



# User Guide

## **SUMMARY**

This guide provides basic information for using and upgrading this product, including topics such as components, features, networks, and HP resources.

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# 1 About this guide

This guide provides basic information for using and upgrading this product.

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-  **WARNING!** Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, **could** result in serious injury or death.
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  -  **IMPORTANT:** Indicates information considered important but not hazard-related (for example, messages related to property damage). Warns the user that failure to follow a procedure exactly as described could result in loss of data or in damage to hardware or software. Also contains essential information to explain a concept or to complete a task.
  -  **NOTE:** Contains additional information to emphasize or supplement important points of the main text.
  -  **TIP:** Provides helpful hints for completing a task.
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This product incorporates HDMI® technology.

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## 2 Locating HP resources

Read this chapter to learn about where to find additional HP resources.

### Product information

To locate resources that provide product details, how-to information, and more, use this table.

**Table 2-1** Where to find product information

Topic	Location
<i>Setup Instructions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of computer setup and features</li></ul>
<i>Safety &amp; Comfort Guide</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proper workstation setup</li><li>• Guidelines for posture and work habits that increase your comfort and decrease your risk of injury</li><li>• Electrical and mechanical safety information</li></ul>
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<b>IMPORTANT:</b> You must be connected to the internet to access the latest version of the user guide.	
<i>Regulatory, Safety, and Environmental Notices</i>	See the <i>Regulatory, Safety, and Environmental Notices</i> for product regulatory information. You can also see the Agency/Environmental label.  To access this guide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Select the Search icon in the taskbar, type <code>HP Documentation</code> in the search box, and then select <b>HP Documentation</b>.</li></ul>
Serial number, Agency/Environmental, and operating system labels	The serial number, Agency/Environmental, and operating system labels might be on the bottom of the computer, on the rear panel of the computer, or under the service door.

### Support

To locate resources that provide support and warranty information, use this table.

**Table 2-2** Where to find support information

Topic	Location
Product support	<p>For HP support, go to <a href="http://www.hp.com/support">http://www.hp.com/support</a>.</p> <p>Here you can access the following types of support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online chat with an HP technician</li><li>• Support telephone numbers</li><li>• HP service center locations</li></ul>
Warranty information	<p>To access this document, perform one of these actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Select the Search icon in the taskbar, type <code>HP Documentation</code> in the search box, and then select <b>HP Documentation</b>.</li><li>• Go to <a href="http://www.hp.com/go/orderdocuments">http://www.hp.com/go/orderdocuments</a>.</li></ul> <p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> You must be connected to the internet to access the latest version of the warranty.</p> <p>You can find your HP Limited Warranty located with the user guides on your product. The warranty might be on a CD or DVD provided in the box. In some countries or regions, HP might provide a printed warranty in the box. For countries or regions where the warranty is not provided in printed format, you can request a copy from <a href="http://www.hp.com/go/orderdocuments">http://www.hp.com/go/orderdocuments</a>. For products purchased in Asia Pacific, you can write to HP at POD, PO Box 161, Kitchener Road Post Office, Singapore 912006. Include your name, phone number, address, and product name.</p>

## Product documentation

To locate resources that provide product documentation, use this table.

**Table 2-3** Where to find product documentation

Topic	Location
HP user documentation, white papers, and third-party documentation	User documentation is located on your hard drive. Select the <b>Search</b> icon in the taskbar, type <code>HP Documentation</code> in the search box, and then select <b>HP Documentation</b> . For the latest online documentation, go to <a href="http://www.hp.com/support">http://www.hp.com/support</a> and follow the instructions to find your product. Then select <b>Manuals</b> .
Product notifications	Subscriber's Choice is an HP program that allows you to sign up to receive driver and software alerts, proactive change notifications (PCNs), the HP newsletter, customer advisories, and more. Sign up at <a href="https://h41369.www4.hp.com/">https://h41369.www4.hp.com/</a> .
Bulletins and Notices	<p>To find advisories, bulletins, and notices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Go to <a href="http://www.hp.com/support">http://www.hp.com/support</a>.</li><li>2. Follow the instructions to find your product.</li><li>3. Select <b>Advisories</b> or <b>Bulletins and Notices</b>.</li></ol>

## Product updates

To locate resources that provide product updates, use this table.

**Table 2-4** Where to find product updates

Topic	Location
Driver and BIOS updates	Go to <a href="http://www.hp.com/support">http://www.hp.com/support</a> and select <b>Software and Drivers</b> to verify that you have the latest drivers for the computer.
Operating systems	For information about Windows® operating systems, go to <a href="http://www.support.microsoft.com">http://www.support.microsoft.com</a> .

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## 3 Caring for your safety and comfort

HP is committed to providing high-quality products that will last for years to come. HP is also concerned about your safety and comfort. To avoid eye strain and to relax muscle tension and fatigue, take a break every hour when using your computer.

1. Let your arms relax at your side.
2. Bend your head forward slightly to stretch the neck.
3. Hold for 5 seconds.
4. Keep your arms relaxed at your side.
5. Turn your head to one side and hold for 5 seconds.
6. Repeat for the other side.
7. Keep your arms relaxed at your side.
8. While looking forward, lean your head toward your right shoulder and hold for 5 seconds.
9. Look down as you slowly move your head to center. Roll your head toward your left shoulder while still looking forward.
10. Repeat for the other side.

To learn about other ways to care for your safety and comfort read the *Safety & Comfort Guide*, located on the web at <http://www.hp.com/ergo>.

### Advantages of flicker-free technology (select products only)

Monitors with flicker-free display technology help protect your eyes from fatigue, dryness, itchiness, or irritation. This technology allows you to work on spreadsheets, play games, or watch videos comfortably.

### Adjusting low blue light mode (select products only)

Your HP computer offers either a hardware or software solution to decrease the blue light emitting from the monitor.

#### **Low blue light hardware solution**


Your computer monitor is shipped from the factory in low blue light mode for improved eye comfort and safety. The monitor automatically adjusts blue light emissions when you use the computer at night or in a low-light setting. A monitor with a low blue light panel follows TÜV Rheinland compliance regulation for the factory default setting mode.

#### **Low blue light software solution**

Decreasing the blue light emitting from the monitor reduces the blue light exposure to your eyes. HP computers provide a setting to reduce blue light output and create a more relaxing and less stimulating image while you read content on the screen. Select one of the following apps to adjust your monitor to a comfortable viewing light.

- **HP Display Control App (Select Products Only)**
  1. Open the HP Display Control app.
  2. Select a setting:
    - **Low Blue Light:** TÜV certified. Reduces the blue light for improved eye comfort.
    - **Low Blue Light Models:** Low Blue Light (Select products only)
    - **Default:** Optimized for color vibrancy
    - **Web (sRGB):** Optimized for web browsing
    - **Printing and Imagine (Adobe RGB):** Optimized for images using Adobe RGB
    - **Photos and Videos (DCI-P3):** Optimized for photos and movie viewing and editing
    - **Native:** No optimization applied
    - **Night:** Adjusts to the lowest blue light and reduces the impact on sleep.
    - **Reading:** Optimizes blue light and brightness for indoor viewing.
- **myHP App**
  1. Open the myHP app.
  2. Select **Display Controls**.
  3. Select **On** or **Off** to reduce the blue light emitting from the display.

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 **WARNING!** To reduce the risk of serious injury, read the *Safety & Comfort Guide*, located on the web at <http://www.hp.com/ergo>. The guide describes proper workstation setup, and proper posture, health, and work habits for computer users. It also provides important electrical and mechanical safety information.

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## Restoring monitor brightness to factory default (select products only)

You can use the HP Display Control application to recover the original monitor brightness setting that was set at the factory.

To restore the default brightness setting, follow the next steps.

1. Open the HP Display Control app.
2. Select **Advanced**.
3. Select **Support**.
4. Select **Factory Reset**.

## 4 Computer features

This chapter provides you with an overview of your computer's features.

### Standard configuration features

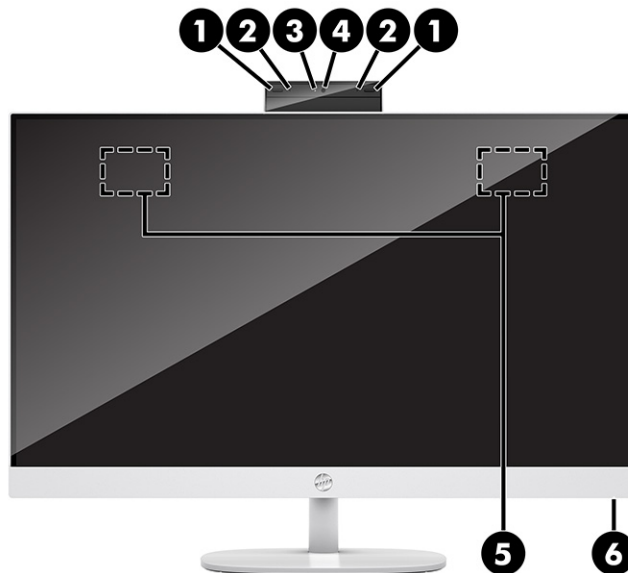
To identify a typical computer configuration, read this section. Features vary depending on the model. For support assistance and to learn more about the hardware and software installed on your computer model, run the HP Support Assistant utility.

List of standard configuration features.

- To identify the front panel components, see [Front panel components on page 7](#).
- To identify the rear panel components, see [Rear panel components on page 8](#).
- To identify the side panel components, see [Right-side panel components on page 9](#).
- To identify the top and bottom components, see [Top component on page 10](#) and [Bottom components on page 10](#).
- Each computer has a unique serial number and a product ID number that are located on the exterior of the computer. See [Serial number location on page 11](#).

### Front panel components

To identify the front panel components, use this illustration and table.



