRAM bus width	64 bits
Microprocessor address bus width	32 bits

PC Card

CardBus controller	TI PCI4510
PC Card connector	supports one Type I or Type II card
Cards supported	3.3 V and 5 V
PC Card connector size	68 pins
Data width (maximum)	PCMCIA 16 bits CardBus 32 bits

Memory

Memory module connector	two user-accessible SODIMM sockets
Memory module capacities	128 MB, 256 MB, and 512 MB
Memory type	2.5-V DDR SODIMM

Memory (continued)	
Standard memory	256 MB
Maximum memory	2 GB
Memory access time: clock speed	333 MHz

Ports and Connectors

Video	15-hole connector
Audio	microphone connector, stereo headphone/speakers connector
USB	two 4-pin USB 2.0-compliant connectors
Modem	RJ-11 connector
Ethernet LAN	RJ-45 connector (optional in some countries)
S-video TV-out	7-pin mini-DIN connector
IEEE 1394	4-pin serial connector

Communications

Modem:	
Type	v.92 56K MDC
Controller	softmodem
Interface	internal AC 97 bus
Network adapter	10/100 Ethernet LAN on system board
Wireless	internal Mini PCI Wi-Fi and PC Card Bluetooth™ wireless support

Video

Video memory	32 MB or 64 MB
LCD interface	SPWG-B

Audio

Audio type	AC97 (Soft Audio)
Audio controller	Sigmatel 9750
Stereo conversion	18-bit (analog-to-digital and digital-to- analog)

Audio (continued)

Interfaces:

Internal	PCI bus /AC 97
External	microphone-in connector, stereo headphones/speakers connector

Speaker two 4-ohm speakers

Internal speaker amplifier 1.0-W channel into 4 ohms

Volume controls key combinations, program menus

Display

Type (active-matrix TFT) XGA (14.1 inch or 15 inch) or
SXGA+ (15 inch)

Dimensions: 14.1 inch or 15 inch

Height:

14.1 inch	215.8 mm (8.5 inches)
15 inch	229.7 mm (9 inches)

Width:

14.1 inch	287.1 mm (11.3 inches)
15 inch	305.7 mm (12 inches)

Diagonal:

14.1 inch)	359.16 mm (14.1 inches)
15 inch	380.1 mm (15.0 inches)

Maximum resolutions 1024 x 768 at 16.8 million colors (XGA);
1400 x 1050 at 16.8 million colors (SXGA+)

Operating angle 0° (closed) to 180°

Viewing angles:

Horizontal (XGA and SXGA+)	±40°
Vertical (XGA and SXGA+)	+10°/-30°
Horizontal (UltraSharp UXGA)	±70°
Vertical (UltraSharp UXGA)	+50°/-60°

Pixel pitch 0.28 x 0.28 mm (XGA)
0.20 x 0.20 mm (SXGA+)

Power consumption:

Panel with backlight (typical)	6.5 W (XGA) 7.0 W (SXGA+)
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Display (continued)

Controls	brightness can be controlled through key combinations
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Keyboard

Number of keys	85 (U.S. and Canada); 86 (Europe); 90 (Japan)
Key travel	2.7 mm \pm 0.3 (0.11 inch \pm 0.016 inch)
Key spacing	19.05 mm \pm 0.3 mm (0.75 inch \pm 0.012 inch)
Layout	QWERTY/AZERTY/Kanji

Touch Pad

X/Y position resolution (graphics table mode)	240 cpi
Size:	
Width	64.88-mm (2.55-inch) sensor-active area
Height	48.88-mm (1.92-inch) rectangle

Battery

Type	8 cell, "smart" lithium ion (65 WHr) 12 cell, "smart" lithium ion (96 WHr)
Dimensions:	
Depth	122.5 mm (4.8 inches)
Height	19.2 mm (0.76 inch)
Width	147.5 mm (5.8 inches)
Weight	486 kg (1.07 lb) (8 cell) 0.615 kg (1.35 lb) (12 cell)
Voltage	14.8 VDC
Operating life	Can be significantly reduced under certain power-intensive conditions. See page 27 for more information on battery life.
Life span (approximate)	300 discharge/charge cycles

Battery (continued)

Temperature range:

Operating	0° to 60°C (32° to 140°F) (8 cell)
	0° to 35°C (32° to 95°F) (12 cell)
Storage	-20° to 60°C (-4° to 140°F) (8 cell)
	-40° to 65°C (-40° to 149°F) (12 cell)

