

External Media Cards

User Guide

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1 Digital Media Slot cards (select models only)

Optional digital cards provide secure data storage and convenient data sharing. These cards are often used with digital media–equipped cameras and PDAs as well as with other computers.

The Digital Media Slot supports the following digital card formats:

- Secure Digital (SD) Memory Card
- MultiMediaCard (MMC)
- Secure Digital Input/Output (SD I/O)
- Memory Stick (MS)
- Memory Stick Pro (MSP)
- xD-Picture Card (XD)
- xD-Picture Card (XD) Type M



CAUTION To avoid damaging the digital card or the computer, do not insert any type of adapter into the Digital Media Slot.



NOTE Your computer may look slightly different from the illustrations in this chapter.

Inserting a digital card



CAUTION To prevent damage to the digital card connectors, use minimal force to insert a digital card.

1. Hold the digital card label-side up, with the connectors facing the computer.
2. Insert the card into the Digital Media Slot, and then push in on the card until it is firmly seated.

When you insert a digital card, you will hear a sound when the device has been detected, and a menu of available options may be displayed.



Stopping and removing a digital card



CAUTION To prevent loss of data or an unresponsive system, stop a digital card before removing it.

1. Save your information and close all programs associated with the digital card.



NOTE To stop a data transfer, click **Cancel** in the operating system Copying window.

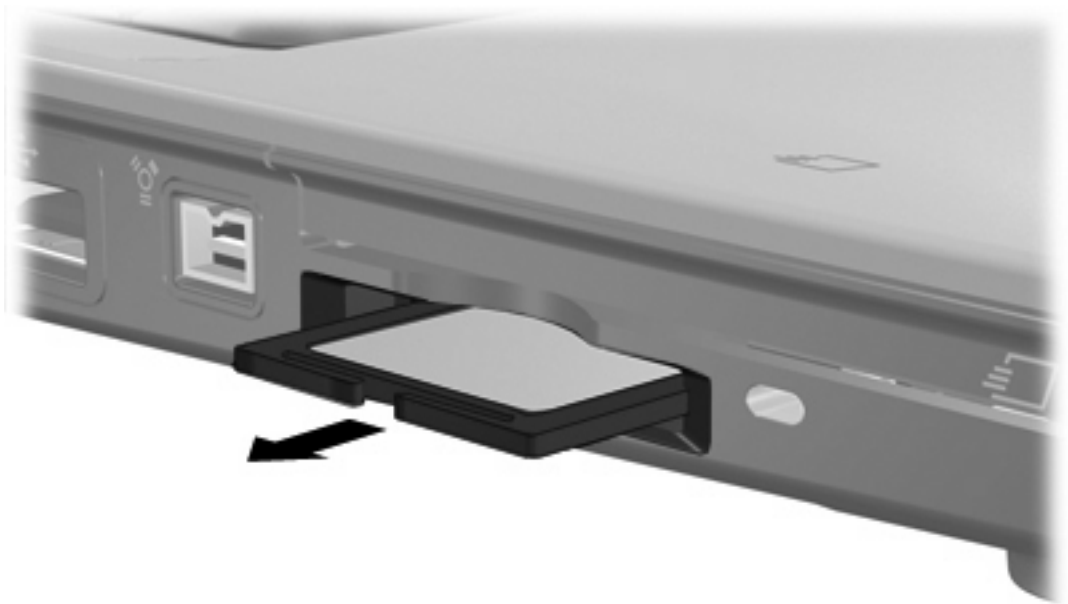
2. Stop the digital card:

- a. Double-click the **Safely Remove Hardware** icon in the notification area, at the far right of the taskbar.



NOTE To display the Safely Remove Hardware icon, click the **Show Hidden Icons** icon (< or <<) in the notification area.

- b. Click the name of the digital card in the list.
 - c. Click **Stop**, and then click **OK**.
3. To remove the digital card, gently pull it out of the slot.



2 ExpressCards

An ExpressCard is a next-generation, high-performance PC Card, which must be inserted into the ExpressCard slot.

Like standard PC Cards, ExpressCards are designed to conform to the standard specifications of the Personal Computer Memory Card International Association (PCMCIA).



NOTE A TV tuner ExpressCard can add TV tuner functionality to the computer. For more information, refer to the manufacturer's instructions.


NOTE Your computer may look slightly different from the illustrations in this chapter.

Configuring an ExpressCard

Install only the software required for your device. If you are instructed by the ExpressCard manufacturer to install device drivers:

- Install only the device drivers for your operating system.
- Do not install other software, such as card services, socket services, or enablers, supplied by the ExpressCard manufacturer.

Inserting an ExpressCard

 **CAUTION** To prevent damage to the computer and external media cards, do not insert a PC Card into an ExpressCard slot.

CAUTION To prevent damage to the connectors:

Use minimal force when inserting an ExpressCard.

Do not move or transport the computer when an ExpressCard is in use.

