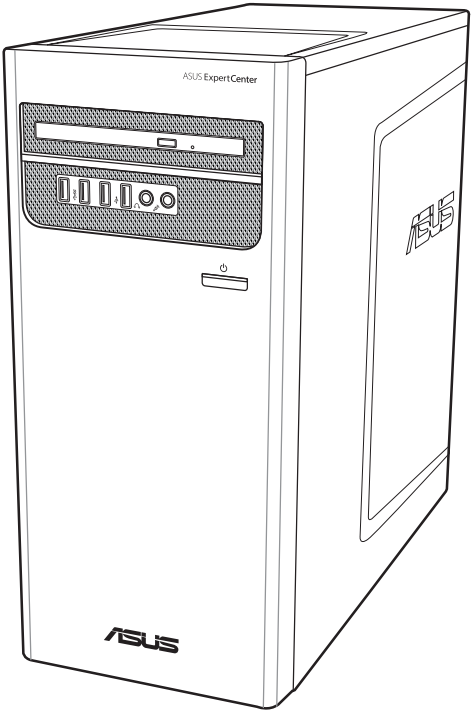
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ASUS Recycling/Takeback Services

ASUS recycling and takeback programs come from our commitment to the highest standards for protecting our environment. We believe in providing solutions for you to be able to responsibly recycle our products, batteries, other components, as well as the packaging materials. Please go to http://csr.asus.com/english/Takeback.htm for the detailed recycling information in different regions.

REACH

Complying with the REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation, and Restriction of Chemicals) regulatory framework, we published the chemical substances in our products at ASUS REACH website at http://csr.asus.com/english/REACH.htm

Federal Communications Commission Statement

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- This device may not cause harmful interference; and
- This device must accept any interference received including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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 manufacturer's 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:

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

The use of shielded cables for connection of the monitor to the graphics card is required to assure compliance with FCC regulations. Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

Lithium Battery Warning

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

Avertissement relatif aux batteries Lithium

ATTENTION ! Danger d'explosion si la batterie n'est pas correctement remplacée. Remplacer uniquement avec une batterie de type semblable ou équivalent, recommandée par le fabricant. Jeter les batteries usagées conformément aux instructions du fabricant.

Compliance Statement of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED)

This device complies with Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada licence exempt RSS standard(s). 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:

Operation in the band 5150–5250 MHz is only for indoor use to reduce the potential for harmful interference to co-channel mobile satellite systems.

CAN ICES-3(B)/NMB-3(B)

Déclaration de conformité de Innovation, Sciences et Développement économique Canada (ISED)

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Innovation, Sciences et Développement économique Canadaapplicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes : (1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et (2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

La bande 5150 – 5250 MHz est réservée uniquement pour une utilisation à l'intérieur afin de réduire les risques de brouillage préjudiciable aux systèmes de satellites mobiles utilisant les mêmes canaux.

CAN ICES-3(B)/NMB-3(B)

IC: Canadian Compliance Statement

Complies with the Canadian ICES-003 Class B specifications. This device complies with RSS 210 of Industry Canada. This Class B device meets all the requirements of the Canadian interference-causing equipment regulations.

This device complies with Industry Canada license exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Déclaration de conformité d'Industrie Canada

Cet appareil numérique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada. Cet appareil numérique de la classe B respecte toutes les exigences du Règlement sur le matériel brouilleur du Canada.

Le présent appareil est conforme aux normes CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. Son utilisation est sujette aux deux conditions suivantes : (1) cet appareil ne doit pas créer d'interférences et (2) cet appareil doit tolérer tout type d'interférences, y compris celles susceptibles de provoquer un fonctionnement non souhaité de l'appareil.

Canadian Department of Communications Statement

This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class B limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus set out in the Radio Interference Regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications.

This class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Déclaration du Département Canadien des Communications

Cet appareil numérique ne dépasse pas les limites de classe B en terme d'émissions de nuisances sonores, par radio, par des appareils numériques, et ce conformément aux régulations d'interférence par radio établies par le département canadien des communications.

Cet appareil numérique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

VCCI: Japan Compliance Statement

VCCI Class B Statement

この装置は、クラスB情報技術装置です。この装置は、家庭環境で使用することを目的としていますが、この装置がラジオやテレビジョン受信機に近接して使用されると、受信障害を引き起こすことがあります。

取扱説明書に従って正しい取り扱いをして下さい。

This is a Class B product based on the standard of the VCCI Council. If this is used near a radio or television receiver, it may cause radio interference. Install and use equipment according to the instruction manual.

Equipment registered based on the confirmation measurement at the user installation site.

この装置は、現在設置されている場所で妨害波の測定がされた情報技術装置であり、ＶＣＣＩ協会の基準に適合しています。

従って、現在設置されている場所以外で使用する場合は、再び妨害波を測定し、ＶＣＣＩに届け出をしなければなりません。

This is a product for which interference was measured at the present installation site and confirmed to comply with the standard of Voluntary Control Council for Interference by Information Technology Equipment (VCCI). Before using the equipment at any location other than the present installation site, the member shall measure interference for confirmation and register the result to VCCI.

India E-Waste (Management) Rules 2016

This product complies with the "India E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2016" and prohibits use of lead, mercury, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBBs) and polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) in concentrations exceeding 0.1% by weight in homogenous materials and 0.01 % by weight in homogenous materials for cadmium, except for the exemptions listed in Schedule II of the Rule.

RF Equipment Notices

CE: European Community Compliance Statement

The equipment complies with the RF Exposure Requirement 1999/519/EC, Council Recommendation of 12 July 1999 on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (0–300 GHz).

Wireless Radio Use

This device is restricted to indoor use when operating in the 5.15 to 5.25 GHz frequency band.

Exposure to Radio Frequency Energy

The radiated output power of the Wi-Fi technology is below the FCC radio frequency exposure limits. Nevertheless, it is advised to use the wireless equipment in such a manner that the potential for human contact during normal operation is minimized.

FCC Bluetooth Wireless Compliance

The antenna used with this transmitter must not be colocated or operated in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter subject to the conditions of the FCC Grant.

Bluetooth Industry Canada Statement

This Class B device meets all requirements of the Canadian interference-causing equipment regulations.

Cet appareil numérique de la Class B respecte toutes les exigences du Règlement sur le matériel brouilleur du Canada.

NCC: Taiwan Wireless Statement

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Japan RF Equipment Statement

この製品は、周波数帯域5.15～5.35G Hzで動作しているときは、屋内においてのみ使用可能です。

KC (RF Equipment)

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해당 무선설비는 운용 중 전파혼신 가능성이 있음,
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Simplified EU Declaration of Conformity

ASUSTek Computer Inc. hereby declares that this device is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Directive 2014/53/EU. Full text of EU declaration of conformity is available at https://www.asus.com/support/.

The Wi-Fi operating in the band 5150-5350MHz shall be restricted to indoor use for countries listed in the table below:

AT	BE	BG	CZ	DK	EE	FR
DE	IS	IE	IT	EL	ES	CY
LV	LI	LT	LU	HU	MT	NL
NO	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	TR
FI	SE	CH	UK	HR		

CE

Optical Drive Safety Information

Laser Safety Information

CD-ROM Drive Safety Warning

CLASS 1 LASER PRODUCT

WARNING! To prevent exposure to the optical drive's laser, do not attempt to disassemble or repair the optical drive by yourself. For your safety, contact a professional technician for assistance.

Service warning label

WARNING! INVISIBLE LASER RADIATION WHEN OPEN. DO NOT STARE INTO BEAM OR VIEW DIRECTLY WITH OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

CDRH Regulations

The Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration implemented regulations for laser products on August 2, 1976. These regulations apply to laser products manufactured from August 1, 1976. Compliance is mandatory for products marketed in the United States.

WARNING! Use of controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified herein or in the laser product installation guide may result in hazardous radiation exposure.

ENERGY STAR is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy helping us all save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices.

All ASUS products with the ENERGY STAR logo comply with the ENERGY STAR standard, and the power management feature is enabled by default. The monitor and computer are automatically set to sleep after 10 and 30 minutes of user inactivity. To wake your computer, click the mouse or press any key on the keyboard.

Please visit http://www.energystar.gov/powermanagement for detail information on power management and its benefits to the environment. In addition, please visit http://www.energystar.gov for detail information on the ENERGY STAR joint program.

*Note: Energy Star is NOT supported on Freedos and Linux-based products.

Safety information

Disconnect the AC power and peripherals before cleaning. Wipe the Desktop PC using a clean cellulose sponge or chamois cloth dampened with solution of nonabrasive detergent and a few drops of warm water then remove any extra moisture with a dry cloth.

- **DO NOT** place on uneven or unstable work surfaces. Seek servicing if the casing has been damaged.
- **DO NOT** expose to dirty or dusty environments. **DO NOT** operate during a gas leak.
- **DO NOT** place or drop objects on top and do not shove any foreign objects into the Desktop PC.
- **DO NOT** expose to strong magnetic or electrical fields.
- **DO NOT** expose to or use near liquids, rain, or moisture. **DO NOT** use the modem during electrical storms.
- Battery safety warning: **DO NOT** throw the battery in fire. **DO NOT** short circuit the contacts. **DO NOT** disassemble the battery.
- Use this product in environments with ambient temperatures between 5˚C (41˚F) and 40˚C (104˚F).
- **DO NOT** cover the vents on the Desktop PC to prevent the system from getting overheated.
- **DO NOT** use damaged power cords, accessories, or other peripherals.
- To prevent electrical shock hazard, disconnect the power cable from the electrical outlet before relocating the system.
- Seek professional assistance before using an adapter or extension cord. These devices could interrupt the grounding circuit.
- Ensure that your power supply is set to the correct voltage in your area. If you are not sure about the voltage of the electrical outlet you are using, contact your local power company.
- If the power supply is broken, do not try to fix it by yourself. Contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.



