

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

A USB port connects an optional external device, such as a USB keyboard, mouse, drive, printer, scanner, or hub, to the computer or to an optional docking device or optional expansion product.

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 either 2 or 3 USB ports, which support USB 1.0, USB 1.1, and USB 2.0 devices. To add more USB ports, connect an optional hub, docking device, or expansion product.

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.

Removing a USB device

△ **CAUTION:** To prevent loss of information or an unresponsive system, use the following procedure to safely remove the USB device.

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

To remove a USB device:

1. Click the **Safely Remove Hardware and Eject Media** icon in the notification area, at the far right of the taskbar.

📄 **NOTE:** To display the Safely Remove Hardware and Eject Media icon, click the **Show hidden icons** icon (the arrow at the left of the notification area).

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

📄 **NOTE:** A message indicates that it is safe to remove the hardware device.

3. Remove the device.

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