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## Notes, Notices, and Cautions



**NOTE:** A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your computer.



**NOTICE:** A NOTICE indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.



**CAUTION:** A CAUTION indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.

If you purchased a Dell™ n Series computer, any references in this document to Microsoft® Windows® operating systems are not applicable.

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# Before You Begin

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## Getting Started

This section provides procedures for removing and installing the components in your computer. Unless otherwise noted, each procedure assumes that the following conditions exist:

- You have performed the steps in "[Turning Off Your Computer](#)" and "[Before Working Inside Your Computer](#)."
  - You have read the safety information in your Dell™ *Product Information Guide*.
  - A component can be replaced by performing the removal procedure in reverse order.
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## Recommended Tools

The procedures in this document may require the following tools:

- Small flat-blade screwdriver
  - Phillips screwdriver
  - Flash BIOS update program floppy disk or CD
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## Turning Off Your Computer

 **NOTICE:** To avoid losing data, save and close any open files and exit any open programs before you turn off your computer.

1. Shut down the operating system:
    - a. Save and close any open files, exit any open programs, click the **Start** button, and then click **Turn Off Computer**.
    - b. In the **Turn off computer** window, click **Turn off**.  
The computer turns off after the operating system shutdown process finishes.
  2. Ensure that the computer and any attached devices are turned off. If your computer and attached devices did not automatically turn off when you shut down your operating system, press and hold the power button for 4 seconds.
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## Before Working Inside Your Computer

Use the following safety guidelines to help protect your computer from potential damage and to help ensure your own personal

safety.

 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

 **CAUTION:** Handle components and cards with care. Do not touch the components or contacts on a card. Hold a card by its edges or by its metal mounting bracket. Hold a component such as a processor by its edges, not by its pins.

 **NOTICE:** Only a certified service technician should perform repairs on your computer. Damage due to servicing that is not authorized by Dell is not covered by your warranty.

 **NOTICE:** When you disconnect a cable, pull on its connector or on its strain-relief loop, not on the cable itself. Some cables have a connector with locking tabs; if you are disconnecting this type of cable, press in on the locking tabs before you disconnect the cable. As you pull connectors apart, keep them evenly aligned to avoid bending any connector pins. Also, before you connect a cable, ensure that both connectors are correctly oriented and aligned.

 **NOTICE:** To avoid damaging the computer, perform the following steps before you begin working inside the computer.

1. [Turn off your computer.](#)

 **NOTICE:** To disconnect a network cable, first unplug the cable from your computer and then unplug it from the network port or device.

2. Disconnect any telephone or telecommunication lines from the computer.

3. Disconnect your computer and all attached devices from their electrical outlets, and then press the power button to ground the system board.

 **CAUTION:** To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.

4. [Open the computer cover.](#)

 **NOTICE:** Before touching anything inside your computer, ground yourself by touching an unpainted metal surface, such as the metal at the back of the computer. While you work, periodically touch an unpainted metal surface to dissipate any static electricity that could harm internal components.

# Opening the Computer Cover

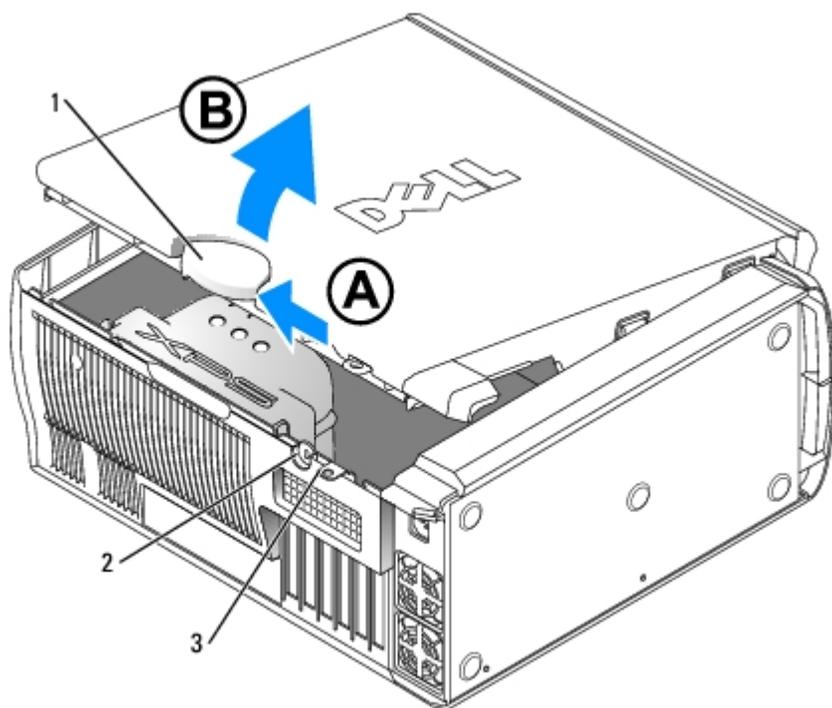
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-  **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.
-  **CAUTION:** To prevent static damage to components inside your computer, discharge static electricity from your body before you touch any of your computer's electronic components. You can do so by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer chassis.

1. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin](#)."
2. Lay the computer on its side so that the arrow on the bottom of the computer points up.

 **NOTICE:** Ensure that sufficient space exists to accommodate the open cover—at least 30 cm (1 ft) of desk top space.

3. Slide the cover release latch toward the top of the computer (A).
4. Raise the cover, and pivot it toward the front of the computer (B).



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|---|---------------------|
| 1 | cover release latch |
| 2 | security cable slot |
| 3 | padlock ring        |

# Technical Specifications

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| Processor      |   |
|----------------|---|
| Processor type | Intel® Pentium® 4 Extreme Edition with HT Technology or dual-core processing<br><br><b>NOTE:</b> Not all Pentium 4 processors support Hyper-Threading technology or dual-core processing. |
| Cache          | 1 MB or 2 MB  |

| Memory            |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Type              | 533- and 667-MHz DDR2 unbuffered SDRAM  |
| Memory connectors | four  |
| Memory capacities | 256 MB, 512 MB, 1 GB, or 2 GB non-ECC   |
| Minimum memory    | 512 MB  |
| Maximum memory    | 2 GB or 8 GB<br><br><b>NOTE:</b> See " <a href="#">Addressing Memory Configurations</a> " to verify the amount of memory available to the operating system. |
| BIOS address      | F0000h  |

| Computer Information |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Chipset              | Nvidia nForce4 SLI  |
| DMA channels         | five  |
| Interrupt levels     | 24  |
| BIOS chip (NVRAM)    | 4 Mb  |
| NIC                  | integrated network interface capable of 10/100/1000 communication |
| System clock         | 800- or 1066-MHz data rate (depending on your processor)          |

| Video |                  |
|-------|------------------|
| Type  | PCI Express      |
| Audio |                  |
| Type  | AC97 7.1 channel |

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| <b>Expansion Bus</b>           |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Bus type                       | PCI 32-bit<br>PCI Express x1 and x16   |
| Bus speed                      | PCI: 33 MHz  |
| Bus throughput                 | PCI Express: 2.5 Gb/s raw bandwidth (bidirectional) per lane<br><br>PCI Express:<br><br>x1 slot bidirectional speed — 500 MB/s<br><br>x16 slot bidirectional speed — 8 GB/s        |
| PCI                            |  |
| connector                      | three  |
| connector size                 | 120 pins   |
| connector data width (maximum) | 32 bits  |
| PCI Express                    |  |
|                                | <b>NOTE:</b> If a graphics card is installed in each of the PCI Express x16 card slots in the dual-graphics configuration, the PCI Express x1 card slot is not accessible for use. |
| connector                      | one x1   |
| connector size                 | 36 pins  |
| connector data width (maximum) | 1 PCI Express lane   |
| PCI Express                    |  |
| connector                      | two x16  |
| connector size                 | 164 pins   |
| connector data width (maximum) | 16 PCI Express lanes   |

| <b>Drives</b>          |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Externally accessible: | one 3.5-inch drive bays<br><br>three 5.25-inch drive bays  |
| Available devices      | Serial ATA drive, floppy drive, memory devices, CD drive, CD-RW drive, DVD drive, DVD-RW drive, and DVD and CD-RW combo drive, media card reader |
| Internally accessible: | three bays for 1-inch high hard drives   |

| <b>Connectors</b>         |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| External connectors:      |  |
| IEEE 1394                 | front and back-panel 6-pin serial connectors |
| Network adapter           | RJ45 connector                               |
| PS/2 (keyboard and mouse) | two 6-pin mini-DIN                           |
| Serial                    | 9-pin connector                              |
|                           |  |

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|--------------------------|--|
| USB                      | two front-panel, six back-panel, and two internal USB 2.0-compliant connectors |
| System board connectors: |  |
| IDE drive                | one 40-pin connector   |
| Serial ATA               | four 7-pin connectors  |
| Floppy drive             | one 34-pin connector   |
| Fan                      | four 5-pin connectors  |
| PCI                      | three 120-pin connectors   |
| PCI Express x1           | one 36-pin connector   |
| PCI Express x16          | two 164-pin connectors   |

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|--|---|
| <b>Controls and Lights</b>                           |   |
| Power control  | push button   |
| Power light  | green light — Blinking green in sleep state; solid green for power-on state.<br><br>amber light — Blinking amber indicates a problem with an installed device; solid amber indicates an internal power problem (see " <a href="#">Power Lights</a> ").  |
| Hard-drive access light                              | green   |
| Link integrity light (on integrated network adapter) | green light — A good connection exists between a 10-Mbps network and the computer.<br><br>orange light — A good connection exists between a 100-Mbps network and the computer.<br><br>yellow light — A good connection exists between a 1-GB (or 1000-Mbps) network and the computer.<br><br>off (no light) — The computer is not detecting a physical connection to the network. |
| Activity light (on integrated network adapter)       | yellow blinking light when there is activity on the network; if there is not any network activity, the light will be off  |
| Diagnostic lights                                    | four lights on the front panel (see " <a href="#">Diagnostic Lights</a> ")  |
| Standby power light                                  | AUXPWR on the system board  |
| Case backlight                                       | color options: off (no light), ruby, emerald, sapphire (default), amber, amethyst, topaz, diamond (see "Changing the Front-Panel Light Color" in your <i>Owner's Manual</i> )   |

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|------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Power</b>           |             |
| 650-W DC power supply: |             |
| Wattage                | 650 W       |
| Heat dissipation       | 1000 BTU/hr |

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| Voltage (see the safety instructions located in the <i>Product Information Guide</i> for important voltage setting information) | fixed-voltage power supply — 110 V at 50/60 Hz<br><br>manual selection and auto-sensing power supplies — 90 to 135 V at 50/60 Hz; 180 to 265 V at 50/60 Hz; 100 V at 50/60 Hz for Japanese computers |
| Backup battery  | 3-V CR2032 lithium coin cell   |

|                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Physical</b> |                       |
| Height          | 49.1 cm (19.3 inches) |
| Width           | 22.2 cm (8.7 inches)  |
| Depth           | 48.8 cm (19.2 inches) |
| Weight          | 19 kg (42 lb)         |

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| <b>Environmental</b> |   |
| Temperature:         |   |
| Operating            | 10° to 35°C (50° to 95°F)   |
| Storage              | -40° to 65°C (-40° to 149°F)  |
| Relative humidity    | 20% to 80% (noncondensing)  |
| Maximum vibration:   |   |
| Operating            | 0.25 G at 3 to 200 Hz at 0.5 octave/min   |
| Storage              | 0.5 G at 3 to 200 Hz at 1 octave/min  |
| Maximum shock:       |   |
| Operating            | bottom half-sine pulse with a change in velocity of 20 inches/sec (50.8 cm/sec) |
| Storage              | 27-G faired square wave with a velocity change of 200 inches/sec (508 cm/sec)   |
| Altitude:            |   |
| Operating            | -15.2 to 3048 m (-50 to 10,000 ft)  |
| Storage              | -15.2 to 10,668 m (-50 to 35,000 ft)  |

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## Power Lights



**CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

The power button light located on the front of the computer illuminates and blinks or remains solid to indicate different states:

- If the power light is green and the computer is not responding, see "[Diagnostic Lights](#)."
  - If the power light is blinking green, the computer is in standby mode. Press a key on the keyboard, move the mouse, or press the power button to resume normal operation.
  - If the power light is off, the computer is either turned off or is not receiving power.
    - Reseat the power cable into both the power connector on the back of the computer and the electrical outlet.
    - If the computer is plugged into a power strip, ensure that the power strip is plugged into an electrical outlet and that the power strip is turned on. Also bypass power protection devices, power strips, and power extension cables to verify that the computer turns on properly.
    - Ensure that the electrical outlet is working by testing it with another device, such as a lamp.
    - Ensure that the main power cable and front panel cable are securely connected to the [system board](#).
  - If the power light is blinking amber, the computer is receiving electrical power, but an internal power problem might exist.
    - Ensure that the voltage selection switch is set to match the AC power at your location (if applicable).
    - Ensure that the processor power cable is securely connected to the [system board](#).
  - If the power light is steady amber, a device might be malfunctioning or incorrectly installed.
    - Remove and then reinstall the [memory modules](#).
    - Remove and then reinstall any cards.
    - Remove and then reinstall the graphics card, if applicable.
  - Eliminate interference. Some possible causes of interference are:
    - Power, keyboard, and mouse extension cables
    - Too many devices on a power strip
    - Multiple power strips connected to the same electrical outlet
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# Diagnostic Lights

**CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions located in the *Product Information Guide*.

To help you troubleshoot a problem, your computer has four lights labeled "1," "2," "3," and "4" on the front panel (see "[Front View \(Door Open\)](#)"). When the computer starts normally, the lights flash. After the computer starts, all four lights display solid green. If the computer malfunctions, the color and sequence of the lights identify the problem.

| Light Pattern  | Problem Description  | Suggested Resolution  |
|--|--|---|
|    | The computer is in a normal "off" condition or a possible pre-BIOS failure has occurred.<br><br>The diagnostic lights are not lit after the system successfully boots to the operating system. | Plug the computer into a working electrical outlet. Also see "Power Problems" located in your <i>Owner's Manual</i> .   |
|    | A possible processor failure has occurred.   | Reinstall the processor (see " <a href="#">Processor</a> ") and restart the computer.   |
|    | Memory modules are detected, but a memory failure has occurred.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have two or more memory modules installed, remove the modules, reinstall one module (see "<a href="#">Memory</a>"), and then restart the computer. If the computer starts normally, reinstall an additional module. Continue until you have identified a faulty module or reinstalled all modules without error.</li> <li>• If available, install properly working memory of the same type into your computer (see "<a href="#">Installing Memory</a>").</li> <li>• If the problem persists, contact Dell.</li> </ul>   |
|  | A possible graphics card failure has occurred.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the computer has a graphics card, remove the card, reinstall it, and then restart the computer.</li> <li>• If the problem still exists, install a graphics card that you know works and restart the computer.</li> <li>• If the problem persists, contact Dell.</li> </ul>  |
|  | A possible floppy drive or hard drive failure has occurred.  | Reseat all power and data cables and restart the computer.  |
|  | A possible USB failure has occurred.   | Reinstall all USB devices, check cable connections, and then restart the computer.  |
|  | No memory modules are detected.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have two or more memory modules installed, remove the modules, reinstall one module (see "<a href="#">Memory</a>"), and then restart the computer. If the computer starts normally, reinstall an additional module. Continue until you have identified a faulty module or reinstalled all modules without error.</li> <li>• If available, install properly working memory of the same type into your computer (see "<a href="#">Installing Memory</a>").</li> <li>• If the problem persists, see "Contacting Dell" in your <i>Owner's Manual</i> for instructions on obtaining technical assistance.</li> </ul> |
|  | Memory modules are detected, but a memory configuration or compatibility error exists.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that no special memory module/memory connector placement requirements exist.</li> <li>• Verify that the memory modules that you are installing are compatible with your computer (see "<a href="#">Memory</a>").</li> <li>• If the problem persists, see "Contacting Dell" in your <i>Owner's Manual</i> for instructions on obtaining technical assistance.</li> </ul>   |

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|    | A possible expansion card failure has occurred. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Determine if a conflict exists by removing a card (not a graphics card) and restarting the computer (see "<a href="#">Cards</a>").</li> <li>2. If the problem persists, reinstall the card that you removed, remove a different card, and then restart the computer.</li> <li>3. Repeat this process for each card. If the computer starts normally, troubleshoot the last card removed from the computer for resource conflicts.</li> <li>4. If the problem persists, see "Contacting Dell" in your <i>Owner's Manual</i> for instructions on obtaining technical assistance.</li> </ol>  |
|  | Another failure has occurred.                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that the cables are properly connected to the system board from the hard drive, CD drive, and DVD drive (see "<a href="#">CD/DVD Drive</a>").</li> <li>• If there is an error message on your screen identifying a problem with a device (such as the floppy drive or hard drive), check the device to make sure it is functioning properly.</li> <li>• The operating system is attempting to boot from a device (such as the floppy drive or hard drive); check system setup (see "<a href="#">Boot Sequence</a>") to make sure the boot sequence is correct for the devices installed on your computer.</li> <li>• If the problem persists, see "Contacting Dell" in your <i>Owner's Manual</i> for instructions on obtaining technical assistance.</li> </ul> |

## Beep Codes

Your computer might emit a series of beeps during start-up if the monitor cannot display errors or problems. This series of beeps, called a beep code, identifies a problem. One possible beep code (code 1-3-1) consists of one beep, a burst of three beeps, and then one beep. This beep code tells you that the computer encountered a memory problem.