Hazardous moving parts. Desktop should be completely shutdown before servicing product. Replacing fan components should only be attempted by qualified service personnel.

Hazardous Moving Parts Warning

WARNING: Keep fingers and other body parts away from any moving parts.

Conventions used in this guide

To ensure that you perform certain tasks properly, take note of the following symbols used throughout this manual.



DANGER/WARNING: Information to prevent injury to yourself when trying to complete a task.



CAUTION: Information to prevent damage to the components when trying to complete a task.



IMPORTANT: Instructions that you MUST follow to complete a task.



NOTE: Tips and additional information to help you complete a task.

Where to find more information

Refer to the following sources for additional information and for product and software updates.

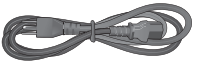
ASUS website

The ASUS website provides updated information on ASUS hardware and software products. Refer to the ASUS website www.asus.com.

ASUS Local Technical Support

Visit ASUS website at https://www.asus.com/support/contact for the contact information of local Technical Support Engineer.

Package contents

		
ASUS Desktop PC	Keyboard x1 (Optional)	Mouse x1 (Optional)
		
Power cord x1	Support DVD x1 (Optional)	Recovery DVD x1 (Optional)
		
ASUS mouse pad x 1 (Optional)	Installation Guide x1	Warranty card x1

- If any of the above items is damaged or missing, contact your retailer.
- The illustrated items above are for reference only. Actual product specifications may vary with different models.

Chapter 1
Getting started

Welcome!

Thank you for purchasing the ASUS Desktop PC!
The ASUS Desktop PC provides cutting-edge performance, uncompromised reliability, and user-centric utilities. All these values are encapsulated in a stunningly futuristic and stylish system casing.



Read the ASUS Warranty Card before setting up your ASUS Desktop PC.



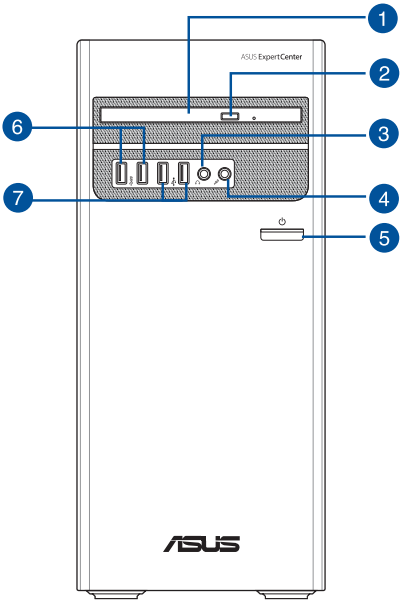
- The Desktop PC does not support Windows® 7 operating system. ASUS is not responsible for any loss or damage incurred by installing Window® 7.
- Be careful when handling the desktop PC to prevent the risk of injury.

Getting to know your computer



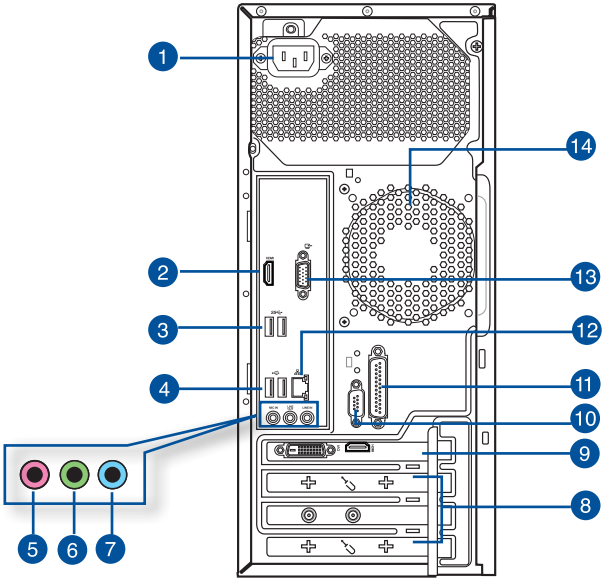
Illustrations are for reference only. The ports and their locations, and the chassis color vary with different models.

D300TA/ S300TA Front panel



1. **5.25-inch optical disk drive bay (optional).** There is an optical disk drive in this bay.
2. **Optical disk drive eject button.** Press this button to eject the optical disk drive tray.
3. **Headphone port.** This port connects to a headphone or speaker.
4. **Microphone port.** This port connects to a microphone.
5. **Power button.** Press this button to turn on your computer.
6. **USB 3.2 Gen 1 ports.** The Universal Serial Bus 3.2 Gen 1 (USB 3.2 Gen 1) ports connect to USB 3.2 Gen 1 devices such as a mouse, printer, scanner, camera, PDA, and others.
7. **USB 2.0 ports.** These Universal Serial Bus 2.0 (USB 2.0) ports connect to USB 2.0 devices such as a mouse, printer, scanner, camera, PDA, and others.

D300TA/ S300TA Rear panel



1. **Power connector.** Plug the power cord to this connector.

RATING:	115/230Vac, 50/60Hz, 6A/3A (WW)
	115Vac, 60Hz, 6A (TW)
	220Vac, 50Hz, 3A (China)

2. **HDMI™ port.** This port is for a High-Definition Multimedia Interface (HDMI™) connector, and is HDCP compliant allowing playback of HD DVD, Blu-ray, and other protected content.
3. **USB 3.2 Gen 1 ports**. These 9-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are for USB 3.2 Gen 1 devices.

We strongly recommend that you connect USB 3.2 Gen 1 devices to USB 3.2 Gen 1 ports for faster and better performance for your USB 3.2 Gen 1 devices.

4. **USB 2.0 ports.** These Universal Serial Bus 2.0 (USB 2.0) ports connect to USB 2.0 devices such as a mouse, printer, scanner, camera, PDA, and others.
5. **Microphone port (pink).** This port connects to a microphone.
6. **Line Out port (lime).** This port connects to a headphone or speaker. In a 4, 5.1, or 7.1-channel configuration, the function of this port becomes Front Speaker Out.

7. **Line In port (light blue).** This port connects to a tape, CD, DVD player, or other audio sources.

Refer to the audio configuration table below for the function of the audio ports in the 2, 4, 5.1, or 7.1-channel configuration.

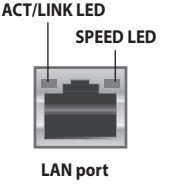
Audio 2, 4, 5.1, or 7.1-channel configuration

Port	Headset 2-channel	4-channel	5.1-channel	7.1-channel
Light Blue (Rear panel)	Line In	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out
Lime (Rear panel)	Line Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out
Pink (Rear panel)	Mic In	Mic In	Bass/Center	Bass/Center
Lime (Front panel)	-	-	-	Side Speaker Out

8. **Expansion slot brackets.** Remove the expansion slot brackets when installing an expansion card.
9. **ASUS Graphics Card (on selected models only).** The display output ports on this optional ASUS Graphics Card may vary with different models.
10. **Serial port (optional).** This 9-pin COM port is for pointing devices or other serial devices.
11. **Parallel port (optional).** This 25-pin port connects a parallel printer, a scanner, or other devices.
12. **LAN (RJ-45) port.** This port allows Gigabit connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub.

LAN port LED indications

Activity/Link LED		Speed LED	
Status	Description	Status	Description
OFF	No link	OFF	10Mbps connection
ORANGE	Linked	ORANGE	100Mbps connection
BLINKING	Data activity	GREEN	1Gbps connection



13. **VGA port.** This port is for a VGA-compatible device such as a VGA monitor.
14. **Air vents.** These vents allow air ventilation.

DO NOT block the air vents on the chassis. Always provide proper ventilation for your computer.

Setting up your computer

This section guides you through connecting the main hardware devices, such as the external monitor, keyboard, mouse, and power cord, to your computer.

Connecting an external monitor

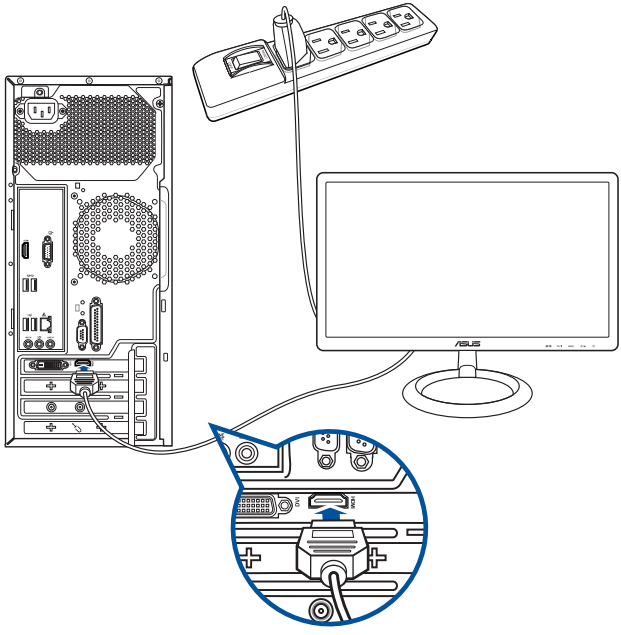
Using the ASUS Graphics Card (on selected models only)

Connect your monitor to the display output port on the discrete ASUS Graphics Card.

