

# ***USER'S MANUAL***

*notebook*





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## Preface

### R&TTE Directive

This device is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of the R&TTE Directive 1999/5/EC.

This device will be sold in the following EEA countries: Austria, Italy, Belgium, Liechtenstein, Denmark, Luxembourg, Finland, Netherlands, France, Norway, Germany, Portugal, Greece, Spain, Iceland, Sweden, Ireland, United Kingdom, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Slovakia, Poland, Slovenia.

### ErP Off Mode Power Consumption Statement:

The figures below note the power consumption of this computer in compliance with European Commission (EC) regulations on power consumption in off mode:

- Off Mode < 0.5W

## **CE Marking**

This device has been tested to and conforms to the regulatory requirements of the European Union and has attained CE Marking. The CE Mark is a conformity marking consisting of the letters “CE”. The CE Mark applies to products regulated by certain European health, safety and environmental protection legislation. The CE Mark is obligatory for products it applies to: the manufacturer affixes the marking in order to be allowed to sell his product in the European market.

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### **FCC Statement (Federal Communications Commission)**

You are cautioned that changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Re orient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the service representative or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

### **Operation is subject to the following two conditions:**

1. This device may not cause interference.  
And
2. This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

## FCC RF Radiation Exposure Statement:

1. This Transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.
2. This equipment complies with FCC RF radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with a minimum distance of 20 centimeters between the radiator and your body.



### Warning

Use only shielded cables to connect I/O devices to this equipment. You are cautioned that changes or modifications not expressly approved by the manufacturer for compliance with the above standards could void your authority to operate the equipment.

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Follow basic safety precautions, including those listed below, to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and injury to persons when using any electrical equipment:

1. Do not use this product near water, for example near a bath tub, wash bowl, kitchen sink or laundry tub, in a wet basement or near a swimming pool.
2. Avoid using this equipment with a telephone line (other than a cordless type) during an electrical storm. There may be a remote risk of electrical shock from lightning.
3. Do not use the telephone to report a gas leak in the vicinity of the leak.
4. Use only the power cord and batteries indicated in this manual. Do not dispose of batteries in a fire. They may explode. Check with local codes for possible special disposal instructions.
5. This product is intended to be supplied by a Listed Power Unit as follows:
  - AC Input of 100 - 240V, 50 - 60Hz, DC Output of 19.5V, 6.15A (**120 Watts**) minimum AC/DC Adapter.

**This Computer's Optical Device is a Laser Class 1 Product**



## Instructions for Care and Operation

The notebook computer is quite rugged, but it can be damaged. To prevent this, follow these suggestions:

1. **Don't drop it, or expose it to shock.** If the computer falls, the case and the components could be damaged.







2. **Keep it dry, and don't overheat it.** Keep the computer and power supply away from any kind of heating element. This is an electrical appliance. If water or any other liquid gets into it, the computer could be badly damaged.





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3. **Avoid interference.** Keep the computer away from high capacity transformers, electric motors, and other strong magnetic fields. These can hinder proper performance and damage your data.
4. **Follow the proper working procedures for the computer.** Shut the computer down properly and don't forget to save your work. Remember to periodically save your data as data may be lost if the battery is depleted.

<p><i>Do not turn off the power until you properly shut down all programs.</i></p> 	<p><i>Do not turn off any peripheral devices when the computer is on.</i></p> 	<p><i>Do not disassemble the computer by yourself.</i></p> 	<p><i>Perform routine maintenance on your computer.</i></p> 
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5. **Take care when using peripheral devices.**

<p><i>Use only approved brands of peripherals.</i></p> 	<p><i>Unplug the power cord before attaching peripheral devices.</i></p> 
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## Power Safety

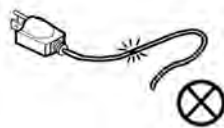
The computer has specific power requirements:

- Only use a power adapter approved for use with this computer.
- Your AC/DC adapter may be designed for international travel but it still requires a steady, uninterrupted power supply. If you are unsure of your local power specifications, consult your service representative or local power company.
- The power adapter may have either a 2-prong or a 3-prong grounded plug. The third prong is an important safety feature; do not defeat its purpose. If you do not have access to a compatible outlet, have a qualified electrician install one.
- When you want to unplug the power cord, be sure to disconnect it by the plug head, not by its wire.
- Make sure the socket and any extension cord(s) you use can support the total current load of all the connected devices.
- Before cleaning the computer, make sure it is disconnected from any external power supplies (i.e. AC/DC adapter or car adapter).

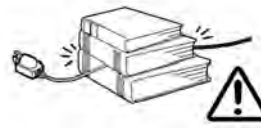
*Do not plug in the power cord if you are wet.*



*Do not use the power cord if it is broken.*



*Do not place heavy objects on the power cord.*



### Power Safety Warning

Before you undertake any upgrade procedures, make sure that you have turned off the power, and disconnected all peripherals and cables (including telephone lines and power cord).

You must also remove your battery in order to prevent accidentally turning the machine on. **Before removing the battery disconnect the AC/DC adapter from the computer.**

### Polymer Battery Precautions

Note the following information which is specific to polymer batteries only, and where applicable, this overrides the general battery precaution information overleaf.

- Polymer batteries may experience a slight expansion or swelling, however this is part of the battery's safety mechanism and is not a cause for concern.
- Use proper handling procedures when using polymer batteries. Do not use polymer batteries in high ambient temperature environments, and do not store unused batteries for extended periods.

See also the general battery precautionary information overleaf for further information.

## Battery Precautions

- Only use batteries designed for this computer. The wrong battery type may explode, leak or damage the computer.
- Do not remove any batteries from the computer while it is powered on.
- Do not continue to use a battery that has been dropped, or that appears damaged (e.g. bent or twisted) in any way. Even if the computer continues to work with a damaged battery in place, it may cause circuit damage, which may possibly result in fire.
- If you do not use the battery for an extended period, then remove the battery from the computer for storage.
- Recharge the batteries using the notebook's system. Incorrect recharging may make the battery explode.
- Do not try to repair a battery pack. Refer any battery pack repair or replacement to your service representative or qualified service personnel.
- Keep children away from, and promptly dispose of a damaged battery. Always dispose of batteries carefully. Batteries may explode or leak if exposed to fire, or improperly handled or discarded.
- Keep the battery away from metal appliances.
- Affix tape to the battery contacts before disposing of the battery.
- Do not touch the battery contacts with your hands or metal objects.



### Battery Disposal & Caution

The product that you have purchased contains a rechargeable battery. The battery is recyclable. At the end of its useful life, under various state and local laws, it may be illegal to dispose of this battery into the municipal waste stream. Check with your local solid waste officials for details in your area for recycling options or proper disposal.

Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Discard used battery according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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### Cleaning

Do not apply cleaner directly to the computer; use a soft clean cloth.

Do not use volatile (petroleum distillates) or abrasive cleaners on any part of the computer.

### Servicing

Do not attempt to service the computer yourself. Doing so may violate your warranty and expose you and the computer to electric shock. Refer all servicing to authorized service personnel. Unplug the computer from the power supply. Then refer servicing to qualified service personnel under any of the following conditions:

- When the power cord or AC/DC adapter is damaged or frayed.
- If the computer has been exposed to rain or other liquids.
- If the computer does not work normally when you follow the operating instructions.
- If the computer has been dropped or damaged (do not touch the poisonous liquid if the LCD panel breaks).
- If there is an unusual odor, heat or smoke coming from your computer.



#### Removal Warning

When removing any cover(s) and screw(s) for the purposes of device upgrade, remember to replace the cover(s) and screw(s) before restoring power to the system.

Also note the following when the cover is removed:

- Hazardous moving parts.
- Keep away from moving fan blades.

## Travel Considerations

### Packing

As you get ready for your trip, run through this list to make sure the system is ready to go:

1. Check that the battery pack and any spares are fully charged.
2. Power off the computer and peripherals.
3. Close the display panel and make sure it's latched.
4. Disconnect the AC/DC adapter and cables. Stow them in the carrying bag.
5. The AC/DC adapter uses voltages from 100 to 240 volts so you won't need a second voltage adapter. However, check with your travel agent to see if you need any socket adapters.
6. Put the notebook in its carrying bag and secure it with the bag's straps.
7. If you're taking any peripherals (e.g. a printer, mouse or digital camera), pack them and those devices' adapters and/or cables.
8. Anticipate customs - Some jurisdictions may have import restrictions or require proof of ownership for both hardware and software. Make sure your documents are prepared.



#### Power Off Before Traveling

Make sure that your notebook is completely powered off before putting it into a travel bag (or any such container). Putting a notebook which is powered on in a travel bag may cause the vent(s)/fan intake(s)/outlet(s) to be blocked. To prevent your computer from overheating make sure nothing blocks the vent(s)/fan intake(s)/outlet(s) while the computer is in use.

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### On the Road

In addition to the general safety and maintenance suggestions in this preface, and Chapter 8: Troubleshooting, keep these points in mind:

**Hand-carry the notebook** - For security, don't let it out of your sight. In some areas, computer theft is very common. Don't check it with normal luggage. Baggage handlers may not be sufficiently careful. Avoid knocking the computer against hard objects.

**Beware of Electromagnetic fields** - Devices such as metal detectors & X-ray machines can damage the computer, hard disk, floppy disks, and other media. They may also destroy any stored data - Pass your computer and disks around the devices. Ask security officials to hand-inspect them (you may be asked to turn it on). **Note:** Some airports also scan luggage with these devices.

**Fly safely** - Most airlines have regulations about the use of computers and other electronic devices in flight. These restrictions are for your safety, follow them. If you stow the notebook in an overhead compartment, make sure it's secure. Contents may shift and/or fall out when the compartment is opened.

**Get power where you can** - If an electrical outlet is available, use the AC/DC adapter and keep your battery(ies) charged.

**Keep it dry** - If you move quickly from a cold to a warm location, water vapor can condense inside the computer. Wait a few minutes before turning it on so that any moisture can evaporate.



## Developing Good Work Habits

Developing good work habits is important if you need to work in front of the computer for long periods of time. Improper work habits can result in discomfort or serious injury from repetitive strain to your hands, wrists or other joints. The following are some tips to reduce the strain:

- Adjust the height of the chair and/or desk so that the keyboard is at or slightly below the level of your elbow. Keep your forearms, wrists, and hands in a relaxed position.
- Your knees should be slightly higher than your hips. Place your feet flat on the floor or on a footrest if necessary.
- Use a chair with a back and adjust it to support your lower back comfortably.
- Sit straight so that your knees, hips and elbows form approximately 90-degree angles when you are working.
- Take periodic breaks if you are using the computer for long periods of time.



### Remember to:

- Alter your posture frequently.
- Stretch and exercise your body several times a day.
- Take periodic breaks when you work at the computer for long periods of time. Frequent and short breaks are better than fewer and longer breaks.



### Lighting

Proper lighting and comfortable display viewing angle can reduce eye strain and muscle fatigue in your neck and shoulders.

- Position the display to avoid glare or reflections from overhead lighting or outside sources of light.
- Keep the display screen clean and set the brightness and contrast to levels that allow you to see the screen clearly.
- Position the display directly in front of you at a comfortable viewing distance.
- Adjust the display-viewing angle to find the best position.

### LCD Screen Care

To prevent **image persistence** on LCD monitors (caused by the continuous display of graphics on the screen for an extended period of time) take the following precautions:

- Set the *Windows* **Power Plans** to turn the screen off after a few minutes of screen idle time.
- Use a rotating, moving or blank screen saver (this prevents an image from being displayed too long).
- Rotate desktop background images every few days.
- Turn the monitor off when the system is not in use.

### LCD Electro-Plated Logos

Note that in computers featuring a raised LCD electro-plated logo, the logo is covered by a protective adhesive. Due to general wear and tear, this adhesive may deteriorate over time and the exposed logo may develop sharp edges. Be careful when handling the computer in this case, and avoid touching the raised LCD electro-plated logo. Avoid placing any other items in the carrying bag which may rub against the top of the computer during transport. If any such wear and tear develops contact your distributor/supplier.

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# Chapter 1: Quick Start Guide

## Overview

This Quick Start Guide is a brief introduction to the basic features of your computer, to navigating around the computer and to getting your system started. The remainder of the manual covers the following:

- **Chapter 2** A guide to using some of the main features of the computer e.g. the **storage devices (hard disk, optical device, card reader)**, **Touchpad/Mouse** and **Audio**.
- **Chapter 3** The computer's **power** saving options.
- **Chapter 4** The installation of the **drivers** and utilities essential to the operation or improvement of some of the computer's subsystems.
- **Chapter 5** An outline of the computer's built-in software or **BIOS** (Basic Input Output System).
- **Chapter 6** Instructions for **upgrading** your computer.
- **Chapter 7** A quick guide to the computer's **PC Camera, Wireless LAN, Bluetooth & WLAN Combo, Intel Technology** and **Sound Blaster Cinema** modules (some of which may be **optional** depending on your purchase configuration).
- **Chapter 8** A **troubleshooting** guide.
- **Appendix A** Definitions of the **interface, ports/jacks** which allow your computer to communicate with external devices.
- **Appendix B** Information on **Control Center**.
- **Appendix C** Information on the **video driver controls**.
- **Appendix D** The computer's **specification**.

## Advanced Users


If you are an advanced user you may skip over most of this Quick Start Guide. However you may find it useful to refer to *“What to Install” on page 4 - 1*, *“BIOS Utilities” on page 5 - 1* and *“Upgrading The Computer” on page 6 - 1* in the remainder of the User’s Manual. You may also find the notes marked with a  of interest to you.

## Beginners and Not-So-Advanced Users




### Notes

Check the light colored boxes with the mark above to find detailed information about the computer’s features.

If you are new to computers (or do not have an advanced knowledge of them) then the information contained in the Quick Start Guide should be enough to get you up and running. Eventually you should try to look through all the documentation (more detailed descriptions of the functions, setup and system controls are covered in the remainder of the User’s Manual), but do not worry if you do not understand everything the first time. Keep this manual nearby and refer to it to learn as you go. You may find it useful to refer to the notes marked with a  as indicated in the margin. For a more detailed description of any of the interface ports and jacks see *“Interface (Ports & Jacks)” on page A - 1*.

## Warning Boxes

No matter what your level please pay careful attention to the warning and safety information indicated by the  symbol. Also please note the safety and handling instructions as indicated in the *Preface*.

## Not Included

Operating Systems (e.g. *Windows 8*) and applications (e.g. word processing, spreadsheet and database programs) have their own manuals, so please consult the appropriate manuals.



### Drivers

If you are installing new system software, or are re-configuring your computer for a different system, you will need to install the drivers listed in ***“Drivers & Utilities” on page 4 - 1***. Drivers are programs which act as an interface between the computer and a hardware component e.g. a wireless network module. It is very important that you install the drivers in the order listed. You will be unable to use most advanced controls until the necessary drivers and utilities are properly installed. If your system hasn't been properly configured (your service representative may have already done that for you); refer to ***Chapter 4*** for installation instructions.

### Ports and Jacks

See ***“Notebook Ports and Jacks” on page A - 2*** for a description of the interface (ports & jacks) which allow your computer to communicate with external devices, connect to the internet etc.

## System Startup

1. Remove all packing materials.
2. Place the computer on a stable surface.
3. Securely attach any peripherals you want to use with the notebook (e.g. keyboard and mouse) to their ports.
4. Attach the AC/DC adapter to the DC-In jack on the left of the computer, then plug the AC power cord into an outlet, and connect the AC power cord to the AC/DC adapter.
5. Use one hand to raise the lid/LCD to a comfortable viewing angle (**do not exceed 130 degrees**); use the other hand to support the base of the computer (**Note: Never** lift the computer by the lid/LCD).



### Shutdown

Note that you should always shut your computer down by choosing the **Shut Down** command from the **Power** item in **Settings** in the **Charms Bar** (use the **Windows Logo Key + C** key combination to access the **Charms Bar**) in **Windows 8**. This will help prevent hard disk or system problems.

Figure 1 - 1 - Opening the Lid/LCD & Computer with AC/DC Adapter Plugged-In



## System Software

Your computer may already come with system software pre-installed. Where this is not the case, or where you are re-configuring your computer for a different system, you will find the **Windows 8** operating system is supported.

**Note:** In order to run **Windows 8** without limitations or decreased performance, your computer requires a minimum **1GB** of system memory (RAM).



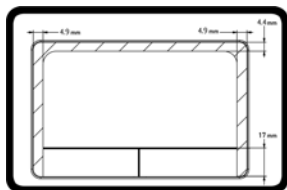
### Windows 8 OS

In order to run **Windows 8 (32 Bit)** without limitations or decreased performance, your computer requires a minimum **1GB** of system memory (RAM), however if you are running **Windows 8 (64 bit)** your computer requires a minimum **2GB** of system memory (RAM).

Figure 1 - 2  
LCD Panel Open

1. Built-in PC Camera
2. PC Camera LED
3. Built-In Microphone
4. LCD
5. Power Button
6. LED Status Indicators (Caps, Num & Scroll Lock)
7. Keyboard
8. Touchpad & Buttons

Note that the touchpad has a defined valid operational area of sensitivity indicated within the sensor area of the illustration below. See *“Touchpad Sensitivity” on page 2 - 7.*



## System Map: LCD Panel Open



### Wireless Device Operation Aboard Aircraft

The use of any portable electronic transmission devices aboard aircraft is usually prohibited. Make sure the **3G/WLAN/Bluetooth** module(s) are OFF if you are using the computer aboard aircraft.

Use **Fn + F11 Airplane Mode** key combination to toggle Airplane Mode On/Off, and check the LED indicator for the power status (see *Table 1 - 4, on page 1 - 10/ Table 1 - 1, on page 1 - 7*).

# LED Indicators

The LED indicators on the computer display helpful information about the current status of the computer.





Icon	Color	Description
	Orange	DC Power is Plugged In
	Green	The Computer is On
	Blinking Green	The Computer is in Sleep Mode
	Orange	The Battery is Charging
	Green	The Battery is Fully Charged
	Blinking Orange	The Battery Has Reached Critically Low Power Status
	Green	Hard Disk Activity
	Green	<b>Airplane Mode is ON</b> (the WLAN & Bluetooth Modules are OFF)

Table 1 - 1 - LED Power Indicators




Icon	Color	Description
	Green	Number Lock Activated
	Green	Scroll Lock Activated (to activate press Fn & Scr Lk)
	Green	Caps Lock Activated

Table 1 - 2 - LED Status Indicators



### Other Keyboards

If your keyboard is damaged or you just want to make a change, you can use any standard USB keyboard. The system will detect and enable it automatically. However special functions/hot-keys unique to the system's regular keyboard may not work.

### NumLk & ScrLk

Hold down the **Fn Key** and either **NumLk** or **ScrLk** to enable number or scroll lock, and check the LED indicator for status.

## Keyboard

The keyboard has an embedded numerical keypad for easy numeric data input, and function keys to change operational features instantly.



*Note that the F12 key (to toggle illuminated keyboard brightness in combination with the Fn key) is applicable to illuminated keyboards only, and will not appear on non-illuminated keyboards.*

Figure 1 - 3 - Keyboard



### Special Characters

Some software applications allow the number-keys to be used with **Alt** to produce special characters. These special characters can only be produced by using the numeric keypad. Regular number keys (in the upper row of the keyboard) will not work. Make sure that **NumLk** is on.

## Keyboard Shortcuts

The following Windows Logo Key (Winkey) keyboard shortcuts are useful for navigation/operation in *Windows 8*.



Windows Logo  Key +	Description
Tap Winkey	Toggle between the <b>Start</b> screen and the foremost running app or the <b>Windows Desktop</b>
C	Display <b>Charms</b> menu
D	Switch to the <b>Windows Desktop</b> and toggle show Desktop
E	Switch to the Windows desktop and launch <b>Windows Explorer</b> with <b>Computer</b> displayed
F	Display file <b>Search</b>
I	Open the <b>Settings</b> charm
K	Open the <b>Connect</b> charm
L	Lock the computer and display the <b>Lock screen</b>
P	Display the <b>Second Screen</b> menu (see <a href="#">Figure 1 - 20 on page 1 - 27</a> )
R	Switch to the <b>Windows Desktop</b> and display the <b>Run</b> dialog box
Z	Access the <b>App Bar</b> (see <a href="#">Figure 1 - 12 on page 1 - 20</a> )


Table 1 - 3 - Keyboard Shortcuts



### Windows Logo Keyboard Shortcut












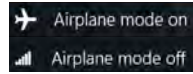
















Use the Windows logo key  + **D** key **combination** to switch between the Start screen and Windows Desktop.

### Menu/Application Keyboard Shortcut


When the Desktop app is running you can use the Menu/Application key  on the keyboard to display the context menu as per a mouse right-click. In the Start screen this function is useful to quickly display the **All Apps** icon.

## Function/Hot Key Indicators

The function keys (F1 - F12 etc.) will act as hot keys when pressed while the Fn key is held down. In addition to the basic function key combinations; visual indicators are available when the hot key utility is installed.

Keys	Function		Keys	Function	
Fn + 	Play/Pause (in Audio/Video Programs)		Fn +  	Brightness Decrease/Increase	
Fn + 	Control Center Toggle (see over)		Fn + 	PC Camera Power Toggle	 
Fn + 	Touchpad Toggle	 	Fn + 	Airplane Mode Toggle	
Fn + 	Turn LCD Backlight Off (Press a key to or use Touchpad to turn on)		Fn + 	Number Lock Toggle	 
Fn + 	Mute Toggle		Fn + 	Scroll Lock Toggle	 
Fn + 	Sleep Toggle			Caps Lock Toggle	 
Fn +  	Volume Decrease/Increase		Fn +  *	Toggle Keyboard Illumination/Adjust Brightness Level (* <i>note that this is applicable to illuminated keyboards only</i> *)	
Fn + 	Display Toggle		Table 1 - 4 - Function & Hot Key Indicators		

## Control Center

When in the **Windows Desktop application** (not in the **Start** screen) press the **Fn + Esc** key combination, or **double-click the icon**  in the **notification area of the taskbar** to toggle the **Control Center** on/off. The **Control Center** gives quick access to frequently used controls and enables you to quickly turn the camera/Touch Pad on/off (see [Appendix B](#) for full details).



### Control Center

Click on any button to turn any of the modules (e.g. Touchpad, Camera) on/off.

Click on the power conservation modes to switch between Performance, Balanced or Energy Star modes (see page [3 - 11](#)). To remove the Power Conservation Modes screen just click in a blank area of the icon or press a key on the keyboard.

Click on the buttons (or just click and hold the mouse button) to adjust the slider for Brightness/Volume.

Click on Display Switch and click to choose a display mode from the menu (see page [C - 21](#)).

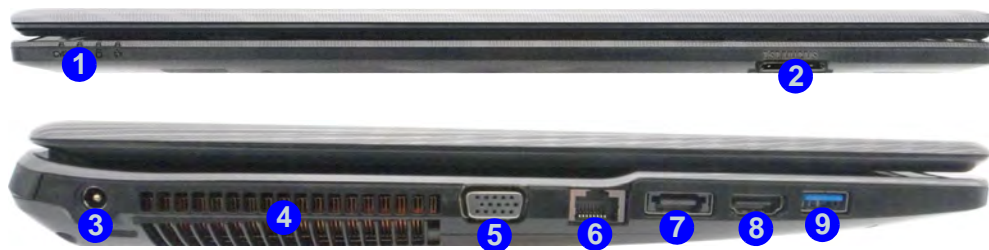


Figure 1 - 4 - Control Center

Figure 1 - 5  
Front & Left Views

1. LED Power Indicators
2. Multi-in-1 Card Reader
3. DC-In Jack
4. Vent/Fan Intake/Outlet
5. External Monitor Port
6. RJ-45 LAN Jack
7. Combined eSATA/USB 3.0 Port
8. HDMI-Out Port
9. USB 3.0 Port

## System Map: Front & Left Views



### Multi-In-1 Card Reader

The card reader allows you to use the most popular digital storage card formats:

MMC (MultiMedia Card) / RS MMC  
SD (Secure Digital) / Mini SD / SDHC / SDXC  
MS (Memory Stick) / MS Pro / MS Duo

### USB 3.0 Port OR USB 2.0 Port

This model includes 3 \* USB 3.0 ports (including one combo e-SATA/USB 3.0 port) and 1\* USB 2.0 port. USB 3.0 ports are denoted by their **blue color**; USB 2.0 ports are colored black.



## System Map: Right & Rear Views



*Figure 1 - 6*  
**Right & Rear Views**

1. Microphone-In Jack
2. Headphone-Out Jack
3. USB 2.0 Port
4. USB 3.0 Port
5. Optical Device Drive Bay (for CD/DVD Device)
6. Security Lock Slot
7. Battery



### Battery Information

Always completely discharge, then fully charge, a new battery before using it. Completely discharge and charge the battery at least once every 30 days or after about 20 partial discharges.

### USB 3.0 Port OR USB 2.0 Port

This model includes 3 \* USB 3.0 ports (including one combo e-SATA/USB 3.0 port) and 1\* USB 2.0 port. USB 3.0 ports are denoted by their **blue color**; USB 2.0 ports are colored black.



### Disk Eject Warning

Don't try to eject a CD/DVD while the system is accessing it. This may cause the system to "crash". Stop the disk first then eject it, or press the stop button twice.

### CD/DVD Emergency Eject

If you need to manually eject a CD/DVD (e.g. due to an unexpected power interruption) you may push the end of a straightened paper clip into the emergency eject hole. Do not use a sharpened pencil or any object that may break and become lodged in the hole. Don't try to remove a floppy disk/CD/DVD while the system is accessing it. This may cause the system to "crash".

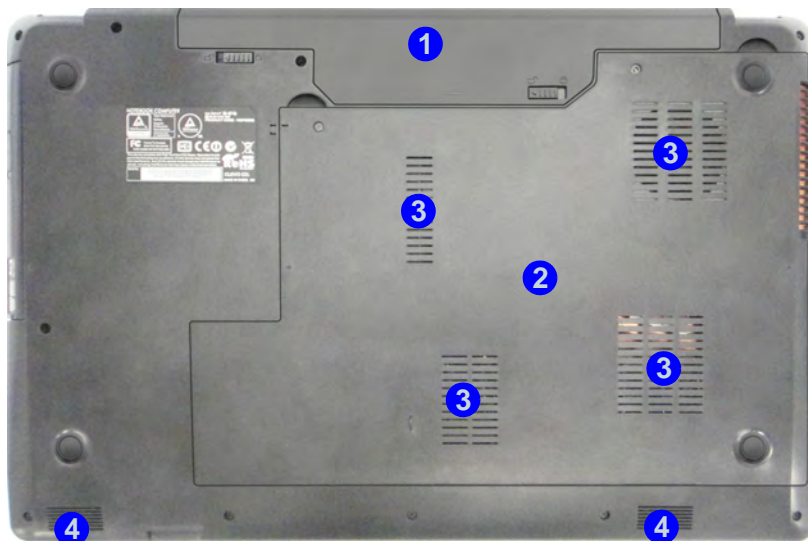


### Changing DVD Regional Codes

Go to the **Control Panel** and double-click **Device Manager (Hardware and Sound)**, then click the **+** next to **DVD/CD-ROM drives**. Double-click on the DVD-ROM device to bring up the **Properties** dialog box, and select the **DVD Region** (tab) to bring up the control panel to allow you to adjust the regional code (see *"DVD Regional Codes" on page 2 - 5*).

DVD region detection is device dependent, not OS-dependent. You can select your module's region code **5** times. The fifth selection is permanent. This cannot be altered even if you change your operating system or you use the module in another computer.

## System Map: Bottom View



*Figure 1 - 7*  
**Bottom View**

1. Battery
2. Component Bay Cover
3. Vent/Fan Intake/Outlet
4. Speakers



### Overheating


To prevent your computer from overheating make sure nothing blocks the Vent/Fan Intake while the computer is in use.



### CPU

The CPU is not a user serviceable part.

## Windows Control Panel

Throughout this manual you will see an instruction to open the **Control Panel**. In *Windows 8* right-click the lower left hot corner to bring up the context menu (or use the **Windows Logo Key**  + **X** key combination) and select **Control Panel**.

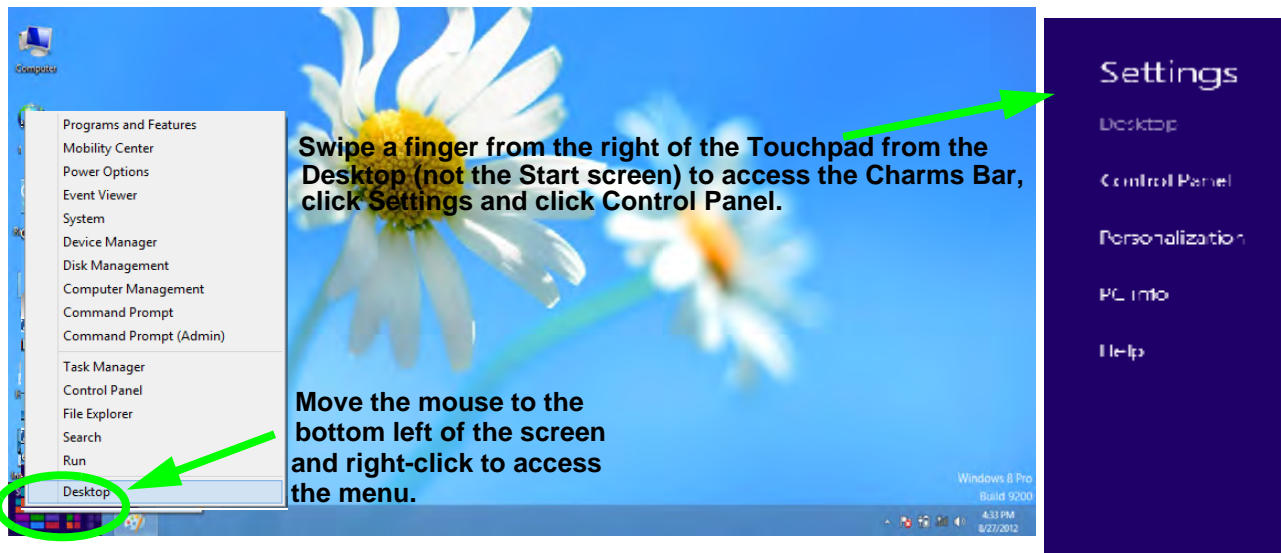


Figure 1 - 8 - Windows 8 Context Menu & Charms Bar Settings (from Desktop App)

## Windows 8 Start Screen & Desktop


The Apps, control panels, utilities and programs within **Windows 8** are accessed from the **Start screen** and/or **Windows Desktop app**. The **Desktop** (which runs as an app within the **Start screen**) can be accessed by clicking the **Desktop** item in the Start screen (or by using the **Windows Logo Key**  + **D** key combination).



Figure 1 - 9 - Windows Start Screen

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### Apps & Tiles

The **Windows 8** Start screen will contain a number of apps, and many more will be installed as you add more applications etc. Not all of these apps can fit on one screen so you will often need use the **slider** at the bottom of the screen in order to view all the necessary Apps.

### Accessing Pining/Unpinning All Apps

You can add and remove the tiles for apps and control panels in the Start screen. **Right-click on a blank area of the Start screen**, and you will see the **All Apps** icon. Click the **All Apps** icon to display all the installed applications etc. Right-click any icon to bring up the menu at the bottom of the screen and you can then click the appropriate icon to **pin the App** to (or unpin from) the **Start** screen, or to the **taskbar** in the **Desktop application**.

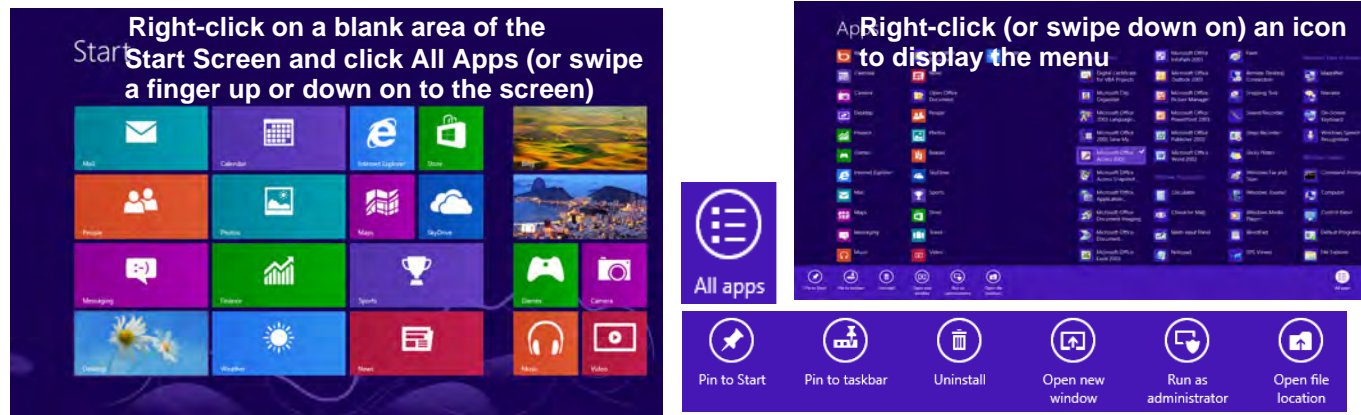



Figure 1 - 10 - All Apps

## Desktop Application

When the **Desktop** app is running (click the app in the Start screen or use the **Windows Logo Key**  + **D** key combination) you can use lower left hot corner to switch between the Start screen and the **Windows Desktop** app. To do so move your mouse to hover over the bottom left corner of the screen and click the pop-up.

When you move to the lower left hot corner in the Start screen itself it will take you back to your most recently used app.

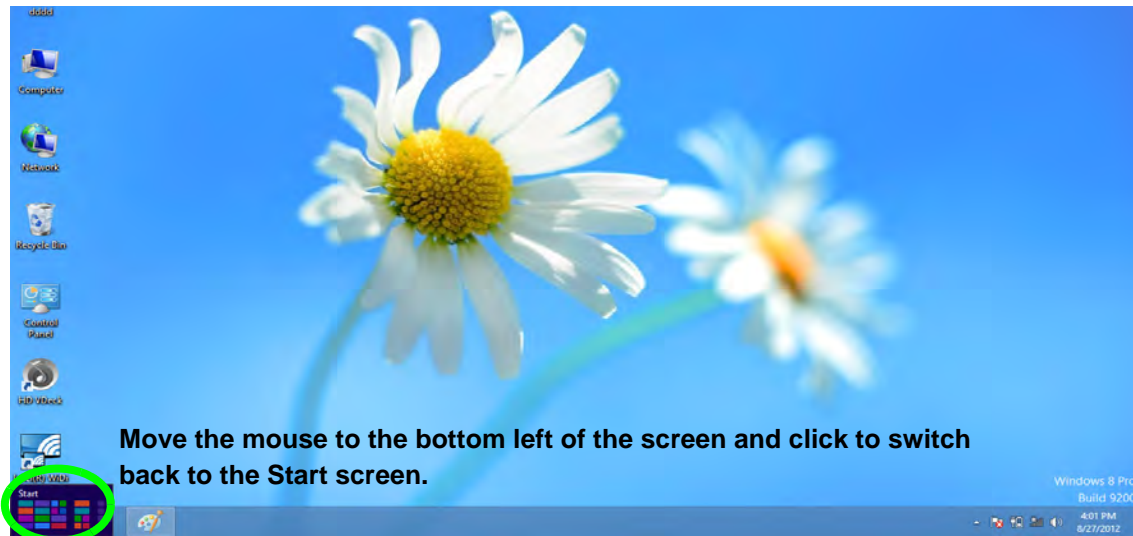


Figure 1 - 11 - Desktop


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### Display Most Recently Used Apps

If you are in the **Start** screen, **Desktop** or an app you can move your mouse to the upper left corner of the screen to get back to the most recently used app.

To view all the most recently used Apps hover over the top left of the screen and then move the mouse down along the left side of the screen to display the list.

When the Desktop app is running you can right-click the lower left hot corner (or use the **Windows Logo Key**  + **X** key combination) to bring up an advanced context menu of useful features such as Control Panel, Programs and Features, Power Options, Task Manager, Search, Windows Explorer, Command Prompt, Device Manager and Network Connections etc.