Reseating the [memory modules](#) may fix the beep code errors in the following table. If the problem persists, see "Contacting Dell" in your *Owner's Manual* for instructions on obtaining technical assistance.

| Code                | Cause  |
|---------------------|--|
| 1-3-1 through 2-4-4 | Memory not being properly identified or used |
| 4-3-1               | Memory failure above address 0FFFFh          |

If you hear one of the following beep codes, see "Contacting Dell" in your *Owner's Manual* for instructions on obtaining technical assistance.

| Code  | Cause                                  |
|-------|--|
| 1-1-2 | Microprocessor register failure        |
| 1-1-3 | NVRAM                                  |
| 1-1-4 | ROM BIOS checksum failure              |
| 1-2-1 | Programmable interval timer            |
| 1-2-2 | DMA initialization failure             |
| 1-2-3 | DMA page register read/write failure   |
| 3-1-1 | Slave DMA register failure             |
| 3-1-2 | Master DMA register failure            |
| 3-1-3 | Master interrupt mask register failure |
| 3-1-4 | Slave interrupt mask register failure  |
| 3-2-2 | Interrupt vector loading failure       |
| 3-2-4 | Keyboard Controller Test failure       |

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|-------|--|
| 3-3-1 | NVRAM power loss                       |
| 3-3-2 | NVRAM configuration                    |
| 3-4-1 | Screen initialization failure          |
| 3-4-2 | Screen retrace failure                 |
| 4-2-1 | No time tick                           |
| 4-2-2 | Shutdown failure                       |
| 4-2-3 | Gate A20 failure                       |
| 4-2-4 | Unexpected interrupt in protected mode |
| 4-3-3 | Timer-chip counter 2 failure           |
| 4-3-4 | Time-of-day clock stopped              |
| 4-4-1 | Serial or parallel port test failure   |
| 4-4-4 | Cache test failure                     |

## System Messages

 **NOTE:** If the message you received is not listed in the table, see the documentation for either the operating system or the program that was running when the message appeared.

| Message   | Possible Cause  | Corrective Action   |
|---|---|---|
| 8042 Gate-A20 error   | The keyboard controller failed its test.  | If you receive this message after you make changes in the system setup program, <a href="#">enter the system setup</a> program and restore the original value(s). |
| Address Line Short!   | An error in the address decoding circuitry in the memory has occurred.  | Reseat the memory modules.  |
| C: Drive Error<br>C: Drive Failure  | The hard drive is not working or is not configured correctly.   | Ensure that the drive is installed correctly in the computer and defined correctly in the <a href="#">system setup</a> program.                                   |
| Cache Memory Bad, Do Not Enable Cache   | The cache memory is not operating.  | See "Contacting Dell" in your <i>Owner's Manual</i> for instructions on obtaining technical assistance.   |
| CH-2 Timer Error  | An error is occurring on the timer on the system board.   | See "Contacting Dell" in your <i>Owner's Manual</i> for instructions on obtaining technical assistance.   |
| CMOS Battery State Low<br>CMOS Checksum Failure<br>CMOS System Options Not Set<br>CMOS Display Type Mismatch<br>CMOS Memory Size Mismatch<br>CMOS Time and Date | The system configuration information in the system setup program is incorrect or the battery charge may be low. | <a href="#">Enter the system setup</a> program, verify the system configuration, and then restart the computer.   |

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| Not Set  |   |  |
| Diskette Boot Failure                            | Drive A or B is present but has failed the BIOS POST.                       | Ensure that the drive is installed correctly in the computer and defined correctly in the <a href="#">system setup</a> program. Check the interface cable at both ends.  |
| DMA Error<br>DMA 1 Error<br>DMA 2 Error          | Error in the DMA controller on the system board.                            | The keyboard or <a href="#">system board</a> may need to be replaced.  |
| FDD Controller Failure<br>HDD Controller Failure | The BIOS cannot communicate with the floppy drive or hard drive controller. | Ensure that the floppy drive or the <a href="#">hard drive</a> is installed correctly in the computer and defined correctly in the <a href="#">system setup</a> program. Check the interface cable at both ends. |
| INTR1 Error<br>INTR2 Error                       | An interrupt channel on the system board failed to POST.                    | The keyboard or <a href="#">system board</a> may need to be replaced.  |
| Invalid Boot Diskette                            | The operating system cannot be located on drive A or drive C.               | <a href="#">Enter the system setup</a> program and confirm that drive A or drive C is properly identified.   |
| Keyboard Error                                   | The BIOS has detected a stuck key.  | Ensure that nothing is resting on the keyboard; if a key appears to be stuck, carefully pry it up. If the problem persists, you may need to replace the keyboard.  |
| KB/Interface Error                               | An error occurred with the keyboard connector.                              | Ensure that nothing is resting on the keyboard; if a key appears to be stuck, carefully pry it up. If the problem persists, you may need to replace the keyboard.  |
| No ROM Basic                                     | The operating system cannot be located on drive A or drive C.               | Enter the <a href="#">system setup</a> program and confirm that drive A or drive C is properly identified.   |

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# System Setup Program

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## Overview

Use the system setup program as follows:

- To change the system configuration information after you add, change, or remove any hardware in your computer
- To set or change a user-selectable option such as the user password
- To read the current amount of memory or set the type of hard drive installed

Before you use the system setup program, it is recommended that you write down the system setup program screen information for future reference.

-  **NOTICE:** Unless you are an expert computer user, do not change the settings for this program. Certain changes can make your computer work incorrectly.

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## Entering the System Setup Program

1. Turn on (or restart) your computer.
2. When the blue DELL™ logo appears, press <F2> immediately.

If you wait too long and the operating system logo appears, continue to wait until you see the Microsoft® Windows® desktop. Then [shut down your computer](#) and try again.

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## System Setup Program Screens

The system setup program screen displays current or changeable configuration information for your computer. Information on the screen is divided into three areas: the options list, active options field, and key functions.

**Options List** — This field appears on the left side of the system setup program window. The field is a scrollable list containing features that define the configuration of your computer, including installed hardware, power conservation, and security features.

**Option Field** — This field contains information about each option. In this field you can view your current settings and make changes to your settings.

Use the right- and left-arrow keys to highlight an option. Press <Enter> to make that selection active.

Scroll up and down the list by using the up- and down-arrow keys. As an option is highlighted, the **Option Field** displays more information about that option and the option's current and available settings.

**Key Functions** — This field appears below the Option Field and lists keys and their functions within the active system setup program field.

## System Setup Program Options

 **NOTE:** Depending on your computer and installed devices, the items listed in this section may not appear, or they may not appear exactly as listed.

| System                  |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| CPU Info                | Identifies whether the computer's processor supports Hyper-Threading and lists the processor bus speed, processor ID, clock speed, and L2 cache.   |
| Memory Info             | Indicates amount of installed memory, memory speed, channel mode (dual or single), and type of memory installed.   |
| PCI Info                | Indicates the expansion card type by slot location.  |
| Date/Time               | Displays current date and time settings.   |
| Boot Sequence           | The computer attempts to boot from the sequence of devices specified in this list.<br><br><b>NOTE:</b> If you insert a boot device and restart the computer, this option appears in the system setup menu. To boot from a USB memory device, select the USB device and move it so it becomes the first device in the list. |
| Drives                  |  |
| Diskette Drive          | Identifies and defines the floppy drive attached to the DSKT connector on the system board as <b>Off</b> , <b>USB</b> , <b>Internal</b> , or <b>Read Only</b> .  |
| SATA Drives 0 through 3 | Identifies and defines the SATA drive settings. You can set the SATA drive to <b>On</b> , <b>Off</b> , or <b>RAID On</b> . The default setting is <b>On</b> .  |
| PATA Drives 0 through 1 | Identifies the drives attached to the ATA connectors on the system board, and lists the capacity for hard drives.  |
| Smart Reporting         | Determines whether hard-drive errors for internal drives are reported during system startup. <b>Off</b> does not report errors. <b>On</b> reports errors.  |
| Onboard Devices         |  |
| Integrated NIC          | Enables or disables the integrated NIC controller. <b>Off</b> disables the controller. <b>On</b> enables the controller.<br><br><b>NOTE:</b> PXE and RPL is required only if you are booting to an operating system on another system; not if you are booting to an operating system on a hard drive in this system.       |
| Audio Controller        | Enables or disables the onboard audio controller.  |
| USB Controller          | (Default <b>On</b> ) Enables or disables the internal USB controller. <b>Off</b> disables the controller. <b>On</b> enables the controller. <b>No Boot</b> enables the controller but disables the ability to boot from a USB device.  |
| 1394 Controller         | Enables or disables the IEEE 1394 controller.  |
| Serial Port #1          | Disables or selects the address for the serial port. Options consist of: <b>Off</b> , <b>Auto</b> (which selects the port automatically and disables it if both addresses are in use), <b>COM1</b> and <b>COM3</b> .   |
| PS/2 Mouse Port         | Enables or disables the onboard PS/2-compatible mouse controller.  |
| Front LED Color         | This setting allows you to change the front-panel back lighting to the following colors: off, ruby, emerald, amber, sapphire, amethyst, topaz, and diamond.  |
| Video                   |  |
| Primary                 |  |

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| Video                   | This setting specifies which video controller is primary when two video controllers are present on the computer.   |
| <b>Performance</b>      |  |
| Hyper-Threading         | If your processor supports Hyper-Threading, this option appears in the <b>Options List</b> .   |
| HDD Acoustic Mode       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bypass</b> — Your computer does not test or change the current acoustics mode setting.</li> <li>• <b>Quiet</b> (default) — The hard drive operates at its most quiet setting.</li> <li>• <b>Suggested</b> — The hard drive operates at the level suggested by the drive manufacturer.</li> <li>• <b>Performance</b> — The hard drive operates at its maximum speed.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Switching to performance mode may cause the drive to be noisier, but its performance is not affected.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Changing the acoustics setting does not alter your hard drive image.</p>  |
| Processor Info          | This section displays available processor options.   |
| Multiple CPU Core       | This setting specifies whether more than one core is enabled. The performance of some applications may improve with an additional core enabled. Defaults to <b>On</b> (second core enabled).   |
| CPU Clock Speed         | <p>With this option, it is possible to increase the operating frequency of the processor to a frequency greater than that in the processor manufacturer's design specifications. Use of this option may invalidate your warranty.</p> <p><b>NOTICE:</b> Dell does not recommend using extended operating frequencies or over-clocking. If you choose to over-clock your processor, the life expectancy of your processor may be reduced. Dell does not guarantee that your computer will remain stable or operate at the extended operating speeds.</p>  |
| <b>Security</b>         |  |
| Admin Password          | This option provides restricted access to the computer's system setup program in the same way that access to the system can be restricted with the <b>System Password</b> option.  |
| System Password         | Displays the current status of the system's password security feature and allows a new system password to be assigned and verified.  |
| Password Changes        | This option locks the system password field with the setup password. When the field is locked, you can no longer disable password security by pressing <Ctrl><Enter> when the computer starts.   |
| DEP (Execute Disable)   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Opt-In</b> (default) — DEP is enabled by default on computers with NX-capable processors. Only Windows system binaries are covered by DEP with this option. Applications may enable DEP protection through creating an application compatibility shim and installing that shim with the application.</li> <li>• <b>Opt-Out</b> — DEP is enabled for all processes. Users can manually create exceptions for specific applications in System Properties, or IT Pros and ISVs can use the Application Compatibility Toolkit to opt-out.</li> <li>• <b>Always On</b> — Full DEP coverage with no exceptions.</li> <li>• <b>Always Off</b> — No user-mode DEP coverage. Drivers and the Windows core kernel binaries are covered by DEP, but no other binaries are included in the set of covered applications.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Power Management</b> |  |
| AC Recovery             | Determines what happens when AC power is restored to the computer.   |
| Auto Power On           | <p>Sets the computer to automatically turn on. Choices are <b>every day</b> or every <b>Monday through Friday</b>.</p> <p>The default setting is <b>Off</b>.</p> <p>This feature does not work if you turn off your computer using a power strip or surge protector.</p>   |
| Auto Power Time         | <p>Sets time to automatically turn on the computer.</p> <p>Time is kept in a 24-hour format (<i>hours:minutes</i>). Change the start-up time by pressing the right- or left-arrow key to increase or decrease the numbers, or type numbers in both the date and time fields.</p> <p>This feature does not work if you turn off your computer using a power strip or surge protector.</p>   |
| Suspend Mode            | The options are <b>S1</b> , a suspend state where the computer is running in a low-power mode, and <b>S3</b> , a standby state where the power is reduced or turned off for most components, however, system memory remains active.  |
| <b>Maintenance</b>      |  |

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| Load Defaults        | This setting restores the computer's factory-installed default settings.  |
| Event Log            | Displays the system event log.  |
| <b>POST Behavior</b> |   |
| Fastboot             | When set to <b>On</b> (default), your computer starts more quickly because it skips certain configurations and tests.   |
| Numlock Key          | This option involves the rightmost bank of keys on your keyboard. When set to <b>On</b> (default), this option activates the numeric and mathematical features shown at the top of each key. When set to <b>Off</b> , this option activates the cursor-control functions labeled on the bottom of each key. |
| POST Hotkeys         | This option allows you to specify the function keys to display on the screen when the computer starts.  |
| Keyboard Errors      | This option disables or enables keyboard error reporting when the computer starts.  |

## Boot Sequence

This feature allows you to change the boot sequence for devices.

## Option Settings

- **Diskette Drive** — The computer attempts to boot from the floppy drive. If the floppy disk in the drive is not bootable, if no floppy disk is in the drive, or if there is no floppy drive installed in the computer, the computer generates an error message.
- **Hard Drive** — The computer attempts to boot from the primary hard drive. If no operating system is on the drive, the computer generates an error message.
- **CD Drive** — The computer attempts to boot from the CD drive. If no CD is in the drive, or if the CD has no operating system, the computer generates an error message.
- **USB Flash Device** — Insert the memory device into a USB port and restart the computer. When `F12 = Boot Menu` appears in the upper-right corner of the screen, press `<F12>`. The BIOS detects the device and adds the USB flash option to the boot menu.

 **NOTE:** To boot to a USB device, the device must be bootable. To make sure that your device is bootable, check the device documentation.

 **NOTE:** An error message is generated only after the computer attempts to boot from every device in the boot sequence and no operating system is found.

## Changing Boot Sequence for the Current Boot

You can use this feature, for example, to restart your computer to a USB device such as a floppy drive, memory key, or CD-RW drive.

 **NOTE:** If you are booting to a USB floppy drive, you must first set the floppy drive to **OFF** in [the system setup program](#).

1. If you are booting to a USB device, connect the USB device to a USB connector.
2. Turn on (or restart) your computer.
3. When `F2 = Setup`, `F12 = Boot Menu` appears in the upper-right corner of the screen, press `<F12>`.

If you wait too long and the operating system logo appears, continue to wait until you see the Microsoft Windows desktop. Then [shut down your computer](#) and try again.

The **Boot Device Menu** appears, listing all available boot devices. Each device has a number next to it.

4. At the bottom of the menu, enter the number of the device that is to be used for the current boot only.

For example, if you are booting to a USB memory key, highlight **USB Flash Device** and press <Enter>.

 **NOTE:** To boot to a USB device, the device must be bootable. To make sure your device is bootable, check the device documentation.

## Changing Boot Sequence for Future Boots

1. [Enter the system setup program.](#)
2. Use the arrow keys to highlight the **Boot Sequence** menu option and press <Enter> to access the menu.