To connect an external monitor using the ASUS Graphics Card:

1. Connect a monitor to a display output port on the ASUS Graphics Card.
2. Plug the monitor to a power source.

The display output ports on the ASUS Graphics Card may vary with different models.

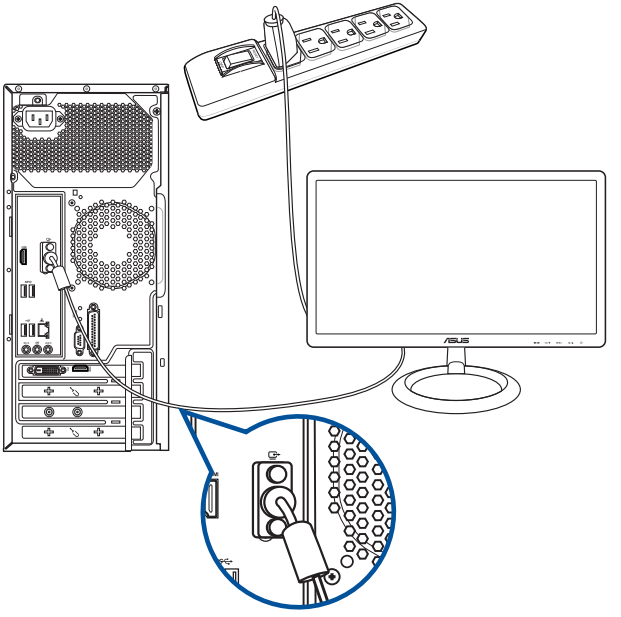


Using the onboard display output ports

Connect your monitor to the onboard display output port.

To connect an external monitor using the onboard display output ports:

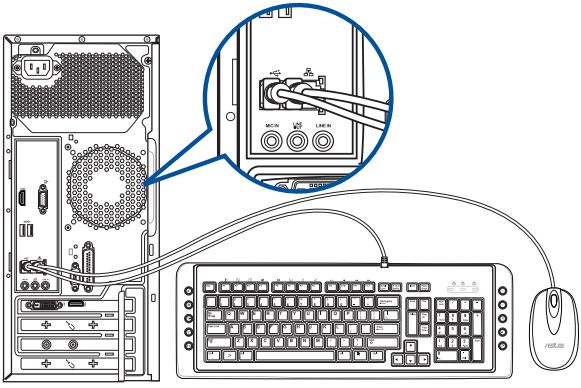
1. Connect a monitor to a display output port on the rear panel of your computer.
2. Plug the monitor to a power source.



- If your computer comes with an ASUS Graphics Card, the graphics card is set as the primary display device in the BIOS. Hence, connect your monitor to a display output port on the graphics card.
- To connect multiple external monitors to your computer, refer to the section **Connecting multiple external displays** for details.

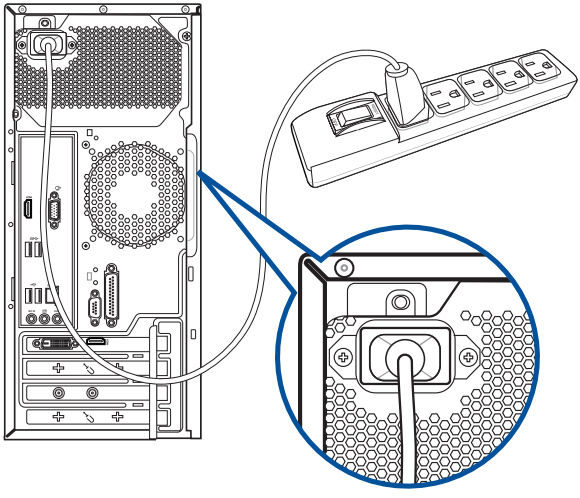
Connecting a USB keyboard and a USB mouse

Connect a USB keyboard and a USB mouse to the USB ports on the rear panel of your computer.



Connecting the power cord

Connect one end of the power cord to the power connector on the rear panel of your computer and the other end to a power source.



For safety purposes, **ONLY** connect the power cord to a grounded electrical outlet.

Connecting multiple external displays

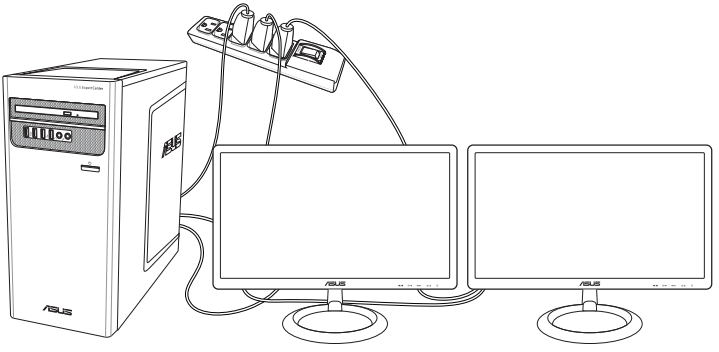
Your desktop PC may come with VGA and HDMI™ ports and allows you to connect multiple external displays.

Setting up multiple displays

When using multiple monitors, you are allowed to set display modes. You can use the additional monitor as a duplicate of your main display, or as an extension to enlarge your Windows desktop.

To set up multiple displays:

1. Turn off your computer.
2. Connect the two monitors to your computer and connect the power cords to the monitors. Refer to **Setting up your computer** section in Chapter 1 for details on how to connect a monitor to your computer.



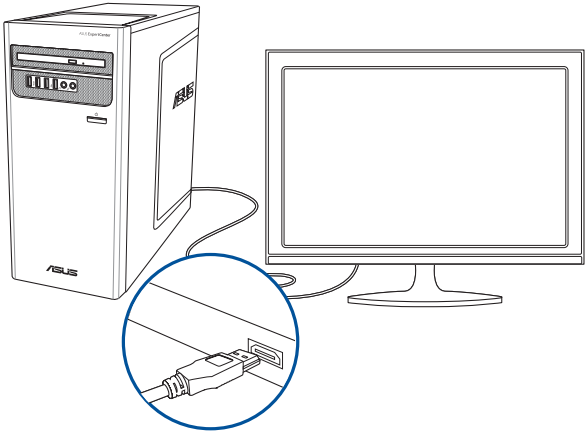
3. Turn on your computer.
4. From the Start menu, click **Settings** > **System** > **Display**.
5. Configure the settings for your displays.

For some graphics cards, only the monitor that is set to be the primary display has display during POST. The dual display function works only under Windows.

Connecting an HDTV

Connect a High Definition TV (HDTV) to the HDMI™ port of your computer.

- You need an HDMI™ cable to connect the HDTV and the computer. The HDMI™ cable is purchased separately.
- To get the best display performance, ensure that your HDMI™ cable is less than 15 meters.



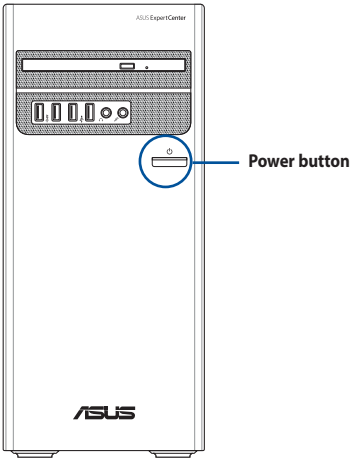
Turning your computer ON

This section describes how to turn on your computer after setting up your computer.

Turning your computer ON

To turn your computer ON:

1. Turn your monitor ON.
2. Press the power button on your computer.



3. Wait until the operating system loads automatically.

Chapter 2

Connecting devices to your computer

Connecting a USB storage device

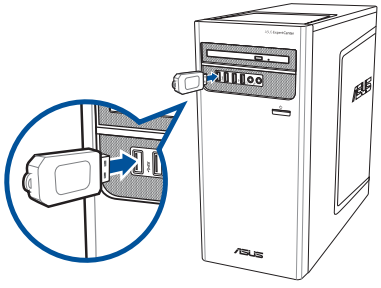
This desktop PC provides USB 3.2 Gen 1 and USB 2.0 ports on the front and rear panels. The USB ports allow you to connect USB devices such as storage devices.

To connect a USB storage device:

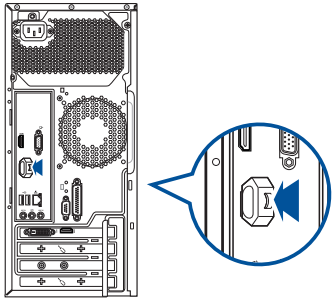
- Insert the USB storage device to your computer.

You can enable or disable the front and rear USB 3.2 Gen 1 and USB 2.0 ports individually from the BIOS Setup. Refer to the **Configuring the USB ports using the BIOS** section in Chapter 3 of this user manual for details.