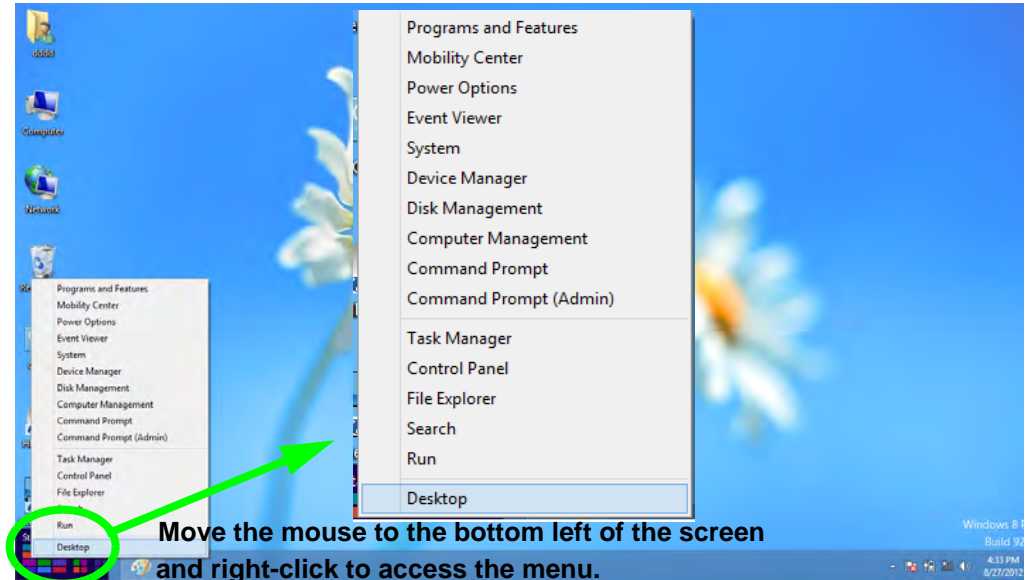


Figure 1 - 12 - Advanced Context Menu (Right-Click lower left hot corner)



## Windows 8 Charms Bar







The right side of the screen displays the **Windows 8 Charms Bar**. The Charms Bar contains the **Search**, **Share**, **Start**, **Devices** and **Settings** menus. To access up the Charms Bar move the cursor to the upper or lower right corners of the screen, and then hover over one of the items in the Charms Bar to activate it (the bar will be black when it is active), or use the **Windows Logo Key**  + **C** key combination.

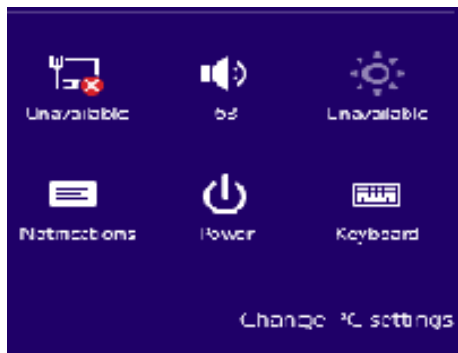


Figure 1 - 13 - Start Screen with Charms Bar

## Quick Start Guide

### Charms Bar Items

- **Search** : You can search for any file, application, Apps and control panel settings with instantaneous results.
- **Share** : This button is used to share information with people via mail or social networks.
- **Start** : Click to bring up the Start Menu (the same function as pressing the Windows Logo Key or clicking the bottom left of the screen).
- **Devices** : Click this button to change connected peripheral device settings e.g. an external display.
- **Settings** : This button gives instant access to the computer settings, such as Network, Audio, Notifications, Power and Keyboard (click **Change PC Settings** to activate the PC Settings menu).



### Charms Bar - Touchpad Access

To quick access the **Charms Bar** using the Touchpad:

1. Place your finger **off** the Touchpad (slightly to the right of the pad resting on the computer).
2. Move your finger across to the left on to the Touchpad.
3. The Charms Bar will then pop-up.

Figure 1 - 14 - Settings Menu

## Windows 8 Control Panel

In many instances throughout this manual you will see an instruction to open the **Control Panel**. The Control Panel can be accessed in a number of ways in *Windows 8*.

- Click/ **Search** in the **Windows Charms Bar** (see previous page) and the search pane will pop out. Type *Control Panel* and select it from the results to the left.



Figure 1 - 15 - Search (Control Panel)

- Click on **Computer** (you may need to pin **Computer** to the Start screen) in the **Start** screen, click on **Computer** in the top menu and select **Open Control Panel** from the ribbon.

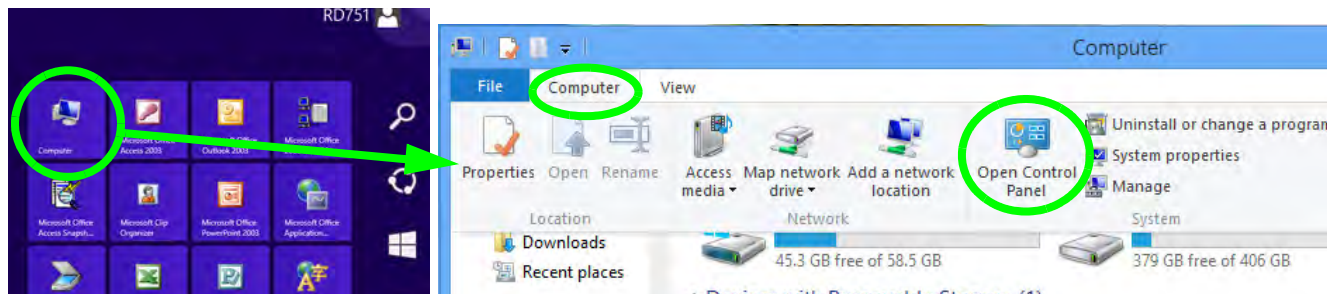


Figure 1 - 16 - Open Control Panel (Computer)

## Quick Start Guide

- When in the **Desktop** app (this does not apply to the Start screen) click on **Settings** in the **Windows Charms Bar** and select **Control Panel** from the menu.

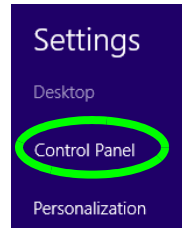


Figure 1 - 17 - Settings Charms Bar (Desktop App Only)

- Right-click on a blank area of the Start screen, or swipe a finger from the top or bottom of the touch screen.** Click the **All Apps** icon and click Control Panel.

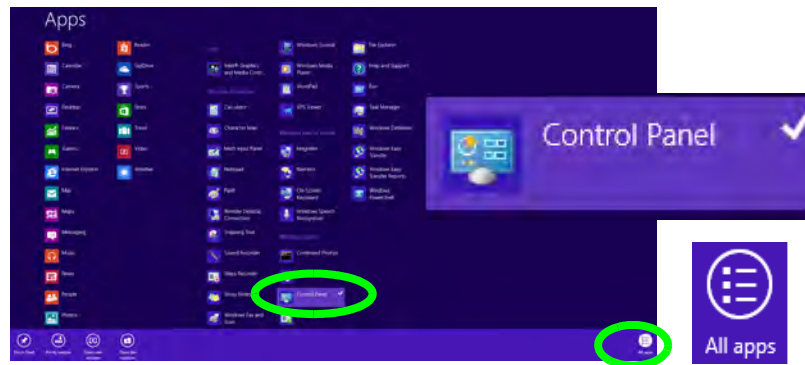




Figure 1 - 18 - All Apps - Control Panel

- Right-click the lower left hot corner to bring up the menu and select Control Panel (see *Figure 1 - 12 on page 1 - 20*).



### Keyboard Shortcut to Control Panel

You can also use keyboard shortcuts to access the Control Panel. Press the **Windows logo key**  and **X** to bring up the context menu, and then press **P** to bring up the Control Panel. Alternatively press the **Windows logo key**  and **R** to bring up the **Run** dialog box, and then type **“Control Panel”** and press Enter to access the Control Panel.

## Windows 8 Taskbar

In many instances throughout this manual you will see an instruction to access the **notification area of the taskbar**. In **Windows 8** the taskbar is accessed from the **Desktop** application. If you are in the Start screen you will need to click the Desktop app to switch to the Desktop.

The taskbar is displayed at the bottom of the desktop screen, and you can see the notification area of the taskbar in the bottom right of the screen. Some of the Control Panels and applications referred to during the course of this manual can be accessed from here.



Figure 1 - 19 - Desktop Taskbar

You can pin/unpin apps to/from the taskbar in much the same way as you can to the Start screen (see *[“Accessing Pining/Unpinning All Apps” on page 1 - 18](#)*).

## Video Features

### NVIDIA® Optimus™ Technology

NVIDIA® Optimus™ Technology is a seamless technology designed to get best performance from the graphics system while allowing longer battery life, without having to manually change settings. The computer will **automatically** switch between the **integrated** UMA (Unified Memory Architecture) GPU (**iGPU**) and the **discrete** GPU (**dGPU**) when required by the applications in use.

You can switch display devices, and configure display options, from the **Display** control panel (in **Appearance and Personalization**) in *Windows 8* when running the **Desktop** app (see *“Desktop Application” on page 1 - 19*). In *Windows 8* it is possible to quickly configure external displays from the **Devices** menu item in the Charms Bar (see *“Windows 8 Charms Bar” on page 1 - 21*).

#### To Configure Displays from Devices (Charms Bar):

1. Attach your display to the HDMI-Out port, and turn it on.
2. Go the **Charms Bar** and select **Devices**.
3. Click **Second Screen**.
4. Click on any one of the options from the menu to select Duplicate, Extend or a Single display

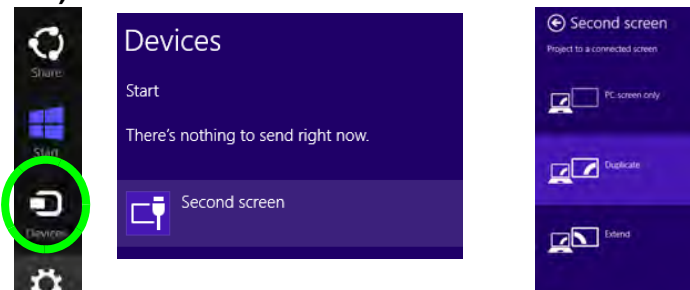
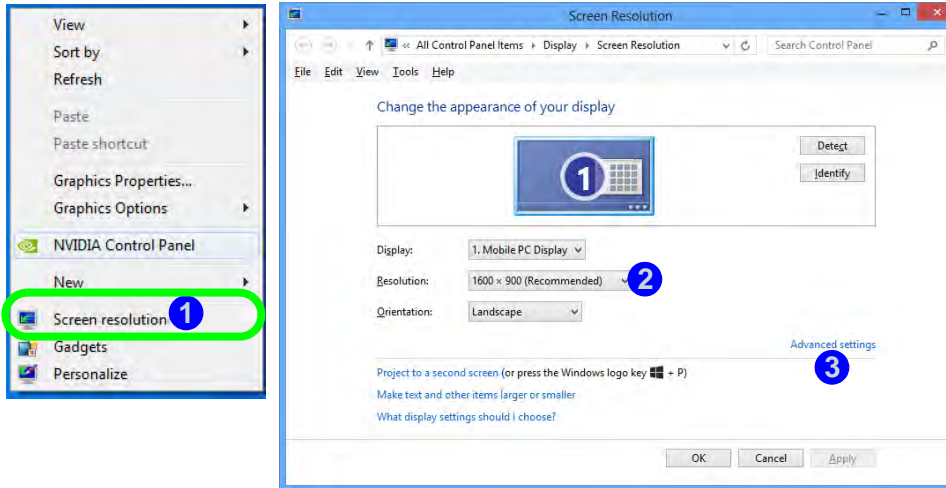


Figure 1 - 20 - Second Screen (Devices)

## Quick Start Guide

To access **Display (Control Panel)** and **Screen Resolution** in *Windows 8*:

1. Go to the **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Display** (icon) - In the **Appearance and Personalization** category.
3. **Adjust resolution.**



### Right-Click Desktop App

1. You can right-click the desktop and select **Screen resolution** ① (*Figure 1 - 21*).
2. Use the dropbox to select the screen **Resolution** ② (*Figure 1 - 21*).
3. Click **Advanced settings** ③ (*Figure 1 - 21*) to bring up the **Advanced** properties tabs.

Figure 1 - 21 - Screen Resolution



To access the *Intel(R) HD Graphics Control Panel*:

1. Click **Advanced settings** ③ (*Figure 1 - 21 on page 1 - 28*) in the **Screen Resolution** control panel in **Windows**.
2. Click the **Intel(R)...** tab and click **Graphics Properties** (button) ④ (*Figure 1 - 22 on page 1 - 29*).

**OR**

3. Right-click the desktop and select **Graphics Properties** from the menu.

**OR**

4. Click the icon  in the notification area of the Desktop taskbar and select **Graphics Properties** from the menu.

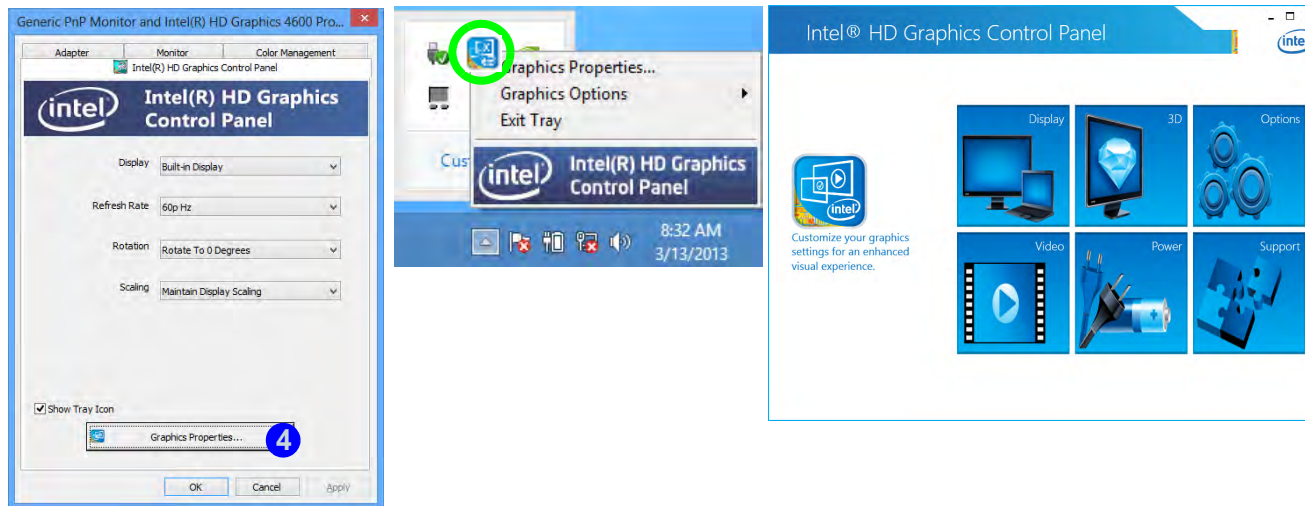


Figure 1 - 22 - Intel Graphics Control Panel

## Quick Start Guide

To access the **NVIDIA Control Panel (Models A & B Only)**:

1. Right-click the desktop and select **NVIDIA Control Panel** **5** (*Figure 1 - 23*).

**OR**

2. Double-click the icon **6** (*Figure 1 - 23*) in the **Windows** control panel.

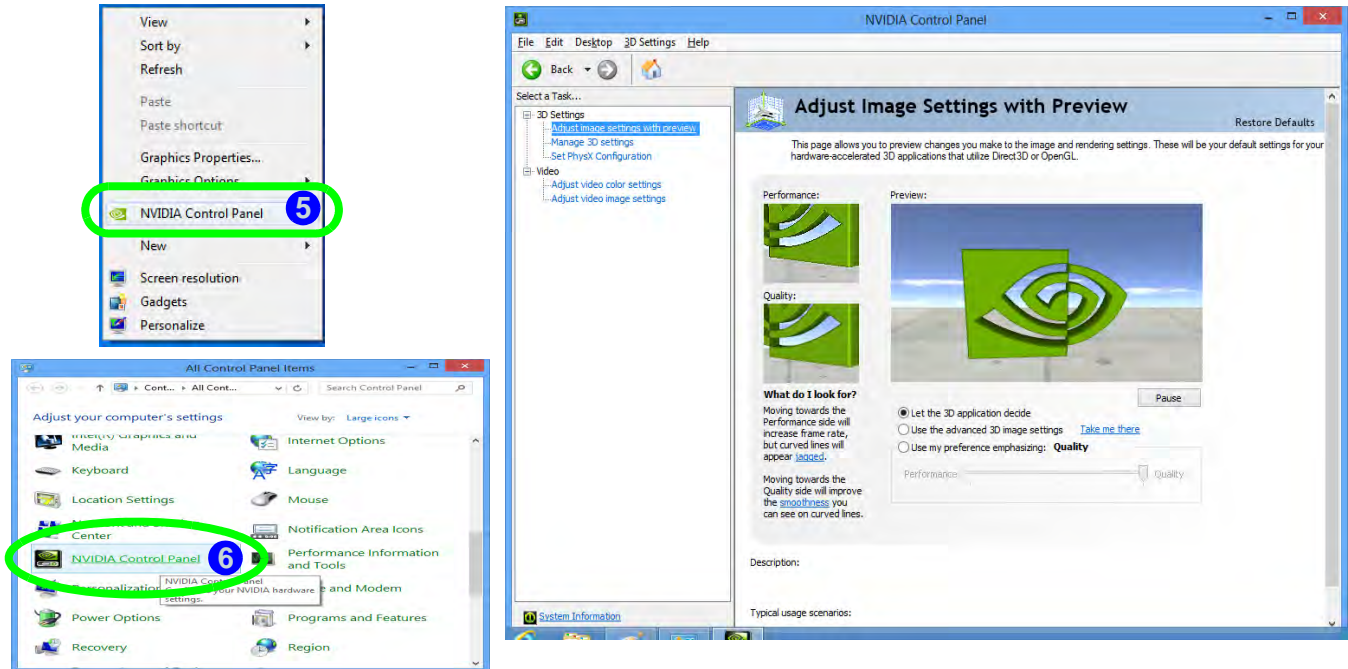


Figure 1 - 23 - NVIDIA Control Panel

## Power Options

**Power Options (Hardware and Sound)** can be accessed from the Control Panel. The **Power Menu** item in **Settings** in the **Charms Bar** in *Windows 8* may be used to **Shut down** or **Restart** (you can also add **Hibernate/Sleep** to the menu - see *“Adding Hibernate/Sleep to the Power Menu” on page 3 - 9*).

### Shut Down, Restart or Sleep

1. Go to the **Charms Bar** and click **Settings**.
2. Click **Power** .
3. Select **Sleep**, **Shut Down** or **Restart**.

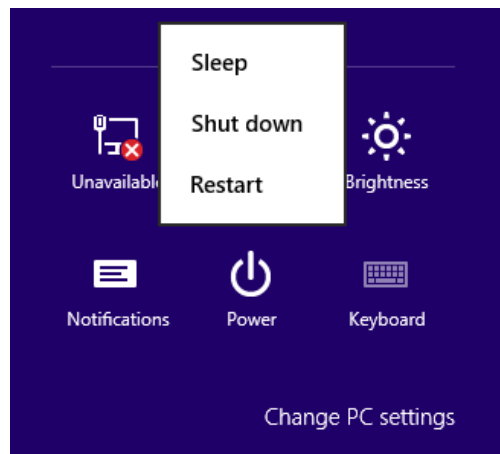


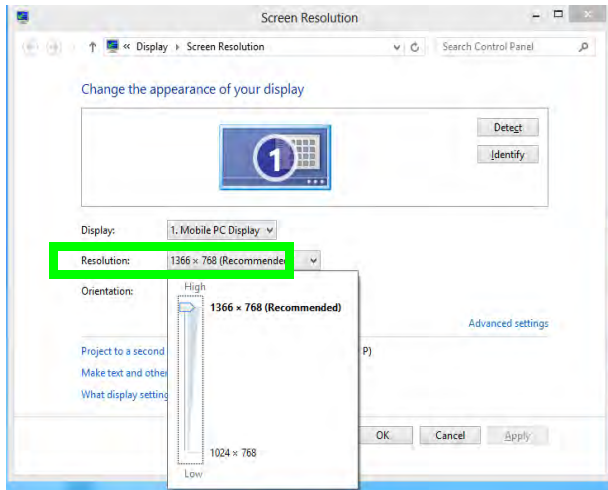
Figure 1 - 24 - Power (Settings)

## Running Apps

To run apps in **Windows 8** you will need to check that the **Screen Resolution** and **User Account Control Settings** are compatible with the system requirements.

### Screen Resolution Settings

1. Switch to the Windows Desktop (click the app or use the Windows logo key **⊞** + **D** key combination).
2. Right-click a blank area of the Windows Desktop and select **Screen Resolution**. Adjust the **Resolution** to make sure that it is at least **1024 \* 768**, although preferably **1366 \* 768** or above (see sidebar).



#### Screen Resolution for Metro Style Apps (Windows 8)

The minimum resolution in which Metro style Apps will run is **1024x768**.

The minimum resolution required to support all the features of Windows 8 (including multitasking with snap) is **1366x768**.

These specs are the minimum screen resolution that supports all the features of Windows 8 on a useful physical size.

Figure 1 - 25 - Screen Resolution Settings

## User Account Control Settings

If your computer meets the minimum screen resolution requirements, and still you can't run Metro apps, then that you have to check the status of **User Account Control (UAC)**. Metro apps may fail to open when the UAC is turned off. To check whether the UAC is on or off, follow the instructions below.

1. Open the **Control Panel**.
2. Click on **User Accounts** and then click on **Change User Account Control settings** (or click **System and Security** and click **Change User Account Control Settings** under **Action Center**).
3. If the slider is in the **Never notify** position, then the UAC is disabled.
4. To enable or turn on the UAC, move the slider to **Always notify** or **Notify me when apps try to make changes to my computer (default)** position, and then click **OK**.

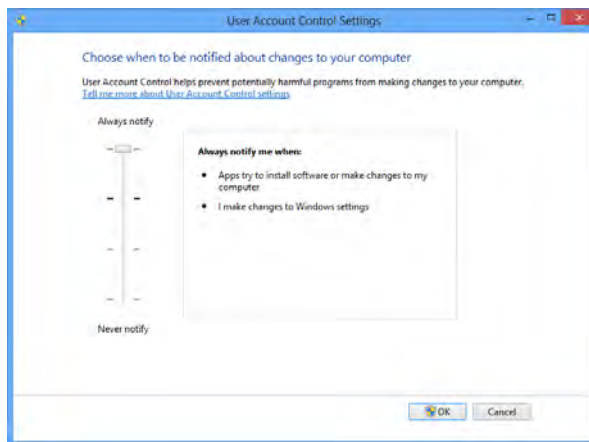


Figure 1 - 26 - User Account Control



# Chapter 2: Features & Components

## Overview

Read this chapter to learn more about the following main features and components of the computer:

- Hard Disk Drive
- Optical (CD/DVD) Device
- Multi-In-1 Card Reader
- Touchpad and Buttons/Mouse
- Audio Features



### Power Safety

Before attempting to access any of the internal components of your computer please ensure that the machine is not connected to the AC power, and that the machine is turned off. Also ensure that all peripheral cables, including phone lines, are disconnected from the computer.

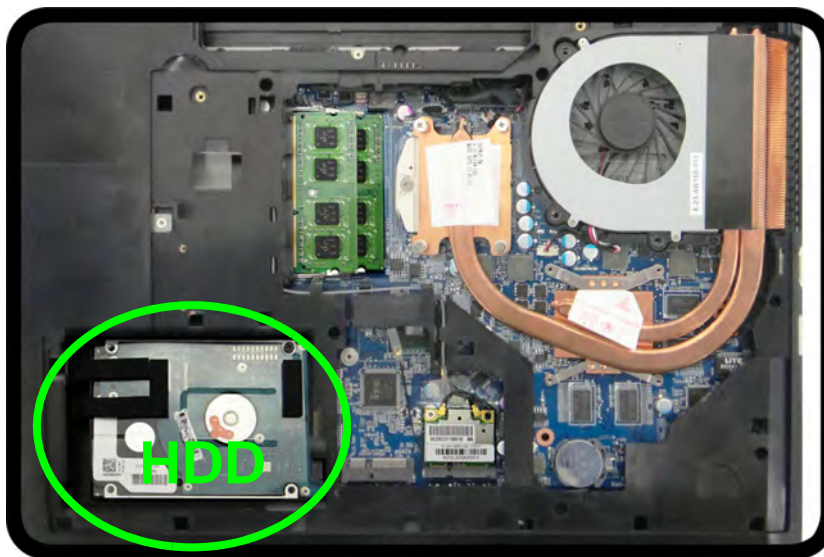
### Warranty Warning

Please check with your service representative before undertaking any upgrade procedures to find out if this will VOID your warranty.

## Hard Disk Drive

The hard disk drive is used to store your data in the computer. The hard disk can be taken out to accommodate other 2.5" serial (SATA) hard disk drives with a height of 9.5 mm/7mm.

The hard disk is accessible from the bottom of your computer as seen below. For further details see *[“Upgrading the Hard Disk Drive/Solid State Drive” on page 6 - 6.](#)*



*Figure 2 - 1*

**Hard Disk Location**



## Optical (CD/DVD) Device

There is a bay for a 5.25" optical (CD/DVD) device (12.7mm height). The actual device will depend on the module you purchased (see *“Storage” on page D - 2*). The optical device is usually labeled **“Drive D:”** and may be used as a boot device if properly set in the **BIOS** (see *“Boot Menu” on page 5 - 13*).

### Loading Discs

To insert a CD/DVD, press the open button ❶ and carefully place a CD/DVD onto the disc tray with label-side facing up (use just enough force for the disc to click onto the tray’s spindle). Gently push the CD/DVD tray in until its lock “clicks” and you are ready to start. The busy indicator ❷ will light up while data is being accessed, or while an audio/video CD, or DVD, is playing. If power is unexpectedly interrupted, insert an object such as a straightened paper clip into the emergency eject hole ❸ to open the tray.



### Sound Volume Adjustment

How high the sound volume can be set depends on the setting of the volume control within **Windows**. Click the **Volume** icon on the taskbar to check the setting (see *“Audio Features” on page 2 - 13*).

*Figure 2 - 2*  
**Optical Device**



### CD Emergency Eject

If you need to manually eject a CD (e.g. due to an unexpected power interruption) you may push the end of a straightened paper clip into the emergency eject hole. However please do NOT use a sharpened pencil or similar object that may break and become lodged in the hole.

### Disk Eject Warning

Don't try to remove a CD/DVD while the system is accessing it. This may cause the system to "crash".

## Handling CDs or DVDs

Proper handling of your CDs/DVDs will prevent them from being damaged. Please follow the advice below to make sure that the data stored on your CDs/DVDs can be accessed.

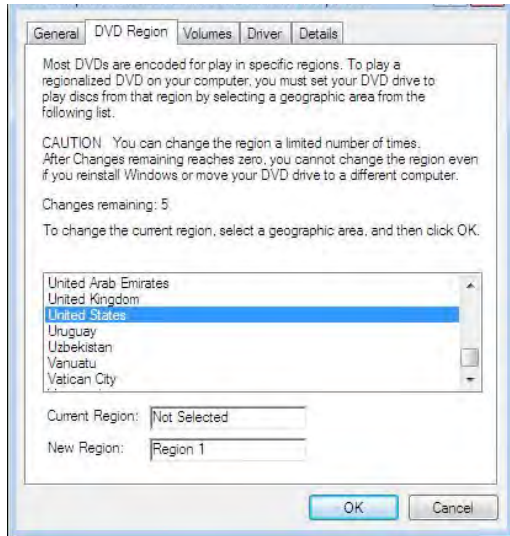
Note the following:

- Hold the CD or DVD by the edges; do not touch the surface of the disc.
- Use a clean, soft, dry cloth to remove dust or fingerprints.
- Do not write on the surface with a pen.
- Do not attach paper or other materials to the surface of the disc.
- Do not store or place the CD or DVD in high-temperature areas.
- Do not use benzene, thinner, or other cleaners to clean the CD or DVD.
- Do not bend the CD or DVD.
- Do not drop or subject the CD or DVD to shock.

## DVD Regional Codes

To change the DVD regional codes:

1. Go to the **Control Panel**
2. Double-click **Device Manager (Hardware and Sound)**, then click the **+** next to **DVD/CD-ROM drives**.
3. Double-click on the DVD-ROM device to bring up the **Properties** dialog box, and select the **DVD Region** (tab) to bring up the control panel to allow you to adjust the regional code.



- **Region 1** - USA & Canada
- **Region 2** - Western Europe, Japan, South Africa, Middle East & Egypt
- **Region 3** - South-East Asia, Taiwan, South Korea, The Philippines, Indonesia, Hong Kong
- **Region 4** - South & Central America, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand
- **Region 5** - N Korea, Russia, Eastern Europe, India & Most of Africa
- **Region 6** - China



### DVD Region Note

DVD region detection is device dependent, not OS-dependent. You can select your module's region code 5 times. The fifth selection is permanent. This cannot be altered even if you change your operating system or you use the module in another computer.

*Figure 2 - 3*  
**DVD Region Codes**



#### Card Reader Cover

Make sure you keep the rubber cover provided in the card reader when not in use. This will help prevent foreign objects and/or dust getting in to the card reader.

## Multi-In-1 Card Reader

The card reader allows you to use some of the latest digital storage cards. Push the card into the slot and it will appear as a removable device, and can be accessed in the same way as your hard disk (s). Make sure you install the card reader driver (see *“CardReader” on page 4 - 7.*

- MMC (MultiMedia Card) / RS MMC
- SD (Secure Digital) / Mini SD / SDHC / SDXC
- MS (Memory Stick) / MS Pro / MS Duo

**Note:** Some of these cards require PC adapters that are usually supplied with the cards.

*Figure 2 - 4*  
**Front View**

1. Card Reader

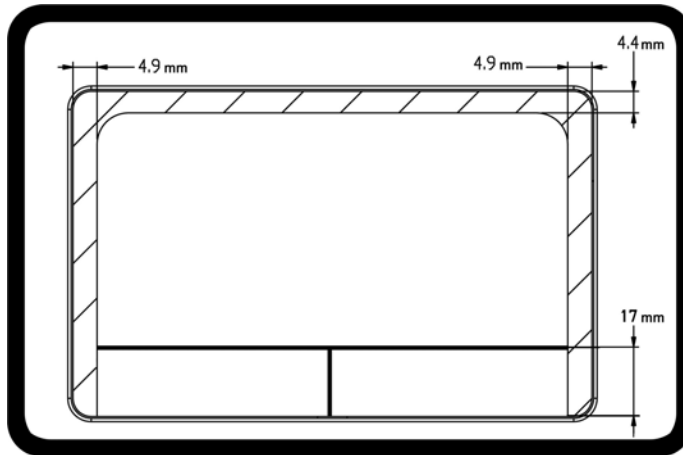


## Touchpad and Buttons/Mouse

The Touchpad is an alternative to the mouse; however, you can also add a mouse to your computer through one of the USB ports. The Touchpad buttons function in much the same way as a two-button mouse.

### Touchpad Sensitivity

Note that the Touchpad has a defined valid operational area of sensitivity indicated within the area of the illustration below (i.e. **4.4mm from the top** and **4.9mm from the left/right sides** of the Touchpad; **the button area extends 17mm from the bottom** of the Touchpad).



### Mouse Driver

If you are using an external mouse your operating system may be able to auto-configure your mouse during its installation or only enable its basic functions. Be sure to check the device's user documentation for details.

*Figure 2 - 5*  
**Touchpad Sensitivity**




### Scrolling

This computer model series may feature different Touchpad versions.

These Touchpads may differ in their vertical scrolling function in most scrollable windows.

Some Touchpads require sliding the finger up and down on the right of the Touchpad to scroll the window. Other versions require tapping/holding down the finger at the top right or bottom right of the Touchpad to scroll the window.

Once you have installed the Touchpad driver (see *“Touchpad” on page 4 - 7*) you can configure the functions from the Mouse control panel in **Windows**, or by double-clicking the driver icon  in the notification area of the taskbar in the Desktop app. You may then configure the tapping, buttons, scrolling, pointer motion and sensitivity options to your preferences. You will find further information at [www.synaptics.com](http://www.synaptics.com).

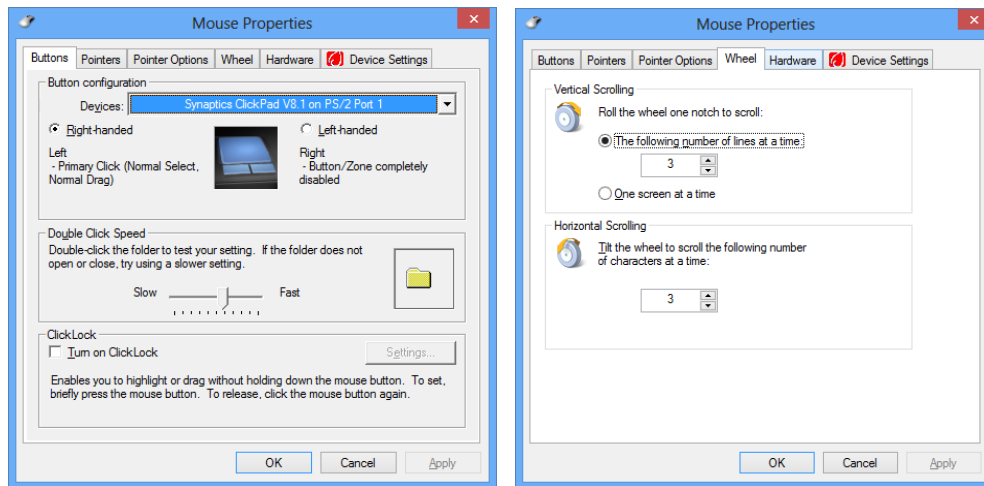


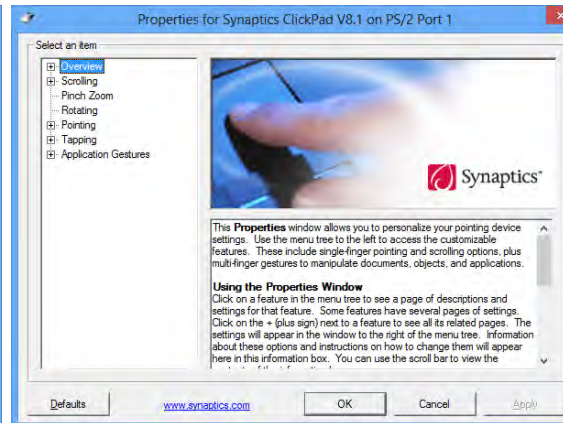
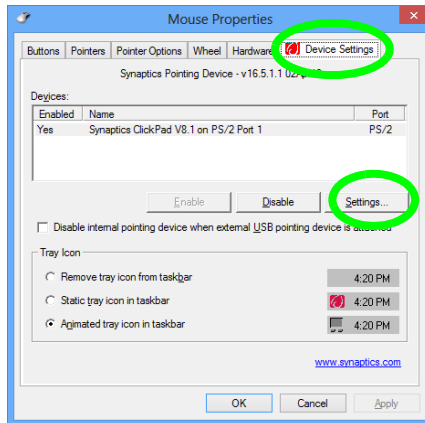
Figure 2 - 6  
Mouse Properties

## Gestures and Device Settings

The Synaptics Gestures Suite application allows you to use a specific gesture (action) on the surface of the Touchpad to perform specific actions to manipulate documents, objects and applications.

You can configure the settings from the Device Settings tab in **Mouse Properties**:

1. Go to the **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Mouse (Hardware and Sound)**.
3. Click **Device Settings** (tab) and click **Settings**.
4. Use the menu tree on the left to access the user configurable settings.



### Show Video

You can get a clearer view of the gestures involved by clicking the **Show Video** option for each gesture item.

Select the gesture (**Pinch Zoom, Rotating, Three Fingers Down and Three Finger Flick**) in the **Device Settings > Settings** left tree menu and click the **Show Video** button to see the demonstration video.

For more details on any of the gestures see the **help** in the lower part of the right menu window.

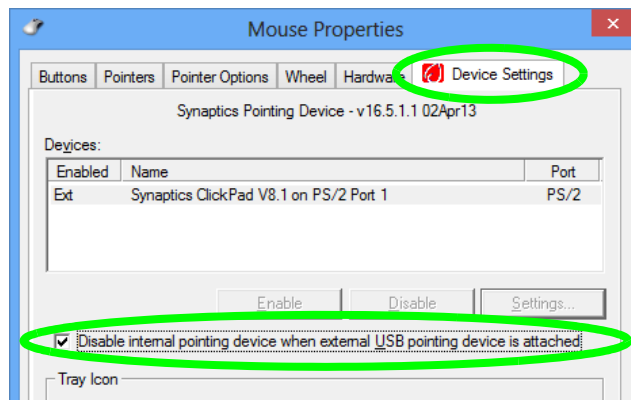
*Figure 2 - 7*  
**Mouse Properties - Device Settings**

### Disabling the Touchpad

If you need to disable the Touchpad for any reason (e.g. you may find that when using the computer's internal keyboard you accidentally trigger the Touchpad when resting your wrists or palms on it) you can do so by using **Fn + F1** key combination.

