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Solving Problems

Dell Diagnostics

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

When to Use the Dell Diagnostics

If you experience a problem with your computer, perform the checks in "Lockups and Software Problems" on page 88 and run the Dell Diagnostics before you contact Dell for technical assistance.

NOTICE: The Dell Diagnostics works only on Dell computers.

NOTE: The *Drivers and Utilities* CD is optional and may not ship with your computer.

Start the Dell Diagnostics from either your hard drive or from the *Drivers and Utilities* CD (also known as the *ResourceCD*).

Starting the Dell Diagnostics From Your Hard Drive

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 "Contacting Dell" on page 145.

1. Shut down the computer.
2. Connect the computer to an electrical outlet.
3. Diagnostics can be invoked one of two ways:
   a. Turn on the computer. When the DELL™ logo appears, press <F12> immediately. Select **Diagnostics** from the boot menu and press <Enter>.

      NOTE: 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 and try again.

   b. Press and hold the <Fn> key while powering the system on.

      NOTE: If you see a message stating that no diagnostics utility partition has been found, run the Dell Diagnostics from the *Drivers and Utilities CD*.

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.

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

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

Starting the Dell Diagnostics From the Drivers and Utilities CD

NOTE: The *Drivers and Utilities* CD may be optional and may not ship with your computer.

1 Insert the *Drivers and Utilities* CD.

2 Shut down and restart 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.

NOTE: The next steps change the boot sequence for one time only. On the next start-up, the computer boots according to the devices specified in the system setup program.

3 When the boot device list appears, highlight **CD/DVD/CD-RW Drive** and press <Enter>.

4 Select the **Boot from CD-ROM** option from the menu that appears and press <Enter>.

5 Type `1` to start the *ResourceCD* menu and press <Enter> to proceed.

6 Select **Run the 32 Bit Dell Diagnostics** from the numbered list. If multiple versions are listed, select the version appropriate for your computer.

7 When the Dell Diagnostics **Main Menu** appears, select the test you want to run.

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 1 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.

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.
Help	Describes the test and may indicate requirements for running the test.

Tab	Function
Configuration	Displays your hardware configuration for the selected device. The Dell Diagnostics obtains configuration information for all devices from the system setup program, 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.
Parameters	Allows you to customize the test by changing the test settings.

4 When the tests are completed, if you are running the Dell Diagnostics from the *Drivers and Utilities* CD, remove the CD.

5 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 "Cleaning Your Computer" on page 141.

ENSURE THAT THE CD IS SNAPPED ONTO THE SPINDLE

CHECK THE CABLE CONNECTIONS

CHECK FOR HARDWARE INCOMPATIBILITIES — (See "Resolving Software and Hardware Incompatibilities" on page 99.

RUN THE DELL DIAGNOSTICS — See "Dell Diagnostics" on page 77.

CD and DVD drive problems

NOTE: High-speed CD or DVD 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 "Power Management Modes" on page 41 for information on standby mode.

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 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 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*.

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.

AUXILIARY DEVICE FAILURE — The touch pad, track stick, or external mouse may be faulty. For an external mouse, check the cable connection. Enable the **Pointing Device** option in the system setup program. If the problem persists, contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 145.

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

CACHE DISABLED DUE TO FAILURE — The primary cache internal to the microprocessor has failed. Contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 145.

CD DRIVE CONTROLLER FAILURE — The CD drive does not respond to commands from the computer. See "Drive Problems" on page 80.

DATA ERROR — The hard drive cannot read the data. See "Drive Problems" on page 80.

DECREASING AVAILABLE MEMORY — One or more memory modules may be faulty or improperly seated. Reinstall the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them. See "Memory" on page 112.

DISK C: FAILED INITIALIZATION — The hard drive failed initialization. Run the hard drive tests in the Dell Diagnostics. See "Dell Diagnostics" on page 77.

DRIVE NOT READY — The operation requires a hard drive in the bay before it can continue. Install a hard drive in the hard drive bay. See "Hard Drive" on page 108.

ERROR READING PCMCIA CARD — The computer cannot identify the ExpressCard. Reinsert the card or try another card. See "Using ExpressCards" on page 67.

EXTENDED MEMORY SIZE HAS CHANGED — The amount of memory recorded in NVRAM does not match the memory installed in the computer. Restart the computer. If the error appears again, contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 145.

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.

GATE A20 FAILURE — A memory module may be loose. Reinstall the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them. See "Memory" on page 112.

GENERAL FAILURE — The operating system is unable to carry out the command. The message is usually followed by specific information—for example, `Printer out of paper.` Take the appropriate action.

HARD-DISK DRIVE CONFIGURATION ERROR — The computer cannot identify the drive type. Shut down the computer, remove the hard drive (see page 108), and boot the computer from a CD. Then shut down the computer, reinstall the hard drive, and restart the computer. Run the Hard-Disk Drive tests in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 77).

HARD-DISK DRIVE CONTROLLER FAILURE 0 — The hard drive does not respond to commands from the computer. Shut down the computer, remove the hard drive (see page 108), and boot the computer from a CD. Then shut down the computer, reinstall the hard drive, and restart the computer. If the problem persists, try another drive. Run the Hard-Disk Drive tests in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 77).

HARD-DISK DRIVE FAILURE — The hard drive does not respond to commands from the computer. Shut down the computer, remove the hard drive (see page 108), and boot the computer from a CD. Then shut down the computer, reinstall the hard drive, and restart the computer. If the problem persists, try another drive. Run the Hard-Disk Drive tests in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 77).

HARD-DISK DRIVE READ FAILURE — The hard drive may be defective. Shut down the computer, remove the hard drive (see page 108), and boot the computer from a CD. Then shut down the computer, reinstall the hard drive, and restart the computer. If the problem persists, try another drive. Run the Hard-Disk Drive tests in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 77).

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

INVALID CONFIGURATION INFORMATION-PLEASE RUN SYSTEM SETUP PROGRAM — The system configuration information does not match the hardware configuration. The message is most likely to occur after a memory module is installed. Correct the appropriate options in the system setup program (see "Using the System Setup Program" on page 137).

KEYBOARD CLOCK LINE FAILURE — For external keyboards, check the cable connection. Run the Keyboard Controller test in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 77).

KEYBOARD CONTROLLER FAILURE — For external keyboards, check the cable connection. Restart the computer, and avoid touching the keyboard or the mouse during the boot routine. Run the Keyboard Controller test in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 77).

KEYBOARD DATA LINE FAILURE — For external keyboards, check the cable connection. Run the Keyboard Controller test in the Dell Diagnostic (see page 77)s.

KEYBOARD STUCK KEY FAILURE — For external keyboards or keypads, check the cable connection. Restart the computer, and avoid touching the keyboard or keys during the boot routine. Run the Stuck Key test in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 77).

LICENSED CONTENT IS NOT ACCESSIBLE IN MEDIADIRECT — Dell MediaDirect cannot verify the Digital Rights Management (DRM) restrictions on the file, so the file cannot be played. See "Dell MediaDirect problems" on page 89.

MEMORY ADDRESS LINE FAILURE AT ADDRESS, READ VALUE EXPECTING VALUE — A memory module may be faulty or improperly seated. Reinstall the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them (see page 112).

MEMORY ALLOCATION ERROR — The software you are attempting to run is conflicting with the operating system, another program, or a utility. Shut down the computer, wait 30 seconds, and then restart it. Try to run the program again. If the error message still appears, see the software documentation.

MEMORY DATA LINE FAILURE AT ADDRESS, READ VALUE EXPECTING VALUE — A memory module may be faulty or improperly seated. Reinstall the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them (see page 112).

MEMORY DOUBLE WORD LOGIC FAILURE AT ADDRESS, READ VALUE EXPECTING VALUE — A memory module may be faulty or improperly seated. Reinstall the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them (see page 112).

MEMORY ODD/EVEN LOGIC FAILURE AT ADDRESS, READ VALUE EXPECTING VALUE — A memory module may be faulty or improperly seated. Reinstall the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them (see page 112).

MEMORY WRITE/READ FAILURE AT ADDRESS, READ VALUE EXPECTING VALUE — A memory module may be faulty or improperly seated. Reinstall the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them (see page 112).

NO BOOT DEVICE AVAILABLE — The computer cannot find the hard drive. If the hard drive is your boot device, ensure that the drive is installed, properly seated, and partitioned as a boot device.

NO BOOT SECTOR ON HARD DRIVE — The operating system may be corrupted. Contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 145.

NO TIMER TICK INTERRUPT — A chip on the system board may be malfunctioning. Run the System Set tests in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 77).

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 "Hard Drive" on page 108). If the problem persists, contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 145.

OPTIONAL ROM BAD CHECKSUM — The optional ROM apparently failed. Contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 145.

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.

SECTOR NOT FOUND — The operating system cannot locate a sector on the hard drive. You may have a defective sector or corrupted FAT on the hard drive. Run the Windows error-checking utility to check the file structure on the hard drive. See the Windows Help and Support Center for instructions. To access the Help and Support Center, see "Windows Help and Support Center" on page 13. If a large number of sectors are defective, back up the data (if possible), and then reformat the hard drive.

SEEK ERROR — The operating system cannot find a specific track on the hard drive.

SHUTDOWN FAILURE — A chip on the system board may be malfunctioning. Run the System Set tests in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 77).

TIME-OF-DAY CLOCK LOST POWER — System configuration settings are corrupted. Connect your computer to an electrical outlet to charge the battery. If the problem persists, try to restore the data by entering the system setup program. Then immediately exit the program. See "Using the System Setup Program" on page 137. If the message reappears, contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 145.

TIME-OF-DAY CLOCK STOPPED — The reserve battery that supports the system configuration settings may require recharging. Connect your computer to an electrical outlet to charge the battery. If the problem persists, contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 145.

TIME-OF-DAY NOT SET-PLEASE RUN THE SYSTEM SETUP PROGRAM — The time or date stored in the system setup program does not match the system clock. Correct the settings for the **Date** and **Time** options. See "Using the System Setup Program" on page 137.

TIMER CHIP COUNTER 2 FAILED — A chip on the system board may be malfunctioning. Run the System Set tests in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 77).

UNEXPECTED INTERRUPT IN PROTECTED MODE — The keyboard controller may be malfunctioning, or a memory module may be loose. Run the System Memory tests and the Keyboard Controller test in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 77).

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

WARNING: BATTERY IS CRITICALLY LOW — The battery is running out of charge. Replace the battery, or connect the computer to an electrical outlet. Otherwise, activate hibernate mode or shut down the computer.

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 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 — Contact Dell or the IEEE 1394 device manufacturer. See "Contacting Dell" on page 145.

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH AN IEEE 1394 DEVICE NOT PROVIDED BY DELL — Contact Dell or the IEEE 1394 device manufacturer. See "Contacting Dell" on page 145.

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

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 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→ Accessories**, and then 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**→ **Accessories**, and click **Notepad**.
5. Type some characters on the internal 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 "Contacting Dell" on page 145.

RUN THE KEYBOARD DIAGNOSTICS TESTS — Run the PC-AT Compatible Keyboards tests in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 77). If the tests indicate a defective external keyboard, contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 145.

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 or crashes repeatedly

END THE PROGRAM —

1. Press <Crtl><Shift><Esc> simultaneously.
2. Click the **Applications** tab and select the program that is no longer responding.
3. Click **End Task**.

NOTE: The chkdsk program may run when you restart the computer. Follow the instructions on the screen.

CHECK THE SOFTWARE DOCUMENTATION — If necessary, uninstall and then reinstall the program. Software usually includes installation instructions in its documentation or on a floppy disk or CD.

A program is designed for an earlier Microsoft® 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.

Dell MediaDirect problems

CHECK THE DELL MEDIADIRECT HELP FILE FOR INFORMATION — Click the **?** icon at the bottom of the Dell MediaDirect screen to access Help.

TO PLAY MOVIES WITH DELL MEDIADIRECT, YOU MUST HAVE A DVD DRIVE AND THE DELL DVD PLAYER — If you purchased a DVD drive with your computer, this software should already be installed.

VIDEO QUALITY PROBLEMS — Turn off the **Use Hardware Acceleration** option. This feature takes advantage of the special processing in some graphics cards to reduce processor requirements when playing DVDs and certain types of video files.

CANNOT PLAY SOME MEDIA FILES — Because Dell MediaDirect provides access to media files outside the Windows XP environment, access to licensed content is restricted. Licensed content is digital content that has Digital Rights Management (DRM) applied to it. The Dell MediaDirect environment cannot verify the DRM restrictions, so the licensed files cannot be played. Licensed music and video files have a lock icon next to them. You can access licensed files in the Windows XP environment.

ADJUSTING THE COLOR SETTINGS FOR MOVIES THAT CONTAIN SCENES THAT ARE TOO DARK OR TOO BRIGHT — Click **EagleVision** to use a video enhancement technology that detects video content and dynamically adjusts the brightness/contrast/saturation ratios.