Front panel



Rear panel

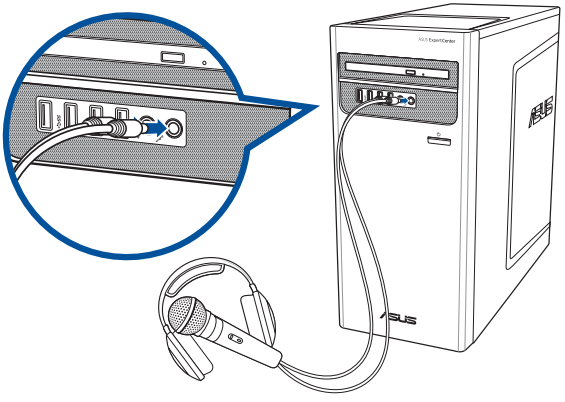


Connecting microphone and speakers

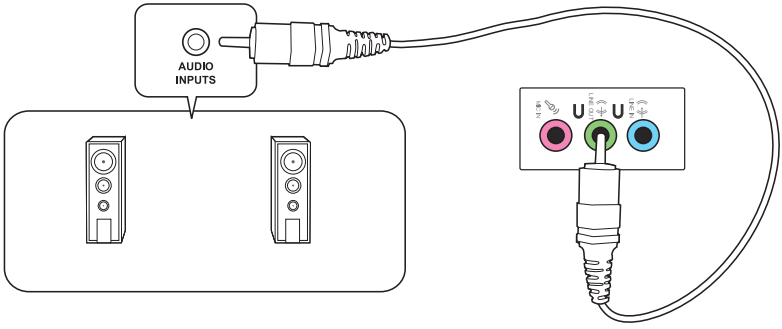
This desktop PC comes with microphone ports and speaker ports on both the front and rear panels. The audio I/O ports located on the rear panel allow you to connect 2-channel, 4-channel, 5.1-channel, and 7.1-channel stereo speakers.

- When your Desktop PC comes with an internal speaker, the audio output will be from the internal speaker.
- When you connect an external audio device such as earphone or speaker, you need to enable the audio device output. For details, refer to the section **Changing to the external audio output**.
- When you disconnect the audio device, you need to manually change the audio output to the internal speaker from the Control Panel.

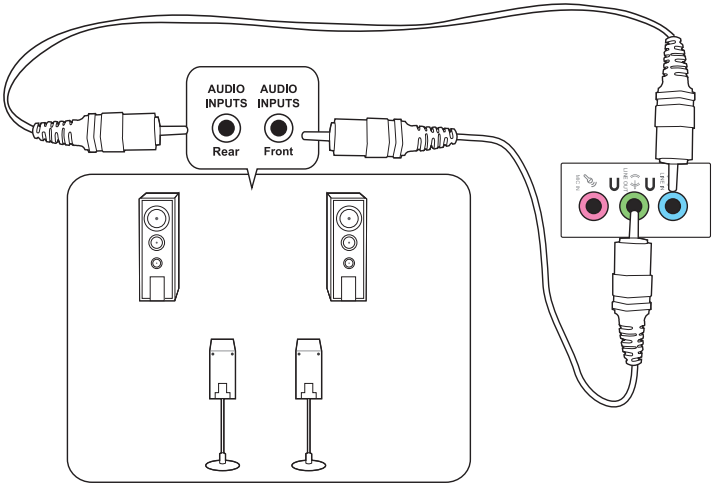
Connecting Headphone and Mic



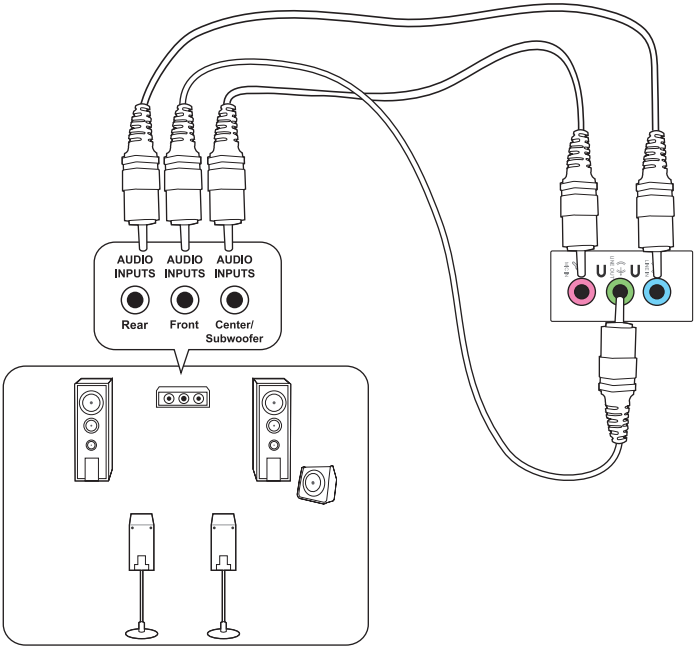
Connecting 2-channel Speakers



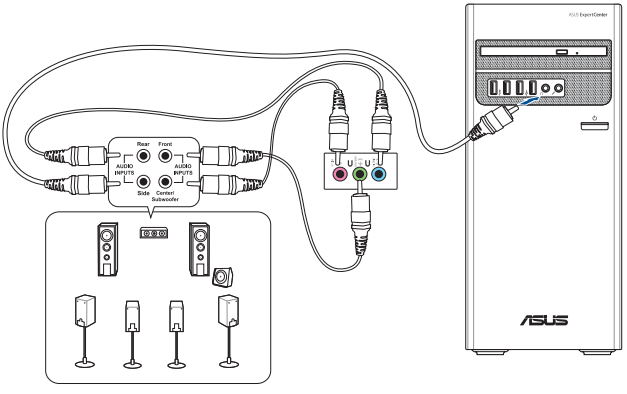
Connecting 4-channel Speakers



Connecting 5.1-channel Speakers



Connecting 7.1-channel Speakers



Changing to the external audio output

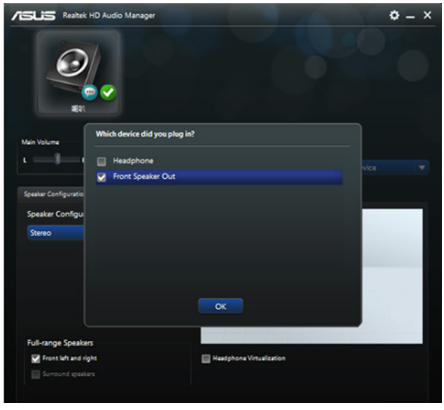
When you connect an external audio device to your Desktop PC, enable the audio device output to ensure a clear audio quality.

To change to the external audio output:

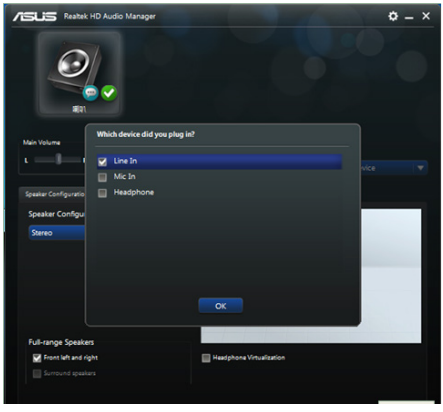
1. Connect an external audio device such as earphone or speaker to the rear Line Out port. The Audio Manager screen automatically pops up.

For the location of the rear Line Out port, refer to the section **Getting to know your computer**.

2. Tick **Front Speaker Out**, then click **OK**.



3. Tick **Line In**, then click **OK**. The audio output will now be from the external audio device.



The Audio Manager screenshots above are for reference only.

Chapter 3
Using your computer

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Proper posture when using your Desktop PC

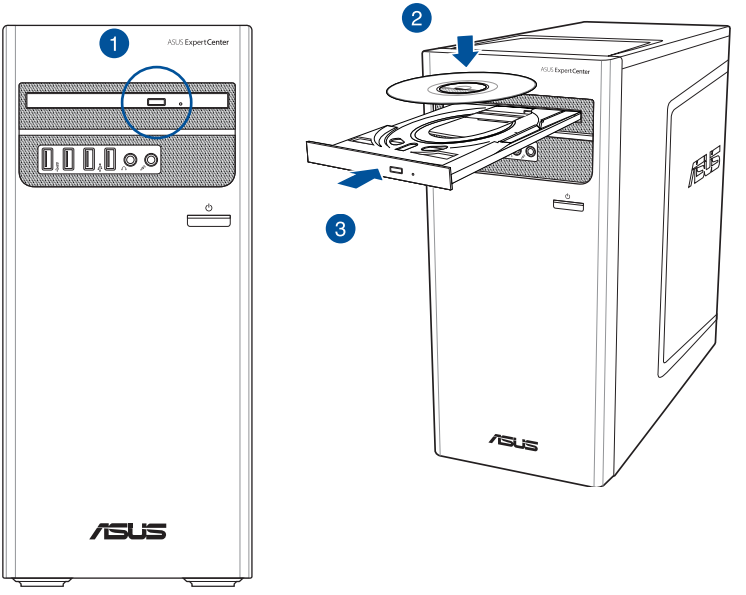
When using your Desktop PC, maintaining the proper posture is necessary to prevent strain to your wrists, hands, and other joints or muscles. This section provides you with tips on avoiding physical discomfort and possible injury while using and fully enjoying your Desktop PC.