The ExpressCard slot may contain a protective insert. To remove the insert:

1. Press in on the insert **(1)** to unlock it.
2. Pull the insert out of the slot **(2)**.



To insert an ExpressCard:

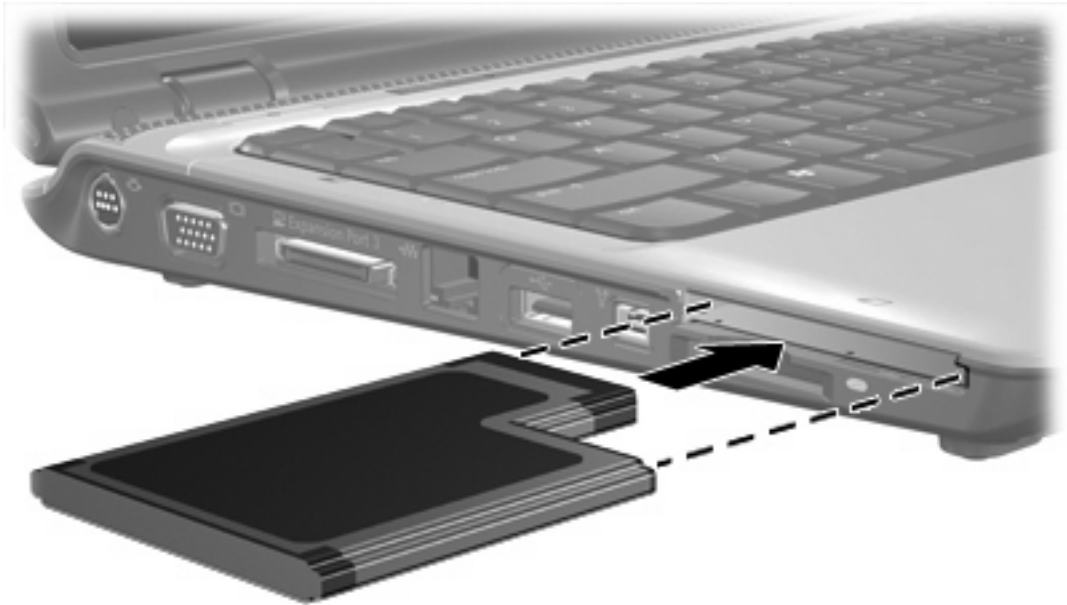
1. Hold the card label-side up, with the connectors facing the computer.

2. Insert the card into the ExpressCard slot, and then push in on the card until it is firmly seated.

When you insert an ExpressCard, you will hear a sound when the device has been detected, and a menu of available options may be displayed.



NOTE The first time you insert an ExpressCard, the “Installing device driver software” message is displayed in the notification area, at the far right of the taskbar.



NOTE An inserted ExpressCard uses power even when idle. To conserve power, stop or remove an ExpressCard when it is not in use.

Stopping and removing an ExpressCard



CAUTION To prevent loss of data or an unresponsive system, stop an ExpressCard before removing it.

1. Save your information and close all programs associated with the ExpressCard.



NOTE To stop a data transfer, click **Cancel** in the operating system Copying window.

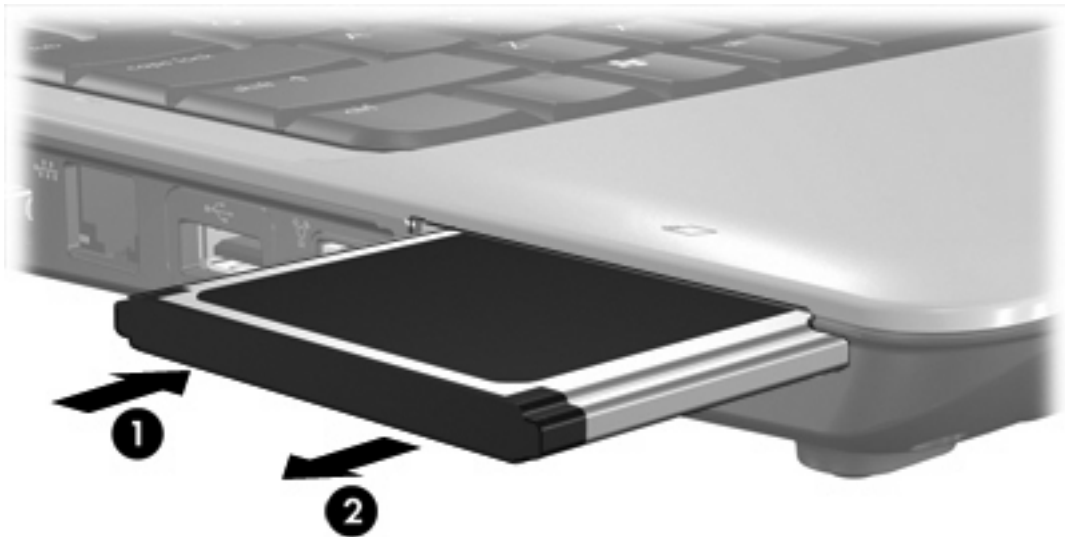
2. Stop the ExpressCard:

- a. Double-click the **Safely Remove Hardware** icon in the notification area, at the far right of the taskbar.



NOTE To display the Safely Remove Hardware icon, click the **Show Hidden Icons** icon (< or <<) in the notification area.

- b. Click the name of the ExpressCard in the list.
 - c. Click **Stop**, and then click **OK**.
3. Release and remove the ExpressCard:
 - a. Gently press in on the ExpressCard **(1)** to unlock it.
 - b. Pull the ExpressCard out of the slot **(2)**.



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