 **NOTE:** Write down your current boot sequence in case you want to restore it.

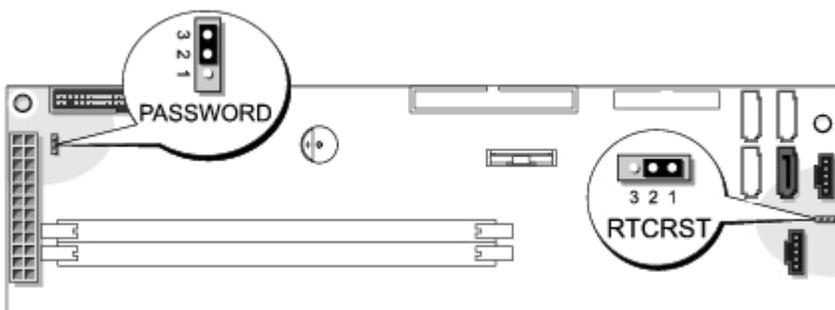
3. Press the up- and down-arrow keys to move through the list of devices.
4. Press the spacebar to enable or disable a device (enabled devices have a checkmark).
5. Press plus (+) or minus (-) to move a selected device up or down the list.

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## Clearing Forgotten Passwords

 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions located in the *Product Information Guide*.

1. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin.](#)"



2. Locate the 3-pin password jumper (PASSWORD) on the [system board](#), and attach the jumper plug to pins 2 and 3 to clear the password.

 **NOTE:** When you receive your computer, the jumper plug is attached to pins 1 and 2.

3. Close the computer cover.
4. Connect your computer and monitor to electrical outlets, and turn them on.

5. After the Microsoft® Windows® desktop appears on your computer, [shut down the computer](#).
6. Turn off the monitor and disconnect it from the electrical outlet.
7. Disconnect the computer power cable from the electrical outlet, and press the power button to ground the system board.
8. [Open the computer cover](#).
9. Locate the 3-pin password jumper on the [system board](#) and attach the jumper to pins 1 and 2 to re-enable the password feature.
10. [Replace the computer cover](#).

 **NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network port or device and then plug it into your computer.

11. Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.
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## Clearing CMOS Settings

 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions located in the *Product Information Guide*.

1. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin](#)."
2. Reset the current CMOS settings:
  - a. Locate the 3-pin CMOS jumper (CLR CMOS) on the system board (see "[System Board Components](#)").
  - b. Remove the jumper plug from pins 1 and 2.
  - c. Place the jumper plug on pins 2 and 3 and wait approximately 5 seconds.
  - d. Replace the jumper plug on pins 1 and 2.
3. [Close the computer cover](#).

 **NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network port or device and then plug it into your computer.

4. Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.
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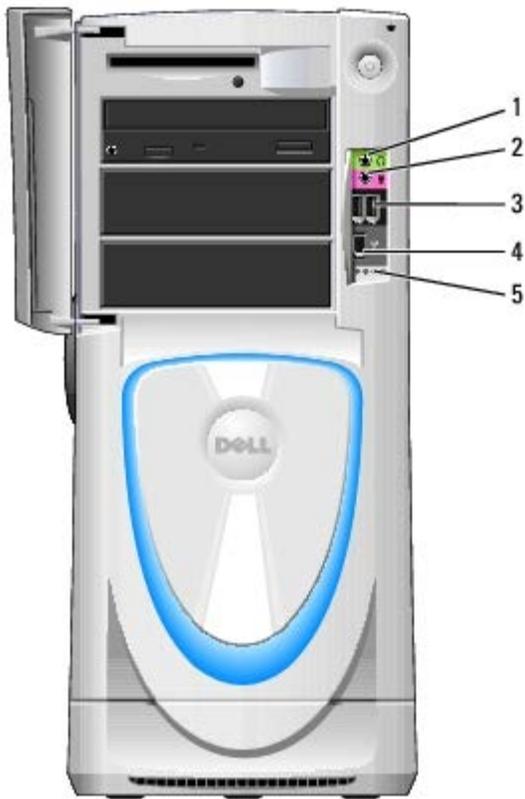
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### Front View



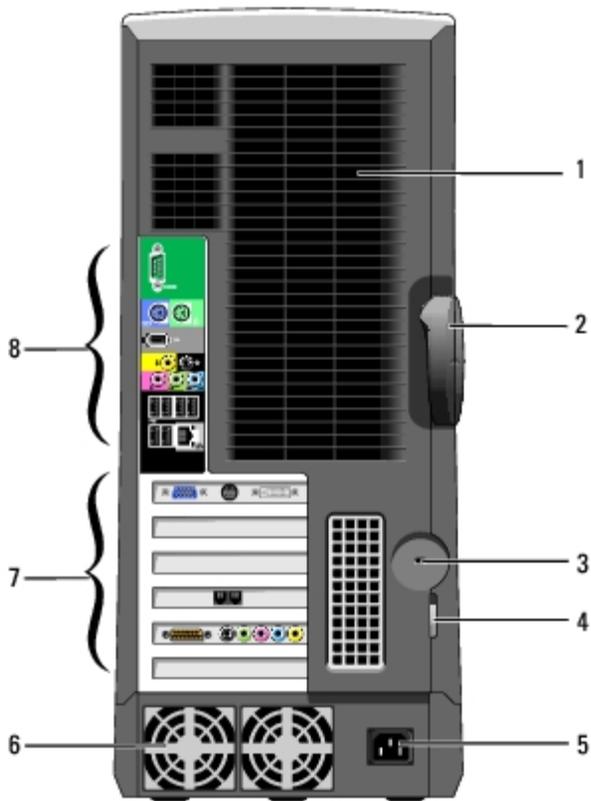
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| 1 | hard-drive activity light | The hard-drive light is on when the computer reads data from or writes data to the hard drive. The light might also be on when a device such as your CD player is operating.  |
| 2 | power button              | Press to turn on the computer.<br> <b>NOTICE:</b> To avoid losing data, do not use the power button to turn off the computer. Instead, perform an operating system shutdown. |
| 3 | drive door                | Open the drive door to access the floppy and CD/DVD drives.   |
| 4 | front-panel door          | Open the door to use the front-panel connectors.<br><b>NOTE:</b> The front door is removable; if you remove it or accidentally knock it off its hinges, it snaps back in place. For more information on removing the door, see your <i>Owner's Manual</i> .     |

### Front View (Door Open)

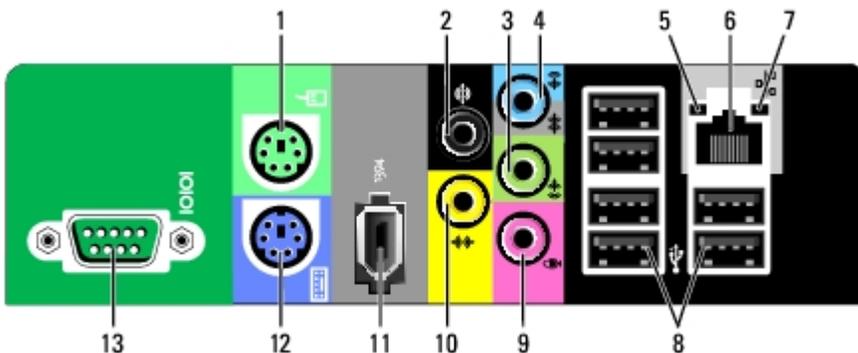


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| 1 | headphone connector    | Use the headphone connector to attach headphones and most kinds of speakers.  |
| 2 | microphone connector   | Use the microphone connector to attach a personal computer microphone for voice or musical input into a sound or telephony program.   |
| 3 | USB 2.0 connectors (2) | Use the front USB connectors for devices that you connect occasionally, such as joysticks or cameras. It is recommended that you use the back USB connectors for devices that typically remain connected, such as printers and keyboards. |
| 4 | IEEE 1394 connector    | Use the IEEE 1394 connector to attach high-speed serial multimedia devices, such as digital video cameras.  |
| 5 | diagnostic lights (4)  | Use the lights to help you troubleshoot a computer problem based on the diagnostic code. For more information, see " <a href="#">Diagnostic Lights</a> ."   |

## Back View



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| 1 | processor fans (2)    | For optimal cooling, two processor fans are provided. Do not block the vents.  |
| 2 | cover latch release   | To open the computer, lay the computer on its side with the cover latch release at the top and then push the latch to the left. See " <a href="#">Opening the Computer Cover.</a> "  |
| 3 | security cable slot   | Use a security cable with the slot to help secure your computer.   |
| 4 | padlock ring          | Insert a padlock to lock the computer cover.   |
| 5 | power connector       | Insert the power cable.  |
| 6 | power supply fans     | For optimal cooling, two power supply fans are provided. Do not block the vents.   |
| 7 | card slots (6)        | Access connectors for optional video, audio, modem, or other PCI cards (three slots) and PCI Express cards (two x16 slots and one x1 slot).<br><br><b>NOTE:</b> If a graphics card is installed in each of the PCI Express x16 card slots in the dual-graphics configuration, the PCI Express x1 card slot is not available for use. |
| 8 | back panel connectors | Plug USB, audio, and other devices into the appropriate connector.   |



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| 1  | mouse connector                   | Plug a standard mouse into the green mouse connector. Turn off the computer and any attached devices before you connect a mouse to the computer. If you have a USB mouse, plug it into a USB connector.   |
| 2  | surround connector                | Use the black surround connector to attach multichannel-capable speakers.   |
| 3  | line-out connector                | Use the green line-out connector (available on computers with integrated sound) to attach headphones and most speakers with integrated amplifiers.<br><br>On computers with a sound card, use the connector on the card.  |
| 4  | line-in connector / side-surround | Use the blue and silver connector to attach a record/playback device such as a cassette player, CD player, or VCR, or to provide enhanced surround audio for computers with 7.1 speakers.<br><br>On computers with a sound card, use the connector on the card.   |
| 5  | link integrity light              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green — A good connection exists between a 10-Mbps network and the computer.</li> <li>• Orange — A good connection exists between a 100-Mbps network and the computer.</li> <li>• Yellow — A good network connection exists between a 1000-Mbps network and the computer.</li> <li>• Off — The computer is not detecting a physical connection to the network.</li> </ul>  |
| 6  | network adapter connector         | To attach your computer to a network or broadband device, connect one end of a network cable to either a network jack or your network or broadband device. Connect the other end of the network cable to the network adapter connector on the back panel of your computer. A click indicates that the network cable has been securely attached.<br><br><b>NOTE:</b> Do not plug a telephone cable into the network connector.<br><br>On computers with a network connector card, use the connector on the card. |
| 7  | network activity light            | Flashes a yellow light when the computer is transmitting or receiving network data. A high volume of network traffic may make this light appear to be in a steady "on" state.   |
| 8  | USB 2.0 connectors (6)            | Use the back USB connectors for devices that typically remain connected, such as printers and keyboards.<br><br>It is recommended that you use the front USB connectors for devices that you connect occasionally, such as joysticks or cameras.  |
| 9  | microphone connector              | Use the pink connector to attach a personal computer microphone for voice or musical input into a sound or telephony program.<br><br>On computers with a sound card, the microphone connector is on the card.   |
| 10 | center/subwoofer connector        | Use the yellow connector to attach a speaker to a Low Frequency Effects (LFE) audio channel.  |
| 11 | IEEE 1394 connector               | Use the IEEE 1394 connector to attach high-speed serial multimedia devices, such as digital video cameras.  |
| 12 | keyboard connector                | If you have a standard keyboard, plug it into the purple keyboard connector. If you have a USB keyboard, plug it into a USB connector.  |
| 13 | serial connector                  | Connect a serial device, such as a handheld device, to the serial port.   |

# Removing and Installing Parts

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## Memory

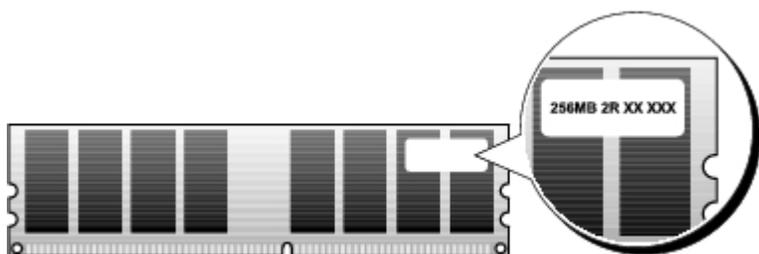
You can increase your computer memory by installing memory modules on the system board.

Your computer supports DDR2 memory. For additional information on the type of memory supported by your computer, see the technical specifications for memory.

## DDR2 Memory Overview

- DDR2 memory modules should be installed in *pairs of matched memory size and speed*. If the DDR2 memory modules are not installed in matched pairs, the computer will continue to operate, but with a slight reduction in performance. See the label in the upper-right corner of the module to determine the module's capacity.

 **NOTE:** The module's capacity label can also be seen in the upper-left corner of the module.



 **NOTE:** Always install DDR2 memory modules in the order indicated on the system board.

The recommended memory configurations are:

- A pair of matched memory modules installed in DIMM connectors 1 and 2

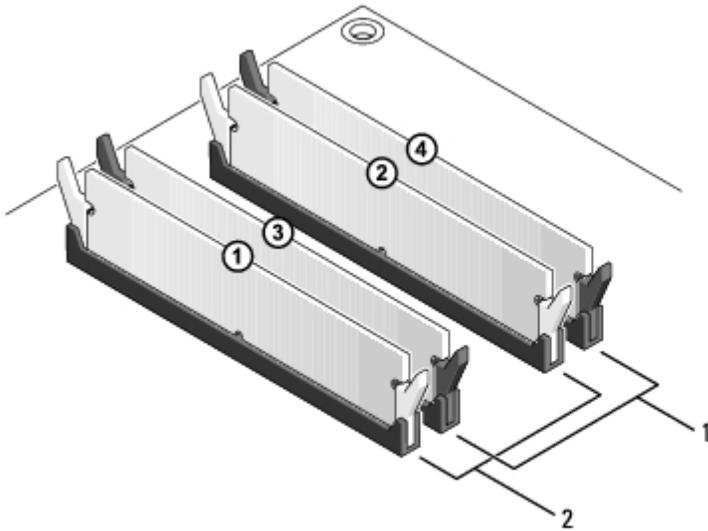
or

- A pair of matched memory modules installed in DIMM connectors 1 and 2 and another matched pair installed in DIMM connectors 3 and 4

**NOTICE:** Do not install ECC memory modules.



- If you install mixed pairs of PC2-4200 (DDR2 533-MHz) and PC2-5300 (DDR2 667-MHz) memory, the modules function at the speed of the slowest module installed.
- Be sure to install a single memory module in DIMM connector 1, the connector closest to the processor, before you install modules in the other connectors.



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| 1 | matched pair of memory modules in DIMM connectors 3 and 4 (black securing clips) |
| 2 | matched pair of modules in DIMM connectors 1 and 2 (white securing clips)        |

 **NOTE:** Memory purchased from Dell is covered under your computer warranty.

 **NOTICE:** If you remove your original memory modules from the computer during a memory upgrade, keep them separate from any new modules that you may have, even if you purchased the new modules from Dell. If possible, *do not* pair an original memory module with a new memory module. Otherwise, your computer may not start properly. You should install your original memory modules in pairs either in DIMM connectors 1 and 2 or DIMM connectors 3 and 4.

## Addressing Memory Configurations

If using a 32-bit operating system such as Microsoft® Windows® XP, your computer will support a maximum of 2 GB of memory. If you are using a 64-bit operating system, your computer will support a maximum of 8 GB (2-GB DIMMs in each of the four slots) of memory.

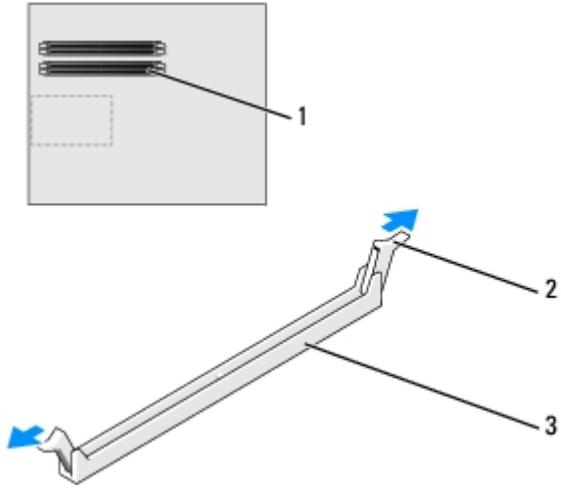
## Installing Memory

 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions located in the *Product Information Guide*.

 **NOTICE:** To prevent static damage to components inside your computer, discharge static electricity from your body before you touch any of your computer's electronic components. You can do so by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer chassis.