NOTICE: You cannot reinstall the Dell MediaDirect feature if you voluntarily reformat the hard drive. Contact Dell for assistance. See "Contacting Dell" on page 145.

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 — If all tests run successfully, the error condition is related to a software problem. See "Dell Diagnostics" on page 77.

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 "Memory" on page 112).
- Reseat the memory modules to ensure that your computer is successfully communicating with the memory (see "Memory" on page 112).
- Run the Dell Diagnostics (see page 77).

IF YOU EXPERIENCE OTHER MEMORY PROBLEMS —

- Reseat the memory modules to ensure that your computer is successfully communicating with the memory (see "Memory" on page 112).

- Ensure that you are following the memory installation guidelines (see "Memory" on page 112).
- Run the Dell Diagnostics (see page 77).

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.

ExpressCard Problems

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

CHECK THE EXPRESSCARD — Ensure that the ExpressCard 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 EXPRESSCARD — Contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 145.

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH AN EXPRESSCARD NOT PROVIDED BY DELL — Contact the ExpressCard manufacturer.

Power Problems

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

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.

NOTE: For information on standby mode, see "Power Management Modes" on page 41.

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.

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.

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 "Contacting Dell" on page 145.

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 "Power Management Modes" on page 41.

RESEAT THE MEMORY MODULES — If the computer power light turns on but the display remains blank, reinstall the memory modules (see "Memory" on page 112).

Ensuring Sufficient Power for Your Computer

Your computer is designed to use the 90-W AC adapter; for optimum system performance, you should always use this adapter.

The 65-W AC adapters used in other Dell™ portable computers can be used with your computer, but they will decrease system performance. Using less-powerful AC adapters, including the 65-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.

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 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 parallel printer, ensure that the **Print to the following port(s):** setting is **LPT1 (Printer Port)**. 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 PRINTER DOCUMENTATION — See the printer documentation for setup and troubleshooting information.

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 97.

No sound from external speakers

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 "Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities" on page 97.

RUN THE DELL DIAGNOSTICS (see page 77)

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.

No sound from headphones

CHECK THE HEADPHONE CABLE CONNECTION — Ensure that the headphone cable is securely inserted into the headphone connector (see "audio connectors" on page 20).

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 97.

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 the Help and Support Center, see page 13.

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 key

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 **Appearance and Themes**.
3. Click the area you want to change or click the **Display** icon.
4. Try different settings for **Color quality** and **Screen resolution**.

SEE "ERROR MESSAGES" — If an error message appears, see page 83.

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 "Contacting Dell" on page 145.

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.

NOTICE: The *Drivers and Utilities* CD may contain drivers for operating systems that are not on your computer. Ensure that you are installing software appropriate for your operating system.

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.

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 97.

Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities

NOTICE: The Dell Support website at **support.dell.com** and your *Drivers and Utilities* CD provide 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.

Using the Drivers and Utilities CD

NOTE: The *Drivers and Utilities* CD is optional and may not ship with your computer.

If using Device Driver Rollback or System Restore does not resolve the problem, then reinstall the driver from the *Drivers and Utilities* CD.

1 Save and close any open files, and exit any open programs.

2 Insert the *Drivers and Utilities* CD.

In most cases, the CD starts running automatically. If it does not, start Windows Explorer, click your CD drive directory to display the CD contents, and then double-click the **autorcd.exe** file. The first time that you run the CD, it might prompt you to install setup files. Click **OK**, and follow the instructions on the screen to continue.

3 From the **Language** drop-down menu in the toolbar, select your preferred language for the driver or utility (if available). A welcome screen appears.

4 Click **Next**.

The CD automatically scans your hardware to detect drivers and utilities used by your computer.

5 After the CD completes the hardware scan, you can also detect other drivers and utilities. Under **Search Criteria**, select the appropriate categories from the **System Model**, **Operating System**, and **Topic** drop-down menus.

A link or links appear(s) for the specific drivers and utilities used by your computer.

6 Click the link of a specific driver or utility to display information about the driver or utility that you want to install.

7 Click the **Install** button (if present) to begin installing the driver or utility. At the welcome screen, follow the screen prompts to complete the installation.

If no **Install** button is present, automatic installation is not an option. For installation instructions, either see the appropriate instructions in the following subsections, or click **Extract**, follow the extracting instructions, and then read the readme file.

If instructed to navigate to the driver files, click the CD directory on the driver information window to display the files associated with that driver.

Manually Reinstalling Drivers

NOTE: If you are reinstalling an infrared sensor driver, you must first enable the infrared sensor in the system setup program before continuing with the driver installation. See "Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities" on page 97.

1. After extracting the driver files to your hard drive as described in the previous section, 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 copied 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 start 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. Use System Restore as the first solution for restoring your operating system and preserving 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. Use PC Restore only if System Restore did not resolve your operating system problem.
- If you received an *Operating System* CD with your computer, you can use it to restore your operating system. However, using the *Operating System* CD also deletes all data on the hard drive. Use the CD *only* if System Restore did not resolve your operating system problem.

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 page 13.

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 apply 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 the task for **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 97) 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**.

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.

Using Dell PC Restore by Symantec

NOTICE: Using Dell 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. Use PC Restore only if System Restore did not resolve your operating system problem.

NOTE: Dell PC Restore by Symantec may not be available in certain countries nor on certain computers.

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.

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 starting, 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**.

Removing Dell PC Restore

NOTICE: Removing Dell PC Restore from the hard drive permanently deletes the PC Restore utility from your computer. After you have removed Dell PC Restore, you will not be able to use it to restore your computer's operating system.

Dell PC Restore enables you to restore your hard drive to the operating state it was in when you purchased your computer. It is recommended that you *do not* remove PC Restore from your computer, even to gain additional hard-drive space. If you remove PC Restore from the hard drive, you cannot ever recall it, and you will never be able to use PC Restore to return your computer's operating system to its original state.

To remove PC Restore:

1. Log on to the computer as a local administrator.
2. In Windows Explorer, go to **c:\dell\utilities\DSR**.

3 Double-click the filename **DSRIRRemv2.exe**.

NOTE: If you do not log on as a local administrator, a message appears stating that you must log on as administrator. Click **Quit**, and then log on as a local administrator.

NOTE: If the partition for PC Restore does not exist on your computer's hard drive, a message appears stating that the partition was not found. Click **Quit**; there is no partition to delete.

4 Click **OK** to remove the PC Restore partition on the hard drive.

5 Click **Yes** when a confirmation message appears.

The PC Restore partition is deleted and the newly available disk space is added to the free space allocation on the hard drive.

6 Right-click **Local Disk (C)** in Windows Explorer, click **Properties**, and verify that the additional disk space is available as indicated by the increased value for **Free Space**.

7 Click **Finish** to close the **PC Restore Removal** window.

8 Restart the computer.

Using the Operating System CD

Before You Begin

If you are considering reinstalling the Windows XP operating system to correct a problem with a newly installed driver, first try using Windows XP Device Driver Rollback (see page 97). If Device Driver Rollback does not resolve the problem, then use System Restore to return your operating system to the operating state it was in before you installed the new device driver. See "Using Microsoft Windows XP System Restore" on page 100.

To reinstall Windows XP, you need the following items:

- Dell™ *Operating System* CD
- Dell *Drivers and Utilities* CD

NOTE: The *Drivers and Utilities* CD contains drivers that were installed during assembly of the computer. Use the *Drivers and Utilities* CD to load any required drivers. Depending on the region from where you ordered your computer, or whether you requested the CDs, the *ResourceCD* and *Operating System* CD may not ship with your system.

Reinstalling Windows XP

To reinstall Windows XP, perform all the steps in the following sections in the order in which they are listed.

The reinstallation process can take 1 to 2 hours to complete. After you reinstall the operating system, you must also reinstall the device drivers, virus protection program, and other software.

NOTICE: The *Operating System* CD provides options for reinstalling Windows XP. The options can overwrite files and possibly affect programs installed on your hard drive. Therefore, do not reinstall Windows XP unless a Dell technical support representative instructs you to do so.

NOTICE: To prevent conflicts with Windows XP, disable any virus protection software installed on your computer before you reinstall Windows XP. See the documentation that came with the software for instructions.

1. Save and close any open files and exit any open programs.
2. Insert the *Operating System* CD. Click **Exit** if the `Install Windows XP` message appears.
3. Restart the computer.
4. Press <F2> immediately after the DELL™ logo appears.

   If the operating system logo appears, wait until you see the Windows desktop, and then shut down the computer and try again.
5. Press the arrow keys to select **CD-ROM**, and press <Enter>.
6. When the `Press any key to boot from CD` message appears, press any key.
7. When the **Windows XP Setup** screen appears, press <Enter>.
8. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the reinstallation.
9. When the operating system reinstallation completes, reinstall drivers and applications as necessary.

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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" (see this page) and "Before Working Inside Your Computer" (see page 106).
- You have read the safety information in your Dell™ *Product Information Guide*.
- A component can be replaced—or if purchased separately—installed 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
- Small plastic scribe
- Flash BIOS update (see the Dell Support website at **support.dell.com**)

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 "Turning Off Your Computer" on page 105.

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

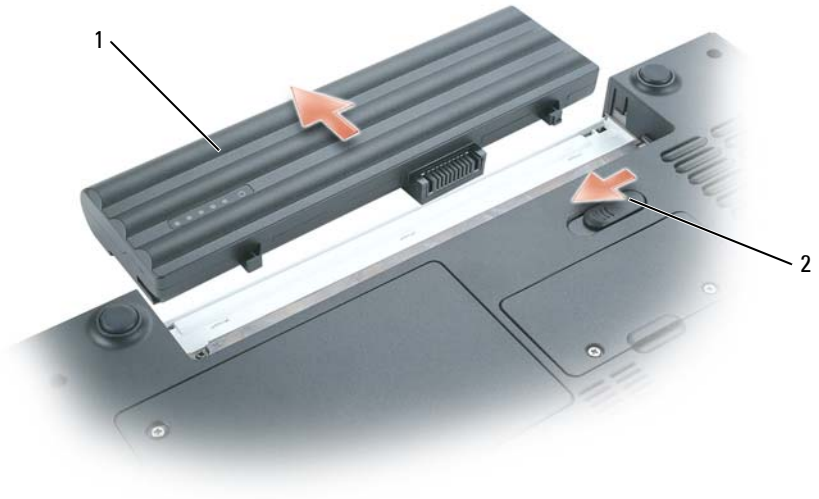
3. Disconnect any telephone or network cables from the computer.

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

4 Disconnect your computer and all attached devices from their electrical outlets.

5 Remove the battery.

Slide and hold the battery-bay latch release on the bottom of the computer, and then pull the battery out of the battery bay.



1 battery 2 battery-bay latch release

6 Remove the optical drive, if installed, from the optical drive bay. See "Optical Drives" on page 111.

7 Press the power button to ground the system board.

8 Remove any installed ExpressCards from the ExpressCard slot. See "Removing an ExpressCard or Blank" on page 68.

9 Remove any installed media memory cards from the 5-in-1 media memory card reader. See "Removing a Media Memory Card or Blank" on page 72.

10 Close the display and turn the computer upside down on a flat work surface.

11 Remove the hard drive. See "Hard Drive" on page 108.

Battery

Removing a Battery

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

NOTICE: If you choose to replace the battery with the computer in standby mode, you have up to 1 minute to complete the battery replacement before the computer shuts down and loses any unsaved data.

1. Ensure that the computer is turned off or suspended in a power management mode.
2. Slide and hold the battery-bay latch release on the bottom of the computer, and then remove the battery from the bay by pulling it straight out from the computer.

NOTE: The 6-cell battery is flush with the back of the computer. The 9-cell battery extends beyond the back of the computer.

Installing a Battery

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 battery is designed to work with your Dell computer. Do not use a battery from other computers with your computer.

Slide the battery into the bay until the latch release clicks.

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

NOTICE: To prevent data loss, turn off your computer (see page 105) 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.

NOTE: If you are installing a hard drive from a source other than Dell, you need to install an operating system, drivers, and utilities on the new hard drive.

To replace the hard drive in the hard drive bay:

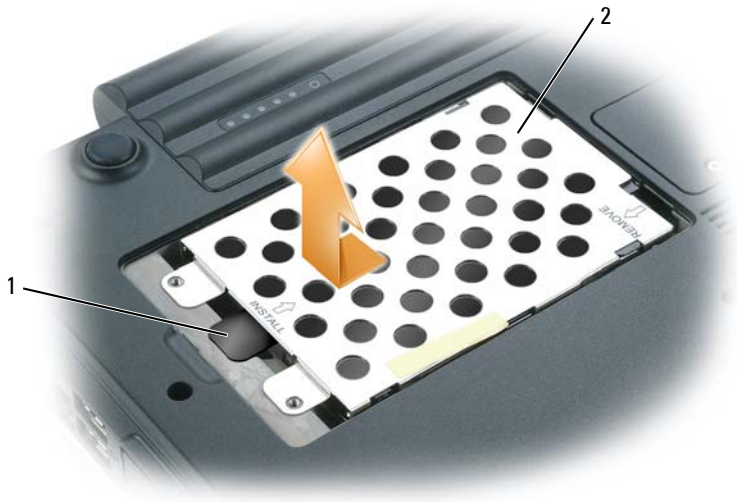
1. Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 105.
2. Turn the computer over, and loosen the two captive screws in the hard drive cover.