To maintain the proper posture:

- Position your computer chair to make sure that your elbows are at or slightly above the keyboard to get a comfortable typing position.
- Adjust the height of your chair to make sure that your knees are slightly higher than your hips to relax the backs of your thighs. If necessary, use a footrest to raise the level of your knees.
- Adjust the back of your chair so that the base of your spine is firmly supported and angled slightly backward.
- Sit upright with your knees, elbows and hips at an approximately 90º angle when you are at the PC.
- Place the monitor directly in front of you, and turn the top of the monitor screen even with your eye level so that your eyes look slightly downward.
- Keep the mouse close to the keyboard, and if necessary, use a wrist rest for support to reduce the pressure on your wrists while typing.
- Use your Desktop PC in a comfortably-lit area, and keep it away from sources of glare such as windows and straight sunlight.
- Take regular mini-breaks from using your Desktop PC.

Using the optical drive (on selected models only)



Inserting an optical disc

To insert an optical disc:

1. While your system is on, press the eject button to open the tray.
2. Place the disc on the optical drive with the label side outward if the desktop is positioned vertically and the label side up if the desktop is positioned horizontally.
3. Push the tray gently to close it.
4. Select a program from the AutoPlay window to access your files.

If AutoPlay is NOT enabled in your computer, to access the data on an optical disc:

- Click **File Explorer** from the Start menu, and then double-click the CD/DVD drive icon.

Removing an optical disc

To remove an optical disc:

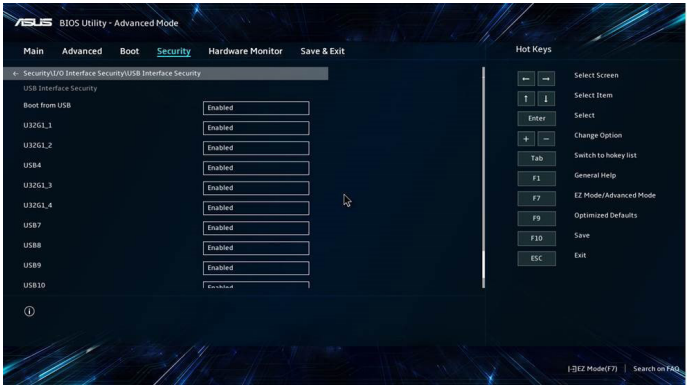
1. While the system is on, do either of the following to eject the tray:
   - Press the eject button.
   - From the Start menu, click **File Explorer**, right-click the CD/DVD drive icon, and click **Eject**.
2. Remove the disc from the disc tray.

Configuring the USB ports using the BIOS

You can enable or disable the front and rear USB 3.2 Gen 1 and USB 2.0 ports from the BIOS Setup.

To disable or enable the front rear USB 3.2 Gen 1 and USB 2.0 ports:

1. Press <Delete> to enter the BIOS Setup at startup.
2. From the BIOS Setup EZ Mode screen, press <F7> to enter the Advanced Mode. From the Advanced Mode screen, click **Security** > **I/O Interface Security** > **USB Interface Security**.
3. Select the USB port that you want to enable or disable.
4. Press <Enter> to enable or disable the selected USB port.
5. Click **Exit** and select **Save Changes & Reset** to save the changes made.



Refer to Chapter 1 for the location of the USB ports.

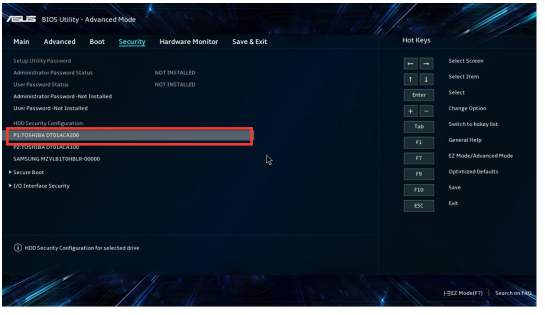
Configuring the HDD security setting using the BIOS

You can set a password in the BIOS Setup to protect your HDD.

To set a password for your HDD from the BIOS Setup:

1. Press <Delete> to enter the BIOS Setup at startup.
2. From the BIOS Setup EZ Mode screen, press <F7> to enter the Advanced Mode. From the Advanced Mode screen, click **Security** > **HDDx: [name of HDD]** to open the HDD Password screen.
3. Select the **Set Master Password** item and press <Enter>.
4. From the **Create New Password** box, key in a password, then press <Enter>.
5. Confirm the password when prompted.
6. Select the **Set User Password** item and press <Enter>.
7. Follow steps 4 and 5 to set User Password.
8. Click **Exit** and select **Save Changes & Reset** to save the changes made.

Take note of this password, which you would need to access the HDD.



To change the password for your HDD from the BIOS Setup:

1. Follow steps 1 and 2 of the previous section to open the HDD Password screen.
2. Select the **Set User Password** item and press <Enter>.
3. From the **Enter Current Password** box, key in the current password, then press <Enter>.
4. From the **Create New Password** box, key in a new password, then press <Enter>.
5. Confirm the password when prompted.
6. Click **Exit** and select **Save Changes & Reset** to save the changes made.

To clear the user password, follow the same steps as in changing a user password, but press <Enter> when prompted to create/confirm the password. After you clear the password, the **Set User Password** item on top of the screen shows **Not Installed**.

Chapter 4
Connecting to the Internet

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Wired connection

Use an RJ-45 cable to connect your computer to a DSL/cable modem or a local area network (LAN).

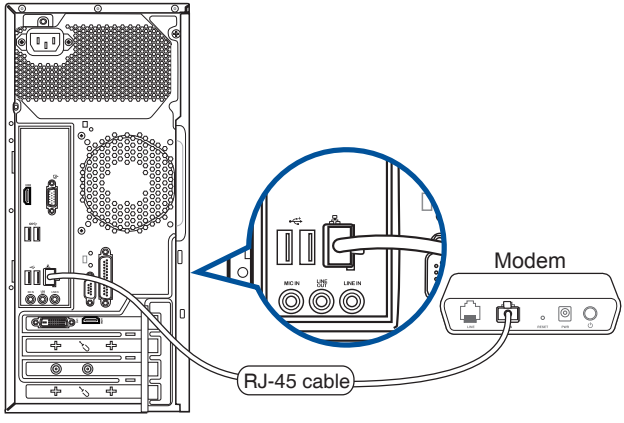
Connecting via a DSL/cable modem

To connect via a DSL/cable modem:

1. Set up your DSL/cable modem.

Refer to the documentation that came with your DSL/cable modem.

2. Connect one end of an RJ-45 cable to the LAN (RJ-45) port on the rear panel of your computer and the other end to a DSL/cable modem.



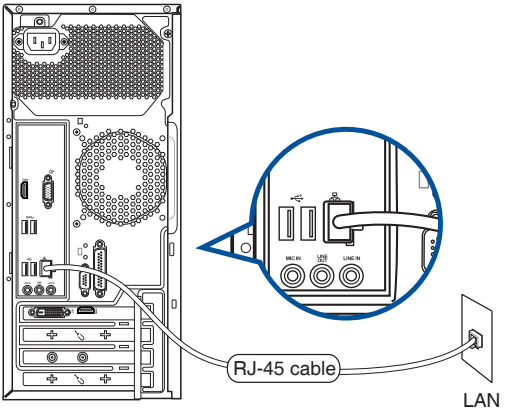
3. Turn on the DSL/cable modem and your computer.
4. Configure the necessary Internet connection settings.

- Contact your network administrator for details or assistance in setting up your Internet connection.
- For more details, refer to the sections **Configuring a dynamic IP/PPPoE network connection** or **Configuring a static IP network connection**.

Connecting via a local area network (LAN)

To connect via a LAN:

1. Connect one end of an RJ-45 cable to the LAN (RJ-45) port on the rear panel of your computer and the other end to your LAN.



2. Turn on your computer.
3. Configure the necessary Internet connection settings.

- Contact your network administrator for details or assistance in setting up your Internet connection.
- For more details, refer to the sections **Configuring a dynamic IP/PPPoE network connection** or **Configuring a static IP network connection**.

Configuring a dynamic IP/PPPoE network connection

To configure a dynamic IP/PPPoE network connection:

1. Launch **Network and Sharing Center** in either of these two ways:

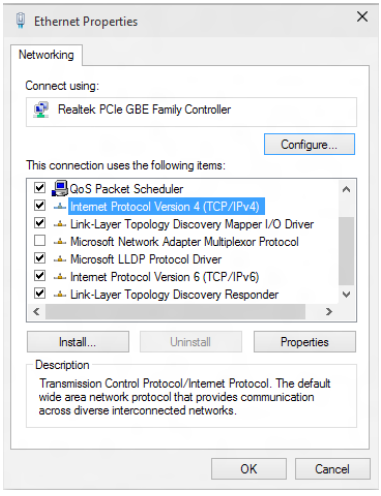
   a) From the taskbar, right-click , then click **Open Network and Sharing Center**.

   b) From the Start menu, click **Settings** > **Network & Internet** > **Ethernet** > **Network and Sharing Center**.

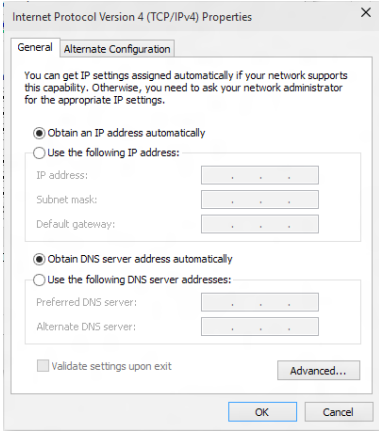
2. From the Open Network and Sharing Center screen, click **Change Adapter settings**.