You can also set the system to automatically disable the internal Touchpad when an external USB point device (e.g a USB mouse) is attached.

1. Go to the **Mouse Properties** control panel.
2. Click to select **Device Settings** (tab).
3. Click to place a tick in the “**Disable internal pointing device when external USB pointing device is attached**” tickbox.
4. Click **OK** to save the setting.



*Figure 2 - 8*  
**Mouse Properties**  
(Disable Internal  
Pointing Device)



## Scrolling

The Two-Finger scrolling feature works in most scrollable windows and allows you to scroll horizontally and vertically. Place two fingers, slightly separated, on the pad surface and slide both fingers in the direction required (in a straight continuous motion).



*Figure 2 - 9*  
**Scrolling Gesture**

## Zooming

The Pinch Zoom gesture can be used to perform the same function as a scroll wheel in **Windows** applications that support CTRL + scroll wheel zoom functionality. Place two fingers on the pad (for best results use the tips of the fingers) and slide them apart to zoom in, or closer together to zoom out.



*Figure 2 - 10*  
**Zooming Gesture**

### Rotating

Use the Pivot Rotate gesture to rotate objects (e.g. photos) in 90 degree increments. Place a finger down on the left “target” zone and keep it stationary. Place another finger near the middle of the pad and slide it in a circular motion around the stationary finger (clockwise or counterclockwise) to rotate the object.

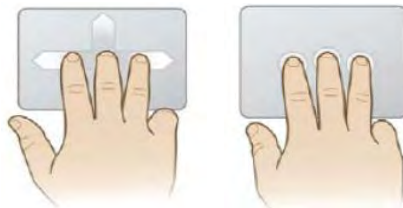
*Figure 2 - 11*  
**Rotating Gesture**




### Three Finger-Flick/Three Fingers Down (Press)

The Three Finger-Flick gesture may be used to enhance navigation with a variety of applications such as browsing the Internet or scrolling through a photo viewer. The Three Fingers Down gesture may be used to launch user-selectable applications.

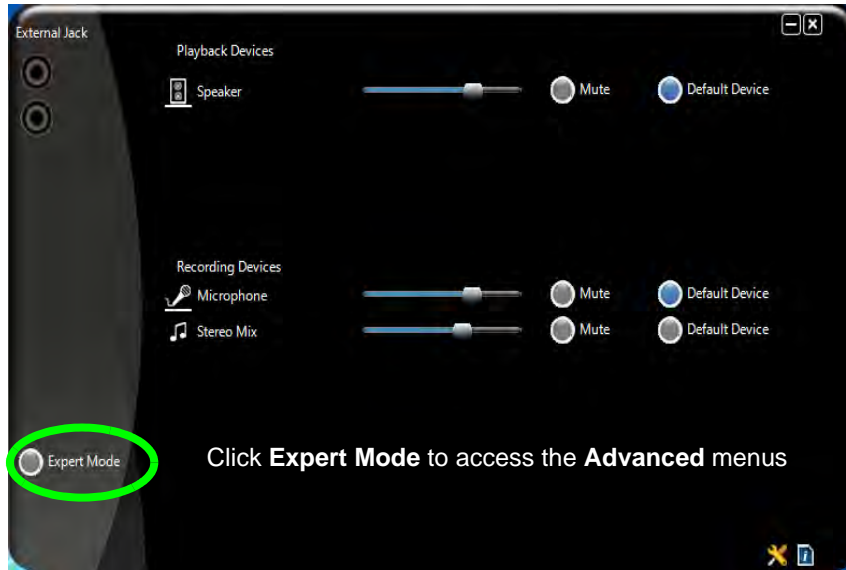
*Figure 2 - 12*  
**Flick/Press  
Gesture**



## Audio Features

You can configure the audio options on your computer from the **Sound** control panel in *Windows*, from the **HD VDeck** icon on the desktop or **VIA HD Audio Deck** control panel  [VIA HD Audio Deck](#) .

The volume may also be adjusted by means of the **Fn + F5/F6** key combination.



### Sound Volume Adjustment

The sound volume level is set using the volume control within *Windows* (and the volume function keys on the computer). Click the volume icon in the taskbar to check the setting.



*Figure 2 - 13*  
VIA HD Audio Deck

## Features & Components

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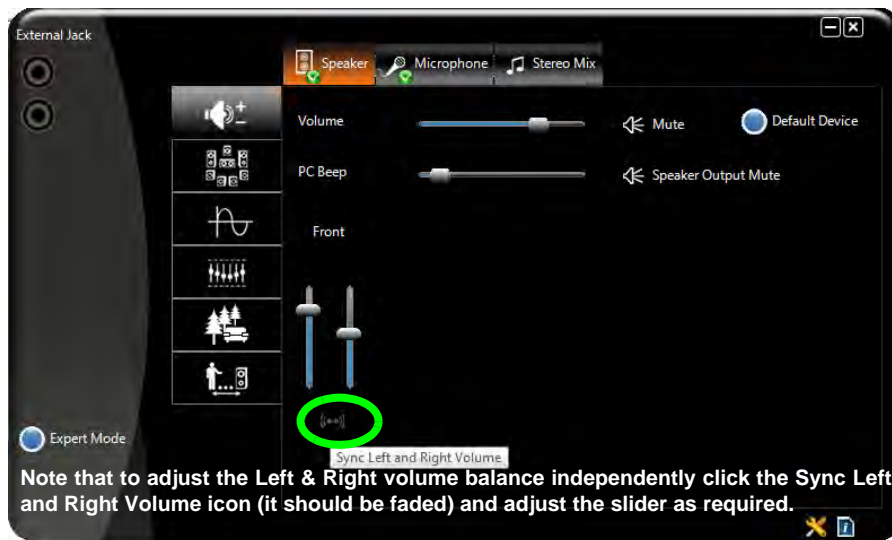
### Syncing Left & Right Volume Balance

If you wish to adjust the left and right channel volume levels separately, you will need to adjust this from the **VIA HD Audio Deck in Expert Mode**.

Click **Speaker** in **VIA HD Audio Deck** (in Expert Mode) and click the **Sync Left and Right** volume button (see left). You can then adjust the volume sliders independently (this setting also controls the **Balance** setting in the Windows Sound control panel).

*Figure 2 - 14*  
**VIA HD Audio Deck**  
(Expert Mode)

**Expert Mode** will allow you to access more advanced configuration menus for **Speaker**, **Microphone** and **Stereo Mix**.



Note that to adjust the **Left & Right** volume balance independently click the **Sync Left and Right Volume** icon (it should be faded) and adjust the slider as required.



### Sound Blaster Cinema Audio

Note that you will need to install the **Sound Blaster Cinema** audio application (for Models A & B only) in order to get maximum audio performance. See [“Sound Blaster Cinema EQ”](#) on [page 7 - 37](#).

# Chapter 3: Power Management

## Overview

To conserve power, especially when using the battery, your computer power management conserves power by controlling individual components of the computer (the monitor and hard disk drive) or the whole system. This chapter covers:

- The Power Sources
- Turning On the Computer
- Power Plans
- Power-Saving States
- Configuring the Power Buttons
- Battery Information

The computer uses enhanced power saving techniques to give the operating system (OS) direct control over the power and thermal states of devices and processors. For example, this enables the OS to set devices into low-power states based on user settings and information from applications.



### OS Note

Power management functions will vary slightly depending on your operating system. For more information it is best to refer to the user's manual of your operating system.



### Forced Off

If the system “hangs”, and the **Ctrl + Alt + Del** key combination doesn’t work, press the power button for **4 seconds**, or longer, to force the system to turn itself off.

## The Power Sources

The computer can be powered by either an AC/DC adapter or a battery pack.

### AC/DC Adapter

Use only the AC/DC adapter that comes with your computer. The wrong type of AC/DC adapter will damage the computer and its components.

1. Attach the AC/DC adapter to the DC-in jack on the left of the computer.
2. Plug the AC power cord into an outlet, and then connect the AC power cord to the AC/DC adapter.
3. Raise the lid/LCD to a comfortable viewing angle.
4. Press the power button to turn “On”.

### Battery

The battery allows you to use your computer while you are on the road or when an electrical outlet is unavailable. Battery life varies depending on the applications and the configuration you're using. **To increase battery life, let the battery discharge completely before recharging** (see *“Battery FAQ” on page 3 - 17*).

We recommend that you do not remove the battery. For more information on the battery, please refer to *“Battery Information” on page 3 - 13*.

## Turning On the Computer

Now you are ready to begin using your computer. To turn it on simply press the power button on the front panel.

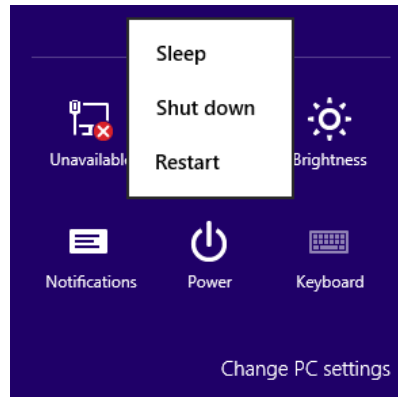
When the computer is on, you can use the power button as a Stand by/Hibernate/Shutdown hot-key button when it is pressed for less than **4 seconds** (pressing and holding the power button for longer than this will shut the computer down). Use **Power Options (Hardware and Sound)** in the *Windows* control panel to configure this feature.



### Shut Down

Note that you should always shut your computer down by choosing the **Shut Down** command from the **Power Menu** in the **Settings** menu in the *Windows 8 Charms Bar*.

This will help prevent hard disk or system problems. If you want to add **Hibernate/Sleep** to the **Power Menu** see *“Adding Hibernate/Sleep to the Power Menu” on page 3 - 9*.



### Power Button as Stand by or Hibernate Button

You can use the OS's "Power Options" control panel to set the power button to send the system into Stand by or Hibernate mode (see your OS's documentation, or *“Configuring the Power Buttons” on page 3 - 8* for details).

*Figure 3 - 1*  
**Power Menu**  
(Settings - Charms Bar)

### Resuming Operation

See [Table 3 - 1, on page 3 - 10](#) for information on how to resume from a power-saving state.

### Password

It is recommended that you enable a password on system resume in order to protect your data.

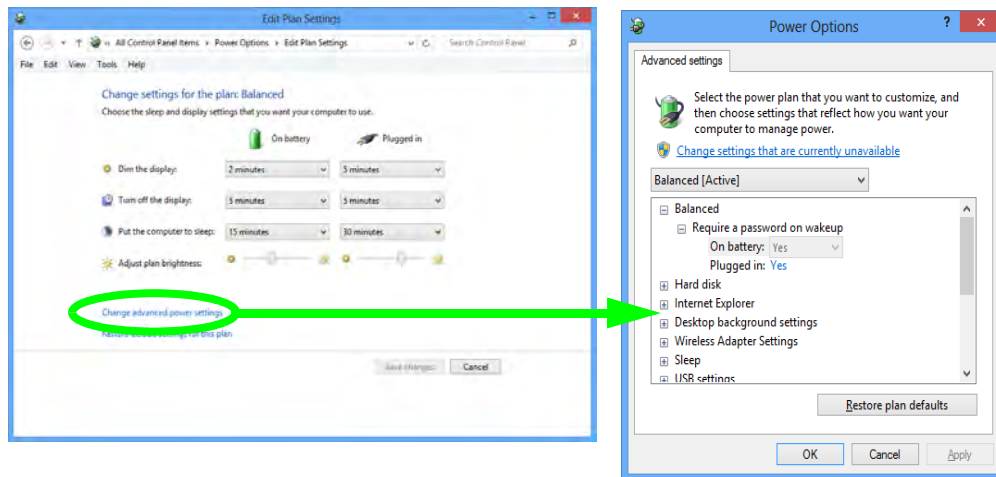
*Figure 3 - 2*  
**Power Plan Advanced Settings**

## Power Plans

The computer can be configured to conserve power by means of **power plans**. You can use (or modify) an existing **power plan**, or create a new one.

The settings may be adjusted to set the **display** to turn off after a specified time, and to send the computer into **Sleep** after a period of inactivity.

Click ***Change plan settings*** and then click ***Change advanced power settings*** to access further configuration options in **Advanced Settings**.

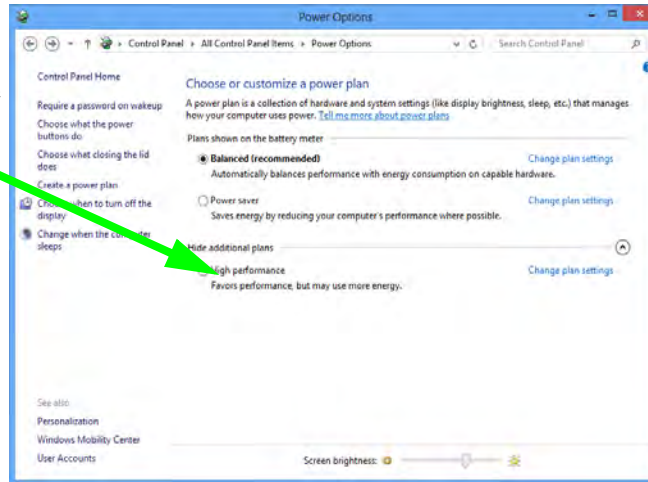




Each **Windows power plan** will also adjust the processor performance of your machine in order to save power. This is worth bearing in mind if you are experiencing any reduced performance (especially under DC/battery power).

Choose **High performance** (you may need to click **Show additional plans** to view the High performance plan) for maximum performance when the computer is powered from an AC power source. Choose the **Power saver** (bear in mind that this scheme may slow down the overall performance of the computer in order to save power) for maximum power saving when the computer is battery (DC power) powered.

Click to Show/Hide additional power plans



*Figure 3 - 3*  
**Power Plans**



### Wake On LAN Support (Windows 8)

Wake-On-LAN is only supported from **Sleep** or **Hibernate** states in *Windows 8*.

If you require your computer to wake up from network activity in *Windows 8* then make sure that the computer is either in **Sleep** or **Hibernate**.

Wake-On-LAN is not supported from Shut-down states in *Windows 8*.

## Power-Saving States

You can use power-saving states to stop the computer's operation and restart where you left off. *Win 7* uses the **Sleep**, **Hibernate** and **Shut Down** power-saving states.

### Sleep

In **Sleep** all of your work, settings and preferences are saved to memory before the system sleeps. When you are not using your computer for a certain length of time, which you specify in the operating system, it will enter **Sleep** to save power.

The PC wakes from **Sleep within seconds** and will return you to where you last left off (what was on your desktop) without reopening the application(s) and file(s) you last used.

If your mobile PC in **Sleep** is running on battery power the system will use only a minimum amount of power. After an extended period the system will save all the information to the hard disk and shut the computer down before the battery becomes depleted.

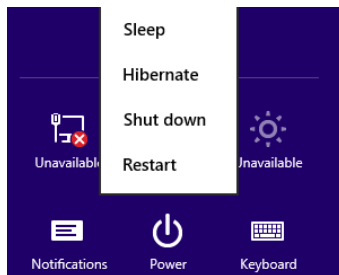
To add **Sleep** to the **Power Menu** see *“Adding Hibernate/Sleep to the Power Menu” on page 3 - 9*.

## Hibernate

**Hibernate** uses the least amount of power of all the power-saving states and saves all of your information on a part of the hard disk before it turns the system off. If a power failure occurs the system can restore your work from the hard disk; if a power failure occurs when work is saved only to memory, then the work will be lost. **Hibernate** will also return you to where you last left off within seconds. You should put your mobile PC into **Hibernate** if you will not use the computer for a period of time, and will not have the chance to charge the battery. To add **Hibernate** to the **Power Menu** see *“Adding Hibernate/Sleep to the Power Menu” on page 3 - 9*.

## Shut down

You should **Shut down** the computer if you plan to install new hardware (don't forget to remove the battery and follow all the safety instructions in **Chapter 6**), plan to be away from the computer for several days, or you do not need it to wake up and run a scheduled task. Returning to full operation from **Shut down** takes longer than from **Sleep** or **Hibernate**.



*Figure 3 - 4*  
**Power Menu**

### Password Protection

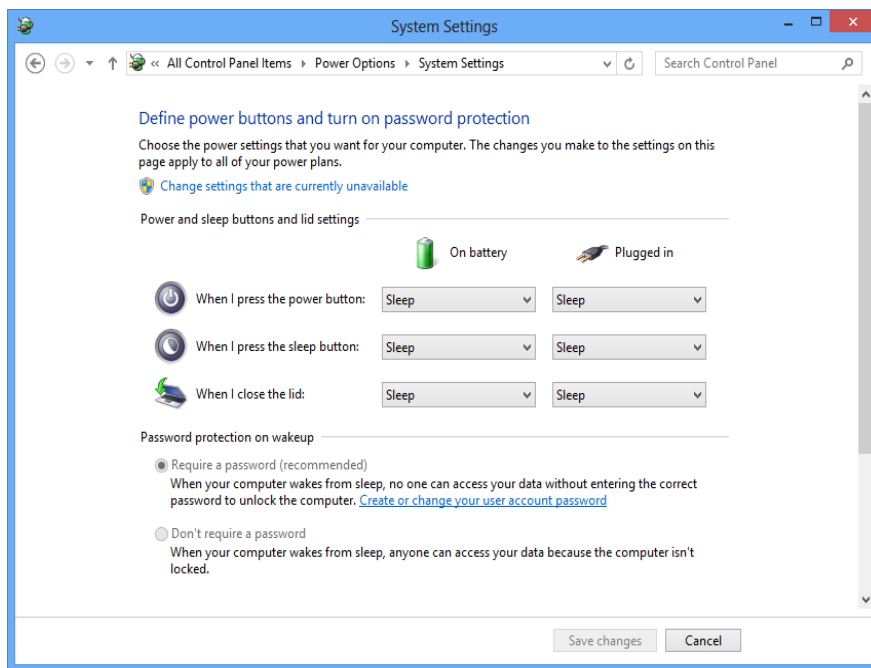
It is recommended that you enable a password on wake up in order to protect your data.

However you can disable this setting from the **Power Options** menu by clicking **Require a password on wakeup** in the left menu, and selecting the options (click **Change settings that are currently unavailable**).

*Figure 3 - 5*  
**Power Options**  
**Define Power Buttons**


## Configuring the Power Buttons

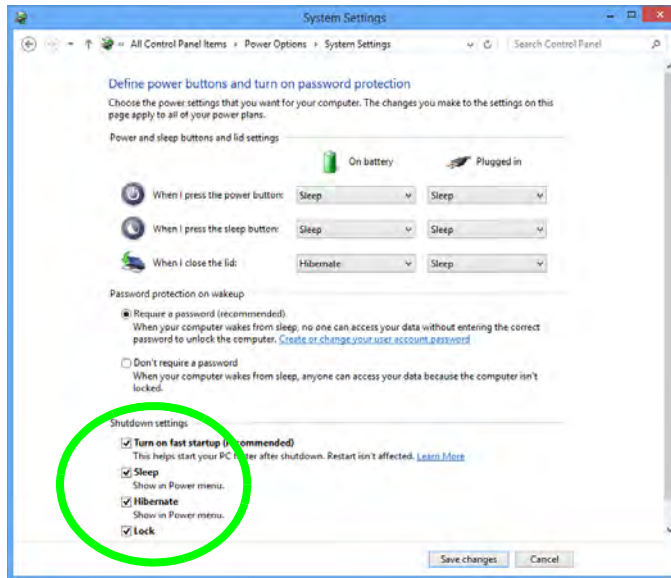
The power/sleep button (**Fn + F4** key combo) and closed lid may be set to send the computer in to a power-saving state. Click **Choose what the power buttons do** on the left menu in **Power Options** to bring up the menu.



## Adding Hibernate/Sleep to the Power Menu

Add **Hibernate/Sleep** to the **Power Menu** as follows.

1. Go to the **Power Options (Hardware and Sound)** control panel (see page **1 - 23**).
2. Click **“Change settings that are currently unavailable”**  [Change settings that are currently unavailable](#).
3. Click **Choose what the power buttons do**.
4. Click to put a tick in the **Hibernate/Sleep** box under **Shutdown settings**.
5. Click **Save Changes** and close the control panel.




*Figure 3 - 6*  
**Power Options**  
**Define Power**  
**Buttons - Shutdown**  
**Settings**

*Table 3 - 1*  
**Resuming Operation**

### Resuming Operation

You can resume operation from power-saving states by pressing the power button, or in some cases pressing the sleep button (**Fn + F4** key combo).

Power Status	Icon  Color	To Resume
Power Off	Off	Press the Power Button
Sleep	Blinking Green	Press the Power Button Press the Sleep Button (Fn + F4 Key Combo)
Hibernate	Off (battery) Orange (AC/DC adapter)	Press the Power Button
Display Turned Off	Green	Press a Key or Move the Mouse/Touchpad



#### Closing the Lid

If you have chosen to send the computer to **Sleep** when the lid is closed, raising the lid will wake the system up.



#### Power Button

When the computer is on, you can use the power button as a Sleep/Hibernate/Shut Down hot key button when it is pressed for less than **4 seconds** (pressing and holding the power button for longer than this will force the computer to shut down).

## Power Conservation Modes

This system supports **Energy Star** power management features that place computers (CPU, hard drive, etc.) into a low-power sleep modes after a designated period of inactivity. Adjust **Power Conservation Modes** from the **Control Center**:

1. Press the **Fn + Esc** key combination to toggle the **Control Center** on/off.
2. Click either the **Performance**, **Balanced** or **Energy Star** button.
3. Click in a blank area of the icon or press a key on the keyboard to exit **Power Conservation Mode** without making any changes.



### Energy Star Display Sleep Mode

Note that the Energy Star setting will put the display into sleep after no more than 15 minutes of user inactivity.

### Power Conservation Modes

The **Energy Star** setting will result in maximum power saving, but with the possible loss of some performance.

Setting the mode to **Balance** will give power saving matched with performance.

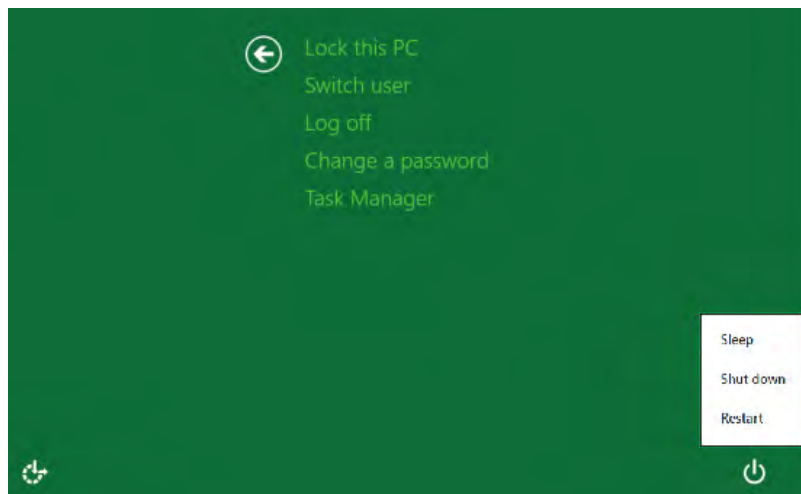
**Performance** will give optimum computer performance but with less power conservation.

*Figure 3 - 7*  
**Control Center**

### Ctrl + Alt + Delete Key Combination

You can use the **CTRL + ALT + DEL** key combination from almost any of the *Windows 8* interfaces/Apps to bring up a full-screen displaying **Lock, Switch User, Log off, Change a password** and **Task Manager** options. If you click the **Power** icon in the lower right corner of the screen a power management option menu appears to display **Sleep, Shut down, and Restart**.

*Figure 3 - 8*  
**Ctrl + Alt + Delete**  
**Menu**



To fully control all the power options (including Hibernate mode) go to the **Power Options** control panel and configure the power button, sleep button and lid to perform the function selected.




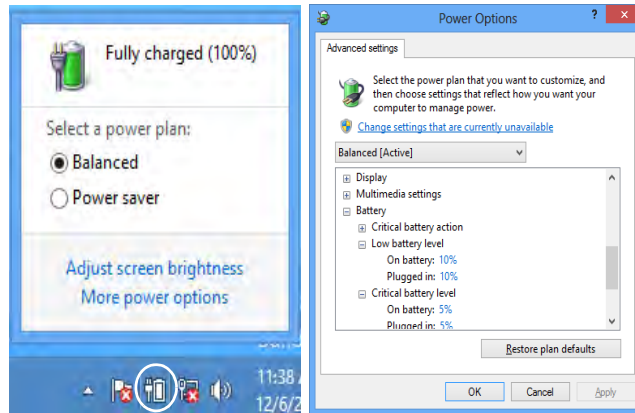
## Battery Information

Follow these simple guidelines to get the best use out of your battery.

### Battery Power

Your computer's battery power is dependent upon many factors, including the programs you are running, and peripheral devices attached. You can set actions to be taken (e.g. Shut down, Hibernate etc.), and set critical and low battery levels from power plan **Change plan settings > Change advanced power settings** (see *Figure 3 - 3 on page 3 - 5*).

Click the battery icon  in the notification area to see the current battery level and charge status.



### Low Battery Warning

When the battery is critically low, immediately connect the AC/DC adapter to the computer or save your work, otherwise, the unsaved data will be lost when the power is depleted.

*Figure 3 - 9*  
**Battery Icon  
(Notification Area) &  
Battery Advanced  
Settings**

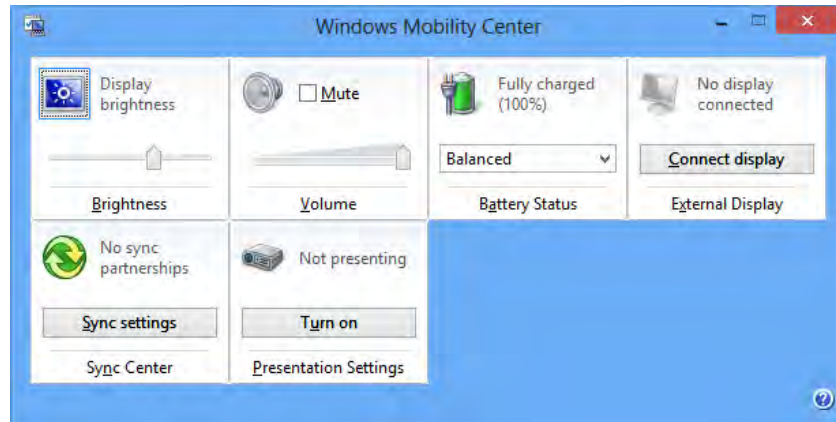


### Windows Mobility Center

The **Windows Mobility Center** control panel provides an easy point of access for information on battery status, power plans used and wireless device status etc.

## Conserving Battery Power

- Use a **power plan** that conserves power (e.g **Power saver**), however note that this may have an affect on computer performance.
- Lower the brightness level of the LCD display. The system will decrease LCD brightness slightly to save power when it is not powered by the AC/DC adapter.
- Reduce the amount of time before the display is turned off.
- Close wireless, Bluetooth, modem or communication applications when they are not being used.
- Disconnect/remove any unnecessary external devices e.g. USB devices, ExpressCards etc.



*Figure 3 - 10*  
**Windows Mobility Center**

## Battery Life

Battery life may be shortened through improper maintenance. **To optimize the life and improve its performance, fully discharge and recharge the battery at least once every 30 days.**

We recommend that you do not remove the battery yourself. If you do need to remove the battery for any reason (e.g. long term storage) see *“Removing the Battery” on page 6 - 3*.

## New Battery

Always completely discharge, then fully charge, a new battery (see *“Battery FAQ” on page 3 - 17* for instructions on how to do this).

## Recharging the Battery with the AC/DC Adapter

The battery pack automatically recharges when the AC/DC adapter is attached and plugged into an electrical outlet. If the computer is powered on, and in use, it will take several hours to fully recharge the battery. When the computer is turned off but plugged into an electrical outlet, battery charge time is less. Refer to *“LED Indicators” on page 1 - 7* for information on the battery charge status, and to *“Battery Information” on page 3 - 13* for more information on how to maintain and properly recharge the battery pack.



### Caution

Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced.

Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Discard used battery according to the manufacturer's instructions.

### Proper handling of the Battery Pack

- DO NOT disassemble the battery pack under any circumstances
- DO NOT expose the battery to fire or high temperatures, it may explode
- DO NOT connect the metal terminals (+, -) to each other



### Damaged Battery Warning

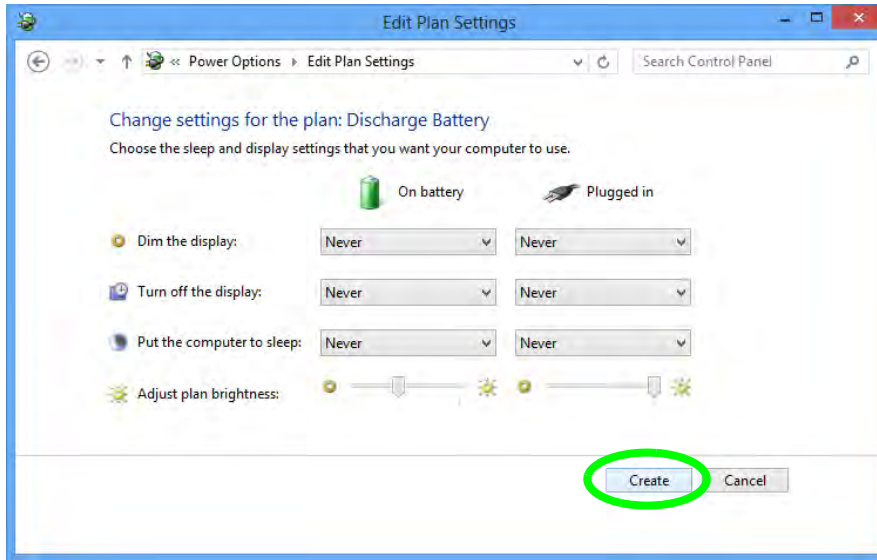
Should you notice any physical defects (e.g. the battery is bent out of shape after being dropped), or any unusual smells emanating from the notebook battery, shut your computer down immediately and contact your distributor/supplier. If the battery has been dropped we do not recommend using it any further, as even if the computer continues to work with a damaged battery in place, it may cause circuit damage, which may possibly result in fire. It is recommended that you replace your computer battery every two years.

## Battery FAQ

### How do I completely discharge the battery?

Use the computer with battery power until it shuts down due to a low battery. Don't turn off the computer even if a message indicates the battery is critically low, just let the computer use up all of the battery power and shut down on its own.

1. Save and close all files and applications.
2. **Create a power plan** for discharging the battery and set all the options to **Never**.



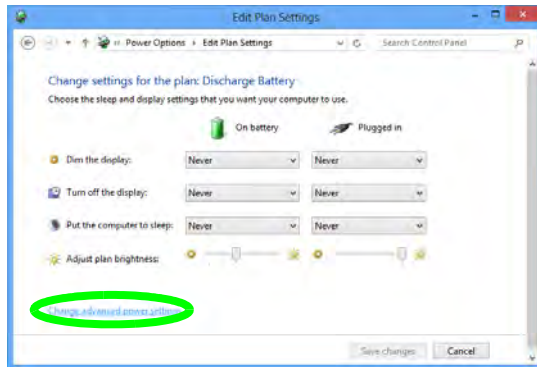
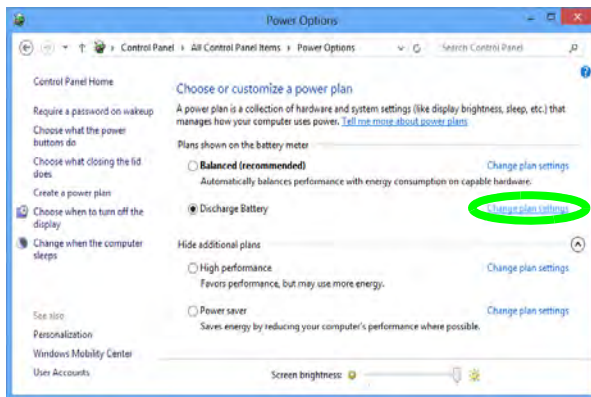
*Figure 3 - 11*  
**Power Plan Create**

## Power Management

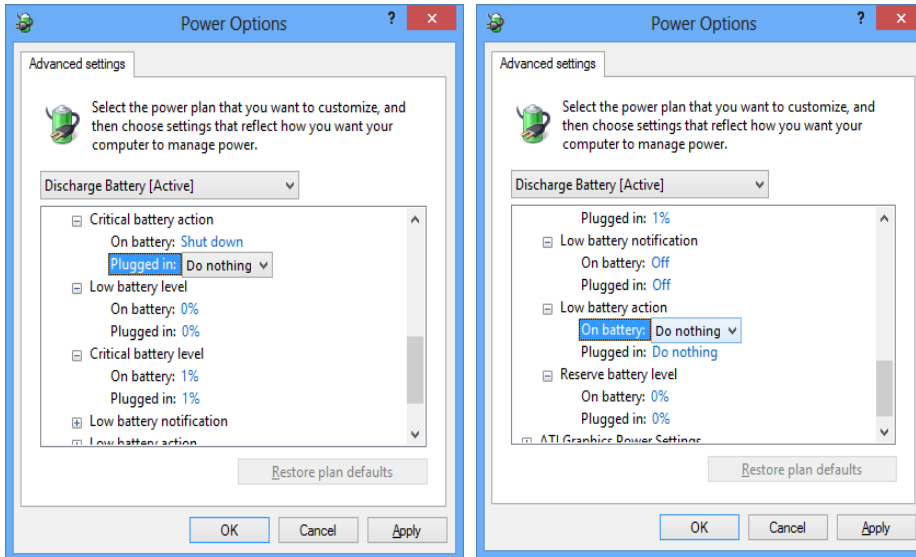
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3. Click **Change plan settings** (after creating it) and click **Change plan settings > Change advanced power settings**.

*Figure 3 - 12*  
**Change Plan  
Settings / Change  
Advanced Power  
Settings**



4. Scroll down to **Battery** and click **+** to expand the battery options.
5. Choose the options below (click **Yes** if a warning appears):



*Figure 3 - 13*  
**Power Options  
Advanced Settings -  
Battery**

- Low battery levels = 0%
- Critical battery Levels = 1%
- Low battery action = Do Nothing
- Critical battery action (On battery) = Shut Down
- Critical battery action (Plugged in) = Do Nothing

### **How do I fully charge the battery?**

When charging the battery, don't stop until the LED charging indicator light changes from orange to green.

### **How do I maintain the battery?**

Completely discharge and charge the battery at least once every 30 days or after about 20 partial discharges.



# Chapter 4: Drivers & Utilities

This chapter deals with installing the drivers and utilities essential to the operation or improvement of some of the computer's subsystems. The system takes advantage of some newer hardware components for which the latest versions of most available operating systems haven't built in drivers and utilities. Thus, some of the system components won't be auto-configured with an appropriate driver or utility during operating system installation. Instead, you need to manually install some system-required drivers and utilities.

## What to Install

The *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc contains the drivers and utilities necessary for the proper operation of the computer. *Table 4 - 1, on page 4 - 4* lists what you need to install and **it is very important that the drivers are installed in the order indicated.**

### Module Driver Installation

The procedures for installing drivers for the **PC Camera, Wireless LAN, Bluetooth & WLAN Combo, Intel Technology** and **Sound Blaster Cinema** modules are provided in *"Modules & Options" on page 7 - 1.*



#### Driver Installation & Power

When installing drivers make sure your computer is powered by the AC/DC adapter connected to a working power source. Some drivers draw a significant amount of power during the installation procedure, and if the remaining battery capacity is not adequate this may cause the system to shut down and cause system problems (note that there is no safety issue involved here, and the battery will be rechargeable within 1 minute).

# Driver Installation

1. Insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc into the computer's DVD drive.
2. Click the message "**Tap to choose what happens with this disc.**"
3. Click **Run autorun.exe**.
4. Click **Install Drivers** (button), or **Option Drivers** (button) to access the **Optional** driver menu.

