
5 Navigating the screen

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

- Use touch gestures directly on the computer screen.
- Use touch gestures on the touchpad.
- Use an optional mouse or keyboard (purchased separately).
- Use an on-screen keyboard.
- Use a pointing stick.

Using touchpad and touch screen gestures

The touchpad helps you navigate the computer screen and control the pointer using simple touch gestures. You can also use the left and right touchpad buttons as you would use the corresponding buttons on an external mouse. To navigate a touch screen (select products only), touch the screen directly using gestures described in this chapter.

To customize gestures and see videos of how they work, type `control panel` in the taskbar search box, select **Control Panel**, and then select **Hardware and Sound**. Under **Devices and Printers**, select **Mouse**.

Some products include a precision touchpad, which provides enhanced gesture functionality. To determine if you have a precision touchpad and find additional information, select **Start**, select **Settings**, select **Devices**, and then select **touchpad**.



NOTE: Unless noted, gestures can be used on both the touchpad and a touch screen.

Tap

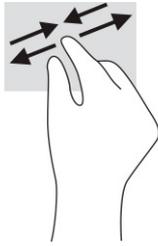
Point to an item on the screen, and then tap one finger on the touchpad zone or touch screen to select the item. Double-tap an item to open it.



Two-finger pinch zoom

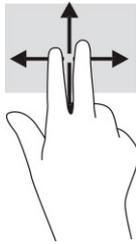
Use the two-finger pinch zoom to zoom out or in on images or text.

- Zoom out by placing two fingers apart on the touchpad zone or touch screen and then moving your fingers together.
- Zoom in by placing two fingers together on the touchpad zone or touch screen and then moving your fingers apart.



Two-finger slide (touchpad and precision touchpad)

Place two fingers slightly apart on the touchpad zone and then drag them up, down, left, or right to move up, down, or sideways on a page or image.



Two-finger tap (touchpad and precision touchpad)

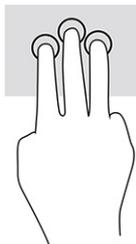
Tap two fingers on the touchpad zone to open the options menu for the selected object.

 **NOTE:** The two-finger tap performs the same function as right-clicking with a mouse.



Three-finger tap (touchpad and precision touchpad)

By default, the three-finger tap opens the taskbar search box. Tap three fingers on the touchpad zone to perform the gesture.



To change the function of this gesture on a precision touchpad, select **Start**, select **Settings**, select **Devices**, and then select **touchpad**. Under **Three-finger gestures**, in the **Taps** box, select a gesture setting.

Four-finger tap (touchpad and precision touchpad)

By default, the four-finger tap opens the Action Center. Tap four fingers on the touchpad zone to perform the gesture.

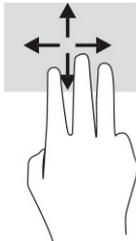


To change the function of this gesture on a precision touchpad, select **Start**, select **Settings**, select **Devices**, and then select **touchpad**. Under **Four-finger gestures**, in the **Taps** box, select a gesture setting.

Three-finger swipe (touchpad and precision touchpad)

By default, the three-finger swipe switches between open apps and the desktop.

- Swipe 3 fingers away from you to see all open windows.
- Swipe 3 fingers toward you to show the desktop.
- Swipe 3 fingers left or right to switch between open windows.



To change the function of this gesture on a precision touchpad, select **Start**, select **Settings**, select **Devices**, and then select **touchpad**. Under **Three-finger gestures**, in the **Swipes** box, select a gesture setting.

Four-finger swipe (precision touchpad)

By default, the four-finger swipe switches between open desktops.

- Swipe 4 fingers away from you to see all open windows.
- Swipe 4 fingers toward you to show the desktop.
- Swipe 4 fingers left or right to switch between desktops.

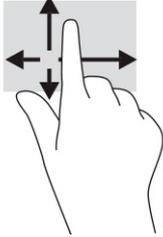


To change the function of this gesture, select **Start**, select **Settings**, select **Devices**, and then select **touchpad**. Under **Four-finger gestures**, in the **Swipes** box, select a gesture setting.

