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- *Safety and Warranty Guide*
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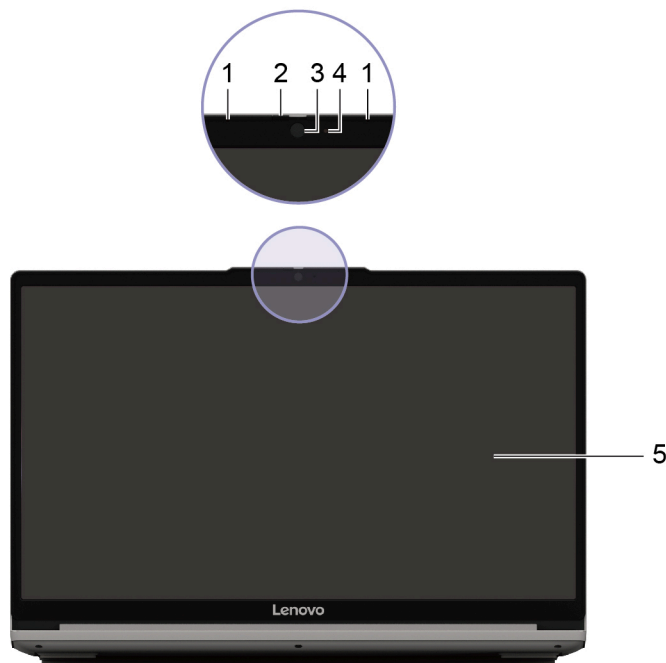
- This guide applies to Lenovo product model(s) listed below. Illustrations in this guide may look slightly different from your product model.

Model name	Machine type (MT)
LOQ 15IAX9E	83LK, 83ME
LOQ 15IAX9E D1	

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Chapter 1. Meet your computer

Front



No.	Description
1	Microphones
2	Camera shutter
3	Camera
4	Camera light
5	Screen

Microphones

The microphones are the PC's built-in sound input devices. They capture your voice and ambient sound and convert them into digital form. Microphones are essential components when you use your PC for video conferencing or voice recording.

Camera shutter

The camera shutter is a sliding cap that you can move to block the camera lens.

Note: The camera shutter is designed for privacy protection. When the camera lens is blocked, the camera function is disabled.

Camera

The built-in camera captures visible light and converts it to digital signals. It is used for video recordings and video conferencing.

Camera light

The camera light indicates whether the camera is activated.

Table 1. Camera light status and description

Camera light status	Description
On	The camera is activated.
Off	The camera is not activated.

Screen

The screen of the built-in display is where text, graphics, and videos are displayed.

Related topics

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Base



No.	Description
1	Power light
2	Power button
3	Keyboard
4	Touchpad
5	Antennas

Power light

The power light indicates the current power state of the PC: whether it is powered on, powered off, in sleep mode, or in hibernation mode.

Table 2. Power light status and description

Light status	Power state
Solid on	Powered on
Blinking slowly	In sleep mode
Off	Powered off or in hibernation mode

Power button

Press the power button to turn on your PC.

Note: By default, on a Windows PC, pressing the power button when the PC is turned on will put the PC into sleep mode.

Keyboard

The keyboard is the PC's built-in input device for typing characters. It also includes keys that can make you more productive when interacting with the PC, apps, and the Windows operating system.

Table 3. Productivity keys

Key	Location on the keyboard	Function
Function keys (F1 through F12)	In the top row	Executing predefined commands or functions for selected apps
Hotkeys	In the top row	• Changing some of the PC's frequently used settings • Opening an app or a Windows gadget
Fn key	In the lower-left corner	• Toggling the functions of dual-function keys • Used with several letter keys to change some of the PC's frequently used settings
Windows key	In the lower-left corner	Used with certain keys to change some frequently used Windows settings

Hotkeys share keys with function keys. To toggle the functions for these keys, hold down the Fn key or turn on the FnLock switch.

Note: Keyboard layout varies by language and geographical location. The keyboard on your PC may look slightly different from the product illustrations of this publication.

Related topics

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Touchpad

The touchpad is the PC's built-in pointing device, which provides the basic functionality of an external mouse. Slide your finger on the touchpad to move the pointer on the screen and tap or double-tap to select or execute a screen item.

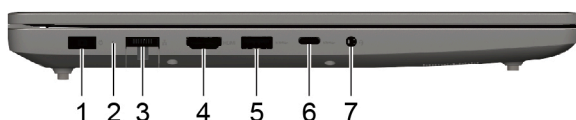
The touchpad also supports Windows multi-finger gestures, which provide shortcuts to frequently used apps and functions.

Antennas

The antennas transmit and receive radio waves to allow data to be transferred between your PC and a Wi-Fi® network device or a Bluetooth device.

Note: The antennas are hidden inside the PC.

Left



No.	Description
1	Power connector
2	Charging light
3	Ethernet connector
4	HDMI™ connector
5	USB Standard-A connector
6	USB Type-C® connector
7	Combo audio jack

Power connector

Use this connector and the included ac power adapter to connect your PC to an electrical outlet.

Charging light

The charging light indicates whether the PC is plugged into an electrical outlet. When the PC is plugged into an electrical outlet, the color of the light indicates whether the battery is fully charged (or will shortly be fully charged).

Table 4. Charging light statuses and descriptions

Light status	Plugged in?	Battery charge level
Off	No	/
On, amber	Yes	1%–90%
On, white	Yes	91%–100%

Ethernet connector

The Ethernet connector connects a cable modem or router to the PC to establish wired Internet access.

HDMI connector

The HDMI connector is used to connect an external display device, such as a television, a projector, or a monitor.

USB Standard-A connector

The USB Standard-A connector is used to connect storage or peripheral devices that follow the USB specification for data transfer and device interconnection.

USB Type-C connector

This USB Type-C connector is used to connect storage or peripheral devices that follow the USB specifications for data transfer and device interconnection.

Note: This USB Type-C connector does not support DisplayPort™ Alt Mode and cannot be used to connect external display devices.

Combo audio jack

The combo audio jack is used to connect single-plug headsets, headphones, or external speakers.

Right



No.	Description
1	SD card slot
2	USB Standard-A connector

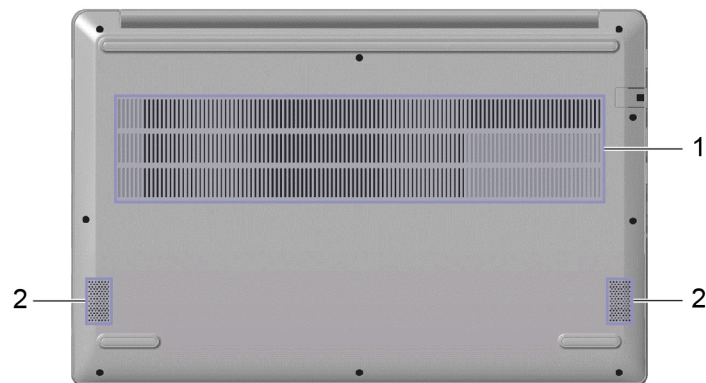
SD card slot

The SD card slot is used to insert an SD, SDHC, or SDXC memory card to transfer data between the memory card and your PC.