1 screws (2)

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 Lift the cover off the computer and set it aside.

4 Use the pull-tab to slide the hard drive toward the screw holes, and then lift the hard drive straight up to remove it from the computer.



1 pull-tab 2 hard drive

5 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.

6 Seat the new hard drive into the bay, and then slide it into the connector by sliding it away from the screw holes until it is fully seated.

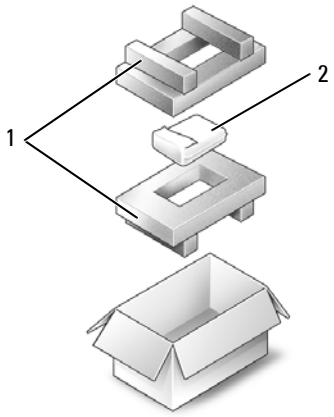
7 Replace the cover and tighten the screws.

8 Install the operating system for your computer. See "Restoring Your Operating System" on page 99.

9 Install the drivers and utilities for your computer. See "Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities" on page 97.

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.



1 foam packaging 2 hard drive

Optical Drives

About the Device Security Screw

NOTE: You do not need to install the device security screw unless you want to prevent the module from being easily removed.

Your Dell™ computer ships with an optical drive installed in the module bay and a device security screw, which may not be installed in the optical drive but packaged separately. When you install a module in the bay, you can install the device security screw to prevent the module from being easily removed.

Removing and Installing Optical Drives

NOTICE: To prevent damage to drives, store them in a safe, dry place when they are not installed in the computer. Avoid pressing down on them or placing heavy objects on top of them.

1. *While the computer is turned on*, double-click the **Safely Remove Hardware** icon on the taskbar, click the device that you want to eject, and click **Stop**.
2. Close your display and turn the computer upside-down.
3. Use a Phillips screwdriver to remove the device security screw from the bottom of the computer.

4 Insert a Phillips screwdriver into the screw hole to push the drive out of the module bay.

5 Pull the drive straight out of the module bay.

6 Push the new drive straight into the module bay until it clicks.

7 Replace the security device screw.

8 Turn the computer right-side up and open the display.

9 The operating system automatically recognizes the drive. If necessary, enter your password to unlock your computer.

Memory

You can increase your computer memory by installing memory modules on the system board. See "Specifications" on page 131 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 in the *Product Information Guide*.

The computer has two memory module connectors labeled "DIMM A" and "DIMM B." Connector DIMM A (located under the keyboard) holds the basic memory module as configured from the factory. If you did not order additional memory, connector DIMM B (located on the bottom of the computer under the memory module cover) will be empty. Generally, if you are adding memory,

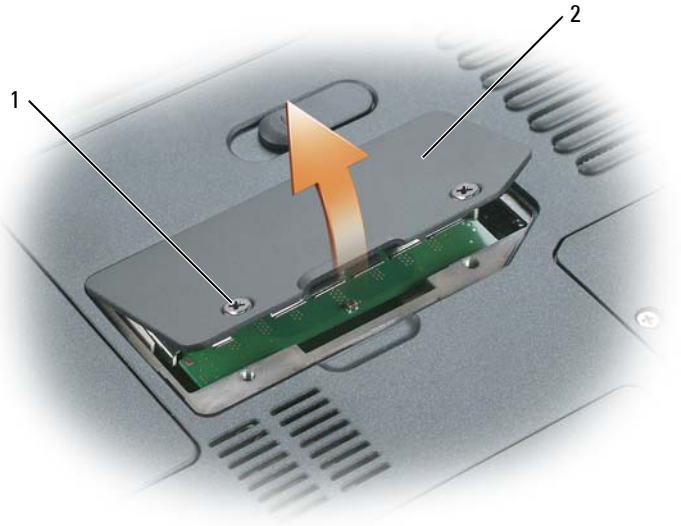
you will install a memory module in connector DIMM B. If you are upgrading memory, you may need to install memory in both the DIMM A and B connectors, depending on the extent of the upgrade.

Installing a Memory Module in Connector DIMM B

1. Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 105.
2. Ground yourself by touching one of the metal connectors on the back of the computer.

NOTE: If you leave the area, ground yourself again when you return to the computer.

3. Turn the computer over, loosen the captive screws on the memory module cover, and then remove the memory module cover.



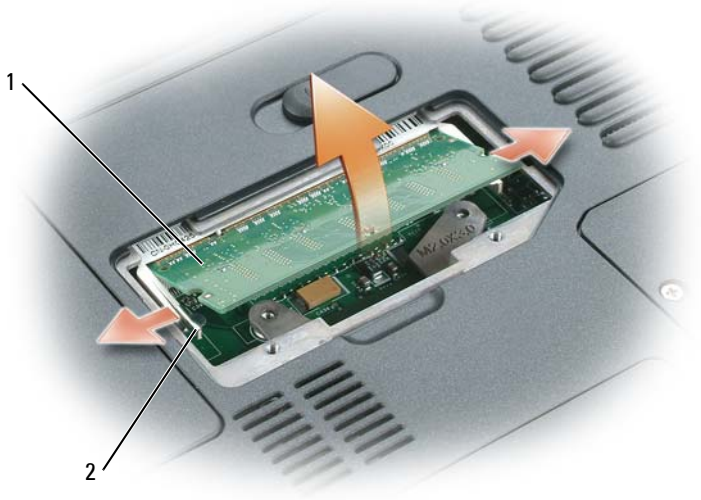
1 screws (2) 2 memory module cover

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

4 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.



1 memory module

2 securing clips (2 per connector)

NOTICE: If you need to install memory modules in two connectors, install a memory module in the connector labeled "DIMM A" before you install a module in the connector labeled "DIMM B." Insert memory modules at a 45-degree angle to avoid damaging the connector.

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

5 Ground yourself and install the new memory module:

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.

1 tab in connector slot

6 Replace the memory module cover and tighten the screws.

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

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

8 Reinstall the hard drive. See "Hard Drive" on page 108.

9 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**.

Installing a Memory Module in Connector DIMM A

The memory module connector labeled "DIMM A" is located under the keyboard.

1 Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 105.

2 Ground yourself by touching one of the metal connectors on the back of the computer.

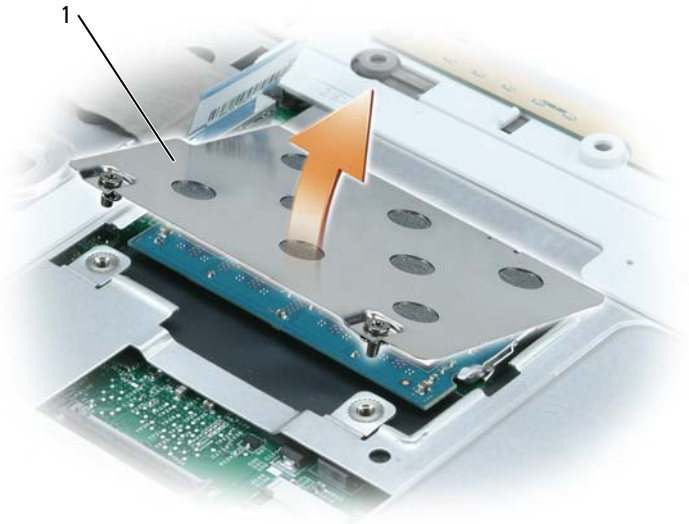
NOTE: If you leave the area, ground yourself again when you return to the computer.

3 Remove the hinge cover. See "Hinge Cover" on page 123.

NOTE: Ensure that you remove the two screws in the battery bay as part of the hinge removal procedure.

4 Remove the keyboard. See "Keyboard" on page 125.

5 Loosen the captive screws on the memory module cover, and then remove the memory module cover.



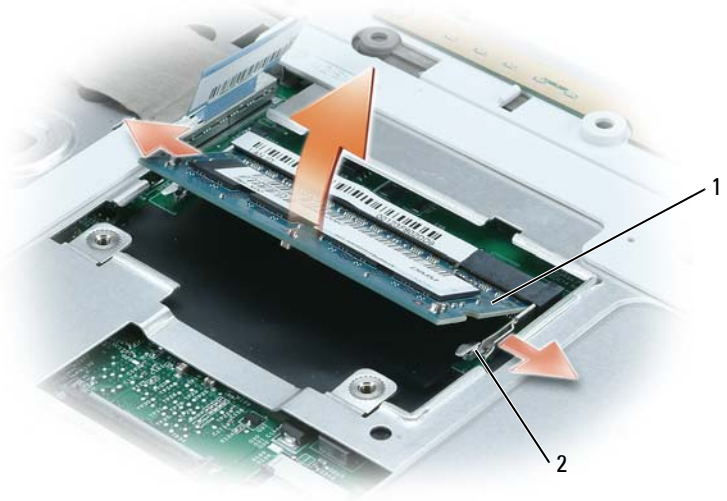
1 tab in connector slot

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

6 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.



1	memory module	2	securing clips (2 per connector)

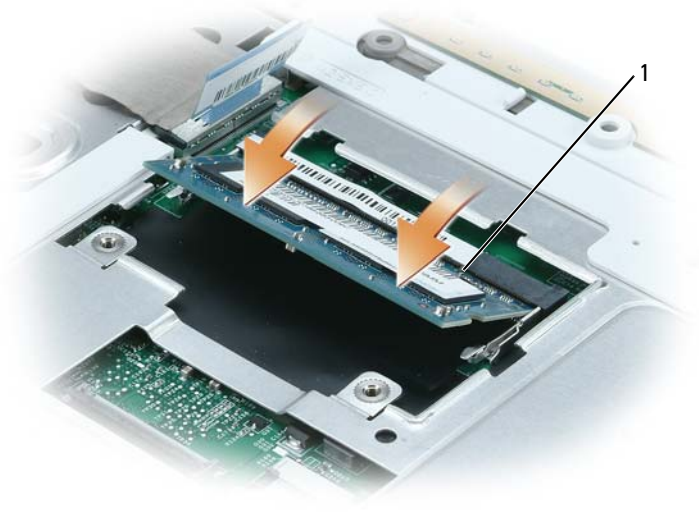
NOTICE: If you need to install memory modules in two connectors, install a memory module in the connector labeled "DIMM A" before you install a module in the connector labeled "DIMM B." Insert memory modules at a 45-degree angle to avoid damaging the connector.

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

7 Ground yourself and install the new memory module:

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.



1 tab in connector slot

8 Replace the memory module cover and tighten the screws.

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

9 Replace the keyboard. See "Keyboard" on page 125.

10 Replace the hinge cover. See "Hinge Cover" on page 123.

NOTE: Ensure that you replace the two screws inside the battery bay as part of the hinge replacement procedure.

11 Insert the battery into the battery bay, or connect the AC adapter to your computer and an electrical outlet.

12 Reinstall the hard drive. See "Hard Drive" on page 108.

13 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 (Optional)

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 in the *Product Information Guide*.

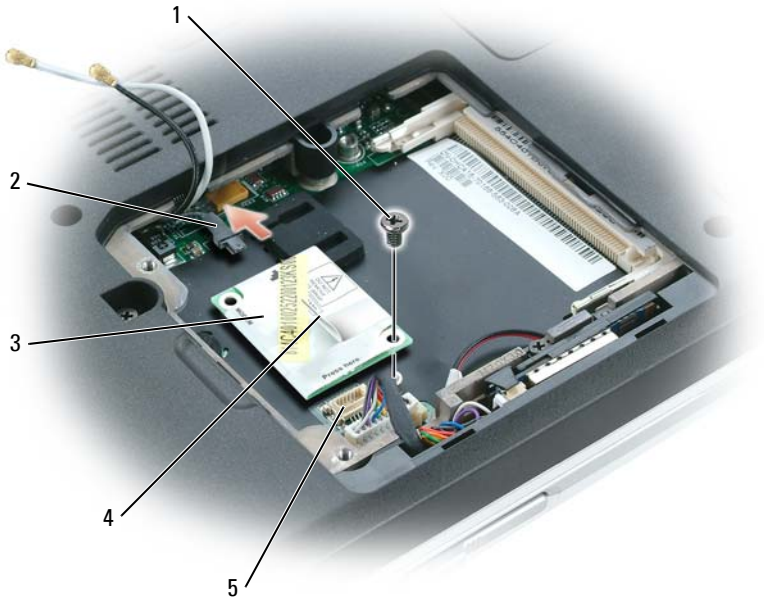
1. Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 105.
2. Turn the computer over, loosen the captive screws on the modem/Mini PCI/wireless cover, and then remove the cover.

1 modem/Mini PCI/wireless cover

3 Remove the existing modem:

a Remove the screw securing the modem to the system board, and set it 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.