**Table 4-1** Identifying the front panel components

Front panel components		Front panel components	
1	Camera tilt levers (2)	4	Camera
2	Internal microphones (2)	5	WLAN antennas (2)*
3	Camera light	6	Power light
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On: The camera is in use.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White: The computer is on.</li> <li>Off: The computer is off.</li> </ul>

\*The antennas are not visible from the outside of the computer. For optimal transmission, keep the areas immediately around the antennas free from obstructions.

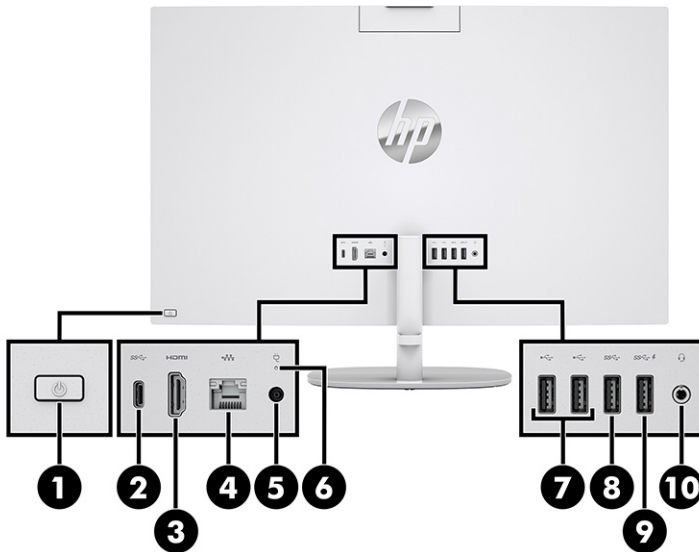
For wireless regulatory notices, see the section of the *Regulatory, Safety, and Environmental Notices* that applies to your country or region.

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## Rear panel components

To identify the rear panel components, use this illustration and table.



**Table 4-2** Identifying the rear panel components

Rear panel components		Rear panel components	
1	 Power button	6	AC adapter light
2	 USB Type-C® 5 Gbps port	7	 USB ports (2)
3	 HDMI-in port for High-Definition Multimedia Interface	8	 USB 5 Gbps port
4	 RJ-45 (network) jack	9	 USB 5 Gbps port with HP Sleep and Charge
5	 Power connector	10	 Audio-out (headphone)/Audio-in (microphone) combo jack

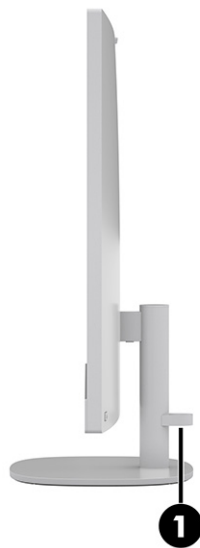
**WARNING!** To reduce the risk of personal injury, adjust the volume before putting on headphones, earbuds, or a headset. For additional safety information, see the *Regulatory, Safety, and Environmental Notices*.

To access this guide:

- Select the **Search** icon in the taskbar, type **HP Documentation** in the search box, and then select **HP Documentation**.

## Right-side panel components

To identify the right-side panel components, use this illustration and table.

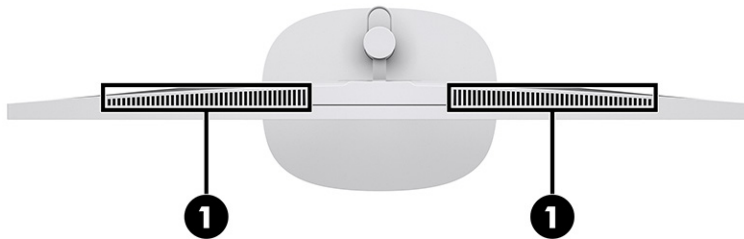


**Table 4-3** Identifying the right-side panel components

Side panel components	
1	Cable management clip  To attach the cable management clip to the computer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Gently pull apart the ends of the cable clip and insert them into the holes on the computer stand.</li></ul> To remove the cable management clip from the computer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Gently pull apart the ends of the cable clip and remove them from the computer stand.</li></ul>

## Top component

To identify the top component, use this illustration and table.

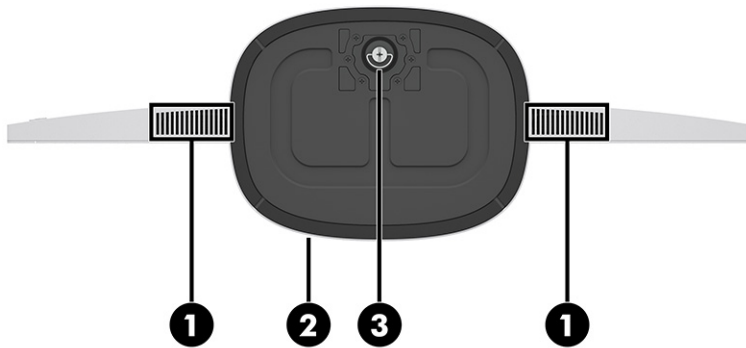


**Table 4-4** Identifying the top component

Top component	
1	Vents (2)

## Bottom components

To identify the bottom components, use this illustration and table.

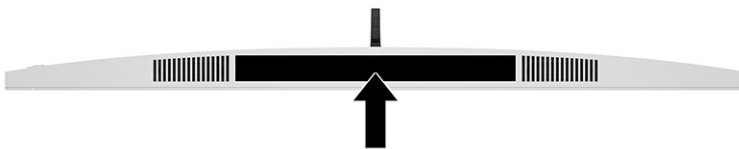


**Table 4-5** Identifying the bottom components

Bottom components		Bottom components	
1	Speakers (2)	3	Stand screw
2	Stand base		


## Serial number location

Each computer has a unique serial number and a product ID number that are located on the exterior of the computer. Keep these numbers available when contacting customer service for assistance.



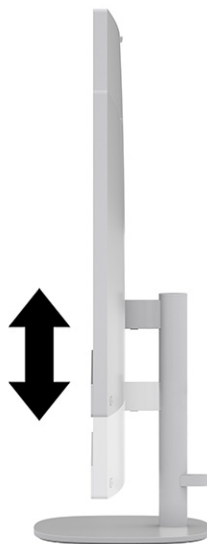
## Adjusting an adjustable-height stand (select products only)

On select products, you can adjust the height and tilt the stand attached to your computer.

 **IMPORTANT:** Use caution when rotating or reclining a computer if a cable lock is installed. The cable or the lock might interfere with the rotation or the angle of recline.

This stand allows you to:

- Adjust the computer height within a range of 100 mm (3.9 in).
  - Tilt the computer  $-5^{\circ}$  to  $20^{\circ}$  from the desktop.
1. To change the height of the computer, grasp both sides of the computer and lift or lower to the appropriate height.



2. To tilt the computer, grasp the top and bottom of the computer and adjust to the appropriate tilt.



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# 5 Setup

This chapter provides detailed computer setup instructions.

## Overview

Read this section for an overview of the setup process.

Set up the computer in the following order.

1. Connect the cables for peripherals and power. See [Connecting and disconnecting cables on page 14](#).
2. Turn on the power. See [Connecting power on page 26](#).
3. Turn on the keyboard and mouse. If you need to re-sync them to the computer, see [Connecting a USB keyboard and mouse \(select products only\) on page 14](#).

## Connecting and disconnecting cables

To connect or disconnect cables, follow these instructions.

### Connecting cables

Connect cables to your computer by following these steps.

1. Connect the peripheral cables to the appropriate ports.
2. Connect the power cord to the power connector on the rear of the computer.

### Disconnecting cables

Disconnect cables from your computer by following these steps.

1. If needed, position the computer so that you can access the ports.
2. Disconnect the cables from the ports.

## Connecting a USB keyboard and mouse (select products only)

You use the keyboard and mouse to navigate through the software and complete tasks. The devices have to be paired to your computer before you can use them.

1. Be sure that the dongle is inserted. If it is not, insert the dongle into a USB Type-A port on the computer.
2. On the keyboard, locate the power switch. It could be on the bottom, back, or top of the keyboard. Move the switch to the ON position.
3. On the mouse, move the power switch on the bottom of the mouse to the ON position.

4. If either device is not working, you must pair the device again (select products only):
  - a. Push and hold the pairing switch on the device until the status light blinks.
  - b. Continue to hold the pairing switch for approximately three seconds until the status light remains white for five seconds, and then fades out.

The device is now paired to the computer.

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# 6 Connecting to a network

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

## Connecting to a wireless network

Your computer might be equipped with one or more wireless devices.

- **WLAN device**—Connects the computer to wireless local area networks, which are commonly referred to as Wi-Fi networks, wireless LANs, or WLANs. These connections typically occur in corporate offices, your home, and public places such as airports, restaurants, coffee shops, hotels, and universities. The WLAN device in your computer communicates with a wireless router or a wireless access point.
- **Bluetooth® device**—Creates a personal area network (PAN) to connect to other Bluetooth-enabled devices such as computers, phones, printers, headsets, speakers, and cameras. In a PAN, each device communicates directly with other devices, and devices must be relatively close together—typically within 10 m (approximately 33 ft) of each other.

## Operating system controls


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

To use operating system controls, on the taskbar, right-click the network status icon, and then select **Network and Internet settings**.

## Connecting to a WLAN

Before you can connect to a WLAN with this procedure, you must first set up internet access.

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

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1. Be sure that the WLAN device is on.
2. On the taskbar, select the network status icon to open the Quick Settings menu. Select the arrow next to the wireless icon, and then connect to one of the available networks.

If the WLAN is a security-enabled WLAN, you are prompted to enter a security code. Enter the code, and then select **Next** to complete the connection.

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

 **NOTE:** If you do not see the WLAN that you want to connect to:

1. On the taskbar, right-click the network status icon, and then select **Network and Internet settings**.

2. Select **Wi-Fi**, and then select **Show available known networks**.
  3. Connect to one of the available networks.
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3. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the connection.