AC Adapter

Input voltage	100 to 240 VAC
Input current (maximum)	2.5 A
Input frequency	50 to 60 Hz
Output current	7.7 A (maximum at 4-second pulse), 6.7 A (continuous)
Output power	130 W
Rated output voltage	19.5 VDC
Dimensions:	
Height	36 mm (1.42 inches)
Width	65 mm (2.56 inches)
Length	169.5 mm (6.67 inches)
Weight (with cables)	0.75 kg (1.65 lb) (1 lb and 10.6 oz)
Temperature range:	
Operating	0° to 35°C (32° to 95°F)
Storage	-40° to 65°C (-40° to 149°F)

Physical

Height	
14.1-inch display	43.7 mm (1.72 inches)
15-inch display	46.5 mm (1.83 inches)
Width	274 mm (10.8 inches)
Depth	328 mm (12.9 inches)

Physical (continued)

Weight:

With optical drive, 12-cell battery, and 14.1-inch display	3.48 kg (7.68 lb)
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With optical drive, 12-cell battery, and 15-inch display	3.70 kg (8.15 lb)
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Environmental

Temperature range:

Operating	0° to 35°C (32° to 95°F)
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Storage	-40° to 65°C (-40° to 149°F)
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Relative humidity (maximum):

Operating	10% to 90% (noncondensing)
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Storage	5% to 95% (noncondensing)
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Maximum vibration (measured with
Dell's Random Vibration Profile):

Operating	0.66 GRMS
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Storage	1.3 GRMS
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Maximum shock (measured with the
hard drive in head-parked position
and 2-ms half-sine pulse):

Operating	122 G
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Storage	163 G
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Altitude (maximum):

Operating	-15.2 to 3048 m (-50 to 10,000 ft)
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Storage	-15.2 to 10,668 m (-50 to 35,000 ft)
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Using the System Setup Program

Overview



NOTE: Your operating system may automatically configure most of the options available in system setup, thus overriding options that you set through system setup. (An exception is the **External Hot Key** option, which you can disable or enable only through system setup.) For more information on configuring features for your operating system, see the Help and Support Center. To access help, see page 11.

The system setup screens display the current setup information and settings for your computer, such as:

- System configuration
- Boot order
- Boot (start-up) configuration and docking-device configuration settings
- Basic device-configuration settings
- System security and hard-drive password settings



NOTICE: Unless you are an expert computer user or are directed to do so by Dell technical support, do not change the system setup settings. Certain changes might make your computer work incorrectly.

Viewing the System Setup Screens

- 1 Turn on (or restart) your computer.
- 2 When the DELL™ logo appears, press <F2> immediately. If you wait too long and the Windows logo appears, continue to wait until you see the Windows desktop. Then shut down your computer and try again.

System Setup Screens



NOTE: For information about a specific item on a system setup screen, highlight the item and see the **Help** area on the screen.

On each screen, the system setup options are listed at the left. To the right of each option is the setting or value for that option. You can change settings that appear as white type on the screen. Options or values that you cannot change (because they are determined by the computer) appear less bright.

The upper-right corner of the screen displays help information for the currently highlighted option; the lower-right corner displays information about the computer. System-setup key functions are listed across the bottom of the screen.

Commonly Used Options

Certain options require that you reboot the computer for new settings to take effect.

Changing the Boot Sequence

The *boot sequence*, or *boot order*, tells the computer where to look to find the software needed to start the operating system. You can control the boot sequence and enable/disable devices using the **Boot Order** page of system setup.



NOTE: To change the boot sequence on a one-time-only basis, see "Performing a One-Time Boot" on page 100.

The **Boot Order** page displays a general list of the bootable devices that may be installed in your computer, including but not limited to the following:

- **Diskette Drive**
- **Modular bay HDD**
- **Internal HDD**
- **CD/DVD/CD-RW drive**

During the boot routine, the computer starts at the top of the list and scans each enabled device for the operating system start-up files. When the computer finds the files, it stops searching and starts the operating system.

To control the boot devices, select (highlight) a device by pressing the down-arrow or up-arrow key, and then enable or disable the device or change its order in the list.

- To enable or disable a device, highlight the item and press the space bar. Enabled items appear as white and display a small triangle to the left; disabled items appear blue or dimmed without a triangle.
- To reorder a device in the list, highlight the device and then press <u> or <d> (not case-sensitive) to move the highlighted device up or down.

Boot sequence changes take effect as soon as you save the changes and exit system setup.