One-finger slide (touch screen)

Use the one-finger slide to pan or scroll through lists and pages, or to move an object.

- To scroll across the screen, lightly slide one finger across the screen in the direction you want to move.
- To move an object, press and hold your finger on an object, and then drag your finger to move the object.



Using an optional keyboard or mouse

An optional keyboard or mouse allows you to type, select items, scroll, and perform the same functions as you do using touch gestures. The keyboard also allows you to use action keys and hot keys to perform specific functions.

Using an on-screen keyboard (select products only)

Select products have an on-screen keyboard.

1. To display an on-screen keyboard, tap the keyboard icon in the notification area, at the far right of the taskbar.
2. Begin typing.



NOTE: Suggested words might be displayed above the on-screen keyboard. Tap a word to select it.



NOTE: Action keys and hot keys do not display or function on the on-screen keyboard.

6 Managing power

Your computer can operate on either battery power or external power. When the computer is running on battery power and an external power source is not available to charge the battery, it is important to monitor and conserve the battery charge.

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

Using Sleep and Hibernation

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

 **IMPORTANT:** Several well-known vulnerabilities exist when a computer is in the Sleep state. To prevent an unauthorized user from accessing data on your computer, even encrypted data, HP recommends that you always initiate Hibernation instead of Sleep anytime the computer will be out of your physical possession. This practice is particularly important when you travel with your computer.

IMPORTANT: To reduce the risk of possible audio and video degradation, loss of audio or video playback functionality, or loss of information, do not initiate Sleep while reading from or writing to a disc or an external media card.

- Sleep—The Sleep state is automatically initiated after a period of inactivity. Your work is saved to memory, allowing you to resume your work very quickly. You can also initiate Sleep manually. For more information, see [Initiating and exiting Sleep on page 28](#).
- Hibernation—The Hibernation state is automatically initiated if the battery reaches a critical level or the computer has been in the Sleep state for an extended period of time. In the Hibernation state, your work is saved to a hibernation file and the computer powers down. You can also initiate Hibernation manually. For more information, see [Initiating and exiting Hibernation \(select products only\) on page 29](#).

Initiating and exiting Sleep

You can initiate Sleep several ways.

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

You can exit Sleep in any of the following ways:

- Briefly press the power button.
- If the computer is closed, raise the display (select products only).
- Press a key on the keyboard (select products only).
- Tap the touchpad (select products only).

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

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

Initiating and exiting Hibernation (select products only)

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

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

The Power menu can be accessed by selecting the **Start** button.

4. Select **Save changes**.

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

To exit Hibernation, briefly press the power button.

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

Shutting down (turning off) the computer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Press **ctrl+alt+delete**, select the **Power** icon, and then select **Shut down**.
- Press and hold the power button for at least 10 seconds.

- If your computer has a user-replaceable battery (select products only), disconnect the computer from external power, and then remove the battery.

Using the Power icon and Power Options

Different Power icons indicate whether the computer is running on battery or external power. Placing the mouse pointer over the icon reveals a message if the battery has reached a low or critical battery level.

The Power icon  is located on the Windows taskbar. The Power icon allows you to quickly access power settings and view the remaining battery charge.

- To view the percentage of remaining battery charge, place the mouse pointer over the **Power** icon .
- To use Power Options, right-click the **Power** icon , and then select **Power Options**.

Running on battery power

When a charged battery is in the computer and the computer is not plugged into external power, the computer runs on battery power. When the computer is off and unplugged from external power, the battery in the computer slowly discharges. The computer displays a message when the battery reaches a low or critical battery level.

 **WARNING!** To reduce potential safety issues, use only the battery provided with the computer, a replacement battery provided by HP, or a compatible battery purchased from HP.

Computer battery life varies, depending on power management settings, programs running on the computer, screen brightness, external devices connected to the computer, and other factors.

 **NOTE:** Select computer products can switch between graphic controllers to conserve battery charge.

Using HP Fast Charge (select products only)

The HP Fast Charge feature allows you to quickly charge your computer battery. The charging time might vary by $\pm 10\%$. When the remaining battery charge is between 0 and 50%, the battery will charge to 50% of full capacity in no more than 30 to 45 minutes, depending on your computer model.