After the connection is made, right-click the network status icon at the far right of the taskbar to verify the name and status of the connection.

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

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## Using Bluetooth wireless devices (select products only)


A Bluetooth device provides short-range wireless communications that replace the physical cable connections that traditionally link electronic devices.


- Computers (desktop, notebook)
- Phones (cellular, cordless, smartphone)
- Imaging devices (printer, camera)
- Audio devices (headset, speakers)
- External keyboard

## Connecting Bluetooth devices

Before you can use a Bluetooth device, you must establish a Bluetooth connection.

1. In the taskbar, select the **Search** icon, type `bluetooth` in the search box, and then select **Bluetooth and other devices settings**.
2. Enable **Bluetooth**, if it is not already enabled.
3. Select **Add device**, and then in the **Add device** dialog box, select **Bluetooth**.
4. Select your device from the list, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

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

 **NOTE:** If your device does not appear in the list, be sure that Bluetooth on that device is turned on. Some devices might have additional requirements; see the documentation provided with the device.

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## 7 Enjoying entertainment features

Use your HP computer as an entertainment hub to socialize via the camera, enjoy and manage your music, and download and watch movies. To make your computer an even more powerful entertainment center, connect external devices such as a monitor, projector, TV, speakers, or headphones.


### Using the camera

Your computer has one or more cameras that enable you to connect with others for work or play. Cameras can be front facing, rear facing, or pop up.

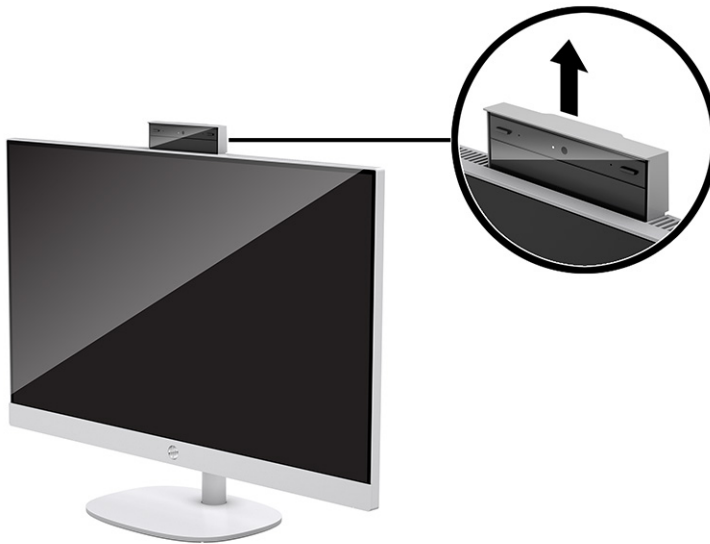
To determine which camera or cameras are on your product, see [Computer features on page 7](#).

Most cameras allow you to video chat, record video, and record still images. Some also provide HD (high-definition) capability, apps for gaming, or facial recognition software like Windows Hello. See [Securing your computer and information on page 35](#) for details about using Windows Hello.

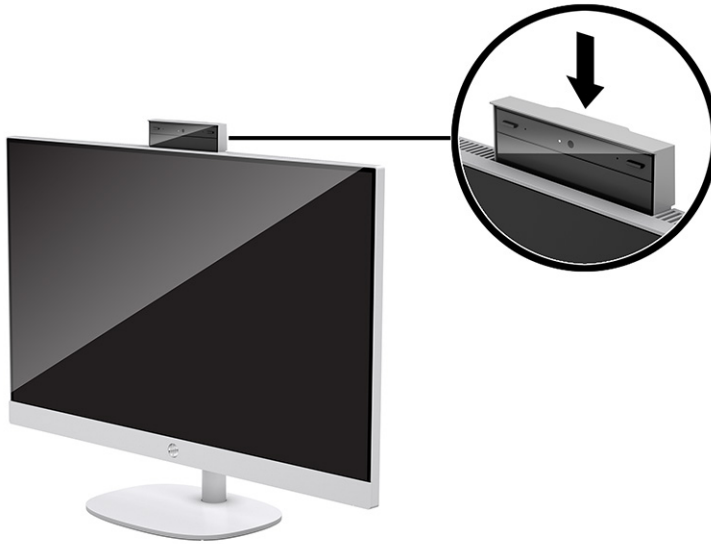
To open the camera, pull the camera module up to the uppermost position.

 **IMPORTANT:** Do not lift the computer by holding the camera module. Make sure that the camera module is up when you use the camera or microphone.

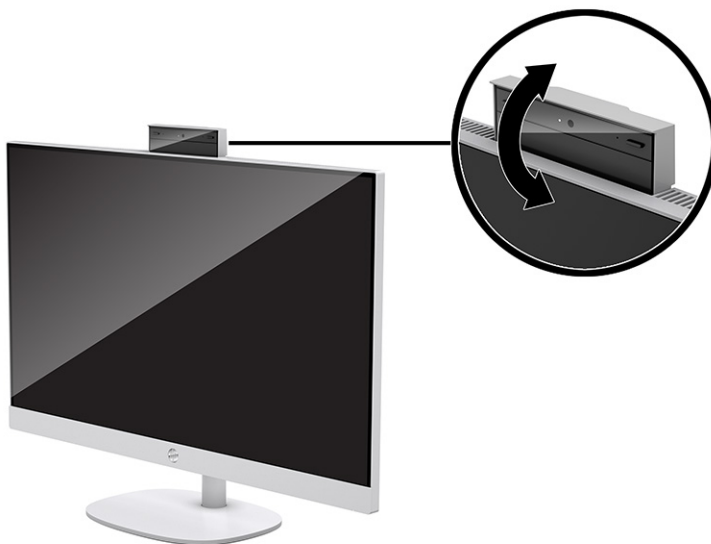
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When the camera is not in use, you can close the camera by pressing down on it into the closed position.




To adjust the angle of the camera, gently push the camera tilt levers up or down.



To use your camera, select the **Search** icon in the taskbar, type `camera` in the search box, and then select **Camera** from the list of applications.

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 **NOTE:** The first time you select the Camera app, you must select whether Camera can access your precise location.

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## Using audio

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

## Connecting headsets

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

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

To access this document:

- Select the **Search** icon in the taskbar, type `HP Documentation` in the search box, and then select **HP Documentation**.

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

## Connecting headphones

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

## Connecting speakers

You can connect wireless speakers to your computer, follow the device manufacturer's instructions. Before connecting speakers, lower the volume setting.

## Using sound settings

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

### Sound settings

To view or change sound settings, follow these steps.

1. Select the **Search** icon in the taskbar, type `control panel` in the search box, and then select **Control Panel**.
2. Select **Hardware and Sound**, and then select **Sound**.

### Audio settings

Your computer might include an enhanced sound system by Bang & Olufsen (B&O) or another provider. As a result, your computer might include advanced audio features that can be controlled through an audio control panel specific to your sound system.

Use the audio control panel to view and control audio settings.


- Select the **Search** icon in the taskbar, type `audio control` in the search box, and then select the audio control panel for your system.

## Using video

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

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

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

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For information about using your USB Type-C features, such as DisplayPort™, go to <http://www.hp.com/support>, and follow the instructions to find your product.

## Using data transfer

Your computer is a powerful entertainment device that enables you to transfer photos, videos, and movies from your USB devices to view on your computer.

To enhance your viewing enjoyment, use one of the USB Type-C ports on the computer to connect a USB device, such as a cell phone, camera, activity tracker, or smartwatch, and transfer the files to your computer.

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

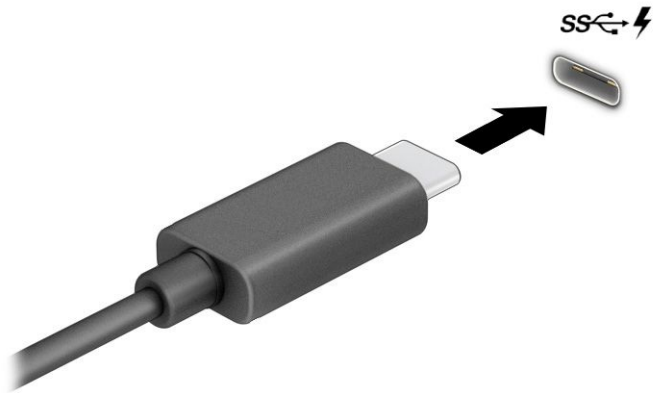
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For information about using your USB Type-C features, go to <http://www.hp.com/support>, and follow the instructions to find your product.

## Connecting devices to a USB Type-C port (select products only)

To connect a USB Type-C device to your computer, you need a USB Type-C cable, purchased separately.

1. Connect one end of the USB Type-C cable to the USB Type-C port on the computer.



2. Connect the other end of the cable to the external device.

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## 8 Navigating the screen

Depending on your computer model, you can navigate the computer screen using one or more methods.


- Use touch gestures directly on the computer screen.
- Use the supplied USB keyboard and mouse.
- Use an on-screen keyboard.
- Use a pointing stick.

### Using touch gestures (select products only)

You can customize the touch gestures by changing settings, button configurations, click speed, and pointer options.

Type `control panel` in the taskbar search box, and then select **Control Panel**. Select **Hardware and Sound**. Under **Devices and Printers**, select **Mouse**.

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 **NOTE:** Touch gestures are not supported in all apps.


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### Using the keyboard and mouse

The keyboard and mouse allow you to type, select items, scroll, and perform the same functions as you do using touch gestures. With the keyboard, you can use action keys and hot keys to perform specific functions.

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 **TIP:** The Windows key on the keyboard allows you to quickly return to the Start screen from an open app or the Windows desktop. Press the key again to return to the previous screen.