3. Right-click on your LAN and select **Properties**.

4. Click **Internet Protocol Version 4(TCP/IPv4)** and click **Properties**.

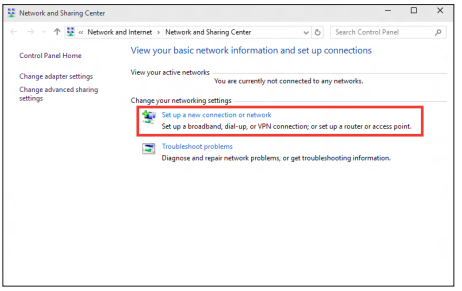


5. Click **Obtain an IP address automatically** and click **OK**.

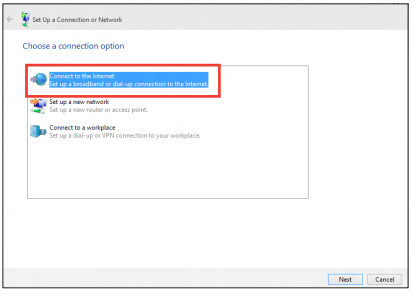


Continue to the next steps if you are using PPPoE connection.

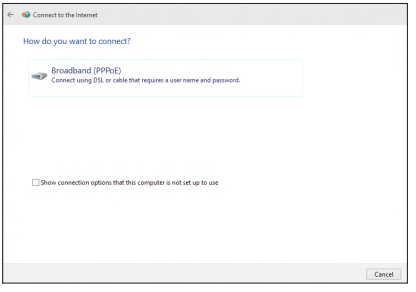
6. Return to the **Network and Sharing Center** and then click **Set up a new connection or network**.



7. Select **Connect to the Internet** and click **Next**.



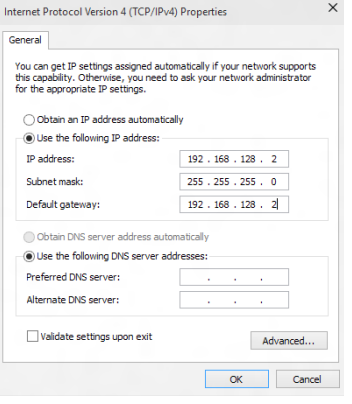
8. Select **Broadband (PPPoE)** and click **Next**.
9. Follow the next onscreen instructions to complete the setup.



Configuring a static IP network connection

To configure a static IP network connection:

1. Repeat steps 1 to 4 of the previous section.
2. Click **Use the following IP address**.
3. Enter the IP address, Subnet mask and Gateway from your service provider.
4. If needed, enter the preferred DNS Server address and alternative address.
5. When done, click **OK**.



Chapter 5
Using ASUS Business Manager

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ASUS Business Manager

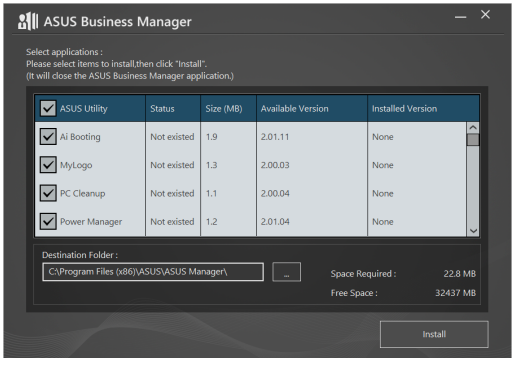
ASUS Manager provides a set of tools for customizing and maintaining your ASUS computer.

Installing ASUS Business Manager

1. Insert your ASUS support DVD into your optical drive.
2. On the support CD window, click **Utilities > ASUS Business Manager**.



3. On the ASUS Manager setup screen, select the applications you want to install.



4. Click **Install**.
5. The system will prompt you to reboot your system once installation is complete.

Starting ASUS Manager

Launch ASUS Manager from the Start Menu by clicking **Start > ASUS > ASUS Manager**

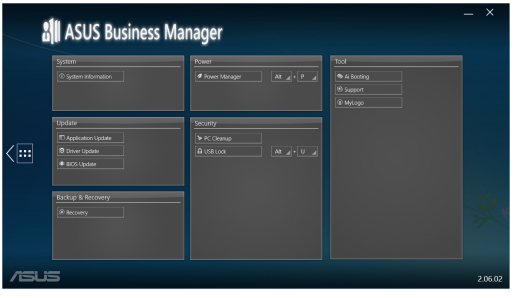
Icon View and List View

ASUS Manager has an Icon View and List View. Click the **List View** icon  to display a list of tools available for your system.

Icon View

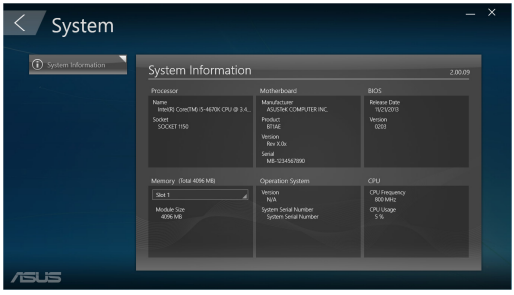


List View



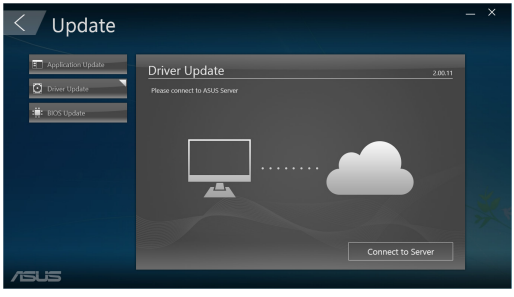
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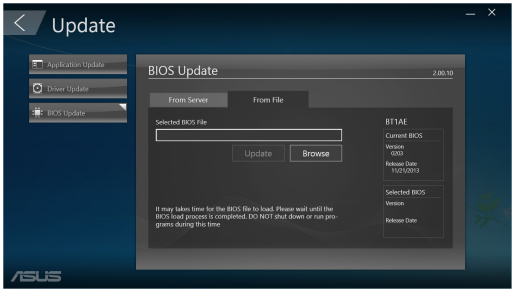
The System Information screen displays hardware and software details about your computer.



Update

Click **Update** on the main ASUS Manager screen to download and install hardware drivers, the latest BIOS, and updated ASUS applications.





Security

Click **Security** on the main ASUS Manager screen to access PC Cleanup and USB Lock utilities.

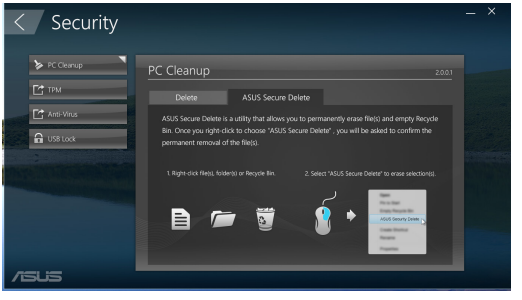
PC Cleanup

PC Cleanup provides options to remove temporary and unnecessary files from your computer to free up hard drive space.



ASUS Secure Delete

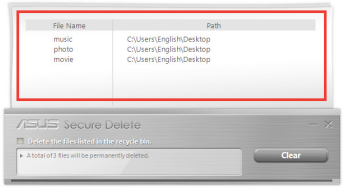
ASUS Secure Delete keeps your files secure by making deleted files completely irrecoverable using a simple drag-and-drop interface.



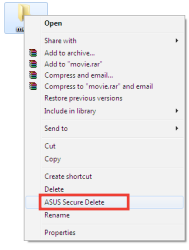
To use ASUS Secure Delete:

1. Once ASUS Secure Delete is launched, do any of the following to add files to the deletion box:

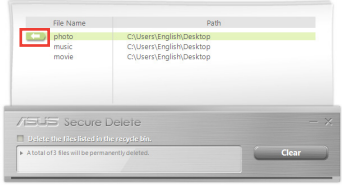
   - Drag and drop the files to the deletion box.



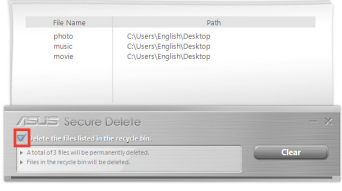
   - Right-click the file then select ASUS Secure Delete.



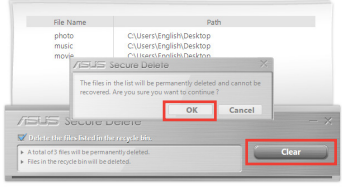
2. To remove a file from the deletion list, select the file, then click .



3. Tick **Delete the files listed in the recycle bin** if you want to permanently delete all the files in the recycle bin.

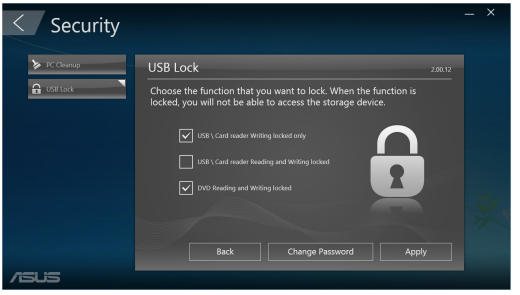


4. Click **Clear**, and then click **OK** on the confirmation message to permanently delete all the files listed in the deletion box and the recycle bin (if selected in step 3).