USB Standard-A connector

The USB Standard-A connector is used to connect storage or peripheral devices that follow the USB specification for data transfer and device interconnection.

Bottom



No.	Description
1	Air vents (intake)
2	Speakers

Air vents (intake)

The air vents allow air to be sucked inside of the PC to cool the internal components.

Important: When the PC is operating, do not place it on a bed, sofa, carpet, or other flexible surfaces. Otherwise, the air vents will be blocked and the PC may overheat, reducing performance or causing the PC to be unresponsive or even shut down.

Speakers

The speakers are the PC's built-in sound output devices.

Features and specifications

Dimensions

Item	Value or specification
Width	359.30 mm (14.1 inches)
Depth	236 mm (9.3 inches)
Thickness	• Thinnest: 19.90 mm (0.8 inches) • Thickest: 22.95 mm (0.9 inches)

ac power adapter

Item	Value or specification
Plug type	Rectangular connector
Input	100 V ac–240 V ac, 50 Hz–60 Hz
Output	20 V dc, 6.75 A
Power	135 W

Battery pack

Item	Value or specification
Capacity	57 Wh Note: The battery capacity is the typical or average capacity as measured in a specific test environment. Capacities measured in other environments may differ but are no lower than the rated capacity (see product label).
Cell type	Rechargeable Li-ion Battery
Number of cells	3

Memory

Item	Value or specification
Type	Double data rate 5 (DDR5)
Installation	Small Outline Dual In-line Memory Module (SO-DIMM)
Number of physical slots	1

Mass storage device

Item	Value or specification
Type	Solid-state drive (SSD)
Form factor	M.2 2242
Interface	PCIe Gen4

Screen

Item	Value or specification
Size	396.20 mm (15.6 inches)
Display resolution	1920 × 1080 pixels
Type	LCD
Maximum refresh rate	144 Hz

Keyboard

Item	Value or specification
Backlight color	White*
Shortcut keys	• Function keys • Hotkeys
Modifier keys	• Alt key • Ctrl key • Shift key • Windows key • Fn key
Special keys or key group	Numeric keypad

Connectors and slots

Item	Value or specification
Power connector	Input: • Direct current • 20 V
HDMI connector	• Supported signaling protocol: – Fixed-rate link (FRL), or – Transition minimized differential signaling (TMDS) • Maximum output resolution: 7680 × 4320 @ 60 Hz
Combo audio jack	• Diameter: 3.5 mm • Supported plugs: – 3-pole, TRS – 4-pole, TRRS (CTIA and OMTP)
Ethernet connector	8P8C jack

USB Standard-A connector	• Quantity: 2 • Maximum power output: 5 V, 0.9 A • Supported signaling protocols: – USB 2.0 480 Mbps – SuperSpeed USB 5 Gbps
USB Type-C connector	• Quantity: 1 • Maximum power output: 5 V, 3 A • Supported signaling protocols: – USB 2.0 480 Mbps – SuperSpeed USB 5 Gbps

Note: Data transmission rates are presented as maximum theoretical values in compliance with applicable specifications. The actual data transmission rates depend on various factors, including the performance of the connected devices and the quality of the cables being used. These rates are typically slower than the maximum theoretical values listed.

Security

Item	Value or specification
Camera shutter	Manual shutter
Trusted Platform Module	Firmware Trusted Platform Module (fTPM)
UEFI/BIOS passwords	• Administrator password • User password • Master hard disk password • User hard disk password

Network

Item	Value or specification
Ethernet	1 Gbps
Wi-Fi	• 802.11 a/b/g • 802.11n • 802.11ac wave 2 • Wi-Fi 6 (802.11ax) Note: Different Wi-Fi standards may operate on different frequency bands. In some countries or regions, certain frequency bands may be prohibited for unlicensed use or may require specific conditions.
Bluetooth	Bluetooth 5.2

* for selected models

Statement on USB transfer rate

Depending on many factors such as the processing capability of the host and peripheral devices, file attributes, and other factors related to system configuration and operating environments, the actual transfer

rate using the various USB connectors on this device will vary and will be slower than the data rate listed below for each corresponding device.

USB device	Data rate (Gbit/s)
USB 3.2 Gen 1	5

Operating environment

Maximum altitude (without pressurization)

3048 m (10 000 ft)

Temperature

- At altitudes up to 2438 m (8000 ft)
 - Operating: 5°C to 35°C (41°F to 95°F)
 - Storage: 5°C to 43°C (41°F to 109°F)
- At altitudes above 2438 m (8000 ft)
 - Maximum temperature when operating under the unpressurized condition: 31.3°C (88°F)

Note: When you charge the battery, its temperature must be no lower than 10°C (50°F).

Relative humidity

- Operating: 8% to 95% at wet-bulb temperature 23°C (73°F)
- Storage: 5% to 95% at wet-bulb temperature 27°C (81°F)

Avoid constant body contact with specific hot sections

CAUTION:

When the computer is operating, it should be placed on a hard and flat surface with its bottom area not in contact with user's bare skin. Under normal operating conditions, the temperature of the bottom surface will remain within an acceptable range as defined in *IEC 62368-1*, but such temperatures can still be high enough to cause discomfort or harm to the user if directly touched for over 10s at a time. As such, it is recommended that users avoid prolonged direct contact with the bottom of the computer.

Chapter 2. Get started with your computer

Connect to a network

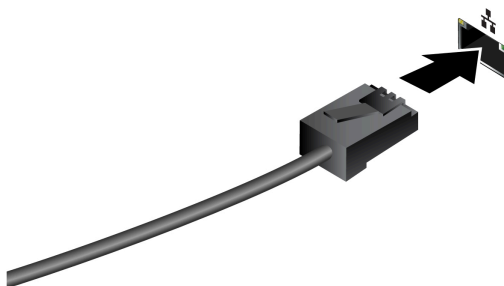
Connect to a Wi-Fi network

Ensure that you have a secure Wi-Fi network account and the required credentials.

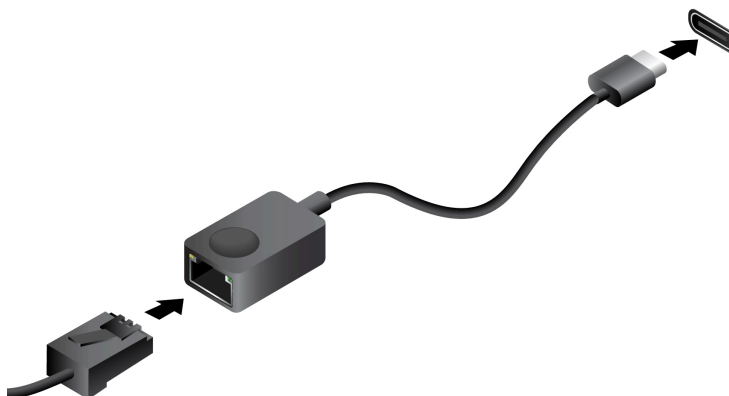
- Step 1. Select the network icon  on the bottom right of your display.
- Step 2. Select an available network, and then select **Connect**. If you want to be automatically connected to this Wi-Fi network the next time you start your computer, select **Connect automatically** before selecting **Connect**.
- Step 3. Input your credentials if necessary, and then follow the on-screen instructions to connect to the desired Wi-Fi network.