To use HP Fast Charge, shut down your computer, and then connect the AC adapter to your computer and to external power.

Displaying battery charge

When you are using your computer while running on battery power only, periodically check the battery charge.

To view the percentage of remaining battery charge, place the mouse pointer over the **Power** icon .

Finding battery information in HP Support Assistant (select products only)

You can access battery information in several ways.

1. Type `support` in the taskbar search box, and then select the **HP Support Assistant** app.
– or –
Select the question mark icon in the taskbar.
2. Select **Troubleshooting and fixes**, and then in the **Diagnostics** section, select **HP Battery Check**. If HP Battery Check indicates that your battery should be replaced, contact support.

HP Support Assistant provides the following tools and information about the battery:

- HP Battery Check
- Information about battery types, specifications, life cycles, and capacity

Conserving battery power

Be sure to conserve battery power and maximize battery life.

- Lower the brightness of the display.
- Turn off wireless devices when you are not using them.
- Disconnect unused external devices that are not plugged into an external power source, such as an external hard drive connected to a USB port.
- Stop, disable, or remove any external media cards that you are not using.
- Before you leave your work, initiate Sleep or shut down the computer.

Identifying low battery levels

When a battery that is the sole power source for the computer reaches a low or critical battery level, the battery light and power icon indicate a low battery level.

- The battery light (select products only) indicates a low or critical battery level.

– or –

- The Power icon  shows a low or critical battery notification.



NOTE: For additional information about the Power icon, see [Using the Power icon and Power Options on page 30](#).

The computer takes the following actions for a critical battery level:

- If Hibernation is disabled and the computer is on or in the Sleep state, the computer remains briefly in the Sleep state and then shuts down and loses any unsaved information.
- If Hibernation is enabled and the computer is on or in the Sleep state, the computer initiates Hibernation.

Resolving a low battery level

You can quickly resolve low battery level conditions.

Resolving a low battery level when external power is available

Connect one of the following to the computer and to external power.

- AC adapter
- Optional docking device or expansion product
- Optional power adapter purchased as an accessory from HP

Resolving a low battery level when no power source is available

Save your work and shut down the computer.

Resolving a low battery level when the computer cannot exit Hibernation

When the battery level is low and you cannot bring the computer out of Hibernation, connect the AC adapter.

1. Connect the AC adapter to the computer and to external power.
2. Exit Hibernation by pressing the power button.

Factory-sealed battery

To monitor the status of the battery, or if the battery is no longer holding a charge, run HP Battery Check in the HP Support Assistant app (select products only).

1. Type `support` in the taskbar search box, and then select the **HP Support Assistant** app.
– or –
Select the question mark icon in the taskbar.
2. Select **Troubleshooting and fixes**, and then in the **Diagnostics** section, select **HP Battery Check**. If HP Battery Check indicates that your battery should be replaced, contact support.

The battery[ies] in this product cannot be easily replaced by users themselves. Removing or replacing the battery could affect your warranty coverage. If a battery is no longer holding a charge, contact support.

Running on external power

For information about connecting to external power, see the *Setup Instructions* poster provided in the computer box.

The computer does not use battery power when the computer is connected to external power with an approved AC adapter or an optional docking device or expansion product.

⚠ WARNING! To reduce potential safety issues, use only the AC adapter provided with the computer, a replacement AC adapter provided by HP, or a compatible AC adapter purchased from HP.

⚠ WARNING! Do not charge the computer battery while you are aboard aircraft.

Connect the computer to external power under any of the following conditions:

- When charging or calibrating a battery
- When installing or updating system software
- When updating the system BIOS
- When writing information to a disc (select products only)
- When running Disk Defragmenter on computers with internal hard drives
- When performing a backup or recovery

When you connect the computer to external power:

- The battery begins to charge.
- The Power icon  changes appearance.

When you disconnect external power:

- The computer switches to battery power.
- The Power icon  changes appearance.

7 Maintaining your computer

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

Improving performance

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

Using Disk Defragmenter

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



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

To run Disk Defragmenter:

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

For additional information, access the Disk Defragmenter software Help.