1	screw	3	modem	5	system board connector
2	modem cable	4	pull-tab		

4 Install the replacement modem:

a 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.

b Align the modem with the screw holes and press the modem into the connector on the system board.

c Replace the screw that secures the modem to the system board.

5 Replace the modem/Mini PCI/wireless cover.

Wireless Mini PCI Card

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 in the *Product Information Guide*.

1. Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 105.
2. If a Mini PCI card is not already installed, go to step . If you are replacing a Mini PCI card, remove the existing card:
   a. Disconnect the antenna cables from the Mini PCI card.

1 antenna 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.

1 Mini PCI card 2 metal securing tabs (2)

NOTICE: The connectors are keyed to ensure correct insertion. If you feel resistance, check the connectors and realign the card.

3 Install the replacement Mini PCI card:

NOTICE: To avoid damaging the Mini PCI card, make sure the antenna cables are not under the card when you click the card into place.

a Align the Mini PCI card with the connector at a 45-degree angle, and press the Mini PCI card into the connector until it clicks.

b Connect the antenna cables to the Mini PCI card. Make sure the cables snap onto the tiny connectors on the Mini PCI card.

1 antenna cables

Hinge Cover

Removing the Hinge Cover

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

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

NOTICE: To avoid damaging the system board, you must remove the main battery before you begin working inside the computer.

NOTICE: The hinge cover is fragile and can be damaged if extreme force is used. Be careful when removing the hinge cover.

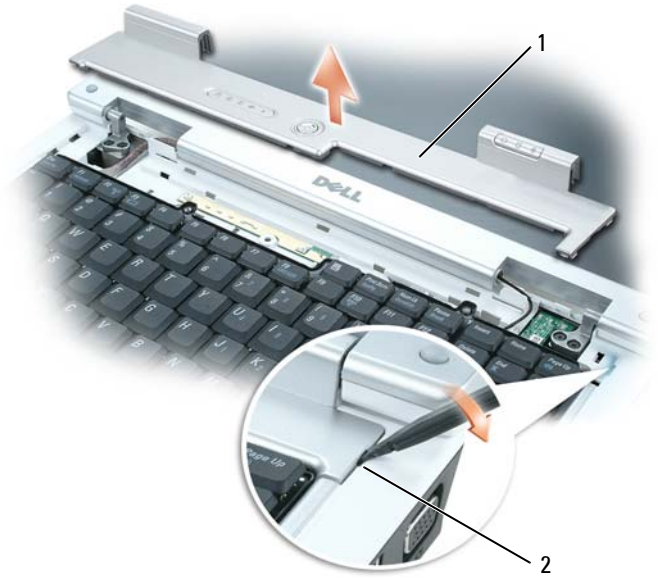
1. Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 105.
2. Remove the battery (see page 108).
3. Remove the two screws inside the battery bay.

1 screws (2)

4. Turn the computer right-side up, and then open the display all the way (180 degrees) so that it rests on your work surface.

NOTICE: To avoid damaging the hinge cover, do not lift the cover on both sides simultaneously.

5. Insert a scribe into the indent to lift the hinge cover on the right side.



1 hinge cover 2 indent

6 Ease the hinge cover up, moving from right to left, and remove it.

Replacing the Hinge Cover

1 Insert the left edge of the cover into place.

2 Press from left to right until the cover snaps into place.

3 Close the display and turn the computer upside down.

4 Replace the two screws in the battery bay.

5 Replace the battery (see page 108).

Keyboard

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

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

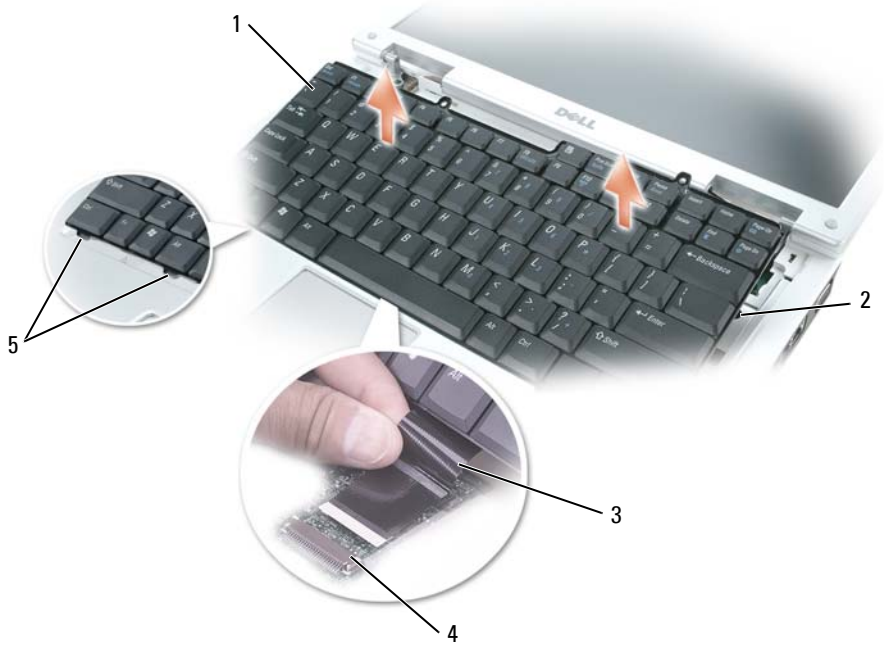
NOTICE: To avoid damaging the system board, you must remove the main battery before you begin working inside the computer.

Removing the Keyboard

1. Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 105.
2. Remove the hinge cover. See "Hinge Cover" on page 123.

NOTICE: The keycaps on the keyboard are fragile, easily dislodged, and time-consuming to replace. Be careful when removing and handling the keyboard.

3. Lift the keyboard and hold it up and slightly forward to allow access to the keyboard connector.
4. Release the lever on the system board connector to disconnect the keyboard cable from the system board.



1	keyboard	3	keyboard cable	5	tabs (6)
2	side tabs (2)	4	lever on system board connector		

Replacing the Keyboard

NOTICE: To avoid scratching the palm rest when replacing the keyboard, hook the six tabs along the front edge of the keyboard into the palm rest, and then secure the keyboard in place.

1. Connect the keyboard cable to the system board.
2. Place the six tabs along the front edge of the keyboard into the palm rest.
3. Fasten the keyboard cable with the lever on the system board connector.
4. Snap the keyboard into place under the two side tabs.

Internal Card With Bluetooth® Wireless Technology

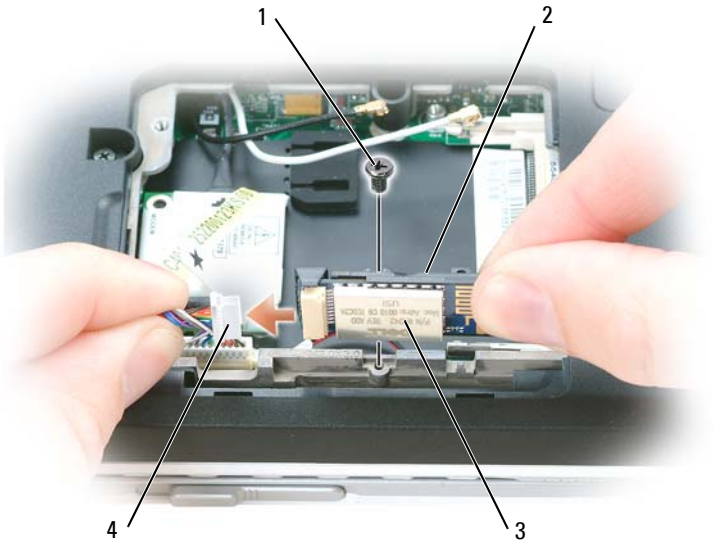
CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

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

NOTICE: To avoid damaging the system board, you must remove the main battery before you begin working inside the computer.

If you ordered a card with Bluetooth wireless technology with your computer, the card is already installed.

1. Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 105.
2. Loosen the captive screws in the modem/Mini PCI/wireless cover, and then remove the cover.
3. Remove the screw securing the card carrier.
4. Pull the carrier out of the compartment so that you can disconnect the card from its cable and remove the card from the computer.
5. To replace the card, connect the card to the cable.
6. Then carefully insert the card into the carrier and insert the carrier into the compartment.
7. Replace the screw securing the card carrier into place.



1	screw	3	card
2	card carrier	4	card connector

Coin-Cell Battery

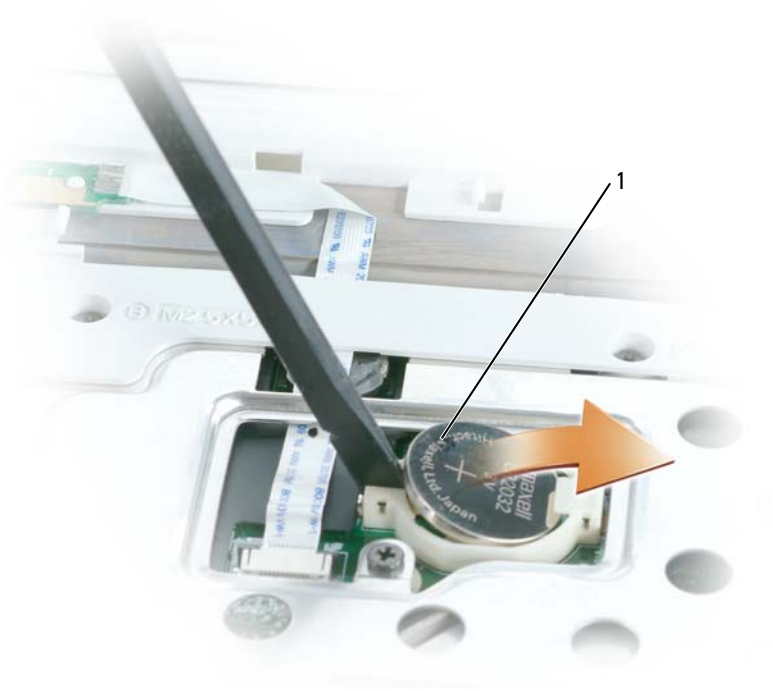
Removing the Coin-Cell Battery

CAUTION: Before you perform the following procedures, see the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

NOTICE: To avoid electrostatic discharge, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by periodically touching an unpainted metal surface (such as the back panel) on the computer.

NOTICE: To avoid damaging the system board, you must remove the main battery before you begin working inside the computer.

1. Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 105.
2. Remove the hinge cover (see page 123).
3. Remove the keyboard (see page 125).
4. Use a plastic scribe to lift the battery upward to remove it from the system board.



1 coin-cell battery

Replacing the Coin-Cell Battery

When you replace the battery, insert it into the circular socket with the positive side up, and then push it into place.

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Appendix

Specifications

Processor	
Processor type	Intel® Pentium® M or Intel Celeron® M
L1 cache	32-KB I-cache 32-KB D-cache
L2 cache	2 MB
External bus frequency (front side bus)	400 MHz and 533 MHz

System Information	
System chip set	Mobile Intel 915 GM Express
Data bus width	64 bits
DRAM bus width	dual-channel (2) 64-bit buses
Processor address bus width	32 bits
Flash EPROM	1 MB
Graphics bus	internal
PCI bus	32 bits

ExpressCard	
ExpressCard controller	Intel ICH6
ExpressCard connector	one ExpressCard slot (54 mm)
Cards supported	ExpressCard/34 (34 mm) and ExpressCard/54 (54 mm)
	1.5 V and 3.3 V
ExpressCard connector size	28 pins

5-in-1 Media Memory Card Reader	
5-in-1 media memory card controller	Ricoh R5C832
5-in-1 media memory card connector	5-in-1 combo card connector
Cards supported	MS MS Pro SSD/SDIO MMC xD CD Type I/II & IBM® Microdrive through ExpressCard adapter
5-in-1 media memory card connector size	36.8 x 29.3 x 4.75 mm

Memory	
Memory module connector	two SODIMM connectors
Memory module capacities	256 MB, 512 MB, and 1 GB
Memory type	1.8-V SODIMM DDR-2
Minimum memory	256 MB
Maximum memory	2 GB

Ports and Connectors	
Audio	microphone connector, stereo headphone/speaker connector
IEEE 1394a	4-pin serial connector
Mini PCI	one Type IIIA Mini PCI card slot
Modem	RJ-11 port
Network adapter	RJ-45 port
S-video TV-out	7-pin mini-DIN connector (optional S-video to composite video adapter cable)
USB	four 4-pin USB 2.0-compliant connectors
Video	15-hole connector

Communications	
Modem:	
Type	v.92 56K MDC
Controller	softmodem
Interface	internal HDA bus
Network adapter	10/100 Ethernet LAN on system board
Wireless	internal Mini PCI Wi-Fi and Bluetooth® wireless technology support

Video	
Video type:	integrated on system board
Video controller	Intel® Graphics Media Accelerator (GMA) 900
Video memory	Up to 64 MB of shared memory
LCD interface	LVDS
TV support	NTSC/PAL