Establish a wired connection

- Step 1. Plug an Ethernet cable into the Ethernet connector on your computer.
- Step 2. Plug the other end of the Ethernet cable into a network wall jack or a router.



Note: If your computer does not include an Ethernet connector, you can purchase a USB-C to Ethernet adapter from Lenovo at <https://www.lenovo.com/accessories>.



Unique Lenovo apps

Lenovo Vantage

Lenovo Vantage is a one-stop solution to help you update your computer, configure hardware settings, and access personalized support.

If your computer is pre-installed with Lenovo Vantage, type *Vantage* in the Windows search box to launch this app.

Notes:

- Available features may vary depending on your computer model.
- You can download the latest version of this app from Microsoft Store.

The Novo Button menu

The Novo Button menu can be displayed before the operating system starts. From the menu, you can choose to

- Open the UEFI/BIOS setup utility
- Open the boot device selection menu
- Open the Windows startup options screen

Note: From the Windows startup options screen, you can then choose to

Start your computer using a recovery drive

Reset your computer

Open the advanced options screen

Open the Novo Button menu

For Lenovo computers with a Novo button, you can press the button to open the Novo Button menu.

Step 1. Turn off the computer.

Step 2. Open the LCD screen and press the Novo button.

Note: Alternatively, turn off the computer. Press Fn and the power button to open the Novo Button menu.

Interact with your computer

Hotkeys

Look at the top row of the keyboard of your Lenovo computer and you'll find keys with printed icons. These keys are called hotkeys and they provide shortcuts to functions that you'll use frequently. The function that each hotkey provides is denoted by the icon printed on the key.

Hotkeys share keys with function keys (F1–F12) and other keys. Depending on the FnLock setting, you use hotkey functions by pressing the key directly or in combination with the Fn key.

Note: The FnLock switch does not apply to hotkeys not found in the first row of the keyboard. To use these hotkeys, always hold down the Fn key while pressing the key.

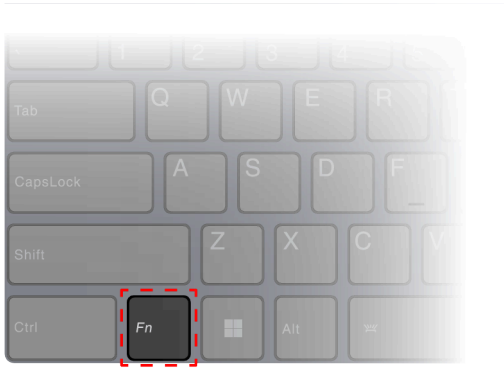


Figure 1. Location of the Fn key

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The FnLock switch

The FnLock is an electronic switch that affects how you use hotkey functions. To turn it on and off, press Fn + Esc.

Note: The Esc key is in the upper left corner of the keyboard. It has an LED that indicates the status of the FnLock switch.

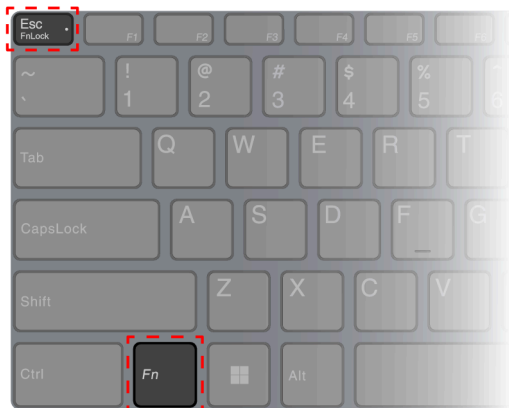


Figure 2. Locations of the FnLock key and the Fn key

A Lenovo keyboard usually contains hotkeys in the top row. These hotkeys share keys with the function keys (F1–F12) and other keys. For these dual-function keys, the icons or characters denoting the primary functions are printed on top of the icons and characters denoting the secondary functions.

- A: an icon or character denoting the primary function
- B: an icon or character denoting the secondary function

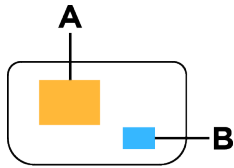


Figure 3. The layout of a dual-function key

Table 5. **FnLock** and dual-function keys

FnLock (Esc) LED	FnLock status	Pressing the hotkey alone	Pressing the hotkey while holding down the Fn key
Off	Disabled	Primary function	Secondary function
On	Enabled	Secondary function	Primary function

The Copilot key

The era of AI has arrived, and many Lenovo PCs now include a Copilot key on the keyboard. It is located either in the bottom or the top row of the keyboard and is marked with .

For Windows PCs with Copilot in Windows available and enabled, pressing the Copilot key opens Copilot in Windows. Otherwise, pressing the Copilot key opens Windows Search.

Note: Copilot in Windows may not be available in all geographical locations. In regions where Copilot in Windows is available, you may need to update your Windows operating system to version 23H2 or later through Windows Update for Copilot in Windows to become available.

Related topics

“I pressed the Copilot key on my keyboard, but neither Copilot in Windows nor Windows Search opened. What could be the potential cause?” on page 28

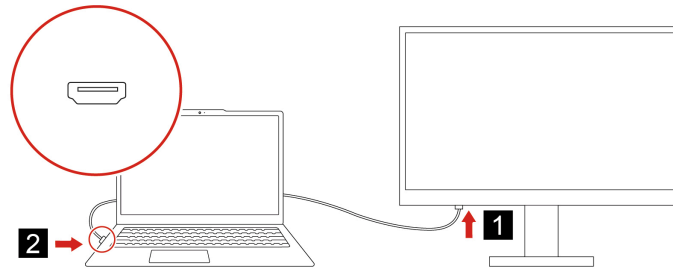
Connect to an external display

Connect to a wired display

Connect your computer to the desired display with an appropriate cable.

Step 1. Connect one end of the display cable to the HDMI connector on your computer.

Step 2. Connect the other end of the cable to the display.



Connect to a wireless display

Ensure that:

- Both your computer and the display support Miracast® technology.
- The display is connected to the same Wi-Fi network as your computer and is discoverable.

- Step 1. Press Windows key + K.
The computer searches for wireless display devices and audio devices and lists the results.
- Step 2. Select the display you want to connect to, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

Change display settings

- Step 1. Right-click on a blank area on the desktop, and then select **Display settings**.
Your computer shows the **Display** window.
- Step 2. Select the display for which you want to change the settings.
- Step 3. Change the display settings as necessary.