Using Disk Cleanup

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

To run Disk Cleanup:

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

Using HP 3D DriveGuard (select products only)

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

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

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



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



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

Identifying HP 3D DriveGuard status

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

Updating programs and drivers

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

To update programs and drivers, choose one of the following methods:

- [Updating programs and drivers using Windows 10 on page 35](#)
- [Updating programs using Windows 10 S on page 35](#)
- [Updating drivers using Windows 10 S on page 35](#)

Updating programs and drivers using Windows 10

Use this procedure to update programs and drivers.

1. Type `support` in the taskbar search box, and then select the **HP Support Assistant** app.
– or –
Select the question mark icon in the taskbar.
2. Select **My notebook**, select the **Updates** tab, and then select **Check for updates and messages**.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions.

Updating programs using Windows 10 S

Use this procedure to update programs.

1. Select **Start**, and then select **Microsoft Store**.
2. Select your account profile picture next to the search box, and then select **Downloads and updates**.
3. On the **Downloads and updates** page, make the selection for updates and follow the on-screen instructions.

Updating drivers using Windows 10 S

Use this procedure to update drivers.

1. Type `windows update settings` in the taskbar search box, and then select **Windows Update settings**.
2. Select **Check for updates**.



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

Cleaning your computer

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

Enabling HP Easy Clean (select products only)

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

1. Start HP Easy Clean in one of the following ways:
 - Select the **Start** menu, and then select **HP Easy Clean**.
– or –
 - Select the **HP Easy Clean** icon in the taskbar.
– or –
 - Select **Start**, and then select the **HP Easy Clean** tile.
2. Now that your device is disabled for a short period, see [Removing dirt and debris from your computer on page 36](#) for the recommended steps to clean the high-touch, external surfaces on your computer. After you remove the dirt and debris, you can also clean the surfaces with a disinfectant. See [Cleaning your computer with a disinfectant on page 37](#) for guidelines to help prevent the spread of harmful bacteria and viruses.

Removing dirt and debris from your computer

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

For computers with wood veneer, see [Caring for wood veneer \(select products only\) on page 37](#).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

See [Cleaning your computer with a disinfectant on page 37](#) for recommended steps to clean the high-touch, external surfaces on your computer to help prevent the spread of harmful bacteria and viruses.

Cleaning your computer with a disinfectant

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

After cleaning the external surfaces of your computer using the steps in [Removing dirt and debris from your computer on page 36](#), [Caring for wood veneer \(select products only\) on page 37](#), or both, you might also choose to clean the surfaces with a disinfectant. A disinfectant that is within HP's cleaning guidelines is an alcohol solution consisting of 70% isopropyl alcohol and 30% water. This solution is also known as rubbing alcohol and is sold in most stores.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Caring for wood veneer (select products only)

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

- Clean the wood with a dry, static-free microfiber cloth or chamois.
- Avoid cleaning products containing substances such as ammonia, methylene chloride, acetone, turpentine, or other petroleum-based solvents.

- Do not expose the wood to sun or moisture for long periods of time.
- If the wood becomes wet, dry it by dabbing with an absorbent, lint-free cloth.
- Avoid contact with any substance that might dye or discolor the wood.
- Avoid contact with sharp objects or rough surfaces that might scratch the wood.

See [Removing dirt and debris from your computer on page 36](#) for the recommended steps to clean the high-touch, external surfaces on your computer. After you remove the dirt and debris, you can also clean the surfaces with a disinfectant. See [Cleaning your computer with a disinfectant on page 37](#) for sanitizing guidelines to help prevent the spread of harmful bacteria and viruses.

Traveling with or shipping your computer

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

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



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

- If you plan to use the computer during a flight, listen for the in-flight announcement that tells you when you can use your computer. In-flight computer use is at the discretion of the airline.
- If you are shipping the computer or a drive, use suitable protective packaging and label the package “FRAGILE.”
- The use of wireless devices might be restricted in some environments. Such restrictions might apply aboard aircraft, in hospitals, near explosives, and in hazardous locations. If you are uncertain of the policy that applies to the use of a wireless device in your computer, ask for authorization to use your computer before you turn it on.
- If you are traveling internationally, follow these suggestions:
 - Check the computer-related customs regulations for each country or region on your itinerary.
 - Check the power cord and adapter requirements for each location in which you plan to use the computer. Voltage, frequency, and plug configurations vary.