Performing a One-Time Boot

You can set a one-time-only boot sequence without entering system setup. (You can also use this procedure to boot the Dell Diagnostics on the diagnostics utility partition on your hard drive.)

- 1** Shut down the computer through the **Start** menu.
- 2** If the computer is connected to a docking device (docked), undock it. See the documentation that came with your docking device for instructions.
- 3** Connect the computer to an electrical outlet.
- 4** Turn on the computer. When the DELL logo appears, press <F12> immediately. If you wait too long and the Windows logo appears, continue to wait until you see the Windows desktop. Then shut down your computer and try again.
- 5** When the boot device list appears, highlight the device from which you want to boot and press <Enter>.

The computer boots to the selected device.

The next time you reboot the computer, the previous boot order is restored.

Dell Technical Support Policy (U.S. Only)

Technician-assisted technical support requires the cooperation and participation of the customer in the troubleshooting process and provides for restoration of the operating system, software programs, and hardware drivers to the original default configuration as shipped from Dell, as well as the verification of appropriate functionality of the computer and all Dell-installed hardware. In addition to this technician-assisted technical support, online technical support is available at support.dell.com. Additional technical support options may be available for purchase.

Dell provides limited technical support for the computer and any "Dell-installed" software and peripherals¹. Support for third-party software and peripherals is provided by the original manufacturer, including those purchased and/or installed through Dell Software and Peripherals, Readyware, and Custom Factory Integration².

¹ Repair services are provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of your limited warranty and any optional support service contract purchased with the computer.

² All Dell-standard components included in a Custom Factory Integration (CFI) project are covered by the standard Dell limited warranty for your computer. However, Dell also extends a parts replacement program to cover all nonstandard, third-party hardware components integrated through CFI for the duration of the computer's service contract.

Definition of "Dell-Installed" Software and Peripherals

Dell-installed software includes the operating system and some of the software programs that are installed on the computer during the manufacturing process (Microsoft® Office, Norton Antivirus, and so on).

Dell-installed peripherals include any internal expansion cards, or Dell-branded module bay or PC Card accessories. In addition, any Dell-branded monitors, keyboards, mice, speakers, microphones for telephonic modems, docking stations/port replicators, networking products, and all associated cabling are included.

Definition of "Third-Party" Software and Peripherals

Third-party software and peripherals include any peripheral, accessory, or software program sold by Dell not under the Dell brand (printers, scanners, cameras, games, and so on). Support for all third-party software and peripherals is provided by the original manufacturer of the product.

Contacting Dell

To contact Dell electronically, you can access the following websites:

- www.dell.com
- support.dell.com (technical support)
- premiersupport.dell.com (technical support for educational, government, healthcare, and medium/large business customers, including Premier, Platinum, and Gold customers)

For specific web addresses for your country, find the appropriate country section in the table below.



NOTE: Toll-free numbers are for use within the country for which they are listed.

When you need to contact Dell, use the electronic addresses, telephone numbers, and codes provided in the following table. If you need assistance in determining which codes to use, contact a local or an international operator.

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
Anguilla	General Support	toll-free: 800-335-0031
Antigua and Barbuda	General Support	1-800-805-5924
Argentina (Buenos Aires) International Access Code: 00 Country Code: 54 City Code: 11	Website: www.dell.com.ar E-mail: us_latin_services@dell.com E-mail for desktop and portable computers: la-techsupport@dell.com E-mail for servers and EMC: la_enterprise@dell.com	Customer Care toll-free: 0-800-444-0730 Tech Support toll-free: 0-800-444-0733 Tech Support Services toll-free: 0-800-444-0724 Sales 0-810-444-3355
Aruba	General Support	toll-free: 800-1578

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
Australia (Sydney) International Access Code: 0011 Country Code: 61 City Code: 2	E-mail (Australia): au_tech_support@dell.com E-mail (New Zealand): nz_tech_support@dell.com Home and Small Business Government and Business Preferred Accounts Division (PAD) Technical Support (servers) Technical Support (desktop and portable computers) Customer Care Corporate Sales Transaction Sales Fax	1-300-65-55-33 toll-free: 1-800-633-559 toll-free: 1-800-060-889 toll-free: 1-800-733-314 toll-free: 1-300-655-533 toll-free: 1-800-819-339 toll-free: 1-800-808-385 toll-free: 1-800-808-312 toll-free: 1-800-818-341
Austria (Vienna) International Access Code: 900 Country Code: 43 City Code: 1	Website: support.euro.dell.com E-mail: tech_support_central_europe@dell.com Home/Small Business Sales Home/Small Business Fax Home/Small Business Customer Care Preferred Accounts/Corporate Customer Care Home/Small Business Technical Support Preferred Accounts/Corporate Technical Support Switchboard	0820 240 530 00 0820 240 530 49 0820 240 530 14 0820 240 530 16 0820 240 530 14 0660 8779 0820 240 530 00
Bahamas	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-278-6818
Barbados	General Support	1-800-534-3066