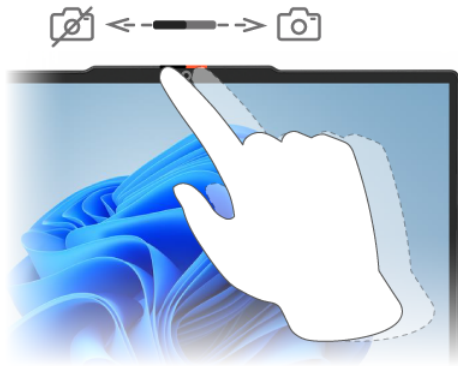
Set the display mode

- Step 1. Press  or Fn + .
- Your computer shows a list of display modes, with the current mode highlighted.
- Step 2. Select a display mode from the list.

Protect your privacy using the camera shutter

The camera shutter is a mechanical component that prevents any attempt from capturing your image, thus protecting your privacy. To cover the camera lens, slide the camera shutter to the left. When you want to use the camera, slide the camera shutter to the right.

If you slide the camera shutter to the left during a video call, people on the video call will not be able to see you. If you slide the camera shutter back to the right, they will be able to see you again.



Dual-function keys without printed icons

Some dual-function keys share keys with letter keys and numeric keys. Such keys do not have a dedicated printed icon. The following table lists the hidden functions of these keys.

Key combination	Hidden function
Fn + Q	Switches among different operation modes.
Fn + N	Shows device information.

Numeric keypad

Some Lenovo computers include a dedicated numeric keypad on the far right of the keyboard. The keypad is used for entering numbers and operators quickly.

Press the **NumLock** key to enable or disable the numeric keypad.

Adjust color temperature

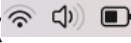
If Windows 11 night light mode is turned on, you can adjust the color temperature of the screen.

- Step 1. Select **Start → Settings**.
- Step 2. Select **System → Display → Night light settings**.
- Step 3. Move the slider to adjust the color temperature.

Note: Selected Lenovo PCs are low blue-light certified. These PCs undergo testing with the night light turned on and the color temperature value set at 48 or above.

Turn on night light

The night light feature in Windows 11 enables users to switch to warmer color tones, reducing blue light emission to alleviate eye strain or fatigue.

- Step 1. Open the quick settings menu by selecting the network, sound, or battery icons () on the far right of the taskbar or by using the keyboard shortcut **Win + A**.
- Step 2. Select the button for night light to turn it on or off.

Note: Some Windows 11 versions allow users to customize their quick settings. If the night light button is not visible, you can add it to the quick settings menu by selecting the edit button ().

For more tips on reducing eye strain or fatigue, visit <https://www.lenovo.com/us/en/compliance/visual-fatigue>.

Chapter 3. Explore your computer

Intelligent features

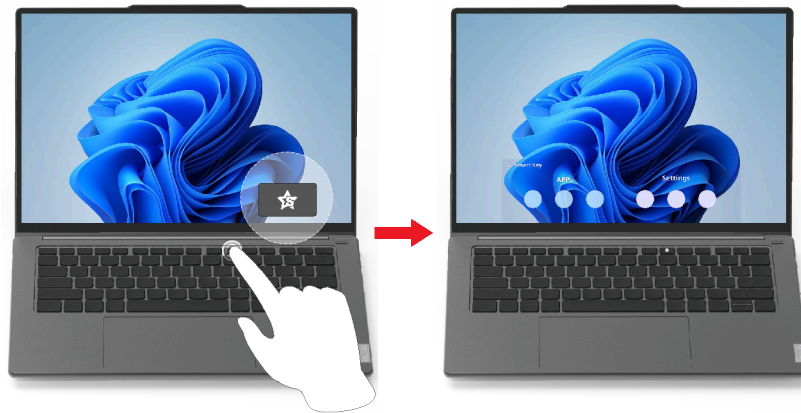
Your computer may be pre-installed with Lenovo Vantage or Lenovo PC Manager, but not both. Most features described here can be enabled or disabled in one of these apps. Other features may be enabled in a standalone app.

Notes:

- Software features are subject to change. Please refer to your actual product.
- You may need to complete online updates to the apps for the features to take effect.

Smart Key

Smart Key  provides a quick shortcut to Lenovo apps and service. Press Smart Key to open the launch panel.



Note: There is also a trick to Smart Key. Go to **Preference** on the launch panel, select **ADD** and choose your favorite app to associate with Smart Key. When it is done, press Smart Key twice in quick succession and your favorite app is opened.

Eye Care Mode

Eye Care Mode intelligently adjusts the color temperature of the screen and can reduce the chances of developing eye fatigue or eye strain.

Smart Noise Cancelling

Smart Noise Cancelling is a noise reduction feature available on some Lenovo product models. By filtering out input and output noises, Smart Noise Cancelling enhances your audio experience.



Function	Description	Remarks
Microphone noise cancelling	Voice Recognition: Your computer captures multiple voices in a way that reflects their original spatial positions.	- This function takes effect only when built-in microphones/arrays or 3.5 mm jack wired microphones are used as the input media. - To disable this function, select Off.
	Only My Voice: This option requires you to record your voice so that your computer captures this voice only and tries to eliminate other voices. Note: To remove your voice record, select REMOVE MY VOICE .	
	Normal: Your computer focuses on the voice of the person facing it and reduces ambient sounds.	
	Multiple Voices: Your computer captures multiple voices from an expanded range in front of the computer.	
Speaker noise cancelling	Your computer filters out other sounds to play only human voices.	These functions are not applicable to scenarios like listening to music and watching videos.
Meeting noise cancelling	When this function is selected, your computer uses special algorithms for noise reduction when you are using conferencing applications.	

Notes:

- Depending on its hardware, your computer may not support all the functions and options described above.
- You can view and customize this feature under **Device Settings** in Lenovo Vantage or Lenovo PC Manager.

Manage power

Use the information in this section to achieve the best balance between performance and power efficiency.

Rechargeable battery pack

Your computer includes a built-in, rechargeable battery pack that makes mobile computing a reality. When the computer is plugged into an electrical outlet, the battery charges. If you use the computer when you don't have access to an electrical outlet, the battery discharges to supply electricity that the computer system requires for operation.

You can charge the battery any time you want. The battery packs of Lenovo computers support multiple charging modes that are suitable for different power usage habits. You can switch the battery's active charging mode in Lenovo Vantage, Lenovo PC Manager, or Lenovo Smart Engine.

Battery charging is also affected by its temperature. The recommended temperature range for charging the battery is between 10°C (50°F) and 35°C (95°F).

Note:

You can check the battery temperature in Lenovo Vantage.

To maximize the life of the battery, once the battery is fully charged, it must discharge to 94% or lower before it will be allowed to recharge again.

Normal mode

Normal mode is the most basic charging mode. In normal mode, it typically takes 2 to 4 hours for the battery to charge from 0% to 100%.