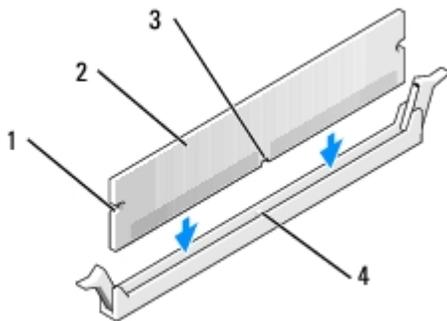
1. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin](#)."
2. Lay the computer on its side so that the system board is on the bottom of the inside of the computer.

3. Press out the securing clip at each end of the memory module connector.



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| 1 | memory connector closest to processor |
| 2 | securing clips (2)                    |
| 3 | connector                             |

4. Align the notch on the bottom of the module with the crossbar in the connector.

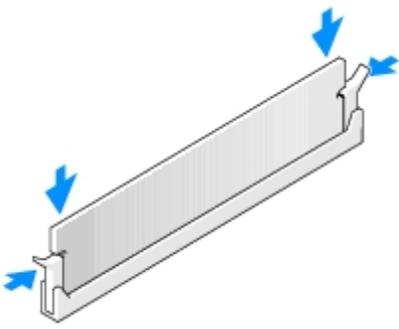


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| 1 | cutouts (2)   |
| 2 | memory module |
| 3 | notch         |
| 4 | crossbar      |

**NOTICE:** To avoid damage to the memory module, press the module straight down into the connector while you apply equal force to each end of the module.

5. Insert the module into the connector until the module snaps into position.

If you insert the module correctly, the securing clips snap into the cutouts at each end of the module.



6. Close the computer cover.

➡ **NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network port or device and then plug it into your computer.

7. Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.

8. Right-click the **My Computer** icon and click **Properties**.

9. Click the **General** tab.

10. To verify that the memory is installed correctly, check the amount of memory (RAM) listed.

## Removing Memory

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1. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin](#)."
2. Press out the securing clip at each end of the memory module connector.
3. Grasp the module and pull up.

If the module is difficult to remove, gently ease the module back and forth to remove it from the connector.

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## Cards

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Your computer provides the following slots for PCI and PCI Express cards:

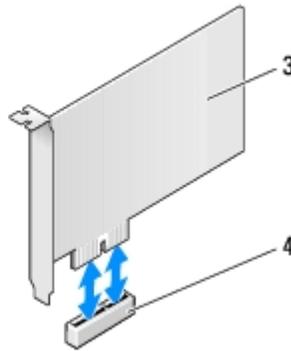
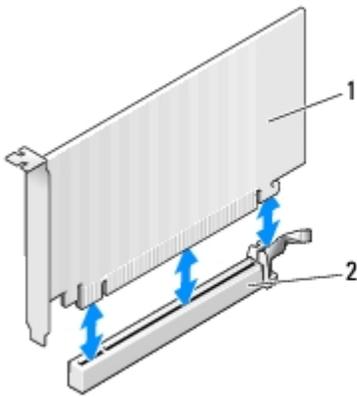
- Three PCI card slots
- Two PCI Express x16 card slots (can be used in a dual-graphics configuration)

**NOTE:** If a graphics card is installed in each of the PCI Express x16 card slots in the dual-graphics configuration, the PCI Express x1 card slot is not accessible for use.

- One PCI Express x1 card slot



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| 1 | PCI card |
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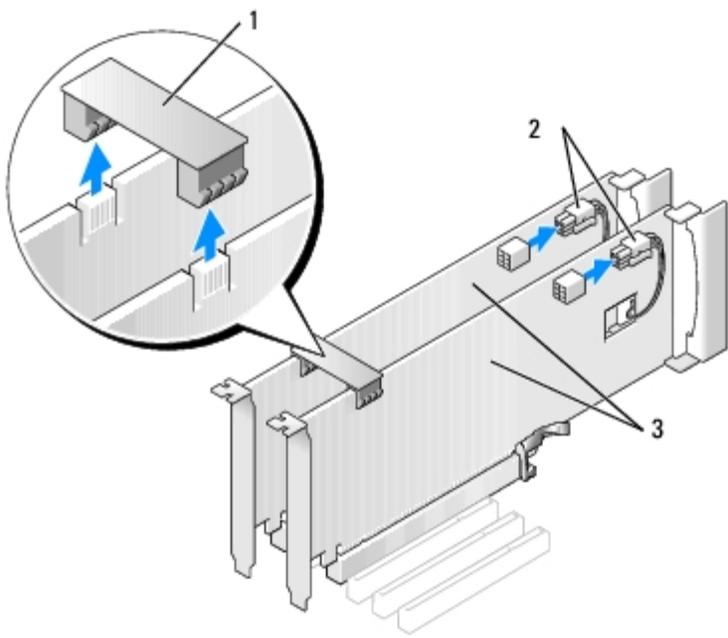


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| 1 | PCI Express x16 card      |
| 2 | PCI Express x16 card slot |
| 3 | PCI Express x1 card       |
| 4 | PCI Express x1 card slot  |

## Removing a PCI Express Graphics Card from a Dual Configuration

**NOTE:** This section regards dual configurations of PCI Express graphics cards only. For removal of any other type of PCI or PCI Express cards, see "[Removing PCI and PCI Express Cards.](#)"

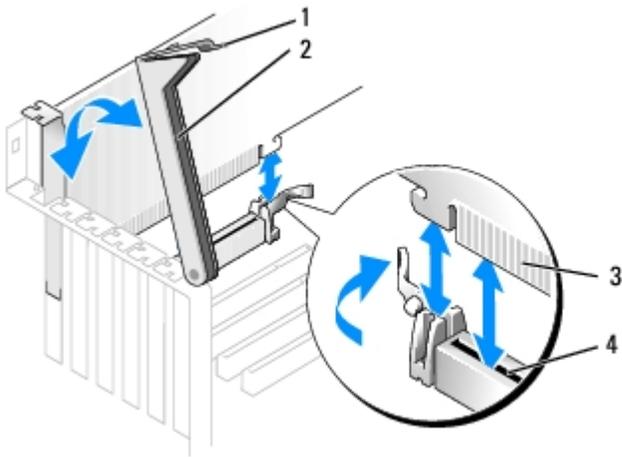
1. Follow the procedures in "[Before Working Inside Your Computer.](#)"
2. Gently securing both graphics cards with one hand, remove the graphics card bridge with your other hand by pulling it up and away from the computer. Set it aside.



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| 1 | graphics card bridge            |
| 2 | power connectors (2)            |
| 3 | dual-PCI Express graphics cards |

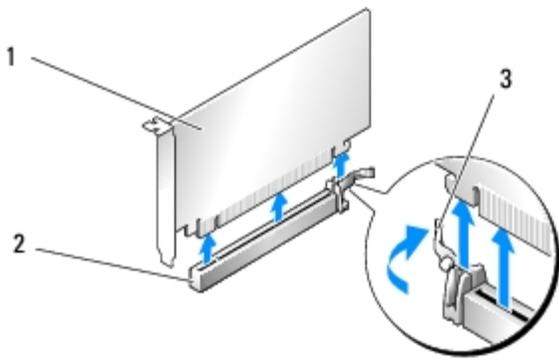
3. Disconnect the power cable connected to the card.

4. Press the lever on the card retention arm and raise the retention arm.



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| 1 | lever          |
| 2 | retention arm  |
| 3 | edge connector |
| 4 | card connector |

5. Pull the securing tab (if present), grasp the card by its top corners, and ease it out of its connector.



|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1 | PCI Express x16 card      |
| 2 | PCI Express x16 card slot |
| 3 | securing tab              |

6. If you are replacing the card, see "[Installing PCI Express Graphics Cards in a Dual Configuration.](#)"

If you are not replacing the card, install a filler bracket in the empty card-slot opening.

**NOTE:** Installing filler brackets over empty card-slot openings is necessary to maintain FCC certification of the computer. The brackets also keep dust and dirt out of your computer.

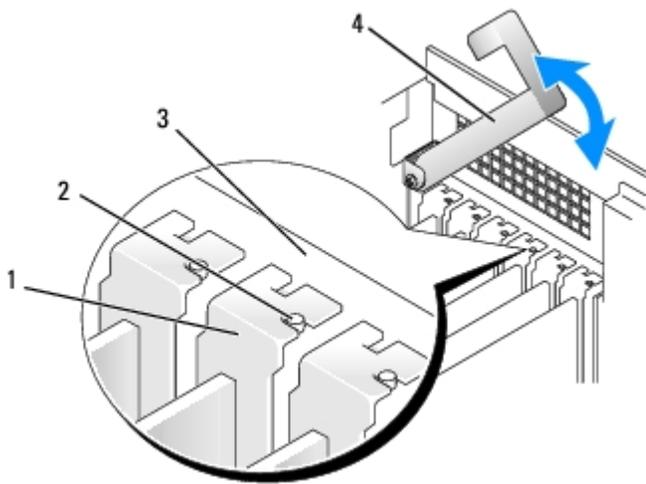
**NOTE:** The graphics card bridge is unnecessary in a single card configuration.

7. Before you lower the retention arm, ensure that:

- The tops of all cards and filler brackets are flush with the alignment bar.
- The notch in the top of the card or filler bracket fits around the alignment guide.

**NOTICE:** Do not route card cables over or behind the cards. Cables routed over the cards can prevent the computer cover from closing properly or cause damage to the equipment.

8. Press the retention arm into place, securing the card(s) in the computer.



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| 1 | filler bracket  |
| 2 | alignment guide |
| 3 | alignment bar   |
| 4 | retention arm   |

➡ **NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network port or device and then plug the cable into the computer.

9. Replace the computer cover, reconnect the computer and devices to electrical outlets, and then turn them on.

## Installing PCI Express Graphics Cards in a Dual Configuration

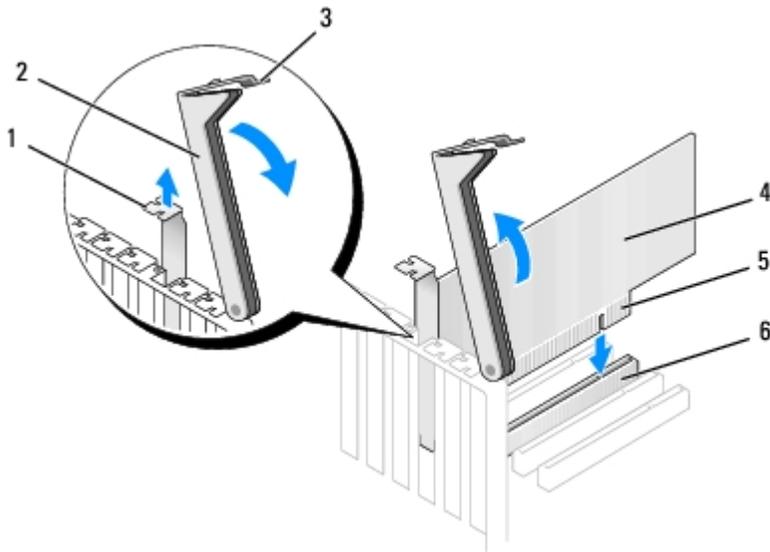
✎ **NOTE:** This section regards dual configurations of PCI Express graphics cards only. For installation of any other type of PCI or PCI Express cards, see "[Installing PCI and PCI Express Cards](#)."

The PCI Express x1 card slot is not available for use if a graphics card is installed in each of the PCI Express x16 card slots in the dual-graphics configuration. If you are upgrading from a single graphics to a dual-graphics configuration, you will need to remove any card installed in the PCI Express x1 card slot. See "[System Board Components](#)" to locate the PCI Express x1 card slot. To remove a PCI Express card, see "[Removing PCI and PCI Express Cards](#)."

➡ **NOTICE:** For information about upgrading your system to use NVIDIA SLI (Scalable Link Interface) dual-graphics technology, see the Dell website at [support.dell.com](http://support.dell.com).

To learn more about NVIDIA SLI (Scalable Link Interface) dual-graphics technology, see "NVIDIA SLI Dual Graphics Technology" in your *Owner's Manual*.

1. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin](#)."
2. Press the lever on the card retention arm and raise the retention arm.



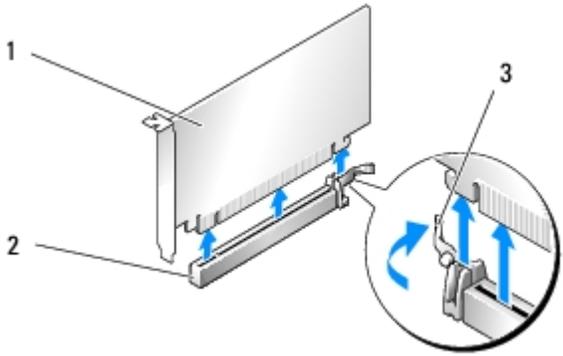
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|---|----------------|
| 1 | filler bracket |
| 2 | retention arm  |
| 3 | lever          |
| 4 | PCI card       |
| 5 | edge connector |
| 6 | card connector |

3. If you are upgrading to a dual-graphics configuration, remove the filler bracket to create a card-slot opening.
4. If you are upgrading to a dual-graphics configuration and have a card installed in the PCI Express x1 card slot, remove the card. See "[Removing PCI and PCI Express Cards](#)."

5. Prepare the card for installation.

See the documentation that came with the card for information on configuring the card, making internal connections, or otherwise customizing it for your computer.

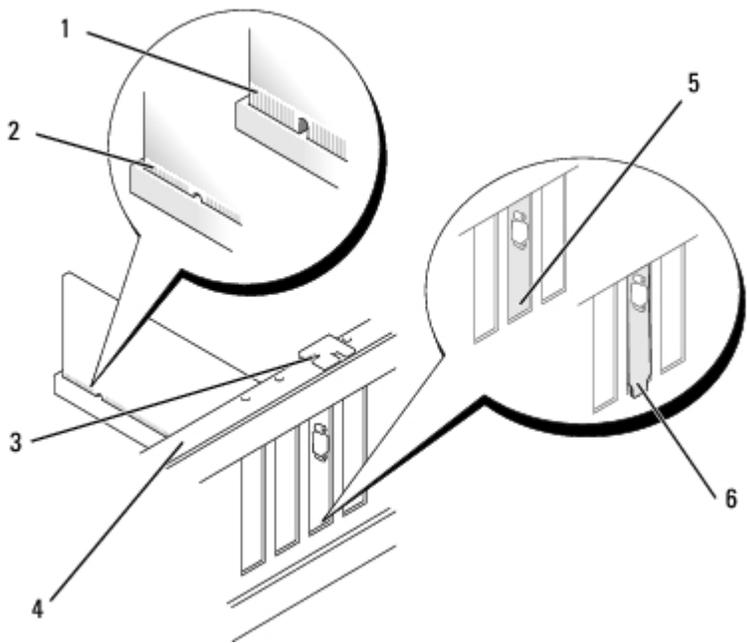
6. Position the card so that it is aligned with the slot and the securing tab (if present) is aligned with the securing slot.



|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1 | PCI Express x16 card      |
| 2 | PCI Express x16 card slot |
| 3 | securing tab              |

**NOTICE:** Ensure that you release the securing tab to seat the card. If the card is not installed correctly, you may damage the system board.

7. Gently pull the securing tab (if present) and place the card in the connector. Press down firmly and ensure that the card is fully seated in the slot.



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| 1 | not fully seated card |
| 2 | fully seated card     |
| 3 | alignment guide       |
| 4 | alignment bar         |
| 5 | bracket within slot   |

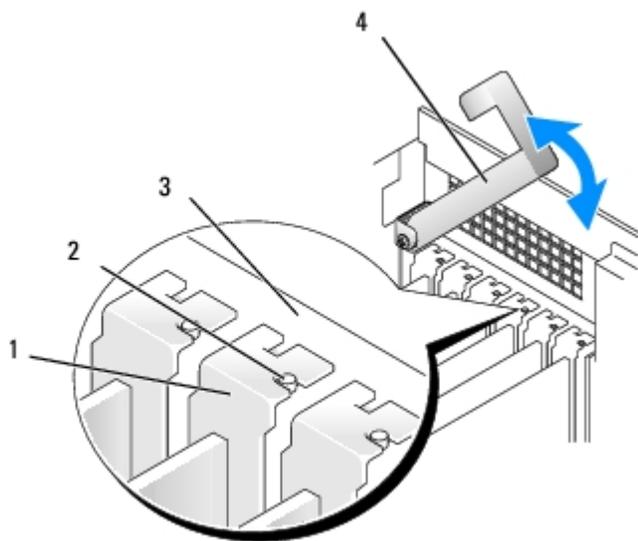
6 bracket caught outside of slot

8. Before you lower the retention arm, ensure that:

- The tops of all cards and filler brackets are flush with the alignment bar.
- The notch in the top of the card or filler bracket fits around the alignment guide.