 **TIP:** Copilot in Windows requires Windows 11. Some features require a neural processing unit. The timing of feature delivery and availability varies by market and device. You must have a Microsoft account to use the Copilot feature. Where the Copilot feature is not available, pressing the Copilot key opens the Bing search engine. See <http://aka.ms/WindowsAIFeatures>.

 **NOTE:** Depending on the country or region, the keys and keyboard functions of your keyboard might be different from those discussed in this section.

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### Using the action keys or hot keys

You can quickly access information or perform functions by using certain keys and key combinations.

- **Action keys** perform an assigned function. The icons on the function keys at the top of the keyboard illustrate the assigned function for each key.

To use an action key, press and hold the key.














- **Hot keys** are a combination of the **fn** key and another key.

To use a hot key, briefly press the **fn** key, and then briefly press the second key of the combination.


## Action keys

Depending on the keyboard model, your keyboard might support the keys that are described in the next table.

**Table 8-1** Action keys

Icon	Description
	Opens the “How to get help in Windows 10” webpage.
	Decreases the screen brightness incrementally as long as you hold down the key.
	Increases the screen brightness incrementally as long as you hold down the key.
	Switches the screen image between display devices connected to the system. For example, if a monitor is connected to the computer, repeatedly pressing this key alternates the screen image from the computer display to the monitor display to a simultaneous display on both the computer and the monitor.
	Turns the keyboard backlight off or on. On select products, you can adjust the brightness of the keyboard backlight. Press the key repeatedly to adjust the brightness from high (when you first start up the computer), to low, to off. After you adjust the keyboard backlight setting, the backlight reverts to your previous setting each time you turn on the computer. The keyboard backlight turns off after 30 seconds of inactivity. To turn the keyboard backlight back on, press any key. To conserve battery power, turn off this feature.
	Plays the previous track of an audio CD or the previous section of a DVD or a Blu-ray Disc (BD).
	Starts, pauses, or resumes playback of an audio CD, a DVD, or a BD.
	Plays the next track of an audio CD or the next section of a DVD or a BD.
	Stops audio or video playback of a CD, a DVD, or a BD.
	Decreases speaker volume incrementally while you hold down the key.
	Increases speaker volume incrementally while you hold down the key.
	Mutes or restores speaker sound.
	Turns the wireless feature on or off. <b>NOTE:</b> A wireless network must be set up before a wireless connection is possible.

**Table 8-1** Action keys (continued)

Icon	Description
	Turns the airplane mode and wireless feature on or off. <b>NOTE:</b> The airplane mode key is also referred to as the wireless button. <b>NOTE:</b> A wireless network must be set up before a wireless connection is possible.

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## 9 Managing power

Some power management features described in this chapter might not be available on your computer.

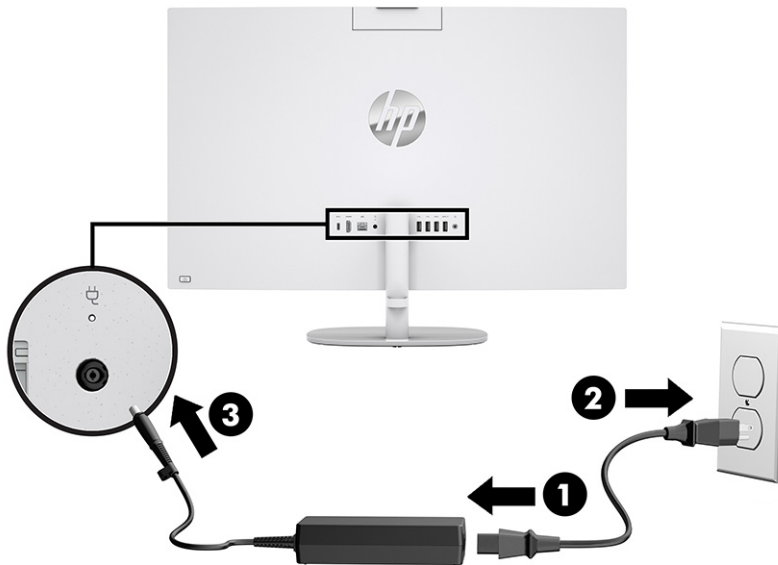
### Connecting and disconnecting power

To connect power to or disconnect power from the computer, follow these instructions.

#### Connecting power

Connect a power cable to your computer by following these steps.

1. Connect one end of the power cord to the AC adapter **(1)**.
2. Connect the other end of the power cord to a grounded AC outlet **(2)**.
3. Connect the AC adapter to the computer **(3)**.



4. Press the power button on the computer to turn it on.



#### Disconnecting power

Disconnect a power cable from your computer by following these steps.

1. Remove all removable media, such as optical discs or USB flash drives, from the computer.
2. Turn off the computer properly through the operating system, and then turn off any external devices.
3. Disconnect the power cord from the AC outlet, and disconnect any external devices.

# Using Sleep and Hibernation

Windows has two power-saving states, Sleep and Hibernation.

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-  **IMPORTANT:** Several well-known vulnerabilities exist when a computer is in the Sleep state. To prevent an unauthorized user from accessing data on your computer, even encrypted data, HP recommends that you always initiate Hibernation instead of Sleep anytime the computer will be out of your physical possession. This practice is particularly important when you travel with your computer.
  -  **IMPORTANT:** To reduce the risk of possible audio and video degradation, loss of audio or video playback functionality, or loss of information, do not initiate Sleep while reading from or writing to a disc or an external media card.
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- **Sleep:** The Sleep state is automatically initiated after a period of inactivity. Your work is saved to memory, allowing you to resume your work very quickly. You can also initiate Sleep manually. For more information, see [Initiating and exiting Sleep on page 27](#).
- **Hibernation:** The Hibernation state is automatically initiated if the battery reaches a critical level or the computer has been in the Sleep state for an extended period of time. In the Hibernation state, your work is saved to a hibernation file and the computer powers down. You can also initiate Hibernation manually. For more information, see [Initiating and exiting Hibernation \(select products only\) on page 27](#).

## Initiating and exiting Sleep


You can initiate Sleep several ways.

- Select the **Start** button, select the **Power** icon, and then select **Sleep**.
- Press the Sleep hot key (select products only); for example, **fn+f1** or **fn+f12**.
- Briefly press the power button (select products only).

You can exit Sleep in any of the following ways:

- Briefly press the power button.
- Press a key on the keyboard (select products only).
- Tap the touchpad (select products only).
- Double-tap the touch screen (select products only).

When the computer exits Sleep, your work returns to the screen.

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-  **NOTE:** If you have set a password to be required on exiting Sleep, you must enter your Windows password before your work returns to the screen.
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## Initiating and exiting Hibernation (select products only)

You can enable user-initiated Hibernation and change other power settings and timeouts using Power and sleep settings.

1. Select the **Search** icon in the taskbar, type `power`, and then select **Choose a power plan**.
2. In the left pane, select **Choose what the power buttons do** (wording might vary by product).

- Depending on your product, you can enable Hibernation for battery power or external power in any of the following ways:
  - Power button:** Under **Power and sleep buttons and lid settings** (wording might vary by product), select **When I press the power button**, and then select **Hibernate**.
  - Sleep button** (select products only): Under **Power and sleep buttons and lid settings** (wording might vary by product), select **When I press the sleep button**, and then select **Hibernate**.
  - Lid:**(select products only): Under **Power and sleep buttons and lid settings** (wording might vary by product), select **When I close the lid**, and then select **Hibernate**.
  - Power menu:** Select **Change Settings that are currently unavailable**, and then, under **Shutdown settings**, select the **Hibernate** check box.


Select the **Start** button to access the Power menu.

- Select **Save changes**.

To initiate Hibernation, use the method that you enabled in step 3.

To exit Hibernation, briefly press the power button.

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 **NOTE:** If you have set a password to be required on exiting Hibernation, you must enter your Windows password before your work returns to the screen.

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## Shutting down (turning off) the computer

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

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 **IMPORTANT:** Unsaved information is lost when the computer shuts down. Be sure to save your work before shutting down the computer.

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Shut down the computer when it will be unused and disconnected from external power for an extended period.

The recommended procedure is to use the Windows Shut down command.

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 **NOTE:** If the computer is in the Sleep state or in Hibernation, first exit Sleep or Hibernation by briefly pressing the power button.

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- Save your work and close all open programs.
- Select the **Start** button, select the **Power** icon, and then select **Shut down**.

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

- Press **ctrl+alt+delete**, select the **Power** icon, and then select **Shut down**.
- Press and hold the power button for at least 10 seconds.
- If your computer has a user-replaceable battery (select products only), disconnect the computer from external power, and then remove the battery.

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# 10 Maintaining your computer

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

## Improving performance

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

### Using Disk Defragmenter

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



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

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To run Disk Defragmenter:

1. Connect the computer to AC power.
2. Select the **Search** icon in the taskbar, type `defragment` in the search box, and then select **Defragment and Optimize Drives**.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions.

For additional information, access the Disk Defragmenter software Help.

### Using Disk Cleanup

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

To run Disk Cleanup:


1. Select the **Search** icon in the taskbar, type `disk` in the search box, and then select **Disk Cleanup**.
2. Follow the on-screen instructions.


### Using HP 3D DriveGuard (select products only)

HP 3D DriveGuard protects a hard drive by parking the drive and halting data requests under some conditions.

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

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

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

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

## Identifying HP 3D DriveGuard status

The hard drive light on the computer changes color to show that the drive in a primary hard drive bay, the secondary hard drive bay (select products only), or both are parked.

## Updating programs and drivers

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

### Updating both programs and drivers

Use this procedure to update both programs and drivers.

1. Use one of these options:
  - Select the **Search** icon in the taskbar, type `support` in the search box, and then select the **HP Support Assistant** app.
  - Select the question mark icon in the taskbar.
2. Under **My computer**, select **Updates**. The **Software and Drivers** window opens, and Windows checks for updates.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions.