Audio	
Audio type	High Definition Audio (HDA) bus
Audio controller	Sigmatel STAC9200
Stereo conversion	24-bit (analog-to-digital and digital-to-analog)
Interfaces:	
Internal	HDA bus
External	microphone-in connector, stereo headphones/speakers connector
Speaker	two 4-ohm speakers
Internal speaker amplifier	1-W channel into 4 ohms
Volume controls	keyboard shortcuts, program menus, media control buttons

Display	
Type (active-matrix TFT)	14.1-inch WXGA
Dimensions:	
Height	206 mm (8.11 inches)
Width	320 mm (12.59 inches)
Diagonal	357.74 mm (14.1 inches)
Maximum resolutions:	
WXGA	1280 x 800 at 16.7 million colors
Refresh rate	60 Hz
Operating angle	0° (closed) to 180°
Viewing angles:	
Horizontal	±40° (WXGA) typical
Vertical	+15°/–30° (WXGA)
Pixel pitch:	
WXGA	0.237 mm
Controls	brightness can be controlled through keyboard shortcuts

Keyboard	
Number of keys	87 (U.S. and Canada); 88 (Europe); 91 (Japan)
Layout	QWERTY/AZERTY/Kanji

Touch Pad	
X/Y position resolution (graphics table mode)	240 cpi
Size:	
Width	73.0-mm (2.9-inch) sensor-active area
Height	42.9-mm (1.7-inch) rectangle

Battery	
Type	9-cell "smart" lithium ion 6-cell "smart" lithium ion
Dimensions:	
Depth	60.1 mm (2.37 inches) (9 cell) 49 mm (1.93 inches) (6 cell)
Height	24 mm (0.94 inch)
Width	206.8 mm (8.14 inches)
Weight	0.48 kg (1.06 lb) (9 cell) 0.32 kg (0.7 lb) (6 cell)
Voltage	11.1 VDC
Charge time (approximate):	
Computer off	2 hours
Operating time	Battery operating time varies depending on operating conditions and can be significantly reduced under certain power-intensive conditions. See "Power Problems" on page 91. See "Using a Battery" on page 45 for more information on battery life.
Life span (approximate)	500 discharge/charge cycles
Temperature range:	
Operating	0° to 35°C (32° to 95°F)
Storage	–40° to 60°C (–40° to 140°F)
Coin-cell battery	CR-2032

AC Adapter	
Input voltage	90–264 VAC
Input current (maximum)	1.5 A
Input frequency	47–63 Hz
Output current	4.34 A (maximum at 4-second pulse); 3.34 A (continuous)
Output power	65 W
Rated output voltage	19.5 +/–1.0 VDC

AC Adapter *(continued)*	
Dimensions:	
Height	28.2 mm (1.11 inches)
Width	57.9 mm (2.28 inches)
Depth	137.2 mm (5.4 inches)
Weight (with cables)	0.4 kg (0.9 lb)
Temperature range:	
Operating	0° to 35°C (32° to 95°F)
Storage	–40° to 65°C (–40° to 149°F)

Physical	
Height	38.6 mm (1.52 inches)
Width	330 mm (12.99 inches)
Depth	243 mm (9.56 inches)
Weight (with 6-cell battery, CDRW/DVD combo, and 40G hard drive):	
Configurable to less than	2.5 kg (5.5 lb)

Environmental	
Temperature range:	
Operating	0° to 35°C (32° to 95°F)
Storage	–40° to 65°C (–40° to 149°F)
Relative humidity (maximum):	
Operating	10% to 90% (noncondensing)
Storage	5% to 95% (noncondensing)
Maximum vibration (using a random-vibration spectrum that simulates user environment):	
Operating	0.66 GRMS
Storage	1.3 GRMS
Maximum shock (measured with hard drive in head-parked position and a 2-ms half-sine pulse):	
Operating	122 G

Environmental *(continued)*	
Storage	163 G
Altitude (maximum):	
Operating	–15.2 to 3048 m (–50 to 10,000 ft)
Storage	–15.2 to 10,668 m (–50 to 35,000 ft)

Using the System Setup Program

Overview

NOTE: Your operating system may automatically configure most of the options available in the system setup program, thus overriding options that you set through the system setup program. (An exception is the **External Hot Key** option, which you can disable or enable only through the system setup program.) For more information on configuring features for your operating system, see the Windows Help and Support Center. To access the Help and Support Center, see page 13.

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

- System configuration
- Basic device-configuration settings
- System security and hard-drive password settings
- Power management settings
- Boot (start-up) configuration and display settings
- Docking-device settings
- Wireless control 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 program settings. Certain changes might make your computer work incorrectly.

Viewing the System Setup Screen

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 Screen

The system setup screen consists of three windows of information. The window on the left contains an expandable hierarchy of control categories. If you select (highlight) a category (such as **System**, **Onboard Devices**, or **Video**) and press <Enter>, you can show or hide the related subcategories. The window on the right contains information about the category or subcategory selected in the window on the left.

The window at the bottom tells you how to control the system setup program with key functions. Use these keys to select a category, modify its settings, or exit the system setup program.

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 the system setup program.

NOTE: To change the boot sequence on a one-time-only basis, see "Performing a One-Time Boot" on page 139.

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**
- **Internal HDD**
- **USB Storage Device**
- **CD/DVD/CD-RW drive**
- **Modular bay HDD**

NOTE: Only devices that are preceded by a number are bootable.

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 are preceded by a number; disabled items are not preceded by a number.
- To reorder a device in the list, highlight the device and press either <u> to move the device up the list or <d> to move a device down the list.

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

Performing a One-Time Boot

You can set a one-time-only boot sequence without entering the system setup program. (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. Connect the computer to an electrical outlet.
3. Turn on the computer. 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.
4. 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.

Computer Tracking Software

Computer tracking software may enable you to locate your computer if it is lost or stolen. The software is either preinstalled on your computer, or you can purchase it from **www.dell.com**. To use tracking software, activate the setting, if necessary, in the system setup program (BIOS). To access the system setup program, start your computer and press <F2> immediately when the blue DELL™ logo appears.

Traveling With Your Computer

Identifying Your Computer

- Attach a name tag or business card to the computer.
- Write down your Service Tag and store it in a safe place away from the computer or carrying case. Use the Service Tag if you need to report a loss or theft to law enforcement officials and to Dell.
- Create a file on the Microsoft® Windows® desktop called **if_found**. Place information such as your name, address, and phone number in this file.
- Contact your credit card company and ask if it offers coded identification tags.

Packing the Computer

- Remove any external devices attached to the computer and store them in a safe place.
- To make the computer as light as possible, replace any devices installed in the module bay with the Dell TravelLite™ module.
- Fully charge the main battery and any spare batteries that you plan to carry with you.

- Shut down the computer.
- Disconnect the AC adapter.

NOTICE: When the display is closed, extraneous items on the keyboard or palm rest could damage the display.

- Remove any extraneous items, such as paper clips, pens, and paper, from the keyboard and palm rest and close the display.
- Use the optional Dell™ carrying case to pack the computer and its accessories together safely.
- Avoid packing the computer with items such as shaving cream, colognes, perfumes, or food.

NOTICE: If the computer has been exposed to extreme temperatures, allow it to acclimate to room temperature for 1 hour before turning it on.

- Protect the computer, the batteries, and the hard drive from hazards such as extreme temperatures and overexposure to sunlight, dirt, dust, or liquids.
- Pack the computer so that it does not slide around in the trunk of your car or in an overhead storage compartment.

Travel Tips

NOTICE: Do not move the computer while using the optical drive to prevent loss of data.

NOTICE: Do not check the computer as baggage.

- Consider disabling wireless activity on your computer to maximize battery operating time. To disable wireless activity, press<Fn><F2>.
- Consider changing your power management options to maximize battery operating time. See "Power Management" on page 39.
- If you are the system setup program internationally, carry proof of ownership—or of your right to use the computer if it is company-owned—to speed your passage through customs. Investigate the customs regulations of the countries you plan to visit, and consider acquiring an international carnet (also known as a *merchandise passport*) from your government.
- Find out what type of electrical outlets are used in the countries you will visit, and have appropriate power adapters.
- Check with your credit card company for information about the kinds of emergency travel assistance it offers to users of portable computers.

Traveling by Air

NOTICE: Do not walk the computer through a metal detector. Send the computer through an X-ray machine or have it hand-inspected.

- Ensure that you have a charged battery available in case you are asked to turn on the computer.

- Prior to entering the airplane, verify that using a computer is permitted. Some airlines forbid the use of electronic devices during flight. All airlines forbid the use of electronic devices during takeoff and landing.

If Your Computer Is Lost or Stolen

- Call a law enforcement agency to report the lost or stolen computer. Include the Service Tag in your description of the computer. Ask that a case number be assigned and write down the number, along with the name, address, and phone number of the law enforcement agency. If possible, obtain the name of the investigating officer.

NOTE: If you know where the computer was lost or stolen, call a law enforcement agency in that area. If you do not know, call a law enforcement agency where you live.

- If the computer belongs to a company, notify the security office of the company.
- Contact Dell customer service to report the missing computer. Provide the computer Service Tag, the case number, and the name, address, and phone number of the law enforcement agency to which you reported the missing computer. If possible, give the name of the investigating officer.

The Dell customer service representative will log your report under the computer Service Tag and record the computer as missing or stolen. If someone calls Dell for technical assistance and gives your Service Tag, the computer is identified automatically as missing or stolen. The representative will attempt to get the phone number and address of the caller. Dell will then contact the law enforcement agency to which you reported of the missing computer.

Cleaning Your Computer

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

Computer, Keyboard, and Display

CAUTION: Before you clean your computer, disconnect the computer from the electrical outlet and remove any installed batteries. Clean your computer with a soft cloth dampened with water. Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners, which may contain flammable substances.

- Use a can of compressed air to remove dust from between the keys on the keyboard and to remove any dirt or lint from the display.

NOTICE: To avoid damaging the computer or display, do not spray cleaning solution directly onto the display. Only use products specifically designed for cleaning displays, and follow the instructions that are included with the product.

- Moisten a soft, lint-free cloth with either water or a display cleaner. Do not use alcohol or an ammonia-based cleaner. Wipe the display gently working from the center to the edges until it is clean and any fingerprints are removed. Do not use excessive pressure.

- Moisten a soft, lint-free cloth with water and wipe the computer and keyboard. Do not allow water from the cloth to seep between the touch pad and the surrounding palm rest.

Touch Pad

1. Shut down and turn off your computer. See "Turning Off Your Computer" on page 105.
2. Disconnect any attached devices from the computer and from their electrical outlets.
3. Remove any installed batteries. See "Battery" on page 108.
4. Moisten a soft, lint-free cloth with water, and wipe it gently across the surface of the touch pad. Do not allow water from the cloth to seep between the touch pad and the surrounding palm rest.

Floppy Drive

NOTICE: Do not attempt to clean drive heads with a swab. You might accidentally misalign the heads which prevents the drive from operating.

Clean your floppy drive using a commercially available cleaning kit. These kits contain pretreated floppies to remove contaminants that accumulate during normal operation.

CDs and DVDs

NOTICE: Always use compressed air to clean the lens in the CD/DVD drive, and follow the instructions that come with the compressed-air product. Never touch the lens in the drive.

If you notice problems, such as skipping, with the playback quality of your CDs or DVDs, try cleaning the discs.

1. Hold the disc by its outer edge. You can also touch the inside edge of the center hole.

NOTICE: To avoid damaging the surface, do not wipe in a circular motion around the disc.

2. With a soft, lint-free cloth, gently wipe the bottom of the disc (the unlabeled side) in a straight line from the center to the outer edge of the disc.

   For stubborn dirt, try using water or a diluted solution of water and mild soap. You can also purchase commercial products that clean discs and provide some protection from dust, fingerprints, and scratches. Cleaning products for CDs are also safe to use on DVDs.

FCC Notices (U.S. Only)

Most Dell computers are classified by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as Class B digital devices. To determine which classification applies to your computer, examine all FCC registration labels located on the bottom, side, or back panel of your computer, on card-mounting brackets, and on the cards themselves. If any one of the labels carries a Class A rating, your entire computer is considered to be a Class A digital device. If *all* labels carry an FCC Class B rating as distinguished by either an FCC ID number or the FCC logo, (FC), your computer is considered to be a Class B digital device.

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: PP19L
- Company name:

  Dell Inc.
  One Dell Way
  Round Rock, Texas 78682 USA
  512-338-4400

Macrovision Product Notice

This product incorporates copyright protection technology that is protected by U.S. patents and other intellectual property rights. Use of this copyright protection technology must be authorized by Macrovision, and is intended for home and other limited viewing uses only unless otherwise authorized by Macrovision. Reverse engineering or disassembly is prohibited.

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 peripherals[1]. 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 Integration[2].

[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 ExpressCard 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.

NOTE: In certain countries, technical support specific to Dell XPS portable computers is available at a separate telephone number listed for participating countries. If you do not see a telephone number listed that is specific for XPS portable computers, you may contact Dell through the technical support number listed and your call will be routed appropriately.