➡ **NOTICE:** Do not route card cables over or behind the cards. Cables routed over the cards can prevent the computer cover from closing properly or cause damage to the equipment.

9. Press the retention arm into place, securing the card(s) in the computer.

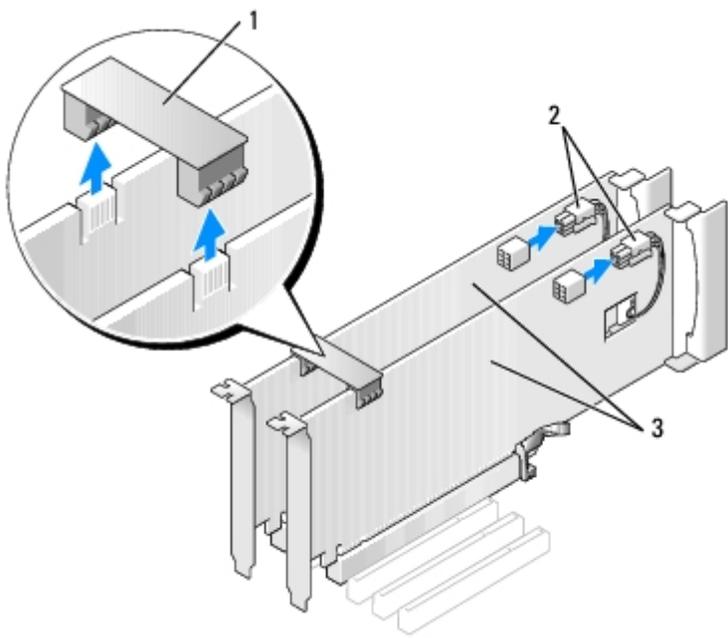


|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| 1 | filler bracket  |
| 2 | alignment guide |
| 3 | alignment bar   |
| 4 | retention arm   |

➡ **NOTICE:** An incorrectly attached graphics power cable may result in degraded graphics performance.

10. Connect the power cable to the power connector on the card.

For information about the card cable connections, see the documentation that came with the card.



|   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 | graphics card bridge            |
| 2 | power connectors (2)            |
| 3 | dual-PCI Express graphics cards |

11. Replace the graphics card bridge, pressing firmly so that it completely covers the connector tabs.

➡ **NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network port or device and then plug the cable into the computer.

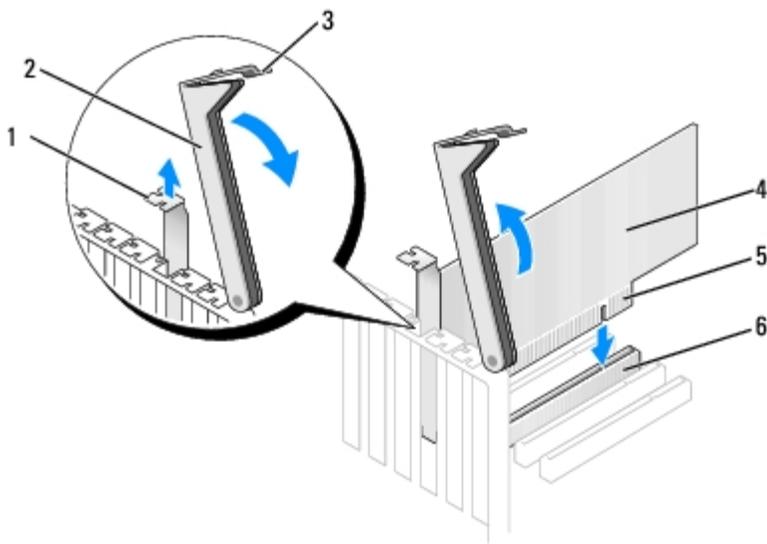
12. Replace the computer cover, reconnect the computer and devices to electrical outlets, and then turn them on.

## Removing PCI and PCI Express Cards

➡ **NOTICE:** If you have the optional dual-graphics configuration, see "[Removing a PCI Express Graphics Card from a Dual Configuration](#)" to remove or replace a graphics card.

1. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin](#)."

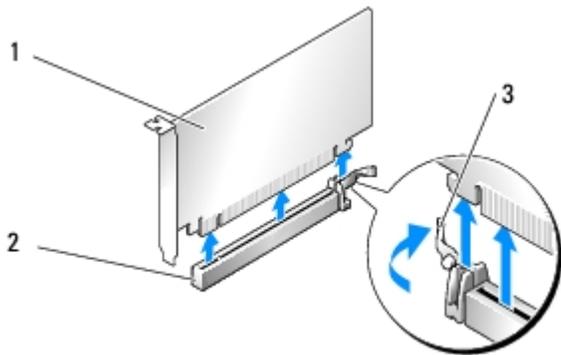
2. Press the lever on the card retention arm and raise the retention arm.



|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 1 | filler bracket |
| 2 | retention arm  |
| 3 | lever          |
| 4 | PCI card       |
| 5 | edge connector |
| 6 | card connector |

3. Remove the card:

- a. If necessary, disconnect any cables connected to the card.
- b. Pull the securing tab (if present), grasp the card by its top corners, and ease it out of its connector.



|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1 | PCI Express x16 card      |
| 2 | PCI Express x16 card slot |
| 3 | securing tab              |

4. If you are replacing the card, see "[Installing PCI and PCI Express Cards.](#)"

If you are not replacing the card, install a filler bracket in the empty card-slot opening.

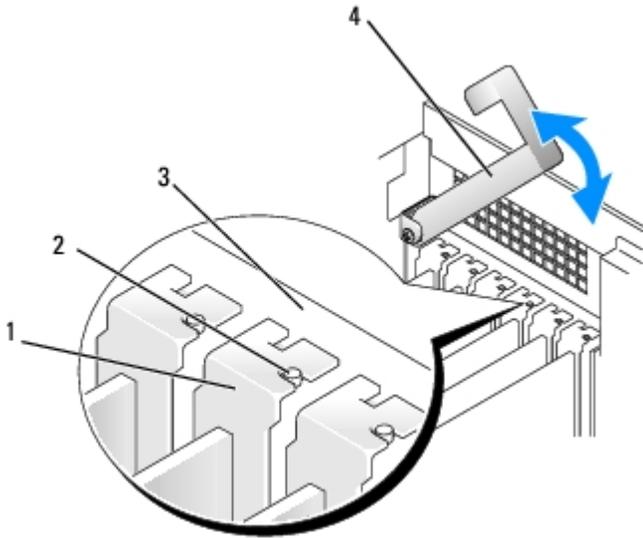
**NOTE:** Installing filler brackets over empty card-slot openings is necessary to maintain FCC certification of the computer. The brackets also keep dust and dirt out of your computer.

5. Before you lower the retention arm, ensure that:

- The tops of all cards and filler brackets are flush with the alignment bar.
- The notch in the top of the card or filler bracket fits around the alignment guide.

**NOTICE:** Do not route card cables over or behind the cards. Cables routed over the cards can prevent the computer cover from closing properly or cause damage to the equipment.

6. Press the retention arm into place, securing the card(s) in the computer.



|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| 1 | filler bracket  |
| 2 | alignment guide |
| 3 | alignment bar   |
| 4 | retention arm   |

**NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network port or device and then plug the cable into the computer.

7. Replace the computer cover, reconnect the computer and devices to electrical outlets, and then turn them on.

8. If you removed a sound card or a network adapter, see "[Network Adapter and Sound Card Settings](#)."

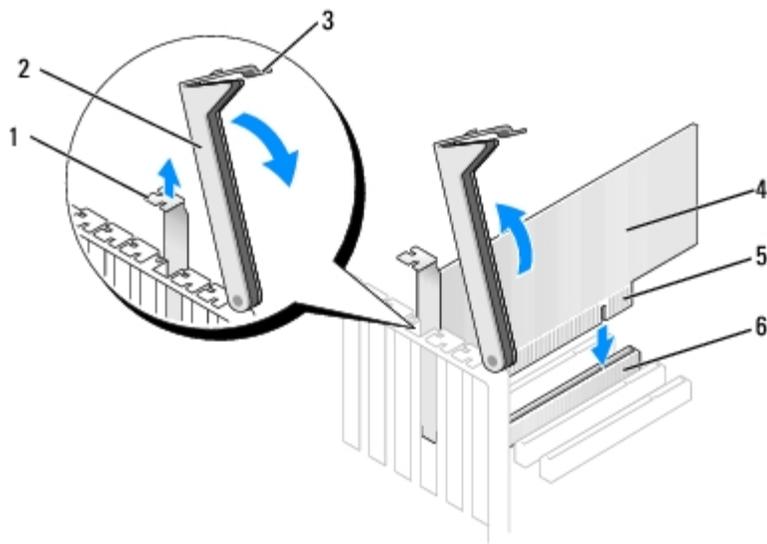
9. Uninstall the driver for the card that you removed.

## Installing PCI and PCI Express Cards

**NOTICE:** If you have or are upgrading to the optional dual-graphics configuration, see "[Installing PCI Express Graphics Cards in a Dual Configuration](#)" to install a graphics card.

1. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin](#)."

2. Press the lever on the card retention arm and raise the retention arm.



|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 1 | filler bracket |
| 2 | retention arm  |
| 3 | lever          |
| 4 | PCI card       |
| 5 | edge connector |
| 6 | card connector |

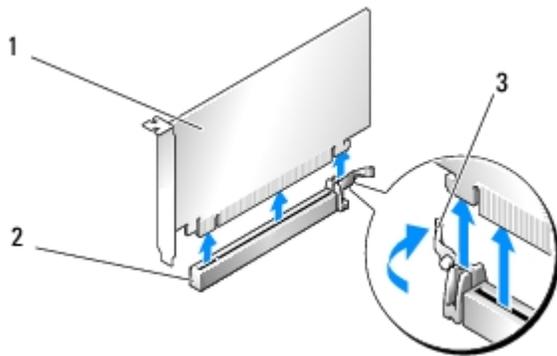
3. If you are installing a new card, remove the filler bracket to create a card-slot opening.

4. Prepare the card for installation.

See the documentation that came with the card for information on configuring the card, making internal connections, or otherwise customizing it for your computer.

**⚠ CAUTION:** Some network adapters automatically start the computer when they are connected to a network. To guard against electrical shock, be sure to unplug your computer from its electrical outlet before installing any cards.

5. Position the card so that it is aligned with the slot and (if present) the securing tab is aligned with the securing slot.



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|---|---------------------------|
| 1 | PCI Express x16 card      |
| 2 | PCI Express x16 card slot |
| 3 | securing tab              |

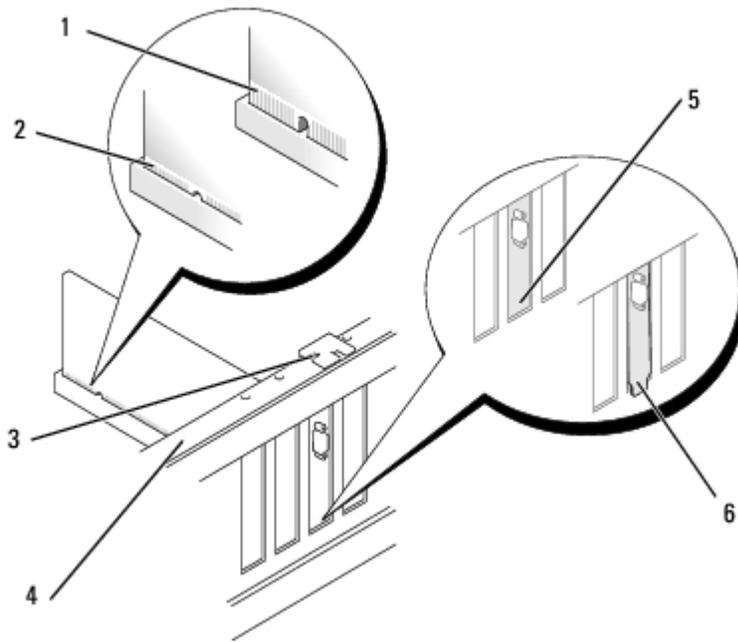
**NOTICE:** Ensure that you release the securing tab to seat the card. If the card is not installed correctly, you may



damage the system board.

- Gently pull the securing tab (if present) and place the card in the connector. Press down firmly and ensure that the card is fully seated in the slot.

If the card is full-length, insert the end of the card into the card guide bracket as you lower the card toward its connector on the system board. Insert the card firmly into the card connector on the system board.



|   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 | not fully seated card          |
| 2 | fully seated card              |
| 3 | alignment guide                |
| 4 | alignment bar                  |
| 5 | bracket within slot            |
| 6 | bracket caught outside of slot |

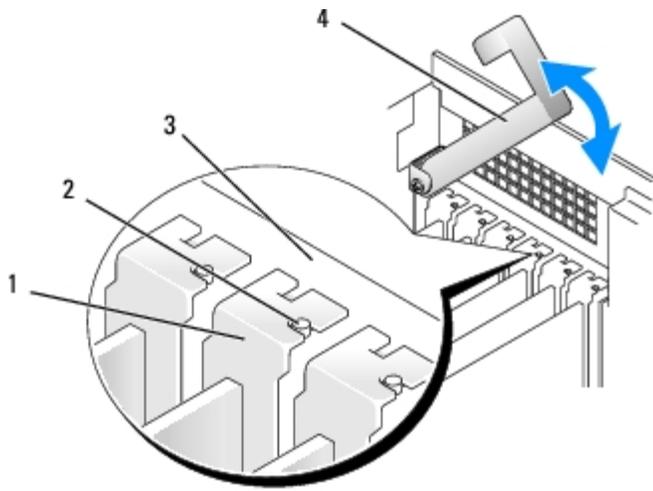
- Before you lower the retention arm, ensure that:

- The tops of all cards and filler brackets are flush with the alignment bar.
- The notch in the top of the card or filler bracket fits around the alignment guide.



**NOTICE:** Do not route card cables over or behind the cards. Cables routed over the cards can prevent the computer cover from closing properly or cause damage to the equipment.

- Press the retention arm into place, securing the card(s) in the computer.



|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| 1 | filler bracket  |
| 2 | alignment guide |
| 3 | alignment bar   |
| 4 | retention arm   |

9. Connect any cables that should be attached to the card.

See the documentation for the card for information about the card cable connections.

**NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network port or device and then plug the cable into the computer.

10. Replace the computer cover, reconnect the computer and devices to electrical outlets, and then turn them on.

11. If you installed a sound card or a network adapter, see "[Network Adapter and Sound Card Settings](#)."

12. Install any drivers required for the card as described in the card documentation.

## Network Adapter and Sound Card Settings

If you installed a sound card:

1. Enter system setup, select **Integrated Audio Controller**, and then change the setting to **Off**.
2. Connect external audio devices to the sound card connectors. Do not connect external audio devices to the microphone, speaker/headphone, or line-in connectors on the back panel.

If you removed a sound card:

1. Enter system setup, select **Integrated Audio Controller**, and then change the setting to **On**.
2. Connect external audio devices to the audio connectors on the back panel of the computer.

If you installed an add-in network adapter and want to disable the integrated network adapter:

1. Enter system setup, select **Integrated NIC Controller**, and then change the setting to **Off**.

2. Connect the network cable to the add-in network adapter connectors. Do not connect the network cable to the integrated connector on the back panel.

If you removed an add-in network connector:

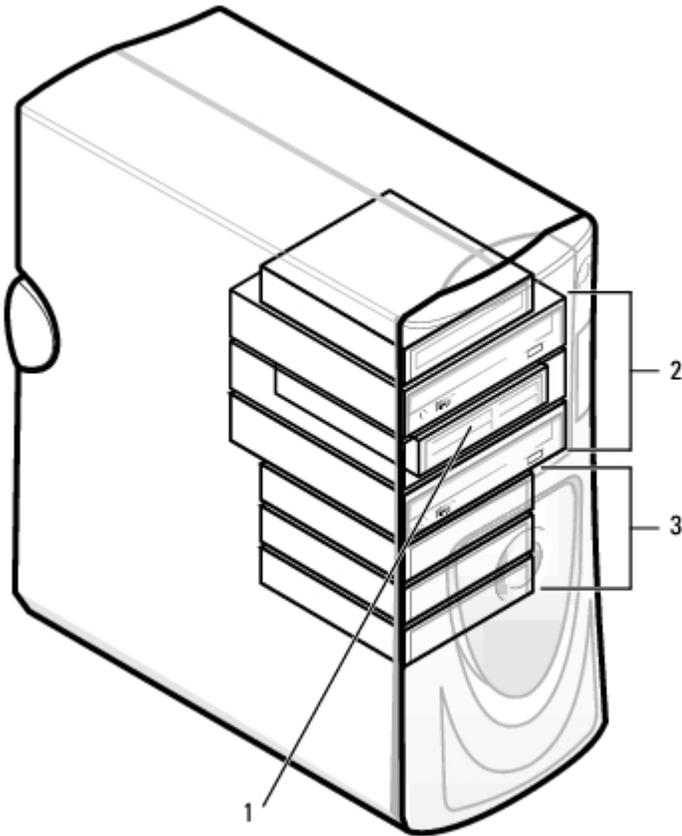
1. Enter system setup, select **Integrated NIC Controller**, and then change the setting to **On**.
2. Connect the network cable to the integrated connector on the back panel of the computer.