### Updating programs only

Use this procedure to update programs only.

1. Select **Start**, and then select **Microsoft Store**.
2. Select the dots next to your profile picture in the top-right corner, and then select **Downloads and updates**.
3. On the **Downloads and updates** page, select **Get updates**, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

### Updating drivers only

Use this procedure to update drivers only.

1. Select the **Search** icon in the taskbar, type `windows update settings` in the search box, and then select **Windows Update settings**.

2. Select **Check for updates**, and then follow the on-screen instructions.



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**NOTE:** If Windows does not find a new driver, go to the device manufacturer's website, and follow the instructions.

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## Cleaning your computer

Cleaning your computer regularly removes dirt and debris so that your device continues to operate at its best. Use the following information to safely clean the external surfaces of your computer.

### Enabling HP Easy Clean (select products only)

HP Easy Clean helps you to avoid accidental input while you clean the computer surfaces. This software disables devices such as the keyboard, touch screen, and touchpad for a preset amount of time so that you can clean all computer surfaces.

1. Start HP Easy Clean in one of the following ways:
  - Select the **Start** menu, and then select **HP Easy Clean**.
  - Select the **HP Easy Clean** icon in the taskbar.
  - Select **Start**, and then select the **HP Easy Clean** tile.
2. Now that your device is disabled for a short period, see [Removing dirt and debris from your computer on page 31](#) for the recommended steps to clean the high-touch, external surfaces on your computer. After you remove the dirt and debris, you can also clean the surfaces with a disinfectant. See [Cleaning your computer with a disinfectant on page 32](#) for guidelines to help prevent the spread of harmful bacteria and viruses.

### Removing dirt and debris from your computer

Here are the recommended steps to clean dirt and debris from your computer.

For computers with wood veneer, see [Caring for wood veneer \(select products only\) on page 33](#).

1. Wear disposable gloves made of latex (or nitrile gloves, if you are latex-sensitive) when cleaning the surfaces.
2. Turn off your device and unplug the power cord and other connected external devices. Remove any installed batteries from items such as wireless keyboards.



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**CAUTION:** To prevent electric shock or damage to components, never clean a product while it is turned on or plugged in.

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3. Moisten a microfiber cloth with water. The cloth should be moist, but not dripping wet.



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**IMPORTANT:** To avoid damaging the surface, avoid abrasive cloths, towels, and paper towels.

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4. Wipe the exterior of the product gently with the moistened cloth.



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**IMPORTANT:** Keep liquids away from the product. Avoid getting moisture in any openings. If liquid makes its way inside your HP product, it can cause damage to the product. Do not spray liquids directly on the product. Do not use aerosol sprays, solvents, abrasives, or cleaners containing hydrogen peroxide or bleach that might damage the finish.

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5. Start with the display (if applicable). Wipe carefully in one direction, and move from the top of the display to the bottom. Finish with any flexible cables, like power cord, keyboard cable, and USB cables.
6. Be sure that surfaces have completely air-dried before turning the device on after cleaning.
7. Discard the gloves after each cleaning. Clean your hands immediately after you remove the gloves.

See [Cleaning your computer with a disinfectant on page 32](#) for recommended steps to clean the high-touch, external surfaces on your computer to help prevent the spread of harmful bacteria and viruses.

## Cleaning your computer with a disinfectant


The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends cleaning surfaces, followed by disinfection, as a best practice for preventing the spread of viral respiratory illnesses and harmful bacteria.

After cleaning the external surfaces of your computer using the steps in [Removing dirt and debris from your computer on page 31](#), [Caring for wood veneer \(select products only\) on page 33](#), or both, you might also choose to clean the surfaces with a disinfectant. A disinfectant that is within HP's cleaning guidelines is an alcohol solution consisting of 70% isopropyl alcohol and 30% water. This solution is also known as rubbing alcohol and is sold in most stores.

Follow these steps when disinfecting high-touch, external surfaces on your computer:

1. Wear disposable gloves made of latex (or nitrile gloves, if you are latex-sensitive) when cleaning the surfaces.
2. Turn off your device and unplug the power cord and other connected external devices. Remove any installed batteries from items such as wireless keyboards.


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 **CAUTION:** To prevent electric shock or damage to components, never clean a product while it is turned on or plugged in.


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3. Moisten a microfiber cloth with a mixture of 70% isopropyl alcohol and 30% water. The cloth should be moist, but not dripping wet.

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 **CAUTION:** Do not use any of the following chemicals or any solutions that contain them, including spray-based surface cleaners: bleach, peroxides (including hydrogen peroxide), acetone, ammonia, ethyl alcohol, methylene chloride, or any petroleum-based materials, such as gasoline, paint thinner, benzene, or toluene.


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 **IMPORTANT:** To avoid damaging the surface, avoid abrasive cloths, towels, and paper towels.

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4. Wipe the exterior of the product gently with the moistened cloth.

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 **IMPORTANT:** Keep liquids away from the product. Avoid getting moisture in any openings. If liquid makes its way inside your HP product, it can cause damage to the product. Do not spray liquids directly on the product. Do not use aerosol sprays, solvents, abrasives, or cleaners containing hydrogen peroxide or bleach that might damage the finish.

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6. Be sure that surfaces have completely air-dried before turning the device on after cleaning.

7. Discard the gloves after each cleaning. Clean your hands immediately after you remove the gloves.

## Caring for wood veneer (select products only)

Your product might feature high-quality wood veneer. As with all natural wood products, proper care is important for best results over the life of the product. Because of the nature of natural wood, you might see unique variations in the grain pattern or subtle variations in color, which are normal.

- Clean the wood with a dry, static-free microfiber cloth or chamois.
- Avoid cleaning products containing substances such as ammonia, methylene chloride, acetone, turpentine, or other petroleum-based solvents.
- Do not expose the wood to sun or moisture for long periods of time.
- If the wood becomes wet, dry it by dabbing with an absorbent, lint-free cloth.
- Avoid contact with any substance that might dye or discolor the wood.
- Avoid contact with sharp objects or rough surfaces that might scratch the wood.


See [Removing dirt and debris from your computer on page 31](#) for the recommended steps to clean the high-touch, external surfaces on your computer. After you remove the dirt and debris, you can also clean the surfaces with a disinfectant. See [Cleaning your computer with a disinfectant on page 32](#) for sanitizing guidelines to help prevent the spread of harmful bacteria and viruses.

## Traveling with or shipping your computer (select products only)

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

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

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

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- If you plan to use the computer during a flight, listen for the in-flight announcement that tells you when you can use your computer. In-flight computer use is at the discretion of the airline.
- If you are shipping the computer or a drive, use suitable protective packaging and label the package “FRAGILE.”

- The use of wireless devices might be restricted in some environments. Such restrictions might apply aboard aircraft, in hospitals, near explosives, and in hazardous locations. If you are uncertain of the policy that applies to the use of a wireless device in your computer, ask for authorization to use your computer before you turn it on.
- If you are traveling internationally, follow these suggestions:
  - Check the computer-related customs regulations for each country or region on your itinerary.
  - Check the power cord and adapter requirements for each location in which you plan to use the computer. Voltage, frequency, and plug configurations vary.


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

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# 11 Securing your computer and information

Computer security is essential for protecting the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of your information. Standard security solutions provided by the Windows operating system, HP applications, the Setup Utility (BIOS), and other third-party software can help protect your computer from a variety of risks, such as viruses, worms, and other types of malicious code.

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


## Using passwords

A password is a group of characters that you choose to secure your computer information and to protect online transactions. You can set several types of passwords. For example, when you set up your computer for the first time, you were asked to create a user password to secure your computer. You can set additional passwords in Windows or in HP Setup Utility (BIOS), which is preinstalled on your computer.

You may find it helpful to use the same password for a Setup Utility (BIOS) feature and for a Windows security feature.

To create and save passwords, use the following tips:

- To reduce the risk of being locked out of the computer, record each password and store it in a secure place away from the computer. Do not store passwords in a file on the computer.
- When creating passwords, follow requirements set by the program.
- Change your passwords at least every 3 months.
- An ideal password is long and has letters, punctuation, symbols, and numbers.
- Before you send your computer for service, back up your files, delete confidential files, and then remove all password settings.

 **NOTE:** For additional information about Windows passwords, such as screen-saver passwords, use one of these options:

- Select the **Search** icon in the taskbar, type `support` in the search box, and then select the **HP Support Assistant** app.
- Select the question mark icon in the taskbar.

## Setting Windows passwords

Windows passwords can help protect your computer from unauthorized access.

**Table 11-1** Types of Windows passwords and their functions

Password	Function
User password	Protects access to a Windows user account.

**Table 11-1** Types of Windows passwords and their functions (continued)

Password	Function
Administrator password	Protects administrator-level access to computer contents.

**NOTE:** This password cannot be used to access Setup Utility (BIOS) contents.


## Setting Setup Utility (BIOS) passwords

BIOS passwords provide additional layers of security for your computer.

**Table 11-2** Types of BIOS passwords and their functions

Password	Function
Administrator password	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must be entered each time you access Setup Utility (BIOS).</li><li>• If you forget your administrator password, you cannot access Setup Utility (BIOS).</li></ul>
Power-on password	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must be entered each time you turn on or restart the computer.</li><li>• If you forget your power-on password, you cannot turn on or restart the computer.</li></ul>

Complete the steps below to set, change, or delete an administrator or power-on password in Setup Utility (BIOS):

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

1. Start Setup Utility (BIOS):
  - For computers or tablets with keyboards, turn on or restart the computer, quickly press **esc**, and then press **f10**.
  - For tablets without keyboards:
    - a. Turn on or restart the tablet, and then quickly hold down one of the following buttons:
      - Volume up
      - Volume down
      - Windows
    - b. Tap **f10**.
2. Select **Security**, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

To save your changes, select **Exit**, select **Save Changes and Exit**, and then select **Yes**.