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
Belgium (Brussels)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail for French Speaking Customers: support.euro.dell.com/be/fr/emaildell/	
Country Code: 32	Technical Support	02 481 92 88
City Code: 2	Technical Support Fax	02 481 92 95
	Customer Care	02 713 15 .65
	Corporate Sales	02 481 91 00
	Fax	02 481 92 99
	Switchboard	02 481 91 00
Bermuda	General Support	1-800-342-0671
Bolivia	General Support	toll-free: 800-10-0238
Brazil	Website: www.dell.com/br	
International Access Code: 00	Customer Support, Technical Support	0800 90 3355
	Technical Support Fax	51 481 5470
Country Code: 55	Customer Care Fax	51 481 5480
City Code: 51	Sales	0800 90 3390
British Virgin Islands	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-278-6820
Brunei	Customer Technical Support (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4966
Country Code: 673	Customer Service (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4949
	Transaction Sales (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4955

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Canada (North York, Ontario) International Access Code: 011	Online Order Status: www.dell.ca/ostatus	
	AutoTech (automated technical support)	toll-free: 1-800-247-9362
	Customer Care (Home Sales/Small Business)	toll-free: 1-800-847-4096
	Customer Care (med./large business, government)	toll-free: 1-800-326-9463
	Technical Support (Home Sales/Small Business)	toll-free: 1-800-847-4096
	Technical Support (med./large bus., government)	toll-free: 1-800-387-5757
	Sales (Home Sales/Small Business)	toll-free: 1-800-387-5752
	Sales (med./large bus., government)	toll-free: 1-800-387-5755
	Spare Parts Sales & Extended Service Sales	1 866 440 3355
Cayman Islands	General Support	1-800-805-7541
Chile (Santiago) Country Code: 56 City Code: 2	Sales, Customer Support, and Technical Support	toll-free: 1230-020-4823

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China (Xiamen) Country Code: 86 City Code: 592	Technical Support website: support.dell.com.cn Technical Support E-mail: cn_support@dell.com Technical Support Fax	818 1350
	Technical Support (Dimension™ and Inspiron™)	toll-free: 800 858 2969
	Technical Support (OptiPlex™, Latitude™, and Dell Precision™)	toll-free: 800 858 0950
	Technical Support (servers and storage)	toll-free: 800 858 0960
	Technical Support (projectors, PDAs, printers, switches, routers, and so on)	toll-free: 800 858 2920
	Customer Advocacy	toll-free: 800 858 2060
	Customer Advocacy Fax	592 818 1308
	Home and Small Business	toll-free: 800 858 2222
	Preferred Accounts Division	toll-free: 800 858 2557
	Large Corporate Accounts GCP	toll-free: 800 858 2055
	Large Corporate Accounts Key Accounts	toll-free: 800 858 2628
	Large Corporate Accounts North	toll-free: 800 858 2999
	Large Corporate Accounts North Government and Education	toll-free: 800 858 2955
	Large Corporate Accounts East	toll-free: 800 858 2020
	Large Corporate Accounts East Government and Education	toll-free: 800 858 2669
	Large Corporate Accounts Queue Team	toll-free: 800 858 2572
	Large Corporate Accounts South	toll-free: 800 858 2355
	Large Corporate Accounts West	toll-free: 800 858 2811
	Large Corporate Accounts Spare Parts	toll-free: 800 858 2621
Colombia	General Support	980-9-15-3978
Costa Rica	General Support	0800-012-0435

