



#### www.dell.com | support.dell.com

## Notes, Notices, and Cautions

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

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

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

## **Abbreviations and Acronyms**

For a complete list of abbreviations and acronyms, see the *Dell Dimension Help* file. To access the help file, see page 9.

If you purchased a Dell<sup>™</sup> n Series computer, any references in this document to Microsoft<sup>®</sup> Windows<sup>®</sup> operating systems are not applicable.

Information in this document is subject to change without notice. © 2004 Dell Inc. All rights reserved.

#### Model DMC

July 2004 P/N Y6949 Rev. A00

Reproduction in any manner whatsoever without the written permission of Dell Inc. is strictly forbidden.

Trademarks used in this text: *Dell*, the *DELL* logo, *Inspiron*, *Dell Precision*, *Dimension*, *OptiPlex*, *Latitude*, *PowerEdge*, *PowerVault*, *PowerApp*, *DellNet*, *PowerConnect*, and *Axim* are trademarks of Dell Inc.; *Intel* and *Pentium* are registered trademarks of Intel Corporation; *Microsoft*, *Windows*, and *Outlook* are registered trademarks of Microsoft Corporation.

Other trademarks and trade names may be used in this document to refer to either the entities claiming the marks and names or their products. Dell Inc. disclaims any proprietary interest in trademarks and trade names other than its own.

# **Contents**

	Finding Information	)
1	Setting Up and Using Your Computer	
	Setting Up a Printer	
	Printer Cable	
	Connecting a USB Printer	
	Connecting a Parallel Printer	,
	Connecting Two Monitors	1
	Connecting Two Monitors With VGA Connectors	5
	Connecting One Monitor With a VGA connector and One	
	Monitor With a DVI Connector:	r
	Connecting a Television	,
	Changing the Display Settings	j
	Setting Up a Home and Office Network	j
	Connecting to a Network Adapter	j
	Network Setup Wizard	,
	Connecting to the Internet	;
	Setting Up Your Internet Connection	j
	Copying CDs and DVDs	,
	How to Copy a CD or DVD	5
	Using Blank CD-Rs and CD-RWs	5
	Helpful Tips	
	Hyper-Threading	)
2	Solving Problems	
	Troubleshooting Tips	

Drive Problems
CD and DVD drive problems
Hard drive problems
E-Mail, Modem, and Internet Problems
Error Messages
IEEE 1394 Device Problems
Keyboard Problems
Lockups and Software Problems
The computer does not start up
The computer stops responding
A program stops responding
A program crashes repeatedly
A program is designed for an earlier Windows operating system 27
A solid blue screen appears
Other software problems
Memory Problems
Mouse Problems
Network Problems
Power Problems
Printer Problems
Scanner Problems
Sound and Speaker Problems
No sound from speakers
No sound from headphones
Video and Monitor Problems
If the screen is blank
If the screen is difficult to read

## 3 Advanced Troubleshooting

Diagr	ostic Lights				 •									37
Dell I	Diagnostics													40
I	Dell Diagnostics Main	Men	u.											41

#### 4 | Contents

Drivers							. 42
What Is a Driver?							. 42
Identifying Drivers							. 42
Reinstalling Drivers						•	. 43
Restoring Your Operating System	 •			•	•		. 43
Restoring Your Operating System							
							. 43

## 4 Removing and Installing Parts

Before You Begin	17
Recommended Tools	<del>1</del> 7
Turning Off Your Computer	<del>1</del> 7
Before Working Inside Your Computer	18
Front and Back View of the Computer.	19
Front View	19
	51
Removing the Computer Cover	54
Inside View of Your Computer	55
System Board Components	56
Memory	57
DDR Memory Overview	57
Addressing Memory With 4-GB Configurations	58
Installing Memory	58
Removing Memory	60
Cards	50
PCI Cards	61
PCI Express Cards	64
Front Panel	59
Removing the Front Panel	70
Removing the Front-Panel Insert	71
Reattaching the Front Panel	12

Contents | 5

Drives	2
General Installation Guidelines.	3
Connecting Drive Cables	3
Hard Drive	4
Removing a Hard Drive	5
Installing a Hard Drive	7
Adding a Second Hard Drive	8
Floppy Drive.	1
Removing a Floppy Drive	1
Installing a Floppy Drive	2
CD/DVD Drive	3
Removing a CD/DVD Drive	4
Installing a CD/DVD Drive	5
Adding a Second CD or DVD Drive	5
Battery	8
Replacing the Computer Cover   8	9

## A Appendix

Specifications	91
System Setup	95
Overview	95
Entering System Setup	96
System Setup Options	97
Boot Sequence	100
Clearing Forgotten Passwords	101
Clearing CMOS Settings	102
Dell Technical Support Policy (U.S. Only)	103
Definition of "Dell-Installed" Software and Peripherals	103
Definition of "Third-Party" Software and Peripherals	103

6 Contents

FCC	Notices (U.S. Only)	103
	Class A	104
	Class B	104
	FCC Identification Information	105
Con	acting Dell	105
Index		23

8 Contents

## **Finding Information**

#### What Are You Looking For?

- How to access tutorials and other how to information
- How to get a copy of my invoice
- · How to extend my warranty
- How to access Dell Support on my Microsoft<sup>®</sup> Windows<sup>®</sup> desktop (U.S. only)
- Additional documentation, tools, troubleshooting information, and links to online support resources
- Warranty information
- Safety instructions
- Regulatory information
- Ergonomics information
- End User License Agreement

**Find it Here** 

**Dell Solution Center** 



On your Windows desktop

**Dell™ Product Information Guide** 



• How to set up my computer



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

**The Dell Dimension Help file** 

1 Click the Start button and click Help and Support.

2 Click User and system guides and click User's guides.

3 Click Dell Dimension Help.

What Are You Looking For?	Find it Here								
Service Tag and Express Service Code	Service Tag and Microsoft Windows License								
Microsoft Windows License Label	These labels are located on your computer.								
	<ul> <li>Use the Service Tag to identify your computer when you use support.dell.com or contact technical support.</li> <li>Enter the Express Service Code to direct your call when contacting technical support. The Express Service Code is not available in all countries.</li> </ul>								
• Latest drivers for my computer	Dell Support Website — support.dell.com								
<ul><li>Answers to technical service and support questions</li><li>Online discussions with other users and technical</li></ul>	<b>NOTE:</b> Select your region to view the appropriate support site.								
support <ul> <li>Documentation for my computer</li> </ul>	The Dell Support website provides several online tools, including:								
	<ul> <li>Solutions — Troubleshooting hints and tips, articles from technicians, and online courses</li> </ul>								
	<ul> <li>Community — Online discussion with other Dell customers</li> </ul>								
	<ul> <li>Upgrades — Upgrade information for components, such as memory, the hard drive, and the operating system</li> </ul>								
	• Customer Care — Contact information, order status, warranty, and repair information								
	• Downloads — Drivers, patches, and software updates								
	• Reference — Computer documentation, product specifications, and white papers								
How to use Windows XP	Windows Help and Support Center								
Documentation for my computer	1 Click the Start button and click Help and Support.								
• Documentation for devices (such as a modem)	<b>2</b> Type a word or phrase that describes your problem and click the arrow icon.								
	<b>3</b> Click the topic that describes your problem.								
	<b>4</b> Follow the instructions on the screen.								

# **Setting Up and Using Your Computer**

## **Setting Up a Printer**

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

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

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

#### **Printer Cable**

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

#### **Connecting a USB Printer**

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

- **1** Complete the operating system setup if you have not already done so.
- 2 Install the printer driver if necessary. See the documentation that came with your printer.
- **3** Attach the USB printer cable to the USB connectors on the computer and the printer. The USB connectors fit only one way.



#### **Connecting a Parallel Printer**

- **1** Complete the operating system setup, if you have not already done so.
- **2** Turn off the computer (see page 47).
- **NOTICE:** For best results, use a 3-m (10-ft) or shorter parallel cable.
- **3** Attach the parallel printer cable to the parallel connector on the computer and tighten the two screws. Attach the cable to the connector on the printer and snap the two clips into the two notches.

12 | Setting Up and Using Your Computer



- **4** Turn on the printer and then turn on the computer. If the **Add New Hardware Wizard** window appears, click **Cancel**.
- 5 Install the printer driver if necessary. See the documentation that came with your printer.

## **Connecting Two Monitors**

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

**NOTE:** If you are connecting two monitors that have VGA connectors, you must have the optional DVI adapter. If you are connecting two flat-panel monitors, at least one of them must have a VGA connector. If you are connecting a television, you may connect only one monitor (VGA or DVI) in addition to the television.

If you purchased a graphics card that supports dual monitors, follow these instructions to connect and enable your monitors. The instructions tell you how to connect either two monitors (each with a VGA connector), one monitor with a VGA connector and one monitor with a DVI connector, or a television.

#### **Connecting Two Monitors With VGA Connectors**

**1** Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 47.



- 2 Connect one of the monitors to the VGA (blue) connector on the back of the computer.
- **3** Connect the other monitor to the optional DVI adapter and connect the DVI adapter to the DVI (white) connector on the back of the computer.



#### Connecting One Monitor With a VGA connector and One Monitor With a DVI Connector:

- **1** Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 47.
- 2 Connect the VGA connector on the monitor to the VGA (blue) connector on the back of the computer.
- **3** Connect the DVI connector on the other monitor to the DVI (white) connector on the back of the computer.

#### **Connecting a Television**

- **NOTE:** To connect a television to your computer, you must purchase an S-video cable, which is available at most consumer electronics stores. An S-video cable is not included with your computer.
- **1** Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 47.
- 2 Connect one end of the S-video cable to the TV-OUT connector on the back of the computer.
- 3 Connect the other end of the S-video cable to the S-video input connector on your television.
- 4 Connect the VGA or DVI monitor as described on page 14.

#### **Changing the Display Settings**

- After you connect the monitor(s) or television, turn on the computer. The Microsoft<sup>®</sup> Windows<sup>®</sup> desktop displays on the primary monitor.
- **2** Enable clone mode or extended desktop mode in the display settings.
  - In clone mode, both monitors display the same image.
  - In extended desktop mode, you can drag objects from one screen to the other, effectively doubling the amount of viewable work space.

For information on changing the display settings for your graphics card, see the user's guide in the Help and Support Center (click the **Start** button, click **Help and Support**, click **User and system guides**, click **Device guides**, and then click the guide for your graphics card).

## **Setting Up a Home and Office Network**

#### **Connecting to a Network Adapter**

- **NOTE:** Plug the network cable into the network adapter connector on the computer. Do not plug the network cable into the modem connector on the computer. Do not plug a network cable into a telephone wall jack.
- Connect the network cable to the network adapter connector on the back of your computer. Insert the cable until it clicks into place, and then gently pull it to ensure that it is secure.
- **2** Connect the other end of the network cable to a network device.



Setting Up and Using Your Computer | 15

#### **Network Setup Wizard**

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

- 1 Click the Start button, point to All Programs→ Accessories→ Communications, and then click Network Setup Wizard.
- 2 On the welcome screen, click Next.
- **3** Click Checklist for creating a network.
- **NOTE:** Selecting the connection method This computer connects directly to the Internet enables the integrated firewall provided with Windows XP Service Pack 1 (SP1).
- 4 Complete the checklist and required preparations.
- 5 Return to the Network Setup Wizard and follow the instructions on the screen.

## **Connecting to the Internet**

NOTE: ISPs and ISP offerings vary by country.

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

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

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

#### **Setting Up Your Internet Connection**

To set up an AOL or MSN connection:

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

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

- **1** Save and close any open files, and exit any open programs.
- 2 Click the Start button and click Internet Explorer.

The New Connection Wizard appears.

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

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

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

- 6 Click the appropriate option under How do you want to connect to the Internet?, and then click Next.
- 7 Use the setup information provided by your ISP to complete the setup.

If you are having problems connecting to the Internet, see "E-Mail, Modem, and Internet Problems" on page 23. If you cannot connect to the Internet but have successfully connected in the past, the ISP might have a service outage. Contact your ISP to check the service status, or try connecting again later.

## **Copying CDs and DVDs**

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

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

**NOTE:** The types of CD or DVD drives offered by Dell may vary by country.

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

#### How to Copy a CD or DVD

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

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

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

- 1 Click the Start button, point to All Programs→ Sonic→ RecordNow!, and then click RecordNow!
- **2** Click either the audio tab or the data tab, depending on the kind of CD or DVD you want to copy.
- 3 Click Exact Copy.
- **4** To copy the CD or DVD:
  - If you have one CD or DVD drive, ensure that the settings are correct and click **Copy**. The computer reads your source CD or DVD and copies it to a temporary folder on your computer hard drive.

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

• *If you have two CD or DVD drives*, select the drive into which you have inserted your source CD or DVD and click **Copy**. The computer copies the data on the CD or DVD to the blank CD or DVD.

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

#### **Using Blank CD-Rs and CD-RWs**

Your CD-RW drive can write to two different types of recording media—CD-Rs and CD-RWs (including high-speed CD-RWs). Use blank CD-Rs to record music or permanently store data files. After creating a CD-R, you cannot write to that CD-R again (see the Sonic documentation for more information). Use blank CD-RWs to write to CDs or to erase, rewrite, or update data on CDs.

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

### **Helpful Tips**

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

## **Hyper-Threading**

Hyper-Threading is an Intel<sup>®</sup> technology that can enhance overall computer performance by allowing one physical processor to function as two logical processors, capable of performing certain tasks simultaneously. It is recommended that you use the Microsoft<sup>®</sup> Windows<sup>®</sup> XP Service Pack 1 (SP1) or later operating system because Windows XP is optimized to take advantage of Hyper-Threading technology. While many programs can benefit from Hyper-Threading, some programs have not been optimized for Hyper-Threading and may require an update from the software manufacturer. Contact the software manufacturer for updates and information about using Hyper-Threading with your software.