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## Drives

Your computer supports a combination of these devices:

- Up to three hard drives
- One floppy drive
- Up to two CD or DVD drives
- Media Card Reader (optional)



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| 1 | media card reader (optional) |
| 2 | CD/DVD drive(s)              |
| 3 | hard drive(s)                |

## General Installation Guidelines

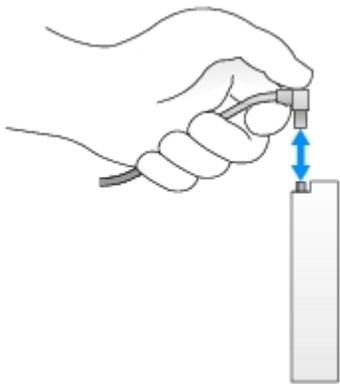
Connect serial ATA hard drives to the SATA0 - SATA3 connectors on the system board. Connect CD/DVD drives to the IDE connector.

When you connect two IDE devices to a single IDE interface cable and configure them for the cable select setting, the device attached to the last connector on the interface cable is the primary or the boot device (drive 0), and the device attached to the middle connector on the interface cable is the secondary device (drive 1). See the drive documentation in your upgrade kit for information on configuring devices for the cable select setting.

## Connecting Drive Cables

When you install a drive, you connect two cables—a DC power cable and a data cable—to the back of the drive and to the system board. Some drives may also have an audio connector; one end of the audio cable attaches to the drive connector and the other end attaches to the system board.

### Drive Interface Connectors



Most interface connectors are keyed for correct insertion; that is, a notch or a missing pin on one connector matches a tab or a filled-in hole on the other connector.

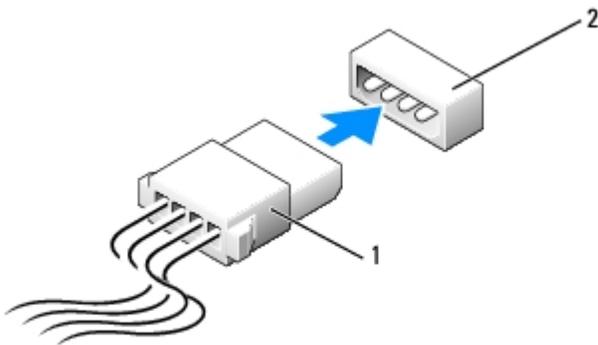
When you connect an IDE cable, ensure that you align the colored stripe with the pin 1 connector. When you disconnect an IDE cable, grasp the colored pull tab and pull until the connector detaches.

When connecting and disconnecting a serial ATA cable, hold the cable by the connector at each end.



**NOTE:** The system board serial ATA connector may have an attached cover or shroud.

### Power Cable Connector



|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | power cable           |
| 2 | power input connector |

Hard Drive



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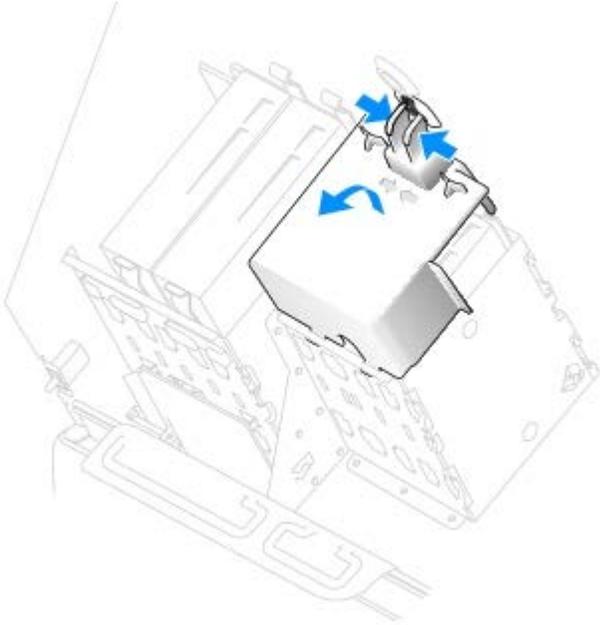


**NOTICE:** To avoid damage to the drive, do not set it on a hard surface. Instead, set the drive on a surface, such as a foam pad, that will sufficiently cushion it.

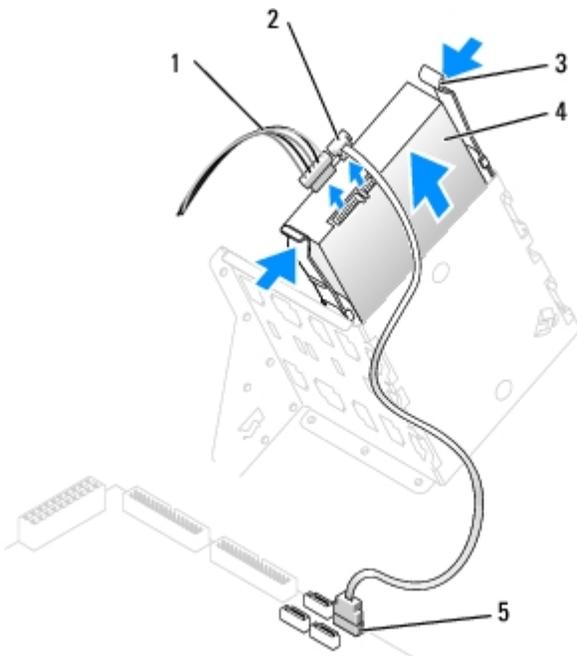
## Removing a Hard Drive

**NOTE:** If you are replacing a hard drive that contains data you want to keep, back up your files before you begin this procedure.

1. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin.](#)"
2. Press in on the top shroud tabs and tilt the shroud back.
3. Lift the shroud away from the hard drive.



4. Disconnect the power and hard-drive cables from the drive and from the system board.



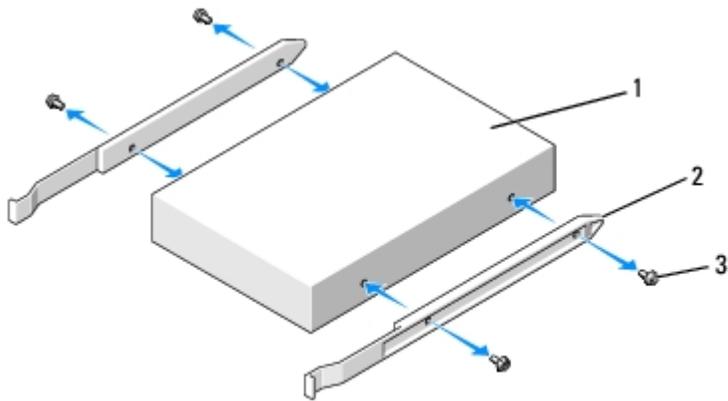
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| 1 | power cable |
|---|-------------|

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 2 | hard-drive cable       |
| 3 | tab (2)                |
| 4 | hard drive             |
| 5 | system board connector |

5. Press in on the tabs on each side of the drive and slide the drive up and out.

## Installing a Hard Drive

1. Unpack the replacement hard drive, and prepare it for installation.
2. Check the documentation for the drive to verify that it is configured for your computer.
3. If your replacement hard drive does not have the bracket rails attached, remove the rails from the old drive by removing the two screws that secure each rail to the drive. Attach the bracket rails to the new drive by aligning the screw holes on the drive with the screw holes on the bracket rails and then inserting and tightening all four screws (two screws on each rail).

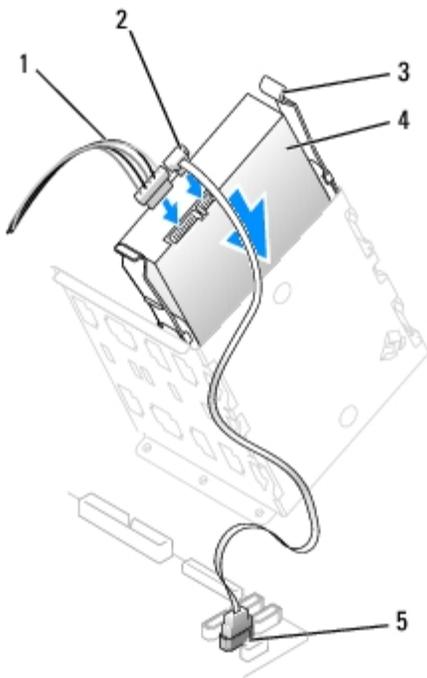


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|---|-------------------|
| 1 | drive             |
| 2 | bracket rails (2) |
| 3 | screws (4)        |

4. Install the hard drive into the computer by gently sliding the drive into place until the tabs securely click into position.



**NOTE:** If you are installing a hard drive in the lower bay, place the drive in the bay so that the power connector is on the left-hand side (opposite of the top hard drive).



|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1 | power cable            |
| 2 | hard-drive cable       |
| 3 | tab (2)                |
| 4 | hard drive             |
| 5 | system board connector |

5. Connect a power cable to the drive.

6. Connect the hard-drive cable to the drive and to the system board.

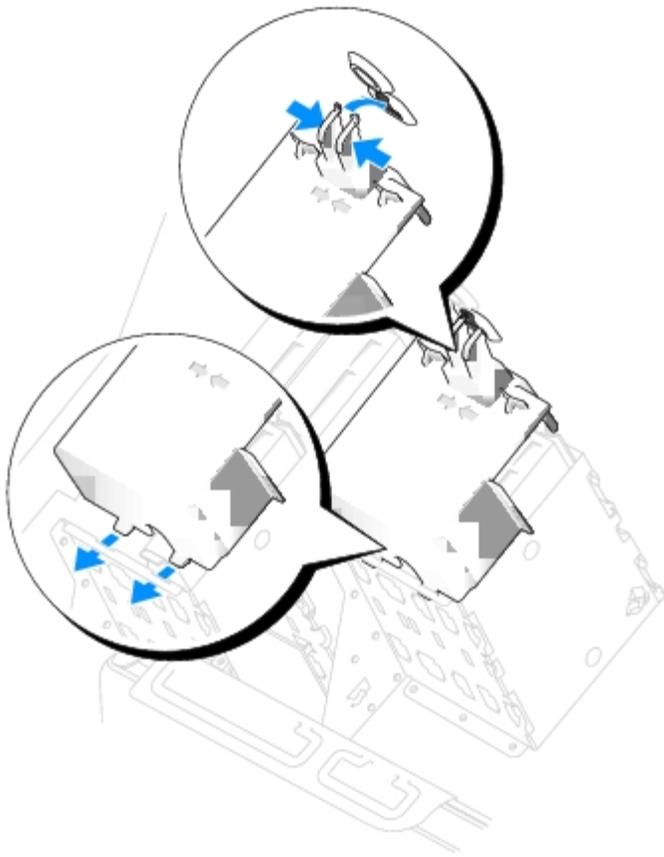
7. Check all connectors to be certain that they are properly cabled and firmly seated.

**NOTICE:** When replacing the hard-drive shroud, ensure that all the cables are properly routed.

8. Insert the bottom tabs of the shroud in to the holes on the drive cage and rotate the shroud up.

9. Press in on the top tabs and lock them in to place.

10. Gently press on the shroud to ensure that it is secure.



11. [Close the computer cover.](#)

**NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network port or device and then plug it into your computer.

12. Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.

See the documentation that came with the drive for instructions on installing any software required for drive operation.

13. If the drive you just installed is the primary drive, insert a bootable floppy disk into drive A.

14. Turn on the computer.

15. [Enter the system setup program](#), and update the appropriate **Drive** option.

16. Exit the system setup program, and restart the computer.

17. Partition and logically format your drive before you proceed to the next step.

See the documentation for your operating system for instructions.

18. Test the hard drive by running the Dell Diagnostics.

19. If the drive you just installed is the primary drive, install your operating system on the hard drive.

## Adding a Second Hard Drive

**⚠ CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

**⚠ CAUTION:** To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.

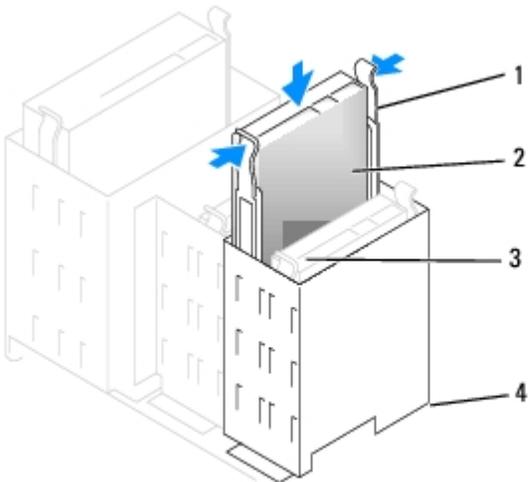
**➡ NOTICE:** To avoid damage to the drive, do not set it on a hard surface. Instead, set the drive on a surface, such as a foam pad, that will sufficiently cushion it.

1. Check the documentation for the drive to verify that it is configured for your computer.
2. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin](#)."
3. Remove the two plastic rails from the inside of the hard-drive bay by gently pulling the rails up and out of the bay.
4. Attach the rails to the hard drive using the two screws attached to the rails.

Ensure that the rail tabs are positioned at the back of the hard drive.

**➡ NOTICE:** Do not install any drive into the lower hard-drive bay until you have removed the green drive rails from the inside of the hard-drive bay.

5. Remove the first hard drive from the upper bay and install it in the lower bay:
  - a. Disconnect the power and the hard-drive cables from the back of the first hard drive.
  - b. Press in the two rail tabs and pull the first hard drive out of the upper bay.
  - c. Gently slide the first hard drive into the lower bay until you hear a click.
  - d. Reconnect the power and hard-drive cables to the back of the first hard drive.
6. Gently slide the new hard drive into the upper bay until you hear a click.



|   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 | rail tabs (2)                  |
| 2 | second hard drive in upper bay |
| 3 | first hard drive in lower bay  |
| 4 | hard-drive bay                 |

7. Connect a power cable to the drive.
8. Connect the hard-drive cable to the drive and to the [system board](#).
9. [Close the computer cover](#).

 **NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network port or device and then plug it into your computer.

10. Connect your computer and devices to their electrical outlets, and turn them on.

See the documentation that came with the drive for instructions on installing any software required for drive operation.

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## Floppy Drive

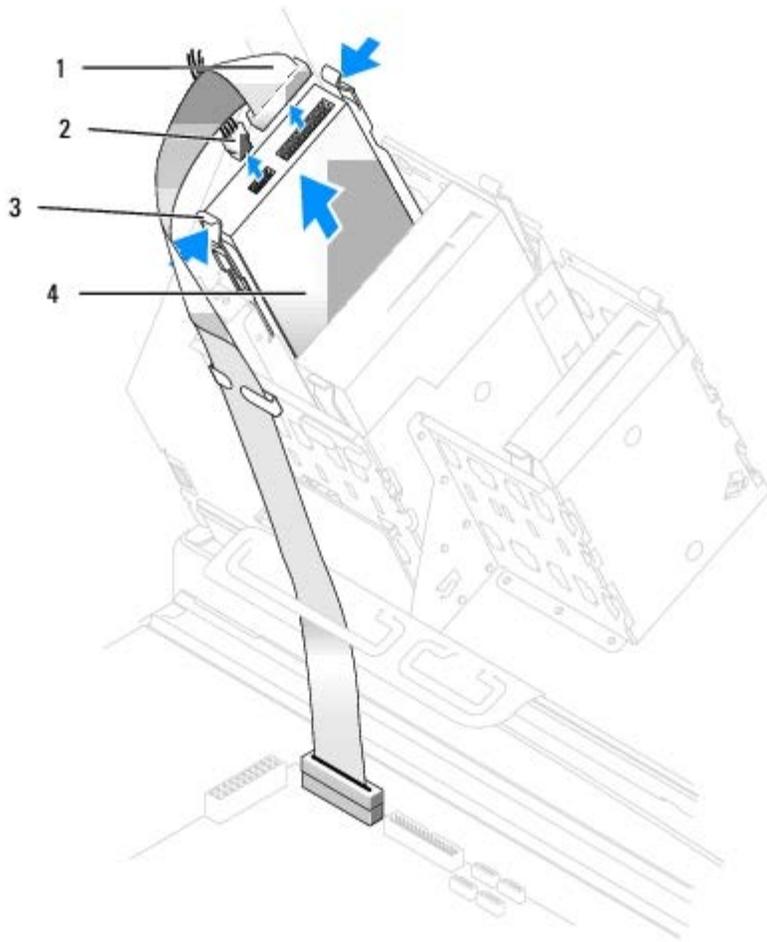
 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

 **CAUTION:** To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.

 **NOTE:** If you are adding a floppy drive, see "[Installing a Floppy Drive](#)."

## Removing a Floppy Drive

1. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin](#)."
2. Disconnect the power and data cables from the back of the floppy drive.
3. Disconnect the other end of the data cable from the system board.