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Czech Republic (Prague)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: czech_dell@dell.com	
Country Code: 420	Technical Support	02 2186 27 27
City Code: 2	Technical Support Fax	02 2186 27 28
	Customer Care	02 2186 27 11
	Customer Care Fax	02 2186 27 14
	Switchboard	02 2186 27 11
Denmark (Copenhagen)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail Support (portable computers): den_nbk_support@dell.com	
Country Code: 45	E-mail Support (desktop computers): den_support@dell.com	
	E-mail Support (servers): Nordic_server_support@dell.com	
	Technical Support	7023 0182
	Customer Care (Relational)	7023 0184
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	3287 5505
	Switchboard (Relational)	3287 1200
	Switchboard Fax (Relational)	3287 1201
	Switchboard (Home/Small Business)	3287 5000
	Switchboard Fax (Home/Small Business)	3287 5001
Dominica	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-278-6821
Dominican Republic	General Support	1-800-148-0530
Ecuador	General Support	toll-free: 999-119
El Salvador	General Support	01-899-753-0777

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Finland (Helsinki) International Access Code: 990 Country Code: 358 City Code: 9	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
	E-mail: fin_support@dell.com	
	E-mail Support (servers): Nordic_support@dell.com	
	Technical Support	09 253 313 60
	Technical Support Fax	09 253 313 81
	Relational Customer Care	09 253 313 38
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	09 693 791 94
	Fax	09 253 313 99
Switchboard	09 253 313 00	
France (Paris) (Montpellier) International Access Code: 00 Country Code: 33 City Codes: (1) (4)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
	E-mail: support.euro.dell.com/fr/fr/emaildell/	
	Home and Small Business	
	Technical Support	0825 387 270
	Customer Care	0825 823 833
	Switchboard	0825 004 700
	Switchboard (calls from outside of France)	04 99 75 40 00
	Sales	0825 004 700
	Fax	0825 004 701
	Fax (calls from outside of France)	04 99 75 40 01
	Corporate	
	Technical Support	0825 004 719
	Customer Care	0825 338 339
	Switchboard	01 55 94 71 00
Sales	01 55 94 71 00	
Fax	01 55 94 71 01	

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Germany (Langen) International Access Code: 00 Country Code: 49 City Code: 6103	Website: support.euro.dell.com E-mail: tech_support_central_europe@dell.com Technical Support Home/Small Business Customer Care Global Segment Customer Care Preferred Accounts Customer Care Large Accounts Customer Care Public Accounts Customer Care Switchboard	06103 766-7200 0180-5-224400 06103 766-9570 06103 766-9420 06103 766-9560 06103 766-9555 06103 766-7000
Greece International Access Code: 00 Country Code: 30	Website: support.euro.dell.com E-mail: support.euro.dell.com/gr/en/emaildell/ Technical Support Gold Service Technical Support Switchboard Gold Service Switchboard Sales Fax	00800-44 14 95 18 00800-44 14 00 83 2108129810 2108129811 2108129800 2108129812
Grenada	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-540-3355
Guatemala	General Support	1-800-999-0136
Guyana	General Support	toll-free: 1-877-270-4609

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Hong Kong	Website: support.ap.dell.com	
International Access Code: 001	E-mail: apsupport@dell.com	
Country Code: 852	Technical Support (Dimension™ and Inspiron™)	2969 3188
	Technical Support (OptiPlex™, Latitude™, and Dell Precision™)	2969 3191
	Technical Support (PowerApp™, PowerEdge™, PowerConnect™, and PowerVault™)	2969 3196
	Gold Queue EEC Hotline	2969 3187
	Customer Advocacy	3416 0910
	Large Corporate Accounts	3416 0907
	Global Customer Programs	3416 0908
	Medium Business Division	3416 0912
	Home and Small Business Division	2969 3155
India	Technical Support	1600 33 8045
	Sales LCA	1600 33 8044
	Sales Home and Small Business	1600 33 8046
Ireland (Cherrywood)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 16	E-mail: dell_direct_support@dell.com	
Country Code: 353	Technical Support	1850 543 543
City Code: 1	U.K. Technical Support (dial within U.K. only)	0870 908 0800
	Home User Customer Care	01 204 4014
	Small Business Customer Care	01 204 4014
	U.K. Customer Care (dial within U.K. only)	0870 906 0010
	Corporate Customer Care	1850 200 982
	Corporate Customer Care (dial within U.K. only)	0870 907 4499
	Ireland Sales	01 204 4444
	U.K. Sales (dial within U.K. only)	0870 907 4000
	Fax/Sales Fax	01 204 0103
	Switchboard	01 204 4444

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Italy (Milan)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: support.euro.dell.com/it/it/emaildell/ Home and Small Business	
Country Code: 39	Technical Support	02 577 826 90
City Code: 02	Customer Care	02 696 821 14
	Fax	02 696 821 13
	Switchboard	02 696 821 12
	Corporate	
	Technical Support	02 577 826 90
	Customer Care	02 577 825 55
	Fax	02 575 035 30
	Switchboard	02 577 821
Jamaica	General Support (dial from within Jamaica only)	1-800-682-3639