To determine if your computer is using Hyper-Threading technology:

- 1 Click the Start button, right-click My Computer, and then click Properties.
- 2 Click Hardware and click Device Manager.
- 3 In the Device Manager window, click the plus (+) sign next to Processors. If Hyper-Threading is enabled, the processor is listed twice.

You can enable or disable Hyper-Threading through system setup. For more information on accessing system setup, see page 96. For more information on Hyper-Threading, search the Knowledge Base on the Dell Support website at **support.dell.com**.

www.dell.com | support.dell.com

20 | Setting Up and Using Your Computer

2

## **Solving Problems**

## **Troubleshooting Tips**

Follow these tips when you troubleshoot your computer:

- If you added or removed a part before the problem started, review the installation procedures and ensure that the part is correctly installed.
- If a peripheral device does not work, ensure that the device is properly connected.
- If an error message appears on the screen, write down the exact message. This message may help technical support personnel diagnose and fix the problem(s).
- If an error message occurs in a program, see the program's documentation.

## **Battery Problems**

CAUTION: There is a danger of a new battery exploding if it is incorrectly installed. Replace the battery only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Discard used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.



**REPLACE THE BATTERY** — If you have to repeatedly reset time and date information after turning on the computer, or if an incorrect time or date displays during start-up, replace the battery (see page 88). If the battery still does not work properly, contact Dell (see page 105).

## **Drive Problems**

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

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

Solving Problems | 21

#### TEST THE DRIVE -

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

**CLEAN THE DRIVE OR DISK** — See the Dell Dimension Help file. To access help files, see page 9.

**CHECK THE CABLE CONNECTIONS** 

**CHECK FOR RUN THE HARDWARE TROUBLESHOOTER** — See page 46.

```
RUN THE DELL DIAGNOSTICS — See page 40.
```

#### **CD** and **DVD** drive problems

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

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

#### ADJUST THE WINDOWS VOLUME CONTROL -

- Click the speaker icon in the lower-right corner of your screen.
- Ensure that the volume is turned up by clicking the slidebar and dragging it up.
- Ensure that the sound is not muted by clicking any boxes that are checked.

**CHECK THE SPEAKERS AND SUBWOOFER** — See "Sound and Speaker Problems" on page 33.

#### Problems writing to a CD/DVD-RW drive

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

TURN OFF STANDBY MODE IN WINDOWS BEFORE WRITING TO A CD/DVD-RW DISC — See the Dell Dimension Help file (see page 9) or search for the keyword standby in Windows Help (see page 10) for information on power management modes.

#### 22 | Solving Problems

#### Hard drive problems

#### RUN CHECK DISK -

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

## **E-Mail, Modem, and Internet Problems**

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

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

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

1 In Outlook Express, click Tools, click Options, and then click Security.

2 Click Do not allow attachments to remove the checkmark.

#### CHECK THE TELEPHONE LINE CONNECTION -CHECK THE TELEPHONE JACK — CONNECT THE MODEM DIRECTLY TO THE TELEPHONE WALL JACK — USE A DIFFERENT TELEPHONE LINE —

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

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

#### VERIFY THAT THE MODEM IS COMMUNICATING WITH WINDOWS -

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

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

## **Error Messages**

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

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

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

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

1 Click the Start button, click Control Panel, and then click Add or Remove Programs.

- **2** Select the program you want to remove.
- 3 Click the Change or Remove Program icon.
- 4 See the program documentation for installation instructions.

*drive letter* :\ IS NOT ACCESSIBLE. THE DEVICE IS NOT READY — The drive cannot read the disk. Insert a disk into the drive and try again.

**INSERT BOOTABLE MEDIA** — Insert a bootable floppy disk or CD.

#### 24 | Solving Problems

**NON-SYSTEM DISK ERROR** — Remove the floppy disk from the drive and restart your computer.

**NOT ENOUGH MEMORY OR RESOURCES. CLOSE SOME PROGRAMS AND TRY AGAIN** — Close all windows and open the program that you want to use. In some cases, you might have to restart your computer to restore computer resources. If so, run the program that you want to use first.

**OPERATING SYSTEM NOT FOUND** — Contact Dell (see page 105).

## **IEEE 1394 Device Problems**

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

ENSURE THAT THE CABLE FOR THE IEEE 1394 DEVICE IS PROPERLY INSERTED INTO THE DEVICE AND INTO THE CONNECTOR ON THE COMPUTER

#### ENSURE THAT THE IEEE 1394 DEVICE IS RECOGNIZED BY WINDOWS -

1 Click the Start button and click Control Panel.

**2** Click **Printers and Other Hardware**. If your IEEE 1394 device is listed, Windows recognizes the device.

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH A DELL IEEE 1394 DEVICE — Contact Dell (see page 105).

**IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH AN IEEE 1394 DEVICE NOT PROVIDED BY DELL** — Contact the manufacturer of the IEEE 1394 device.

## **Keyboard Problems**

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

#### CHECK THE KEYBOARD CABLE -

- Ensure that the keyboard cable is firmly connected to the computer.
- Shut down the computer (see page 47), reconnect the keyboard cable as shown on the setup diagram for your computer, and then restart the computer.
- Check the cable connector for bent or broken pins and for damaged or frayed cables. Straighten bent pins.
- Remove keyboard extension cables and connect the keyboard directly to the computer.

**TEST THE KEYBOARD** — Connect a properly working keyboard to the computer, and try using the keyboard.

**RUN THE HARDWARE TROUBLESHOOTER** — See page 46.

### **Lockups and Software Problems**

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

#### The computer does not start up

**CHECK THE DIAGNOSTIC LIGHTS** — See page 37.

ENSURE THAT THE POWER CABLE IS FIRMLY CONNECTED TO THE COMPUTER AND TO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET

#### The computer stops responding

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

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

#### 26 | Solving Problems

#### A program stops responding

#### END THE PROGRAM -

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

#### A program crashes repeatedly

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

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

#### A program is designed for an earlier Windows operating system

#### RUN THE PROGRAM COMPATIBILITY WIZARD -

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

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

#### A solid blue screen appears

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

#### Other software problems

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

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

#### **BACK UP YOUR FILES IMMEDIATELY**

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

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

### **Memory Problems**

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

#### IF YOU RECEIVE AN INSUFFICIENT MEMORY MESSAGE —

- Save and close any open files and exit any open programs you are not using to see if that resolves the problem.
- See the software documentation for minimum memory requirements. If necessary, install additional memory (see page 57).
- Reseat the memory modules to ensure that your computer is successfully communicating with the memory (see page 57).
- Run the Dell Diagnostics (see page 40).

#### IF YOU EXPERIENCE OTHER MEMORY PROBLEMS -

- Reseat the memory modules (see page 57) to ensure that your computer is successfully communicating
  with the memory.
- Ensure that you are following the memory installation guidelines (see page 57).
- Your Dell Dimension<sup>™</sup> computer supports DDR2 memory. For additional information on the type of memory supported by your computer, see "Memory" on page 91.
- Run the Dell Diagnostics (see page 40).

## **Mouse Problems**

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

**CLEAN THE MOUSE** — See the *Dell Dimension Help* file for instructions on cleaning the mouse. To access the help file, see page 9.

#### CHECK THE MOUSE CABLE -

- **1** Check the cable connector for bent or broken pins and for damaged or frayed cables. Straighten bent pins.
- 2 Remove mouse extension cables, if used, and connect the mouse directly to the computer.
- **3** Shut down the computer (see page 47), reconnect the mouse cable as shown on the setup diagram for your computer, and then restart the computer.

#### **R**ESTART THE COMPUTER —

- 1 Simultaneously press <Ctrl><Esc> to display the Start menu.
- 2 Type u, press the keyboard arrow keys to highlight Shut down or Turn Off, and then press <Enter>.
- **3** After the computer turns off, reconnect the mouse cable as shown on the on the setup diagram for your computer.
- 4 Start the computer.

**TEST THE MOUSE** — Connect a properly working mouse to the computer, and try using the mouse.

#### CHECK THE MOUSE SETTINGS -

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

**REINSTALL THE MOUSE DRIVER** — See page 43.

**RUN THE HARDWARE TROUBLESHOOTER** — See page 46.

## **Network Problems**

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

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

**CHECK THE NETWORK LIGHTS ON THE BACK OF THE COMPUTER** — If the link integrity light is off, that indicates no network communication exists. Replace the network cable. For a description of network lights, see "Connectors" on page 93.

**R**ESTART THE COMPUTER AND LOG ON TO THE NETWORK AGAIN

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

```
RUN THE HARDWARE TROUBLESHOOTER — See page 46.
```

## **Power Problems**

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

**IF THE POWER LIGHT IS GREEN AND THE COMPUTER IS NOT RESPONDING** — See "Diagnostic Lights" on page 37.

**IF THE POWER LIGHT IS BLINKING GREEN** — The computer is in standby mode. Press a key on the keyboard, move the mouse, or press the power button to resume normal operation.

**IF THE POWER LIGHT IS OFF** — The computer is either turned off or is not receiving power.

- Reseat the power cable into both the power connector on the back of the computer and the electrical outlet.
- If the computer is plugged into a power strip, ensure that the power strip is plugged into an electrical outlet and that the power strip is turned on. Also bypass power protection devices, power strips, and power extension cables to verify that the computer turns on properly.
- Ensure that the electrical outlet is working by testing it with another device, such as a lamp.
- Ensure that the main power cable and front panel cable are securely connected to the system board (see page 56).

**IF THE POWER LIGHT IS BLINKING AMBER** — The computer is receiving electrical power, but an internal power problem might exist.

- Ensure that the voltage selection switch (see page 51) is set to match the AC power at your location (if applicable).
- Ensure that the processor power cable (see page 56) is securely connected to the system board.

IF THE POWER LIGHT IS STEADY AMBER — A device might be malfunctioning or incorrectly installed.

- Remove and then reinstall the memory modules (see page 57).
- Remove and then reinstall any cards (see page 60).
- Remove and then reinstall the graphics card, if applicable (see page 60).

**ELIMINATE INTERFERENCE** — Some possible causes of interference are:

- · Power, keyboard, and mouse extension cables
- Too many devices on a power strip
- Multiple power strips connected to the same electrical outlet

## **Printer Problems**

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

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

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

**ENSURE THAT THE PRINTER IS TURNED ON** 

#### **CHECK THE PRINTER CABLE CONNECTIONS -**

- · See the printer documentation for cable connection information.
- Ensure that the printer cables are securely connected to the printer and the computer (see page 11).

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

#### VERIFY THAT THE PRINTER IS RECOGNIZED BY WINDOWS -

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

- 2 Click View installed printers or fax printers.
- If the printer is listed, right-click the printer icon.
- **3** Click **Properties** and click the **Ports** tab. For a parallel printer, ensure that the **Print to the following port(s)**: setting is **LPT1 (Printer Port)**. For a USB printer, ensure that the **Print to the following port(s)**: setting is **USB**.

**REINSTALL THE PRINTER DRIVER** — See the printer documentation for instructions.

## **Scanner Problems**

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

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

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

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

**R**ESTART THE COMPUTER AND TRY THE SCANNER AGAIN

#### CHECK THE CABLE CONNECTIONS -

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

#### VERIFY THAT THE SCANNER IS RECOGNIZED BY MICROSOFT WINDOWS -

- 1 Click the Start button, click Control Panel, and then click Printers and Other Hardware.
- 2 Click Scanners and Cameras.
- If your scanner is listed, Windows recognizes the scanner.

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

## **Sound and Speaker Problems**

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

#### No sound from speakers

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

**CHECK THE SPEAKER CABLE CONNECTIONS** — Ensure that the speakers are connected as shown on the setup diagram supplied with the speakers. If you purchased a sound card, ensure that the speakers are connected to the card.

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

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

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

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

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

Solving Problems | 33

#### **BUN THE SPEAKER DIAGNOSTICS**

```
REINSTALL THE SOUND DRIVER — See page 43.
```

```
RUN THE HARDWARE TROUBLESHOOTER — See page 46.
```

#### No sound from headphones

**CHECK THE HEADPHONE CABLE CONNECTION** — Ensure that the headphone cable is securely inserted into the headphone connector (see page 49).

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

### **Video and Monitor Problems**



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



**NOTE:** See the monitor documentation for troubleshooting procedures.

#### If the screen is blank

**CONNECT THE MONITOR TO THE CORRECT VIDEO CONNECTOR** — If the integrated video connector on your computer is covered by a cap, do not remove the cap to connect the monitor, or the monitor will not function. Connect your monitor to the video connector on the graphics card..

#### CHECK THE MONITOR CABLE CONNECTION -

- Ensure that the graphics cable is connected as shown on the setup diagram for your computer.
- If you are using a graphics extension cable and removing the cable solves the problem, the cable is defective.
- Swap the computer and monitor power cables to determine if the power cable is defective.
- Check the connector for bent or broken pins. (It is normal for monitor cable connectors to have missing pins.)

**CHECK THE MONITOR POWER LIGHT** — If the power light is off, firmly press the button to ensure that the monitor is turned on. If the power light is lit or blinking, the monitor has power. If the power light is blinking, press a key on the keyboard or move the mouse.

#### Solving Problems 34

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

**CHECK THE DIAGNOSTIC LIGHTS** — See page 37.

**RUN THE DELL DIAGNOSTICS** — See page 40.

#### If the screen is difficult to read

**CHECK THE MONITOR SETTINGS** — See the monitor documentation for instructions on adjusting the contrast and brightness, demagnetizing (degaussing) the monitor, and running the monitor self-test.