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

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Argentina (Buenos Aires)	Website: **www.dell.com.ar**	
International Access Code: **00**	E-mail: us_latin_services@dell.com	
Country Code: **54**	E-mail for desktop and portable computers: la-techsupport@dell.com	
City Code: **11**	E-mail for servers and EMC® storage products: 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
Australia (Sydney)	E-mail (Australia): au_tech_support@dell.com	
International Access Code: **0011**	E-mail Customer Care (Australia and New Zealand): apcustserv@dell.com	
Country Code: **61**	Home and Small Business	1-300-655-533
City Code: **2**	Government and Business	toll-free: 1-800-633-559
	Preferred Accounts Division (PAD)	toll-free: 1-800-060-889
	Customer Care (after sales)	toll-free 1-333-55(option 3)
	Technical Support (portables and desktops)	toll-free: 1-300-655-533
	Technical Support (servers and workstations)	toll-free: 1-800-733-314
	Corporate Sales	toll-free: 1-800-808-385
	Transaction Sales	toll-free: 1-800-808-312
	Fax	toll-free: 1-800-818-341

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Austria (Vienna)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **900**	E-mail: tech_support_central_europe@dell.com	
Country Code: **43**	Home/Small Business Sales	0820 240 530 00
City Code: **1**	Home/Small Business Fax	0820 240 530 49
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	0820 240 530 14
	Preferred Accounts/Corporate Customer Care	0820 240 530 16
	Technical Support for XPS portable computers only	0820 240 530 81
	Home/Small Business Technical Support for all other Dell computers	0820 240 530 14
	Preferred Accounts/Corporate Technical Support	0660 8779
	Switchboard	0820 240 530 00
Bahamas	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-278-6818
Barbados	General Support	1-800-534-3066
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**		
City Code: **2**	Technical Support for XPS portable computers only	02 481 92 96
	Technical Support for all other Dell computers	02 481 92 88
	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
Country Code: **55**	Technical Support Fax	51 481 5470
City Code: **51**	Customer Care Fax	51 481 5480
	Sales	0800 90 3390
British Virgin Islands	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-278-6820

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Brunei	Customer Technical Support (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4966
Country Code: **673**	Customer Care (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4888
	Transaction Sales (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4955
Canada (North York, Ontario)	Online Order Status: **www.dell.ca/ostatus**	
International Access Code: **011**	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
	Technical Support (printers, projectors, televisions, handhelds, digital jukebox, and wireless)	1-877-335-5767
	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)	Sales, Customer Support, and Technical Support	toll-free: 1230-020-4823
Country Code: **56**		
City Code: **2**		

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China (Xiamen)	Technical Support website: **support.dell.com.cn**	
Country Code: **86**	Technical Support E-mail: cn_support@dell.com	
City Code: **592**	Customer Care E-mail: customer_cn@dell.com	
	Technical Support Fax	592 818 1350
	Technical Support (Dell™ 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, switches, routers, and so on)	toll-free: 800 858 2920
	Technical Support (printers)	toll-free: 800 858 2311
	Customer Care	toll-free: 800 858 2060
	Customer Care 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	22537 2727
	Customer Care	22537 2707
	Fax	22537 2714
	Tech Fax	22537 2728
	Switchboard	22537 2711
Denmark (Copenhagen)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	E-mail: **support.euro.dell.com/dk/da/emaildell/**	
Country Code: **45**	Technical Support for XPS portable computers only	7010 0074
	Technical Support for all other Dell computers	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
Finland (Helsinki)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **990**	E-mail: **support.euro.dell.com/fi/fi/emaildell/**	
Country Code: **358**	Technical Support	09 253 313 60
City Code: **9**	Customer Care	09 253 313 38
	Fax	09 253 313 99
	Switchboard	09 253 313 00

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France (Paris) (Montpellier)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	E-mail: **support.euro.dell.com/fr/fr/emaildell/**	
Country Code: **33**	**Home and Small Business**	
City Codes: **(1) (4)**	Technical Support for XPS portable computers only	0825 387 129
	Technical Support for all other Dell computers	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
Germany (Langen)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	E-mail: tech_support_central_europe@dell.com	
Country Code: **49**	Technical Support for XPS portable computers only	06103 766-7222
City Code: **6103**	Technical Support for all other Dell computers	06103 766-7200
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	0180-5-224400
	Global Segment Customer Care	06103 766-9570
	Preferred Accounts Customer Care	06103 766-9420
	Large Accounts Customer Care	06103 766-9560
	Public Accounts Customer Care	06103 766-9555
	Switchboard	06103 766-7000

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Greece	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	E-mail: **support.euro.dell.com/gr/en/emaildell/**	
Country Code: **30**	Technical Support	00800-44 14 95 18
	Gold Service Technical Support	00800-44 14 00 83
	Switchboard	2108129810
	Gold Service Switchboard	2108129811
	Sales	2108129800
	Fax	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
Hong Kong	Website: **support.ap.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **001**	Technical Support 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
	Customer Care	3416 0910
	Large Corporate Accounts	3416 0907
	Global Customer Programs	3416 0908
	Medium Business Division	3416 0912
	Home and Small Business Division	2969 3105
India	E-mail: india_support_desktop@dell.com india_support_notebook@dell.com india_support_Server@dell.com	
	Technical Support	1600338045 and 1600448046
	Sales (Large Corporate Accounts)	1600 33 8044
	Sales (Home and Small Business)	1600 33 8046

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Ireland (Cherrywood)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **16**	E-mail: dell_direct_support@dell.com	
Country Code: **353**	Technical Support for XPS portable computers only	1850 200 722
City Code: **1**	Technical Support for all other Dell computers	1850 543 543
	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
Italy (Milan)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	E-mail: **support.euro.dell.com/it/it/emaildell/**	
Country Code: **39**	**Home and Small Business**	
City Code: **02**	Technical Support	02 577 826 90
	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
Korea (Seoul)	E-mail: krsupport@dell.com	
International Access Code: **001**	Technical Support	toll-free: 080-200-3800
Country Code: **82**	Technical Support (Dimension, PDA, Electronics and Accessories)	toll-free: 080-200-3801
City Code: **2**	Sales	toll-free: 080-200-3600
	Fax	2194-6202
	Switchboard	2194-6000

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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**	
International Access Code: **00**	Technical Support	342 08 08 075
Country Code: **352**	Home/Small Business Sales	+32 (0)2 713 15 96
	Corporate Sales	26 25 77 81
	Customer Care	+32 (0)2 481 91 19
	Fax	26 25 77 82
Macao	Technical Support	toll-free: 0800 105
Country Code: **853**	Customer Service (Xiamen, China)	34 160 910
	Transaction Sales (Xiamen, China)	29 693 115
Malaysia (Penang)	Website: **support.ap.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	Technical Support (Dell Precision, OptiPlex, and Latitude)	toll-free: 1 800 880 193
Country Code: **60**		
City Code: **4**	Technical Support (Dimension, Inspiron, and Electronics and Accessories)	toll-free: 1 800 881 306
	Technical Support (PowerApp, PowerEdge, PowerConnect, and PowerVault)	toll-free: 1800 881 386
	Customer Care	toll-free: 1800 881 306 (option 6)
	Transaction Sales	toll-free: 1 800 888 202
	Corporate Sales	toll-free: 1 800 888 213

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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 for XPS portable computers only	020 674 45 94
Country Code: **31**	Technical Support for all other Dell computers	020 674 45 00
City Code: **20**	Technical Support Fax	020 674 47 66
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	020 674 42 00
	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	E-mail (New Zealand): nz_tech_support@dell.com	
International Access Code: **00** Country Code: **64**	E-mail Customer Care (Australia and New Zealand): apcustserv@dell.com	
	Customer Care	toll-free: 0800-289-335 (option 3)
	Technical Support (for desktop and portable computers)	toll-free: 0800 446 255
	Technical Support (for servers and workstations)	toll-free: 0800 443 563
	Home and Small Business	0800 446 255
	Government and Business	0800 444 617
	Sales	0800 441 567
	Fax	0800 441 566
Nicaragua	General Support	001-800-220-1006
Norway (Lysaker)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	E-mail: **support.euro.dell.com/no/no/emaildell/**	
Country Code: **47**	Technical Support for XPS portable computers only	815 35 043
	Technical Support for all other Dell products	671 16882
	Relational Customer Care	671 17575
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	23162298
	Switchboard	671 16800
	Fax Switchboard	671 16865
Panama	General Support	001-800-507-0962
Peru	General Support	0800-50-669
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

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Portugal	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	E-mail: **support.euro.dell.com/pt/en/emaildell/**	
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)	Website: **support.ap.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **005** Country Code: **65**	Technical Support (Dimension, Inspiron, and Electronics and Accessories)	toll-free: 1800 394 7430
	Technical Support (OptiPlex, Latitude, and Dell Precision)	toll-free: 1800 394 7488
	Technical Support (PowerApp, PowerEdge, PowerConnect, and PowerVault)	toll-free: 1800 394 7478
	Customer Care	toll-free: 1 800 394 7430 (option 6)
	Transaction Sales	toll-free: 1 800 394 7412
	Corporate Sales	toll-free: 1 800 394 7419
Slovakia (Prague)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	E-mail: czech_dell@dell.com	
Country Code: **421**	Technical Support	02 5441 5727
	Customer Care	420 22537 2707
	Fax	02 5441 8328
	Tech Fax	02 5441 8328
	Switchboard (Sales)	02 5441 7585

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South Africa (Johannesburg)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code:	E-mail: dell_za_support@dell.com	
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: **support.euro.dell.com/se/sv/emaildell/**	
Country Code: **46**	Technical Support for XPS portable computers only	0771 340 340
City Code: 8	Technical Support for all other Dell products	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 for XPS portable computers only	0848 33 88 57
	Technical Support (Home and Small Business) for all other Dell products	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
Taiwan	Website: **support.ap.dell.com**	
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Country Code: **886**	Technical Support (OptiPlex, Latitude, Inspiron, Dimension, and Electronics and Accessories)	toll-free: 00801 86 1011
	Technical Support (PowerApp, PowerEdge, PowerConnect, and PowerVault)	toll-free: 00801 60 1256
	Customer Care	toll-free: 00801 60 1250 (option 5)
	Transaction Sales	toll-free: 00801 65 1228
	Corporate Sales	toll-free: 00801 651 227

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Thailand	Website: **support.ap.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **001** Country Code: **66**	Technical Support (OptiPlex, Latitude, and Dell Precision)	toll-free: 1800 0060 07
	Technical Support (PowerApp, PowerEdge, PowerConnect, and PowerVault)	toll-free: 1800 0600 09
	Customer Care	toll-free: 1800 006 007 (option 7)
	Corporate Sales	toll-free: 1800 006 009
	Transaction Sales	toll-free: 1800 006 006
Trinidad/Tobago	General Support	1-800-805-8035
Turks and Caicos Islands	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-540-3355
U.K. (Bracknell)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00** Country Code: **44** City Code: **1344**	Customer Care website: **support.euro.dell.com/uk/en/ECare/Form/Home.asp**	
	E-mail: dell_direct_support@dell.com	
	Technical Support (Corporate/Preferred Accounts/PAD [1000+ employees])	0870 908 0500
	Technical Support for XPS portable computers only	0870 366 4180
	Technical Support (direct and general) for all other products	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**	Technical Support (Dell TV, Printers, and Projectors) for Relationship customers	toll-free 1-877-459-7298
	Consumer (Home and Home Office) Technical Support for all other Dell products	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: 1-800-456-3355
	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: 1-800-695-8133
	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-DELLTTY (1-877-335-5889)
U.S. Virgin Islands	General Support	1-877-673-3355
Venezuela	General Support	8001-3605

Glossary

Terms in this Glossary are provided for informational purposes only and may or may not describe features included with your particular computer.

A

AC — alternating current — The form of electricity that powers your computer when you plug the AC adapter power cable in to an electrical outlet.

ACPI — advanced configuration and power interface — A power management specification that enables Microsoft® Windows® operating systems to put a computer in standby or hibernate mode to conserve the amount of electrical power allocated to each device attached to the computer.

AGP — accelerated graphics port — A dedicated graphics port that allows system memory to be used for video-related tasks. AGP delivers a smooth, true-color video image because of the faster interface between the video circuitry and the computer memory.

antivirus software — A program designed to identify, quarantine, and/or delete viruses from your computer.

APR — advanced port replicator — A docking device that allows you to conveniently use an external monitor, keyboard, mouse, and other devices with your portable computer.

ASF — alert standards format — A standard to define a mechanism for reporting hardware and software alerts to a management console. ASF is designed to be platform- and operating system-independent.

B

backup — A copy of a program or data file on a floppy, CD, DVD, or hard drive. As a precaution, back up the data files from your hard drive regularly.

battery — A rechargeable internal power source used to operate portable computers when not connected to an AC adapter and an electrical outlet.

battery life span — The length of time (years) during which a portable computer battery is able to be depleted and recharged.

battery operating time — The length of time (minutes or hours) that a portable computer battery holds a charge while powering the computer.