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

8 Securing your computer and information

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

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

Using passwords

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

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

To create and save passwords, use the following tips:

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

 **NOTE:** For additional information about Windows passwords, such as screen-saver passwords:

Type `support` in the taskbar search box, and then select the **HP Support Assistant** app.

– or –

Select the question mark icon in the taskbar.

Setting Windows passwords

Windows passwords can help protect your computer from unauthorized access.

Table 8-1 Types of Windows passwords and their functions

Password	Function
User password	Protects access to a Windows user account.
Administrator password	Protects administrator-level access to computer contents.

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

Setting Setup Utility (BIOS) passwords

BIOS passwords provide additional layers of security for your computer.

Table 8-2 Types of BIOS passwords and their functions

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

To set, change, or delete an administrator or power-on password in Setup Utility (BIOS):

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

1. Start Setup Utility (BIOS):
 - Computers or tablets with keyboards:
 - ▲ Turn on or restart the computer, quickly press **esc**, and then press **f10**.
 - Tablets without keyboards:
 1. Turn on or restart the tablet, and then quickly hold down the volume up button.
- or -
Turn on or restart the tablet, and then quickly hold down the volume down button.
- or -
Turn on or restart the tablet, and then quickly hold down the Windows button.
 2. Tap **f10**.
2. Select **Security**, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

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

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

Your changes take effect when the computer restarts.

Using Windows Hello (select products only)

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

To set up Windows Hello:

1. Select the **Start** button, select **Settings**, select **Accounts**, and then select **Sign-in options**.
2. To add a password, select **Password**, and then select **Add**.

3. Under **Windows Hello Fingerprint** or **Windows Hello Face**, select **Set up**.
4. Select **Get Started**, and then follow the on-screen instructions to enroll your fingerprint or facial ID and set up a PIN.

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

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

Using internet security software

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

Using antivirus software

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

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

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

For more information about computer viruses, type `support` in the taskbar search box, and then select the **HP Support Assistant** app.

– or –

Select the question mark icon in the taskbar.

Using firewall software

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

There are two types of firewalls to consider:

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

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

Installing software updates

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



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

You can install these updates automatically.

To view or change the settings:

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

Using HP Device as a Service (select products only)

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

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

Securing your wireless network

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

Backing up your software applications and information

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

Using an optional security cable (select products only)

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

9 Using Setup Utility (BIOS)

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

 **NOTE:** To start Setup Utility on convertible computers, your computer must be in notebook mode and you must use the keyboard attached to your notebook.

Starting Setup Utility (BIOS)

You have several ways to access the Setup Utility (BIOS).

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

▲ Turn on or restart the computer and quickly press **f10**.

– or –

Turn on or restart the computer, quickly press **esc**, and then press **f10** when the Start menu is displayed.

Updating Setup Utility (BIOS)

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

Determining the BIOS version

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

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

- HP Support Assistant
 1. Type `support` in the taskbar search box, and then select the **HP Support Assistant** app.
 - or –
 - Select the question mark icon in the taskbar.
 2. Select **My notebook**, and then select **Specifications**.
- Setup Utility (BIOS)
 1. Start Setup Utility (BIOS) (see [Starting Setup Utility \(BIOS\) on page 43](#)).
 2. Select **Main**, and then make note of the BIOS version.
 3. Select **Exit**, select one of the options, and then follow the on-screen instructions.
- In Windows, press `ctrl+alt+s`.

To check for later BIOS versions, see [Preparing for a BIOS update on page 44](#).