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

**MOVE THE MONITOR AWAY FROM EXTERNAL POWER SOURCES** — Fans, fluorescent lights, halogen lamps, and other electrical devices can cause the screen image to appear "shaky." Turn off nearby devices to check for interference.

#### ROTATE THE MONITOR TO ELIMINATE SUNLIGHT GLARE AND POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE

#### ADJUST THE WINDOWS DISPLAY SETTINGS —

1 Click the Start button, click Control Panel, and then click Appearance and Themes.

2 Click Display and click the Settings tab.

3 Try different settings for Screen resolution and Color quality.

www.dell.com | support.dell.com
# **Advanced Troubleshooting**

# **Diagnostic Lights**

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

To help you troubleshoot a problem, your computer has four lights labeled "A," "B," "C," and "D" on the back panel (see page 51). The lights can be yellow or green. When the computer starts normally, the lights flash. After the computer starts, all four lights display solid green. If the computer malfunctions, the color and sequence of the lights identify the problem.

Light Pattern	Problem Description	Suggested Resolution
	The computer is in a normal off condition or a possible pre-BIOS failure has occurred.	Plug the computer into a working electrical outlet and press the power button.



Light Pattern	Problem Description	Suggested Resolution
A B C D	Memory modules are detected, but a memory failure has occurred.	<ul> <li>If you have one memory module installed, reinstall it (see page 57) and restart the computer.</li> <li>If you have two or more memory modules installed, remove the modules, reinstall one module (see page 57), and then restart the computer. If the computer starts normally, reinstall an additional module. Continue until you have identified a faulty module or reinstalled all modules without error.</li> <li>If available, install properly working</li> </ul>
		<ul><li>memory of the same type into your computer (see page 57).</li><li>If the problem persists, contact Dell</li></ul>
		(see page 105).
A B C D	A possible graphics card failure has occurred.	• If the computer has a graphics card, remove the card, reinstall it (see page 60), and then restart the computer.
		<ul> <li>If the problem still exists, install a graphics card that you know works and restart the computer.</li> </ul>
		• If the problem persists or the computer has integrated graphics, contact Dell (see page 105).
	A possible floppy or hard drive failure has occurred.	Reseat all power and data cables and restart the computer.
A B C D		
A B C D	A possible USB failure has occurred.	Reinstall all USB devices, check cable connections, and then restart the computer.
$\bigcirc$ = yellow		
a = green		

38 | Advanced Troubleshooting

Light Pattern	Problem Description	Suggested Resolution
A B C D	Memory modules are detected, but a memory configuration or compatibility error exists.	<ul> <li>Ensure that no special memory module/memory connector placement requirements exist (see page 57).</li> <li>Verify that the memory modules that you are installing are compatible with your computer (see page 57).</li> <li>If the problem persists, contact Dell (see page 105).</li> </ul>
A B C D	A possible expansion card failure has occurred.	<ol> <li>Determine if a conflict exists by removing a card (not a graphics card) and restarting the computer (see page 60).</li> <li>If the problem persists, reinstall the card that you removed, remove a different card, and then restart the computer.</li> </ol>
		<b>3</b> Repeat this process for each card. If the computer starts normally, troubleshoot the last card removed from the computer for resource conflicts (see "Resolving Software and Hardware Incompatibilities" on page 46).
		<b>4</b> If the problem persists, contact Dell (see page 105).

# = green= off

Light Pattern	Problem Description	Suggested Resolution
A B C D	Another failure has occurred.	• Ensure that the cables are properly connected to the system board from the hard drive, CD drive, and DVD drive (see page 56).
		<ul> <li>If there is an error message on your screen identifying a problem with a device (such as the floppy drive or hard drive), check the device to make sure it is functioning properly.</li> </ul>
		• The operating system is attempting to boot from a device (such as the floppy drive or hard drive); check system setup (see page 95) to make sure that the boot sequence is correct for the devices installed on your computer.
		• If the problem persists, contact Dell (see page 105).
	The computer is in a normal operating condition after POST.	None.





# **Dell Diagnostics**

#### located in the Product Information Guide.

If you experience a problem with your computer, perform the checks in "Solving Problems" on page 21 and run the Dell Diagnostics before you contact Dell for technical assistance.

ONTICE: The Dell Diagnostics works only on Dell™ computers.

- **1** Turn on (or restart) your computer.
- 2 When the DELL<sup>™</sup> logo appears, press <F12> immediately.

If you wait too long and the operating system logo appears, continue to wait until you see the Microsoft<sup>®</sup> Windows<sup>®</sup> desktop. Then shut down your computer (see page 47) and try again.

3 When the boot device list appears, highlight Boot to Utility Partition and press <Enter>.

**4** When the Dell Diagnostics **Main Menu** appears, select the test you want to run (see page 41).

### **Dell Diagnostics Main Menu**

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

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

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

If you cannot resolve the error condition, contact Dell (see page 105).

- **NOTE:** The Service Tag for your computer is located at the top of each test screen. If you contact Dell, technical support will ask for your Service Tag.
- **3** If you run a test from the **Custom Test** or **Symptom Tree** option, click the applicable tab described in the following table for more information.

Tab	Function	
Results Displays the results of the test and any error cor encountered.		
Errors	Displays error conditions encountered, error codes, and the problem description.	
Help	Describes the test and may indicate requirements for running the test.	

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

4 Close the test screen to return to the Main Menu screen. To exit the Dell Diagnostics and restart the computer, close the Main Menu screen.

### **Drivers**

### What Is a Driver?

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Identifying Drivers**

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

- 1 Click the Start button and click Control Panel.
- 2 Under Pick a Category, click Performance and Maintenance.
- 3 Click System.
- 4 In the System Properties window, click the Hardware tab.
- 5 Click Device Manager.

42 | Advanced Troubleshooting

6 Scroll down the list to see if any device has an exclamation point (a yellow circle with a [!]) on the device icon.

If an exclamation point is next to the device name, you may need to reinstall the driver or install a new driver.

### **Reinstalling Drivers**

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

### **Using Windows XP Device Driver Rollback**

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

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

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

### **Restoring Your Operating System**

You can restore your operating system in the following ways:

- Microsoft Windows XP System Restore returns your computer to an earlier operating state without affecting data files.
- Dell PC Restore by Symantec restores your hard drive to the operating state it was in when you purchased the computer. Dell PC Restore permanently deletes all data on the hard drive and removes any applications installed after you received the computer.

### Using Microsoft Windows XP System Restore

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

- NOTICE: Make regular backups of your data files. System Restore does not monitor your data files or recover them.
  - NOTE: The procedures in this document were written for the Windows default view, so they may not work if you set your Dell<sup>™</sup> computer to the Windows Classic view.

#### **Creating a Restore Point**

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

#### **Restoring the Computer to an Earlier Operating State**

If problems occur after you install a device driver, use Device Driver Rollback (see page 43) to resolve the problem. If that is unsuccessful, then use System Restore.

- **NOTICE:** Before you restore the computer to an earlier operating state, save and close any open files and exit any open programs. Do not alter, open, or delete any files or programs until the system restoration is complete.
- Click the Start button, point to All Programs→ Accessories→ System Tools, and then click System Restore.
- 2 Ensure that **Restore my computer to an earlier time** is selected and click **Next**.
- 3 Click a calendar date to which you want to restore your computer.

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

4 Select a restore point and click Next.

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

5 Click Next.

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

6 After the computer restarts, click OK.

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

### **Undoing the Last System Restore**

- NOTICE: Before you undo the last system restore, save and close all open files and exit any open programs. Do not alter, open, or delete any files or programs until the system restoration is complete.
- 1 Click the Start button, point to All Programs→ Accessories→ System Tools, and then click System Restore.
- 2 Click Undo my last restoration and click Next.

### **Using Dell PC Restore by Symantec**

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

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

To use PC Restore:

**1** Turn on the computer.

During the boot process, a blue bar with www.dell.com appears at the top of the screen.

2 Immediately upon seeing the blue bar, press <Ctrl><Fl1>.

If you do not press <Ctrl><Fll> in time, let the computer finish restarting, and then restart the computer again.

### STORE: If you do not want to proceed with PC Restore, click Reboot in the following step.

- **3** On the next screen that appears, click **Restore**.
- 4 On the next screen, click Confirm.

The restore process takes approximately 6–10 minutes to complete.

5 When prompted, click Finish to reboot the computer.

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

6 When prompted, click Yes.

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

7 Click Next.

The System Restore screen appears and the computer restarts.

8 After the computer restarts, click OK.

#### **Enabling System Restore**

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

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

### **Resolving Software and Hardware Incompatibilities**

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

To resolve incompatibilities using the Hardware Troubleshooter:

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

# **Removing and Installing Parts**

## **Before You Begin**

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

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

### **Recommended Tools**

The procedures in this document may require the following tools:

- Small flat-blade screwdriver
- Phillips screwdriver

### **Turning Off Your Computer**

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

- **1** Shut down the operating system:
  - **a** Save and close any open files, exit any open programs, click the **Start** button, and then click **Turn Off Computer**.
  - **b** In the **Turn off computer** window, click **Turn off**.

The computer turns off after the operating system shutdown process finishes.

2 Ensure that the computer and any attached devices are turned off. If your computer and attached devices did not automatically turn off when you shut down your operating system, press and hold the power button for 4 seconds.

### **Before Working Inside Your Computer**

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

- CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions located in the *Product Information Guide*.
- CAUTION: Handle components and cards with care. Do not touch the components or contacts on a card. Hold a card by its edges or by its metal mounting bracket. Hold a component such as a processor by its edges, not by its pins.

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

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

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

- **1** Turn off your computer (see page 47).
- NOTICE: To disconnect a network cable, first unplug the cable from your computer and then unplug it from the network wall jack.
- **2** Disconnect any telephone or telecommunication lines from the computer.
- **3** Disconnect your computer and all attached devices from their electrical outlets, and then press the power button to ground the system board.
- CAUTION: To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.
- **4** Open the computer cover (see page 54).
- NOTICE: Before touching anything inside your computer, ground yourself by touching an unpainted metal surface, such as the metal at the back of the computer. While you work, periodically touch an unpainted metal surface to dissipate any static electricity that could harm internal components.

# Front and Back View of the Computer

**Front View** 



\*On computers with an optional floppy drive.

Removing and Installing Parts | 49

1	CD or DVD drive- activity light	The drive activity light is on when the computer reads data from the CD or DVD drive.
2	CD or DVD drive eject button	Press to eject a disc from the CD or DVD drive.
3	floppy-drive eject button	Press to eject a floppy disk from the floppy drive.
		(On computers with an optional floppy drive.)
4	hard-drive activity light	The light is on when the computer reads data from or writes data to the hard drive. The light might also be on when a device such as your CD player is operating.
5	headphone connector	Use the headphone connector to attach headphones and most kinds of speakers.
6	USB 2.0 connectors (2)	Use the front USB connectors for devices that you connect occasionally, such as joysticks or cameras, or for bootable USB devices (see "System Setup" on page 95 for more information on booting to a USB device).
		It is recommended that you use the back USB connectors for devices that typically remain connected, such as printers and keyboards.
7	power button	Press to turn on the computer.
		NOTICE: To avoid losing data, do not use the power button to turn off the computer. Instead, perform an operating system shutdown.
8	power light	The power light illuminates and blinks or remains solid to indicate different states: • No light — The computer is turned off.
		• Steady green — The computer is in a normal operating state.
		<ul> <li>Blinking green — The computer is in a power-saving state.</li> </ul>
		• Blinking or solid amber — See "Power Problems" on page 30.
9	floppy-drive activity light	The floppy drive light is on when the computer reads data from or writes data to the floppy drive. Wait until this light turns off before you remove the floppy disk from the drive.
		(On computers with an optional floppy drive.)
10	Service Tag	Used to identify your computer when you access the Dell Support website or call technical support

technical support.



### **Back View**

Removing and Installing Parts | 51

1	parallel connector	Connect a parallel device, such as a printer, to the parallel connector. If you have a
I	parallel connector	USB printer, plug it into a USB connector.
2	diagnostic lights (4)	Use the lights to help you troubleshoot a computer problem based on the diagnostic code. For more information, see "Diagnostic Lights" on page 37.
3	mouse connector	Plug a standard mouse into the green mouse connector. Turn off the computer and any attached devices before you connect a mouse to the computer. If you have a USB mouse, plug it into a USB connector.
4	surround connector	Use the black surround connector to attach multichannel-capable speakers.
		On computers with a sound card, use the connector on the card.
5	line-in connector	Use the blue line-in connector to attach a record/playback device such as a cassette player, CD player, or VCR.
		On computers with a sound card, use the connector on the card.
6	network adapter connector	To attach your computer to a network or broadband device, connect one end of a network cable to either a network jack or your network or broadband device. Connect the other end of the network cable to the network adapter connector on your computer. A click indicates that the network cable has been securely attached.
		<b>NOTE:</b> Do not plug a telephone cable into the network connector.
		On computers with a network connector card, use the connector on the card.
		It is recommended that you use Category 5 wiring and connectors for your network. If you must use Category 3 wiring, force the network speed to 10 Mbps to ensure reliable operation.
7	cover latch	Releases the cover from the computer. See "Removing the Computer Cover" on page 54.
8	DVI video connector	If your monitor has a DVI connector, plug it into the DVI connector on the computer. If your monitor has a VGA connector, plug it into the VGA connector on the computer.
9	card slots	Access connectors for any installed PCI cards (two slots) and PC I Express cards (one x16 slot and one x1 slot).
10	optional sound card connectors	• Line-in connector — Use the blue line-in connector to attach a record/playback device such as a cassette player, CD player, or VCR.
		<ul> <li>Microphone connector — Use the pink microphone connector to attach a personal computer microphone for voice or musical input into a sound or telephony program.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Line-out connector — Use the green line-out connector to attach headphones and most speakers with integrated amplifiers.</li> </ul>
		• Surround connector — Use the black surround connector to attach multichannel capable speakers.
		• Center/Low-Frequency Effects (LFE) connector— Use the yellow center/LFE connector to attach your subwoofer.