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Figure 4 - 1 - Drivers Installer Screen 1

5. Check the driver installation order from **Table 4 - 1, on page 4 - 4** (the drivers must be installed in this order) which is the same as that listed in the *Drivers Installer* menu below.
6. Click to select the driver you wish to install, (you should note down the drivers as you install them).
7. Follow the instructions for each individual driver installation procedure as listed on the following pages.



Figure 4 - 2 - Install Drivers

Win 8 Driver	Page #	Optional Items	Page #
<i>Chipset</i>	<i>Page 4 - 7</i>	<i>PC Camera Module</i> (No driver required for <b>Windows 8</b> )	<i>Page 7 - 2</i>
<i>Video (VGA)</i>	<i>Page 4 - 7</i>	<i>Wireless LAN Module</i>	<i>Page 7 - 9</i>
<i>NVIDIA Video (VGA)</i>	<i>Page 4 - 7</i>	<i>Bluetooth &amp; WLAN Combo Module</i>	<i>Page 7 - 17</i>
<i>LAN</i>	<i>Page 4 - 7</i>	<i>Intel® Rapid Storage Technology</i> (required for hard disks in AHCI mode)	<i>Page 7 - 23</i>
<i>CardReader</i>	<i>Page 4 - 7</i>	<i>Intel® Rapid Start Technology Driver</i>	<i>Page 7 - 24</i>
<i>Touchpad</i>	<i>Page 4 - 7</i>	<i>Intel® Wireless Display Application</i>	<i>Page 7 - 32</i>
<i>Hot Key</i>	<i>Page 4 - 8</i>	<i>Sound Blaster Cinema EQ</i>	<i>Page 7 - 37</i>
<i>Airplane</i>	<i>Page 4 - 8</i>		
<i>MEI Driver</i>	<i>Page 4 - 8</i>		
<i>Audio</i>	<i>Page 4 - 8</i>		

*Table 4 - 1 - Driver Installation*

*All drivers provided are for the Windows 8 operating system.*

*Note that you need to install both the WLAN & Bluetooth drivers for Intel and 3rd party WLAN & Bluetooth Combo modules.*

## Manual Driver Installation

Click **Browse CD/DVD** (button) in the *Drivers Installer* application and browse to the executable file in the appropriate driver folder.

## Windows Update

After installing all the drivers make sure you enable **Windows Update** in order to get all the latest security updates etc. (all updates will include the latest **hotfixes** from Microsoft). See “*Windows Update*” on page 4 - 9 for instructions.

## Updating/Reinstalling Individual Drivers

If you wish to update/reinstall individual drivers it may be necessary to uninstall the original driver. To do this go to the **Control Panel** in the *Windows OS* and double-click the **Programs and Features** icon (**Programs > Uninstall a program**). Click to select the driver (if it is not listed see below) and click **Uninstall**, and then follow the on screen prompts (it may be necessary to restart the computer). Reinstall the driver as outlined in this chapter.

If the driver is not listed in the **Programs and Features** menu:

1. Go to the **Control Panel**).
2. Double-click **Device Manager (Hardware and Sound > Devices and Printers > Device Manager)**.
3. Double-click the **device** you wish to update/reinstall the driver for (you may need to click “+” to expand the selection).
4. Click **Driver** (tab) and click the **Update Driver** or **Uninstall** button and follow the on screen prompts.

### User Account Control

If a **User Account Control** prompt appears as part of the driver installation procedure, click **Continue** or **Allow**, and follow the installation procedure as directed.

### Windows Security Message

If you receive a *Windows* security message as part of the driver installation process. Just click *“Install this driver software anyway”* or *“Install”* to continue the installation procedure.

You will receive this message in cases where the driver has been released after the version of *Windows* you are currently using. All the drivers provided will have already received certification for *Windows*.

### New Hardware Found

If you see the message **“New Hardware Found”** during the installation procedure (**other than when outlined in the driver install procedure**), click **Cancel** to close the window, and follow the installation procedure.



#### Driver Installation General Guidelines

The driver installation procedure outlined in this Chapter (and in **Chapter 7 Options & Modules**), are accurate at the time of going to press.

Drivers are always subject to upgrade and revision so the exact procedure for certain drivers may differ slightly. As a general guide follow the default on screen instructions for each driver (e.g. **Next > Next > Finish**) unless you are an advanced user. In many cases a restart is required to install the driver.

Make sure any modules (e.g. WLAN or Bluetooth) are **ON (i.e. the system is not in Airplane Mode)** before installing the appropriate driver.

## Driver Installation Procedure

Insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual disc* and click **Install Drivers** (button).

### Chipset

1. Click **1.Install Chipset Driver > Yes**.
2. Click **Next > Yes > Next > Next**.
3. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.

### Video (VGA)

1. Click **2.Install VGA Driver > Yes**.
2. Click **Next > Yes > Next > Next**.
3. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.

### NVIDIA Video (VGA)

1. Click **3.Install nVIDIA VGA Driver > Yes**.
2. Click **AGREE AND CONTINUE** (button) to accept the terms of the license agreement.
3. Click **Next**.
4. Click the **Close** button to complete the installation.

**Note:** After installing the video driver go to the **Display** control panel to adjust the video settings to the highest resolution.

### LAN

1. Click **4.Install LAN Driver > Yes**.
2. Click **Next > Install**.
3. Click **Finish**.

### CardReader

1. Click **5.Install Cardreader Patch > Yes**.
2. Click **Finish**.
1. Click **6.Install Cardreader Driver > Yes**.
2. Click **Finish**.

### Touchpad

1. Click **7.Install Touchpad Driver > Yes**.
2. Click **Next**.
3. Click the button to accept the license agreement and click **Next**.
4. Click **Finish > Restart Now** to restart the computer.

### Hot Key

1. Click **8.Install Hotkey AP > Yes.**
2. Click **Next > Next.**
3. Click **Finish > Finish** to restart the computer.

### Airplane

1. Click **9.Install Airplane Mode AP > Yes.**
2. Click **Next.**
3. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.

### MEI Driver

1. Click **10.Install MEI Driver > Yes.**
2. Click **Next > Yes > Next.**
3. Click **Finish.**

### Audio

1. Click **11.Install Audio Driver > Yes.**
2. Click **Next.**
3. Click the button to agree to the license and click **Next.**
4. Click **Next > Next > Next.**
5. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.

Note that after installing the audio driver the system will not return to the *Drivers Installer* screen. To install any of the optional drivers listed overleaf, eject the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc and then reinsert it (or double-click the disc icon in **My Computer**), and click *Option Drivers* (button) to access the optional driver menu.

It is recommended you now also install the **Intel Rapid Storage Technology** driver (see *“Intel® Rapid Storage Technology” on page 7 - 23* - required for AHCI mode hard disks).

(see over)





### Windows Update

After installing all the drivers make sure you enable **Windows Update** in order to get all the latest security updates etc. (all updates will include the latest **hotfixes** from Microsoft).

To enable **Windows Update** make sure you are **connected to the internet**:

1. Go to the **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Windows Update** (System and Security/ Security).
3. Click **Check for updates** (button).
4. The computer will now check for updates (you need to be connected to the internet).
5. Click **Install now** (button) to begin checking for the updates.
6. Click **Install updates** (button) to install the updates.

### Windows Experience Index

After the drivers are installed follow this procedure to ensure an accurate rating from the ***Windows Experience Index*** (make sure the AC/DC adapter is plugged in):

1. Go to the **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Performance Information and Tools** (System and Security > System > Windows Experience Index).
3. Click “**Rate this computer/Refresh Now/Re-run the assessment**”.
4. The computer will take a few minutes to assess the system performance.
5. Close the control panel.

### Optional Drivers

See the pages indicated in *Table 4 - 1, on page 4 - 4* for the driver installation procedures for any modules included in your purchase option.

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*Figure 4 - 3 - Option Drivers*

*Note that you need to install both the WLAN & Bluetooth drivers for Intel and 3rd party WLAN & Bluetooth Combo modules.*

# Chapter 5: BIOS Utilities

## Overview

This chapter gives a brief introduction to the computer's built-in software:

If your computer has never been set up, or you are making important changes to the system (e.g. hard disk setup), then you should review this chapter first and note the original settings found in **Setup**. Even if you are a beginner, keep a record of the settings you find and any changes you make. This information could be useful if your system ever needs servicing.

There is one general rule: *Don't make any changes unless you are sure of what you are doing*. Many of the settings are required by the system, and changing them could cause it to become unstable or worse. If you have any doubts, consult your service representative.



### BIOS Screens

Note that the BIOS screens pictured on these pages are intended for guidance in setting up your system's BIOS.

BIOS versions are subject to constant change and revision, therefore your computer's actual screens may appear slightly different from those pictured on these pages.



### BIOS Settings Warning

Incorrect settings can cause your system to malfunction. To correct mistakes, return to *Setup* and restore the **Previous Values** with <F2>, or **Optimized Defaults** with <F3>.

### UEFI Boot & POST

When UEFI Boot is enabled, then the prompts to press **F2** or **F7** will **not appear**. However you can still press **F2** to enter the setup, or **F7** to choose the preferred boot device, if you press the key immediately the system boots up.

## The Setup Utility

Each time you turn on the computer the system takes a few seconds to conduct a **POST**, including a quick test of the on-board RAM (memory).

As the **POST** proceeds, the computer will tell you if there is anything wrong. If there is a problem that prevents the system from booting, it will display a system summary and prompt you to run *Setup*.

If there are no problems, the *Setup* prompt will disappear and the system will load the operating system. Once that starts, you can't get into *Setup* without rebooting.

The **Aptio Setup Utility** tells the system how to configure itself and manage basic features and subsystems (e.g. port configuration).

To enter *Setup*, turn on the computer and press **F2** (give the system a few seconds to enter *Setup*). If the **Boot Logo** is enabled the **F2** on screen will be **highlighted** to illustrate that the system is processing the request during the **POST** (or press **F7** for boot options). If you get a "Keyboard Error", (usually because you pressed **F2** too quickly) just press **F2** again.

If the computer is already on, reboot using the **Ctrl + Alt + Delete** combination and then hold down **F2** when prompted. The *Setup* main menu will appear.

To see the boot options press **F7** and choose your preferred boot device.

## Failing the POST

Errors can be detected during the **POST**. There are two categories, “fatal” and “non-fatal”.

### Fatal Errors

These stop the boot process and usually indicate there is something seriously wrong with your system. Take the computer to your service representative or authorized distributor/supplier as soon as possible.

### Non-Fatal Errors

This kind of error still allows you to boot. You will get a message identifying the problem (make a note of this message!) and you can then press **F7** (the **F7** on screen will be **highlighted** to illustrate that the system is processing the request) for boot options.

Press **F2** (give the system a few seconds to enter *Setup*; the **F2** on screen will be highlighted to illustrate that the system is processing the request) to run the **Setup** program and try to correct the problem. If you still get an error message after you change the setting, or if the “cure” seems even worse, call for help.



### Setup Menu

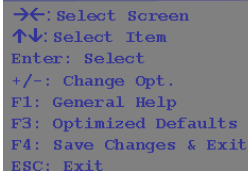
The **Setup** menus shown in this section are for **reference** only. Your computer's menus will indicate the configuration appropriate for your model and options.

Figure 5 - 1  
Navigation Menu

## Setup Screens

The following pages contain additional advice on portions of the *Setup*. Along the top of the screen is a menu bar with menu headings. When you select a heading, a new screen appears. Scroll through the features listed on each screen to make changes to *Setup*.

Instructions on how to navigate each screen are in the box at the bottom right side of the screen.



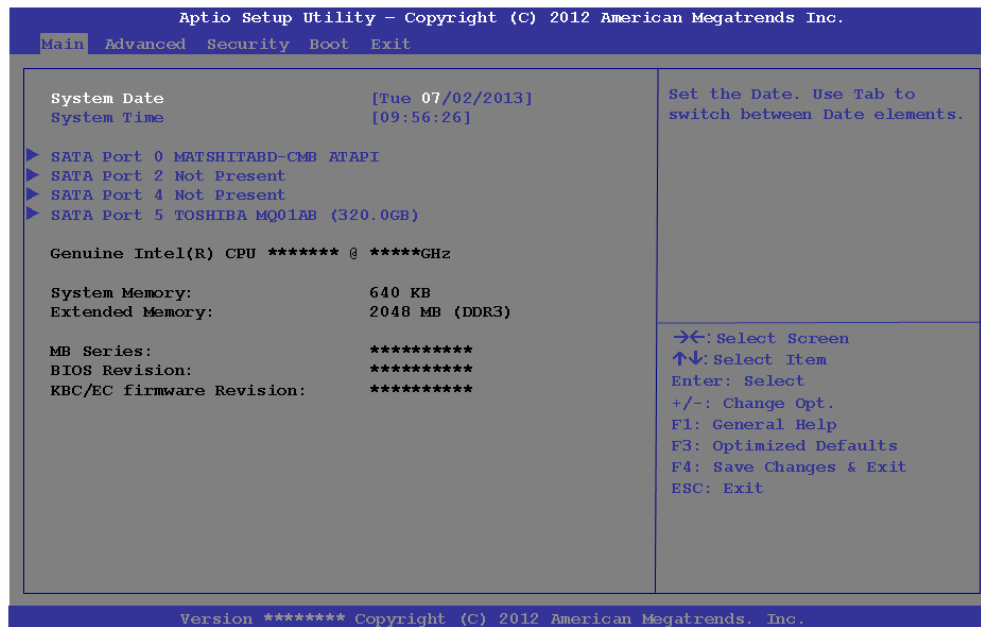
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→←: Select Screen  
↑↓: Select Item  
Enter: Select  
+/-: Change Opt.  
F1: General Help  
F3: Optimized Defaults  
F4: Save Changes & Exit  
ESC: Exit
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If these tools are confusing, press **F1** to call up a **General Help** screen, and then use the arrow keys to scroll up or down the page.

The **Item Specific Help** on the upper right side of each screen explains the highlighted item and has useful messages about its options.

If you see an arrow ► next to an item, press **Enter** to go to a sub-menu on that subject. The sub-menu screen that appears has a similar layout, but the **Enter** key may execute a command.

# Main Menu



*Figure 5 - 2*  
**Main Menu**

## System Time & Date (Main Menu)

The hour setting uses the 24-hour system (i.e., 00 = midnight; 13 = 1 pm). If you can change the date and time settings in your operating system, you will also change these settings. Some applications may also alter data files to reflect these changes.

### *SATA Port # (Main Menu)*

Pressing **Enter** opens the sub-menu to show the configuration of a optical Device/HDD on the computer's SATA Ports.

### *CPU/System/Extended Memory: (Main Menu)*

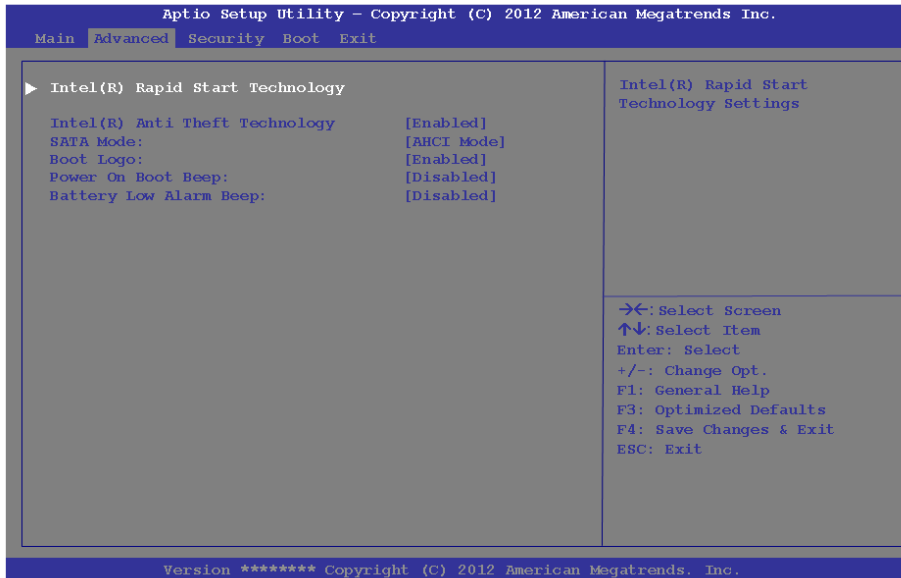
This item contains information on the CPU type and system memory, and is not user configurable. The system will auto detect the amount of memory installed.

### *MB Series / BIOS Revision / KBC/EC firmware Revision*

This item contains information on the BIOS version etc., and is not user configurable.



## Advanced Menu



*Figure 5 - 3*  
**Advanced Menu**

### *Intel(R) Rapid Start Technology (Advanced Menu)*

Enable/disable **Intel(R) Rapid Start Technology** from this menu. The rapid start hibernation mode can resume power within 5 to 6 seconds and can remember your computer's state with zero power.

### *Intel Anti-Theft Technology (Advanced Menu)*

Anti-Theft Technology, which is built-in to the processor of the computer, allows system administrators to render your computer useless to thieves by sending a poison pill encrypted SMS message over a 3G network etc. Administrators can also remotely unlock a recovered computer quickly, or direct the system to send location information (GPS coordinates) back to a central server.

### *SATA Mode (Advanced Menu)*

The SATA (Serial ATA) controller operates in **AHCI** (Advanced Host Controller Interface) mode. Install the *Intel Rapid Storage Technology* driver to support your drive in AHCI mode (see “*Intel® Rapid Storage Technology*” on page 7 - 23).

### *Boot Logo (Advanced Menu)*

Use this menu item to enable/disable the **Boot Logo** screen at system startup **if you have not enabled UEFI Boot**. If you disable the **Boot Logo** you will not see the **F2 Enter Setup** or **F7 Boot Options** prompts on the screen, however you can still press these keys, while the boot screen is displayed, to perform the Enter Setup or Boot Option functions.

When **UEFI Boot is enabled**, then the prompts to press **F2** or **F7** will not appear. However you can still press **F2** to enter the setup, or **F7** to choose the preferred boot device, if you press the key immediately the system boots up.

*Power On Boot Beep (Advanced Menu)*

Use this menu item to enable/disable the beep as the computer starts up.

*Battery Low Alarm Beep (Advanced Menu)*

Use this menu item to enable/disable the battery low alarm beep.

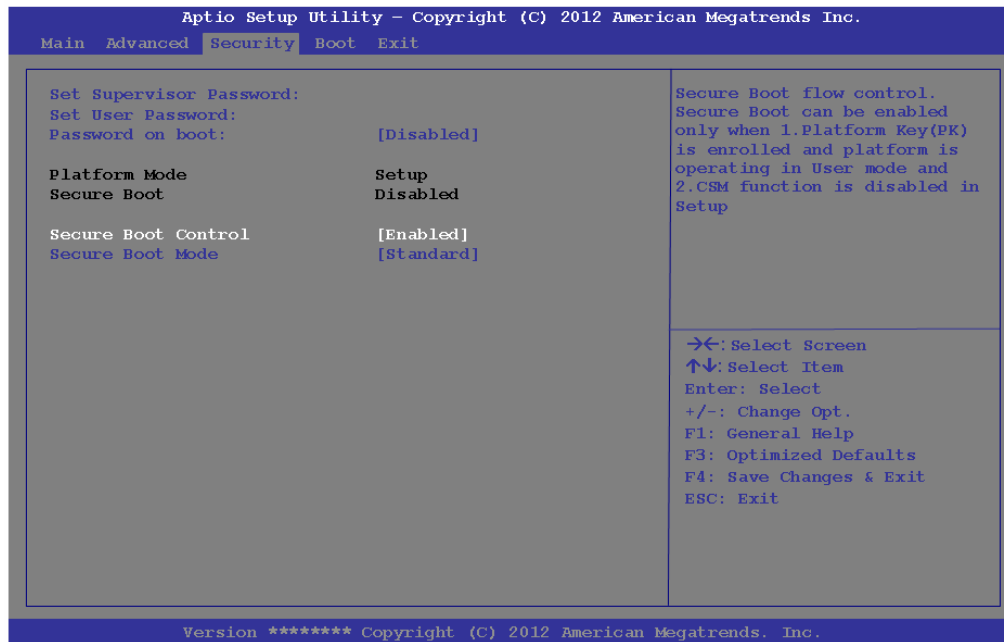


### Security Menu

The changes you make here affect the access to the **Setup** utility itself, and also access to your machine as it boots up after you turn it on. These settings do not affect your machine or network passwords which will be set in your software OS.

*Figure 5 - 4*  
**Security Menu**

## Security Menu



### *Set Supervisor Password (Security Menu)*

You can set a password for access to the **Aptio Setup Utility**. This will not affect access to the computer OS (only the **Aptio Setup Utility**).

**Note:** To clear existing passwords press **Enter** and type the existing password, then press **Enter** for the new password (without typing any password entry) and **Enter** again to confirm the password clearance.

#### *Set User Password (Security Menu)*

You can set a password for user mode access to the **Aptio Setup Utility**. This will not affect access to the computer OS, (only the *Setup* utility) unless you choose to set a **Password on Boot** (see below). Many menu items in the **Aptio Setup Utility** cannot be modified in user mode.

**Note:** *You can only set the user password after you have set the supervisor password.*

#### *Password on boot: (Security Menu)*

Specify whether or not a password should be entered to boot the computer (**you may only set a password on boot if a supervisor password is enabled**). If “*Enabled*” is selected, only users who enter a correct password can boot the system (see the **warning in the sidebar**). The default setting is “*Disabled*”.



#### **Password Warning**

If you set a boot password (Password on boot is “Enabled”), **NEVER** forget your password.

The consequences of this could be serious. If you cannot remember your boot password you must contact your vendor and you may lose all of the information on your hard disk.

### *Secure Boot Control (Security Menu)*

Secure Boot prevents unauthorized operating systems and software from loading during the startup process. **Secure Boot Control** is available as a menu option if you have **enabled UEFI Boot** (see *“Boot Menu” on page 5 - 13*). Enabling Secure Boot will bring up the **Secure Boot Mode** menu to enable you to configure Secure Boot as **Standard** (with a fixed secure boot policy), or **Custom** (which enables you to make changes to the **Image Execution Policy** and **Key Management** database).

# Boot Menu



When you turn the computer on it will look for an operating system (e.g. **Windows 7**) from the devices listed in this menu, and **in this priority order**. If it cannot find the operating system on that device, it will try to load it from the next device in the order specified in the **Boot Option Priorities**. Item specific help on the right is available to help you move devices up and down the order.

*Figure 5 - 5*  
**Boot Menu**



## BIOS Screens

Note that the BIOS screens pictured on these pages are intended for guidance in setting up your system's BIOS.

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### *Boot Option Priorities (Boot Menu)*

Use the arrow keys to move up and down the menu, and press Enter to select a device from the **Boot Option #** list. You can go to either **Hard Drive BBS Priorities** or **Network Device BBS Priorities** and use the + and - keys to move the device's boot priority up and down the list (the selected device will be highlighted in white).

### *UEFI Boot (Boot Menu)*

Enable/disable UEFI Boot from this menu. The Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) specification provides a clean interface between operating systems and platform firmware at boot time. In contrast to BIOS, UEFI defines a set of standard boot and runtime services. The *Network Stack* item will be enabled as an option under UEFI Boot.



## Exit Menu

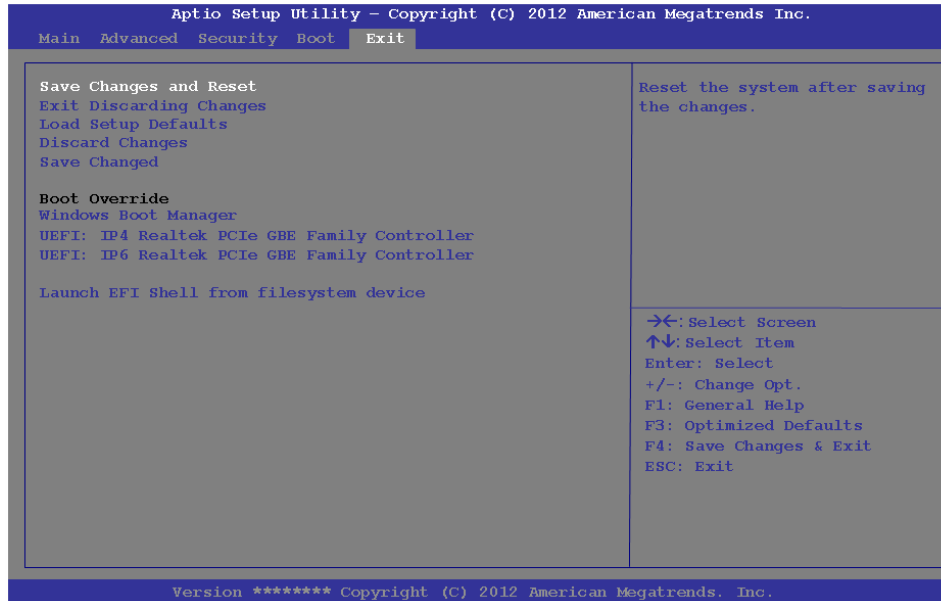


Figure 5 - 6  
Exit Menu

Click ***Save Changes and Reset*** to save all changes made. Choosing to ***Discard Changes***, or ***Exit Discarding Changes***, will wipe out any changes you have made to the ***Setup***. You can also choose to restore the original ***Setup*** defaults that will return the ***Setup*** to its original state, and erase any previous changes you have made in a previous session.



# Chapter 6: Upgrading The Computer

## Overview

This chapter contains information on upgrading the computer. Follow the steps outlined to make the desired upgrades. If you have any trouble or problems you can contact your service representative for further help. Before you begin you will need:

- A small crosshead or Phillips screwdriver
- A small regular slotted (flathead) screwdriver
- An antistatic wrist strap

Before working with the internal components you will need to wear an antistatic wrist strap to ground yourself because static electricity may damage the components.

The chapter includes:

- Removing the Battery
- Removing the Component Bay Cover
- Replacing the Component Bay Cover
- Upgrading the Hard Disk Drive/Solid State Drive
- Upgrading the Optical (CD/DVD) Device
- Upgrading the System Memory (RAM)

**Please make sure that you review each procedure before you perform it.**



### Warranty Warning

Please check with your service representative before undertaking any upgrade procedures to find out if this will VOID your warranty.



### Power Safety Warning

Before you undertake any upgrade procedures, make sure that you have turned off the power, and disconnected all peripherals and cables (including telephone lines). It is advisable to also remove your battery in order to prevent accidentally turning the machine on.

## When Not to Upgrade

These procedures involve opening the system's case, adding and sometimes replacing parts.

You should **not** perform any of these upgrades if:

- Your system is still under warranty or a service contract
- You don't have all the necessary equipment
- You're not in the correct environment
- You doubt your abilities

Under any of these conditions, contact your service representative to purchase or replace the component(s).



### Removal Warning

When removing any cover(s) and screw(s) for the purposes of device upgrade, remember to replace the cover(s) and screw(s) before turning the computer on.

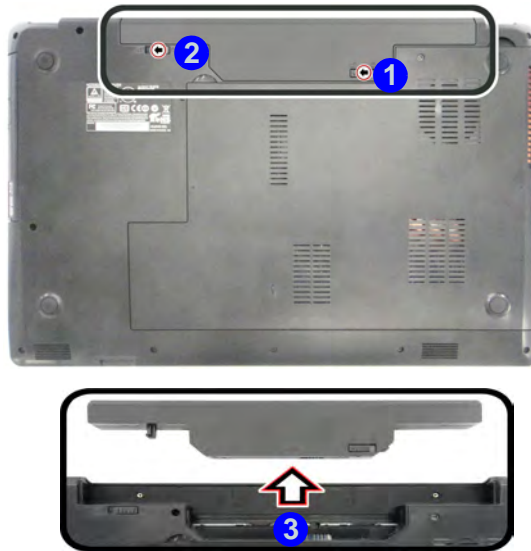
## Upgrading the Processor

If you want to upgrade your computer by replacing the existing processor with a faster/new one you will need to contact your customer service representative. We recommend that you do not do this yourself, since if it is done incorrectly you may damage the processor or mainboard.

## Removing the Battery

If you are confident in undertaking upgrade procedures yourself, for safety reasons it is best to remove the battery.

1. Turn the computer **off**, and turn it over.
2. Slide the latch **1** in the direction of the arrow.
3. Slide the latch **2** in the direction of the arrow, and hold it in place.
4. Slide the battery out in the direction of the arrow **3**.



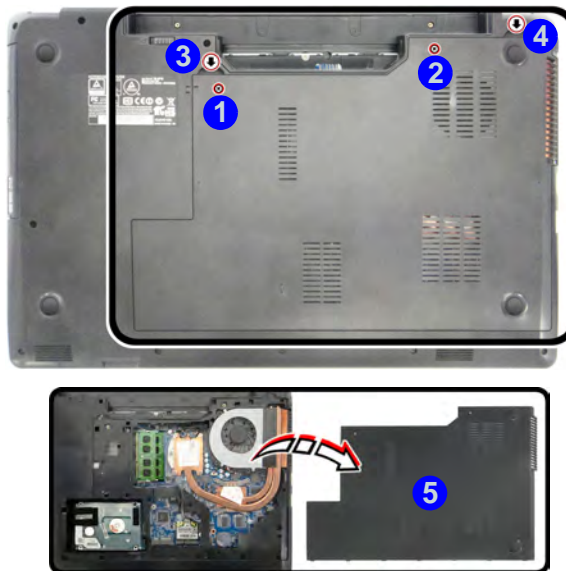
### Warranty Warning

Please check with your service representative before undertaking any upgrade procedures to find out if this will VOID your warranty.

*Figure 6 - 1*  
**Battery Removal**

### Removing the Component Bay Cover

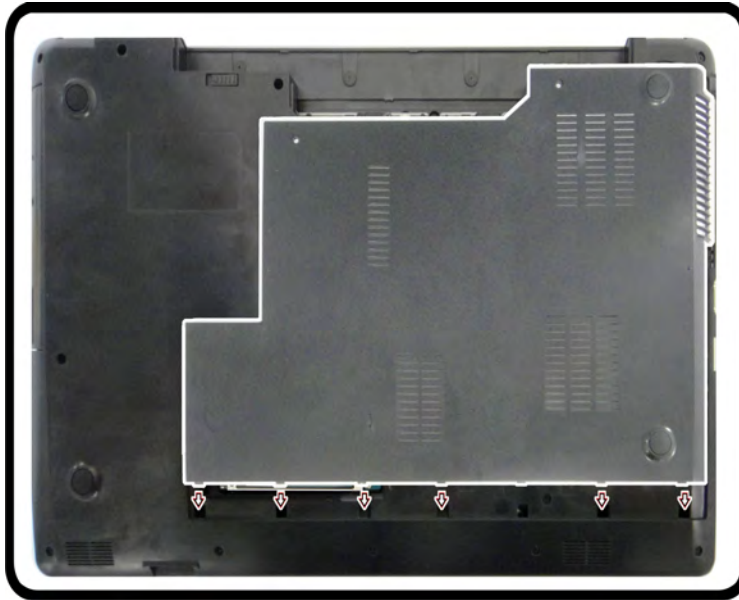
1. Turn **off** the computer, and turn it over and remove the battery (see page 6 - 3).
2. Remove screws ① & ② from the bottom of the computer.
3. Lift the component bay cover off the computer case by applying pressure at points ③ & ④; if you have problems using a finger to do this, then use a non-abrasive, non-sharp object (e.g. a coin) to lift the cover up before removal).
4. Remove the component bay cover ⑤.



*Figure 6 - 2*  
**Removing the  
Component Bay  
Cover**

## Replacing the Component Bay Cover

1. Reinsert the component bay cover by placing it on the bottom case assembly, and aligning the pins at the bottom of the cover with the slots in the case to ensure a proper fit.
2. Press down on the cover to make sure it fits tightly.
3. Replace screws **1** & **2** (*Figure 6 - 2 on page 6 - 4*) and battery (see page **6 - 3**).



*Figure 6 - 3*  
**Replacing the  
Component Bay  
Cover**



### HDD System Warning

New HDD's are blank. Before you begin make sure:  
You have backed up any data you want to keep from your old HDD.

You have all the discs required to install your operating system and programs.

If you have access to the internet, download the latest application and hardware driver updates for the operating system you plan to install. Copy these to a removable medium.

## Upgrading the Hard Disk Drive/Solid State Drive

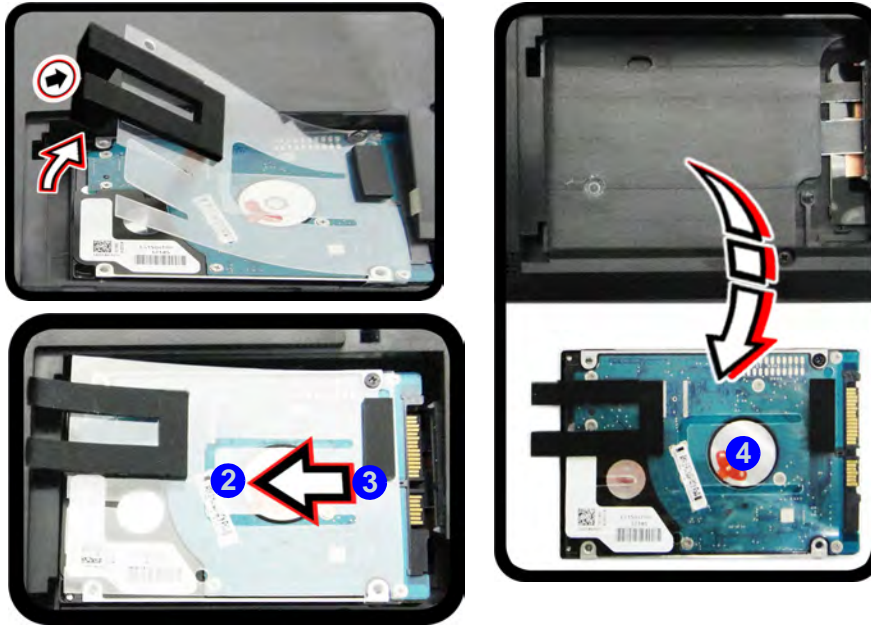
The hard disk drive can be taken out to accommodate other 2.5" serial (SATA) hard disk drives with a height of 9.5 mm/7mm (h) (see *“Storage” on page D - 2*). Follow your operating system's installation instructions, and install all necessary drivers and utilities (see *“Driver Installation” on page 4 - 2*), when setting up a new hard disk.

If you have included an mSATA solid state drive in your purchase configuration see *“Removing the Solid State Drive” on page 6 - 9* for information.



## Removing the Hard Disk Drive

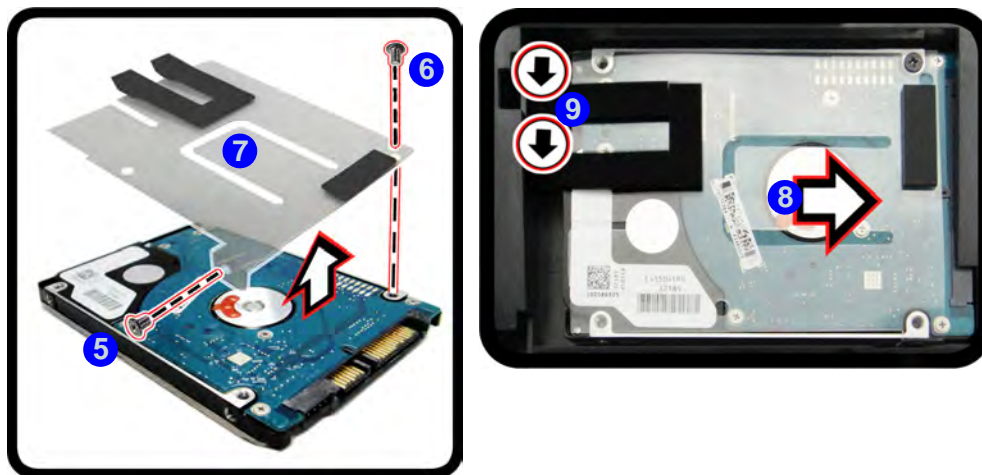
1. Turn **off** the computer, and turn it over and **remove the battery** (see page 6 - 3) and **component bay cover** (see page 6 - 4).
2. Lift the HDD sponge up at point ①, grip the tab ②, and slide the HDD assembly in the direction of arrow ③.
3. Remove the HDD assembly ④.