USB Lock

The USB Lock feature secures your USB ports, card reader and optical drive from unwanted access by setting up a password.



Backup & Recovery

Click **Recovery** on the main ASUS Manager screen to begin Windows maintenance tasks such as system restoration, adjusting startup settings and repairing Windows with a recovery disk.



Power

Click **Power** on the main ASUS Manager screen to configure power management. With Power Manager, you can specify time settings for system hibernation, sleep, display and hard drive activity.



Tool

Click **Tool** on the main ASUS Manager screen to access the Support screen, Ai Booting or MyLogo.

Support

Support lists links to ASUS support web sites and contact information.



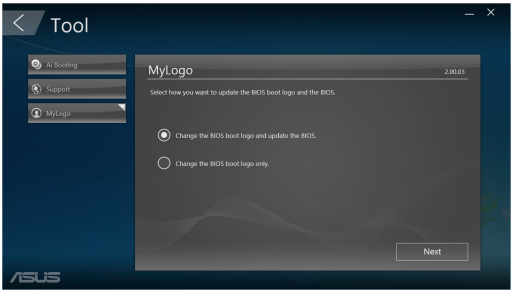
Ai Booting

Ai Booting displays a list of bootable storage devices. Select a device and click the left/right buttons to modify the boot sequence.



MyLogo

ASUS MyLogo allows you to customize the boot logo. The boot logo is the image that appears on screen during the Power-On Self-Tests (POST).

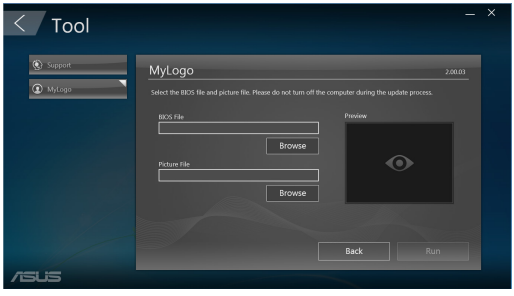


Changing the BIOS boot logo

1. Select any of the options, then click **Next**:
   - Change the BIOS boot logo and update the BIOS.
   - Change the BIOS boot logo only.

Before selecting the first option, download the BIOS file to your computer using ASUS Update.

2. Click **Browse** to locate the picture file that you want to use as the boot logo (and the downloaded BIOS if required) and then click **Run**.



3. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the process.

Chapter 6
Troubleshooting

Troubleshooting

This chapter presents some problems you might encounter and the possible solutions.

? *My computer cannot be powered on and the power LED on the front panel does not light up.*

- Check if your computer is properly connected.
- Check if the wall outlet is functioning.
- Check if the Power Supply Unit is switched on. Refer to the section **Turning your computer ON** in Chapter 1.

? *My computer hangs.*

- Do the following to close the programs that are not responding:
  1. Simultaneously press <Alt> + <Ctrl> + <Delete> keys on the keyboard, then click **Task Manager**.
  2. Select the program that is not responding, then click **End Task**.
- If the keyboard is not responding, press and hold the Power button on your chassis until the computer shuts down. Then press the Power button to turn it on.

? *I cannot connect to a wireless network using the ASUS WLAN Card (on selected models only)?*

- Ensure that you enter the correct network security key for the wireless network you want to connect to.
- Connect the external antennas (optional) to the antenna connectors on the ASUS WLAN Card and place the antennas on the top of your computer chassis for the best wireless performance.

? *The arrow keys on the number key pad are not working.*

Check if the Number Lock LED is off. When the Number Lock LED is on, the keys on the number key pad are used to input numbers only. Press the Number Lock key to turn the LED off if you want to use the arrow keys on the number key pad.

? *No display on the monitor.*

- Check if the monitor is powered on.
- Ensure that your monitor is properly connected to the video output port on your computer.
- If your computer comes with a discrete graphics card, ensure that you connect your monitor to a video output port on the discrete graphics card.
- Check if any of the pins on the monitor video connector is bent. If you discover bent pins, replace the monitor video connector cable.
- Check if your monitor is plugged to a power source properly.
- Refer to the documentation that came with your monitor for more troubleshooting information.

? *When using multiple monitors, only one monitor has display.*

- Ensure that the both monitors are powered on.
- During POST, only the monitor connected to the VGA port has display. The dual display function works only under Windows.
- When a graphics card is installed on your computer, ensure that you connect the monitors to the output port on the graphics card.
- Check if the multiple displays settings are correct.

? *My computer cannot detect my USB storage device.*

- The first time you connect your USB storage device to your computer, Windows automatically installs a driver for it. Wait for a while and go to My Computer to check if the USB storage device is detected.
- Connect your USB storage device to another computer to test if the USB storage device is broken or malfunctions.

? *I want to restore or undo changes to my computer's system settings without affecting my personal files or data.*

You can use Windows® 10 **Refresh your PC without affecting your files** recovery option to restore or undo changes to your computer's system settings without affecting your personal data such as documents or photos. To use this recovery option, click **Settings** > **Update & recovery** > **Recovery** from the Start menu, select **Refresh your PC without affecting your files**, and click **Get started**.

? *The picture on the HDTV is distorted.*

- It is caused by the different resolutions of your monitor and your HDTV. Adjust the screen resolution to fit your HDTV. To change the screen resolution:
  - From the Start menu, click **Settings** > **System** > **Display**.

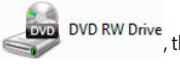
? *My speakers produce no sound.*

- Ensure that you connect your speakers to the Line out port (lime) on the front panel or the rear panel.
- Check if your speak is connected to an electrical source and turned on.
- Adjust your speakers' volume.
- Ensure that your computer's system sounds are not Muted.
  - If it is muted, the volume icon is displayed as . To enable the system sounds, click  from the Windows notification area, then click .
  - If it is not muted, click  and drag the slider to adjust the volume.
- Connect your speakers to another computer to test if the speakers are working properly.

? *The DVD drive cannot read a disc.*

- Check if the disc is placed with the label side facing up.
- Check if the disc is centered in the tray, especially for the discs with non-standard size or shape.
- Check if the disc is scratched or damaged.

? *The DVD drive eject button is not responding.*

1. From the Start menu, click **File Explorer**.
2. Right-click 

, then click **Eject** from the menu

Power

Problem	Possible Cause	Action
No power (The power indicator is off)	Incorrect power voltage	• Set your computer's power voltage switch to your area's power requirements. • Adjust the voltage settings. Ensure that the power cord is unplugged from the power outlet.
	Your computer is not turned on.	Press the power key on the front panel to ensure that your computer is turned on.
	Your computer's power cord is not properly connected.	• Ensure that the power cord is properly connected. • Use other compatible power cord.
	PSU (Power supply unit) problems	Contact the ASUS Service Center about installing another PSU on your computer.

Display

Problem	Possible Cause	Action
No display output after turning the computer on (Black screen)	The signal cable is not connected to the correct VGA port on your computer.	• Connect the signal cable to the correct display port (onboard VGA or discrete VGA port). • If you are using a discrete VGA card, connect the signal cable to the discrete VGA port.
	Signal cable problems	Try connecting to another monitor.

LAN

Problem	Possible Cause	Action
Cannot access the Internet	The LAN cable is not connected.	Connect the LAN cable to your computer.
	LAN cable problems	Ensure the LAN LED is on. If not, try another LAN cable. If it still does not work, contact the ASUS service center.
	Your computer is not properly connected to a router or hub.	Ensure that your computer is properly connected to a router or hub.
	Network settings	Contact your Internet Service Provider (ISP) for the correct LAN settings.
	Problems caused by the anti-virus software	Close the anti-virus software.
	Driver problems	Reinstall the LAN driver

Audio

Problem	Possible Cause	Action
No Audio	Speaker or headphone is connected to the wrong port.	• Refer to your computer's User Guide for the correct port. • Disconnect and reconnect the speaker to your computer.
	Speaker or headphone does not work.	Try using another speaker or headphone.
	The front and back audio ports do not work.	Try both the front and back audio ports. If one port failed, check if the port is set to multi-channel.
	Driver problems	Reinstall the audio driver

System

Problem	Possible Cause	Action
System speed is too slow	Too many programs are running.	Close some of the programs.
	Computer virus attack	• Use an anti-virus software to scan for viruses and repair your computer. • Reinstall the operating system.
The system often hangs or freezes.	Hard disk drive failure	• Send the damaged hard disk drive to ASUS Service Center for servicing. • Replace with a new hard disk drive.
	Memory module problems	• Replace with compatible memory modules. • Remove the extra memory modules that you have installed, then try again. • Contact the ASUS Service Center for assistance.
	There is not enough air ventilation for your computer.	Move your computer to an area with better air flow.
	Incompatible softwares are installed.	Reinstall the OS and reinstall compatible softwares.