Rapid charge mode

If you want the battery to be charged faster than in normal mode, switch the battery charging to rapid charge mode. The following table lists the typical time needed for batteries in rapid charge mode to be charged to 80% and 100% respectively.

Table 6. Reference charge time for batteries in rapid charge mode

Mode	Time needed to charge from 0% to 80%	Time needed to charge from 0% to 100%
Rapid charge	Less than 1 hour	Less than 2 hours

Conservation mode

If your computer is constantly plugged into an electrical outlet, consider switching the battery charging to conservation mode. In conservation mode, the battery will not be fully charged. Instead, the battery's charge will be kept within 75%–80%. This is beneficial to the long-term health of the battery.

Note: If you want the battery to be fully charged before bringing the computer to work, disable conservation mode by switching the battery charging to normal or rapid charge mode.

Recover full battery capacity

If your computer is constantly plugged in to an electrical outlet and the battery rarely discharges, the battery may not be charged to its full capacity even if the battery meter reports 100% charge. You can recover the battery's full charging potential simply by discharging and re-charging the battery.

Step 1. Unplug the computer and use it until the battery charge drops below 20%.

Step 2. Plug in the computer and charge the battery to 100%.

Set power button behavior

By default, pressing the power button puts the computer to sleep mode. However, you can change the power button behavior in Windows Control Panel.

Step 1. Type Control Panel in the Windows search box and then press Enter. Open the control panel and view by large or small icons.

Step 2. Select the power options and then click to choose what the power button does.

A power plan

A power plan is a collection of power-saving settings made available by an operating system. With a power plan, you can set idle time-outs for different hardware components to enter a low-power state. The default

power plan and some of its idle time-out settings are listed below for computer models pre-installed with Windows.

The listed settings are active when the computer is connected to an electrical outlet. If your computer includes a built-in battery pack, a different collection of time-out settings is set to take effect when the computer is operating on battery power.

- Default power plan: Balanced
- Turn off the display: after 5 minutes
- Put the computer to sleep: after 5 minutes

Note: To wake the computer from the sleep state, press the power button or any key on the keyboard.

Change or customize a power plan

This operation is applicable to computers with pre-installed Windows.

Step 1. Type power plan in the Windows search box and then press Enter.

Step 2. Customize a power plan of your preference.

System operation modes

Lenovo has preset several modes in which your computer can operate. The maximum attainable performance, power consumption, and speed limit for the heat sink fan vary between the operation modes. Consider the following conditions when you want to switch operation modes.

- The environment where you use your computer, and
- The tasks running on your computer

You switch the operation mode in the pre-installed app Lenovo Vantage or Lenovo Legion Zone. As a shortcut, you can also use the key combination Fn + Q. The following table lists the available operation modes on your computer and the recommended conditions for each mode.

Table 7. Operation modes and their recommended usage conditions

Icon	Operation mode	Recommended conditions
	Performance	• Your computer is plugged into an electrical outlet. • You want the best performance, and • You don't care if the fan makes a little noise.
	Balance	You plan to frequently switch between different computer tasks over a period time.
	Quiet	• Your computer is operating on battery power, or • You want the computer to be as quiet as possible

Note: When the computer is operating on battery power or is plugged in using an under-rated power adapter, you may not be able to switch it to Performance mode. In Balance mode, the computer dynamically switches between Performance mode and Quiet mode based on the tasks that are running on the computer.

Change settings in UEFI/BIOS setup utility

This section introduces what UEFI/BIOS is and the operations you can perform in its setup utility.

What is UEFI/BIOS setup utility

UEFI/BIOS is the first program that runs when a computer starts. UEFI/BIOS initializes hardware components and loads the operating system and other programs. Your computer may include a setup program (setup utility) with which you can change certain UEFI/BIOS settings.

Select boot devices

Normally, the computer starts with a boot manager loaded from the secondary storage device of the computer. Occasionally, you may need to start the computer with a program or boot manager loaded from another device or a network location. After the system firmware initializes all devices, you can press an interruption key to display the boot menu and select a desired boot device.

- Step 1. Turn on or restart the computer.
- Step 2. Press F12.
- Step 3. From the boot device menu, select a boot device to start the computer.

You can make a permanent change on boot devices in the UEFI/BIOS setup utility. Select the **Boot** menu; in the **EFI** section, select the desired boot device and move it to the top of the device list. Save changes and exit the setup utility for the change to take effect.

Open the UEFI/BIOS setup utility

- Step 1. Turn on or restart the computer.
- Step 2. Before the Lenovo logo appears on the screen, press F2 repeatedly.
- Step 3. Select UEFI/BIOS Setup.

Change hotkey mode

- Step 1. Open the UEFI/BIOS setup utility.
- Step 2. Select **Configuration** → **Hotkey Mode** and press Enter.
- Step 3. Change the setting to **Disabled** or **Enabled**.
- Step 4. Select **Exit** → **Exit Saving Changes**.

Set passwords in UEFI/BIOS setup utility

This section introduces the types of passwords that you can set in the UEFI (Unified Extensible Firmware Interface) or BIOS (Basic Input/Output System) setup utility.

Password types

You can set various types of passwords in the UEFI/BIOS setup utility.

Password type	Pre-requisite	Usage
Administrator password	No	You must enter it to start the setup utility.
User password	The administrator password must be set.	You can use the user password to start the setup utility.

Password type	Pre-requisite	Usage
Master hard disk password	No	You must enter it to start the operating system.
User hard disk password	The master hard disk password must be set.	You can use the user hard disk password to start the operating system.

Notes:

- All passwords set in the setup utility consist of alphanumeric characters only.
- If you start the setup utility using the user password, you can only change a few settings.

Set administrator password

You set the administrator password to prevent unauthorized access to the UEFI/BIOS setup utility.

Attention: If you forget the administrator password, a Lenovo authorized service personnel cannot reset your password. You must take your computer to a Lenovo authorized service personnel to have the system board replaced. Proof of purchase is required and a fee will be charged for parts and service.

- Step 1. Open the UEFI/BIOS setup utility.
- Step 2. Select **Security → Set Administrator Password** and press Enter.
- Step 3. Enter a password string that contains only letters and numbers and then press Enter.
- Step 4. Enter the password again and press Enter.
- Step 5. Select **Exit → Exit Saving Changes**.

Next time you start the computer, you must enter the administrator password to open the setup utility. If **Power on Password** is enabled, you must enter the administrator password or the user password to start the computer.

Change or remove administrator password

Only the administrator can change or remove the administrator password.

- Step 1. Open the UEFI/BIOS setup utility using the administrator password.
- Step 2. Select **Security → Set Administrator Password** and press Enter.
- Step 3. Enter the current password.
- Step 4. In the **Enter New Password** text box, enter the new password.
- Step 5. In the **Confirm New Password** text box, enter the new password again.

Note: If you want to remove the password, press Enter in both text boxes without entering any character.

- Step 6. Select **Exit → Exit Saving Changes**.