 **NOTE:** If you are using arrow keys to highlight your choice, you must then press **enter**.

Your changes take effect when the computer restarts.


## Using Windows Hello (select products only)


On products equipped with a fingerprint reader or an infrared camera, Windows Hello allows you to enroll your fingerprint, your facial ID, and set up a PIN. After enrollment, you can use your fingerprint reader, facial ID, or PIN to sign in to Windows.

To set up Windows Hello:

1. Select the **Start** button, select **Settings**, select **Accounts**, and then select **Sign-in options**.
2. If you do not have a password set up, you must add one before you can use other sign-in options. Select **Password**, and then select **Add**.
3. Select **Facial recognition (Windows Hello)** or **Fingerprint recognition (Windows Hello)**, and then select **Set up**.
4. Select **Get started**, and then follow the on-screen instructions to enroll your fingerprint or facial ID and set up a PIN.

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 **IMPORTANT:** To prevent fingerprint logon issues, be sure when you register your fingerprint that all sides of your finger are registered by the fingerprint reader.

 **NOTE:** The PIN is not limited in length. The default setting is for numbers only. To include alphabetic or special characters, select the **include letters and symbols** check box.

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## Using internet security software

When you use your computer to access email, a network, or the internet, you potentially expose your computer to computer viruses, spyware, and other online threats. To help protect your computer, internet security software that includes antivirus and firewall features may be preinstalled on your computer as a trial offer. To provide ongoing protection against newly discovered viruses and other security risks, security software must be kept up to date. HP strongly recommends that you upgrade the security software trial offer or purchase the software of your choice to fully protect your computer.

## Using antivirus software

Computer viruses can disable programs, utilities, or the operating system, or cause them to function abnormally. Antivirus software can detect most viruses, destroy them, and in most cases, repair any damage that they cause.

To provide ongoing protection against newly discovered viruses, antivirus software must be kept up to date.

An antivirus program may be preinstalled on your computer. HP strongly recommends that you use the antivirus program of your choice to fully protect your computer.

For more information about computer viruses, complete one of these tasks:

- Select the **Search** icon in the taskbar, type `support` in the search box, and then select the **HP Support Assistant** app.
- Select the question mark icon in the taskbar.

## Using firewall software

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

There are two types of firewalls to consider:

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

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

## Installing software updates

HP, Windows, and third-party software installed on your computer should be regularly updated to correct security problems and improve software performance.



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**IMPORTANT:** Microsoft sends out alerts regarding Windows updates, which may include security updates. To protect the computer from security breaches and computer viruses, install all updates from Microsoft as soon as you receive an alert.

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You can install these updates automatically.

To view or change the settings:

1. Select the **Start** button, select **Settings**, and then select **Windows Update**.
2. Follow the on-screen instructions.
3. To schedule a time for installing updates, select **Advanced options**, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

## Using HP TechPulse (select products only)

HP TechPulse is a cloud-based IT solution that enables businesses to effectively manage and secure their company assets.

HP TechPulse helps protect devices against malware and other attacks, monitors device health, and helps reduce time spent solving device and security issues. You can quickly download and install the software, which is highly cost-effective relative to traditional in-house solutions. For more information, go to <https://www.hpdaas.com/>.

## Securing your wireless network

When you set up a WLAN or access an existing WLAN, always enable security features to protect your network from unauthorized access. WLANs in public areas (hotspots) such as coffee shops and airports may not provide any security.

## Backing up your software applications and information

Regularly back up your software applications and information to protect them from being permanently lost or damaged through a virus attack or a software or hardware failure.

## Using an optional security cable (select products only)

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

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## 12 Using Setup Utility (BIOS)

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

### Starting Setup Utility (BIOS)

Use the following instructions to access the Setup Utility (BIOS).


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

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- Turn on or restart the computer and press and hold the **power button**, and then press the **volume up (+) button** at the same time to open the **Startup** menu.

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 **NOTE:** Use the touch screen and on-screen keyboard to operate the **Startup** menu.

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### Updating Setup Utility (BIOS)

Updated versions of Setup Utility (BIOS) might be available on the HP website. Most BIOS updates on the HP website are packaged in compressed files called *SoftPags*. Some download packages contain a file named `Readme.txt`, which contains information regarding installing and troubleshooting the file.

### Determining the BIOS version

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

To reveal the BIOS version information (also known as *ROM date* and *System BIOS*), use one of these options.


- HP Support Assistant
  1. Perform one of these tasks:
    - Select the **Search** icon in the taskbar, type `support` in the search box, and then select the **HP Support Assistant** app.
    - Select the question mark icon in the taskbar.
  2. Under **My computer**, select **Specifications**.
- Setup Utility (BIOS)
  1. Start Setup Utility (BIOS) (see [Starting Setup Utility \(BIOS\) on page 40](#)).
  2. Select **Main**, and then make note of the BIOS version.
  3. Select **Exit**, select one of the options, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

- In Windows, press **ctrl+alt+s**.


To check for later BIOS versions, see [Preparing for a BIOS update on page 41](#).

## Preparing for a BIOS update

Be sure to follow all prerequisites before downloading and installing a BIOS update.

 **IMPORTANT:** To reduce the risk of damage to the computer or an unsuccessful installation, download and install a BIOS update only when the computer is connected to reliable external power using the HP AC adapter provided with the computer (select products only), a replacement AC adapter provided by HP, or an AC adapter with the power rating specified on the product label. Do not download or install a BIOS update while the computer is running on battery power, docked in an optional docking device, or connected to an optional power source. During the download and installation, follow these instructions:

- Do not disconnect power from the computer by unplugging the power cord from the AC outlet.
- Do not shut down the computer or initiate Sleep.
- Do not insert, remove, connect, or disconnect any device, cable, or cord.

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

## Downloading a BIOS update

After you review the prerequisites, you can check for and download BIOS updates.

1. Perform one of these tasks:
  - Select the **Search** icon in the taskbar, type `support` in the search box, and then select the **HP Support Assistant** app.
  - Select the question mark icon in the taskbar.
2. Select **Updates**. The **Checking for Updates** window opens, and Windows checks for updates.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions.
4. At the download area, follow these steps:
  - a. Identify the most recent BIOS update and compare it to the BIOS version currently installed on your computer. If the update is more recent than your BIOS version, make a note of the date, name, or other identifier. You might need this information to locate the update later, after it has been downloaded to your hard drive.
  - b. Follow the on-screen instructions to download your selection to the hard drive.

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

## Installing a BIOS update

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

1. Select the **Search** icon in the taskbar, type `file` in the search box, and then select **File Explorer**.
2. Select your hard drive designation. The hard drive designation is typically Local Disk (C:).

3. Using the hard drive path you recorded earlier, open the folder that contains the update.
4. Double-click the file that has an .exe extension (for example, *filename.exe*).  
The BIOS installation begins.
5. Complete the installation by following the on-screen instructions.



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


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# 13 Backing up, restoring, and recovering

You can use Windows tools or HP software to back up your information, create a restore point, reset your computer, create recovery media, or restore your computer to its factory state. Performing these standard procedures can return your computer to a working state faster.

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 **IMPORTANT:** If you are performing recovery procedures on a tablet, the tablet battery must be at least 70% charged before you start the recovery process.

 **IMPORTANT:** For a tablet with a detachable keyboard, connect the tablet to the keyboard base before beginning any recovery process.

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## Backing up information and creating recovery media

These methods of creating recovery media and backups are available on select products only.

### Using Windows tools for backing up

HP recommends that you back up your information immediately after initial setup. You can do this task either using Windows Backup locally with an external USB flash drive or using online tools.

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 **NOTE:** If computer storage is 32 GB or less, Microsoft System Restore is disabled by default.

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### Using the HP Cloud Recovery Download Tool to create recovery media (select products only)


You can use the HP Cloud Recovery Download Tool to create HP Recovery media on a bootable USB flash drive.

For details:

- Go to <http://www.hp.com>, search for HP Cloud Recovery, and then select the result that matches the type of computer that you have.

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 **NOTE:** If you cannot create recovery media yourself, contact support to obtain recovery discs. Go to <http://www.hp.com/support>, select your country or region, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

 **IMPORTANT:** HP recommends that you follow the [Restoring and recovery methods on page 44](#) to restore your computer before you obtain and use the HP recovery discs. Using a recent backup can return your machine to a working state sooner than using the HP recovery discs. After the system is restored, reinstalling all the operating system software released since your initial purchase can be a lengthy process.

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## Restoring and recovering your system

You have several tools available to recover your system both within and outside of Windows if the desktop cannot load.

HP recommends that you attempt to restore your system using the [Restoring and recovery methods on page 44](#).

## Creating a system restore

System Restore is available in Windows. The System Restore software can automatically or manually create restore points, or snapshots, of the system files and settings on the computer at a particular point.

When you use System Restore, it returns your computer to its state at the time you made the restore point. Your personal files and documents should not be affected.

## Restoring and recovery methods

After you run the first method, test to see whether the issue still exists before you proceed to the next method, which might now be unnecessary.

1. Run a Microsoft System Restore.
2. Run Reset this PC.



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**NOTE:** The options **Remove everything** and then **Fully clean the drive** can take several hours to complete and leave no information on your computer. It is the safest way to reset your computer before you recycle it.

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3. Recover using HP Recovery media. For more information, see [Recovering using HP Recovery media on page 44](#).

For more information about the first two methods, see the Get Help app:

- Select the **Start** button, select **All apps**, select the **Get Help** app, and then enter the task you want to perform.



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**NOTE:** You must be connected to the internet to access the Get Help app.

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## Recovering using HP Recovery media

You can use HP Recovery media to recover the operating system and drivers that were installed at the factory. On select products, you can create recovery media on a bootable USB flash drive using the HP Cloud Recovery Download Tool.