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Japan (Kawasaki)	Website: support.jp.dell.com	
International Access Code: 001	Technical Support (servers)	toll-free: 0120-198-498
Country Code: 81	Technical Support outside of Japan (servers)	81-44-556-4162
City Code: 44	Technical Support (Dimension™ and Inspiron™)	toll-free: 0120-198-226
	Technical Support outside of Japan (Dimension and Inspiron)	81-44-520-1435
	Technical Support (Dell Precision™, OptiPlex™, and Latitude™)	toll-free: 0120-198-433
	Technical Support outside of Japan (Dell Precision, OptiPlex, and Latitude)	81-44-556-3894
	Technical Support (PDAs, projectors, printers, routers)	toll-free: 0120-981-690
	Technical Support outside of Japan (PDAs, projectors, printers, routers)	81-44-556-3468
	Faxbox Service	044-556-3490
	24-Hour Automated Order Service	044-556-3801
	Customer Care	044-556-4240
	Business Sales Division (up to 400 employees)	044-556-1465
	Preferred Accounts Division Sales (over 400 employees)	044-556-3433
	Large Corporate Accounts Sales (over 3500 employees)	044-556-3430
	Public Sales (government agencies, educational institutions, and medical institutions)	044-556-1469
	Global Segment Japan	044-556-3469
	Individual User	044-556-1760
	Switchboard	044-556-4300

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Korea (Seoul) International Access Code: 001 Country Code: 82 City Code: 2	Technical Support	toll-free: 080-200-3800	
	Sales	toll-free: 080-200-3600	
	Customer Service (Seoul, Korea)	toll-free: 080-200-3800	
	Customer Service (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4949	
	Fax	2194-6202	
	Switchboard	2194-6000	
	Technical Support (Electronics & Accessories)	toll-free: 080-200-3801	
Latin America	Customer Technical Support (Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)	512 728-4093	
	Customer Service (Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)	512 728-3619	
	Fax (Technical Support and Customer Service) (Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)	512 728-3883	
	Sales (Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)	512 728-4397	
	SalesFax (Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)	512 728-4600 or 512 728-3772	
Luxembourg	Website: support.euro.dell.com		
	E-mail: tech_be@dell.com		
	International Access Code: 00	Technical Support (Brussels, Belgium)	3420808075
	Country Code: 352	Home/Small Business Sales (Brussels, Belgium)	toll-free: 080016884
		Corporate Sales (Brussels, Belgium)	02 481 91 00
		Customer Care (Brussels, Belgium)	02 481 91 19
Fax (Brussels, Belgium)		02 481 92 99	
	Switchboard (Brussels, Belgium)	02 481 91 00	
Macao	Technical Support	toll-free: 0800 105	
	Country Code: 853	Customer Service (Xiamen, China)	3416 0910
		Transaction Sales (Xiamen, China)	2969 3115

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Malaysia (Penang)	Website: support.ap.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	Technical Support (Dell Precision, OptiPlex, and Latitude)	toll-free: 1 800 88 0193
Country Code: 60 City Code: 4	Technical Support (Dimension, Inspiron, and Electronics & Accessories)	toll-free: 1 800 88 1306
	Technical Support (PowerApp, PowerEdge , PowerConnect, and PowerVault)	toll-free: 1800 88 1386
	Customer Service (Penang, Malaysia)	04 633 4949
	Transaction Sales	toll-free: 1 800 888 202
	Corporate Sales	toll-free: 1 800 888 213
Mexico	Customer Technical Support	001-877-384-8979
International Access Code: 00		or 001-877-269-3383
Country Code: 52	Sales	50-81-8800
		or 01-800-888-3355
	Customer Service	001-877-384-8979
		or 001-877-269-3383
	Main	50-81-8800
		or 01-800-888-3355
Montserrat	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-278-6822
Netherlands Antilles	General Support	001-800-882-1519
Netherlands (Amsterdam)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	Technical Support	020 674 45 00
	Technical Support Fax	020 674 47 66
Country Code: 31	Home/Small Business Customer Care	020 674 42 00
City Code: 20	Relational Customer Care	020 674 4325
	Home/Small Business Sales	020 674 55 00
	Relational Sales	020 674 50 00
	Home/Small Business Sales Fax	020 674 47 75
	Relational Sales Fax	020 674 47 50
	Switchboard	020 674 50 00
	Switchboard Fax	020 674 47 50