*Figure 6 - 4*  
Hard Disk Assembly  
Removal

## Upgrading The Computer

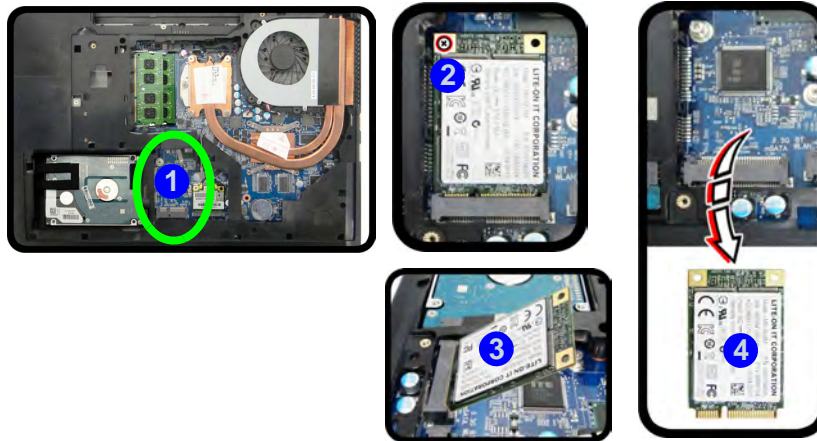
4. Remove screws **5** & **6** and the cover **7**.
5. Reverse the process to install a new hard disk drive.
6. Replace the HDD assembly by sliding it in the direction of arrow **8**, and press down on the sponge **9** to fit the assembly tightly.
7. Replace the component bay cover and screws.



*Figure 6 - 5*  
**Hard Disk Assembly  
Cover and Screws  
Removal / Hard Disk  
Assembly Insertion**

## Removing the Solid State Drive

1. Remove the **component bay cover** (see page 6 - 4).
2. The SSD slot is at point **1** on the mainboard.
3. Remove screw **2**.
4. The SSD **3** will pop-up and you can then remove it.
5. Replace the SSD by angling it as illustrated, and then fit the connector firmly into the slot.
6. The SSD module's pin alignment will allow it to only fit one way. Make sure the module is seated as far into the slot as it will go. DO NOT FORCE the module; it should fit without much pressure.
7. Press the SSD module down towards the mainboard and replace screw **2** and the component bay cover.



*Figure 6 - 6*  
Component Bay -  
SSD Removal

### Upgrading the Optical (CD/DVD) Device

1. Turn **off** the computer, and turn it over and **remove the battery** (see page [6 - 3](#)) and **component bay cover** (see page [6 - 4](#)).
2. Remove the screw at point [1](#), and use a screwdriver to carefully push out the optical device at point [2](#).
3. Reverse the process to install the new device.

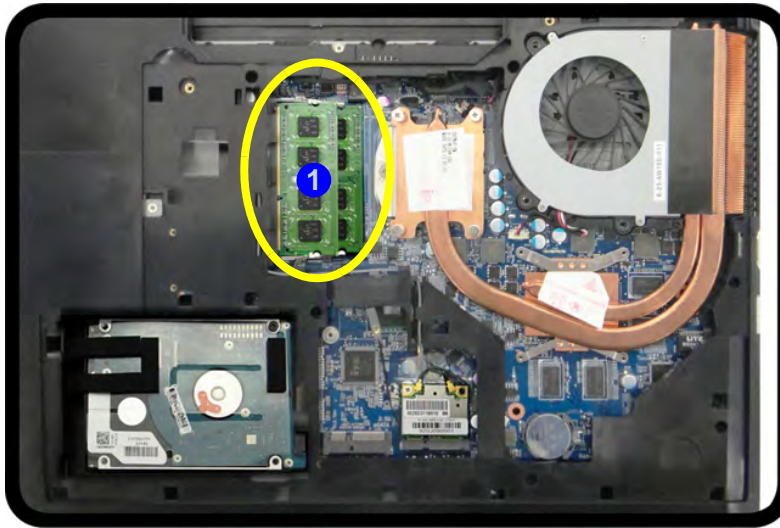


*Figure 6 - 7*  
Removing the  
Optical Device

## Upgrading the System Memory (RAM)

The computer has **two** memory sockets for 204 pin Small Outline Dual In-line (SO-DIMM) **DDR3L** type memory modules (see “*Memory*” on page *D - 2* for details of supported module types).

1. Turn **off** the computer, and turn it over and **remove the battery** (see page *6 - 3*) and **component bay cover** (see page *6 - 4*).
2. The memory sockets will be visible at point **1**.

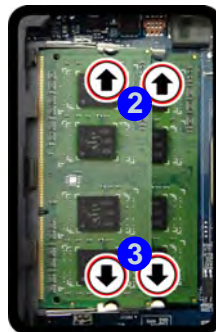


*Figure 6 - 8*  
RAM Location

## Upgrading The Computer

3. Gently pull the two release latches on the sides of the memory socket in the direction indicated by the arrows (2 & 3) in *Figure 6 - 9*.

*Figure 6 - 9*  
**RAM Module  
Release Latches**



4. The RAM module will 4 pop-up, and you can remove it.



### Contact Warning

Be careful not to touch the metal pins on the module's connecting edge. Even the cleanest hands have oils which can attract particles, and degrade the module's performance.

*Figure 6 - 10*  
**RAM Module  
Removal**



### Single Memory Module Installation

If your computer has a single memory module, then insert the module into the **Channel 0 (JDIMM1)** socket. In this case this is the **lower memory socket** (the socket closest to the mainboard).



5. Pull the latches to release the second module if necessary.
6. Insert a new module holding it at about a 30° angle and fit the connectors firmly into the memory slot.
7. The module's pin alignment will allow it to only fit one way. Make sure the module is seated as far into the slot as it will go. **DO NOT FORCE** the module; it should fit without much pressure.
8. Press the module in and down towards the mainboard until the slot levers click into place to secure the module.
9. Replace the component bay cover.





# Chapter 7: Modules & Options

## Overview

This chapter contains information on the following modules, which may come with your computer, depending on the configuration purchased. If you are unsure please contact your service representative.

- PC Camera Module
- Wireless LAN Module
- Bluetooth & WLAN Combo Module
- Intel® Rapid Storage Technology
- Intel® Rapid Start Technology Driver
- Intel® Wireless Display Application
- Sound Blaster Cinema EQ



### Wireless Device Operation Aboard Aircraft


The use of any portable electronic transmission devices aboard aircraft is usually prohibited. Make sure the **WLAN & Bluetooth module(s)** are **OFF** if you are using the computer aboard aircraft by putting the system in to **Airplane Mode** (see [Table 1 - 4, on page 1 - 10](#)).

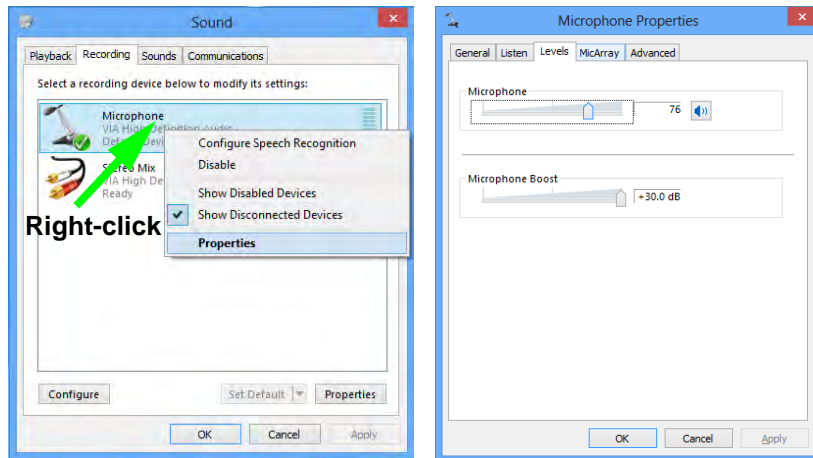
### PC Camera Module

When the PC Camera application is run the LED indicator to the left of the camera will be illuminated in red (see ② *Figure 1 - 2 on page 1 - 6*). Note that you need to use the **Camera** app in **Windows 8** to take pictures and capture video. Use the **Fn + F10** key combination (see *“Function/Hot Key Indicators” on page 1 - 10*) to toggle power to the PC Camera module.

## PC Camera Audio Setup


If you want to capture video & **audio** with your camera, it is necessary to setup the audio recording options in *Windows*.

1. Go to the **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Sound**  (**Hardware and Sound**) and click **Recording** (tab).
3. Right-click hold and release **Microphone** (Realtek High Definition Audio) and make sure the item is not disabled.
4. Double-click **Microphone** (or select **Properties** from the right-click menu).
5. Click **Levels** (tab), and adjust the **Microphone** and **Microphone Boost** sliders to the level required.
6. Click **OK** and close the control panels.

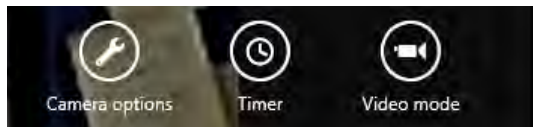


*Figure 7 - 1*  
**Audio Setup for PC Camera**

### Camera App


1. Make sure the camera is powered on (use the **Fn + F10** key combination to toggle power to the camera module).
2. Click the **Camera** app icon in the **Start screen** to run the **Camera** app .
3. The camera interface is a translucent app bar with three buttons.

*Figure 7 - 2*  
**Camera App Bar**



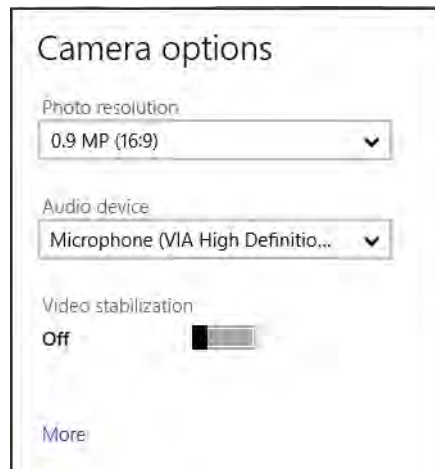
- **Camera options:**. Click this button to open a window with three main options:

*Figure 7 - 3*  
**Camera Options**

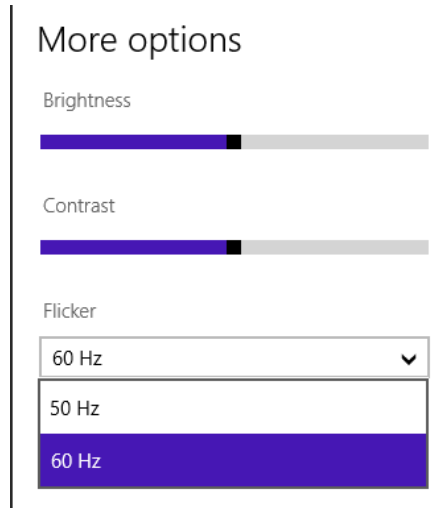


#### Camera Options

- **Resolution** (determined by the camera spec)
- **Audio device** (select microphone to use)
- **Video Stabilization** (a toggle based on spec of the camera)





You can also click on **More** to adjust **Brightness**, **Contrast** and **Flicker** (if you find that the video screen in the camera program is flickering, you can try to adjust the setting here).




### Eliminating Screen Flicker

If you find that the video screen in the camera program is flickering, you can try to adjust the setting in **Flicker** under **More Options**.

*Figure 7 - 4*  
**More Camera Options**

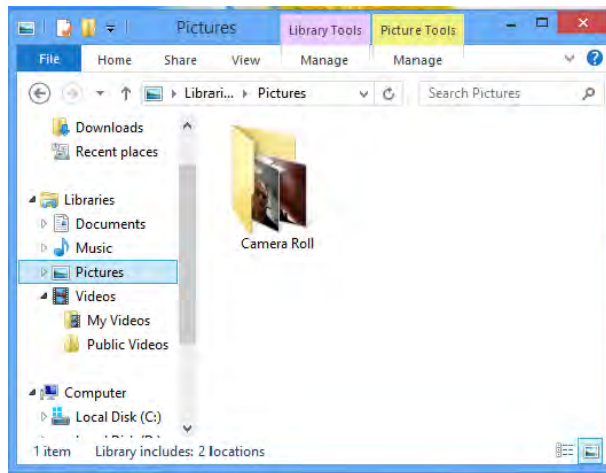
- **Timer:** This button will start a three second countdown before the system takes a still photo or video recording starts.
- **Video Mode:** This button toggles between still photo mode (transparent button ) and video recording mode (highlighted white button ) .

### Taking Pictures/Capturing Video

1. Make sure the camera is powered on (use the **Fn + F10** key combination to toggle power to the camera module).
2. Click the **Camera** app icon in the **Start screen** to run the **Camera** app .
3. Click to select the timer if you require a countdown before capture.
4. Click to select either photo or video modes.
5. Click in the main window to take a picture or start video capture (if video capture begins a timer will appear in the bottom right corner of the screen).
6. To stop video capture click the main window again.
7. Captured photos and videos will be saved to a **Camera Roll** folder within the **Picture** folder in **Libraries**.

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*Figure 7 - 5*  
**Libraries - Pictures**



8. A scroll arrow will appear on the left side of the screen after any pictures/videos have been captured.
9. Click the arrows (on either side of the screen) to browse through the captured photos/video, and back to the Camera app.
10. Clicking on a captured photo will bring up an app bar with **Crop** and **Delete** buttons.



*Figure 7 - 6*  
**Crop & Delete**  
**Buttons**  
(for Still Photos)

11. Use the handles to **Crop** any captured picture, and click **OK** to save the changes made.
12. Click **Delete** to delete any captured photo (note that no prompt will appear to confirm the delete).
13. Right-click any captured video to bring up app bar with **Trim** and **Delete** buttons.



*Figure 7 - 7*  
**Trim & Delete**  
**Buttons**  
(for Video Files)

14. Use the buttons at either end of the slider to adjust the video length and click **OK** to save the changes made.

### Reducing Video File Size

Note that capturing high resolution video files requires a substantial amount of disk space for each file. After recording video, check the video file size (right-click the file and select **Properties**) and the remaining free space on your hard disk (go to **My Computer**, right-click the hard disk, and select **Properties**). If necessary you can remove the recorded video file to a removable medium e.g. CD, DVD or USB Flash drive.

Note that the **Windows 8** system requires a minimum of **16GB (32-bit)** or **20GB (64-bit)** of free space on the **C: drive** system partition. In order to prevent system problems it is recommended that you move any large sized captured video file to a location other than the **C: drive**, or reduce video resolution (see below).

### To Reduce Video Resolution Output Size:

1. Run the **Camera** app.
2. Click the **Video resolution** dropbox and select a lower resolution size in order to reduce the captured file size.
3. Note that reducing video resolution will affect the video quality.



## Wireless LAN Module

If you have included an **Intel®** or **3rd Party WLAN** module in your purchase option make sure that the module is on (i.e. the system is not in **Airplane Mode**) before installing the driver.

Make sure you install the drivers in the order indicated in *Table 4 - 1, on page 4 - 4*.

*Note that you need to install both the WLAN & Bluetooth drivers for the WLAN & Bluetooth Combo modules.*



### Wireless Device Operation Aboard Aircraft

The use of any portable electronic transmission devices aboard aircraft is usually prohibited. Make sure the **WLAN & Bluetooth module(s)** are **OFF** if you are using the computer aboard aircraft by putting the system in to **Airplane Mode** (see *Table 1 - 4, on page 1 - 10*).

### 3rd Party 802.11b/g/n Driver Installation

1. **Make sure the system is not in Airplane Mode**, and then insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc into the DVD drive.
2. Click **Option Drivers** (button).
3. Click **1.Install WLAN Driver > Yes**.
4. Click **Next**.
5. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.
6. The operating system is the default setting for Wireless LAN control in *Windows* (see page [7 - 11](#)).

### Intel® WLAN Driver Installation

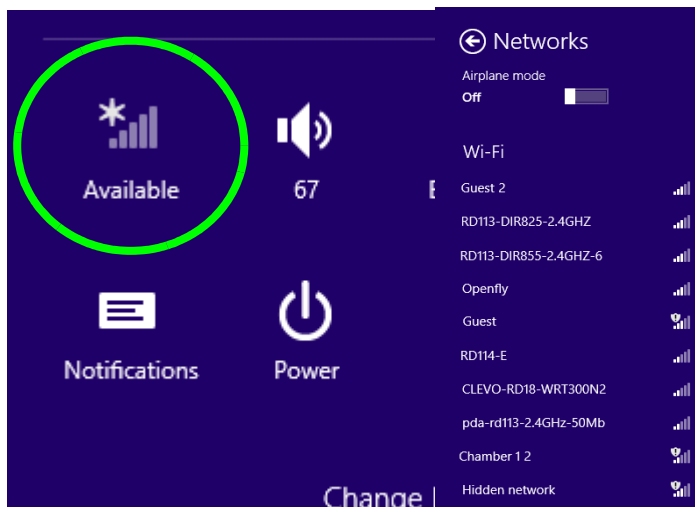
1. **Make sure the system is not in Airplane Mode**, and then insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc into the DVD drive.
2. Click **Option Drivers** (button).
3. Click **1.Install WLAN Driver > Yes**.
4. Click in the tickbox to agree to the **End User License Agreement** and click **Install**.
5. Click **Finish**.
6. The operating system is the default setting for Wireless LAN control in *Windows* (see page [7 - 11](#)).

## WLAN Configuration in Windows 8

You can configure a wireless connection using one of the following options, however make sure the Wireless LAN module is turned on (and not in Airplane Mode) before configuration begins.



### Charms Bar

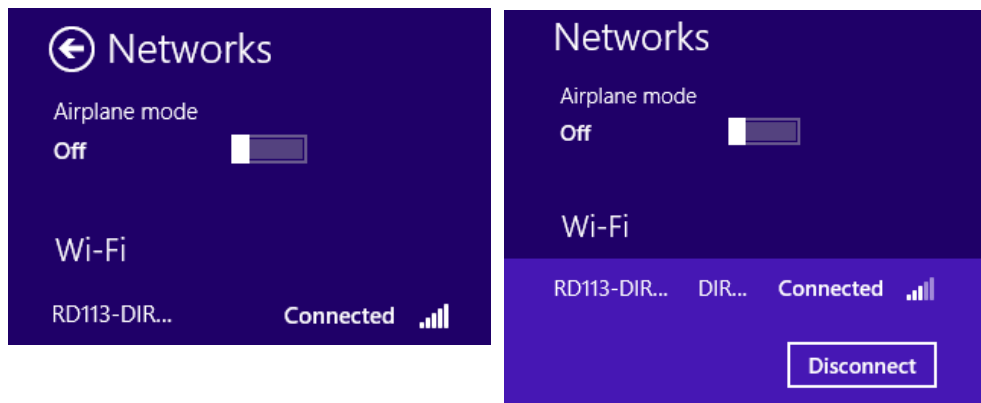
1. Go to the **Charms Bar**.
2. Select **Settings** and then click the **WiFi icon** (it should read **Available** under the icon and **Airplane mode** should be **Off**).
3. A list of available access points will appear.



*Figure 7 - 8*  
**WiFi Settings**  
**(Charms Bar) &**  
**Networks**

## Modules & Options

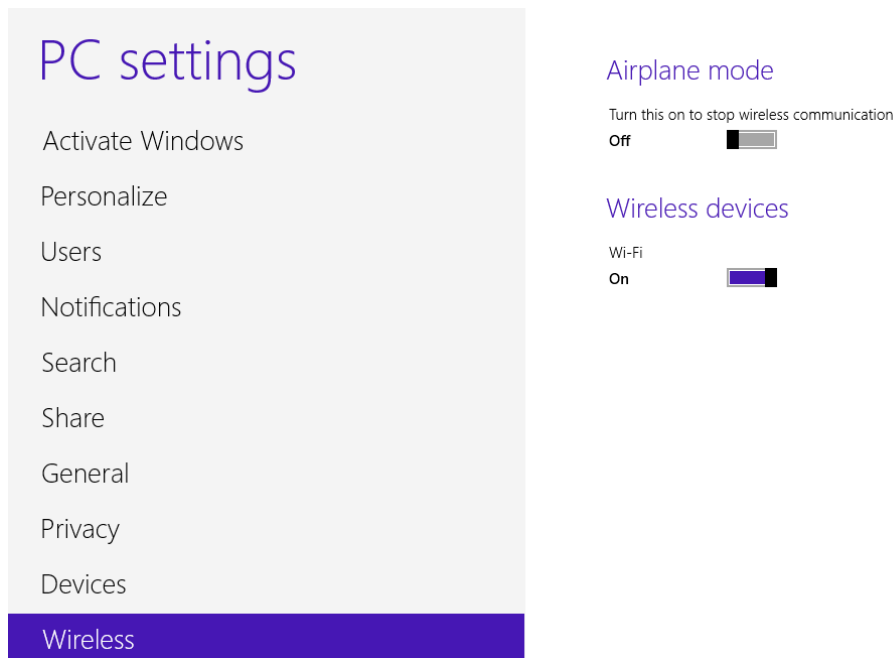
4. Double-click an access point to connect to it (or click it and click **Connect**).
5. Enter a network security key (password) if required, and click **Next**.
6. You can choose to share or connect to devices or not.
7. When you are connected to the network access point it will display the Connected icon .
8. Select any connected network and click **Disconnect**  to disconnect from a connected access point.



*Figure 7 - 9*  
**Networks**  
**Connected /**  
**Disconnect**



9. You can click the **Airplane Mode** button to turn the mode On or Off.
10. If you click on **Change PC Settings** (at the bottom of **Settings** in the **Charms Bar**) you can turn **Wireless** or **Airplane Mode** On/Off (see over).

11. You need to either use **Airplane Mode**, or to **turn the WLAN module off** aboard aircraft.



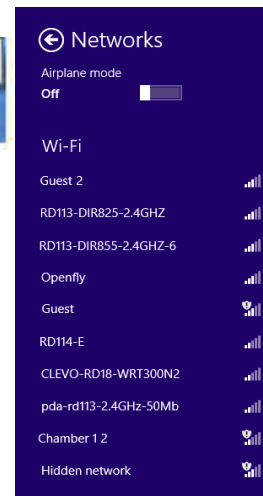
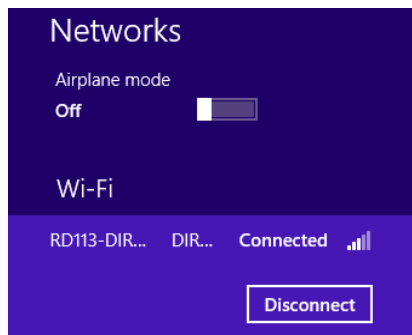
*Figure 7 - 10*  
**PC Settings  
(Wireless)**

### Desktop Mode

1. Switch to the Windows Desktop (click the app or use the Windows logo key  + **D** key combination).
2. Click the wireless icon  in the notification area of the taskbar.
3. A list of available access points will appear.
4. Double-click an access point to connect to it (or click it and click **Connect**).
5. Enter a network security key (password) if required, and click **Next**.
6. You can choose to share or connect to devices or not.
7. Select any connected network and click **Disconnect** to disconnect from a connected access point.



*Figure 7 - 11*  
**Windows Desktop  
Taskbar Notification  
Area WLAN  
Connection**



## Control Panel

If you are in **Category View** do the following (see over for Icon View):

1. Open the **Control Panel**.
2. Click the **Network and Internet** control panel.
3. Click **Connect to a network**.

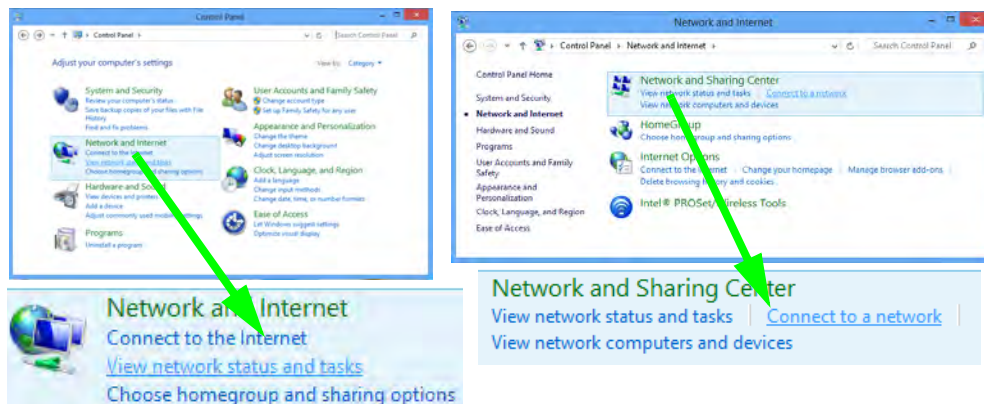


Figure 7 - 12  
Network and  
Internet Control  
Panel

4. A list of available access points will appear.
5. Double-click an access point to connect to it (or click it and click **Connect**).
6. Enter a network security key (password) if required, and click **Next**.
7. You can choose to share or connect to devices or not.
8. Select any connected network and click **Disconnect** to disconnect from a connected access point.

If you are in **Icon View** do the following:

1. Open the **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Network and Sharing Center**.
3. Click **Change Adapter Settings**.
4. Double-click **Wi-Fi**.

*Figure 7 - 13*  
**Network and  
Sharing Center  
Control Panel**



5. A list of available access points will appear.
6. Double-click an access point to connect to it (or click it and click **Connect**).
7. Enter a network security key (password) if required, and click **Next**.
8. You can choose to share or connect to devices or not.
9. Select any connected network and click **Disconnect** to disconnect from a connected access point.



## Bluetooth & WLAN Combo Module

If your purchase option includes the **Combination Wireless LAN & Bluetooth module** (either **Intel®** or **3rd Party**) then install the driver as instructed overleaf.

Make sure that the module is on (i.e. the system is not in **Airplane Mode**) before installing the driver.



### Bluetooth Data Transfer

Note that the transfer of data between the computer and a Bluetooth enabled device is supported in one direction only (simultaneous data transfer is not supported). Therefore if you are copying a file from your computer to a Bluetooth enabled device, you will not be able to copy a file from the Bluetooth enabled device to your computer until the file transfer process from the computer has been completed.



### High Speed Bluetooth Data Transfer

The **Combination Wireless LAN & Bluetooth module** supports high speed data transfer. However to achieve such transfer speeds, **both devices must support high speed data transfer.**

To obtain high speed data transfer make sure that both the **WLAN and Bluetooth modules are powered on.**

Check your Bluetooth compatible device's documentation to confirm it supports high speed data transfer.

### 3rd Party Bluetooth (V4.0) Combo Driver Installation

1. **Make sure the system is not in Airplane Mode**, and then insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc into the DVD drive.
2. Click **Option Drivers** (button).
3. Click **2.Install Combo BT Driver > Yes**.
4. Click **Next**.
5. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.
6. See *“Bluetooth Configuration in Windows 8” on page 7 - 19* for configuration instructions.



### Intel Bluetooth Combo Driver Installation

1. **Make sure the system is not in Airplane Mode**, and then insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc into the DVD drive.
2. Click **Option Drivers** (button).
3. Click **2.Install Combo BT Driver > Yes**.
4. Click **Next > Next**.
5. Click in the tickbox to accept the license and click **Next**.
6. Click **Next > Finish**.
7. See *“Bluetooth Configuration in Windows 8” on page 7 - 19* for configuration instructions.

## Bluetooth Configuration in Windows 8

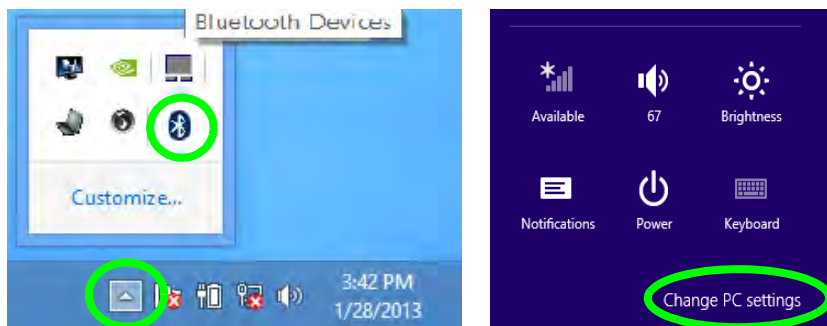
You can configure a Bluetooth connection as below, however make sure the Bluetooth module is on (i.e. not in Airplane Mode) before configuration begins.

### Desktop Mode

1. Switch to the Windows Desktop (click the App or use the Windows logo key  + **D** key combination).
  2. Click the notification area of the taskbar and double-click the Bluetooth icon  (or click and select **Show Bluetooth Devices**).
  3. The **Devices** item in **PC Settings** will appear.
- OR

### Charms Bar

1. Go to the **Charms Bar**.
2. Select **Settings** and then click **Change PC Settings**.
3. The **Devices** item in **PC Settings** will appear.

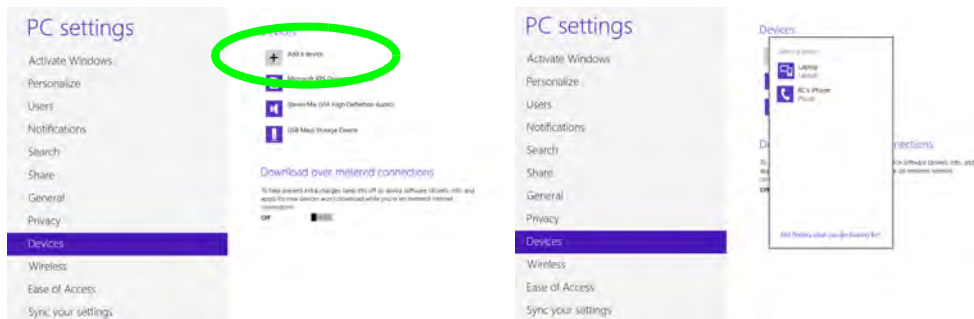


*Figure 7 - 14*  
**Bluetooth Taskbar  
Icon & Change PC  
Settings (Charms  
Bar -Settings)**

## Modules & Options

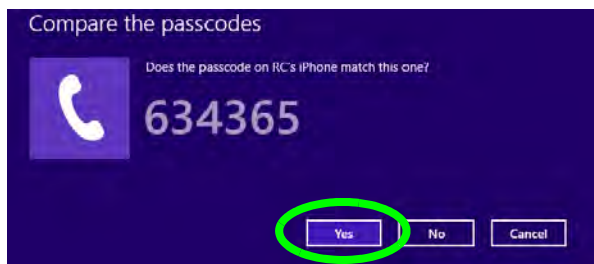
4. Click **Add a Device**.
5. Double-click the device you want to pair with the computer.

*Figure 7 - 15*  
**PC Settings  
(Devices) - Add A  
Device)**



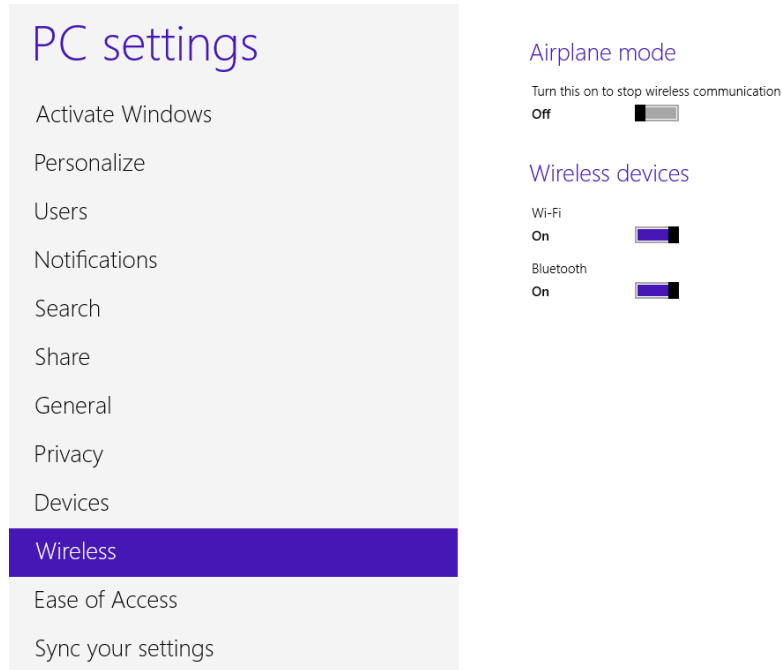
6. On first connection the computer will provide you with a pairing code to be entered onto the device.

*Figure 7 - 16*  
**Enter the Passcode**





7. Enter the code into your Bluetooth enabled device and click **Yes** on the computer to complete the pairing.

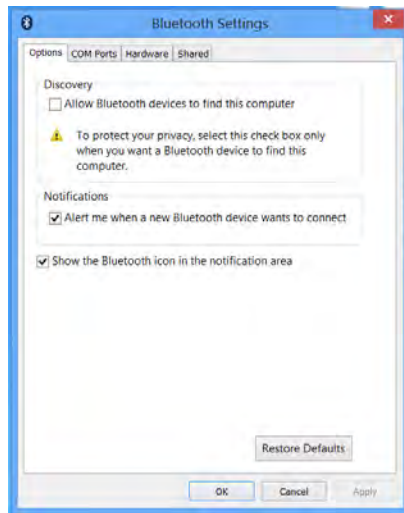
8. You need to either use **Airplane Mode**, or to **turn the Bluetooth module off** aboard aircraft.



*Figure 7 - 17*  
**PC Settings**  
**(Wireless)**

### To Make your Computer Discoverable to Bluetooth Devices

1. Switch to the Windows Desktop (click the app or use the Windows logo key  + **D** key combination).
2. Click the notification area of the taskbar, click the Bluetooth icon  and click **Open Settings**.
3. Click **Options**, and make sure that **Allow Bluetooth devices to find this computer** check box (**Discovery**) has a tick inside it.
4. Make sure that the **Alert me when a new Bluetooth device wants to connect** check box (**Connections**) has a tick inside it, if you want to be notified when a Bluetooth device wants to connect.



*Figure 7 - 18*  
**Bluetooth Settings**

## Intel® Rapid Storage Technology

Install the **Intel® Rapid Storage Technology** to support your AHCI mode SATA drive (see “*SATA Mode (Advanced Menu)*” on page 5 - 8).

### IRST Driver Installation

1. Insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc into the DVD drive.
2. Click **Option Drivers** (button).
3. Click **3.Install IRST Driver > Yes**.
4. Click **Next**.
5. Click in the tickbox to accept the license and click **Next**.
6. Click **Next > Next > Next**.
7. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.
8. Run the **Intel® Rapid Storage Technology** app from the **Start** menu.

# Intel® Rapid Start Technology Driver

**Intel(R) Rapid Start Technology** can resume power from Hibernation within 5 to 6 seconds and can remember your computer's previous state with zero power.

### System Requirements to support Intel® Rapid Start Technology:

- Rapid Start Technology should be enabled in the BIOS (see “*“Intel(R) Rapid Start Technology (Advanced Menu)” on page 5 - 7*”).
- Intel Rapid Storage Technology software installed.
- A Solid State Drive (SSD) with a minimum capacity of 18.6GB.

See overleaf for instructions on enabling **Intel® Rapid Start Technology**.



## Intel® Rapid Start Technology Configuration

1. Enable/disable Intel(R) Rapid Start Technology from the BIOS (see *[“Intel\(R\) Rapid Start Technology \(Advanced Menu\)” on page 5 - 7](#)*).
2. Go the **Windows** control panel and double-click **Administrative Tools (System and Security) > Computer Management > Storage > Disk Management**
3. Right-click the SSD and select **Shrink Volume** from the menu.