Preparing for a BIOS update

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

 **IMPORTANT:** To reduce the risk of damage to the computer or an unsuccessful installation, download and install a BIOS update only when the computer is connected to reliable external power using the AC adapter. Do not download or install a BIOS update while the computer is running on battery power, docked in an optional docking device, or connected to an optional power source. During the download and installation, follow these instructions:

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

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

Downloading a BIOS update

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

1. Type `support` in the taskbar search box, and then select the **HP Support Assistant** app.
– or –
Select the question mark icon in the taskbar.
2. Select **Updates**, and then select **Check for updates and messages**.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions.
4. At the download area, follow these steps:
 - a. Identify the most recent BIOS update and compare it to the BIOS version currently installed on your computer. If the update is more recent than your BIOS version, make a note of the date, name, or other identifier. You might need this information to locate the update later, after it has been downloaded to your hard drive.
 - b. Follow the on-screen instructions to download your selection to the hard drive.
Make a note of the path to the location on your hard drive where the BIOS update is downloaded. You will need to access this path when you are ready to install the update.

Installing a BIOS update

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

1. Type `file` in the taskbar search box, and then select **File Explorer**.
2. Select your hard drive designation. The hard drive designation is typically Local Disk (C:).
3. Using the hard drive path you recorded earlier, open the folder that contains the update.
4. Double-click the file that has an `.exe` extension (for example, `filename.exe`).
The BIOS installation begins.
5. Complete the installation by following the on-screen instructions.



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

10 Using HP PC Hardware Diagnostics

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

Using HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows (select products only)

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

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

Using an HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows hardware failure ID code

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

- ▲ Depending on the instructions on the screen, choose one of these options:
 - If failure ID link is displayed, select the link and follow the on-screen instructions.
 - If instructions for calling support are displayed. Follow those instructions.

Accessing HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows

After HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows is installed, you can access it from HP Help and Support or HP Support Assistant.

Accessing HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows from HP Help and Support

After HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows is installed, follow these steps to access it from HP Help and Support.

To access HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows from HP Help and Support:

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



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

Accessing HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows from Support Assistant

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

To access HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows from HP Support Assistant:

1. Type `support` in the taskbar search box, and then select the **HP Support Assistant** app.
– or –
Select the question mark icon in the taskbar.
2. Select **Troubleshooting and fixes**.
3. Select **Diagnostics**, and then select **HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows**.
4. When the tool opens, select the type of diagnostic test that you want to run, and then follow the on-screen instructions.



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

Downloading HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows

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

Downloading the latest HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows version from HP

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

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

The tool downloads to the selected location.

Downloading the HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows from the Microsoft Store

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

1. Select the Microsoft Store app on your desktop or enter `Microsoft Store` in the taskbar search box.
2. Enter `HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows` in the **Microsoft Store** search box.
3. Follow the on-screen directions.

The tool downloads to the selected location.

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

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



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

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

The tool downloads to the selected location.

Installing HP PC Hardware Diagnostics Windows

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

Using HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI

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



NOTE: For Windows 10 S computers, you must use a Windows computer and a USB flash drive to download and create the HP UEFI support environment because only .exe files are provided. For more information, see [Downloading HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI to a USB flash drive on page 49](#).

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

Using an HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI hardware failure ID code

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

For assistance in solving the problem:

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

– or –

Contact support, and provide the Failure ID code.



NOTE: To start diagnostics on a convertible computer, your computer must be in notebook mode, and you must use the attached keyboard.



NOTE: If you need to stop a diagnostic test, press `esc`.

Starting HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI

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

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

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

- a. Connected USB flash drive
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-  **NOTE:** To download the HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI tool to a USB flash drive, see [Downloading the latest HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI version on page 49](#).
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- b. Hard drive
 - c. BIOS
3. When the diagnostic tool opens, select a language, select the type of diagnostic test you want to run, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

Downloading HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI to a USB flash drive

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

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

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

Downloading the latest HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI version

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Downloading Remote HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI

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

Downloading the latest Remote HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI version

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

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

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

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

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

1. Go to <http://www.hp.com/support>.
2. Select **Software and Drivers**, select your type of product, enter the product name or number in the search box that is displayed, select your computer, and then select your operating system.
3. In the **Diagnostics** section, follow the on-screen instructions to select and download the **Remote UEFI** version for the product.