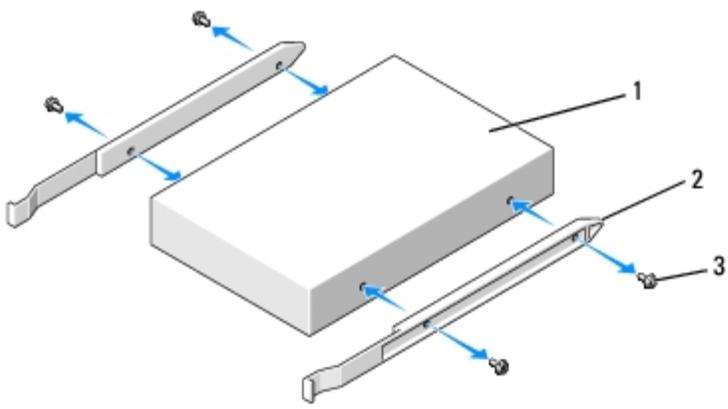


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|---|--------------|
| 1 | data cable   |
| 2 | power cable  |
| 3 | tabs (2)     |
| 4 | floppy drive |

4. Press inward on the two tabs on the sides of the drive, slide the drive upward, and remove it from the floppy-drive bay.

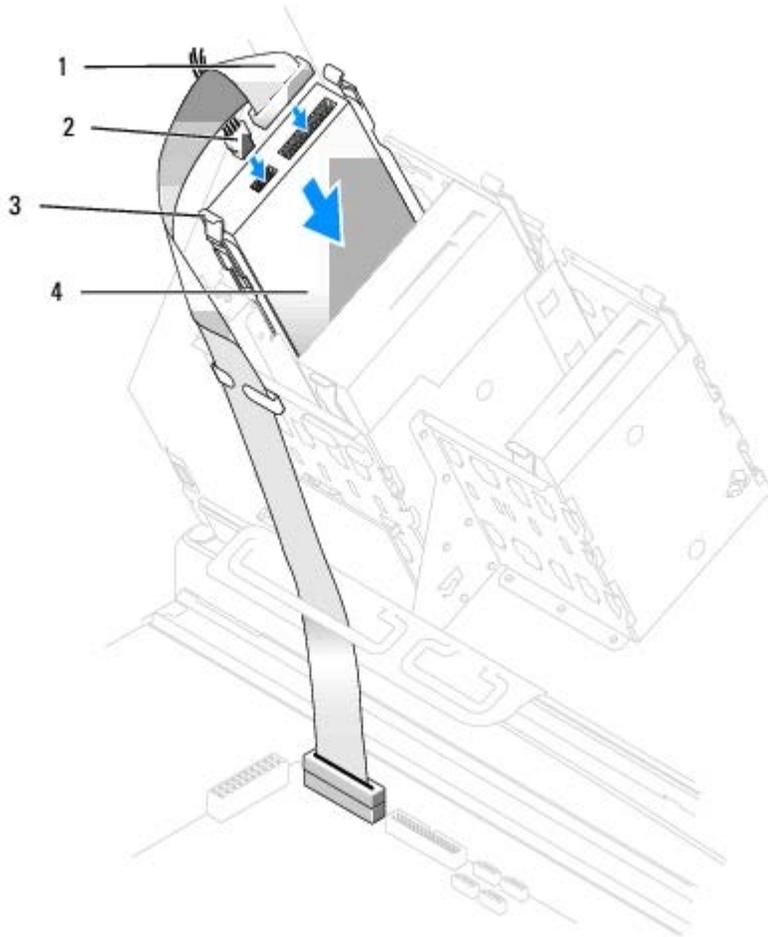
## Installing a Floppy Drive

1. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin.](#)"
2. If you are replacing a drive and the new drive does not have the bracket rails attached, remove the rails from the old drive by removing the two screws that secure each rail to the drive. Attach the bracket to the new drive by aligning the screw holes on the drive with the screw holes on the bracket rails and then inserting and tightening all four screws (two screws on each rail).



|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| 1 | drive             |
| 2 | bracket rails (2) |
| 3 | screws (4)        |

3. Gently slide the drive into place until the tabs securely click into position.



|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| 1 | data cable   |
| 2 | power cable  |
| 3 | tabs (2)     |
| 4 | floppy drive |

4. Attach the power and data cables to the floppy drive.

5. Connect the other end of the data cable to the connector labeled "DSKT" on the [system board](#).
6. Check all cable connections, and fold cables out of the way to provide airflow for the fan and cooling vents.
7. [Close the computer cover](#).

 **NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network port or device and then plug it into your computer.

8. Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.

See the documentation that came with the drive for instructions on installing any software required for drive operation.

9. [Enter the system setup program](#) and update the appropriate **Diskette Drive** option.
  10. Verify that your computer works correctly by running the Dell Diagnostics.
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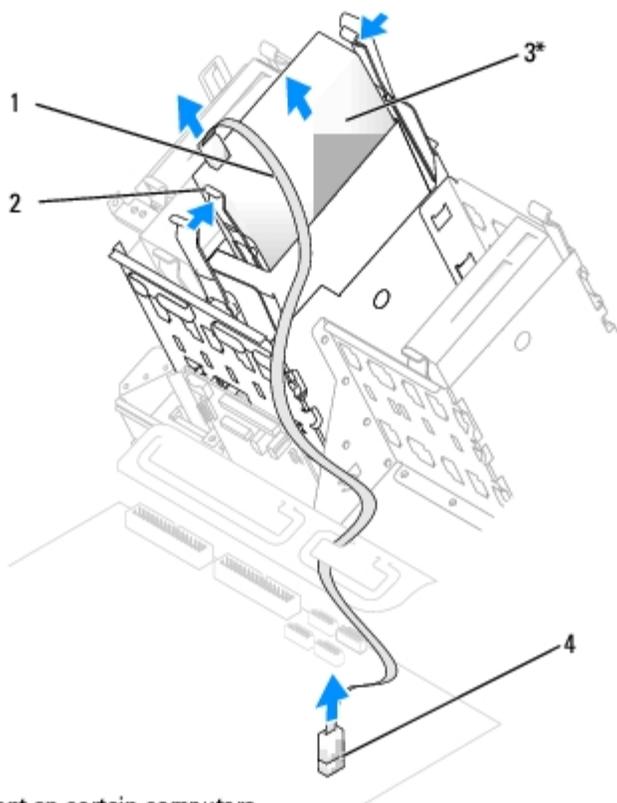
## Media Card Reader (Optional)

### Removing a Media Card Reader

 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions located in the *Product Information Guide*.

 **NOTICE:** To prevent static damage to components inside your computer, discharge static electricity from your body before you touch any of your computer's electronic components. You can do so by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer chassis.

1. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin](#)."
2. Disconnect the USB cable on the back of the media card reader from the internal USB connector on the system board.
3. Press in on the tabs on each side of the media card reader and slide the card reader out of the adapter.



\*Not present on certain computers.

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| 1 | internal USB cable |
| 2 | tabs (2)           |
| 3 | media card reader* |
| 4 | FLEX connector     |

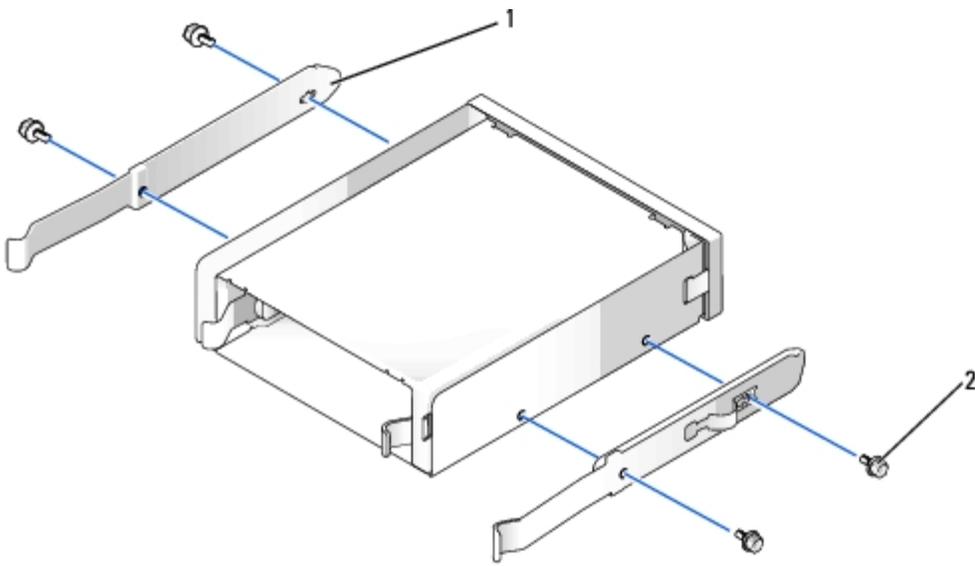
4. [Close the computer cover.](#)

## Installing a Media Card Reader

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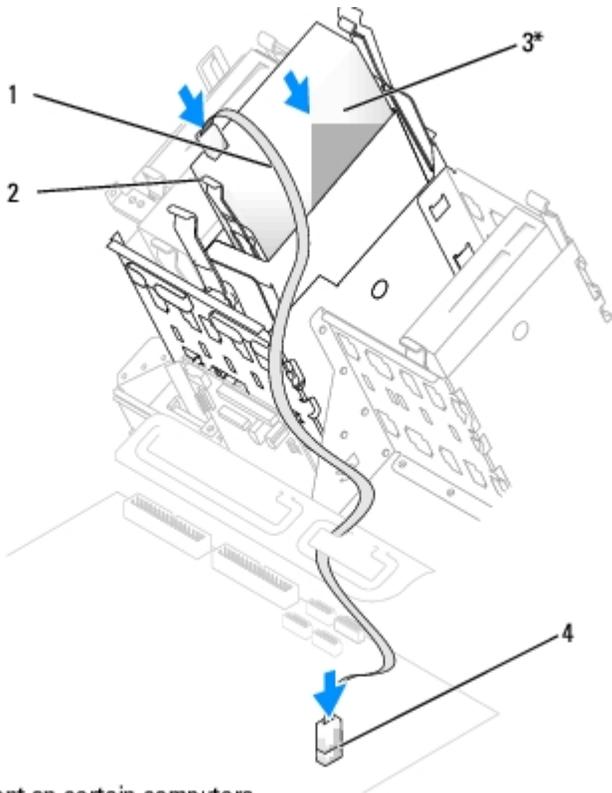
**NOTICE:** To prevent static damage to components inside your computer, discharge static electricity from your body before you touch any of your computer's electronic components. You can do so by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer chassis.

1. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin](#)."
2. Lay the computer on its side so that the system board is on the bottom of the inside of the computer.
3. Remove the media card reader and bracket from its packaging.
4. Attach the adapter rails to the adapter by aligning the screw holes on the adapter with the screw holes on the rails and then inserting and tightening all four screws (two on each rail).



|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| 1 | adapter rails (2) |
| 2 | screws (4)        |

5. Slide the adapter into the 5.25-inch drive bay until the tabs on the rails securely click into position.



\*Not present on certain computers.

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| 1 | internal USB cable |
| 2 | tabs (2)           |
| 3 | media card reader* |
| 4 | FLEX connector     |

6. Slide the media card reader into the adapter until the tabs on the rails securely click into position.

7. Connect the internal USB cable to the media card reader
  8. Route the USB cable through the cable routing clip.
  9. Connect the internal USB cable to the internal FLEX connector on the system board.
  10. [Close the computer cover.](#)
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## CD/DVD Drive



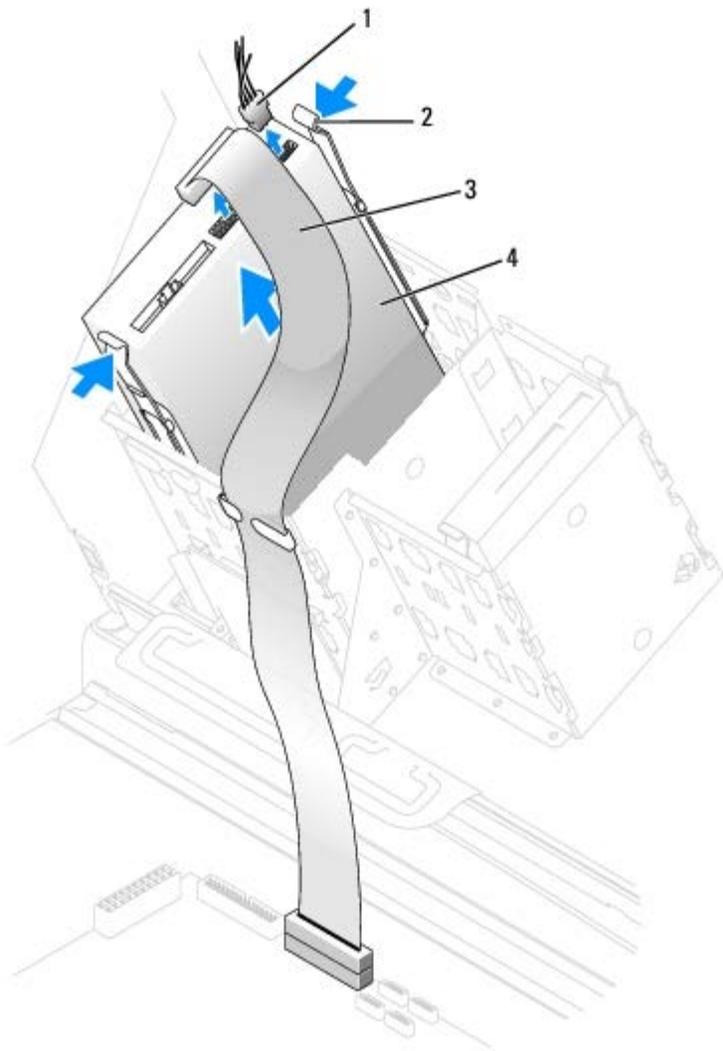
**CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.



**CAUTION:** To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.

## Removing a CD/DVD Drive

1. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin.](#)"
2. Disconnect the power and data cables from the back of the drive.



|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| 1 | power cable  |
| 2 | tabs (2)     |
| 3 | data cable   |
| 4 | CD/DVD drive |

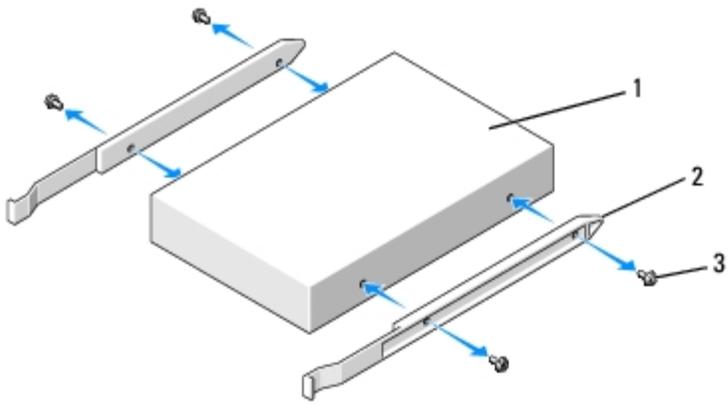
3. Press inward on the two tabs on the sides of the drive, and then slide the drive upward and remove it from the drive bay.

## Installing a CD/DVD Drive

1. If you are installing a new drive, unpack the drive and prepare it for installation.

Check the documentation that accompanied the drive to verify that the drive is configured for your computer. If you are installing an IDE drive, configure the drive for the cable select setting.