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New Zealand International Access Code: 00 Country Code: 64	E-mail (New Zealand): nz_tech_support@dell.com E-mail (Australia): au_tech_support@dell.com Technical Support (for desktop and portable computers) Technical Support (for servers and storage) Home and Small Business Government and Business Sales Fax	toll-free: 0800 446 255 toll-free: 0800 443 563 0800 446 255 0800 444 617 0800 441 567 0800 441 566
Nicaragua	General Support	001-800-220-1006
Norway (Lysaker) International Access Code: 00 Country Code: 47	Website: support.euro.dell.com E-mail Support (portable computers): nor_nbk_support@dell.com E-mail Support (desktop computers): nor_support@dell.com E-mail Support (servers): nordic_server_support@dell.com Technical Support Relational Customer Care Home/Small Business Customer Care Switchboard Fax Switchboard	671 16882 671 17514 23162298 671 16800 671 16865
Panama	General Support	001-800-507-0962
Peru	General Support	0800-50-669

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Poland (Warsaw)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 011	E-mail: pl_support_tech@dell.com	
Country Code: 48	Customer Service Phone	57 95 700
City Code: 22	Customer Care	57 95 999
	Sales	57 95 999
	Customer Service Fax	57 95 806
	Reception Desk Fax	57 95 998
	Switchboard	57 95 999
Portugal	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: support.euro.dell.com/pt/en/emailldell/	
Country Code: 351	Technical Support	707200149
	Customer Care	800 300 413
	Sales	800 300 410 or 800 300 411 or 800 300 412 or 21 422 07 10
	Fax	21 424 01 12
Puerto Rico	General Support	1-800-805-7545
St. Kitts and Nevis	General Support	toll-free: 1-877-441-4731
St. Lucia	General Support	1-800-882-1521
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	General Support	toll-free: 1-877-270-4609
Singapore (Singapore)	Technical Support (Dimension and Inspiron, and Electronics & Accessories)	toll-free: 1800 394 7430
International Access Code: 005	Technical Support (Optiplex, Latitude, and Precision)	toll-free: 1800 394 7488
Country Code: 65	Technical Support (PowerApp, PowerEdge, PowerConnect, and PowerVault)	toll-free: 1800 394 7478
	Customer Service (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4949
	Transaction Sales	toll-free: 800 6011 054
	Corporate Sales	toll-free: 800 6011 053

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South Africa (Johannesburg)	Website: support.euro.dell.com E-mail: dell_za_support@dell.com	
International Access Code: 09/091	Gold Queue	011 709 7713
Country Code: 27	Technical Support	011 709 7710
City Code: 11	Customer Care	011 709 7707
	Sales	011 709 7700
	Fax	011 706 0495
	Switchboard	011 709 7700
Southeast Asian and Pacific Countries	Customer Technical Support, Customer Service, and Sales (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4810
Spain (Madrid)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: support.euro.dell.com/es/es/emaildell/	
Country Code: 34	Home and Small Business	
City Code: 91	Technical Support	902 100 130
	Customer Care	902 118 540
	Sales	902 118 541
	Switchboard	902 118 541
	Fax	902 118 539
	Corporate	
	Technical Support	902 100 130
	Customer Care	902 115 236
	Switchboard	91 722 92 00
	Fax	91 722 95 83

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Sweden (Upplands Vasby)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: swe_support@dell.com	
Country Code: 46	E-mail Support for Latitude and Inspiron: Swe-nbk_kats@dell.com	
City Code: 8	E-mail Support for OptiPlex: Swe_kats@dell.com	
	E-mail Support for Servers: Nordic_server_support@dell.com	
	Technical Support	08 590 05 199
	Relational Customer Care	08 590 05 642
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	08 587 70 527
	Employee Purchase Program (EPP) Support	20 140 14 44
	Technical Support Fax	08 590 05 594
	Sales	08 590 05 185
Switzerland (Geneva)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: Tech_support_central_Europe@dell.com	
Country Code: 41	E-mail for French-speaking HSB and Corporate Customers: support.euro.dell.com/ch/fr/emaildell/	
City Code: 22	Technical Support (Home and Small Business)	0844 811 411
	Technical Support (Corporate)	0844 822 844
	Customer Care (Home and Small Business)	0848 802 202
	Customer Care (Corporate)	0848 821 721
	Fax	022 799 01 90
	Switchboard	022 799 01 01