11	modem connector	(Optional) If you have a modem, connect a telephone cable to either of the modem connectors. Do not connect the telephone cable to the network connector.
		NOTE: Not all modems have two connectors.
12	TV-OUT connector	Connects your computer to a TV. For more information, see Connecting Two Monitors (see page 13).
		(Available on computers with a graphics card.)
13	VGA video connector	Plug the cable from your monitor into the blue connector.
		(Available on computers with a graphics card.)
14	USB 2.0 connectors (6)	Use the back USB connectors for devices that typically remain connected, such as printers and keyboards.
		It is recommended that you use the front USB connectors for devices that you connect occasionally, such as joysticks or cameras, or for bootable USB devices.
15	microphone connector	Use the pink microphone connector to attach a personal computer microphone for voice or musical input into a sound or telephony program.
		On computers with a sound card, the microphone connector is on the card.
16	line-out connector	Use the green line-out connector to attach headphones and most speakers with integrated amplifiers.
		On computers with a sound card, use the connector on the card.
17	center/Low-Frequency Effects (LFE) connector	Use the yellow center/LFE connector to attach your subwoofer.
		On computers with a sound card, use the connector on the card.
18	keyboard connector	If you have a standard keyboard, plug it into the purple keyboard connector. If you have a USB keyboard, plug it into a USB connector.
19	integrated video connector	If this connector has a protective cap over it, then your computer has the optional video card installed. If this connector does not have a protective cap over it, plug the cable from your monitor into the blue connector.
20	serial connector	Connect a serial device, such as a handheld device, to the serial port.
21	voltage selection switch (may not be available on all computers)	See the safety instructions located in the <i>Product Information Guide</i> for more information.
22	power connector	Insert the power cable.

# **Removing the Computer Cover**

- CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions located in the *Product Information Guide*.
- CAUTION: To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.
- **1** Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 47.
- **2** Lay your computer on its side with the computer cover facing up.
- **3** If your computer cover has a cover latch, slide and hold the cover latch.
- **4** Grip the indents on the computer cover, and slide the computer cover toward the back of the computer.



**5** Place the computer cover on a level surface.

# **Inside View of Your Computer**



 ${
m I}$  CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, see the safety instructions located in the Product Information Guide.

🗥 CAUTION: To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the computer cover.



\*May not be present on all computers.



### **System Board Components**

### Memory

You can increase your computer memory by installing memory modules on the system board.

Your Dell Dimension<sup>™</sup> computer supports DDR2 memory. For additional information on the type of memory supported by your computer, see "Memory" on page 91.

### **DDR Memory Overview**

DDR2 memory modules should be installed in *pairs of matched memory size, speed, and technology.* If the DDR2 memory modules are not installed in matched pairs, the computer will continue to operate, but with a slight reduction in performance. See the label on the upper-right corner of the module to determine the module's capacity.



**NOTE:** Always install DDR2 memory modules in the order indicated on the system board.

The recommended memory configurations are:

- A memory module installed in connector DIMM connector 1

or

A pair of matched memory modules installed in DIMM connectors 1 and 2

or

 A pair of matched memory modules installed in DIMM connectors 1 and 2 and another matched pair installed in DIMM connectors 3 and 4

### NOTICE: Do not install ECC memory modules.

- If you install mixed pairs of DDR2 400- and 533-MHz the modules function at the slowest speed installed.
- Be sure to install a single memory module in DIMM connector 1, the connector closest to the processor, before you install modules in the other connectors.





NOTE: Memory purchased from Dell is covered under your computer warranty.

**NOTICE:** If you remove your original memory modules from the computer during a memory upgrade, keep them separate from any new modules that you may have, even if you purchased the new modules from Dell. If possible, *do not* pair an original memory module with a new memory module. Otherwise, your computer may not start properly. You should install your original memory modules in pairs either in DIMM connectors 1 and 2 or DIMM connectors 3 and 4.

### **Addressing Memory With 4-GB Configurations**

Your computer supports a maximum of 4 GB of memory when you use four 1-GB DIMMs. Current operating systems, such as Microsoft<sup>®</sup> Windows<sup>®</sup> XP, can only use a maximum of 4 GB of address space; however, the amount of memory available to the operating system is less than 4 GB. Certain components within the computer require address space in the 4-GB range. Any address space reserved for these components cannot be used by computer memory.

### **Installing Memory**

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

NOTICE: To prevent static damage to components inside your computer, discharge static electricity from your body before you touch any of your computer's electronic components. You can do so by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer chassis.

- **1** Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 47.
- 2 Lay the computer on its side so that the system board is on the bottom of the inside of the computer.



3 Press out the securing clip at each end of the memory module connector.

4 Align the notch on the bottom of the module with the crossbar in the connector.



- NOTICE: To avoid damage to the memory module, press the module straight down into the connector while you apply equal force to each end of the module.
- 5 Insert the module into the connector until the module snaps into position.

If you insert the module correctly, the securing clips snap into the cutouts at each end of the module.



- **6** Close the computer cover.
- NOTICE: To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network wall jack and then plug it into the computer.
- 7 Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.
- 8 Right-click the My Computer icon and click Properties.
- **9** Click the **General** tab.
- 10 To verify that the memory is installed correctly, check the amount of memory (RAM) listed.

### **Removing Memory**

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

NOTICE: To prevent static damage to components inside your computer, discharge static electricity from your body before you touch any of your computer's electronic components. You can do so by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer chassis.

- 1 Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 47.
- 2 Press out the securing clip at each end of the memory module connector.
- **3** Grasp the module and pull up.

If the module is difficult to remove, gently ease the module back and forth to remove it from the connector.

### Cards

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

NOTICE: To prevent static damage to components inside your computer, discharge static electricity from your body before you touch any of your computer's electronic components. You can do so by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer chassis.

Your Dell<sup>™</sup> computer provides the following slots for PCI and PCI Express cards:

- Two PCI card slots
- One PCI Express x16 card slot
- One PCI Express x1 card slot

### **PCI Cards**



If you are installing or replacing a card, follow the procedures in the next section. If you are removing but not replacing a card, see "Removing a PCI Card" on page 63.

If you are replacing a card, remove the current driver for the card from the operating system.

If you are installing or replacing a PCI Express card, see "Installing a PCI Express Card" on page 65.

### **Installing a PCI Card**

- **1** Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 47.
- 2 Unscrew and remove the filler bracket for the card slot you want to use.





3 Align the cutout on the bottom of the card with the crossbar in the system board connector. Gently rock the card into the connector until it is fully seated.



Ensure that the card is fully seated and that its bracket is within the card slot.



62 | Removing and Installing Parts

- **4** Secure the card bracket with the screw you removed in step 2.
- **5** Connect any cables that should be attached to the card.

See the documentation for the card for information about the card's cable connections.

NOTICE: Do not route card cables over or behind the cards. Cables routed over the cards can cause damage to the equipment.

- **6** If you installed a sound card:
  - **a** Enter system setup (see page 96), select **Audio Controller**, and then change the setting to **Off**.
  - **b** Connect external audio devices to the sound card's connectors. Do not connect external audio devices to the microphone, speaker/headphone, or line-in connectors on the back panel.
- **7** If you installed an add-in network adapter and want to disable the integrated network adapter:
  - **a** Enter system setup (see page 96), select **Network Controller**, and then change the setting to **Off**.
  - **b** Connect the network cable to the add-in network adapter's connectors. Do not connect the network cable to the integrated connector on the back panel.
- 8 Install any drivers required for the card as described in the card documentation.

### **Removing a PCI Card**

- **1** Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 47.
- 2 If necessary, disconnect any cables connected to the card.
- **3** Remove the securing screw from the card bracket.
- 4 Grasp the card by its top corners, and ease it out of its connector.
- **5** If you are removing the card permanently, install a filler bracket in the empty card-slot opening.

If you need a filler bracket, contact Dell (see page 105).

**NOTE:** Installing filler brackets over empty card-slot openings is necessary to maintain FCC certification of the computer. The brackets also keep dust and dirt out of your computer.

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

- 6 Close the computer cover, reconnect the computer and devices to electrical outlets, and then turn them on.
- 7 Remove the card's driver from the operating system.

- **8** If you removed a sound card:
  - **a** Enter system setup (see page 96), select **Audio Controller**, and then change the setting to **On**.
  - **b** Connect external audio devices to the audio connectors on the computer back panel.
- **9** If you removed an add-in network connector:
  - **a** Enter system setup (see page 96), select **Network Controller**, and then change the setting to **On**.
  - **b** Connect the network cable to the integrated connector on the computer back panel.

### **PCI Express Cards**

Your computer supports one PCI Express x16 card and one PCI Express x1 card.



If you are installing or replacing a PCI Express card, follow the procedures in the next section. If you are removing but not replacing a PCI Express card, see "Removing a PCI Express Card" on page 68.

If you are replacing a card, remove the current driver for the card from the operating system.

If you are installing or replacing a PCI card, see "Installing a PCI Card" on page 61.

#### Installing a PCI Express Card

- **1** Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 47.
- **2** If you are installing a new card, unscrew and remove the filler bracket to create a card-slot opening. Then continue with step 4.



3 If you are replacing a card that is already installed in the computer, remove the card.

If necessary, disconnect any cables connected to the card. If your card includes a retention mechanism, remove the top of the retention mechanism by pressing the tab and pulling up on the top. Gently pull the securing tab, grasp the card by its top corners, and then ease it out of its connector.



**4** Prepare the card for installation.

See the documentation that came with the card for information on configuring the card, making internal connections, or otherwise customizing it for your computer.

CAUTION: Some network adapters automatically start the computer when they are connected to a network. To guard against electrical shock, be sure to unplug your computer from its electrical outlet before installing any cards.

- 5 If you are installing the card into the x16 card connector, position the card so the securing slot is aligned with the securing tab, and gently pull the securing tab.
- 6 Place the card in the connector and press down firmly. Ensure that the card is fully seated and that the bracket is within the card slot.



- 7 If you replaced a card that was already installed in the computer and you removed the top of the retention mechanism, you may reinstall the top.
- **8** Secure the card bracket with the screw you removed in step 2.
- **NOTICE:** Do not route card cables over or behind the cards. Cables routed over the cards can prevent the computer cover from closing properly or cause damage to the equipment.
- 9 Connect any cables that should be attached to the card.

See the documentation for the card for information about the card's cable connections.

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

**10** Close the computer cover, reconnect the computer and devices to electrical outlets, and then turn them on.

- **11** If you installed a sound card:
  - **a** Enter system setup (see page 96), select **Audio Controller**, and then change the setting to **Off**.
  - **b** Connect external audio devices to the sound card's connectors. Do not connect external audio devices to the microphone, speaker/headphone, or line-in connectors on the back panel.
- **12** If you installed an add-in network adapter and want to disable the integrated network adapter:
  - **a** Enter system setup (see page 96), select **Network Controller**, and then change the setting to **Off**.
  - **b** Connect the network cable to the add-in network adapter's connectors. Do not connect the network cable to the integrated connector on the back panel.
- **13** Install any drivers required for the card as described in the card documentation.

#### **Removing a PCI Express Card**

- **1** Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 47.
- 2 If necessary, disconnect any cables connected to the card.
- **3** If your card includes a retention mechanism, remove the top of the retention mechanism by pressing the tab and pulling up on the top.
- **4** Remove the securing screw from the card bracket.
- **5** Gently pull back the securing tab, grasp the card by its top corners, and then ease it out of its connector.
- **6** If you are removing the card permanently, install a filler bracket in the empty card-slot opening.

If you need a filler bracket, contact Dell (see page 105).

- **NOTE:** Installing filler brackets over empty card-slot openings is necessary to maintain FCC certification of the computer. The brackets also keep dust and dirt out of your computer.
- NOTICE: To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network device and then plug it into the computer.
- 7 Close the computer cover, reconnect the computer and devices to electrical outlets, and then turn them on.
- 8 Remove the card's driver from the operating system.

- **9** If you removed a sound card:
  - **a** Enter system setup (see page 96), select **Audio Controller**, and then change the setting to **On**.
  - **b** Connect external audio devices to the audio connectors on the computer back panel.
- **10** If you removed an add-in network connector:
  - **a** Enter system setup (see page 96), select **Network Controller**, and then change the setting to **On**.
  - **b** Connect the network cable to the integrated connector on the computer back panel.
- **11** Install any drivers required for the card as described in the card documentation.

### **Front Panel**

- CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions located in the *Product Information Guide*.
- CAUTION: To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.

### **Removing the Front Panel**

- **1** Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 47.
- **2** Remove the computer cover (see page 54).
- **3** Release and remove the front panel:
  - **a** If your computer has a release lever, push the release lever to release the top tab.
  - **b** Reach inside the computer and push the top and bottom tab towards you to release them.
  - c Rotate the front panel to separate it from the side hinges.



\*May not be present on all computers.

### **Removing the Front-Panel Insert**

**1** Press in the two insert tabs.



**2** Push out the front-panel insert.

Removing and Installing Parts | 71

### **Reattaching the Front Panel**

**1** Reattach the front panel to the side hinges.



**2** Rotate the front panel until it snaps onto the front of the computer.

### **Drives**

Your computer supports a combination of these devices:

- Up to two hard drives
- One optional floppy
- Up to two CD or DVD drives

72 | Removing and Installing Parts
#### **General Installation Guidelines**

Connect serial ATA hard drives to the system board connectors labeled SATA-0 or SATA-2. Connect CD/DVD drives to the connector labeled PRI IDE.