For details, see [Using the HP Cloud Recovery Download Tool to create recovery media \(select products only\) on page 43](#).



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**NOTE:** If you cannot create recovery media yourself, contact support to obtain recovery discs. Go to <http://www.hp.com/support>, select your country or region, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

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To recover your system:

- Insert the HP Recovery media, and then restart the computer.



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**NOTE:** HP recommends that you follow the [Restoring and recovery methods on page 44](#) to restore your computer before you obtain and use the HP recovery discs. Using a recent backup can return your machine to a working state sooner than using the HP recovery discs. After the system is restored, reinstalling all the operating system software released since your initial purchase can be a lengthy process.

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## Changing the computer boot order

If your computer does not restart using the HP Recovery media, you can change the computer boot order, which is the order of devices listed in BIOS for startup information. You can select an optical drive or a USB flash drive, depending on the location of your HP Recovery media.

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 **IMPORTANT:** For a tablet with a detachable keyboard, connect the tablet to the keyboard base before beginning these steps.

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To change the boot order:

1. Insert the HP Recovery media.
2. Access the system **Startup** menu.
  - For computers or tablets with keyboards attached, turn on or restart the computer or tablet, quickly press **esc**, and then press **f9** for boot options.
  - For tablets without keyboards, turn on or restart the tablet, and then quickly press and hold one of the following buttons:
    - Volume up
    - Volume down

Then select **f9**.
3. Select the optical drive or USB flash drive from which you want to boot, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

## Using HP Sure Recover (select products only)

Select computer models are configured with HP Sure Recover, a PC operating system (OS) recovery solution built into the hardware and software. HP Sure Recover can fully restore the HP OS image without installed recovery software.

Using HP Sure Recover, an administrator or user can restore the system and install:

- Latest version of the operating system
- Platform-specific device drivers
- Software applications, in the case of a custom image

To access the latest documentation for HP Sure Recover, go to <http://www.hp.com/support>. Follow the on-screen instructions to find your product and locate your documentation.

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# 14 Using HP PC Hardware Diagnostics

You can use the HP PC Hardware Diagnostics utility to determine whether your computer hardware is running properly. The three versions are HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows, HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI (Unified Extensible Firmware Interface), and (for select products only) Remote HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI, a firmware feature.

## Using HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows (select products only)

HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows is a Windows-based utility that allows you to run diagnostic tests to determine whether the computer hardware is functioning properly. The tool runs within the Windows operating system to diagnose hardware failures.

If HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows is not installed on your computer, you must download and install it. To download HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows, see [Downloading HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows on page 47](#).

## Using an HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows hardware failure ID code

When HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows detects a failure that requires hardware replacement, a 24-digit failure ID code is generated for select component tests. For interactive tests, such as keyboard, mouse, or audio and video palette, you must perform troubleshooting steps before you can receive a failure ID.

You have several options after you receive a failure ID:

- Select **Next** to open the Event Automation Service (EAS) page, where you can log the case.
- Scan the QR code with your mobile device, which takes you to the EAS page, where you can log the case.
- Select the box next to the 24-digit failure ID to copy your failure code and send it to support.

## Accessing HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows

After HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows is installed, you can access it from HP Support Assistant or the Start menu.


### Accessing HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows from HP Support Assistant

After HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows is installed, follow these steps to access it from HP Support Assistant:

1. Complete one of the following tasks:
  - Select the **Search** icon in the taskbar, type `support` in the search box, and then select the **HP Support Assistant** app.
  - Select the question mark icon in the taskbar.
2. Select **Fixes & Diagnostics**.

3. Select **Run hardware diagnostics**, and then select **Launch**.
4. When the tool opens, select the type of diagnostic test that you want to run, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

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 **NOTE:** To stop a diagnostic test, select **Cancel**.


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## Accessing HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows from the Start menu (select products only)

After HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows is installed, follow these steps to access it from the Start menu:

1. Select the **Start** button, and then select **All apps**.
2. Select **HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows**.
3. When the tool opens, select the type of diagnostic test that you want to run, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

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 **NOTE:** To stop a diagnostic test, select **Cancel**.

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## Downloading HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows

The HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows downloading instructions are provided in English only. You must use a Windows computer to download this tool because only .exe files are provided.

### Downloading the latest HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows version from HP

To download HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows from HP, follow these steps:

1. Go to <http://www.hp.com/go/techcenter/pcdiags>. The HP PC Diagnostics home page is displayed.
2. Select **Download HP Diagnostics Windows**, and then select the specific Windows diagnostics version to download to your computer or a USB flash drive.

The tool downloads to the selected location.

### Downloading the HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows from the Microsoft Store

You can download the HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows from the Microsoft Store:


1. Select the Microsoft Store app on your desktop or select the **Search** icon in the taskbar, and then type `Microsoft Store` in the search box.
2. Type `HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows` in the **Microsoft Store** search box.
3. Follow the on-screen directions.

The tool downloads to the selected location.

### Downloading HP Hardware Diagnostics Windows by product name or number (select products only)

You can download HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows by product name or number.

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 **NOTE:** For some products, you might have to download the software to a USB flash drive by using the product name or number.

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1. Go to <http://www.hp.com/support>.
2. Select **Software and Drivers**, select your type of product, and then enter the product name or number in the search box that is displayed.
3. In the **Diagnostics** section, select **Download**, and then follow the on-screen instructions to select the specific Windows diagnostics version to be downloaded to your computer or USB flash drive.

The tool downloads to the selected location.

## Installing HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows

To install HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows, navigate to the folder on your computer or the USB flash drive where the .exe file downloaded, double-click the .exe file, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

## Using HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI

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



**NOTE:** For some products, you must use a Windows computer and a USB flash drive to download and create the HP UEFI support environment because only .exe files are provided. For more information, see [Downloading HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI to a USB flash drive on page 49](#).

If your PC does not start in Windows, you can use HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI to diagnose hardware issues.

## Using an HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI hardware failure ID code

When HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI detects a failure that requires hardware replacement, a 24-digit failure ID code is generated.

For assistance in solving the problem, complete one of these tasks:

- Select **Contact HP**, accept the HP privacy disclaimer, and then use a mobile device to scan the failure ID code that appears on the next screen. The HP Customer Support - Service Center page appears with your failure ID and product number automatically filled in. Follow the on-screen instructions.
- Contact support, and provide the failure ID code.

## Starting HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI

To start HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI, follow this procedure.

1. Turn on or restart the computer, and quickly press **esc**.
2. Press **f2**.

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

- a. Connected USB flash drive



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**NOTE:** To download the HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI tool to a USB flash drive, see [Downloading the latest HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI version on page 50](#).

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- b. Hard drive
  - c. BIOS
3. When the diagnostic tool opens, select the type of diagnostic test that you want to run, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

## Starting HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI through HP Hotkey Support software (select products only)

This section describes how to start HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI through HP Hotkey Support software.



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**NOTE:** You must disable fast boot to access HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI from the HP System Information application.

To disable fast boot:

1. Turn on or restart the computer, and when the HP logo appears, press **f10** to enter Computer Setup.
2. Select **Advanced**, and then select **Boot Options**.
3. Clear **Fast Boot**.
4. Select **Save Changes and Exit**, and then select **Yes**.

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To start HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI through HP Hotkey Support software, follow this procedure:

1. From the **Start** menu, open the HP System Information Application or press **fn+esc**.
2. In HP System Information screen, select **Run System Diagnostics**, select **Yes** to run the application, and then select **Restart**.



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**IMPORTANT:** To prevent loss of data, save your work in all open apps before restarting your computer.



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**NOTE:** When the restart is complete, the computer opens the HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI Application. Proceed with the troubleshooting tests.

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## Downloading HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI to a USB flash drive

Downloading HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI to a USB flash drive can be useful in some situations.

- HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI is not included in the preinstallation image.
- HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI is not included in the HP Tool partition.
- The hard drive is damaged.



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**NOTE:** The HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI downloading instructions are provided in English only, and you must use a Windows computer to download and create the HP UEFI support environment because only `.exe` files are provided.

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## Downloading the latest HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI version

To download the latest HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI version to a USB flash drive, follow this procedure:

1. Go to <http://www.hp.com/go/techcenter/pcdiags>. The HP PC Diagnostics home page is displayed.
2. Select **Download HP Diagnostics UEFI**, and then select **Run**.

## Downloading HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI by product name or number (select products only)

You can download HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI by product name or number (select products only) to a USB flash drive.



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**NOTE:** For some products, you might have to download the software to a USB flash drive by using the product name or number.

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1. Go to <http://www.hp.com/support>.
2. Enter the product name or number, select your computer, and then select your operating system.
3. In the **Diagnostics** section, follow the on-screen instructions to select and download the specific UEFI Diagnostics version for your computer.

## Using Remote HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI settings (select products only)

Remote HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI is a firmware (BIOS) feature that downloads HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI to your computer. It can then run the diagnostics on your computer, and it might upload results to a preconfigured server.

For more information about Remote HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI, go to <http://www.hp.com/go/techcenter/pcdiags>, and then select **Find out more**.

## Downloading Remote HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI

Remote HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI is also available as a SoftPaq that you can download to a server.

## Downloading the latest Remote HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI version

You can download the latest Remote HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI version to a USB flash drive.

1. Go to <http://www.hp.com/go/techcenter/pcdiags>. The HP PC Diagnostics home page is displayed.
2. Select **Download Remote Diagnostics**, and then select **Run**.

## Downloading Remote HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI by product name or number

You can download Remote HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI by product name or number.



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**NOTE:** For some products, you might have to download the software by using the product name or number.

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1. Go to <http://www.hp.com/support>.

2. Select **Software and Drivers**, select your type of product, enter the product name or number in the search box that is displayed, select your computer, and then select your operating system.
3. In the **Diagnostics** section, follow the on-screen instructions to select and download the **Remote UEFI** version for the product.