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Taiwan	Website: support.ap.dell.com	
International Access Code: 002	Technical Support (Dimension, Inspiron, Latitude, Optiplex, and Electronics & Accessories)	toll-free: 0080 186 1011
Country Code: 886	Technical Support (PowerApp, PowerEdge, PowerConnect, and PowerVault)	toll-free: 0080 160 1256
	Transaction Sales	toll-free: 0080 165 1228
	Corporate Sales	toll-free: 0080 165 1227
Thailand	Technical Support (Optiplex, Latitude, and Precision)	toll-free: 1800 0060 07
International Access Code: 001	Technical Support (PowerApp, PowerEdge, PowerConnect, and PowerVault)	toll-free: 1800 0600 09
Country Code: 66	Customer Service (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4949
	Sales	toll-free: 0880 060 09
Trinidad/Tobago	General Support	1-800-805-8035
Turks and Caicos Islands	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-540-3355

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U.K. (Bracknell)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	Customer Care website: support.euro.dell.com/uk/en/ECare/Form/Home.asp	
Country Code: 44		
City Code: 1344	E-mail: dell_direct_support@dell.com	
	Technical Support (Corporate/Preferred Accounts/PAD [1000+ employees])	0870 908 0500
	Technical Support (direct/PAD and general)	0870 908 0800
	Global Accounts Customer Care	01344 373 186
	Home and Small Business Customer Care	0870 906 0010
	Corporate Customer Care	01344 373 185
	Preferred Accounts (500–5000 employees) Customer Care	0870 906 0010
	Central Government Customer Care	01344 373 193
	Local Government & Education Customer Care	01344 373 199
	Health Customer Care	01344 373 194
	Home and Small Business Sales	0870 907 4000
	Corporate/Public Sector Sales	01344 860 456
	Home and Small Business Fax	0870 907 4006
Uruguay	General Support	toll-free: 000-413-598-2521

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U.S.A. (Austin, Texas)	Automated Order-Status Service	toll-free: 1-800-433-9014
International Access Code: 011	AutoTech (portable and desktop computers)	toll-free: 1-800-247-9362
Country Code: 1	Consumer (Home and Home Office)	
	Technical Support	toll-free: 1-800-624-9896
	Customer Service	toll-free: 1-800-624-9897
	DellNet™ Service and Support	toll-free: 1-877-Dellnet (1-877-335-5638)
	Employee Purchase Program (EPP) Customers	toll-free: 1-800-695-8133
	Financial Services website: www.dellfinancialservices.com	
	Financial Services (lease/loans)	toll-free: 1-877-577-3355
	Financial Services (Dell Preferred Accounts [DPA])	toll-free: 1-800-283-2210
	Business	
	Customer Service and Technical Support	toll-free: 1-800-822-8965
	Employee Purchase Program (EPP) Customers	toll-free: 1-800-695-8133
	Printers and Projectors Technical Support	toll-free: 1-877-459-7298
	Public (government, education, and healthcare)	
	Customer Service and Technical Support	toll-free: 1-800-456-3355
	Employee Purchase Program (EPP) Customers	toll-free: 1-800-234-1490
	Dell Sales	toll-free: 1-800-289-3355 or toll-free: 1-800-879-3355
	Dell Outlet Store (Dell refurbished computers)	toll-free: 1-888-798-7561
	Software and Peripherals Sales	toll-free: 1-800-671-3355
	Spare Parts Sales	toll-free: 1-800-357-3355
	Extended Service and Warranty Sales	toll-free: 1-800-247-4618
	Fax	toll-free: 1-800-727-8320
	Dell Services for the Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, or Speech-Impaired	toll-free: 1-877-DELLTY (1-877-335-5889)

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U.S. Virgin Islands	General Support	1-877-673-3355
Venezuela	General Support	8001-3605

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Once you have determined your computer's FCC classification, read the appropriate FCC notice. Note that FCC regulations provide that changes or modifications not expressly approved by Dell could void your authority to operate this equipment.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- This device may not cause harmful interference.
- This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Class A

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in

accordance with the manufacturer's instruction manual, may cause harmful interference with radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference, in which case you will be required to correct the interference at your own expense.

Class B

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instruction manual, may cause interference with radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, you are encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/television technician for help.

FCC Identification Information

The following information is provided on the device or devices covered in this document in compliance with FCC regulations:

- Model number: PP08L
- Company name:

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One Dell Way
Round Rock, Texas 78682 USA
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