When you connect two IDE devices to a single IDE interface cable and configure them for the cable select setting, the device attached to the last connector on the interface cable is primary or the boot device (drive 0), and the device attached to the middle connector on the interface cable is the secondary device (drive 1). See the drive documentation in your upgrade kit for information on configuring devices for the cable select setting.

#### **Connecting Drive Cables**

When you install a drive, you connect two cables—a DC power cable and a data cable—to the back of the drive and to the system board. Some drives may also have an audio connector; one end of the audio cable will attach to the drive connector and the other will attach to the system board.

#### **Drive Interface Connectors**



Most interface connectors are keyed for correct insertion; that is, a notch or a missing pin on one connector matches a tab or a filled-in hole on the other connector.

When connecting an IDE cable, ensure you align the colored stripe with the pin 1 connector. When disconnecting an IDE cable, grasp the colored pull tab and pull until the connector detaches.

When connecting and disconnecting a serial ATA cable, hold the cable by the connector at each end.

**NOTE:** The system board serial ATA connector may have an attached cover or shroud.

Removing and Installing Parts | 73

#### **Power Cable Connector**



# **Hard Drive**

- CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions located in the *Product Information Guide*.
- CAUTION: To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.
- NOTICE: To avoid damage to the drive, do not set it on a hard surface. Instead, set the drive on a surface, such as a foam pad, that will sufficiently cushion it.
- **1** If you are replacing a hard drive that contains data you want to keep, back up your files before you begin this procedure.
- 2 Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 47.
- **3** Remove the computer cover (see page 54).

#### **Removing a Hard Drive**

**1** Disconnect the power and data cables from the drive and from the system board.



- **2** Remove the hard drive bracket from the computer:
  - **a** Remove the bracket-securing screws for the hard drive.
  - **b** Remove the bracket for the hard drive from the computer.



- **3** If you are replacing the hard drive, remove the drive from the bracket:
  - **a** Remove the hard drive-securing screws.
  - **b** Remove the hard drive from the bracket.

76 | Removing and Installing Parts



#### **Installing a Hard Drive**

- **1** Unpack the replacement hard drive, and prepare it for installation.
- 2 Check the documentation for the drive to verify that it is configured for your computer.
- **3** Remove the hard drive bracket (see page 75).
- **4** Attach the hard drive to the hard drive bracket:
  - **a** Place the small bracket tabs into the drive-securing screw holes on one side of the drive.
  - **b** Gently swing the drive toward the bracket and align the three screw holes on the other side of the drive with the screen holes on the bracket.
  - **c** Attach the hard drive bracket to the hard drive.
  - **d** Insert and tighten all three drive-securing screws.
- **5** Install the hard drive:
  - **a** Place the two bracket tabs into the drive slots inside the bracket for the additional hard drive.
  - **b** Swing the bracket forward so that it is flush with the bracket for the additional hard drive.
  - **c** Replace the bracket-securing screws.
- **6** Connect a power cable to the drive.
- 7 Connect the data cable to the drive and to the system board (see page 56).
- **8** Close the computer cover (see page 89).

- NOTICE: To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network wall jack and then plug it into the computer.
- 9 Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.See the documentation that came with the drive for instructions on installing any software required for drive operation.
- **10** If the drive you just installed is the primary drive, insert a bootable floppy disk into drive A.
- **11** Turn on the computer.
- 12 Enter system setup (see page 96), and update the appropriate Drive option.
- **13** Exit system setup, and restart the computer.
- Partition and logically format your drive before you proceed to the next step.See the documentation for your operating system for instructions.
- **15** Test the hard drive by running the Dell Diagnostics (see page 40).
- **16** If the drive you just installed is the primary drive, install your operating system on the hard drive.

#### **Adding a Second Hard Drive**

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

CAUTION: To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.

NOTICE: To avoid damage to the drive, do not set it on a hard surface. Instead, set the drive on a surface, such as a foam pad, that will sufficiently cushion it.

- 1 Check the documentation for the drive to verify that it is configured for your computer.
- 2 Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 47.
- **3** Remove the computer cover (see page 54).
- **4** Remove the existing hard drive (see page 75).
- **5** Remove the additional hard drive bracket from the computer:
  - **a** Remove the bracket-securing screws for the additional drive.
  - **b** Remove the bracket for the additional drive from the computer.

- 6 If you are replacing the additional hard drive, remove the drive from the bracket:
  - **a** Remove the hard drive-securing screws.
  - **b** Remove the hard drive from the bracket.



SNOTICE: Ground yourself by touching an unpainted metal surface on the back of the computer.

**NOTICE:** When you unpack the drive, do not set it on a hard surface, which may damage the drive. Instead, set the drive on a soft surface, such as a foam pad, that will sufficiently cushion it.

- **7** Install the additional hard drive:
  - **a** Place the two bracket tabs into the drive slots inside the computer's front panel.
  - **b** Swing the bracket forward so that it is flush with the computer's front panel.
  - c Replace the bracket-securing screws.



- **8** Reinstall the existing hard drive into the computer in front of the additional drive (see page 77).
- **9** Connect a power cable to the drive.
- **10** Connect the data cable to the drive and to the system board (see page 56).
- **11** Replace the computer cover (see page 89).
- **NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network wall jack and then plug it into the computer.
- **12** Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.
- **13** See the documentation that came with the drive for instructions on installing any software required for drive operation.

# **Floppy Drive**

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

CAUTION: To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.

- **1** Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 47.
- **2** Release and remove the front panel (see page 70).

**NOTE:** If you are adding a floppy drive, see "Installing a Floppy Drive" on page 82.

#### **Removing a Floppy Drive**

1 Disconnect the power and data cables from the back of the floppy drive and from the system board (see page 56).



- **2** Remove the floppy drive bracket from the computer:
  - **a** Remove the bracket-securing screw for the floppy drive.
  - **b** Remove the bracket for the floppy drive from the computer.



- **3** Remove the floppy drive from the bracket:
  - **a** Remove all four drive-securing screws (two on each side).
  - **b** Remove the floppy drive from the bracket.

#### **Installing a Floppy Drive**

- **1** Remove the floppy drive bracket from the computer (see page 81).
- 2 If you are replacing a floppy drive, remove the drive from the bracket (see page 82).
- **3** Attach the floppy drive bracket to the floppy drive:
  - **a** Align the screw holes on the drive with the screw holes on the bracket.
  - **b** Insert and tighten all four drive-securing screws (two on each side).
- **4** Position the top of the floppy drive bracket so that it is completely flush with the bottom of the upper drive bay, and then slide the floppy drive bracket forward into position.
- **NOTE:** The top of the floppy drive bracket has two slots that fit into two clips on the bottom of the upper drive bay. When the floppy drive bracket is properly mounted, it remains in place without support.
- **5** Secure the floppy drive bracket with the top bracket screw that came with your drive.
- **6** Reattach the front panel (see page 72).

7 Connect the data cable to the back of the drive and to the floppy drive connector on the system board (see page 56).



NOTICE: Match the colored strip on the cable with pin 1 on the drive (pin 1 is marked as "1").

- **8** Reattach the front panel (see page 72).
- **9** Replace the computer cover (see page 89).

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

- 10 Connect your computer and devices to their electrical outlets, and turn them on. See the documentation that came with the drive for instructions on installing any software required for drive operation.
- **11** Enter system setup (see page 96) and update the appropriate **Diskette Drive** option.
- **12** Verify that your computer works correctly by running the Dell Diagnostics (see page 40).

## **CD/DVD** Drive

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

- CAUTION: To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.
  - **1** Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 47.
  - **2** Remove the computer cover (see page 54).
  - **3** Release and remove the front panel (see page 70).

#### Removing a CD/DVD Drive

1 Disconnect the power, audio, and CD/DVD drive cables from the back of the drive and from the system board.



- 2 Remove the CD/DVD drive securing screw.
- **3** Slide the drive forward and remove it from the drive bay.



#### Installing a CD/DVD Drive

**1** If you are installing a new drive, unpack the drive and prepare it for installation.

Check the documentation that accompanied the drive to verify that the drive is configured for your computer. If you are installing an IDE drive, configure the drive for the cable select setting.

- **2** If you are replacing a drive, remove the existing drive (see page 84).
- **3** Gently slide the drive into place in the drive bay.
- **4** After the drive is in place, apply pressure to ensure that the drive is fully seated.
- **5** Use the securing screw that came with the drive to attach the drive to the computer.

NOTICE: Match the colored strip on the cable with pin 1 on the drive (pin 1 is marked as "1").

- **6** Connect the power cable to the system board (see page 56).
- 7 Connect the power and CD/DVD drive cables to the drive and to the system board (see page 56).
- 8 If you are installing a drive that has its own controller card, install the controller card in a card slot.
- **9** Reattach the front panel (see page 72).
- **10** Replace the computer cover (see page 89).

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

**11** Connect your computer and devices to their electrical outlets, and turn them on.

See the documentation that came with the drive for instructions on installing any software required for drive operation.

- 12 Enter system setup (see page 96) and select the appropriate Drive option.
- **13** Verify that your computer works correctly by running Dell Diagnostics (see page 40).

#### Adding a Second CD or DVD Drive

- **1** Ensure that the jumper setting on the new drive is set for "cable select" (see the documentation that came with the drive for information).
- 2 Remove two extra alignment screws, shown in the illustration on page 86, from the front of the computer and insert them into the drive.



- **NOTE:** Some computers come with only two extra alignment screws; others come with four. You only need two alignment screws for this procedure.
- **3** Gently slide the drive into place in the drive bay.



- **4** After the drive is in place, apply pressure to ensure that the drive is fully seated.
- 5 Use the securing screw that came with the drive to attach the drive to the computer.

- Discrimination of the colored strip on the cable with pin 1 on the drive (pin 1 is marked as "1").
- **6** Connect the power cable to the system board (see page 56).
- 7 Locate the data cable from the CD or DVD drive in the upper drive bay and connect its middle data connector to the new drive.



- **8** Reattach the front panel (see page 72).
- **9** Replace the computer cover (see page 89).

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

- **10** Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and then turn them on.
- **11** See the documentation that came with the drive for instructions on installing any software required for drive operation.

# Battery

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

C

**NOTICE:** To prevent static damage to components inside your computer, discharge static electricity from your body before you touch any of your computer's electronic components. You can do so by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer chassis.

A coin-cell battery maintains computer configuration, date, and time information. The battery can last several years.

If you have to repeatedly reset time and date information after turning on the computer, replace the battery.

CAUTION: A new battery can explode if it is incorrectly installed. Replace the battery only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Discard used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

To replace the battery:

- Record all the screens in system setup (see page 96) so that you can restore the correct settings in step 8.
- **2** Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 47.
- **3** Locate the battery socket (see "System Board Components" on page 56).
- **NOTICE:** If you pry the battery out of its socket with a blunt object, be careful not to touch the system board with the object. Ensure that the object is inserted between the battery and the socket before you attempt to pry out the battery. Otherwise, you may damage the system board by prying off the socket or by breaking circuit traces on the system board.
- **4** Remove the battery by carefully prying it out of its socket with your fingers or with a blunt, nonconducting object such as a plastic screwdriver.
- 5 Insert the new battery into the socket with the side labeled "+" facing up, and snap the battery into place.



**6** Replace the computer cover (see page 89).

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

- 7 Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.
- 8 Enter system setup (see page 96) and restore the settings you recorded in step 1.
- **9** Properly dispose of the old battery (see the "Battery Disposal" section of your *Product Information Guide*).

# **Replacing the Computer Cover**



Ensure that all cables are connected, and fold cables out of the way.
 Gently pull the power cables toward you so that they do not get caught underneath the drives.