BIOS — basic input/output system — A program (or utility) that serves as an interface between the computer hardware and the operating system. Unless you understand what effect these settings have on the computer, do not change them. Also referred to as the *system setup program*.

bit — The smallest unit of data interpreted by your computer.

Bluetooth® wireless technology — A wireless technology standard for short-range (9 m [29 feet]) networking devices that allows for enabled devices to automatically recognize each other.

boot sequence — Specifies the order of the devices from which the computer attempts to boot.

bootable CD — A CD that you can use to start your computer. In case your hard drive is damaged or your computer has a virus, ensure that you always have a bootable CD or floppy disk available. Your *Drivers and Utilities* or *ResourceCD* is a bootable CD.

bootable disk — A disk that you can use to start your computer. In case your hard drive is damaged or your computer has a virus, ensure that you always have a bootable CD or floppy disk available.

bps — bits per second — The standard unit for measuring data transmission speed.

BTU — British thermal unit — A measurement of heat output.

bus — A communication pathway between the components in your computer.

bus speed — The speed, given in MHz, that indicates how fast a bus can transfer information.

byte — The basic data unit used by your computer. A byte is usually equal to 8 bits.

C

C — Celsius — A temperature measurement scale where 0° is the freezing point and 100° is the boiling point of water.

cache — A special high-speed storage mechanism which can be either a reserved section of main memory or an independent high-speed storage device. The cache enhances the efficiency of many processor operations.

L1 cache — Primary cache stored inside the processor.

L2 cache — Secondary cache which can either be external to the processor or incorporated into the processor architecture.

carnet — An international customs document that facilitates temporary imports into foreign countries. Also known as a *merchandise passport*.

CD — compact disc — An optical form of storage media, typically used for audio and software programs.

CD drive — A drive that uses optical technology to read data from CDs.

CD player — The software used to play music CDs. The CD player displays a window with buttons that you use to play a CD.

CD-R — CD recordable — A recordable version of a CD. Data can be recorded only once onto a CD-R. Once recorded, the data cannot be erased or written over.

CD-RW — CD rewritable — A rewritable version of a CD. Data can be written to a CD-RW disc, and then erased and written over (rewritten).

CD-RW drive — A drive that can read CDs and write to CD-RW (rewritable CDs) and CD-R (recordable CDs) discs. You can write to CD-RW discs multiple times, but you can write to CD-R discs only once.

CD-RW/DVD drive — A drive, sometimes referred to as a combo drive, that can read CDs and DVDs and write to CD-RW (rewritable CDs) and CD-R (recordable CDs) discs. You can write to CD-RW discs multiple times, but you can write to CD-R discs only once.

clock speed — The speed, given in MHz, that indicates how fast computer components that are connected to the system bus operate.

COA — Certificate of Authenticity — The Windows alpha-numeric code located on a sticker on your computer. Also referred to as the *Product Key* or *Product ID*.

Control Panel — A Windows utility that allows you to modify operating system and hardware settings, such as display settings.

controller — A chip that controls the transfer of data between the processor and memory or between the processor and devices.

CRIMM — continuity rambus in-line memory module — A special module that has no memory chips and is used to fill unused RIMM slots.

cursor — The marker on a display or screen that shows where the next keyboard, touch pad, or mouse action will occur. It often is a blinking solid line, an underline character, or a small arrow.

D

DDR SDRAM — double-data-rate SDRAM — A type of SDRAM that doubles the data burst cycle, improving system performance.

DDR2 SDRAM — double-data-rate 2 SDRAM — A type of DDR SDRAM that uses a 4-bit prefetch and other architectural changes to boost memory speed to over 400 MHz.

device — Hardware such as a disk drive, printer, or keyboard that is installed in or connected to your computer.

device driver — See *driver*.

DIMM — Dual Inline Memory Module.

DIN connector — A round, six-pin connector that conforms to DIN (Deutsche Industrie-Norm) standards; it is typically used to connect PS/2 keyboard or mouse cable connectors.

disk striping — A technique for spreading data over multiple disk drives. Disk striping can speed up operations that retrieve data from disk storage. Computers that use disk striping generally allow the user to select the data unit size or stripe width.

DMA — direct memory access — A channel that allows certain types of data transfer between RAM and a device to bypass the processor.

docking device — See *APR*.

DMTF — Distributed Management Task Force — A consortium of hardware and software companies who develop management standards for distributed desktop, network, enterprise, and Internet environments.

domain — A group of computers, programs, and devices on a network that are administered as a unit with common rules and procedures for use by a specific group of users. A user logs on to the domain to gain access to the resources.

DRAM — dynamic random-access memory — Memory that stores information in integrated circuits containing capacitors.

driver — Software that allows the operating system to control a device such as a printer. Many devices do not work properly if the correct driver is not installed in the computer.

DSL — Digital Subscriber Line — A technology that provides a constant, high-speed Internet connection through an analog telephone line.

dual display mode — A display setting that allows you to use a second monitor as an extension of your display. Also referred to as *extended display mode*.

DVD — digital versatile disc — A high-capacity disc usually used to store movies. DVD drives read most CD media as well.

DVD drive — A drive that uses optical technology to read data from DVDs and CDs.

DVD player — The software used to watch DVD movies. The DVD player displays a window with buttons that you use to watch a movie.

DVD-R — DVD recordable — A recordable version of a DVD. Data can be recorded only once onto a DVD-R. Once recorded, the data cannot be erased or written over.

DVD+RW — DVD rewritable — A rewritable version of a DVD. Data can be written to a DVD+RW disc, and then erased and written over (rewritten). (DVD+RW technology is different from DVD-RW technology.)

DVD+RW drive — A drive that can read DVDs and most CD media and write to DVD+RW (rewritable DVDs) discs.

DVI — digital video interface — A standard for digital transmission between a computer and a digital video display.

E

ECC — error checking and correction — A type of memory that includes special circuitry for testing the accuracy of data as it passes in and out of memory.

ECP — extended capabilities port — A parallel connector design that provides improved bidirectional data transmission. Similar to EPP, ECP uses direct memory access to transfer data and often improves performance.

EIDE — enhanced integrated device electronics — An improved version of the IDE interface for hard drives and CD drives.

EMI — electromagnetic interference — Electrical interference caused by electromagnetic radiation.

ENERGY STAR® — Environmental Protection Agency requirements that decrease the overall consumption of electricity.

EPP — enhanced parallel port — A parallel connector design that provides bidirectional data transmission.

ESD — electrostatic discharge — A rapid discharge of static electricity. ESD can damage integrated circuits found in computer and communications equipment.

expansion card — A circuit board that installs in an expansion slot on the system board in some computers, expanding the capabilities of the computer. Examples include video, modem, and sound cards.

expansion slot — A connector on the system board (in some computers) where you insert an expansion card, connecting it to the system bus.

ExpressCard — A removable I/O card adhering to the PCMCIA standard. Modems and network adapters are common types of ExpressCards. ExpressCards support both the PCI Express and USB 2.0 standard.

Express Service Code — A numeric code located on a sticker on your Dell™ computer. Use the Express Service Code when contacting Dell for assistance. Express Service Code service may not be available in some countries.

extended display mode — A display setting that allows you to use a second monitor as an extension of your display. Also referred to as *dual display mode*.

extended PC Card — A PC Card that extends beyond the edge of the PC Card slot when installed.

F

Fahrenheit — A temperature measurement scale where 32° is the freezing point and 212° is the boiling point of water.

FCC — Federal Communications Commission — A U.S. agency responsible for enforcing communications-related regulations that state how much radiation computers and other electronic equipment can emit.

floppy — An electromagnetic form of storage media. Also known as a *floppy diskette* or a *floppy disk*.

floppy drive — A disk drive that can read and write to floppy disks.

folder — A term used to describe space on a disk or drive where files are organized and grouped. Files in a folder can be viewed and ordered in various ways, such as alphabetically, by date, and by size.

format — The process that prepares a drive or disk for file storage. When a drive or disk is formatted, the existing information on it is lost.

FSB — front side bus — The data path and physical interface between the processor and RAM.

FTP — file transfer protocol — A standard Internet protocol used to exchange files between computers connected to the Internet.

G

G — gravity — A measurement of weight and force.

GB — gigabyte — A measurement of data storage that equals 1024 MB (1,073,741,824 bytes). When used to refer to hard drive storage, the term is often rounded to 1,000,000,000 bytes.

GHz — gigahertz — A measurement of frequency that equals one thousand million Hz, or one thousand MHz. The speeds for computer processors, buses, and interfaces are often measured in GHz.

graphics mode — A video mode that can be defined as *x* horizontal pixels by *y* vertical pixels by *z* colors. Graphics modes can display an unlimited variety of shapes and fonts.

GUI — graphical user interface — Software that interacts with the user by means of menus, windows, and icons. Most programs that operate on the Windows operating systems are GUIs.

H

hard drive — A drive that reads and writes data on a hard disk. The terms hard drive and hard disk are often used interchangeably.

heat sink — A metal plate on some processors that helps dissipate heat.

help file — A file that contains descriptive or instructional information about a product. Some help files are associated with a particular program, such as *Help* in Microsoft Word. Other help files function as stand-alone reference sources. Help files typically have a filename extension of **.hlp** or **.chm**.

hibernate mode — A power management mode that saves everything in memory to a reserved space on the hard drive and then turns off the computer. When you restart

the computer, the memory information that was saved to the hard drive is automatically restored.

HTML — hypertext markup language — A set of codes inserted into an Internet web page intended for display on an Internet browser.

HTTP — hypertext transfer protocol — A protocol for exchanging files between computers connected to the Internet.

Hz — hertz — A unit of frequency measurement that equals 1 cycle per second. Computers and electronic devices are often measured in kilohertz (kHz), megahertz (MHz), gigahertz (GHz), or terahertz (THz).

I

IC — Industry Canada — The Canadian regulatory body responsible for regulating emissions from electronic equipment, much as the FCC does in the United States.

IC — integrated circuit — A semiconductor wafer, or chip, on which thousands or millions of tiny electronic components are fabricated for use in computer, audio, and video equipment.

IDE — integrated device electronics — An interface for mass storage devices in which the controller is integrated into the hard drive or CD drive.

IEEE 1394 — Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. — A high-performance serial bus used to connect IEEE 1394-compatible devices, such as digital cameras and DVD players, to the computer.

infrared sensor — A port that allows you to transfer data between the computer and infrared-compatible devices without using a cable connection.

integrated — Usually refers to components that are physically located on the computer's system board. Also referred to as *built-in*.

I/O — input/output — An operation or device that enters and extracts data from your computer. Keyboards and printers are I/O devices.

I/O address — An address in RAM that is associated with a specific device (such as a serial connector, parallel connector, or expansion slot) and allows the processor to communicate with that device.

IrDA — Infrared Data Association — The organization that creates international standards for infrared communications.

IRQ — interrupt request — An electronic pathway assigned to a specific device so that the device can communicate with the processor. Each device connection must be assigned an IRQ. Although two devices can share the same IRQ assignment, you cannot operate both devices simultaneously.

ISP — Internet service provider — A company that allows you to access its host server to connect directly to the Internet, send and receive e-mail, and access websites. The ISP typically provides you with a software package, user name, and access phone numbers for a fee.

K

Kb — kilobit — A unit of data that equals 1024 bits. A measurement of the capacity of memory integrated circuits.

KB — kilobyte — A unit of data that equals 1024 bytes but is often referred to as 1000 bytes.

key combination — A command requiring you to press multiple keys at the same time.

kHz — kilohertz — A measurement of frequency that equals 1000 Hz.

L

LAN — local area network — A computer network covering a small area. A LAN usually is confined to a building or a few nearby buildings. A LAN can be connected to another LAN over any distance through telephone lines and radio waves to form a wide area network (WAN).

LCD — liquid crystal display — The technology used by portable computer and flat-panel displays.

LED — light-emitting diode — An electronic component that emits light to indicate the status of the computer.

local bus — A data bus that provides a fast throughput for devices to the processor.

LPT — line print terminal — The designation for a parallel connection to a printer or other parallel device.

M

Mb — megabit — A measurement of memory chip capacity that equals 1024 Kb.

Mbps — megabits per second — One million bits per second. This measurement is typically used for transmission speeds for networks and modems.

MB — megabyte — A measurement of data storage that equals 1,048,576 bytes. 1 MB equals 1024 KB. When used to refer to hard drive storage, the term is often rounded to 1,000,000 bytes.

MB/sec — megabytes per second — One million bytes per second. This measurement is typically used for data transfer ratings.

memory — A temporary data storage area inside your computer. Because the data in memory is not permanent, it is recommended that you frequently save your files while you are working on them, and always save your files before you shut down the computer. Your computer can contain several different forms of memory, such as RAM, ROM, and video memory. Frequently, the word memory is used as a synonym for RAM.

memory address — A specific location where data is temporarily stored in RAM.

memory mapping — The process by which the computer assigns memory addresses to physical locations at start-up. Devices and software can then identify information that the processor can access.

memory module — A small circuit board containing memory chips, which connects to the system board.