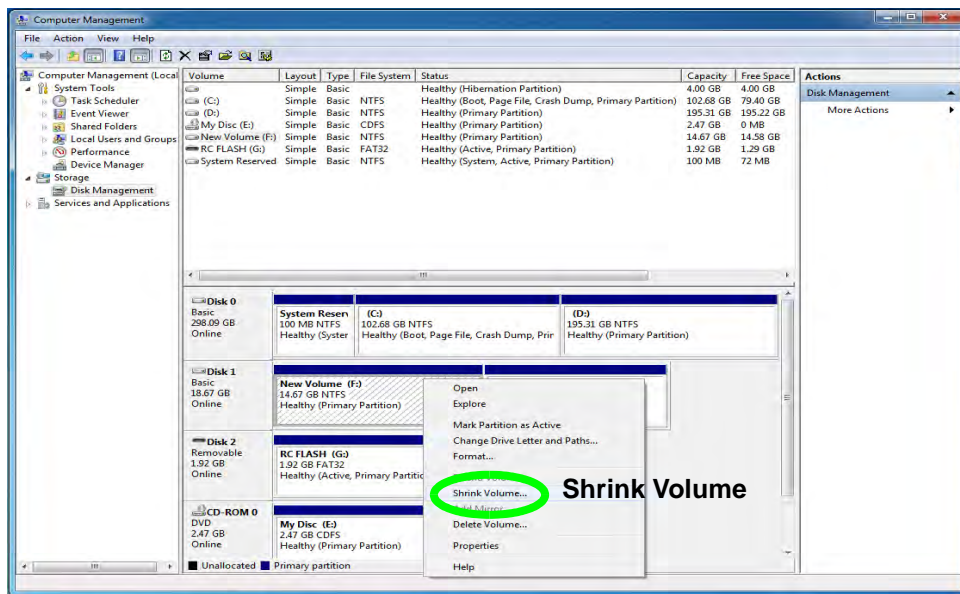
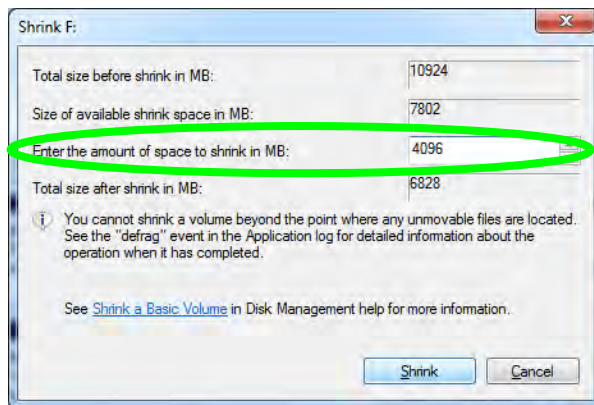


Figure 7 - 19  
Computer  
Management  
(Shrink SSD  
Volume)

4. Enter the figure, **which should be equal to amount of system memory (RAM) in your computer**, in “Enter the amount of space to shrink in MB”.

*Figure 7 - 20*  
**Shrink Volume  
Size**



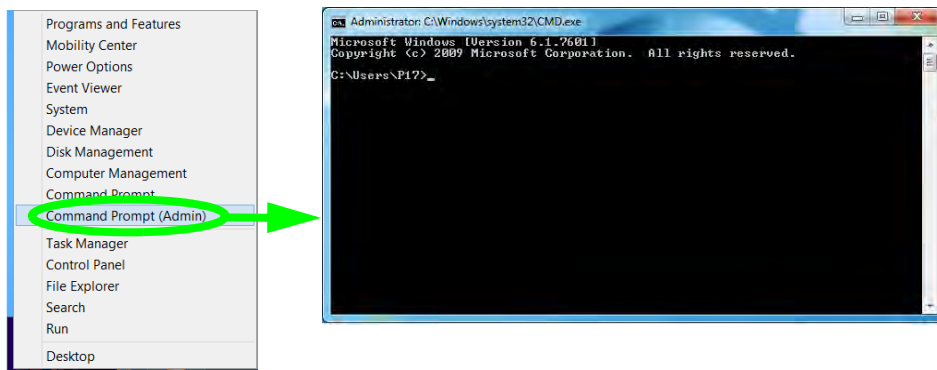
5. Click **Shrink** (any unallocated file space may be formatted for storage use).



### Memory Size (Amount of Space to Shrink)

The figure entered in the “**Enter the amount of space to shrink in MB**” field above should be equal to the amount of system memory in your computer. In the example above the system memory is 4GB ( $1024\text{MB} \times 4 = 4096\text{GB}$ ). If you are unsure of your total system memory (RAM) then go to **System** control panel (System and Security) and check **Installed memory (RAM)**. The memory size will be displayed in GB so convert by multiplying the GB figure by 1024 to get the total in MB (e.g. 8GB = 8192MB).

- Run the Desktop app and right-click the lower left hot corner (or use the **Windows Logo Key** + X key combination) and select **Command Prompt (Admin)**.



*Figure 7 - 21*  
Search for CMD  
Prompt

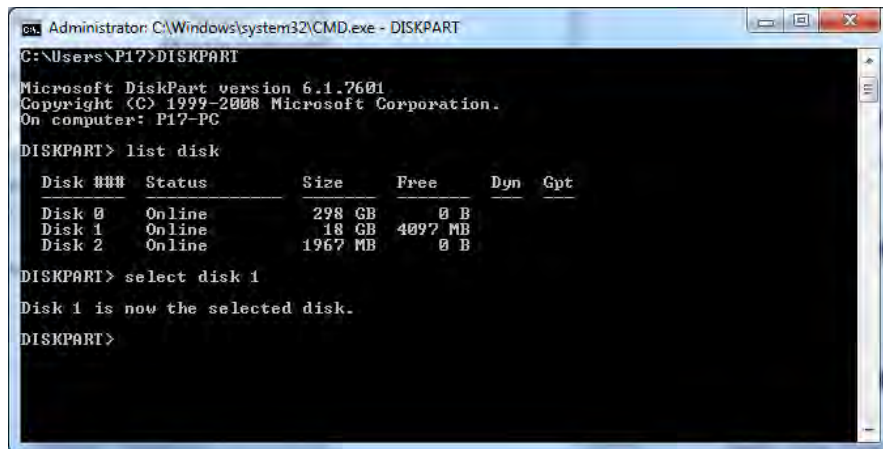
- Type “**DISKPART**”.
- At the DISKPART command type “**list disk**”.



*Figure 7 - 22*  
Diskpart - List Disk

9. Type **"select disk #"** (# is disk number where you want to create the store partition, so refer to the results obtained from **"list disk"** for exact disk number).
10. The message **"Disk # is now the selected disk."** will appear.

*Figure 7 - 23*  
**Diskpart - Select  
Disk #**



```
Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\CMD.exe - DISKPART
C:\Users\P17>DISKPART
Microsoft DiskPart version 6.1.7601
Copyright (C) 1999-2008 Microsoft Corporation.
On computer: P17-PC

DISKPART> list disk

   Disk ###  Status              Size               Free               Dyn  Gpt
   -----  -
   Disk 0    Online                298 GB              0 B
   Disk 1    Online                18 GB             4097 MB
   Disk 2    Online               1967 MB              0 B

DISKPART> select disk 1

Disk 1 is now the selected disk.

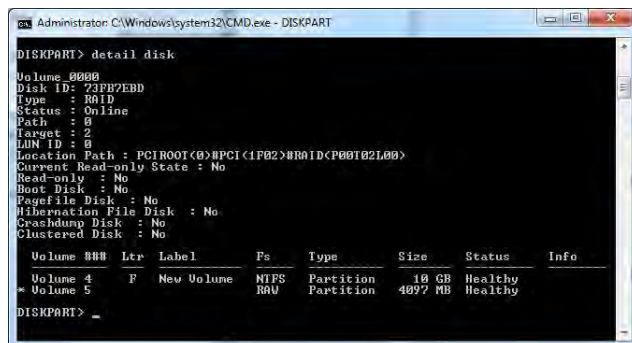
DISKPART>
```

11. Type **"create partition primary"**.
12. A **"DiskPart succeeded in creating the specified partition."** message should appear.

*Figure 7 - 24*  
**Diskpart - Create  
Partition**

```
DISKPART> create partition primary
DiskPart succeeded in creating the specified partition.
DISKPART> _
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## 13. Type “detail disk”.



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Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\CMD.exe - DISKPART

DISKPART> detail disk

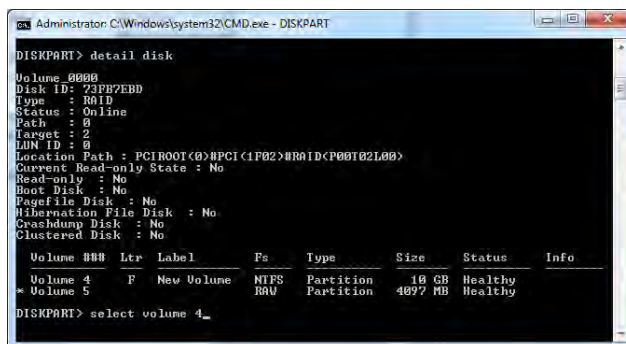
Volume 0000
Disk ID: 73FB7EBD
Type : RAID
Status : Online
Path : 0
Target : 2
LUN ID : 0
Location Path : PCIROOT(0)#PCI(1F02)#RAID(000102L00)
Current Read-only State : No
Read-only : No
Boot Disk : No
Pagefile Disk : No
Hibernation File Disk : No
Crashdump Disk : No
Clustered Disk : No

  Volume ###  Ltr  Label        Fs      Type        Size      Status       Info
  -----
  Volume 4      F    New Volume   NTFS    Partition   10 GB     Healthy
  * Volume 5                      RAW      Partition   4097 MB    Healthy

DISKPART> _
  
```

*Figure 7 - 25*  
Diskpart - Detail  
Disk

14. Type “select Volume #” (# is volume of your storage partition so refer to results obtained from "detail disk" for the exact volume number).
15. The message “Volume # is now the selected volume.” will appear.



```

Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\CMD.exe - DISKPART

DISKPART> detail disk

Volume 0000
Disk ID: 73FB7EBD
Type : RAID
Status : Online
Path : 0
Target : 2
LUN ID : 0
Location Path : PCIROOT(0)#PCI(1F02)#RAID(000102L00)
Current Read-only State : No
Read-only : No
Boot Disk : No
Pagefile Disk : No
Hibernation File Disk : No
Crashdump Disk : No
Clustered Disk : No

  Volume ###  Ltr  Label        Fs      Type        Size      Status       Info
  -----
  Volume 4      F    New Volume   NTFS    Partition   10 GB     Healthy
  * Volume 5                      RAW      Partition   4097 MB    Healthy

DISKPART> select volume 4_
  
```

*Figure 7 - 26*  
Diskpart - Select  
Volume #

16. Type the following, depending on the format of the SSD.

- For **MBR** formatted SSDs: “**set id=84 override**” (the id must be set to 84).
- For **GPT** formatted SSDs: “**set id=D3BFE2DE-3DAF-11DF-BA40-E3A556D89593**”.

Figure 7 - 27  
Diskpart - Set id=

```

Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\CMD.exe - DISKPART
Status : Online
Path : \
Target : 2
LUN ID : 0
Location Path : PCIROOT(0)#PCI(1F02)#RAID(P00T02L00)
Current Read-only State : No
Read-only : No
Boot Disk : No
Pagefile Disk : No
Hibernation File Disk : No
Crashdump Disk : No
Clustered Disk : No

  Volume ###  Ltr  Label        Fs      Type        Size      Status       Info
  -----
  Volume 4          F   New Volume  NTFS    Partition    10 GB    Healthy
  * Volume 5          F   New Volume  RAW     Partition    4097 MB  Healthy

DISKPART> select volume 4

Volume 4 is the selected volume.

DISKPART> set id=84 override

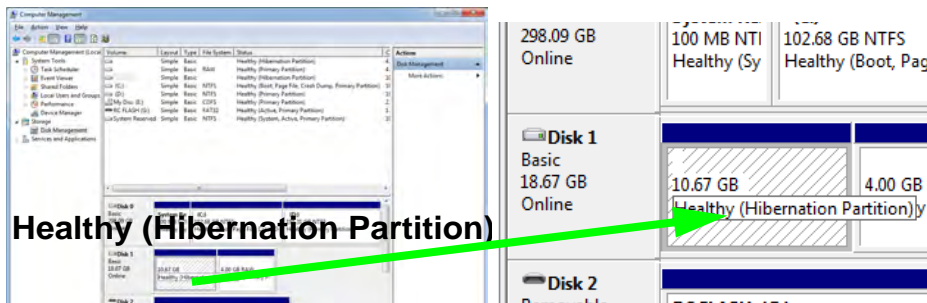
DiskPart successfully set the partition ID.

DISKPART>
  
```

17. The message “**DiskPart successfully set the partition ID.**” will appear.

18. Close the CMD window.

19. Go the **Windows** control panel and double-click **Administrative Tools (System and Security) > Computer Management > Storage > Disk Management**.
20. The disk partition should read **Healthy Hibernation Partition**.



*Figure 7 - 28*  
**Computer Management (Healthy Hibernation Partition)**

21. **Restart the computer.**
22. Install the driver (see below).

### Intel® Rapid Start Technology Driver Installation

1. Insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc into the CD/DVD drive.
2. Click **Option Drivers** (button).
3. Click **4.Install Rapid Start Driver > Yes**.
4. Click **Next > Next > Yes > Next > Next**.
5. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.



### Compatible Adapters

For a list of compatible display and audio adapters check the Intel website, or your distributor/supplier.

## Intel® Wireless Display Application

The **Intel® Wireless Display Application** (requires **Intel® Centrino WLAN/Combo module**), in conjunction with a **compatible video adapter** (purchased separately), allows you to display the contents of the notebook display on another display (e.g. HDTV) without the need to have cables stretching across a room. You can then play games, browse the internet, display videos or photo slide shows on your TV/external display without using HDMI or A/V cables.

Before configuring the **Intel® WiDi** application you will need to set up your **compatible adapter** with your display/speakers. Connect the adapter using an HDMI or A/V cable and turn on the display (or in the case of speakers connect them to the wireless speaker adapter with the cables provided with the adapter), and then set the display to the appropriate input channel (see the documentation supplied with your **compatible adapter** for full details).

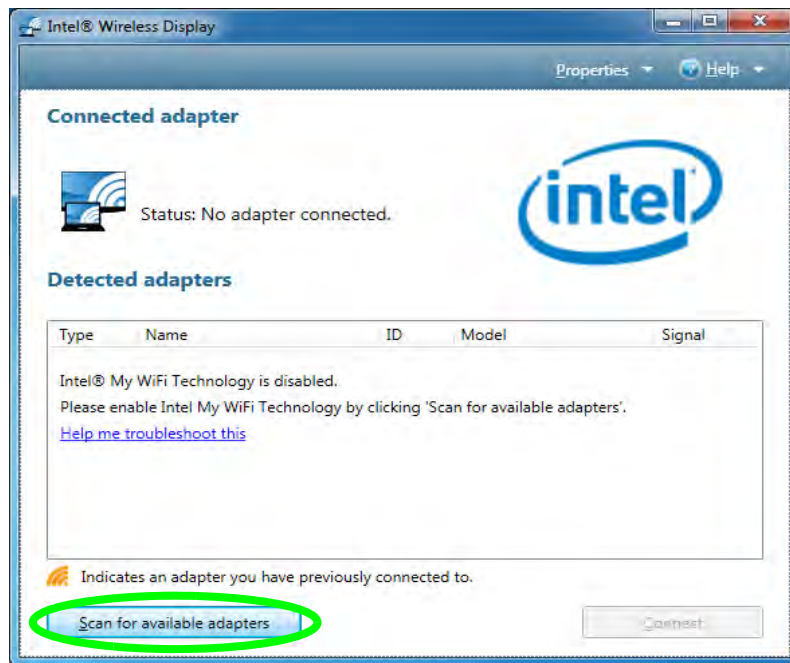


## Intel® WiDi Application Installation

1. Insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc into the DVD drive.
2. Click **Option Drivers** (button).
3. Click **5.Install Intel WiDi AP > Yes**.
4. Click **Next**.
5. Click the button to accept the license and click **Next**.
6. Click **Finish**.

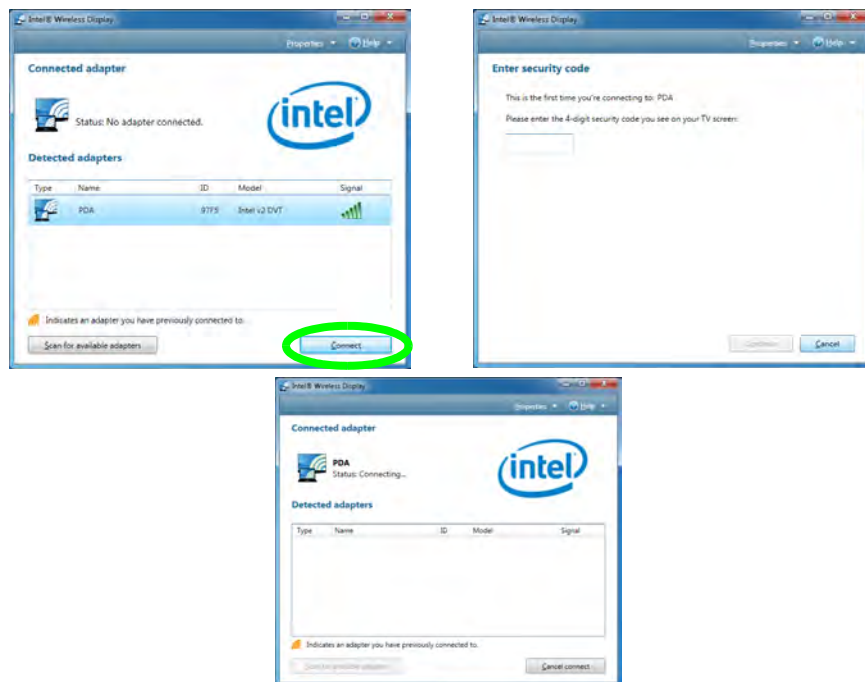
### Intel® WiDi Application Configuration

1. Run **Intel(R) Wireless Display** from the **Start** screen.
2. Click **I agree to the terms of this license** (button).
3. The application will scan for any connected compatible adapters (or you can click the **Scan for available adapters** button to enable **Intel My WiFi Technology**).



*Figure 7 - 29*  
Intel® WiDi Scan

4. Click to select and detected adapters, and click **Connect**.
5. The system will then prompt you to enter the **4-digit security code** which will be displayed on the external TV Screen (or press the **connect** button on the wireless speaker adapter).
6. Enter the code for the video adapter and click **Continue**.



*Figure 7 - 30*  
**Intel® WiDi Connect  
 & Enter Security  
 Code**

## Modules & Options

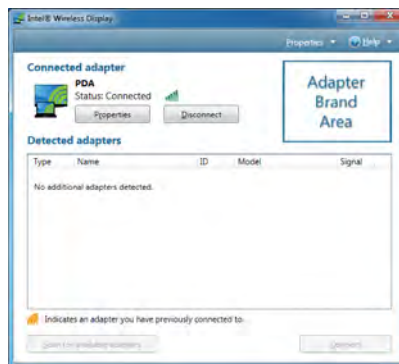
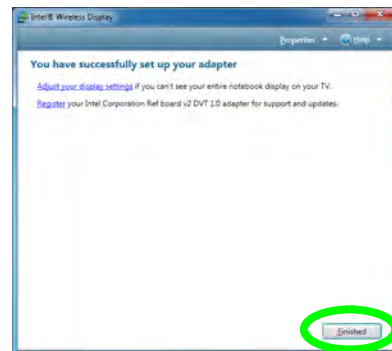
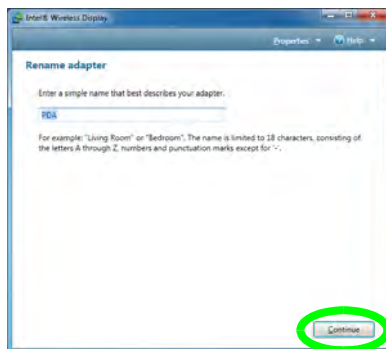


### Test Audio Adapter

To verify a successful audio connection (for **Intel® Wireless Music**), select the **“Test your audio connection”** link or select **“Finished”** to bypass the test.

You can select **“Play Sample”** to play an audio test sample from your adapter to the connected speaker set.

7. You will then be prompted to enter a name for the video adapter and click **Continue**.
8. Click **Finished** to complete the setup.



*Figure 7 - 31*  
**Intel® WiDi  
Connected**

## Sound Blaster Cinema EQ

Install the **Sound Blaster Cinema EQ** to allow you to configure the audio settings to your requirements for the best performance in games, music and movies.

### Sound Blaster Cinema EQ Installation

1. Insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc into the CD/DVD drive.
2. Click **Option Drivers** (button).
3. Click **6.Install SB Cinema EQ > Yes**.
4. Choose the language you prefer and click **Next**.
5. Click **Yes** to accept the license.
6. Click **Next > Full Installation** (button).
7. Click **Next > Finish** to restart the computer.

### Creative Software AutoUpdate

Run the application from the shortcut in the **Start** screen and make sure you are connected to the internet, then click **Next** and follow the on screen instructions to update the software.

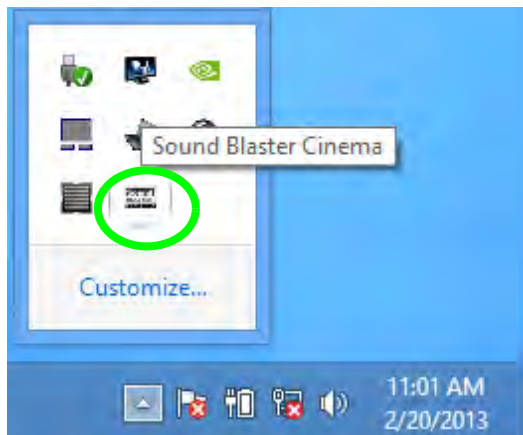


### Sound Blaster Cinema & HDMI

Note that the Sound Blaster Cinema audio effects do not apply to audio generated through an HDMI connection.

## Sound Blaster Cinema Application

Run the **Sound Blaster Cinema** control panel from the notification area of the taskbar (or from the item in the Start menu). Click on the tabs to access the any of the control panel menus.



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*Figure 7 - 32*  
**Sound Blaster Cinema**  
**(Taskbar**  
**Notification Area**  
**Icon & Menu)**

### Sound Blaster Cinema Settings

Sound Blaster Cinema selects the **built-in speakers** by default and this setting may cause some sound quality issues when using headphones. To **adjust the settings for headphones** do the following:

1. Run the **Sound Blaster Cinema** application.
2. Select **Settings** from the menu.
3. Select **Headphones** from the drop-down menu (you can adjust the slider for crossover frequency).
4. Click **OK** and close the application.



*Figure 7 - 33*  
Sound Blaster Cinema  
Select Headphones



### Settings

You can use the drop down menu to use pre-sets for **Music**, **Movie** or **Games**. Alternatively you can use a **Custom** setting.

## Sound Blaster Cinema Controls

Each control has an **On/Off** button to allow you to enable/disable the control, and most controls feature a slider to adjust the levels.



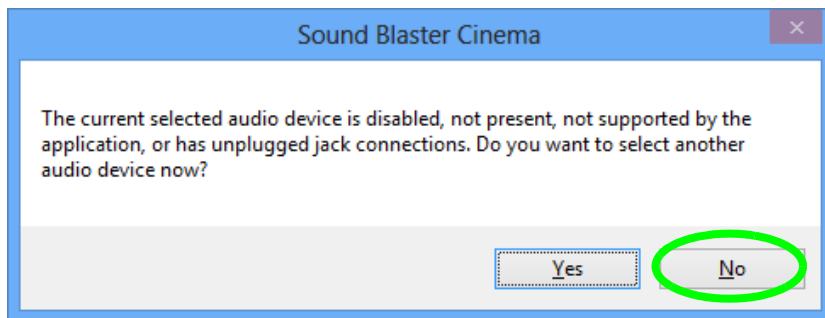
- **Surround:** Provides virtual sound channels to control the level of immersion.
- **Crystalizer:** Enhances audio to make it sound livelier.
- **Bass:** Enhances the bass level of the sound system.
- **Smart Volume:** Minimizes sudden volume changes to avoid the need for constant adjustment.
- **Dialog Plus:** Enhances dialogue levels for movies etc.

*Figure 7 - 34*  
**Sound Blaster  
Cinema Controls**



### Sound Blaster Cinema & HDMI

1. When you connect an HDMI display to the HDMI-Out port, the Sound Blaster Cinema controls will be disabled.
2. A warning box will pop-up and will prompt ***“Do you want to select another audio device now?”***.
3. Click **No** to continue using the HDMI audio output from your external display (do not attempt to select another audio device when connected to the external HDMI display).



*Figure 7 - 35*  
**Sound Blaster  
Cinema HDMI  
Display Warning**



# Chapter 8: Troubleshooting

## Overview

Should you have any problems with your computer, before consulting your service representative, you may want to try to solve the problem yourself. This chapter lists some common problems and their possible solutions. This can't anticipate every problem, but you should check here before you panic. If you don't find the answer in these pages, make sure you have followed the instructions carefully and observed the safety precautions in the preface. If all else fails, talk to your service representative. You should also make a record of what happened and what remedies you tried.

Of course, if something goes wrong, it will happen at the most inconvenient time possible, so you should preview this section just in case. If, after you've tried everything, and the system still won't cooperate, try turning it off for a few minutes and then rebooting. You will lose any unsaved data, but it may start working again. Then call your service representative.

# Basic Hints and Tips

Many of the following may seem obvious but they are often the solution to a problem when your computer appears not to be working.

- **Power** - Is the computer actually plugged into a working electrical outlet? If plugged into a **power strip**, make sure it is actually working. Check the **LED Power & Communication Indicators** (see “*LED Indicators*” on page 1 - 7) to see the computer’s power status.
- **Connections** - Check all the **cables** to make sure that there are no **loose connections** anywhere.
- **Power Savings** - Make sure that the system is not in **Hibernate** or **Sleep** mode by pressing the keys configured in your *Power Options* (see “*Power-Saving States*” on page 3 - 6), the **Fn + F4** key combination, or power button to wake-up the system.
- **Brightness** - Check the brightness of the screen by pressing the **Fn + F8 and F9** keys to adjust the brightness.
- **Display Choice** - Press **Fn + F7** to make sure the system is not set to “external only” display.
- **Boot Drive** - Make sure there are no **optical media and/or USB storage devices** in any connected drive (this is a common cause of the message “*Invalid system disk - Replace the disk, and then press any key*” / “*Remove disks or other media. Press any key to restart*”).

## Backup and General Maintenance

- Always **backup** your important data, and keep copies of your OS and programs safe, but close to hand. Don't forget to note the **serial numbers** if you are storing them out of their original cases, e.g. in a CD wallet.
- Run **maintenance programs** on your hard disk and OS as often as you can. You may schedule these programs to run at times when you are not using your computer. You can use those that are provided free with your OS, or buy the more powerful dedicated programs to do so.
- Write down your passwords and keep them safe (away from your computer). This is especially important if you choose to use a **Supervisor** password for the BIOS (see *"The Setup Utility" on page 5 - 2*).
- Keep copies of vital **settings files** such as network, dialup settings, mail settings etc.(even if just brief notes).



### Warranty

The CPU is not a user serviceable part. Opening this compartment, or accessing the CPU in any way, may violate your warranty.

# Viruses

- Install an **Anti-Virus** program and keep the **definitions file** (the file which tells your program which viruses to look for) up to date. New computer viruses are discovered daily, and some of them may seriously harm your computer and cause you to lose data. **Anti-Virus** programs are commercially available and the **definitions file updates** are usually downloadable directly from the internet.
- Be careful when opening e-mail from sources you don't know. **Viruses** are often triggered from within **e-mail attachments** so take care when opening any attached file. You can configure most **Anti-Virus** programs to check all **e-mail attachments**. **Note:** You should also beware of files from people you know as the virus may have infected an **address book** and been automatically forwarded without the person's knowledge.
- Keep a “**Bootable CD-ROM/DVD-ROM/USB storage device**” (this CD/DVD/USB device provides basic information which allows you to startup your computer) handy. You may refer to your OS's documentation for instructions on how to make one, and many **Anti-Virus** programs will also provide such a disk (or at least instructions on how to make one).

## Upgrading and Adding New Hardware/Software


- Do not be tempted to make changes to your **Windows Registry** unless you are very sure of what you are doing, otherwise you will risk severely damaging your system.
- Don't open your computer or undertake any repair or upgrade work if you are not comfortable with what you are doing.
- Read the **documentation**. We can assume, since you are reading this that you are looking at the computer's manual, but what about any new peripheral devices you have just purchased? Many problems are caused by the installation of new hardware and/or software. Always refer to the documentation of any new hardware and/or software, and pay particular attention to files entitled "**READ ME**" or "**READ ME FIRST**".
- When installing a new device always make sure the device is powered on, and in many cases you will need to restart the computer. Always check that all the cables are correctly connected.
- Make sure you have installed the **drivers** for any new hardware you have installed (latest **driver files** are usually available to download from vendor's websites).

## Troubleshooting

- Thoroughly check any **recent changes** you made to your system as these changes may affect one or more system components, or software programs. If possible, go back and undo the change you just made and see if the problem still occurs.
- Don't over complicate things. The less you have to deal with then the easier the source of the problem may be found; **Example** - if your computer has many devices plugged into its ports, and a number of programs running, then it will be difficult to determine the cause of a problem. Try disconnecting all of the devices and restarting the computer with all the peripheral devices unplugged. A process of elimination (adding and removing devices and restarting where necessary) will often find the source of a problem, although this may be time consuming.




## Problems and Possible Solutions


Problem	Possible Cause - Solution
You turned on the <b>power</b> but it doesn't work.	<i>Battery missing / incorrectly installed.</i> Check the battery bay, make sure the battery is present and seated properly (the design of the battery only allows it to go in one way). Make sure there's nothing interfering with the battery contacts.
The battery <b>LED power</b> indicator  , is blinking orange.	<i>Low Battery.</i> Plug in the DC power source. If the computer doesn't start up immediately, turn it off then on again.
You are <b>losing battery power</b> too quickly.	<i>The system is using too much power.</i> If your OS has a <i>Power Options</i> scheme (see <a href="#">“Power Plans” on page 3 - 4</a> ) check its settings. You may also be using a <i>peripheral device/USB device</i> that is drawing a lot of power.
Actual <b>battery operating time</b> is shorter than expected.	<p><i>The battery has not been fully discharged before being recharged.</i> Make sure the battery is fully discharged and recharge it completely before reusing (see <a href="#">“Battery Information” on page 3 - 13</a>).</p> <p><i>Power Options have been disabled.</i> Go to the <b>Control Panel</b> in <i>Windows</i> and re-enable the options.</p> <p><i>A peripheral device/USB device is consuming a lot of power.</i> Turn off/remove the unused device to save power.</p>

## Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause - Solution
The computer feels <b>too hot</b> .	<p>Make sure the computer is properly ventilated and the Vent/Fan intakes are not blocked. If this doesn't cool it down, put the system into <b>Hibernate</b> mode or turn it off for an hour. Make sure the computer isn't sitting on a thermal surface (see <i>"Overheating" on page 1 - 15</i>). Make sure you're using the correct adapter.</p> <p>Make sure that your notebook is completely powered off before putting it into a travel bag (or any such container). Putting a notebook which is powered on in a travel bag may cause the Vent/Fan intakes to be blocked.</p>
<b>Nothing appears</b> on screen.	<p><i>The system is in a power saving mode.</i> Toggle the sleep/resume key combination, <b>Fn + F4</b> (see <i>"Configuring the Power Buttons" on page 3 - 8</i>).</p> <p><i>The screen controls need to be adjusted.</i> Toggle the screen control key combinations <b>Fn + F8/F9</b>. If you're connected to an external monitor, make sure it's plugged in and turned on. You should also check the monitor's own brightness and contrast controls.</p> <p><i>The computer is set for a different display.</i> Toggle the screen display key combination, <b>Fn + F7</b>. If an external monitor is connected, turn it on.</p> <p><i>The <b>screen saver</b> is activated.</i> Press any key or touch the <b>Touchpad</b>.</p>
No image appears on the <b>external monitor</b> I have plugged in and powered on.	<p><i>You haven't installed the video driver and configured it appropriately from the <b>Control Panel</b>.</i> See <i>Appendix C</i> for instructions on installing and configuring the video driver.</p>

Problem	Possible Cause - Solution
You forget the <b>boot password</b> .	<i>If you forget the password, you may have to discharge the battery of the CMOS. Contact your service representative for help.</i>
<div>  <h3>Password Warning</h3> <p>If you choose to set a boot password, <b>NEVER</b> forget your password. The consequences of this could be serious. If you cannot remember your boot password you must contact your vendor and you may lose all of the information on your hard disk.</p> </div>	
The sound cannot be heard or the <b>volume is very low</b> .	<i>The volume might be set too low. Check the volume control in the <b>Volume Control Panel</b> in the Windows notification area, or use the key combination <b>Fn + F5</b> and <b>F6</b> (see <b>“Function/Hot Key Indicators” on page 1 - 10</b>) to adjust.</i>
The CD/DVD <b>cannot be read</b> .	<i>The CD/DVD is dirty. Clean it with a CD/DVD cleaner kit.</i>
The CD/DVD <b>tray will not open</b> when there is a disc in the tray.	<i>The CD/DVD is not correctly placed in the tray. Gently try to remove the disc using the eject hole (see <b>“Loading Discs” on page 2 - 3</b>).</i>
The <b>DVD regional codes</b> can no longer be changed.	<i>The code has been changed the maximum <b>5</b> times. See <b>“DVD Regional Codes” on page 2 - 5</b>.</i>
<b>Unwelcome numbers</b> appear when typing.	<i>Num Lock is turned <b>ON</b> (see <b>“Function/Hot Key Indicators” on page 1 - 10</b>).</i>

## Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause - Solution
I am sliding my finger up and down on the right side of the <b>Touchpad to scroll</b> a Window and the <b>Touchpad does not respond</b> .	<i>There are different Touchpad versions available on this computer, and this version requires tapping/holding to scroll.</i> Either tap repeatedly, or hold the finger down, at the top or bottom right of the Touchpad (depending on the scrolling direction required) to scroll the window.
<div>  <h3>Other Keyboards</h3> <p>If your keyboard is damaged or you just want to make a change, you can use any standard USB keyboard. The system will detect and enable it automatically. However special functions/hot keys unique to the system's regular keyboard may not work.</p> </div>	
The <b>system freezes</b> or the screen goes dark.	<i>The system's power saving features have timed-out.</i> Use the AC/DC adapter, press the sleep ( <b>Fn + F4</b> ) key combination, or press the power button if no LEDs are lit.
The system never goes into a <b>power saving mode</b> .	Power Options features are not enabled. Go to the <b>Windows</b> Power Options menu and enable the features you prefer (see <a href="#">“Power-Saving States” on page 3 - 6</a> ). Make sure you have enabled <b>Hibernate</b> mode from the control panel.

Problem	Possible Cause - Solution
The <b>Wireless LAN/Bluetooth</b> modules cannot be detected.	<i>The modules are off as the computer is in <b>Airplane Mode</b>. Check the LED indicator ✈ to see if it is in <b>Airplane Mode</b> (see “<b>LED Indicators</b>” on page 1 - 7). Use the <b>Fn + F11</b> key combination to toggle <b>Airplane Mode</b> on/off (see <b>Table 1 - 4, on page 1 - 10</b>).</i>
The <b>PC Camera</b> module cannot be detected.	<i>The module is off. Press the <b>Fn + F10</b> key combination in order to enable the module (see “<b>Function/Hot Key Indicators</b>” on page 1 - 10). Run the camera application to view the camera picture.</i>
The <b>Wireless LAN/Bluetooth</b> modules cannot be configured.	<i>The driver(s) for the module(s) have not been installed. Make sure you have installed the driver for the appropriate module (see the instructions for the appropriate module in “<b>Modules &amp; Options</b>” on page 7 - 1).</i>
A file cannot be copied to/from a connected <b>Bluetooth</b> device.	<i>The transfer of data between the computer and a Bluetooth enabled device is supported <b>in one direction only (simultaneous data transfer is not supported)</b>. If you are copying a file from your computer to a Bluetooth enabled device, you will not be able to copy a file from the Bluetooth enabled device to your computer until the file transfer process has been completed</i>
I cannot obtain high speed Bluetooth data transfer.	<p><i>To obtain high speed Bluetooth data transfer take into account the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To achieve high speed transfer speeds, <b>both devices must support high speed data transfer</b> (i.e both the computer and the Bluetooth compatible device you are connecting to).</li> <li>• Check your Bluetooth compatible device’s documentation to confirm it supports high speed data transfer, and for configuration information.</li> </ul>








# Appendix A: Interface (Ports & Jacks)







## Overview

The following chapter will give a quick description of the interface (ports & jacks) which allow your computer to communicate with external devices, connect to the internet etc.