Customizing Remote HP PC Hardware Diagnostics UEFI settings

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

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

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

1. Turn on or restart the computer, and when the HP logo appears, press **F10** to enter Computer Setup.
2. Select **Advanced**, and then select **Settings**.
3. Make your customization selections.
4. Select **Main**, and then **Save Changes and Exit** to save your settings.

Your changes take effect when the computer restarts.

11 Backing up, restoring, and recovering

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

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

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

Backing up information and creating recovery media

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

Using Windows tools for backing up

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

 **IMPORTANT:** Windows is the only option that allows you to back up your personal information. Schedule regular backups to avoid information loss.

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

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

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

For details:

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

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

 **IMPORTANT:** HP recommends that you follow the [Restoring and recovery methods on page 52](#) to restore your computer before you obtain and use the HP recovery discs. Using a recent backup can return your machine to a working state sooner than using the HP recovery discs. After the system is restored, reinstalling all the operating system software released since your initial purchase can be a lengthy process.

Restoring and recovering your system

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

HP recommends that you attempt to restore your system using the [Restoring and recovery methods on page 52](#).

Creating a system restore

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

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

Restoring and recovery methods

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

1. Run a Microsoft System Restore.
2. Run Reset this PC.
3. Recover using HP Recovery media. For more information, see [Recovering using HP Recovery media on page 52](#).

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

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



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

Recovering using HP Recovery media

You can use HP Recovery media to recover the original operating system and software programs that were installed at the factory. On select products, it can be created on a bootable USB flash drive using the HP Cloud Recovery Download Tool.

For details, see [Using the HP Cloud Recovery Download Tool to create recovery media \(select products only\) on page 51](#).



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

To recover your system:

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



NOTE: HP recommends that you follow the [Restoring and recovery methods on page 52](#) to restore your computer before you obtain and use the HP recovery discs. Using a recent backup can return your machine to a working state sooner than using the HP recovery discs. After the system is restored, reinstalling all the operating system software released since your initial purchase can be a lengthy process.

Changing the computer boot order

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



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

To change the boot order:

1. Insert the HP Recovery media.
2. Access the system **Startup** menu.
 - For computers or tablets with keyboards attached, turn on or restart the computer or tablet, quickly press **esc**, and then press **f9** for boot options.
 - For tablets without keyboards, turn on or restart the tablet, quickly press and hold the volume up button, and then select **f9**.
– or –
Turn on or restart the tablet, quickly press and hold the volume down button, and then select **f9**.
3. Select the optical drive or USB flash drive from which you want to boot, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

Using HP Sure Recover (select products only)

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

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

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

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

12 Electrostatic discharge

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

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



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

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

When you travel with or store your computer, the input power ratings and operating specifications provide helpful information.

Input power

The power information in this section might be helpful if you plan to travel internationally with the computer.

The computer operates on DC power, which can be supplied by an AC or a DC power source. The AC power source must be rated at 100 V–240 V, 50 Hz–60 Hz. Although the computer can be powered from a standalone DC power source, it should be powered only with an AC adapter or a DC power source that is supplied and approved by HP for use with this computer.

The computer can operate on DC power within one or more of the following specifications. Operating voltage and current varies by platform. The voltage and current for your computer is located on the regulatory label.

