

Setup Utility

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User Guide

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# 1 Setup Utility access

The Setup Utility is a ROM-based information and customization utility that can be used even when your Windows operating system is not working or will not load.

The utility reports information about the computer and provides settings for startup, security, and other preferences.

1. Turn on or restart the computer in Windows.
2. Before Windows opens and while the “Press <F10> to enter setup” prompt is displayed in the lower-left corner of the screen, press **f10**.



## 2 Using the Setup Utility

### Changing the language of the Setup Utility

The following procedure explains how to change the language of the Setup Utility. If the computer is not in the Setup Utility, begin at step 1. If the computer is in the Setup Utility, begin at step 2.

1. To open the Setup Utility, turn on or restart the computer in Windows, and then press **f10** while the prompt, "Press <F10> to enter setup," is displayed in the lower-left corner of the screen.
2. Use the arrow keys to select **System Configuration > Language**, and then press **enter**.
3. Press **f5** or **f6** (or use the arrow keys) to select a language, and then press **enter** to select a language.
4. When a confirmation prompt with your preference selected is displayed, press **enter** to save your preference.
5. To set your preferences and exit the Setup Utility, press **f10** and then follow the instructions on the screen.

Your preferences go into effect when the computer restarts in Windows.

### Navigating and selecting in the Setup Utility

Because the Setup Utility is not Windows-based, it does not support the TouchPad. Navigation and selection are by keystroke.

- To choose a menu or a menu item, use the arrow keys.
- To choose an item in a drop-down list or to toggle a field, for example an Enable/Disable field, use either the arrow keys or **f5** or **f6**.
- To select an item, press **enter**.
- To close a text box or return to the menu display, press **f1**.
- To display additional navigation and selection information while the Setup Utility is open, press **f1**.

## Displaying system information

The following procedure explains how to display system information in the Setup Utility. If the Setup Utility is not open, begin at step 1. If the Setup Utility is open, begin at step 2.

1. To open the Setup Utility, turn on or restart the computer in Windows, and then press **f10** while the prompt, “Press <F10> to enter setup,” is displayed in the lower-left corner of the screen.
2. Access the system information by using the **Main** menu.
3. To close the Setup Utility without changing any settings, use the arrow keys to select **Exit > Exit Discarding Changes**, and then press **enter**. (The computer restarts in Windows.)

## Restoring default settings in the Setup Utility

The following procedure explains how to restore the Setup Utility default settings. If the computer is not in the Setup Utility, begin at step 1. If the computer is in the Setup Utility, begin at step 2.

1. To open the Setup Utility, turn on or restart the computer in Windows, and then press **f10** while the prompt, “Press <F10> to enter setup,” is displayed in the lower-left corner of the screen.
2. Select **Exit > Load Setup Defaults**, and then press **f10**.
3. When the Setup Confirmation is displayed, press **enter** to save your preferences.
4. To set your preferences and exit the Setup Utility, press **f10**, and then follow the instructions on the screen.

The Setup Utility default settings are set when you exit the Setup Utility and go into effect when the computer restarts.



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**NOTE** Your password, security, and language settings are not changed when you restore the factory default settings.

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## Using advanced Setup Utility features

This guide describes the Setup Utility features recommended for all users. For more information about the Setup Utility features recommended for advanced users only, refer to the Help and Support Center, which is accessible only when the computer is in Windows.

The Setup Utility features available for advanced users include a hard drive self-test, a Network Service Boot, and settings for boot order preferences.

The “<F12> to boot from LAN” message that is displayed in the lower-left corner of the screen each time the computer is started or restarted in Windows or restored from hibernation is the prompt for a Network Service Boot.

The “Press <ESC> to change boot order” message that is displayed in the lower-left corner of the screen each time the computer is started or restarted in Windows or restored from hibernation is the prompt to change the boot order.

## Closing the Setup Utility

You can close the Setup Utility with or without saving changes.

- To close the Setup Utility and save your changes from the current session, use either of the following procedures:
  - Press **f10**, and then follow the instructions on the screen.  
– or –
  - If the Setup Utility menus are not visible, press **esc** to return to the menu display. Then use the arrow keys to select **Exit > Exit Saving Changes**, and then press **enter**.  
  
When you use the **f10** procedure, you are offered an option to return to the Setup Utility. When you use the Exit Saving Changes procedure, the Setup Utility closes when you press **enter**.
- To close the Setup Utility without saving your changes from the current session:  
  
If the Setup Utility menus are not visible, press **esc** to return to the menu display. Then use the arrow keys to select **Exit > Exit Discarding Changes**, and then press **enter**.

After the Setup Utility closes, the computer restarts in Windows.



# 3 Setup Utility menus

The menu tables in this section provide an overview of Setup Utility options.



**NOTE** Some of the Setup Utility menu items listed in this chapter may not be supported by your computer.

## Main menu

Select	To Do This
System information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• View and change the system time and date.</li><li>• View identification information about the computer.</li><li>• View specification information about the processor, memory size, system BIOS, and keyboard controller version (select models only).</li></ul>


## Security menu

Select	To Do This
Administrator password	Enter, change, or delete an administrator password.
Power-On Password	Enter, change, or delete a power-on password.

## System Configuration menu

Select	To Do This
Language Support	Change the Setup Utility language.
Embedded WLAN Device Radio	Enable/disable an embedded wireless LAN device.
Embedded Bluetooth Device (select models only)	Enable/disable an embedded Bluetooth® device (select models only).
Enhanced SATA support (select models only)	Enable/disable enhanced SATA mode.
Boot Options	<p>Set the following boot options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>f10</b> and <b>f12</b> Delay (sec.)—Set the delay for the <b>f10</b> and <b>f12</b> functions of the Setup Utility in intervals of 5 seconds each (0, 5, 10, 15, 20).</li><li>• CD-ROM boot—Enable/disable boot from CD-ROM.</li><li>• Floppy boot—Enable/disable boot from Floppy.</li><li>• Internal Network Adapter boot—Enable/disable boot from Internal Network Adapter.</li><li>• Boot Order—Set the boot order for:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• USB Floppy</li><li>• ATAPI CD/DVD ROM Drive</li><li>• Hard drive</li><li>• USB Diskette on Key</li><li>• USB Hard drive</li><li>• Network adapter</li></ul></li></ul>

## Diagnostics menu

Select	To Do This
Hard Disk Self Test	<p>Run a comprehensive self-test on the hard drive.</p> <p> <b>NOTE</b> On models with two hard drives, this menu option is called the <b>Primary Hard Disk Self Test</b>.</p>
Secondary Hard Disk Self Test (select models only)	Run a comprehensive self-test on a secondary hard drive.

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