MHz — megahertz — A measure of frequency that equals 1 million cycles per second. The speeds for computer processors, buses, and interfaces are often measured in MHz.

Mini PCI — A standard for integrated peripherals with an emphasis on communications such as such as modems and NICs. Mini PCI is a small card that is functionally equivalent to a standard PCI expansion card.

modem — A device that allows your computer to communicate with other computers over analog telephone lines. Three types of modems include: external, PC Card or ExpressCard, and internal. You typically use your modem to connect to the Internet and exchange e-mail.

module bay — A bay that supports devices such as optical drives, a second battery, or a Dell TravelLite™ module.

monitor — The high-resolution TV-like device that displays computer output.

mouse — A pointing device that controls the movement of the cursor on your screen. Typically you roll the mouse over a hard, flat surface to move the pointer or cursor on your screen.

ms — millisecond — A measure of time that equals one thousandth of a second. Access times of storage devices are often measured in ms.

N

network adapter — A chip that provides network capabilities. A computer may include a network adapter on its system board, or it may contain an PC Card with an adapter on it. A network adapter is also referred to as a *NIC* (network interface controller).

NIC — See *network adapter*.

notification area — The section of the Windows taskbar that contains icons for providing quick access to programs and computer functions, such as the clock, volume control, and print status. Also referred to as *system tray*.

ns — nanosecond — A measure of time that equals one billionth of a second.

NVRAM — nonvolatile random access memory — A type of memory that stores data when the computer is turned off or loses its external power source. NVRAM is used for maintaining computer configuration information such as date, time, and other system setup options that you can set.

O

optical drive — A drive that uses optical technology to read or write data from CDs, DVDs, or DVD+RWs. Example of optical drives include CD drives, DVD drives, CD-RW drives, and CD-RW/DVD combo drives.

P

parallel connector — An I/O port often used to connect a parallel printer to your computer. Also referred to as an *LPT port*.

partition — A physical storage area on a hard drive that is assigned to one or more logical storage areas known as logical drives. Each partition can contain multiple logical drives.

PC Card — A removable I/O card adhering to the PCMCIA standard. Modems and network adapters are common types of PC Cards.

PCI — peripheral component interconnect — PCI is a local bus that supports 32-and 64-bit data paths, providing a high-speed data path between the processor and devices such as video, drives, and networks.

PCI Express — A modification to the PCI interface that boosts the data transfer rate between the processor and the devices attached to it. PCI Express can transfer data at speeds from 250 MB/sec to 4 GB/sec. If the PCI Express chip set and the device are capable of different speeds, they will operate at the slower speed.

PCMCIA — Personal Computer Memory Card International Association — The organization that establishes standards for PC Cards.

PIN — personal identification number — A sequence of numerals and/or letters used to restrict unauthorized access to computer networks and other secure systems.

PIO — programmed input/output — A method of transferring data between two devices through the processor as part of the data path.

pixel — A single point on a display screen. Pixels are arranged in rows and columns to create an image. A video resolution, such as 800 x 600, is expressed as the number of pixels across by the number of pixels up and down.

Plug-and-Play — The ability of the computer to automatically configure devices. Plug and Play provides automatic installation, configuration, and compatibility with existing hardware if the BIOS, operating system, and all devices are Plug and Play compliant.

POST — power-on self-test — Diagnostics programs, loaded automatically by the BIOS, that perform basic tests on the major computer components, such as memory, hard drives, and video. If no problems are detected during POST, the computer continues the start-up.

processor — A computer chip that interprets and executes program instructions. Sometimes the processor is referred to as the *CPU* (central processing unit).

program — Any software that processes data for you, including spreadsheet, word processor, database, and game packages. Programs require an operating system to run.

PS/2 — personal system/2 — A type of connector for attaching a PS/2-compatible keyboard, mouse, or keypad.

PXE — pre-boot execution environment — A WfM (Wired for Management) standard that allows networked computers that do not have an operating system to be configured and started remotely.

R

RAID — redundant array of independent disks — A method of providing data redundancy. Some common implementations of RAID include RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, RAID 10, and RAID 50.

RAM — random-access memory — The primary temporary storage area for program instructions and data. Any information stored in RAM is lost when you shut down your computer.

readme file — A text file included with a software package or hardware product. Typically, readme files provide installation information and describe new product enhancements or corrections that have not yet been documented.

read-only — Data and/or files you can view but cannot edit or delete. A file can have read-only status if:

- It resides on a physically write-protected floppy disk, CD, or DVD.
- It is located on a network in a directory and the system administrator has assigned rights only to specific individuals.

refresh rate — The frequency, measured in Hz, at which your screen's horizontal lines are recharged (sometimes also referred to as its *vertical frequency*). The higher the refresh rate, the less video flicker can be seen by the human eye.

resolution — The sharpness and clarity of an image produced by a printer or displayed on a monitor. The higher the resolution, the sharper the image.

RFI — radio frequency interference — Interference that is generated at typical radio frequencies, in the range of 10 kHz to 100,000 MHz. Radio frequencies are at the lower end of the electromagnetic frequency spectrum and are more likely to have interference than the higher frequency radiations, such as infrared and light.

ROM — read-only memory — Memory that stores data and programs that cannot be deleted or written to by the computer. ROM, unlike RAM, retains its contents after you shut down your computer. Some programs essential to the operation of your computer reside in ROM.

RPM — revolutions per minute — The number of rotations that occur per minute. Hard drive speed is often measured in rpm.

RTC — real time clock — Battery-powered clock on the system board that keeps the date and time after you shut down the computer.

RTCRST — real-time clock reset — A jumper on the system board of some computers that can often be used for troubleshooting problems.

S

ScanDisk — A Microsoft utility that checks files, folders, and the hard disk's surface for errors. ScanDisk often runs when you restart the computer after it has stopped responding.

SDRAM — synchronous dynamic random-access memory — A type of DRAM that is synchronized with the optimal clock speed of the processor.

serial connector — An I/O port often used to connect devices such as a handheld digital device or digital camera to your computer.

Service Tag — A bar code label on your computer that identifies your computer when you access Dell Support at **support.dell.com** or when you call Dell for customer service or technical support.

setup program — A program that is used to install and configure hardware and software. The **setup.exe** or **install.exe** program comes with most Windows software packages. *Setup program* differs from the *system setup program*.

shortcut — An icon that provides quick access to frequently used programs, files, folders, and drives. When you place a shortcut on your Windows desktop and double-click the icon, you can open its corresponding folder or file without having to find it first. Shortcut icons do not change the location of files. If you delete a shortcut, the original file is not affected. Also, you can rename a shortcut icon.

shutdown — The process of closing windows and exiting programs, exiting the operating system, and turning off your computer. You can lose data if you turn off your computer before completing a shutdown.

smart card — A card that is embedded with a processor and a memory chip. Smart cards can be used to authenticate a user on computers equipped for smart cards.

software — Anything that can be stored electronically, such as computer files or programs.

S/PDIF — Sony/Philips Digital Interface — An audio transfer file format that allows the transfer of audio from one file to another without converting it to and from an analog format, which could degrade the quality of the file.

standby mode — A power management mode that shuts down all unnecessary computer operations to save energy.

Strike Zone™ — Reinforced area of the platform base that protects the hard drive by acting as a dampening device when a computer experiences resonating shock or is dropped (whether the computer is on or off).

surge protectors — Prevent voltage spikes, such as those that may occur during an electrical storm, from entering the computer through the electrical outlet. Surge protectors do not protect against lightning strikes or against brownouts, which occur when the voltage drops more than 20 percent below the normal AC-line voltage level.

Network connections cannot be protected by surge protectors. Always disconnect the network cable from the network connector during electrical storms.

SVGA — super-video graphics array — A video standard for video cards and controllers. Typical SVGA resolutions are 800 x 600 and 1024 x 768.

The number of colors and resolution that a program displays depends on the capabilities of the monitor, the video controller and its drivers, and the amount of video memory installed in the computer.

S-video TV-out — A connector used to attach a TV or digital audio device to the computer.

SXGA — super-extended graphics array — A video standard for video cards and controllers that supports resolutions up to 1280 x 1024.

SXGA+ — super-extended graphics array plus — A video standard for video cards and controllers that supports resolutions up to 1400 x 1050.

system board — The main circuit board in your computer. Also known as the *motherboard*.

system setup — A utility that serves as an interface between the computer hardware and the operating system. System setup allows you to configure user-selectable options in the BIOS, such as date and time or system password. Unless you understand what effect the settings have on the computer, do not change the settings for this program.

system tray — See *notification area*.

T

TAPI — telephony application programming interface — Enables Windows programs to operate with a wide variety of telephony devices, including voice, data, fax, and video.

text editor — A program used to create and edit files that contain only text; for example, Windows Notepad uses a text editor. Text editors do not usually provide word wrap or formatting functionality (the option to underline, change fonts, and so on).

travel module — A plastic device designed to fit inside the module bay of a portable computer to reduce the weight of the computer.

U

UMA — unified memory allocation — System memory dynamically allocated to video.

UPS — uninterruptible power supply — A backup power source used when the electrical power fails or drops to an unacceptable voltage level. A UPS keeps a computer running for a limited amount of time when there is no electrical power. UPS systems typically provide surge suppression and may also provide voltage regulation. Small UPS systems provide battery power for a few minutes to enable you to shut down your computer.

USB — universal serial bus — A hardware interface for a low-speed device such as a USB-compatible keyboard, mouse, joystick, scanner, set of speakers, printer, broadband devices (DSL and cable modems), imaging devices, or storage devices. Devices are plugged directly in to a 4-pin socket on your computer or in to a multi-port hub that plugs in to your computer. USB devices can be connected and disconnected while the computer is turned on, and they can also be daisy-chained together.

UTP — unshielded twisted pair — Describes a type of cable used in most telephone networks and some computer networks. Pairs of unshielded wires are twisted to protect against electromagnetic interference, rather than relying on a metal sheath around each pair of wires to protect against interference.

UXGA — ultra extended graphics array — A video standard for video cards and controllers that supports resolutions up to 1600 x 1200.

V

video controller — The circuitry on a video card or on the system board (in computers with an integrated video controller) that provides the video capabilities—in combination with the monitor—for your computer.

video memory — Memory that consists of memory chips dedicated to video functions. Video memory is usually faster than system memory. The amount of video memory installed primarily influences the number of colors that a program can display.

video mode — A mode that describes how text and graphics are displayed on a monitor. Graphics-based software, such as Windows operating systems, displays in video modes that can be defined as *x* horizontal pixels by *y* vertical pixels by *z* colors. Character-based software, such as text editors, displays in video modes that can be defined as *x* columns by *y* rows of characters.

video resolution — See *resolution*.

virus — A program that is designed to inconvenience you or to destroy data stored on your computer. A virus program moves from one computer to another through an infected disk, software downloaded from the Internet, or e-mail attachments. When an infected program starts, its embedded virus also starts.

A common type of virus is a boot virus, which is stored in the boot sectors of a floppy disk. If the floppy disk is left in the drive when the computer is shut down and then turned on, the computer is infected when it reads the boot sectors of the floppy disk expecting to find the operating system. If the computer is infected, the boot virus may replicate itself onto all the floppy disks that are read or written in that computer until the virus is eradicated.

V — volt — The measurement of electric potential or electromotive force. One V appears across a resistance of 1 ohm when a current of 1 ampere flows through that resistance.

W

W — watt — The measurement of electrical power. One W is 1 ampere of current flowing at 1 volt.

WHr — watt-hour — A unit of measure commonly used to indicate the approximate capacity of a battery. For example, a 66-WHr battery can supply 66 W of power for 1 hour or 33 W for 2 hours.

wallpaper — The background pattern or picture on the Windows desktop. Change your wallpaper through the Windows Control Panel. You can also scan in your favorite picture and make it wallpaper.

write-protected — Files or media that cannot be changed. Use write-protection when you want to protect data from being changed or destroyed. To write-protect a 3.5-inch floppy disk, slide its write-protect tab to the open position.

WXGA — wide-aspect extended graphics array — A video standard for video cards and controllers that supports resolutions up to 1280 x 800.

X

XGA — extended graphics array — A video standard for video cards and controllers that supports resolutions up to 1024 x 768.

Z

ZIF — zero insertion force — A type of socket or connector that allows a computer chip to be installed or removed with no stress applied to either the chip or its socket.

Zip — A popular data compression format. Files that have been compressed with the Zip format are called Zip files and usually have a filename extension of **.zip**. A special kind of zipped file is a self-extracting file, which has a filename extension of **.exe**. You can unzip a self-extracting file by double-clicking it.

Zip drive — A high-capacity floppy drive developed by Iomega Corporation that uses 3.5-inch removable disks called Zip disks. Zip disks are slightly larger than regular floppy disks, about twice as thick, and hold up to 100 MB of data.

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