

External Devices

User Guide

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This user guide describes features that are common to most models. Some features may not be available on your computer.

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Using a USB device

Universal Serial Bus (USB) is a hardware interface that can be used to connect an optional external device, such as a USB keyboard, mouse, drive, printer, scanner, or hub.

Some USB devices may require additional support software, which is usually included with the device. For more information about device-specific software, refer to the manufacturer's instructions.

The computer has 4 USB ports, which support USB 1.0, USB 1.1, and USB 2.0 devices. A USB hub provides additional USB ports that can be used with the computer.

Connecting a USB device

△ **CAUTION:** To prevent damage to a USB connector, use minimal force to connect a USB device.

- ▲ To connect a USB device to the computer, connect the USB cable for the device to the USB port.



You will hear a sound when the device has been detected.

📄 **NOTE:** The first time you connect a USB device, the “Installing device driver software” message is displayed in the notification area, at the far right of the taskbar.


Stopping and removing a USB device

△ **CAUTION:** To prevent loss of information or an unresponsive system, stop a USB device before removing it.


CAUTION: To prevent damage to a USB connector, do not pull on the cable to remove the USB device.

To stop and remove a USB device:

1. 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.

2. Click the name of the device in the list.

 **NOTE:** If the USB device is not listed, you do not have to stop the device before you remove it.

3. Click **Stop**, and then click **OK**.

4. Remove the device.

Using USB legacy support

USB legacy support (enabled by default) permits the following actions:

- Using a USB keyboard, mouse, or hub connected to a USB port on the computer during startup or in an MS-DOS-based program or utility
- Starting or restarting from an optional external MultiBay or an optional USB bootable device

USB legacy support is enabled at the factory. To disable or reenabte USB legacy support in Computer Setup, follow these steps:

1. Turn on or restart the computer, and then press **esc** while the “Press ESC key for Startup Menu” message is displayed at the bottom of the screen.
2. Press **f10** to enter the BIOS Setup.
3. Use a pointing device or the arrow keys to select **System Configuration > Device Configurations**.
4. To disable USB legacy support, click **Disabled** next to **USB legacy support**. To reenabte USB legacy support, click **Enabled** next to **USB legacy support**.
5. To save your changes and exit Computer Setup, click **Save** in the lower-left corner of the screen, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

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Use the arrow keys to select **File > Save changes and exit**, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

Your changes go into effect when the computer restarts.

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