- 2 Ensure that no tools or extra parts are left inside the computer.
- **3** Place the cover on the computer.
- 4 Slide the cover towards the front of the computer until it fits completely into place.
- **NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network wall jack and then plug it into the computer.
- **5** Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.

www.dell.com | support.dell.com

# 5

# Appendix

# Specifications

Processor		
Processor type	Intel <sup>®</sup> Pentium <sup>®</sup> 4 with HT Technology <b>NOTE:</b> Not all Pentium 4 processors support Hyper-Threading technology.	
Level 1 (L1) cache	16 KB	
Level 2 (L2) cache	1-MB (displayed in system setup) pipelined-burst, eight-way set associative, write-back SRAM	
Memory		
Туре	400- and 533-MHz (PC2-3200) DDR2 unbuffered SDRAM non-ECC	
Memory connectors	four	
Memory capacities	128-, 256-, 512-, or 1-GB non-ECC	
Minimum memory	128 MB <b>NOTE:</b> Up to 128 MB of system memory may be allocated to support graphics, depending on system memory size and other factors.	
Maximum memory	4 GB <b>NOTE:</b> See "Addressing Memory With 4-GB Configurations" on page 58 to verify the amount of memory available to the operating system.	
BIOS address	F0000h	
Computer Information		
Chipset	Intel 915G Express	
DMA channels	eight	
Interrupt levels	24	
BIOS chip (NVRAM)	4-Mb	

Appendix | 91

NIC	integrated network interface capable of 10/100 communication	
System Clock	800 -MHz data rate	
Video		
Туре	integrated or PCI Express	
Audio		
Туре	ADI 1980 AC97 Codec	
Expansion Bus		
Bus type	PCI 2.2 PCI Express x1 and PCI Express x16	
Bus speed	PCI: 33 MHz	
	PCI Express: x1 slot bidirectional speed - 500 MB/s x16 slot bidirectional speed - 8 GB/s	
PCI		
connectors	two	
connector size	120 pins	
connector data width (maximum)	32 bits	
PCI Express		
connector	one PCI Express x1	
connector size	36 pins	
connector data width (maximum)	1 PCI Express lane	
PCI Express		
connector	one PCI Express x16	
connector size	164 pins	
connector data width (maximum)	16 PCI Express lanes	

92 | Appendix

#### Drives Externally accessible: one 3.5-inch drive bay two 5.25-inch drive bays Serial ATA drives, floppy drive, USB memory devices, CD drive, Available devices CD-RW drive, DVD drive, DVD-RW drive, and DVD and CD-RW combo drive Internally accessible: two bays for 1-inch high hard drives Connectors External connectors: Serial 9-pin connector; 16550C-compatible Parallel 25-hole connector (bidirectional) Video 15-hole connector Network adapter RJ45 connector PS/2 (keyboard and mouse) 6-pin mini-DIN USB two front-panel and six back-panel USB 2.0-compliant connectors Audio five connectors for line-in, line-out, microphone, surround, and center/Low Frequency Effects (LFE) channel; one front-panel connector for headphones System board connectors: Primary IDE drive 40-pin connector on PCI local bus Serial ATA two 7-pin connectors Floppy drive 34-pin connector CD Audio 4-pin connector Fan 5-pin connector PCI 2.2 120-pin connector PCI Express x1 36-pin connector PCI Express x16 164-pin connector

4-pin connector

Telephony (TAPI)

Controls and Lights		
Power control	push button	
Power light	green light — Blinking green in sleep state; solid green for power- on state.	
	amber light — Blinking amber indicates a problem with an installed device; solid amber indicates an internal power problem (see "Power Problems" on page 30).	
Hard-drive access light	green	
Link integrity light (on integrated network adapter)	green light — A good connection exists between a 10-Mbps network and the computer.	
	orange light — A good connection exists between a 100-Mbps network and the computer.	
	off (no light) — The computer is not detecting a physical connection to the network.	
Activity light (on integrated network adapter)	yellow blinking light	
Diagnostic lights	four lights on the back panel (See "Diagnostic Lights" on page 37.)	
Standby power light	CR3J1 on the system board	
Power		
DC power supply:		
Wattage	305 W	
Heat dissipation	434.6 BTU/hr	
Voltage (see the safety instructions located in the <i>Product Information</i> <i>Guide</i> for important voltage setting information)	90 to 135 V and 180 to 265 V at 50/60 Hz	
Backup battery	3-V CR2032 lithium coin cell	
Physical		
Height	36.8 cm (14.5 inches)	
Width	18.4 cm (7.25 inches)	
Depth	42.6 cm (16.75 inches)	
Weight	10.4 kg (23 lbs)	

Environmental	
Temperature:	
Operating	10° to 35°C (50° to 95°F)
	<b>NOTE:</b> At 35°C (95°F), the maximum operating altitude is 914 m (3000 ft).
Storage	–40° to 65°C (–40° to 149°F)
Relative humidity	20% to 80% (noncondensing)
Maximum vibration:	
Operating	0.25 G at 3 to 200 Hz at 0.5 octave/min
Storage	0.5 G at 3 to 200 Hz at 1 octave/min
Maximum shock:	
Operating	bottom half-sine pulse with a change in velocity of 20 inches/sec (50.8 cm/sec)
Storage	27-G faired square wave with a velocity change of 200 inches/sec (508 cm/sec)
Altitude:	
Operating	-15.2 to 3048 m (-50 to 10,000 ft)
Storage	-15.2 to 10,668 m (-50 to 35,000 ft)

# System Setup

#### **Overview**

Use system setup as follows:

- To change the system configuration information after you add, change, or remove any hardware in your computer
- To set or change a user-selectable option such as the user password
- To read the current amount of memory or set the type of hard drive installed

Before you use system setup, it is recommended that you write down the system setup screen information for future reference.

**NOTICE:** Unless you are an expert computer user, do not change the settings for this program. Certain changes can make your computer work incorrectly.

#### **Entering System Setup**

- **1** Turn on (or restart) your computer.
- 2 When the blue DELL<sup>™</sup> logo appears, press <F2> immediately.

If you wait too long and the operating system logo appears, continue to wait until you see the Microsoft<sup>®</sup> Windows<sup>®</sup> desktop. Then shut down your computer (see page 47) and try again.

#### System Setup Screens

The system setup screen displays current or changeable configuration information for your computer. Information on the screen is divided into three areas: the options list, active options field, and key functions.

<b>Options List</b> — This field appears on the left side of the system setup window. The field is a scrollable list containing features that define the configuration of your computer, including installed hardware, power conservation, and security features.	Option Field — This field contains information about each option. In this field you can view your current settings and make changes to your settings. Use the right and left arrow keys to highlight an option. Press <enter> to make that selection active.</enter>
Scroll up and down the list by using the up- and down- arrow keys. As an option is highlighted, the <b>Option Field</b> displays more information about that option and the option's current and available settings.	Key Functions — This field appears below the <b>Option Field</b> and lists keys and their functions within the active system setup field.
Press <enter> to expand or contract each of the main option fields.</enter>	

#### **System Setup Options**

**NOTE:** Depending on your computer and installed devices, the items listed in this section may not appear, or may not appear exactly as listed.

System Info	Lists system information such as the computer name, the BIOS version number and date, system tags, and other system-specific information.	
CPU Info	Identifies whether the computer's processor supports Hyper-Threading and lists the processor bus speed, processor ID, clock speed, and L2 cache.	
Memory Info	Indicates amount of installed memory, memory speed, channel mode (dual or single), and type of memory installed.	
Date/Time	Displays current date and time settings.	
Boot Sequence	The computer attempts to boot from the sequence of devices specified in this list. <b>NOTE:</b> If you insert a boot device and restart the computer, this option appears in the system setup menu. To boot from a USB memory device, select the USB device and move it so it becomes the first device in the list.	
Drives		
Diskette Drive	Identifies and defines the floppy drive attached to the FLOPPY connector on the system board as <b>Off</b> , <b>USB</b> , <b>Internal</b> , or <b>Read Only</b> .	
Drives 0 through 3	Identifies the drives attached to the SATA or PRI IDE connectors on the system board, and lists the capacity for hard drives.	
Drive Controller	Sets the SATA controller operating mode.	
	Use the <b>Normal</b> option ATA native mode. Use the <b>Compatible</b> option for SATA/PATA combination mode.	
Onboard Devices		
NIC Controller	You can set the NIC to <b>On</b> (default), <b>Off</b> , or <b>On</b> w/ <b>PXE</b> . When the <b>On</b> w, <b>PXE</b> setting is active (available only for the future boot process), the computer prompts the user to press <ctrl><alt><b>. Pressing this key combination causes a menu to display that allows you to select a method fo booting from a network server. If a boot routine is not available from the network server, the computer attempts to boot from the next device in the boot sequence list.</b></alt></ctrl>	
Audio Controller	Enables or disables the onboard audio controller	
USB	Set to <b>On</b> (default) so that USB devices will be detected and supported in the operating system.	
	The <b>No Boot</b> option restricts external access to drive data. Use this option to prohibit users from booting the computer using an external USB device.	

Mouse Port	Enables or disables the onboard PS/2-compatible mouse controller.		
LPT Port Mode	Identifies and defines the parallel port settings. You can set the parallel port to Off, AT, PS/2, EPP, or ECP.		
LTP Port Address	Identifies the address for the parallel port.		
LPT Port DMA	Identifies and defines the parallel port DMA settings. You can set the parallel port DMA to Off, DMA1, or DMA3.		
Serial Port #1	Identifies and defines the serial port settings. Auto, the default setting, automatically configures a connector to a particular designation (COM1 or COM3).		
Video			
Primary Video	This setting specifies which video controller is primary when two video controllers are present on the computer.		
Video Memory Size	Sets the amount of system memory to be reserved for the onboard video controller.		
Performance			
Hyperthreading	If your computer's processor supports Hyper-Threading, this options appears in the <b>Options List</b> .		
Performance	• <b>Bypass</b> — Your computer does not test or change the current acoustics mode setting.		
	• Quiet (default) — The hard drive operates at its most quiet setting.		
	• Suggested — The hard drive operates at the level suggested by the drive manufacturer.		
	• Performance — The hard drive operates at its maximum speed.		
	<b>NOTE:</b> Switching to performance mode may cause the drive to be noisier, but its performance may not be affected.		
	<b>NOTE:</b> Changing the acoustics setting does not alter your hard drive image.		
Security	This section displays available system security options.		
Admin Password	This option provides restricted access to the computer's system setup program in the same way that access to the system can be restricted with the <b>System Password</b> option.		
System Password	Displays the current status of the system's password security feature and allows a new system password to be assigned and verified.		
Password Status	This option locks the system password field with the setup password. When the field is locked, the option to disable password security by pressing <ctrl><enter> when the computer starts is no longer available.</enter></ctrl>		

Power Management	:	
AC Recovery	Determines what happens when AC power is restored to the computer.	
Auto Power On	Sets the computer to automatically turn on. Choices are <b>every day</b> or <b>weekdays</b> (every Monday through Friday).	
	The default setting is Off.	
	This feature does not work if you turn off your computer using a power strip or surge protector.	
Auto Power Time	Sets time to automatically turn on the computer.	
	Time is kept in a 24-hour format ( <i>hours:minutes</i> ). Change the start-up time by pressing the right- or left-arrow key to increase or decrease the numbers, or type numbers in both the date and time fields.	
	This feature does not work if you turn off your computer using a power strip or surge protector.	
Low Power Mode	When Low Power Mode is selected, remote wakeup events no longer power up from Hibernate or Off.	
Remote Wake Up	This option allows the computer to power up when a NIC or Remote Wakeup-capable modem receives a wake up signal.	
	<ul> <li>On is the default setting. On w/ Boot to NIC allows the computer to attempt to boot from a network prior to using the boot sequence.</li> <li>NOTE: Normally, the computer can be powered up remotely from suspend mode, hibernate mode, or when powered off. When Low Power Mode (in the Power Management menu) is enabled, the computer can only be powered up remotely from Suspend.</li> </ul>	
Suspend Mode	The options are <b>S1</b> , a suspend state where the computer is running in a low power mode, and <b>S3</b> , a standby state where the power is reduced or turned off for most components, however, system memory remains active.	
Maintenance		
CMOS Defaults	This setting restores the computer's factory-installed default settings.	
Event Log	Displays the system event log.	
BIOS Update	After downloading a new version of the BIOS, use this option to identify and define the location of the BIOS update file. The options are <b>Diskette</b> or <b>Disk</b> .	
POST Behavior		
Fastboot	When set to <b>On</b> (default), your computer starts more quickly because it skips certain configurations and tests.	

Numlock Key	This option involves the rightmost bank of keys on your keyboard. When set to <b>On</b> (default), this option activates the numeric and mathematical features shown at the top of each key. When set to <b>Off</b> , this option activates the cursor-control functions labeled on the bottom of each key.	
OS Install	This setting turns the OS Install Mode either On or Off (default).	
POST Hotkeys	This option allows you to specify the function keys to display on the screen when the computer starts.	
Keyboard Errors	This option disables or enables keyboard error reporting when the computer starts.	

#### **Boot Sequence**

This feature allows you to change the boot sequence for devices.

#### **Option Settings**

- Diskette Drive The computer attempts to boot from the floppy drive. If the floppy disk in the drive is not bootable, if no floppy disk is in the drive, or if there is no floppy drive installed in the computer, the computer generates an error message.
- Hard Drive The computer attempts to boot from the primary hard drive. If no operating system is on the drive, the computer generates an error message.
- CD Drive The computer attempts to boot from the CD drive. If no CD is in the drive, or if the CD has no operating system, the computer generates an error message.
- USB Flash Device Insert the memory device into a USB port and restart the computer. When F12 = Boot Menu appears in the upper-right corner of the screen, press <F12>. The BIOS detects the device and adds the USB flash option to the boot menu.

**NOTE:** To boot to a USB device, the device must be bootable. To make sure your device is bootable, check the device documentation.

#### **Changing Boot Sequence for the Current Boot**

You can use this feature, for example, to restart your computer to a USB device such as a floppy drive, memory key, or CD-RW drive.

**NOTE:** If you are booting to a USB floppy drive, you must first set the floppy drive to OFF in system setup (see page 95).

- 1 If you are booting to a USB device, connect the USB device to a USB connector (see page 56).
- **2** Turn on (or restart) your computer.
- 3 When F2 = Setup, F12 = Boot Menu appears in the upper-right corner of the screen, press <F12>.

If you wait too long and the operating system logo appears, continue to wait until you see the Microsoft Windows desktop. Then shut down your computer (see page 47) and try again.

#### 100 | Appendix

The **Boot Device Menu** appears, listing all available boot devices. Each device has a number next to it.

**4** At the bottom of the menu, enter the number of the device that is to be used for the current boot only.

For example, if you are booting to a USB memory key, highlight **USB Flash Device** and press <Enter>.

**NOTE:** To boot to a USB device, the device must be bootable. To make sure your device is bootable, check the device documentation.

#### **Changing Boot Sequence for Future Boots**

- **1** Enter system setup (see page 96).
- 2 Use the arrow keys to highlight the Boot Sequence menu option and press <Enter> to access the menu.

**NOTE:** Write down your current boot sequence in case you want to restore it.

- 3 Press the up- and down-arrow keys to move through the list of devices.
- **4** Press the spacebar to enable or disable a device (enabled devices have a checkmark).
- **5** Press plus (+) or minus (-) to move a selected device up or down the list.