# Notebook Ports and Jacks

Item	Description
Card Reader Port 	The card reader allows you to use some of the latest digital storage cards. Push the card into the slot and it will appear as a removable device.
DC-In Jack 	Plug the supplied AC/DC adapter into this jack to power your computer.
External Monitor (VGA) Port 	This port allows you to connect an external monitor, or Flat Panel Display, to get dual video or simultaneous display on the LCD and external monitor/FPD.
e-SATA/USB 3.0 Port  /e-SATA	This is a combined <b>e-SATA (external Serial Advanced Technology Attachment)</b> / USB 3.0 compatible port. Plug external Serial ATA hard drives into this <b>e-SATA (external Serial Advanced Technology Attachment)</b> port. *See <b><i>“USB 3.0 Ports” on page A - 3</i></b> for further USB port information.
HDMI-Out Port 	The HDMI-Out ( <b>High-Definition Multimedia Interface</b> ) is an audio/video connector interface for transmitting uncompressed digital streams. This allows you to connect an external monitor, TV or Flat Panel Display etc. as a display device by means of a HDMI cable. <b>Note that HDMI carries both audio and video signals.</b>



Item	Description
Headphone-Out Jack 	Headphones or speakers may be connected through this jack. <b>Note:</b> Set your system's volume to a reduced level before connecting to this jack.
Microphone-In Jack 	Plug an external microphone in to this jack to record on your computer.
RJ-45 LAN Jack 	This port supports LAN (Network) functions. <b>Note:</b> Broadband (e.g. ADSL) modems usually connect to the LAN port.
Security Lock Slot 	To prevent possible theft, a Kensington-type lock can be attached to this slot. Locks can be purchased at any computer store.
USB 2.0/1.1 Port  USB 3.0 Ports 	<p>These USB 2.0 compatible ports (USB 2.0 is fully USB 1.1 compliant) are for low-speed peripherals such as keyboards, mice or scanners, and for high-speed peripherals such as external HDDs, digital video cameras or high-speed scanners etc. Devices can be plugged into the computer, and unplugged from the computer, without the need to turn the system off (if the power rating of your USB device is 500mA or above, make sure you use the power supply which comes with the device).</p> <p><b>The USB 3.0 ports are denoted by their blue color; USB 2.0 ports are colored black.</b> USB 3.0 will transfer data much faster than USB 2.0, and is backwards-compatible with USB 2.0.</p>

## Interface (Ports & Jacks)

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# Appendix B: Control Center

## Overview

The following chapter will give a quick description of the functions of the **Control Center**. The **Control Center** gives quick access to frequently used controls, power management features and enables you to quickly turn modules on/off. Click the **Control Center** icons to toggle the appropriate function, or hold the mouse button down and move the slider where applicable. Certain functions will automatically be adjusted when a power mode is selected. The **Control Center** in **Windows 8** works under the **Desktop** app and not under the Start screen.



Figure B - 1 - Control Center

## Control Center

### Power Modes

You can set a **Power Mode** by clicking the appropriate icon at the top of the **Control Center**. Each power mode will affect screen brightness, Touchpad and PC camera power etc.

You can click a **Control Center** icon to set an overall power mode and then click individual icons in the **Control Center** to power on/off the Touchpad and PC camera.









Modes		Power Saving	Entertainment	Quiet	Performance	User Defined
Icon						
Power Plan		Power Saver	Power Saving	Power Saving	High Performance	User Defined
Power Conservation Mode		Energy Star	Energy Star	Energy Star	Performance	
Brightness		10	100	40	100	
PC Camera		OFF	OFF	ON	ON	
Touchpad		ON	ON	ON	ON	

Table B - 1- Power Modes

## Power Status

The **Power Status** icon will show whether you are currently powered by the battery, or by the AC/DC adapter plugged in to a working power outlet. The power status bar will show the current battery charge state.

## Brightness

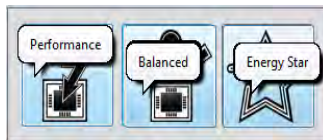
The **Brightness** icon will show the current screen brightness level. You can use the slider to adjust the screen brightness or the **Fn + F8/F9** key combinations, or use the **Fn+ F2** key combination to turn off the LED backlight (press any key to turn it on again). Note that screen brightness is also effected by the **Power Mode** selected (see [Table B - 1, on page B - 2](#)).

## Volume

The **Volume** icon will show the current volume level. You can use the slider to adjust the Volume or the **Fn + F5/F6** key combinations, or use the **Fn+ F3** key combination to mute the volume.



## Power Conservation

This system supports **Energy Star** power management features that place computers (CPU, hard drive, etc.) into a low-power sleep modes after a designated period of inactivity (see [“Power Conservation Modes” on page 3 - 11](#)). Click either the **Performance**, **Balanced** or **Energy Star** button.




## Control Center

### Sleep

Click the **Sleep** button to bring up the **Hibernate**  or **Sleep**  buttons, and click either button to have the computer enter the appropriate power-saving mode (see *[“Power-Saving States” on page 3 - 6](#)*).

### Display Switch

Click the **Display Switch** button to access the menu (or use the  + **P** key combination) and select the appropriate attached display mode (see page *[C - 14](#)*).


### Time Zone

Clicking the **Time Zone** button will access the **Date and Time Windows** control panel.

### Desktop Background

Clicking the **Desktop Background** button will allow you to change the desktop background picture.

### Touchpad/PC Camera

Click either of these buttons to toggle the Touchpad or camera module's power status. A crossed out icon will appear over the top left of the icon  when it is off. Note that the power status of the camera module is also effected by the **Power Mode** selected (see *[Table B - 1, on page B - 2](#)*).

### Caps Lock/Scroll Lock/ Number Lock

Click the button to toggle the appropriate lock mode.

# Appendix C: Video Driver Controls

The basic settings for configuring the LCD are outlined in “*Video Features*” on *page 1 - 27*. Make sure you install the drivers in the order indicated in *Table 4 - 1*, on *page 4 - 4*.

## Video Drivers

### Video (VGA)

1. Click **2.Install VGA Driver > Yes**.
2. Click **Next > Yes > Next > Next**.
3. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.

### NVIDIA Video (VGA)

1. Click **3.Install nVIDIA VGA Driver > Yes**.
2. Click **AGREE AND CONTINUE** (button) to accept the terms of the license agreement.
3. Click **Next**.
4. Click the **Close** button to complete the installation.



#### Video Card Options

Note that card types, specifications and drivers are subject to continual updates and changes. Check with your distributor/supplier for the latest details on video cards supported.

#### DVMT Notes

DVMT is not local video memory.

DVMT will not function in MS-DOS. DOS uses the legacy memory indicated.

### Dynamic Video Memory Technology

Intel® DVMT automatically and dynamically allocates as much (up to **1748MB**) system memory (RAM) as needed to the integrated video system (**the video driver must be installed**). DVMT returns whatever memory is no longer needed to the operating system.



## NVIDIA® Optimus™ Technology

Most notebook computers come with either a **discrete** or **integrated** graphics solution.

**Discrete** graphics solutions feature a dedicated Graphics Processing Unit (GPU) which are capable of playing games, watching HD video or running GPU-based applications. However computers with discrete graphics solutions tend to be heavy in power consumption, and slightly larger in size in order to incorporate the dedicated discrete GPU.

**Integrated** graphics solutions usually feature memory sharing technology to help save power consumption and allow for longer battery life. However computers with integrated graphics solutions will not usually run games, HD video or GPU-based applications without severe limitations.

**Nvidia® Optimus™** technology is a seamless technology designed to get best performance from the graphics system while allowing longer battery life, without having to manually change settings. Thus when an application is run that requires extra performance or quality, then the system will run the discrete GPU (dGPU); when the system does not require such enhanced performance it will let the integrated (iGPU) handle it.



### iGPU or dGPU

Note the NVIDIA control panel refers to **High-performance NVIDIA processor** (which is the discrete GPU) and **Integrated graphics** (which is the integrated GPU).



### Customization Options

Although **Optimus** is completely seamless to the user, NVIDIA also allow customization options within the control panel (see “*Optimus™ Customization Options*” on page C - 26).

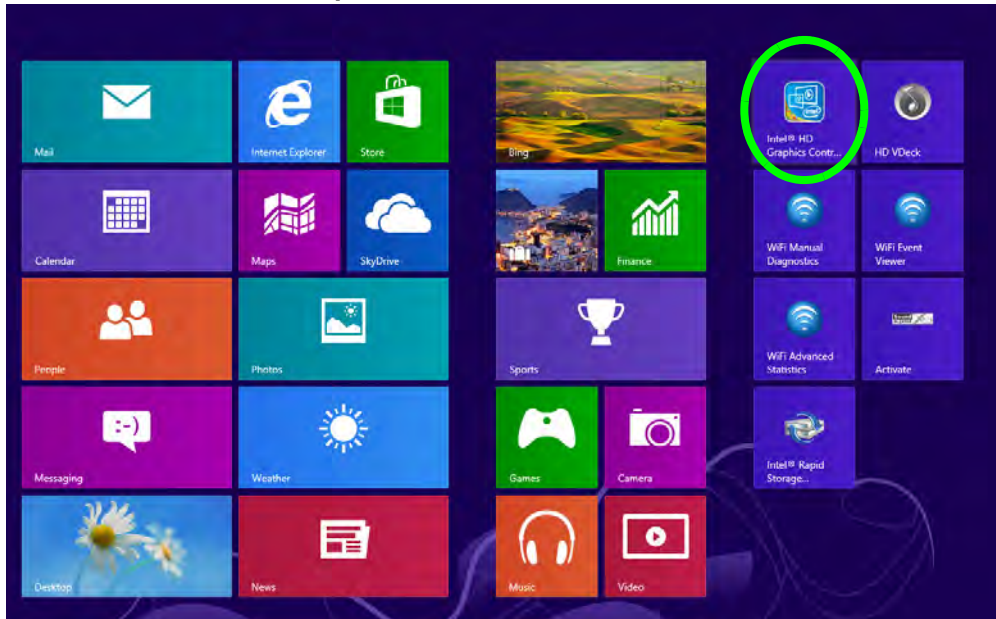
### How Optimus Technology works

When the system is powered up and is displaying just the desktop, the dGPU will be powered off. In this case the system is running in the same way as a system without a discrete graphics solution. However when an application that requires use of the dGPU is run (e.g, a game or HD Video), the dGPU is powered on and takes over the processing duties. If the program is closed, then the dGPU will be powered back down again until required.

## Intel® HD Graphics Control Panel

Advanced video configuration options are provided by the **Intel® HD Graphics Control Panel**. To access the control panel see below and overleaf:

1. Click the **Intel® HD Graphics Control Panel** icon in the **Start** screen.



*Figure C - 1*  
**Start Screen**  
**Intel® HD Graphics**  
**Control Panel**

(see over)

## Video Driver Controls

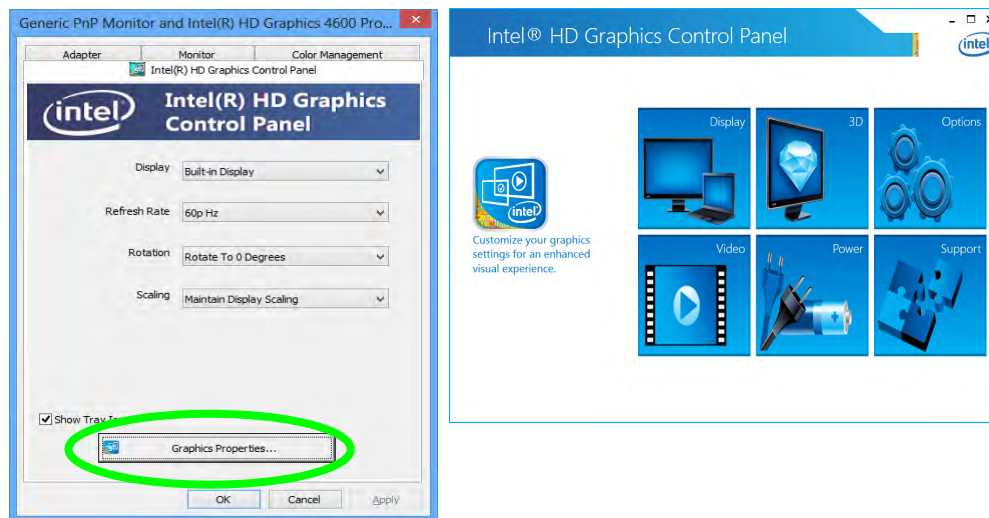
OR

2. Right-click the **Desktop** and select **Graphics Properties** from the menu.

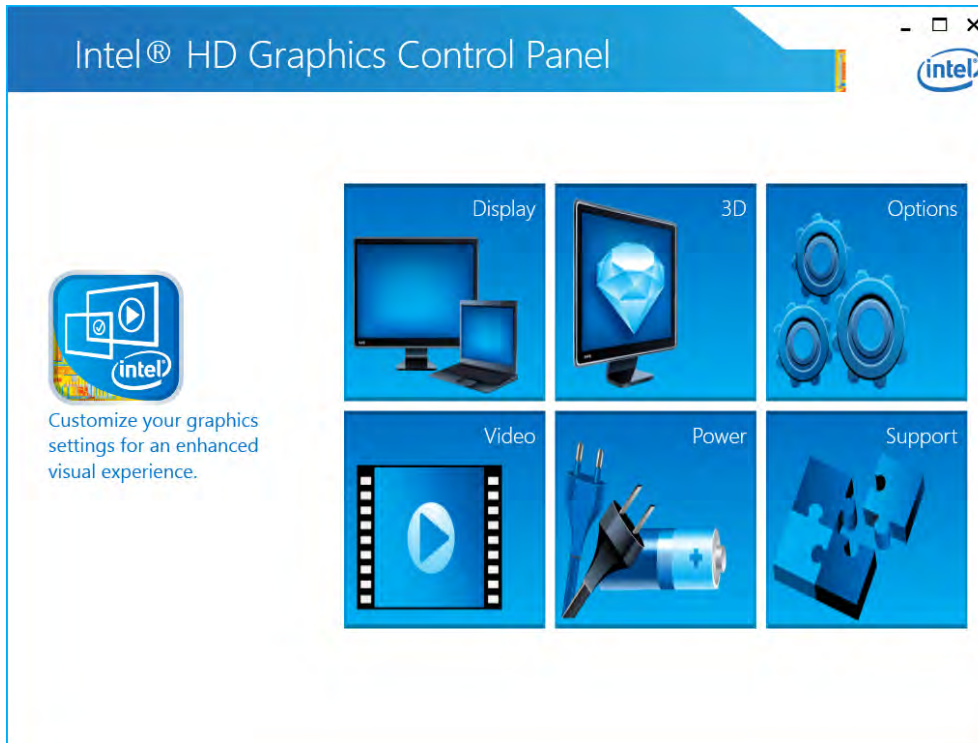
OR

3. Click **Advanced settings** in the **Screen Resolution** control panel in **Windows**.
4. Click the **Intel(R) HD Graphics Control Panel** tab and click **Graphics Properties** (button).
5. Double-click the **Intel(R) HD Graphics** control panel in the **Windows Control Panel**.

*Figure C - 2*  
**Intel® HD Graphics  
Control Panel**




You may make changes to any of the graphics properties by clicking the appropriate menu panel and adjusting the settings on the right.

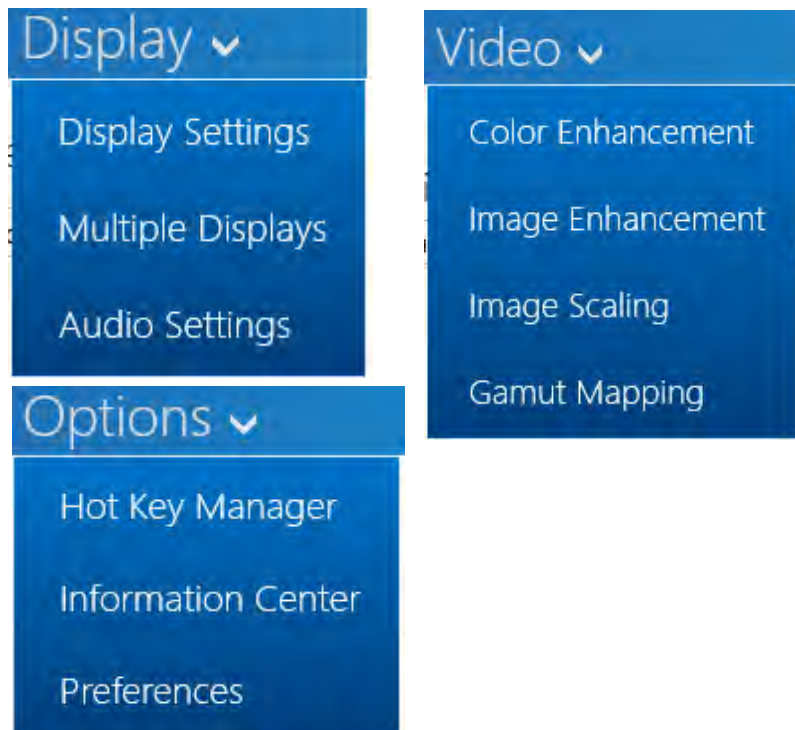


*Figure C - 3*  
**Intel® HD Graphics  
Control Panel**

## Video Driver Controls

### Sub-Menus

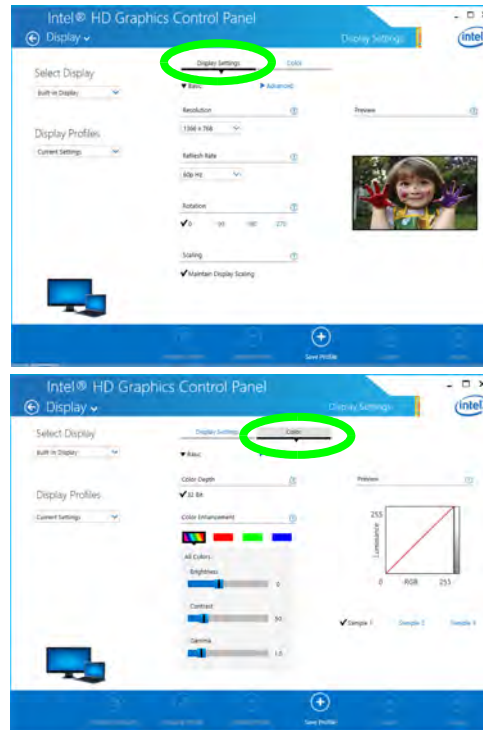
Some of the menu panels will also have sub-menus (in the top left corner of the menu alongside the icon ) to display further configuration options.



*Figure C - 4*  
**Intel® HD Graphics  
Control Panel  
Sub-Menus**

## Display

Click either **Display Settings** or **Color** to make display adjustments, including configuration for any attached external displays.



### Multiple Display

At least one other display must be attached in order to view multiple display selection options.

*Figure C - 5*  
Intel® HD Graphics  
Control Panel  
Display Settings

## Video Driver Controls

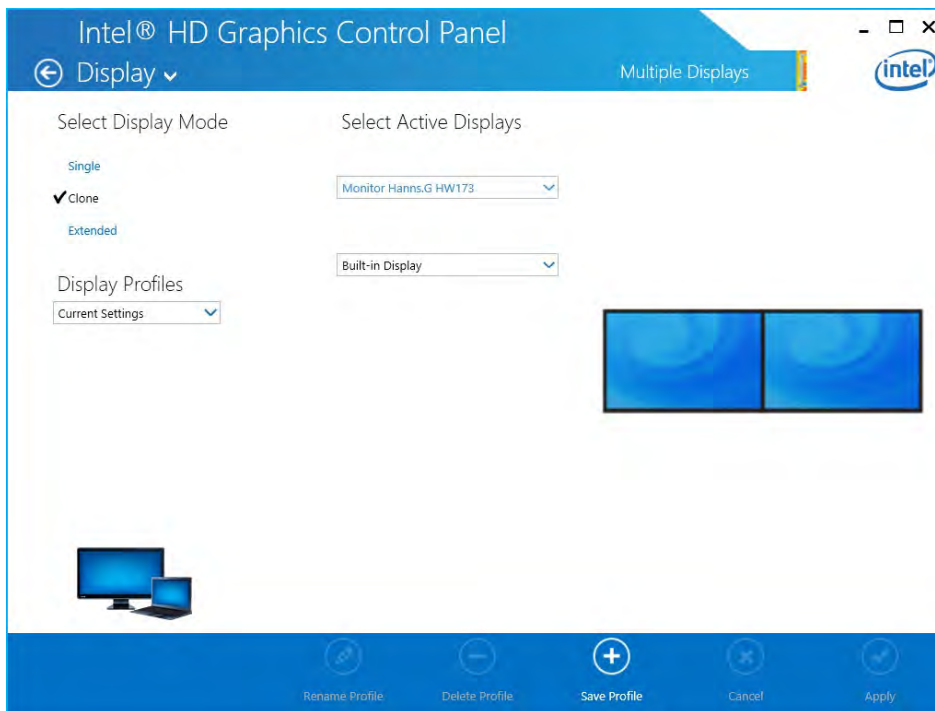


### Multiple Display

At least one other display must be attached in order to view multiple display selection options.

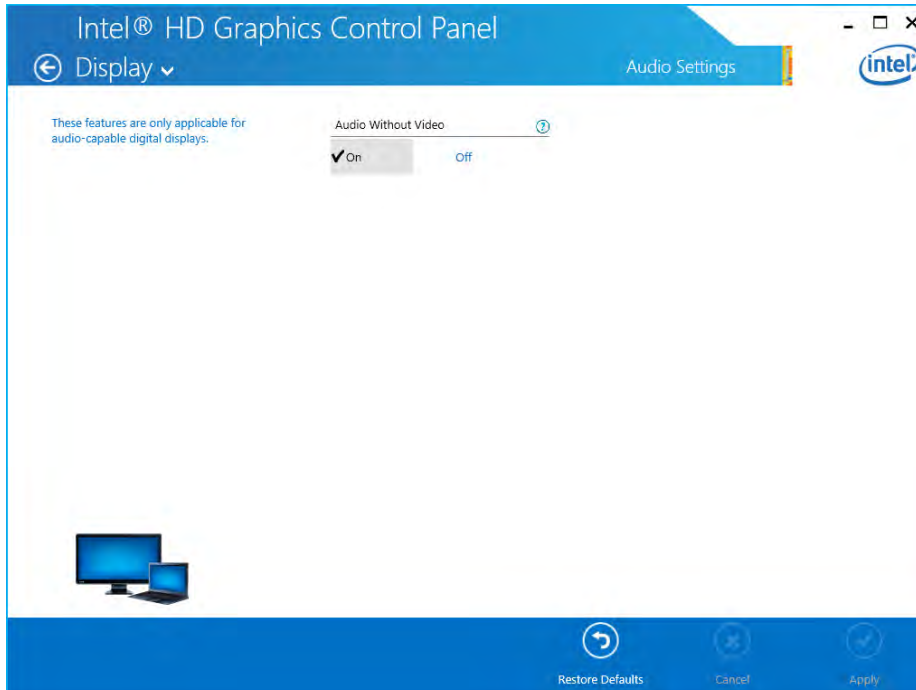
Click the **Display** menu at the top of the screen to display the sub-menus. The **Multiple Displays** menu allows you to configure the display mode of any attached displays (see *“Attaching Other Displays” on page C - 19*).

*Figure C - 6*  
**Intel® HD Graphics Control Panel**  
**Display Settings -**  
**Multiple Displays**





The **Audio** sub-menu allows you to configure the capability mode of any attached displays if applicable (i.e. the attached display supports audio). **Enable Audio Without Video** to keep audio on when the display blanks out for power saving purposes.



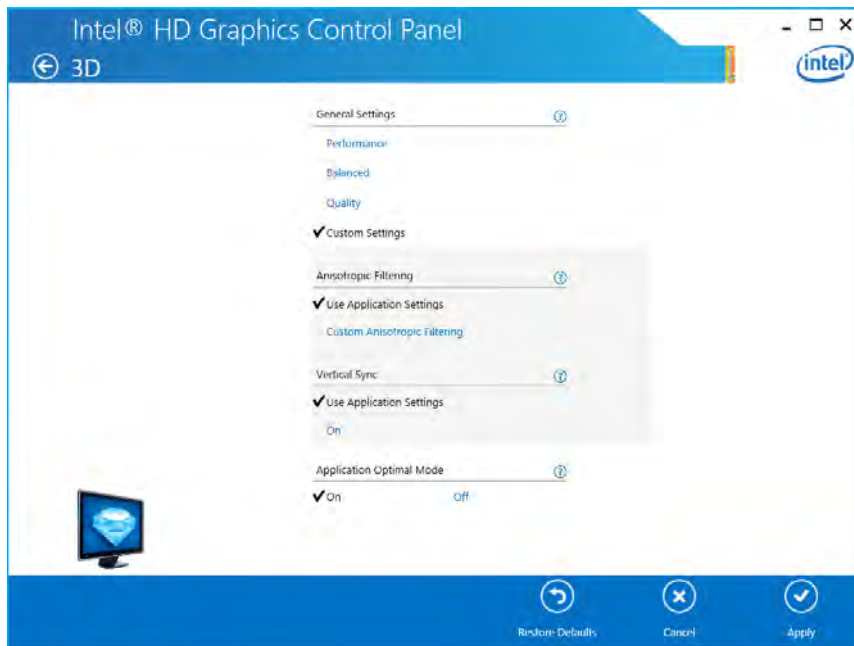
*Figure C - 7*  
**Intel® HD Graphics  
Control Panel  
Display Settings -  
Audio**

## Video Driver Controls

### 3D

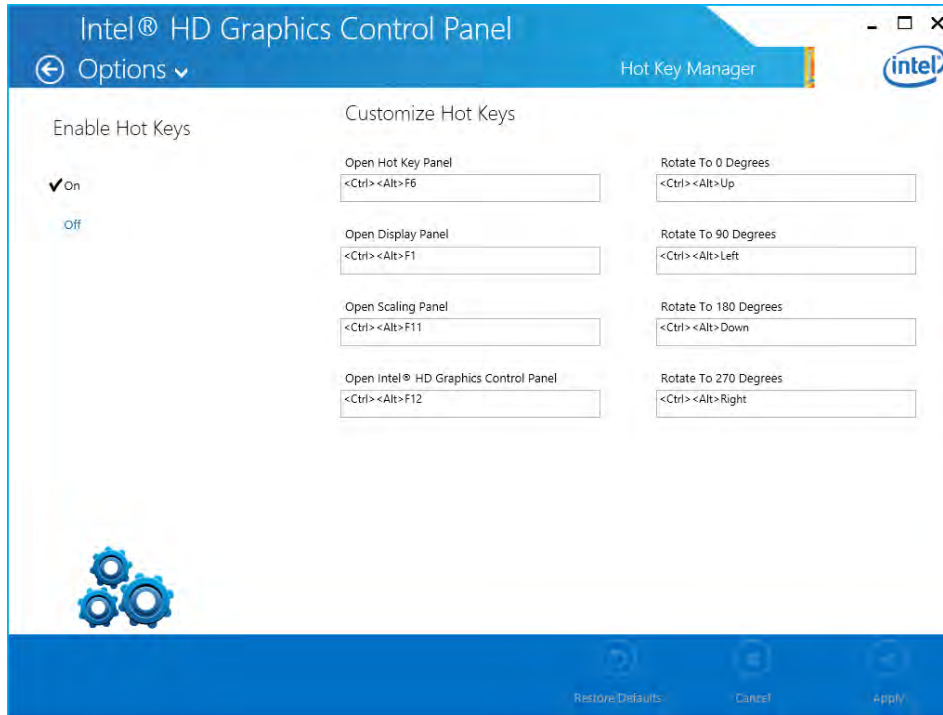
This menu allows you to choose how 3D images are displayed. **Quality** displays the most detail, **Balanced** provides better computer performance with good quality and **Custom** allows you to configure the **Anisotropic Filtering**, **Vertical Sync** and **Anti-Aliasing** features to your preferences. Click **Apply** to save changes.

*Figure C - 8*  
**Intel® HD Graphics  
Control Panel 3D**



## Options

**Options** allows you to **Customize Hot Keys** (for opening the application, rotating the display, scaling etc.,) to your preferences. Click **Apply** to save changes.



*Figure C - 9*  
**Intel® HD Graphics  
 Control Panel  
 Options**

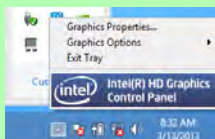
## Video Driver Controls



### Preferences

Go to the **Preferences** sub-menu in Options to configure the preferences for the Intel® HD Graphics Control Panel.

Make sure you turn Tray Icon On to display the Intel® HD Graphics Control Panel icon in the notification area of the taskbar (as below).



Click the **Options** menu at the top of the screen to display the sub-menus. The **Information Center** provides details on **System Information**, the **Built-In Display** and any **attached displays**.

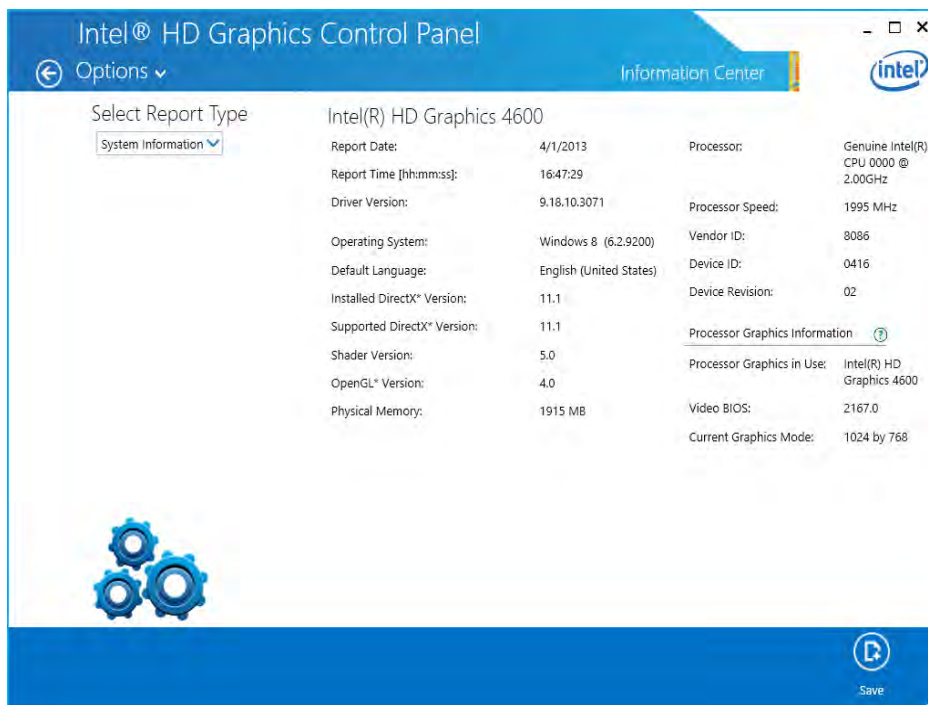
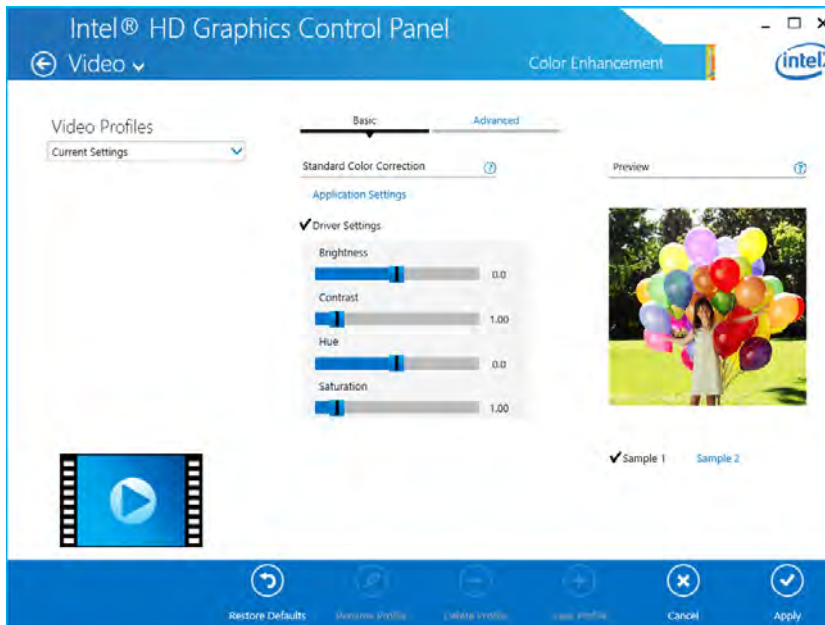


Figure C - 10

Intel® HD Graphics  
Control Panel  
Options -  
Information Center

## Video

The **Video Profiles** menu allows you to brighten or darken movies, or to switch to vivid colors. Click **Basic** or **Advanced** to adjust the video settings based on the **Application Settings** or **Driver Settings**. The **Preview** image will display a sample image using the current settings. You can **Save Profile** and name the Profile to recall the settings at any time. Click **Apply** to save changes.

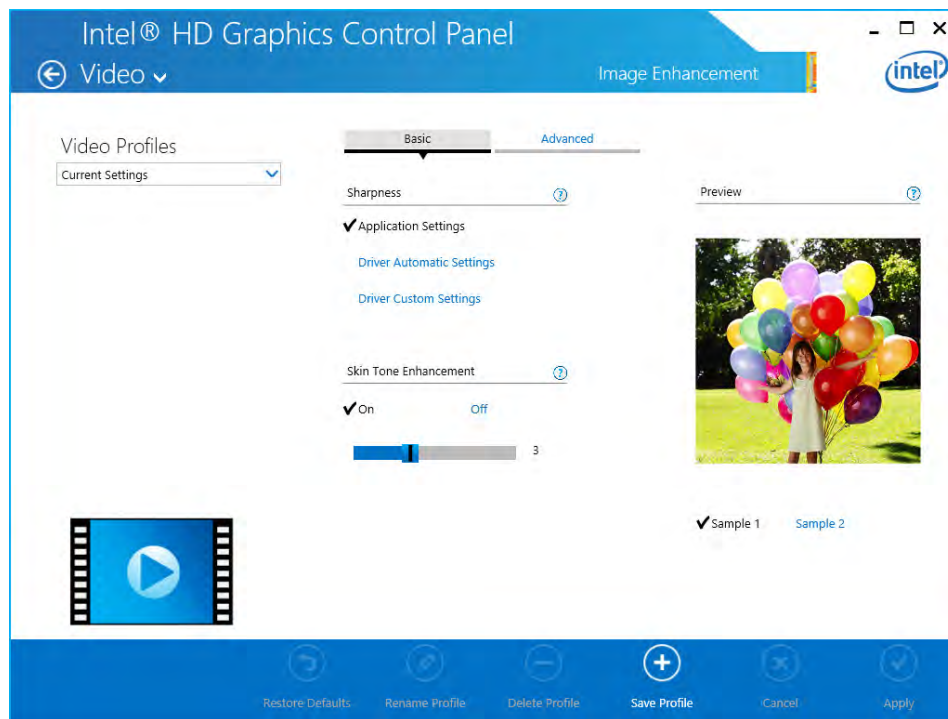


*Figure C - 11*  
Intel® HD Graphics  
Control Panel Video  
(Basic - Driver  
Settings)

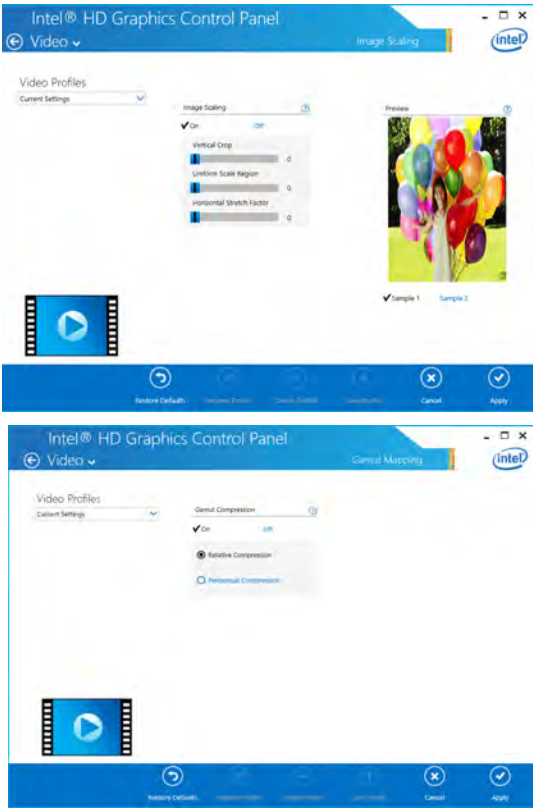
## Video Driver Controls

Click the **Video** menu at the top of the screen to display the sub-menus. The **Image Enhancement** menu allows you to adjust the **Sharpness**, **Skin Tone Enhancement**, **Noise Reduction** etc. Click **Apply** to save changes.

*Figure C - 12*  
**Intel® HD Graphics  
Control Panel Video  
Image  
Enhancement Basic**



The **Image Scaling** and **Gamut Mapping** menus allow you to adjust these items.