If you remove the administrator password, the user password is also removed.

Set user password

You must set the administrator password before you can set the user password.

The administrator of the setup utility might need to set a user password for use by others.

- Step 1. Open the UEFI/BIOS setup utility using the administrator password.
- Step 2. Select **Security → Set User Password** and press Enter.
- Step 3. Enter a password string that contains only letters and numbers and then press Enter.
The user password must be different from the administrator password.
- Step 4. Enter the password again and press Enter.
- Step 5. Select **Exit → Exit Saving Changes**.

Enable power-on password

If the administrator password has been set, you can enable the power-on password to enforce greater security.

- Step 1. Open the UEFI/BIOS setup utility.
- Step 2. Select **Security → Power on Password** and press Enter.

Note: The administrator password must be set in advance.
- Step 3. Change the setting to **Enabled**.
- Step 4. Select **Exit → Exit Saving Changes**.

If the power-on password is enabled, a prompt appears on the screen every time you turn on the computer. You must enter the administrator or user password to start the computer.

Set hard disk password

You can set a hard disk password in the setup utility to prevent unauthorized access to your data.

Attention: Be extremely careful when setting a hard disk password. If you forget the hard disk password, a Lenovo authorized service personnel cannot reset your password or recover data from the hard disk. You must take your computer to a Lenovo authorized service personnel to have the hard disk drive replaced. Proof of purchase is required and a fee will be charged for parts and service.

- Step 1. Open the UEFI/BIOS setup utility using the administrator password.
- Step 2. Select **Security → Set Hard Disk Password** and press Enter.

Note: If you start the setup utility using the user password, you cannot set the hard disk password.
- Step 3. Follow on-screen instructions to set both master and user hard disk passwords.

Note: The master and user hard disk passwords must be set at the same time.
- Step 4. Select **Exit → Exit Saving Changes**.

If the hard disk password is set, you must provide the correct password to start the operating system.

Change or remove hard disk password

- Step 1. Open the UEFI/BIOS setup utility.
- Step 2. Select **Security**.
- Step 3. Change or remove the hard disk password.

To change or remove the master password, select **Change Master Password** and press Enter.

Note: If you remove the master hard disk password, the user hard disk password is also removed.

To change the user hard disk password, select **Change User Password** and press Enter.

Note: The user hard disk password cannot be removed separately.

Step 4. Select **Exit → Exit Saving Changes**.

Chapter 4. Help and support

Frequently asked questions

How do I partition my storage drive

Refer to <https://support.lenovo.com/solutions/ht503851>.

I pressed the Copilot key on my keyboard, but neither Copilot in Windows nor Windows Search opened. What could be the potential cause?

Your Windows operating system version is not up to date and does not include the necessary software components. Update your Windows operating system to version 23H2 or later using Windows Update and then try again.

Note: The Version 23H2 update may not be immediately available for your PC. You may need to periodically open Windows Update and manually check for updates to install the 23H2 update when it becomes available for your PC.

What should I do if my computer stops responding

Press and hold the power button until the computer turns off. Then restart the computer.

What should I do if I spill liquid on the computer

1. Carefully unplug the ac power adapter and turn off the computer immediately. The more quickly you stop the current from passing through the computer the more likely you will reduce damage from short circuits.

Attention: Although you might lose some data or work by turning off the computer immediately, leaving the computer on might make your computer unusable.

2. Wait until you are certain that all the liquid is dry before turning on your computer.

CAUTION:

Do not try to drain out the liquid by turning over the computer. If your computer has keyboard drainage holes on the bottom, the liquid will be drained out through the holes.

Where can I get the latest device drivers and UEFI/BIOS

- Lenovo Vantage or Lenovo PC Manager
- Lenovo Support Web site at <https://support.lenovo.com>.

Why does my computer start automatically when I open the lid

Your computer may have Flip to Start enabled. Many Lenovo notebook computers include a sensor that can detect the angle at which the lid is opened. When you open the lid, the sensor can detect this behavior. If Flip to Start is enabled, the computer will respond by starting up automatically.

If you don't like this feature, you can disable it. Flip to Start can be enabled and disabled in:

- Lenovo Vantage or Lenovo PC Manager

- Firmware Setup Utility

Self-help resources

Use the following self-help resources to learn more about the computer and troubleshoot problems.

Resources	How to access?
Troubleshooting and frequently asked questions	• https://www.lenovo.com/tips • https://forums.lenovo.com
Accessibility information	https://www.lenovo.com/accessibility
Reset or restore Windows	• Use Lenovo recovery options. 1. Go to https://support.lenovo.com/HowToCreateLenovoRecovery. 2. Follow the on-screen instructions. • Use Windows recovery options. 1. Go to https://pcsupport.lenovo.com. 2. Detect your computer or manually select your computer model. 3. Click Troubleshoot & Diagnose → Custom Troubleshooting → Operating System Diagnostics and then follow the on-screen instructions.
Use Lenovo Vantage or Lenovo PC Manager:	
• Download and install the latest drivers and firmware. • Configure hardware settings. • Diagnose computer hardware problems. • Check the computer warranty status.	Use Windows Search.
Product documentation:	
• Generic Safety and Compliance Notices • <i>Safety and Warranty Guide</i> • <i>Setup Guide</i> • <i>This User Guide</i> • <i>Regulatory Notice</i>	1. Go to https://support.lenovo.com. 2. Detect your computer or select your computer model manually. 3. Select Guides & Manuals and filter out the documentation you want.
Lenovo Support Web site with the latest support information on the following:	
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What is a CRU?

Customer replaceable units (CRUs) are parts that can be replaced by the customer. A Lenovo computer may contain the following types of CRUs:

Self-service CRU

Parts that can be replaced easily by customers themselves or by trained service technicians at an additional cost.

Optional-service CRU

Parts that can be replaced by customers with a greater skill level. Trained service technicians can also provide service to replace the parts under the type of warranty designated for the customer's machine.

If you intend to install a CRU, Lenovo will ship the CRU to you. You might be required to return the defective part that is replaced by the CRU. When a return is required: (1) return instructions, a prepaid shipping label, and a container will be included with the replacement CRU; and (2) you might be charged for the replacement CRU if Lenovo does not receive the defective CRU within thirty (30) days of your receipt of the replacement CRU. For full details, see the *Lenovo Limited Warranty* at https://www.lenovo.com/warranty/llw_02.

CRUs for your product model

The table below lists the CRUs and CRU types that are defined for your product model.

Part	Self-service CRU	Optional-service CRU
Power cord	X	
ac power adapter	X	

Notes:

- CRU replacement instruction is provided in one or more of the following publications and is available from Lenovo at any time upon your request.
 - the product *User Guide*
 - the printed publications that come with the product
- Replacement of any parts not listed above, including the built-in rechargeable battery, should be done by a qualified repair technician or by ensuring that you carefully follow all instructions provided by Lenovo. You can also find Lenovo-authorized repair facilities by going to <https://support.lenovo.com/partnerlocator> for more information.