## **Clearing Forgotten Passwords**

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

**1** Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 47.



**2** Locate the 3-pin password jumper (PSWD) on the system board (see page 56), and attach the jumper plug to pins 2 and 3 to clear the password.

**NOTE:** When you receive your computer, the jumper plug is attached to pins 1 and 2.

- **3** Close the computer cover (see page 89).
- 4 Connect your computer and monitor to electrical outlets, and turn them on.
- 5 After the Microsoft<sup>®</sup> Windows<sup>®</sup> desktop appears on your computer, shut down the computer. (see page 47).
- **6** Turn off the monitor and disconnect it from the electrical outlet.
- 7 Disconnect the computer power cable from the electrical outlet, and press the power button to ground the system board.
- **8** Open the computer cover (see page 54).
- **9** Locate the 3-pin password jumper on the system board (see page 56) and attach the jumper to pins 1 and 2 to reenable the password feature.
- **10** Replace the computer cover (see page 89).
- NOTICE: To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network wall jack and then plug it into the computer.
- **11** Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.

### **Clearing CMOS Settings**

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

- **1** Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 47.
- **2** Reset the current CMOS settings:
  - **a** Locate the 3-pin CMOS jumper (CLR CMOS) on the system board (see page 56).
  - **b** Remove the jumper plug from pins 1 and 2.
  - c Place the jumper plug on pins 2 and 3 and wait approximately 5 seconds.
  - **d** Replace the jumper plug on pins 1 and 2.
- **3** Replace the computer cover (see page 89).
- NOTICE: To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network wall jack and then plug it into the computer.
- 4 Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.

# **Dell Technical Support Policy (U.S. Only)**

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

Dell provides limited technical support for the computer and any "Dell-installed" software and peripherals<sup>1</sup>. Support for third-party software and peripherals is provided by the original manufacturer, including those purchased and/or installed through Dell Software and Peripherals, Readyware, and Custom Factory Integration<sup>2</sup>.

- Repair services are provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of your limited warranty and any optional support service contract purchased with the computer.
- <sup>2</sup> All Dell-standard components included in a Custom Factory Integration (CFI) project are covered by the standard Dell limited warranty for your computer. However, Dell also extends a parts replacement program to cover all nonstandard, third-party hardware components integrated through CFI for the duration of the computer's service contract.

#### **Definition of "Dell-Installed" Software and Peripherals**

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

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

#### **Definition of "Third-Party" Software and Peripherals**

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

# FCC Notices (U.S. Only)

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

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

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

This device may not cause harmful interference.

This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

#### **Class A**

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instruction manual, may cause harmful interference with radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference, in which case you will be required to correct the interference at your own expense.

#### **Class B**

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

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

#### **FCC Identification Information**

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

• Model number: DMC

Company name:

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

# **Contacting Dell**

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

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

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

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

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

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
Anguilla	General Support	toll-free: 800-335-0031
Antigua and Barbuda	General Support	1-800-805-5924

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
Argentina (Buenos Aires)	Website: www.dell.com.ar	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: us_latin_services@dell.com	
Country Code: 54 City Code: 11	E-mail for desktop and portable computers: la-techsupport@dell.com	
Ony Code. II	E-mail for servers and EMC: la_enterprise@dell.com	
	Customer Care	toll-free: 0-800-444-0730
	Tech Support	toll-free: 0-800-444-0733
	Tech Support Services	toll-free: 0-800-444-0724
	Sales	0-810-444-3355
Aruba	General Support	toll-free: 800-1578
Australia (Sydney)	E-mail (Australia): au_tech_support@dell.com	
International Access Code: 0011	E-mail (New Zealand): nz_tech_support@dell.com	
Country Code: 61	Home and Small Business	1-300-65-55-33
City Code: 2	Government and Business	toll-free: 1-800-633-559
	Preferred Accounts Division (PAD)	toll-free: 1-800-060-889
	For servers and storage	toll-free: 1-800-505-095
	For desktop and portable computers	toll-free: 1-800-733-314
	Customer Care	toll-free: 1-800-819-339
	Corporate Sales	toll-free: 1-800-808-385
	Transaction Sales	toll-free: 1-800-808-312
	Fax	toll-free: 1-800-818-341
Austria (Vienna)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 900	E-mail: tech_support_central_europe@dell.com	
Country Code: 43	Home/Small Business Sales	0820 240 530 00
City Code: 1	Home/Small Business Fax	0820 240 530 49
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	0820 240 530 14
	Preferred Accounts/Corporate Customer Care	0820 240 530 16
	Home/Small Business Technical Support	0820 240 530 14
	Preferred Accounts/Corporate Technical Support	0660 8779
	Switchboard	0820 240 530 00
Bahamas	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-278-6818

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
Barbados	General Support	1-800-534-3066
Belgium (Brussels)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00 Country Code: <b>32</b>	E-mail for French Speaking Customers: support.euro.dell.com/be/fr/emaildell/	
City Code: 2	Technical Support	02 481 92 88
	Technical Support Fax	02 481 92 95
	Customer Care	02 713 15 .65
	Corporate Sales	02 481 91 00
	Fax	02 481 92 99
	Switchboard	02 481 91 00
Bermuda	General Support	1-800-342-0671
Bolivia	General Support	toll-free: 800-10-0238
Brazil	Website: www.dell.com/br	
International Access Code: 00	Customer Support, Technical Support	0800 90 3355
Country Code: 55	Technical Support Fax	51 481 5470
City Code: 51	Customer Care Fax	51 481 5480
	Sales	0800 90 3390
British Virgin Islands	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-278-6820
Brunei	Customer Technical Support (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4966
Country Code: 673	Customer Service (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4949
	Transaction Sales (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4955
Canada (North York, Ontario)	Online Order Status: www.dell.ca/ostatus	
International Access Code: 011	AutoTech (automated technical support)	toll-free: 1-800-247-9362
	Customer Care (Home Sales/Small Business)	toll-free: 1-800-847-4096
	Customer Care (med./large business, government)	toll-free: 1-800-326-9463
	Technical Support (Home Sales/Small Business)	toll-free: 1-800-847-4096
	Technical Support (med./large bus., government)	toll-free: 1-800-387-5757
	Sales (Home Sales/Small Business)	toll-free: 1-800-387-5752
	Sales (med./large bus., government)	toll-free: 1-800-387-5755
	Spare Parts Sales & Extended Service Sales	1 866 440 3355
Cayman Islands	General Support	1-800-805-7541

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
Chile (Santiago)	Sales, Customer Support, and Technical Support	toll-free: 1230-020-4823
Country Code: 56		
City Code: 2		
China (Xiamen)	Technical Support website: support.dell.com.cn	
Country Code: 86	Technical Support E-mail: cn_support@dell.com	
City Code: 592	Technical Support Fax	818 1350
	Technical Support (Dimension <sup>™</sup> and Inspiron <sup>™</sup> )	toll-free: 800 858 2969
	Technical Support (OptiPlex™, Latitude™, and Dell Precision™)	toll-free: 800 858 0950
	Technical Support (servers and storage)	toll-free: 800 858 0960
	Technical Support (projectors, PDAs, printers, switches, routers, and so on)	toll-free: 800 858 2920
	Customer Advocacy	toll-free: 800 858 2060
	Customer Advocacy Fax	592 818 1308
	Home and Small Business	toll-free: 800 858 2222
	Preferred Accounts Division	toll-free: 800 858 2557
	Large Corporate Accounts GCP	toll-free: 800 858 2055
	Large Corporate Accounts Key Accounts	toll-free: 800 858 2628
	Large Corporate Accounts North	toll-free: 800 858 2999
	Large Corporate Accounts North Government and Education	toll-free: 800 858 2955
	Large Corporate Accounts East	toll-free: 800 858 2020
	Large Corporate Accounts East Government and Education	toll-free: 800 858 2669
	Large Corporate Accounts Queue Team	toll-free: 800 858 2572
	Large Corporate Accounts South	toll-free: 800 858 2355
	Large Corporate Accounts West	toll-free: 800 858 2811
	Large Corporate Accounts Spare Parts	toll-free: 800 858 2621
Colombia	General Support	980-9-15-3978
Costa Rica	General Support	0800-012-0435
Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
--	--	--
Czech Republic (Prague)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: czech_dell@dell.com	
Country Code: 420	Technical Support	02 2186 27 27
City Code: 2	Technical Support Fax	02 2186 27 28
	Customer Care	02 2186 27 11
	Customer Care Fax	02 2186 27 14
	Switchboard	02 2186 27 11
Denmark (Copenhagen)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00 Country Code: 45	E-mail Support (portable computers): den_nbk_support@dell.com	
	E-mail Support (desktop computers): den_support@dell.com	
	E-mail Support (servers): Nordic_server_support@dell.com	
	Technical Support	7023 0182
	Customer Care (Relational)	7023 0184
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	3287 5505
	Switchboard (Relational)	3287 1200
	Switchboard Fax (Relational)	3287 1201
	Switchboard (Home/Small Business)	3287 5000
	Switchboard Fax (Home/Small Business)	3287 5001
Dominica	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-278-6821
Dominican Republic	General Support	1-800-148-0530
Ecuador	General Support	toll-free: 999-119
El Salvador	General Support	01-899-753-0777

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

110 | Appendix

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

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

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

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
Japan (Kawasaki)	Website: support.jp.dell.com	
International Access Code: 001	Technical Support (servers)	toll-free: 0120-198-498
Country Code: 81	Technical Support outside of Japan (servers)	81-44-556-4162
City Code: 44	Technical Support (Dimension <sup>™</sup> and Inspiron <sup>™</sup> )	toll-free: 0120-198-226
	Technical Support outside of Japan (Dimension and Inspiron)	81-44-520-1435
	Technical Support (Dell Precision™, OptiPlex™, and Latitude™)	toll-free:0120-198-433
	Technical Support outside of Japan (Dell Precision, OptiPlex, and Latitude)	81-44-556-3894
	Technical Support (PDAs, projectors, printers, routers)	toll-free: 0120-981-690
	Technical Support outside of Japan (PDAs, projectors, printers, routers)	81-44-556-3468
	Faxbox Service	044-556-3490
	24-Hour Automated Order Service	044-556-3801
	Customer Care	044-556-4240
	Business Sales Division (up to 400 employees)	044-556-1465
	Preferred Accounts Division Sales (over 400 employees)	044-556-3433
	Large Corporate Accounts Sales (over 3500 employees)	044-556-3430
	Public Sales (government agencies, educational institutions, and medical institutions)	044-556-1469
	Global Segment Japan	044-556-3469
	Individual User	044-556-1760
	Switchboard	044-556-4300
Korea (Seoul)	Technical Support	toll-free: 080-200-3800
International Access Code: 001	Sales	toll-free: 080-200-3600
Country Code: 82	Customer Service (Seoul, Korea)	toll-free: 080-200-3800
City Code: 2	Customer Service (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4949
	Fax	2194-6202
	Switchboard	2194-6000

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
Latin America	Customer Technical Support (Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)	512 728-4093
	Customer Service (Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)	512 728-3619
	Fax (Technical Support and Customer Service) (Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)	512 728-3883
	Sales (Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)	512 728-4397
	SalesFax (Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)	512 728-4600
		or 512 728-3772
Luxembourg	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: tech_be@dell.com	
Country Code: 352	Technical Support (Brussels, Belgium)	3420808075
	Home/Small Business Sales (Brussels, Belgium)	toll-free: 080016884
	Corporate Sales (Brussels, Belgium)	02 481 91 00
	Customer Care (Brussels, Belgium)	02 481 91 19
	Fax (Brussels, Belgium)	02 481 92 99
	Switchboard (Brussels, Belgium)	02 481 91 00
Macao	Technical Support	toll-free: 0800 582
Country Code: 853	Customer Service (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4949
	Transaction Sales	toll-free: 0800 581
Malaysia (Penang) International Access Code: 00	Technical Support (Dell Precision, OptiPlex, and Latitude)	toll-free: 1 800 88 0193
Country Code: 60	Technical Support (Dimension and Inspiron)	toll-free: 1 800 88 1306
City Code: 4	Technical Support (PowerEdge and PowerVault)	toll-free: 1800 88 1386
	Customer Service	04 633 4949
	Transaction Sales	toll-free: 1 800 888 202
	Corporate Sales	toll-free: 1 800 888 213

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
Mexico	Customer Technical Support	001-877-384-8979
International Access Code: 00		or 001-877-269-3383
Country Code: 52	Sales	50-81-8800
		or 01-800-888-3355
	Customer Service	001-877-384-8979
		or 001-877-269-3383
	Main	50-81-8800
		or 01-800-888-3355
Montserrat	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-278-6822
Netherlands Antilles	General Support	001-800-882-1519
Netherlands (Amsterdam)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	Technical Support	020 674 45 00
Country Code: 31	Technical Support Fax	020 674 47 66
City Code: 20	Home/Small Business Customer Care	020 674 42 00
	Relational Customer Care	020 674 4325
	Home/Small Business Sales	020 674 55 00
	Relational Sales	020 674 50 00
	Home/Small Business Sales Fax	020 674 47 75
	Relational Sales Fax	020 674 47 50
	Switchboard	020 674 50 00
	Switchboard Fax	020 674 47 50
New Zealand	E-mail (New Zealand): nz_tech_support@dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail (Australia): au_tech_support@dell.com	
Country Code: 64	Technical Support (for desktop and portable computers)	0800 443 563
	Technical Support (for servers and storage)	0800 505 098
	Home and Small Business	0800 446 255
	Government and Business	0800 444 617
	Sales	0800 441 567
	Fax	0800 441 566
Nicaragua	General Support	001-800-220-1006