Table 13-1 DC power specifications

Input power	Rating
Operating voltage and current	5 V dc @ 2 A / 12 V dc @ 3 A / 15 V dc @ 3 A – 45 W USB-C®
	5 V dc @ 3 A / 9 V dc @ 3 A / 12 V dc @ 3.75 A / 15 V dc @ 3 A – 45 W USB-C
	5 V dc @ 3 A / 9 V dc @ 3 A / 10 V dc @ 3.75 A / 12 V dc @ 3.75 A / 15 V dc @ 3 A / 20 V dc @ 2.25 A – 45 W USB-C
	5 V dc @ 3 A / 9 V dc @ 3 A / 12 V dc @ 5 A / 15 V dc @ 4.33 A / 20 V dc @ 3.25 A – 65 W USB-C
	5 V dc @ 3 A / 9 V dc @ 3 A / 10 V dc @ 5 A / 12 V dc @ 5 A / 15 V dc @ 4.33 A / 20 V dc @ 3.25 A – 65 W USB-C
	5 V dc @ 3 A / 9 V dc @ 3 A / 10 V dc @ 5 A / 12 V dc @ 5 A / 15 V dc @ 5 A / 20 V dc @ 4.5 A – 90 W USB-C
	19.5 V dc @ 2.31 A – 45 W
	19.5 V dc @ 3.33 A – 65 W
	19.5 V dc @ 4.62 A – 90 W
	19.5 V dc @ 6.15 A – 120 W
	19.5 V dc @ 6.9 A – 135 W
	19.5 V dc @ 7.70 A – 150 W
	19.5 V dc @ 10.3 A – 200 W
	19.5 V dc @ 11.8 A – 230 W
	19.5 V dc @ 16.92 A – 330 W

DC plug of external HP power supply (select products only)





NOTE: This product is designed for IT power systems in Norway with phase-to-phase voltage not exceeding 240 V rms.

Operating environment

Use the operating specifications for helpful information when you travel with or store your computer.

Table 13-2 Operating environment specifications

Factor	Metric	U.S.
Temperature		
Operating	5°C to 35°C	41°F to 95°F
Nonoperating	-20°C to 60°C	-4°F to 140°F
Relative humidity (noncondensing)		
Operating	10% to 90%	10% to 90%
Nonoperating	5% to 95%	5% to 95%
Maximum altitude (unpressurized)		
Operating	-15 m to 3,048 m	-50 ft to 10,000 ft
Nonoperating	-15 m to 12,192 m	-50 ft to 40,000 ft

14 Accessibility

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

HP and accessibility

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

Finding the technology tools you need

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

For more information, see [Finding the best assistive technology on page 58](#).

The HP commitment

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

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

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

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

International Association of Accessibility Professionals (IAAP)

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

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

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

Finding the best assistive technology

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

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

Assessing your needs

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

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

Accessibility for HP products

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

- [HP Elite x3—Accessibility Options \(Windows 10 Mobile\)](#)
- [HP PCs—Windows 7 Accessibility Options](#)
- [HP PCs—Windows 8 Accessibility Options](#)
- [HP PC's—Windows 10 Accessibility Options](#)
- [HP Slate 7 Tablets—Enabling Accessibility Features on Your HP Tablet \(Android 4.1/Jelly Bean\)](#)
- [HP SlateBook PCs—Enabling Accessibility Features \(Android 4.3,4.2/Jelly Bean\)](#)
- [HP Chromebook PCs—Enabling Accessibility Features on Your HP Chromebook or Chromebox \(Chrome OS\)](#)
- [HP Shopping—peripherals for HP products](#)

If you need additional support with the accessibility features on your HP product, see [Contacting support on page 61](#).

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

- [Microsoft Accessibility information \(Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 10, Microsoft Office\)](#)
- [Google Products accessibility information \(Android, Chrome, Google Apps\)](#)
- [Assistive Technologies sorted by impairment type](#)
- [Assistive Technology Industry Association \(ATIA\)](#)

Standards and legislation

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

Standards

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

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

Mandate 376 – EN 301 549

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

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)

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

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

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

- **Perceivable** (for instance, by addressing text alternatives for images, captions for audio, adaptability of presentation, and color contrast)
- **Operable** (by addressing keyboard access, color contrast, timing of input, seizure avoidance, and navigability)

- **Understandable** (by addressing readability, predictability, and input assistance)
- **Robust** (for instance, by addressing compatibility with assistive technologies)

Legislation and regulations

Accessibility of IT and information has become an area of increasing legislative importance. These links provide information about key legislation, regulations, and standards.

- [United States](#)
- [Canada](#)
- [Europe](#)
- [Australia](#)
- [Worldwide](#)

Useful accessibility resources and links

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



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

Organizations

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

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

Educational institutions

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

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

Other disability resources

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

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

HP links

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

[Our contact webform](#)

[HP comfort and safety guide](#)

[HP public sector sales](#)

Contacting support

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



NOTE: Support is in English only.

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

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