Call Lenovo

If you have tried to correct the problem yourself and still need help, you can call Lenovo Customer Support Center.

Before you contact Lenovo

Record product information and problem details before you contact Lenovo.

Product information	Problem symptoms and details
• Product name • Machine type and serial number	• What is the problem? Is it continuous or intermittent? • Any error message or error code? • What operating system are you using? Which version? • Which software applications were running at the time of the problem? • Can the problem be reproduced? If so, how?

Note: The product name and serial number can usually be found at the bottom of the computer, either printed on a label or etched on the cover.

Lenovo Customer Support Center

During the warranty period, you can call Lenovo Customer Support Center for help.

Telephone numbers

For a list of the Lenovo Support phone numbers for your country or region, go to <https://pcsupport.lenovo.com/supportphonenumber>.

Note: Phone numbers are subject to change without notice. If the number for your country or region is not provided, contact your Lenovo reseller or Lenovo marketing representative.

Services available during the warranty period

- Problem determination - Trained personnel are available to assist you with determining if you have a hardware problem and deciding what action is necessary to fix the problem.
- Lenovo hardware repair - If the problem is determined to be caused by Lenovo hardware under warranty, trained service personnel are available to provide the applicable level of service.
- Engineering change management - Occasionally, there might be changes that are required after a product has been sold. Lenovo or your reseller, if authorized by Lenovo, will make selected Engineering Changes (ECs) that apply to your hardware available.

Services not covered

- Replacement or use of parts not manufactured for or by Lenovo or non-warranted parts
- Identification of software problem sources
- Configuration of UEFI/BIOS as part of an installation or upgrade
- Changes, modifications, or upgrades to device drivers
- Installation and maintenance of network operating systems (NOS)
- Installation and maintenance of programs

For the terms and conditions of the Lenovo Limited Warranty that apply to your Lenovo hardware product, see "Warranty information" in the *Safety and Warranty Guide* that comes with your computer.

Purchase additional services

During and after the warranty period, you can purchase additional services from Lenovo at <https://pcsupport.lenovo.com/warrantyupgrade>.

Service availability and service name might vary by country or region.

Chapter 5. PC and accessibility

PCs are powerful general-purpose computing devices that many individuals rely on for accessing information, connecting with friends, pursuing education, conducting research, and completing work tasks. This reliance extends to individuals with vision, hearing, cognitive, or mobility impairments, as well as to those whose abilities may decline due to illness or aging.

This chapter explores the accessibility features available on your Lenovo PC, including both hardware components and those offered by the pre-installed operating system. By gaining a comprehensive understanding of the available accessibility features and how to activate and configure them, you can enhance your PC's usability for individuals with disabilities.

Accessibility features of the PC hardware

Lenovo PCs are designed with accessibility in mind. Throughout the design process, special considerations are prioritized for individuals with disabilities and best industry practices are implemented in hardware design.

USB connectors for connecting assistive technology devices

Several types of assistive technology devices are available on the market that can be connected to a PC to enhance its accessibility. For example, a refreshable braille display is an assistive technology device that enables individuals who are both deaf and blind to use a PC. When connected to a PC, a refreshable braille display can work in conjunction with a compatible screen reader to provide tactile output in braille characters. Blind individuals who have been trained to read braille can run their fingers over the display to comprehend the information presented on the PC.

Many assistive technology devices utilize USB technology for connectivity. Most Lenovo PCs are equipped with at least one USB connector that adheres to the relevant USB specifications and is backward compatible. A Lenovo PC may feature a USB Standard-A connector, a USB Type-C connector, or both. If the plug type of the assistive technology device does not match the USB connector on your PC, you can easily purchase and use a USB adapter to resolve the issue.

Keyboard accessibility

The keyboard serves as the primary input device for many PC users. Lenovo keyboards, whether integrated or supplied separately with the PC, are designed and manufactured with accessibility in mind. This section highlights the accessibility features of Lenovo keyboards that benefit all users, including those with disabilities.

keyboard layout

The alphabetic keys on a Lenovo keyboard are arranged in a QWERTY layout, which is standard for input devices featuring alphabetic keys. The F and J keys have bumps that make them tactilely distinguishable from other keys. This feature serves as an orientation aid for skilled typists, allowing them to rest their index fingers without looking at the keys. Some Lenovo keyboards include a separate numeric keypad. The numeric keys are organized in four rows and three columns, arranging in ascending order from left to right and bottom to top. Additionally, the 5 key features a bump to make it tactilely distinguishable.

Standard modifier keys

Lenovo keyboards are equipped with standard modifier keys for PCs, including:

- the alt key

- the ctrl key
- the shift key
- the Windows logo key

These keys are extensively used as the modifier key for shortcuts by the operating system and other applications.

The tab key

The tab key is located in the leftmost column of the keyboard. For operating systems, applications, and web documents that are designed with accessibility in mind, users can press the tab key and alt + tab (in reverse order) to cycle through the interactive elements.

Hotkeys

Many Lenovo keyboards feature hotkeys in the top row, offering convenient access to frequently used settings.

The fn key and the fnlock

The fn key is a Lenovo-defined modifier key. It can be used with the top-row dual-function keys to switch their functionalities. It can also be used with several other keys to access Lenovo defined settings.

The fnlock is a switch that can be turned on and off by pressing fn + esc. Instead of holding down the fn key to switch the functionality of dual-functionkeys, you can turn on fnlock. This feature allows users to access both hotkey and function key functionalities without the need to press two keys simultaneously.

Keyboard backlight

Many Lenovo keyboards are equipped with backlights to help you use the keyboard in dark lighting conditions. The backlights can be controlled by pressing fn + Space.

Biometric devices

Some Lenovo PCs are equipped with biometric devices that facilitate easy and secure identity authentication. If your PC includes an IR LED and an IR camera, you can enable facial recognition in Windows 11. Additionally, you can use your fingerprint for authentication on PCs with a fingerprint reader. Biometric identity authentication can be particularly beneficial for users who find it difficult typing passwords.

Note: When biometric devices are used for device authentication, they are not the only available method for this purpose. If biometric authentication fails, you can use a password or PIN to sign in to Windows.

Accessibility features of Windows 11

An operating system is a crucial piece of software installed on a PC. It plays a vital role in the PC's basic functionality by providing a user interface, various tools for system management, and a foundation upon which additional specialized applications can be installed.

Microsoft's Windows 11 is a modern operating system that comes preinstalled on many Lenovo PCs. It offers a rich set of accessibility features designed for individuals with diverse disabilities. This section outlines the accessibility features available in Windows 11, explains how to activate them, and discusses the benefits they provide.

Notes: The following accessibility features of Windows have been tested and confirmed to deliver their essential functionalities on Lenovo PCs that come pre-installed with Windows 11.

- Narrator

- Magnifier

Configuring accessibility features in the Settings app

Windows 11 provides a centralized location within the Settings app for activating and configuring all accessibility features. You can access this section by selecting **Start → Settings → Accessibility**. Additionally, the keyboard shortcut Windows logo key + U provides quick access to this interface.