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
Norway (Lysaker)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail Support (portable computers):	
Country Code: 47	nor_nbk_support@dell.com	
	E-mail Support (desktop computers):	
	nor_support@dell.com	
	E-mail Support (servers):	
	nordic_server_support@dell.com	
	Technical Support	671 16882
	Relational Customer Care	671 17514
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	23162298
	Switchboard	671 16800
	Fax Switchboard	671 16865
Panama	General Support	001-800-507-0962
Peru	General Support	0800-50-669
Poland (Warsaw)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 011	E-mail: pl_support_tech@dell.com	
Country Code: 48	Customer Service Phone	57 95 700
City Code: 22	Customer Care	57 95 999
	Sales	57 95 999
	Customer Service Fax	57 95 806
	Reception Desk Fax	57 95 998
	Switchboard	57 95 999
Portugal	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: support.euro.dell.com/pt/en/emaildell/	
Country Code: 351	Technical Support	707200149
	Customer Care	800 300 413
	Sales	800 300 410 or 800 300 411 or 800 300 412 or 21 422 07 10
	Fax	21 424 01 12
Puerto Rico	General Support	1-800-805-7545
St. Kitts and Nevis	General Support	toll-free: 1-877-441-4731

Appendix | 117

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
St. Lucia	General Support	1-800-882-1521
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	General Support	toll-free: 1-877-270-4609
Singapore (Singapore)	Technical Support (Dimension and Inspiron)	toll-free: 1800 394 7430
International Access Code: 005 Country Code: 65	Technical Support (Optiplex, Latitude, and Precision)	toll-free: 1800 394 7488
	Technical Support (PowerEdge and PowerVault)	toll-free: 1800 394 7478
	Customer Service (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4949
	Transaction Sales	toll-free: 800 6011 054
	Corporate Sales	toll-free: 800 6011 053
South Africa (Johannesburg)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code:	E-mail: dell_za_support@dell.com	
09/091	Gold Queue	011 709 7713
Country Code: 27	Technical Support	011 709 7710
City Code: 11	Customer Care	011 709 7707
	Sales	011 709 7700
	Fax	011 706 0495
	Switchboard	011 709 7700
Southeast Asian and Pacific Countries	Customer Technical Support, Customer Service, and Sales (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4810
Spain (Madrid)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: support.euro.dell.com/es/es/emaildell/	
Country Code: 34	Home and Small Business	
City Code: 91	Technical Support	902 100 130
	Customer Care	902 118 540
	Sales	902 118 541
	Switchboard	902 118 541
	Fax	902 118 539
	Corporate	
	Technical Support	902 100 130
	Customer Care	902 115 236
	Switchboard	91 722 92 00
	Fax	91 722 95 83

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
Sweden (Upplands Vasby)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: swe_support@dell.com	
Country Code: <b>46</b> City Code: 8	E-mail Support for Latitude and Inspiron: Swe-nbk kats@dell.com	
City Code: o	E-mail Support for OptiPlex: Swe_kats@dell.com	
	E-mail Support for Servers: Nordic_server_support@dell.com	
	Technical Support	08 590 05 199
	Relational Customer Care	08 590 05 642
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	08 587 70 527
	Employee Purchase Program (EPP) Support	20 140 14 44
	Technical Support Fax	08 590 05 594
	Sales	08 590 05 185
Switzerland (Geneva)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: Tech_support_central_Europe@dell.com	
Country Code: 41 City Code: 22	E-mail for French-speaking HSB and Corporate Customers: <b>support.euro.dell.com/ch/fr/emaildell</b> /	
	Technical Support (Home and Small Business)	0844 811 411
	Technical Support (Corporate)	0844 822 844
	Customer Care (Home and Small Business)	0848 802 202
	Customer Care (Corporate)	0848 821 721
	Fax	022 799 01 90
	Switchboard	022 799 01 01
Taiwan International Access Code: 002	Technical Support (portable and desktop computers)	toll-free: 00801 86 1011
Country Code: 886	Technical Support (servers and storage)	toll-free: 00801 60 1256
	Corporate Sales	toll-free: 00801 651 227
Thailand International Access Code: 001	Technical Support (Optiplex, Latitude, and Precision)	toll-free: 1800 0060 07
Country Code: <b>66</b>	Technical Support (PowerEdge and PowerVault)	toll-free: 1800 0600 09
	Customer Service (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4949
	Sales	toll-free: 0880 060 09

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
Trinidad/Tobago	General Support	1-800-805-8035
Turks and Caicos Islands	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-540-3355
U.K. (Bracknell)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	Customer Care website: support.euro.dell.com/uk/en/	ECare/Form/Home.asp
Country Code: 44		
City Code: 1344	E-mail: dell_direct_support@dell.com	
	Technical Support (Corporate/Preferred Accounts/PAD [1000+ employees])	0870 908 0500
	Technical Support (direct/PAD and general)	0870 908 0800
	Global Accounts Customer Care	01344 373 186
	Home and Small Business Customer Care	0870 906 0010
	Corporate Customer Care	01344 373 185
	Preferred Accounts (500–5000 employees) Customer Care	0870 906 0010
	Central Government Customer Care	01344 373 193
	Local Government & Education Customer Care	01344 373 199
	Health Customer Care	01344 373 194
	Home and Small Business Sales	0870 907 4000
	Corporate/Public Sector Sales	01344 860 456
	Home and Small Business Fax	0870 907 4006
Uruguay	General Support	toll-free: 000-413-598-2521

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
U.S.A. (Austin, Texas)	Automated Order-Status Service	toll-free: 1-800-433-9014
International Access Code: 011	AutoTech (portable and desktop computers)	toll-free: 1-800-247-9362
Country Code: 1	Consumer (Home and Home Office)	
	Technical Support	toll-free: 1-800-624-9896
	Customer Service	toll-free: 1-800-624-9897
	DellNet <sup>™</sup> Service and Support	toll-free: 1-877-Dellnet
		(1-877-335-5638)
	Employee Purchase Program (EPP) Customers	toll-free: 1-800-695-8133
	Financial Services website: www.dellfinancialservices.c	om
	Financial Services (lease/loans)	toll-free: 1-877-577-3355
	Financial Services (Dell Preferred Accounts [DPA])	toll-free: 1-800-283-2210
	Business	
	Customer Service and Technical Support	toll-free: 1-800-822-8965
	Employee Purchase Program (EPP) Customers	toll-free: 1-800-695-8133
	Printers and Projectors Technical Support	toll-free: 1-877-459-7298
	Public (government, education, and healthcare)	
	Customer Service and Technical Support	toll-free: 1-800-456-3355
	Employee Purchase Program (EPP) Customers	toll-free: 1-800-234-1490
	Dell Sales	toll-free: 1-800-289-3355
		or toll-free: 1-800-879-3355
	Dell Outlet Store (Dell refurbished computers)	toll-free: 1-888-798-7561
	Software and Peripherals Sales	toll-free: 1-800-671-3355
	Spare Parts Sales	toll-free: 1-800-357-3355
	Extended Service and Warranty Sales	toll-free: 1-800-247-4618
	Fax	toll-free: 1-800-727-8320
	Dell Services for the Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, or	toll-free: 1-877-DELLTTY
	Speech-Impaired	(1-877-335-5889)
U.S. Virgin Islands	General Support	1-877-673-3355
Venezuela	General Support	8001-3605

www.dell.com | support.dell.com

122 | Appendix

# Index

## A

audio. See sound

# B

battery problems, 21 replacing, 88 bios, 95 boot sequence, 100 changing, 100-101 option settings, 100 booting to a USB device, 100

# C

cards installing PCI, 61 installing PCI Express, 65 PCI, 61 PCI Express, 64 PCI Express slots, 52 PCI slots, 52 removing PCI, 63 removing PCI Express, 68 slots, 52, 60 types supported, 60 CD/DVD drive activity light, 50 eject button, 50

installing, 85

CD/DVD drive (continued) installing second, 85 problems, 22 removing, 84 CD-RW drive problems, 22 CDs copying, 17 Check Disk, 23 computer components inside, 55 crashes, 26-27 inside view, 55 restore to previous state, 43 stops responding, 26 connectors center/LFE, 52-53 DVI, 52 headphone, 50 keyboard, 53 line-in, 52 line-out, 52-53 microphone, 52-53 modem, 53 mouse, 52 network adapter, 52 parallel, 52 power, 53 serial, 53 sound, 52-53 surround, 52 TV-OUT, 53

connectors (continued) USB, 50, 53 video, 52-53 copying CDs and DVDs, 17 cover cover latch, 52 removing, 54 replacing, 89

## D

Dell contacting, 105 Dell Dimension Help file, 9 Dell Solution Center, 9 support site, 10 Dell support policy, 103 diagnostic lights, 37 diagnostics lights, 37, 52 display. See monitor documentation Dell Dimension Help file, 9 Dell Solution Center, 9 End User License Agreement, 9 ergonomics, 9 Finding Information, 9 online, 10 Product Information Guide, 9 regulatory, 9 safety, 9

documentation (continued) Setup Diagram, 9 warranty, 9 drivers, 42 about, 42 identifying, 42 drives hard drive, 74 installing CD/DVD, 85 installing floppy, 82 installing hard drive, 77 problems, 21 removing CD/DVD, 84 removing floppy, 81 removing hard drive, 75 second CD/DVD drive, 85 second hard drive, 78 serial ATA, 74 DVD drive problems, 22 **DVDs** copying, 17 DVI connector, 52

## E

e-mail problems, 23 End User License Agreement, 9 ergonomics information, 9 error messages, 24 diagnostic lights, 37

## F

Finding Information, 9 floppy drive activity light, 50 eject button, 50 installing, 82 removing, 81 front panel, 69 insert, 71 removing, 70

# H

hard drive activity light, 50 installing, 77 installing second, 78 problems, 23 removing, 75 Hardware Troubleshooter, 46 headphone connector, 50 Help and Support Center, 10 help file Dell Dimension Help, 9 Windows Help and Support Center, 10 Hyper-Threading, 19

# I

IEEE 1394 problems, 25 installing parts before you begin, 47 recommended tools, 47 turning off your computer, 47 internet connection, about, 16 connection, options, 16 problems, 23

## K

keyboard connector, 53 problems, 26

# L

labels Microsoft Windows, 10 Service Tag, 10, 50 lights back of computer, 37 CD/DVD drive activity, 50 diagnostic, 37, 52 floppy drive activity, 50 hard drive activity, 50 power, 50

#### Μ

memory 4-GB configurations, 58 DDR2 overview, 57 installation guidelines, 57 installing, 58 memory (continued) problems, 28 removing, 60 type supported, 57 messages error, 24 microphone connector, 52-53 Microsoft Windows label, 10 modem connector, 53 problems, 23 monitor blank, 34 clone mode, 15 connect DVI, 13-14 connect TV, 13-14 connect two, 13-14 connect VGA, 13-14 display settings, 15 extended desktop mode, 15 hard to read, 35 problems, 34 motherboard. See system board mouse connector, 52 problems, 29

# Ν

network connector, 52 Network Setup Wizard, 16 problems, 30 setting up, 15 Network Setup Wizard, 16

## 0

operating system reinstalling Windows XP, 43

# Ρ

password clearing, 101 jumper, 101 PCI cards installing, 61 removing, 63 PCI Express cards installing, 65 removing, 68 power button, 50 connector, 53 light, 50 problems, 30 power light conditions, 30 printer cable, 11 connecting, 11 parallel, 12 problems, 31 setting up, 11 USB, 11 problems battery, 21 blue screen, 27 CD drive, 22

problems (continued) CD-RW drive, 22 computer crashes, 26-27 computer stops responding, 26 diagnostic lights, 37 drives, 21 DVD drive, 22 e-mail, 23 error messages, 24 general, 26 hard drive, 23 IEEE 1394, 25 internet, 23 keyboard, 26 memory, 28 modem, 23 monitor is blank, 34 monitor is hard to read, 35 network, 30 power, 30 power light conditions, 30 printer, 31 program crashes, 27 program stops responding, 27 programs and Windows compatibility, 27 restore to previous state, 43 scanner, 32 screen is blank, 34 screen is hard to read, 35 software, 27-28 sound and speakers, 33 troubleshooting tips, 21 video and monitor, 34 volume adjusting, 33 Product Information Guide, 9 Program Compatibility Wizard, 27

## R

regulatory information, 9 reinstalling Windows XP, 43

#### S

safety instructions, 9 SATA. See serial ATA scanner problems, 32 screen. See monitor serial ATA, 74 Service Tag, 10, 50 settings system setup, 95 Setup Diagram, 9 software Hyper-Threading, 19 problems, 27-28 sound problems, 33 volume, 33 sound connectors, 52 center/LFE, 53 line-in, 52 line-out, 53 surround, 52

speaker problems, 33 volume, 33 specifications, 91 support contacting Dell, 105 support.dell.com, 10 system board, 56 System Restore, 43 system setup, 95 entering, 96 options, 97 screens, 96

## Т

troubleshooting diagnostic lights, 37 Hardware Troubleshooter, 46 Help and Support Center, 10 restore to previous state, 43 tips, 21 TV connect to computer, 13-14, 53

#### U

USB booting to devices, 100 connectors, 50, 53

## V

video connector, 52-53 problems, 34 voltage selection switch, 53 volume adjusting, 33

#### W

warranty information, 9 Windows XP Device Driver Rollback, 43 Hardware Troubleshooter, 46 Help and Support Center, 10 Hyper-Threading, 19 Network Setup Wizard, 16 Program Compatibility Wizard, 27 reinstalling, 43 scanner, 33 System Restore, 43 wizards Network Setup Wizard, 16 Program Compatibility Wizard, 27