## Customizing Remote HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI settings

Using the Remote HP PC Hardware Diagnostics setting in Computer Setup (BIOS), you can perform several customizations.

- Set a schedule for running diagnostics unattended. You can also start diagnostics immediately in interactive mode by selecting **Execute Remote HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI**.
- Set the location for downloading the diagnostic tools. This feature provides access to the tools from the HP website or from a server that has been preconfigured for use. Your computer does not require the traditional local storage, such as a hard drive or USB flash drive, to run remote diagnostics.
- Set a location for storing the test results. You can also set the user name and password that you use for uploads.
- Display status information about the diagnostics run previously.

To customize Remote HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI settings, follow these steps:

1. Turn on or restart the computer, and when the HP logo appears, press **f10** to enter Computer Setup.
2. Select **Advanced**, and then select **Settings**.
3. Make your customization selections.
4. Select **Main**, then select **Save Changes and Exit** to save your settings.

Your changes take effect when the computer restarts.

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# 15 Operating specifications

To determine the exact electrical ratings of your computer, see the computer ratings label, located on the outside of the computer.

**Table 15-1 Operating specifications**

<b>Factor</b>	<b>Metric</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
Operating temperature	<b>5°C to 35°C</b>	41°F to 95°F
Storage temperature	<b>-20°C to 60°C</b>	-22°F to 149°F
Operating humidity	<b>15% to 80% @ 26°C</b>	15% to 80% @ 78°F
Operating altitude	<b>0 m to 2000 m</b>	0 ft to 6561 ft
Storage altitude	<b>0 m to 4572 m</b>	0 ft to 15000 ft
Gamma correction (select products only)	<b>2.2</b>	2.2


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# 16 Electrostatic discharge

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

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

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

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

HP's goal is to design, produce, and market products, services, and information that everyone everywhere can use, either on a standalone basis or with appropriate third-party assistive technology (AT) devices or applications.

## HP and accessibility

Because HP works to weave diversity, inclusion, and work/life into the fabric of the company, it is reflected in everything HP does. HP strives to create an inclusive environment focused on connecting people to the power of technology throughout the world.

## Finding the technology tools you need

Technology can unleash your human potential. Assistive technology removes barriers and helps you create independence at home, at work, and in the community. Assistive technology helps increase, maintain, and improve the functional capabilities of electronic and information technology.

For more information, see [Finding the best assistive technology on page 55](#).

## The HP commitment

HP is committed to providing products and services that are accessible for people with disabilities. This commitment supports the company's diversity objectives and helps ensure that the benefits of technology are available to all.

The HP accessibility goal is to design, produce, and market products and services that can be effectively used by everyone, including people with disabilities, either on a standalone basis or with appropriate assistive devices.

To achieve that goal, this Accessibility Policy establishes seven key objectives to guide HP actions. All HP managers and employees are expected to support these objectives and their implementation in accordance with their roles and responsibilities:

- Raise the level of awareness of accessibility issues within HP, and provide employees with the training they need to design, produce, market, and deliver accessible products and services.
- Develop accessibility guidelines for products and services, and hold product development groups accountable for implementing these guidelines where competitively, technically, and economically feasible.
- Involve people with disabilities in the development of accessibility guidelines and in the design and testing of products and services.
- Document accessibility features, and make information about HP products and services publicly available in an accessible form.
- Establish relationships with leading assistive technology and solution providers.
- Support internal and external research and development that improves assistive technology relevant to HP products and services.

- Support and contribute to industry standards and guidelines for accessibility.

## International Association of Accessibility Professionals (IAAP)

IAAP is a not-for-profit association focused on advancing the accessibility profession through networking, education, and certification. The objective is to help accessibility professionals develop and advance their careers and to better enable organizations to integrate accessibility into their products and infrastructure.

As a founding member, HP joined to participate with other organizations to advance the field of accessibility. This commitment supports HP's accessibility goal of designing, producing, and marketing products and services that people with disabilities can effectively use.

IAAP will make the profession strong by globally connecting individuals, students, and organizations to learn from one another. If you are interested in learning more, go to <http://www.accessibilityassociation.org> to join the online community, sign up for newsletters, and learn about membership options.

## Finding the best assistive technology

Everyone, including people with disabilities or age-related limitations, should be able to communicate, express themselves, and connect with the world using technology. HP is committed to increasing accessibility awareness within HP and with our customers and partners.

Whether it's large fonts that are easy on the eyes, voice recognition that lets you give your hands a rest, or any other assistive technology to help with your specific situation—a variety of assistive technologies make HP products easier to use. How do you choose?

## Assessing your needs

Technology can unleash your potential. Assistive technology removes barriers and helps you create independence at home, at work, and in the community. Assistive technology (AT) helps increase, maintain, and improve the functional capabilities of electronic and information technology.

You can choose from many AT products. Your AT assessment should allow you to evaluate several products, answer your questions, and facilitate your selection of the best solution for your situation. You will find that professionals qualified to do AT assessments come from many fields, including those licensed or certified in physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech/language pathology, and other areas of expertise. Others, while not certified or licensed, can also provide evaluation information. You will want to ask about the individual's experience, expertise, and fees to determine if they are appropriate for your needs.

## Accessibility for HP products

These links provide information about accessibility features and assistive technology, if applicable and available in your country or region, that are included in various HP products. These resources will help you select the specific assistive technology features and products most appropriate for your situation.

- HP Aging & Accessibility: Go to <http://www.hp.com>, type `Accessibility` in the search box. Select **Office of Aging and Accessibility**.
- HP computers: For Windows products, go to <http://www.hp.com/support>, type `Windows Accessibility Options` in the **Search our knowledge library** search box. Select the appropriate operating system in the results.
- HP Shopping, peripherals for HP products: Go to <http://store.hp.com>, select **Shop**, and then select **Monitors or Accessories**.

If you need additional support with the accessibility features on your HP product, see [Contacting support on page 58](#).

Additional links to external partners and suppliers that may provide additional assistance:

- [Microsoft Accessibility information \(Windows and Microsoft Office\)](#)
- [Google Products accessibility information \(Android, Chrome, Google Apps\)](#)

## Standards and legislation

Countries worldwide are enacting regulations to improve access to products and services for persons with disabilities. These regulations are historically applicable to telecommunications products and services, PCs and printers with certain communications and video playback features, their associated user documentation, and their customer support.

### Standards

The US Access Board created Section 508 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) standards to address access to information and communication technology (ICT) for people with physical, sensory, or cognitive disabilities.

The standards contain technical criteria specific to various types of technologies, as well as performance-based requirements which focus on functional capabilities of covered products. Specific criteria cover software applications and operating systems, web-based information and applications, computers, telecommunications products, video and multimedia, and self-contained closed products.

### Mandate 376 – EN 301 549

The European Union created the EN 301 549 standard within Mandate 376 as an online toolkit for public procurement of ICT products. The standard specifies the accessibility requirements applicable to ICT products and services, with a description of the test procedures and evaluation methodology for each requirement.

### Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) from the W3C's Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) helps web designers and developers create sites that better meet the needs of people with disabilities or age-related limitations.

WCAG advances accessibility across the full range of web content (text, images, audio, and video) and web applications. WCAG can be precisely tested, is easy to understand and use, and allows web developers flexibility for innovation. WCAG 2.0 has also been approved as [ISO/IEC 40500:2012](#).

WCAG specifically addresses barriers to accessing the web experienced by people with visual, auditory, physical, cognitive, and neurological disabilities, and by older web users with accessibility needs. WCAG 2.0 provides characteristics of accessible content:

- **Perceivable** (for instance, by addressing text alternatives for images, captions for audio, adaptability of presentation, and color contrast)
- **Operable** (by addressing keyboard access, color contrast, timing of input, seizure avoidance, and navigability)
- **Understandable** (by addressing readability, predictability, and input assistance)
- **Robust** (for instance, by addressing compatibility with assistive technologies)

## Legislation and regulations

Accessibility of IT and information has become an area of increasing legislative importance.

The [HP policy landscape](#) website provides information about key legislation, regulations, and standards in the following locations:

- United States
- Canada
- Europe
- Australia

## Useful accessibility resources and links

These organizations, institutions, and resources might be good sources of information about disabilities and age-related limitations.



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**NOTE:** This is not an exhaustive list. These organizations are provided for informational purposes only. HP assumes no responsibility for information or contacts you encounter on the internet. Listing on this page does not imply endorsement by HP.

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## Organizations

These organizations are a few of the many that provide information about disabilities and age-related limitations.

- American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)
- The Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs (ATAP)
- Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)
- Information Technology Technical Assistance and Training Center (ITTATC)
- Lighthouse International
- National Association of the Deaf
- National Federation of the Blind
- Rehabilitation Engineering & Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA)
- Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (TDI)
- W3C Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI)

## Educational institutions

Many educational institutions, including these examples, provide information about disabilities and age-related limitations.

- California State University, Northridge, Center on Disabilities (CSUN)
- University of Wisconsin - Madison, Trace Center

- University of Minnesota computer accommodations program

## Other disability resources

Many resources, including these examples, provide information about disabilities and age-related limitations.

- ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Technical Assistance Program
- ILO Global Business and Disability network
- EnableMart
- European Disability Forum
- Job Accommodation Network
- Microsoft Enable

## HP links

These HP-specific links provide information that relates to disabilities and age-related limitations.

[HP comfort and safety guide](#)

[HP public sector sales](#)

## Contacting support

HP offers technical support and assistance with accessibility options for customers with disabilities.



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

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- Customers who are deaf or hard of hearing who have questions about technical support or accessibility of HP products:
  - Use TRS/VRS/WebCapTel to call (877) 656-7058 Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mountain Time.
- Customers with other disabilities or age-related limitations who have questions about technical support or accessibility of HP products:
  - Call (888) 259-5707 Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mountain Time.

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