Narrator

Narrator is Windows 11's built-in screen-reading application. It can read screen content aloud to users and also accept input from the keyboard, enabling individuals with visual impairments to navigate effectively within Windows 11, use applications, and browse the web.

Start and stop Narrator

You can start and stop Narrator by selecting the toggle button for Narrator in the centralized Accessibility section of the Settings app. Additionally, the keyboard shortcut Windows logo key + ctrl + enter provides quick access to both the start and stop functions.

Customize Narrator

Narrator offers a variety of controls that allow you to customize it to suit your preferences. For example, you can install additional text-to-speech voices and select your preferred voice for Narrator. You also have the option to adjust the verbosity level to choose the type of content to be read. All Narrator settings are conveniently located in the centralized Accessibility section of the Settings app. Additionally, the keyboard shortcut Windows logo key + ctrl + N offers quick access to these settings.

Adjusting text sizes, applying a high-contrast theme, and using Magnifier

For individuals who find it difficult to see text clearly on the screen, Windows offers the options of adjusting text sizes, applying a high-contrast theme, and using Magnifier.

Adjust text sizes

If you find the text on the screen is too small to read, you can scale up the size of text displayed by Windows and other applications.

Step 1. Select **Start → Settings → Accessibility → Text size**.

Step 2. Use the slider and the preview pane to select a size that fits your need and then select **Apply**.

Apply a high-contrast theme

For individuals with low vision, Windows 11 offers contrast themes that enhance text readability by using a background color that sharply contrasts with the text.

Step 1. Select **Start → Settings → Accessibility → Contrast themes**.

Step 2. In the dropdown list for **Contrast themes**, select one option and then select **Apply**.

To exit a contrast theme, select **None** from the dropdown list. The keyboard shortcut for turning on and off contrast theme is left alt + left shift + prt sc.

Enable Magnifier

You can enable Windows 11 Magnifier to enlarge specific areas or the entire screen, making text and images easier to see.

Step 1. Select **Start → Settings → Accessibility → Magnifier**.

Step 2. Select the toggle to enable or disable Magnifier.

The keyboard shortcuts for enabling and disabling Magnifier are Windows logo key + Plus sign (+) and Windows logo key + esc, respectively. When Magnifier is enabled, you can use Windows logo key + plus sign (+) and minus sign (-) to zoom in and zoom out.

Sticky Keys

Microsoft Windows offers numerous keyboard shortcuts that require users to hold down a modifier key (such as shift, ctrl, alt, or the Windows logo key) before pressing one or more additional keys. While these shortcuts provide significant convenience for many users, they can pose accessibility challenges for individuals who have difficulty holding down multiple keys at the same time.

Sticky Keys is an accessibility feature in Windows that, when enabled, allows users to press keys in sequence to activate shortcut functions. For example, instead of holding down the ctrl key and the C key simultaneously, users can press each key individually to copy text to the clipboard.

To enable Sticky Keys, press the shift key five times in quick succession. When the confirmation dialog box appears, select **Yes** to disable Sticky Keys, press the shift key five times again and choose **No** when prompted.

Accessible user documentation

Documentation containing instructions for the use of the product, including its accessibility features, is available in accessible formats (such as HTML and PDF) on the Lenovo Support Website. When creating documentation, a series of industry standards and best practices are followed to ensure that the content is useful to as broad an audience as possible. Additionally, automated testing tools are employed to identify issues that may hinder the accessibility of information. These issues are addressed to the extent permitted by commonly available technologies.

Accessibility features of user documentation

By adhering to industry standards and best practices, Lenovo documentation offers numerous features that facilitate the perception and understanding of the content. Additionally, several of these features are specifically designed to ensure that users of assistive technology devices can access information comparable to that available to those who do not rely on such devices.

Perceivable content

Text content is presented using popular and easy-to-read fonts. Text colors are in high contrast with the background. Non-text elements, such as graphics and videos that convey important information, are accompanied by alternative text descriptions. Users with visual impairments can utilize screen readers to access information comparable to that available to sighted users.

Understandable content

The documentation is presented visually in a well-structured and simple layout. It also includes hidden tags or other markup information that store the content's structure, which can be utilized programmatically by assistive technologies to convey this structure to users.

Operable content

Documentation includes industry-standard tags for sectioning and interactive elements, such as titles, headings, various structural components, links, buttons, and input fields. Screen reader users can utilize standard modifier keys on the keyboard to effectively navigate and interact with the documentation.

Testing documentation accessibility

Before being officially released, Lenovo documentation undergoes testing with automated tools to evaluate its accessibility. HTML documents are assessed for compliance with the success criteria outlined in the *Web Content Accessibility Guidelines* (WCAG), a widely accepted set of standards designed to enhance web document accessibility. PDF documents are evaluated for accessibility using the accessibility checker in Adobe Acrobat for the same purpose. Automated testing tools help identify elements within a document that may present challenges when rendered by screen readers and other assistive technology devices. Accessibility issues identified by these automated tools are subsequently analyzed manually and corrected as needed.

Appendix A. Function descriptions for Lenovo hotkeys

Hotkey functions are denoted by the icons printed on the keys. The following table describes the functions for all Lenovo hotkeys. The keyboard of your Lenovo computer should only support a subset of the listed hotkeys.

Table 8. Hotkey icons and denoted functions

Hotkey icon	Function description
	Mute/Unmute sound.
	Increase volume.
	Decrease volume.
	Enable/Disable the microphone.
	Increase screen brightness.
	Decrease screen brightness.
	Select and set up display devices.
	Enable/Disable airplane mode. (Windows operating systems)
	Display the Lenovo Smart Key quick launch panel.
	Enable/Disable the touch pad.
	Display all open apps as thumbnails. (Windows operating systems)
	Open the Calculator app. (Windows operating systems)
	Open the Snipping tool. (Windows operating systems)
	Open the Settings app. (Windows operating systems)
	Lock the screen. (Windows operating systems)
	Open the clipboard history. (Windows operating systems)
	Put the computer to sleep.
	Open the context menu of the current active app.
	Open an associated voice app, voice service, or Microsoft Cortana.
	Adjust the keyboard backlight.
	Increase the brightness of the keyboard backlight.
	Decrease the brightness of the keyboard backlight.
	Answer an incoming Microsoft Teams call.
	Reject an incoming Microsoft Teams call.
	Access Lenovo Support resources.
	Start/Pause audio or video playback.
	Stop audio or video playback.

Table 8. Hotkey icons and denoted functions (continued)

Hotkey icon	Function description
	Play the previous audio or video in the playlist.
	Play the next audio or video in the playlist.
	Switch the computer's active operation mode.
	Blur the background for videoconferencing.
	Switch the computer's active audio mode.
	Turn on/off night light mode. (Windows operating systems)

Note: Hotkey functions may change if the associated app or the Windows operating system is updated.

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