CPU

Problem	Possible Cause	Action
Too noisy right after turning on the computer.	Your computer is booting up.	It is normal. The fan runs on its full speed when the computer is powering on. The fan slows down after entering the OS.
	The BIOS settings have been changed.	Restore the BIOS to its default settings.
	Old BIOS version	Update the BIOS to the latest version. Visit the ASUS Support site at **https://www.asus.com/support** to download the latest BIOS versions.
Computer is too noisy when in use.	The CPU fan has been replaced.	Ensure that you are using a compatible or ASUS-recommended CPU fan.
	There is not enough air ventilation for the computer.	Ensure that your computer is working in an area with good air flow.
	The system temperature is too high.	• Update the BIOS. • If you know how to reinstall the motherboard, try to clean the inner space of the chassis. • Contact the ASUS Service Center for assistance.

If the problem still persists, refer to your Desktop PC's warranty card and contact the ASUS Service Center. Visit the ASUS Support site at **https://www.asus.com/support** for the service center information.

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Starting for the first time

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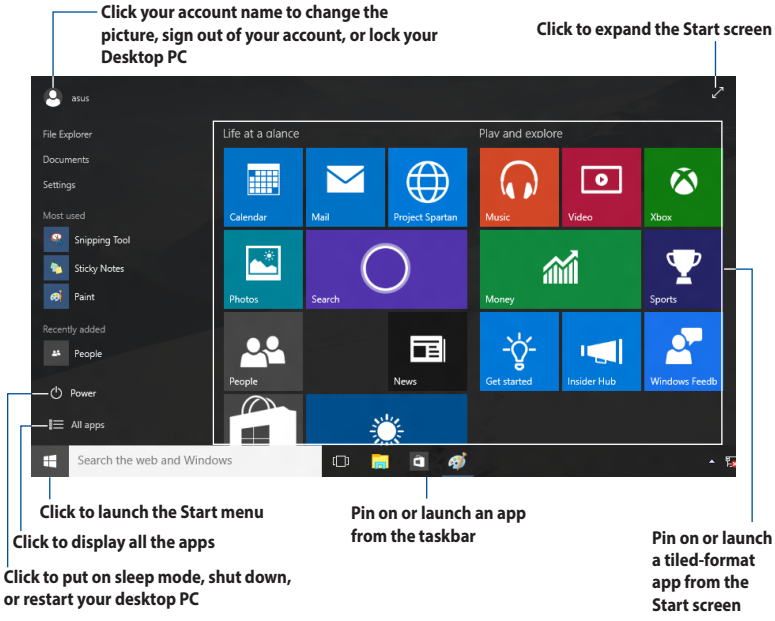
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To start your Desktop PC for the first time:

1. Press the power button on your Desktop PC. Wait for a few minutes until the setup screen appears.
2. From the setup screen, pick your region and language that you want to use on your desktop PC.
3. Carefully read the License Terms, then tap **I Accept**.
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to configure the following basic items:
   - Personalize
   - Get online
   - Settings
   - Your account
5. Wait until Windows® 10 finishes installing the apps and system settings. After the installation, the Windows® 10 desktop appears.

Using the Windows® 10 UI

The Windows® 10 User Interface (UI) includes the favorite Start menu and the tiled-formatted Start screen. It includes the following features you can use while working on your Desktop PC.



Start menu

Windows® 10 brings back the Start menu with some enhancements, such as the space that you can customize with your favorite apps, people, or websites.

You can launch the Start menu in two ways:

- Click the Start button from the lower-left corner of the taskbar.
- Press the Windows® Start key  on your keyboard.

Pinning apps to the Start screen or taskbar

To pin an app to the Start screen or taskbar:

1. From the Start menu, click **All apps**, then select the app that you want to pin.
2. Click **Pin to Start** or **Pin to taskbar** to pin your selected app to the Start screen or taskbar. You can also drag then drop an app to the Start Screen or taskbar to pin it.

Start screen

The Start screen , which appears together with the Start menu, helps organize all the apps you need in just one place. The apps on the Start screen are displayed on tiled-format for easy access.

Some apps require signing in to your Microsoft account before they are fully launched.

Click to restore the Start screen



Moving apps on the Start screen

You can move apps from the Start screen simply through dragging and dropping the app to your preferred location.

Unpinning apps from the Start screen

To unpin an app from the Start screen, right-click on the app to activate its settings bar then click **Unpin from Start**.

Taskbar

Windows® 10 comes with the standard taskbar, which keeps all your currently running apps or items in the background.

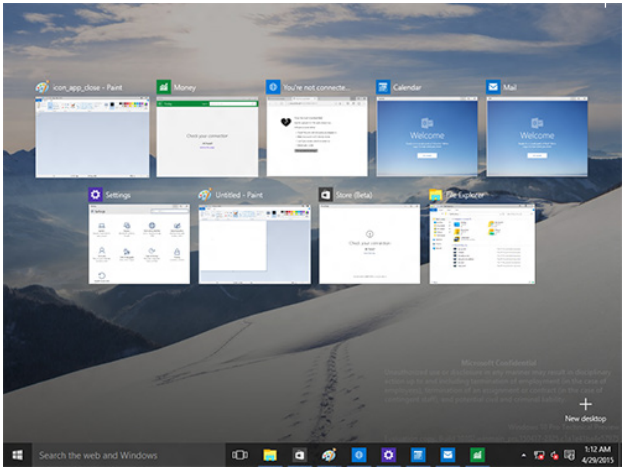
Unpinning apps from the taskbar

1. From the Start screen or taskbar, right-click the app you want to unpin.
2. Click **Unpin from Start** or **Unpin this program from taskbar** to remove the app from the Start screen or taskbar.

Using the Task View

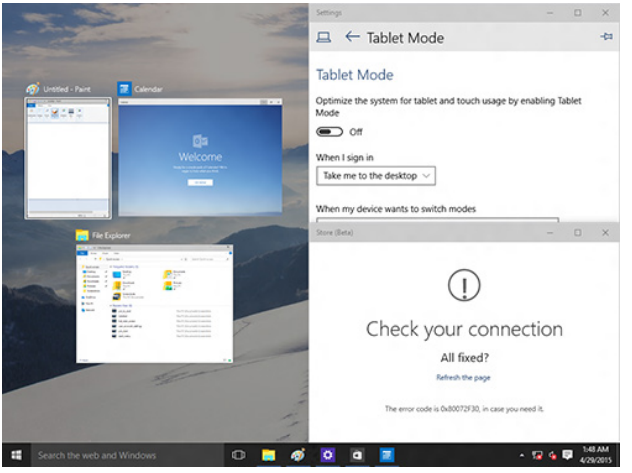
When you have several running apps, you can click  from the taskbar to display all your running apps, and click on an app or item to launch it.

If task view is disabled, click  > **Show Task View button** to display the task view icon .



Snap feature

The Snap feature displays about four apps or more in one screen, allowing you to work or switch among apps.



Using Snap

Use your Desktop PC's mouse or keyboard to activate Snap onscreen.

Using your mouse

a) Launch an app, then drag and release on a screen corner to snap it in place.

b) Snap another app to your preferred location on the screen.

Using your keyboard

a) Launch an app, press ⊞ and the arrow keys to select the direction where you want to snap the app in place.

b) Snap another app using ⊞ and the arrow keys.

Keyboard shortcuts

Using your keyboard, you can also use the following shortcuts to help you launch apps and navigate Windows® 10.

	Switches between the Start screen and the last running app
+ <D>	Launches the desktop
+ <E>	Launches File Explorer
+ <F> or + <W>	Activates the File search function
+ <H>	Launches Share
+ <I>	Launches Settings
+ <K>	Launches Media Connect
+ <L>	Activates the Lock screen
+ <M>	Hides all currently active screens to the taskbar
+ <P>	Your desktop PC is mirrored to your secondary monitor
+ <Q>	Launches Cortana
+ <R>	Launches the Run window
+ <U>	Launches Ease of Access Center
+ <X>	Launches a menu box of Windows tools

+ <+>	Launches the magnifier and zooms in your screen.
+ <->	Zooms out your screen.
+ <Enter>	Opens the Narrator Settings.

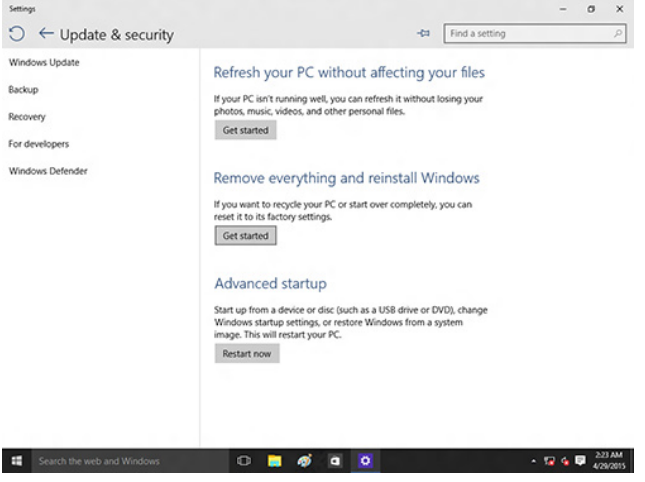
Removing everything and reinstalling Windows® 10

Restoring your PC to its original factory settings can be done using the Remove everything and reinstall options in PC Settings. Refer to the steps below to use this option.

Back up all your data before using this option.

This process may take a while to complete.

1. From the Start menu, click **Settings** > **Update & security** > **Recovery**.
2. Scroll down to view the **Remove everything and reinstall Windows** option. Under this option, click **Get started**.



3. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the reinstallation and reset process.

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