*Figure C - 13*  
**Intel® HD Graphics  
Control Panel Video  
Image Scaling &  
Gamut Mapping**

# Display Devices & Options

Note that you can use external displays connected to the HDMI-Out port and/or external monitor port. See your display device manual to see which formats are supported.



## Attaching Displays

When you first attach an external display you may find that the desktop does not occupy the full screen area. Use either the display's auto adjust/configure controls, or the Intel(R) HD Graphics Control Panel to configure the full screen display.

Table C - 1  
Display Modes

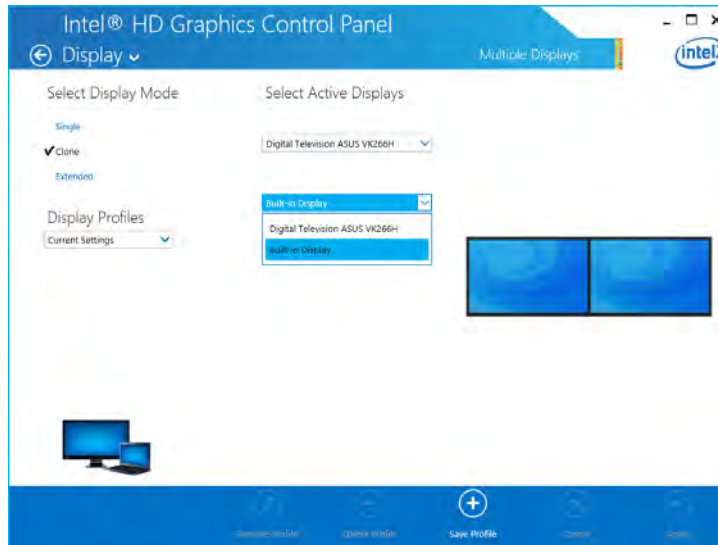
Display Mode (Intel / Win8)	Description
Single Display	One of the connected displays is used as the display device ( <b>PC screen only</b> or <b>Second screen only</b> ).
Clone/Duplicate	Both connected displays output the same view and may be configured independently
Extended / Extend	Both connected displays are treated as separate devices, and act as a virtual desktop



# Attaching Other Displays

## To Clone Displays:

1. Attach your external display to the external monitor port/HDMI-Out port, and turn it on.
2. Go to the **Intel(R) HD Graphics Control Panel** control panel and click **Display > Multiple Displays** (sub-menu).
3. Click **Clone** from the **Select Multiple Display Mode** menu.
4. Click **Apply**, and **OK** to confirm the settings change.
5. You can select the **displays to be used** from the **Select Active Displays** menu.



### Multiple Display

At least one other display must be attached in order to view **Multiple Display** selection options.

*Figure C - 14*  
**Display > Multiple Displays (Clone)**

## Video Driver Controls



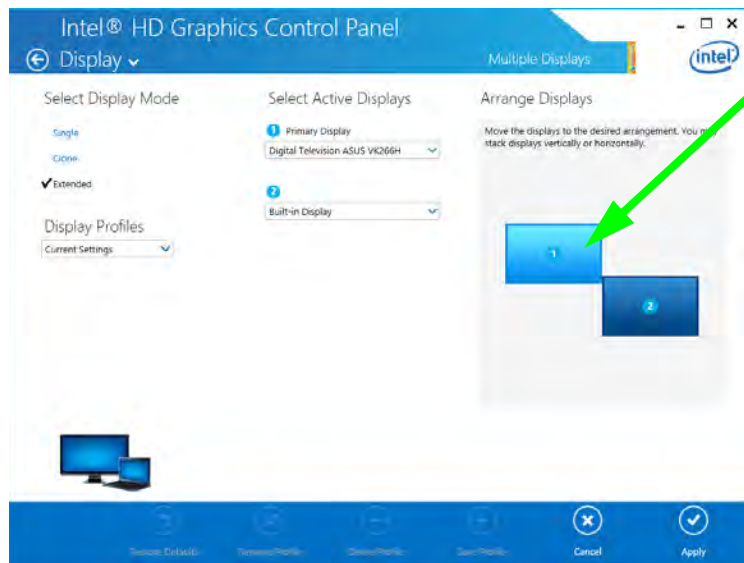
### Display Settings Extended Desktop

You can have different Colors, Screen Area and Monitor Refresh Rates for each display device **provided your monitor can support them**.

You can drag the monitor icons to match the physical layout of your displays. Icons and programs may also be dragged between the displays.

### To Enable Extended Mode:

1. Attach your external display to the external monitor port/HDMI-Out port, and turn it on.
2. Go to the **Intel(R) HD Graphics Control Panel** control panel and click **Display > Multiple Displays** (sub-menu).
3. Click **Extended** from the **Select Multiple Display Mode** menu.
4. Click **Apply**, and **OK** to confirm the settings change.



Click the appropriate monitor icon and drag it to match the physical arrangement you wish to use (e.g. the secondary display may be extended left/right/above/below the primary display).

Click **Display Settings** to make any adjustments required.

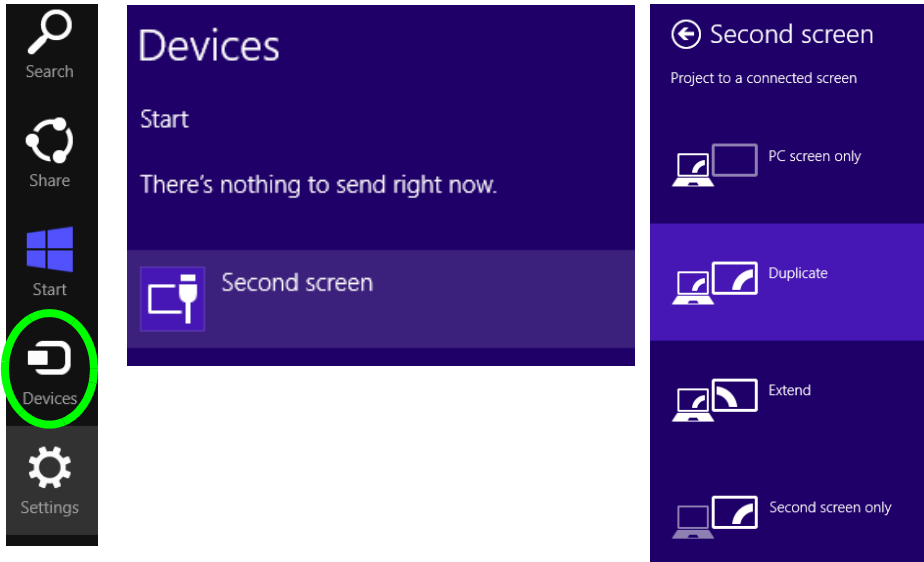
*Figure C - 15*

**Display > Multiple  
Displays (Extended)**

## Attaching Other Displays - Devices (Charms Bar)

You can configure attached displays from **Devices** (in the *Windows 8 Charms Bar*).

1. Attach your external display to the external monitor port/HDMI-Out port, and turn it on.
2. Go the **Charms Bar** and select **Devices**.
3. Click **Second Screen**.
4. Click on any one of the options from the menu to select **Duplicate**, **Extend** or a Single (**PC Screen only** or **Second Screen only**) display.



### Windows Logo Key + P Key Combination

You can use the **Windows Logo Key + P** key combination to quickly bring up the **Second Screen** menu.

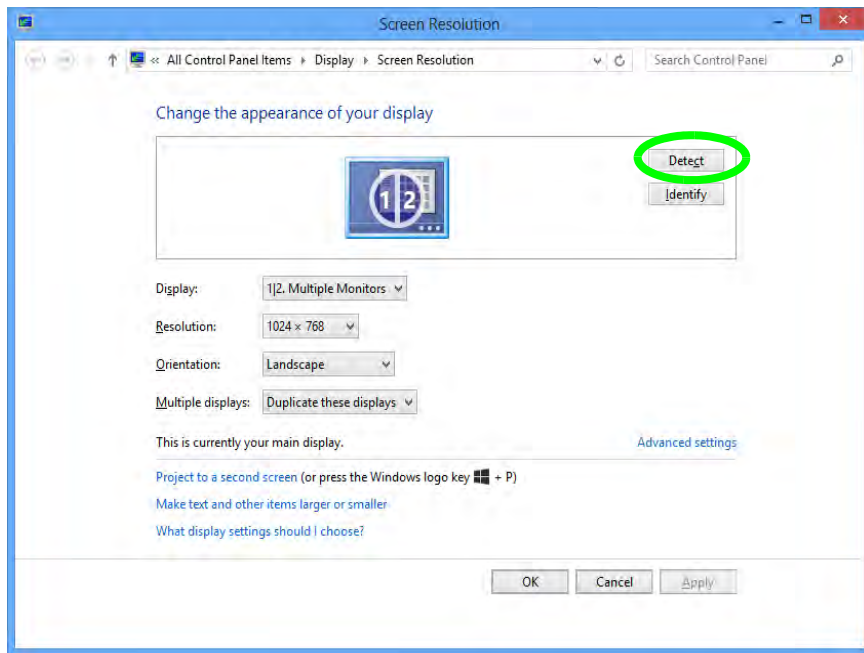
You can also use the **Display Switch** button in the **Control Center** to access the menu and select the appropriate attached display mode.

You can also use the **Fn + F7** key combination to quickly access the **Second Screen** menu in *Windows 8*.

Figure C - 16  
Second Screen  
(Devices)

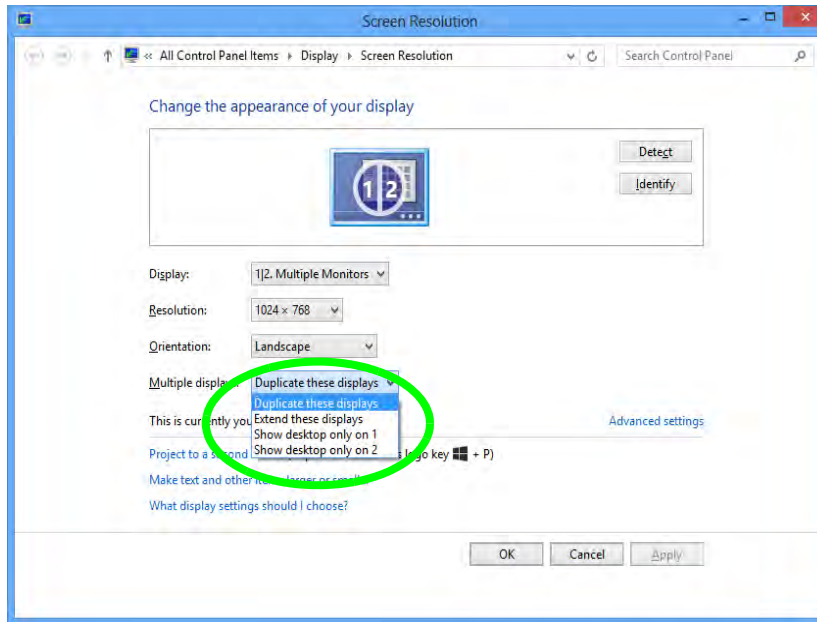
### Configuring an External Display In Windows

1. Attach your external display to the external monitor port/HDMI-Out port, and turn it on.
2. Go to the **Screen resolution** control panel (see page 1 - 32) in the Desktop app.
3. Click the **Detect** button.
4. The computer will then detect any attached displays.



*Figure C - 17*  
**Screen Resolution**  
**Multiple Displays**

5. You can configure the displays from the **Multiple Displays** menu.



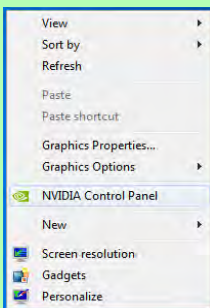
*Figure C - 18*  
**Screen Resolution**  
**Multiple Display**  
**Options**

- Duplicate these displays - Shows an exact copy of the main display desktop on the other display(s)
- Extend these displays - Treats both connected displays as **separate** devices
- Show desktop only on 1/2 - Only one of your displays is used.



### NVIDIA Control Panel

To access the **GeForce.....** control panel from the desktop; right-click the **desktop**, then click **NVIDIA Control Panel**.



## NVIDIA Control Panel

More advanced video configuration options are provided in the **NVIDIA Control Panel** tab.

1. Go to the **Control Panel**.
2. Double-click **NVIDIA Control Panel** (click to view the control panel in either **Large icons** or **Small icons** if you are in **Category** view).

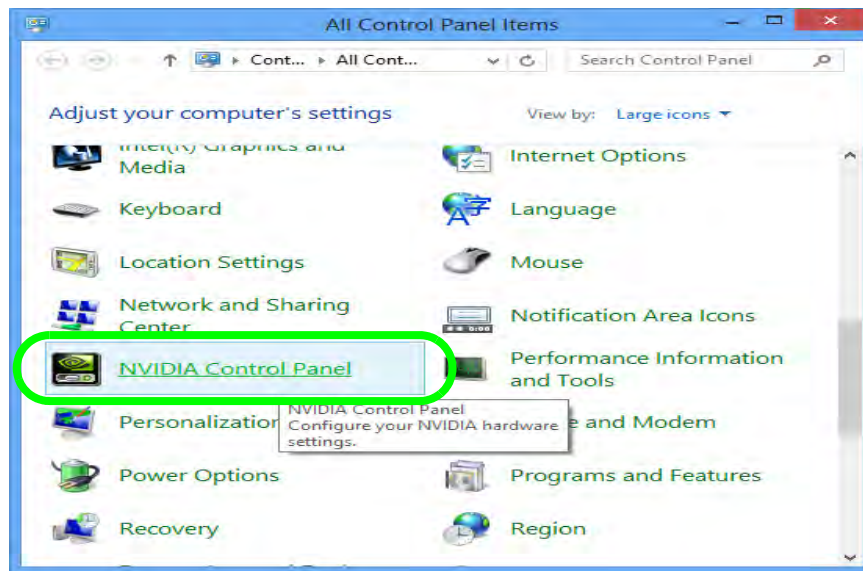


Figure C - 19

NVIDIA GeForce.....  
Control Panel

The **NVIDIA Control Panel** provides additional video configuration controls and tools which allow quick access to features such as image settings, 3D Settings and video configuration.



### Navigating the Control Panel

Navigate through the control panels in much the same way as you would a web page. Click on the sub-heading tasks in the left menu (and on the highlighted links) for information. Use the buttons on the top left to go back, forward etc.

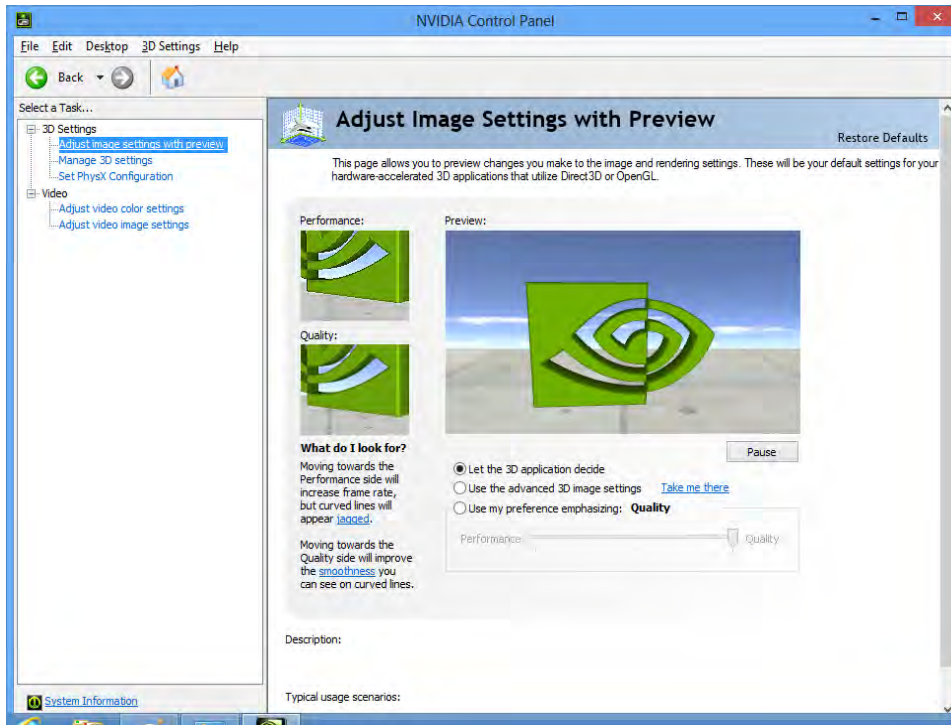
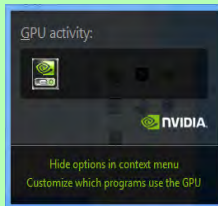


Figure C - 20  
NVIDIA Control  
Panel

### Display GPU Activity Icon

Click to enable **Display GPU Activity Icon in the Notification Area** to quickly access the GPU Activity monitor from the taskbar.



*Figure C - 21*  
**NVIDIA Control Panel - View**

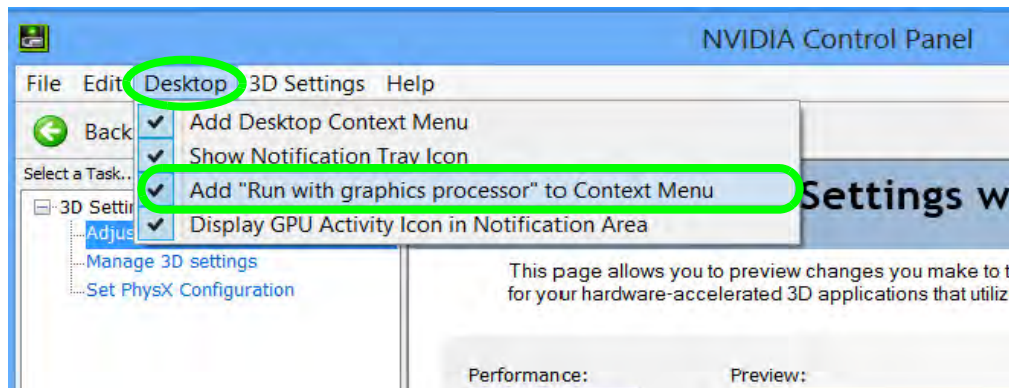
## Optimus™ Customization Options

One of the most important aspects of **Nvidia® Optimus™** technology is that it will switch between the integrated GPU and discrete GPU seamlessly and automatically, and does not require any input from the user. However customization options are offered for users who prefer to set their own parameters for GPU usage.

### Context Menu

One of the quickest ways to choose which GPU to use for a particular application is by using the **“Run with graphics processor”** in the context menu.

1. Go to the **NVIDIA Control Panel** (see page [C - 24](#)).
2. Click **Desktop** from the top menu and select **Add “Run with graphics processor” to Context Menu** (it should have a tick alongside it).





3. Close the **NVIDIA Control Panel**.
4. Find the executable file icon of the application you want to run.
5. Right-click the icon and select **Run with graphics processor** from the context menu.
6. Select either **High-performance NVIDIA processor (dGPU)** or **Integrated graphics (iGPU)** to run the program with the selected GPU.



### iGPU or dGPU

Note the NVIDIA control panel refers to **High-performance NVIDIA processor** (which is the discrete GPU) and **Integrated graphics** (which is the integrated GPU).

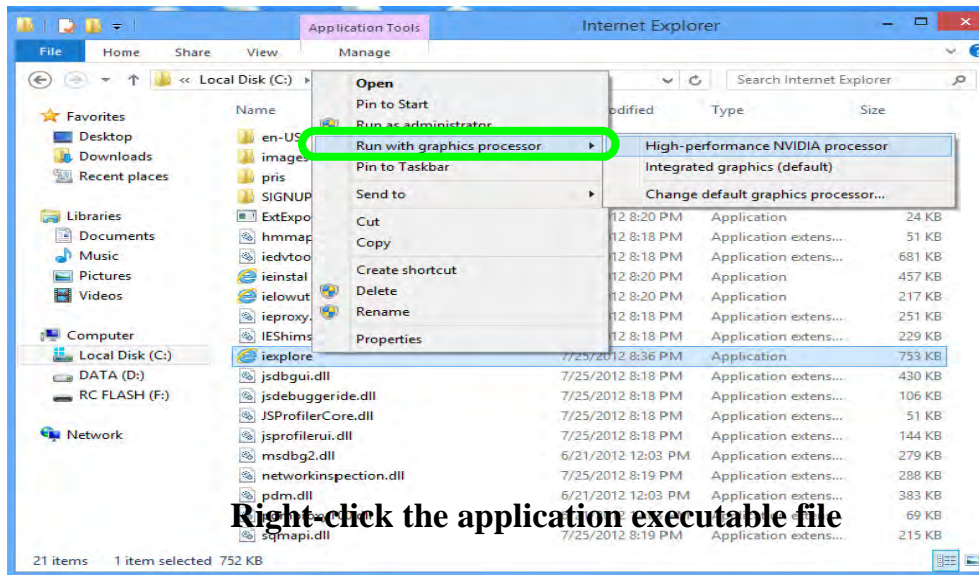


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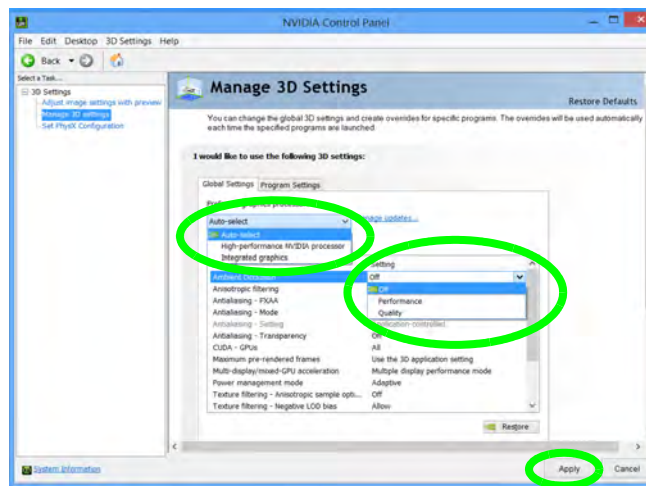
Context Menu with  
Run with graphics  
processor

### Global Settings

Global settings allows you to set the preferred graphics processor for overall use. Ideally this would be the iGPU for battery life, but this can be set to the dGPU if preferred.

1. Go to the **NVIDIA Control Panel** (see page **C - 24**).
2. Click **Manage 3D Settings (3D Settings)** and select **Global Settings** (tab).
3. Select either **Integrated graphics (iGPU)** or **High performance NVIDIA Processor (dGPU)** from the drop-down menu.
4. Click the **Setting** menu items to select any options required.
5. Click **Apply** to save the settings.

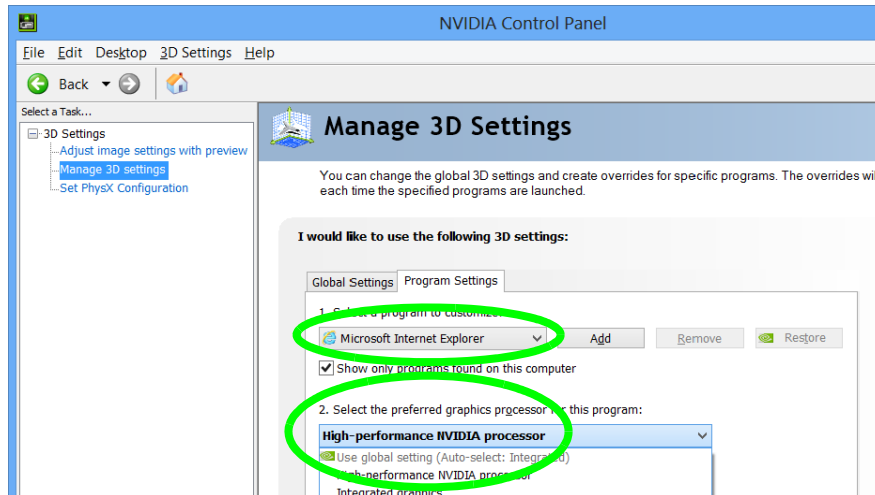
*Figure C - 23*  
**Global Settings**



## Program Settings

Program settings allows you to make specific adjustments for installed applications.

1. Run the **NVIDIA Control Panel** (see page **C - 24**).
2. Click **Manage 3D Settings (3D Settings)** and select **Program Settings** (tab).
3. **Select a program to customize** from the drop-down menu, or click **Add** to add any program that does not appear in the menu.
4. **Select the preferred graphics processor for the program** from the drop-down menu.
5. Click the **Setting** menu items to select any options required.
6. Click **Apply** to save the settings.

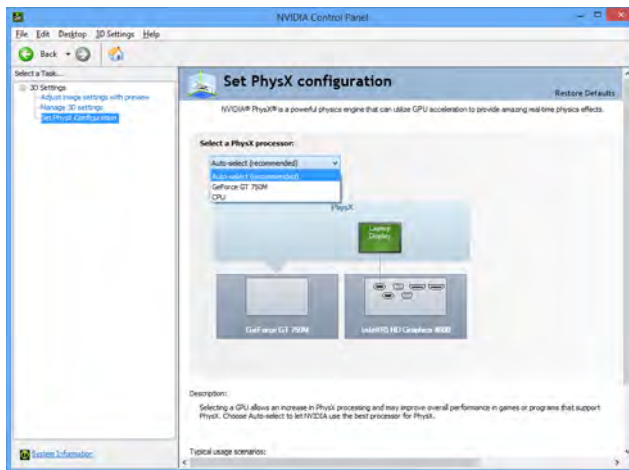


*Figure C - 24*  
**Program Settings**

### Set PhysX® Configuration

NVIDIA® PhysX® is a physics engine that can use the GPU to accelerate game and 3D application performance. You can select the GeForce video card or CPU as a PhysX® processor, or configure the computer to auto-select a PhysX® processor (recommended default setting).


1. Go to **NVIDIA Control Panel** (see page **C - 24**).
2. Click **Set PhysX configuration**.
3. Click to **Select a PhysX processor** from the menu; Auto-select (recommended) is the default setting.
4. Click **Apply** to save the settings.

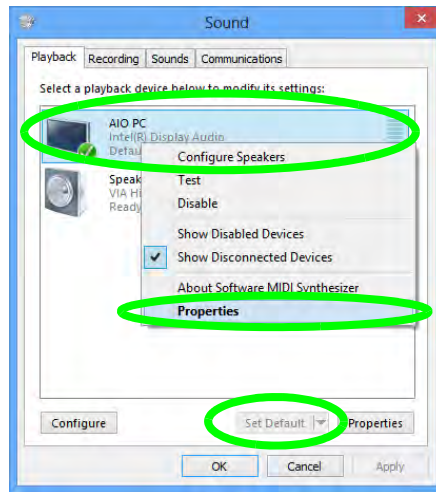


*Figure C - 25*  
**Set PhysX®  
Configuration**

## HDMI Audio Configuration

HDMI (High-Definition Multimedia Interface) carries both **audio** and video signals. In some cases it will be necessary to go to the **Sound** control panel and manually configure the HDMI audio output as per the instructions below.

1. Go to the **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Sound**  (**Hardware and Sound**) and click **Playback** (tab)
3. Depending on your display, the playback device may be selected, however in some cases you may need to select the audio device and click **Set Default** (button).
4. Double-click the device to access the control panel tabs illustrated overleaf.



### Volume Adjustment

The sound volume level can be set using the volume control in the **Settings** menu in the **Charms Bar**.

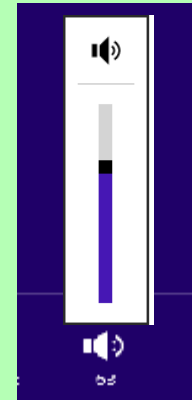


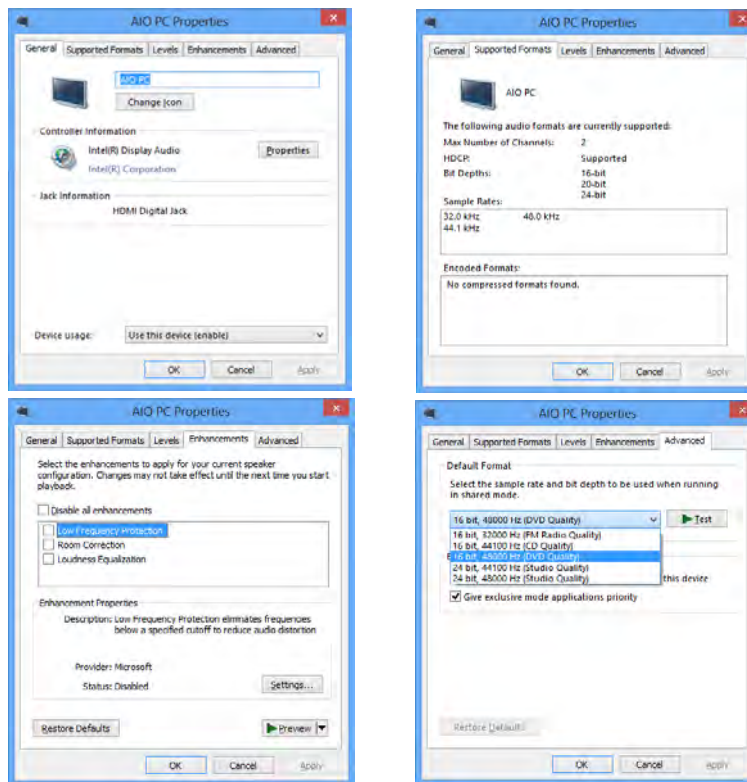
Figure C - 26

**Sound - HDMI  
Device (set Default)**

## Video Driver Controls

5. Adjust the HDMI settings from the control panel tabs.
6. Click **OK** to close the **Sound**  control panel.

*Figure C - 27*  
**HDMI Device Properties**



### HDMI Notes

- Connect a device with HDMI support to the HDMI-Out port **BEFORE** attempting to play audio/video sources through the device.
- To play audio sources through your external display's (TV or LCD) speakers you will need to go to the audio configuration control panel on the display and configure the audio input accordingly (see your display device manual).

### HDMI Video Configuration

1. Connect an HDMI cable from the HDMI-Out port to your external display.
2. Configure your external display as per the instructions in ***"Attaching Other Displays" on page C - 19.***
3. Set up your external display (TV or LCD) for HDMI input (see your display device manual).
4. You can now play video/audio sources through your external display.



#### Other Applications

If you are using a third party application to play DVDs etc. from any attached DVD device, you will need to consult the application's documentation to see the appropriate audio configuration (the application must support digital to analog translation).





# Appendix D: Specifications



## Latest Specification Information

The specifications listed in this Appendix are correct at the time of going to press. Certain items (particularly processor types/speeds and CD/DVD device types) may be changed, updated or delayed due to the manufacturer's release schedule. Check with your distributor/supplier for details.

## Specifications

Processors	Memory	NVIDIA® GeForce 750M Discrete GPU:
<b>Intel® Core i7-4900MQ (2.8GHz) Mobile Processor</b> 8M L3 Cache, 22nm (22 Nanometer), DDR3L-1600MHz, TDP 47W  <b>Intel® Core i7-4800MQ (2.7GHz) Mobile Processor</b> 6M L3 Cache, 22nm (22 Nanometer), DDR3L-1600MHz, TDP 47W  <b>Intel® Core i7-4700MQ (2.4GHz) Mobile Processor</b> 6M L3 Cache, 22nm (22 Nanometer), DDR3L-1600MHz, TDP 47W	Dual Channel <b>DDR3L</b>  <b>Two</b> 204 Pin SO-DIMM Sockets Supporting <b>DDR3L 1600 MHz</b> Memory Modules ( <i>real operational frequency depends on the FSB of the processor</i> )  Memory Expandable up to 16GB Compatible with 2GB, 4GB or 8GB Modules	2GB DDR3 Video RAM Supports PCIe * 8 Microsoft DirectX®11.1 Compatible NVIDIA PhysX™ GeForce CUDA™ Technology NVIDIA® Optimus Technology
Core Logic	Video Adapter	Storage
Mobile Intel® HM86 Express Chipset	<b>Intel® Integrated GPU and NVIDIA® GeForce 750M Video:</b>  <b>Intel® HD Graphics 4600</b>  <b>Supports NVIDIA® Optimus Switchable GPU Technology between iGPU and dGPU</b>	One Changeable 12.7mm(h) Super Multi/ Blu-ray Combo/ Blu-ray Writer Optical Device Drive with SATA Interface ( <b>Factory Option</b> )  One Changeable 2.5" / 9.5 mm (h) HDD with SATA (Serial) Interface  mSATA SSD (Solid State Drive) with SATA (Serial) Interface ( <b>Factory Option</b> )
Display	Dynamic Frequency Intel Dynamic Video Memory Technology up to 1.7MB Microsoft DirectX®11 Compatible	One Changeable Caddy Bay 12.7mm (h) Optical Device Drive (ODD), 2.5" 9.5 mm (h) / 7mm (h) Hard Disk Drive (HDD) with SATA Interface ( <b>Factory Option</b> )

<b>Audio</b>	<b>Card Reader</b>	<b>Intel® Dual Band Wireless-N 7260</b> (2*2 802.11 a/g/n) Half Mini-Card PCIe WLAN + Bluetooth Combo Module ( <b>Factory Option</b> )  <b>Intel® Wireless-N 7260</b> (2*2 802.11 b/g/n) Half Mini-Card PCIe WLAN + Bluetooth Combo Module ( <b>Factory Option</b> )  <b>Intel® Dual Band Wireless AC 7260</b> (2*2 802.11a/c) Half Mini-Card PCIe WLAN + Bluetooth Combo Module ( <b>Factory Option</b> )  (802.11b/g/n) Half Mini-Card PCIe WLAN + Bluetooth V4.0+LE Combo Module ( <b>Factory Option</b> )  (802.11a/c) Half Mini-Card PCIe WLAN + Bluetooth V4.0+LE Combo Module ( <b>Factory Option</b> )  (802.11b/g/n) Half Mini-Card PCIe WLAN Module with PCIe Interface ( <b>Factory Option</b> )
High Definition Audio Interface Built-In Microphone 2 * Built-In Speakers Sound Blaster™ Cinema	Embedded Multi-In-1 Card Reader - MMC/ RS MMC - SD/ Mini SD / SDHC/ SDXC - MS/ MS Pro/ MS Duo <b>Note:</b> Some of these cards require PC adapters that are usually supplied with the cards.	
<b>Keyboard &amp; Pointing Device</b>	<b>Slot</b>	
Built-in Touchpad with Multi-Gesture Functionality Full Size Isolated Illuminated Keyboard with Numeric Pad <b>OR</b> Full Size Isolated Keyboard with Numeric Pad	Two Mini-Card Slots:  <b>Slot 1</b> for Half Size Mini-Card WLAN Combo Module with PCIe & USB Interfaces:  <b>Slot 2</b> for Full Size Mini-Card mSATA <b>SSD</b> (Solid State Drive) with SATA Interface	
<b>Interface</b>	<b>Communication</b>	
One USB 2.0 Port Two USB 3.0 Ports One eSATA / USB 3.0 Combo Port One External Monitor Port One HDMI-Out (High-Definition Multimedia Interface) Port (with HDCP) One Headphone-Out Jack One Microphone-In Jack One RJ-45 LAN Jack One DC-In Jack	Built-In 10/100/1000Mb Base-TX <b>Ethernet LAN</b>  2.0M HD <b>Video Camera Module</b> with USB interface (See over)	<b>Power</b>
		Full Range AC/DC Adapter AC input 100 - 240V, 50 - 60Hz, DC Output 19.5V, 6.15A ( <b>120 Watts</b> )

## Specifications

Battery	Features
Removable 6 Cell Smart Lithium Ion Battery Pack 44.84WH Removable 6 Cell Smart Lithium Ion Battery Pack 62.16WH( <b>Factory Option</b> )	IMR (Injected Molded Resin) LCD Back Covers for some designs <b>Intel®</b> Rapid Start Technology <b>Intel®</b> Anti-Theft Technology
Power Management	Operating System
Supports Wake on LAN Supports Wake on USB Supports Wake on RTC Alarm (AC Mode Only)	Windows® 8
Indicators	Environmental Spec
LED Indicators - Power/Suspend, Battery, HDD/ODD, Airplane Mode, Num Lock, Caps Lock, Scroll Lock, Camera	Temperature Operating: 5°C - 35°C Non-Operating: -20°C - 60°C Relative Humidity Operating: 20% - 80% Non-Operating: 10% - 90%
BIOS	Dimensions & Weight
48Mb SPI Flash ROM AMI BIOS	413mm(w) * 272.8mm(d) * 36.4mm(h) 3.1kg with Battery & ODD
Security	
Security (Kensington® Type) Lock Slot BIOS Password	