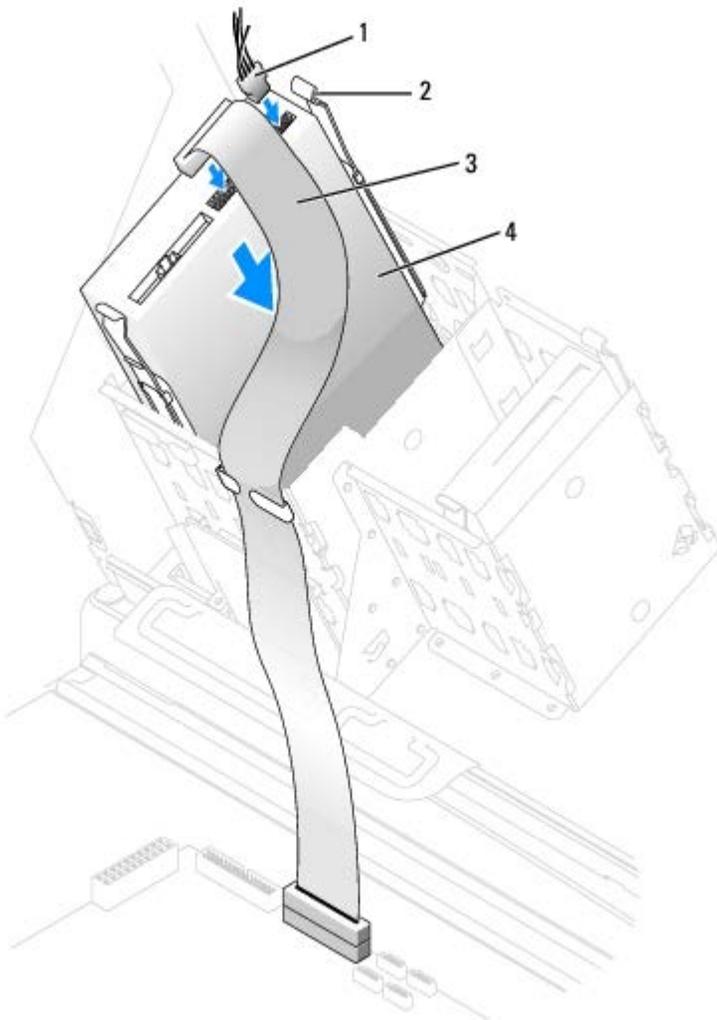
2. Connect the new drive to the set of rails that are attached to the inside of the cover. If a set of rails is not attached inside the computer cover, contact Dell.
3. If you are installing a replacement drive and the new drive does not have the bracket rails attached, remove the rails from the old drive by removing the two screws that secure each rail to the drive. Attach the bracket to the new drive by aligning the screw holes on the drive with the screw holes on the bracket rails and then inserting and tightening all four screws (two screws on each rail).



|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| 1 | drive             |
| 2 | bracket rails (2) |
| 3 | screws (4)        |

4. Gently slide the drive into place until the tabs securely click into position.

5. Connect the power and data cables to the drive.



|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| 1 | power cable |
|---|-------------|

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| 2 | tabs (2)     |
| 3 | data cable   |
| 4 | CD/DVD drive |

6. Check all cable connections, and fold cables out of the way to provide airflow for the fan and cooling vents.

7. [Close the computer cover](#).

 **NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network port or device and then plug it into your computer.

8. Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.

See the documentation that came with the drive for instructions on installing any software required for drive operation.

9. [Enter the system setup program](#) and select the appropriate **Drive** option.

10. Verify that your computer works correctly by running the Dell Diagnostics.

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## Processor Airflow Shroud

### Removing the Processor Airflow Shroud

 **CAUTION:** Before you perform this procedure, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

 **CAUTION:** To prevent static damage to components inside your computer, discharge static electricity from your body before you touch any of your computer's electronic components. You can do so by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer chassis.

 **NOTICE:** To avoid damaging the fan power cables, do not slide the shroud too quickly.

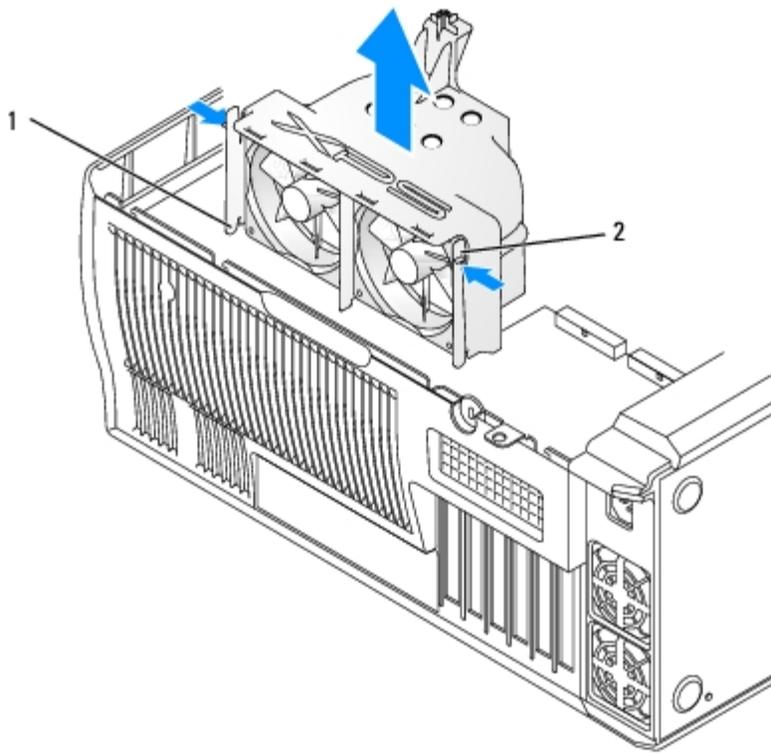
1. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin](#)."

2. Press the shroud release tabs towards one another.

3. Lift the shroud up to disengage the anchors.

4. Disconnect the cooling fan power cable from the FANREAR connector (see "[System Board Components](#)") on the system board.

5. Disconnect the CPU fan from the FANCPU connector (see "[System Board Components](#)") on the system board.



|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1 | anchor tabs (3)           |
| 2 | shroud release levers (2) |

## Installing the Processor Airflow Shroud

1. Reconnect the cooling fan power cable to the FANREAR connector (see "[System Board Components](#)") on the system board.
2. Reconnect the CPU fan power cable to the FANCPU connector (see "[System Board Components](#)") on the system board.
3. Align the anchor tabs with the securing slots.
4. Gently press the shroud until the anchor tabs snap securely into place.
5. Close the computer cover.

 **NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network port or device and then plug it into your computer.

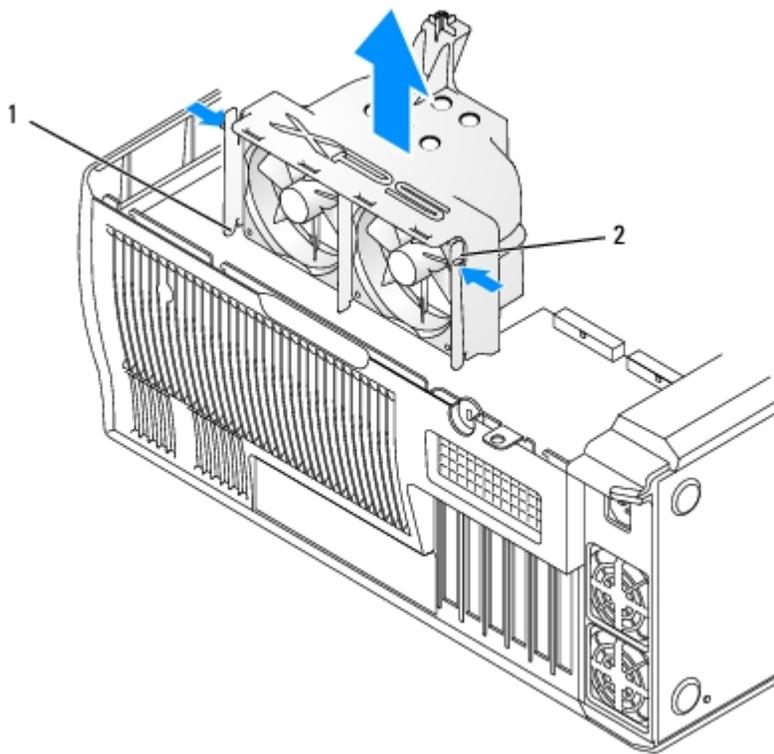
6. Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.

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## Processor

### Removing the Processor

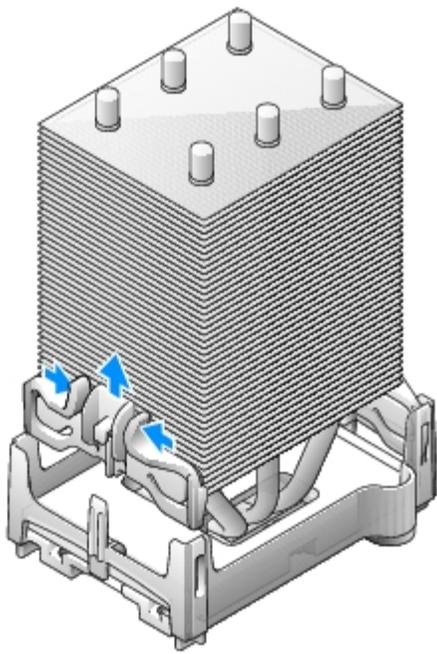
1. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin.](#)"
2. Disconnect the two cooling fan power cables from the FANREAR and FANCPU connectors on the system board (see "[System Board Components](#)").
3. Disconnect the power cable from the POWER12V connector on the system board (see "[System Board Components](#)").
4. Remove the airflow shroud.



|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1 | anchor tabs (3)           |
| 2 | shroud release levers (2) |

**⚠ CAUTION:** The heat sink can get very hot during normal operation. Be sure that the heat sink has had sufficient time to cool before you touch it.

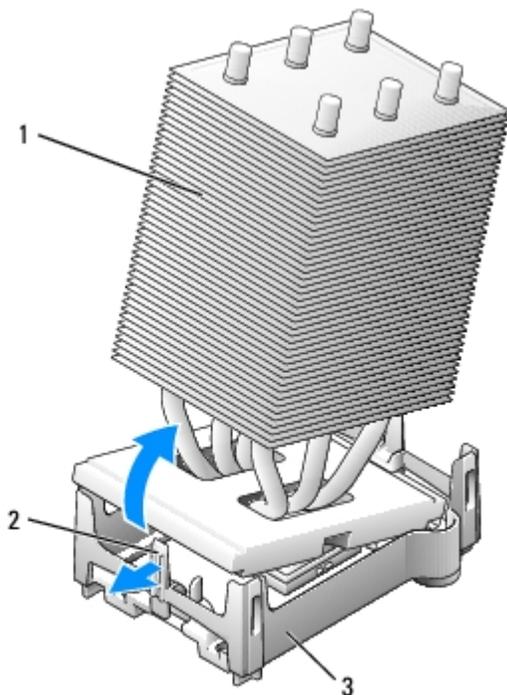
5. Remove the heat sink:
  - a. Remove the retention module clips. Press the tabs toward the center of the clip and lift.



- b. On the retention base locate the tab opposite the power supply. Press on the retention base tab away from the heat sink until the heat sink pops up slightly.
- c. Press the second retention tab away from the heat sink while lifting the heat sink up and out of the retention base.

**NOTICE:** Lay the heat sink down on its side to avoid damaging the thermal interface on the bottom.

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 1 | heat sink      |
| 2 | retention tab  |
| 3 | retention base |



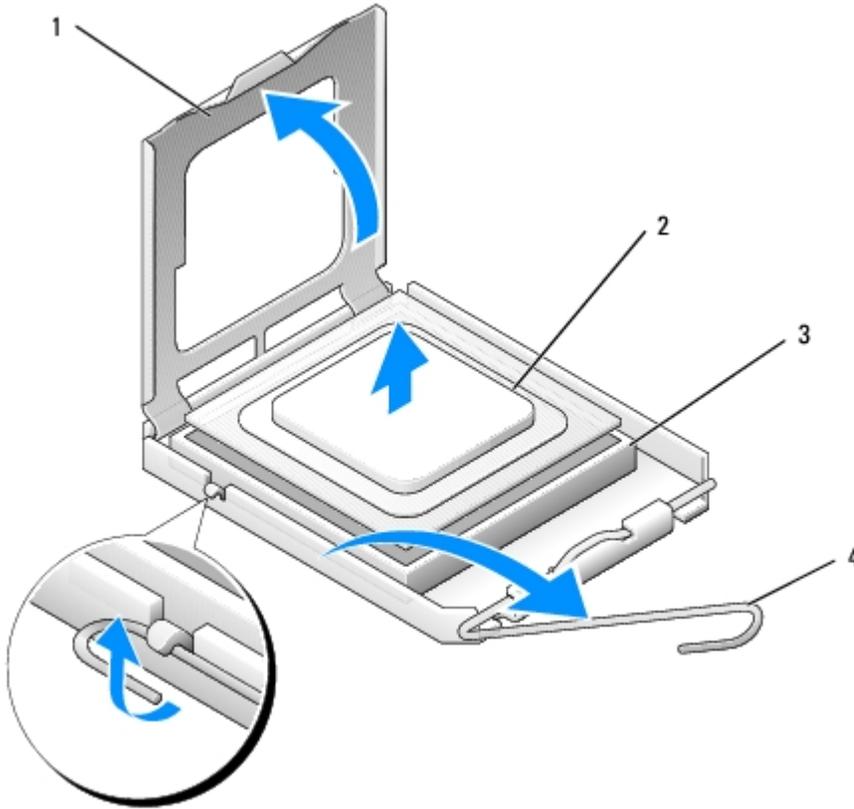
**NOTICE:** If you are installing a processor upgrade kit from Dell, discard the original heat sink. If you are *not* installing a



processor upgrade kit from Dell, reuse the original heat sink and blower when you install your new processor.

6. Push down and out on the socket release lever.

7. Open the processor cover.



|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| 1 | processor cover |
| 2 | processor       |
| 3 | socket          |
| 4 | release lever   |

8. Remove the processor from the socket.

Leave the release lever extended in the release position so that the socket is ready for the new processor.

## Installing the Processor



**NOTICE:** Ground yourself by touching an unpainted metal surface on the back of the computer.

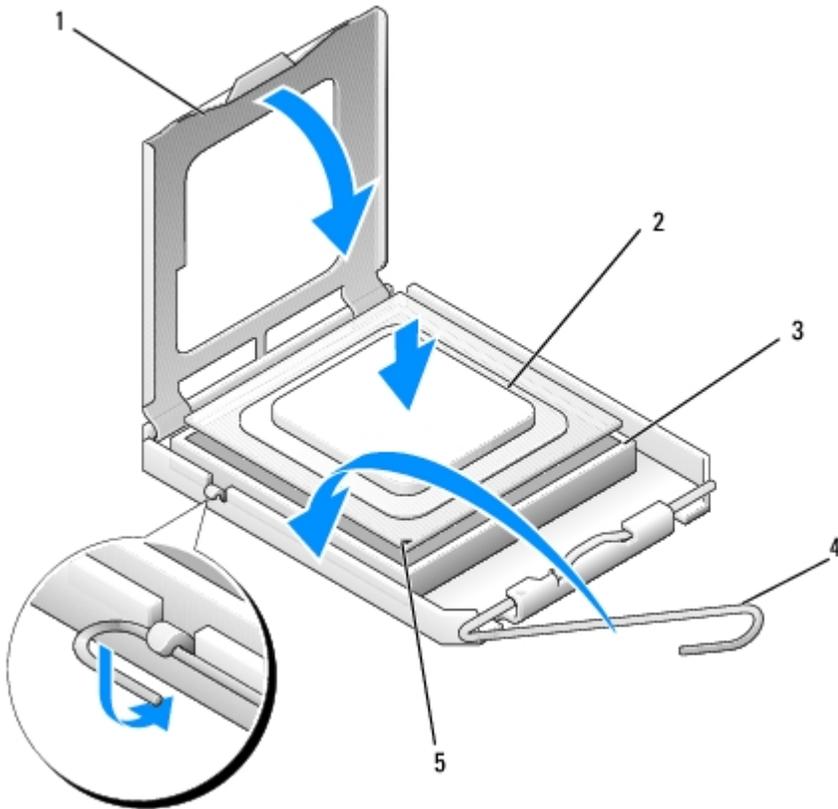
1. Unpack the new processor.



**NOTICE:** You must position the processor correctly in the socket to avoid permanent damage to the processor and the computer when you turn on the computer.

2. If the release lever on the socket is not fully extended, move it to that position.

3. Align the pin-1 corner of the processor and socket.



|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1 | processor pin-1 indicator |
| 2 | release lever             |
| 3 | processor                 |
| 4 | processor socket          |
| 5 | socket pin-1 indicator    |

➡ **NOTICE:** Socket pins are delicate. To avoid damage, ensure that the processor is aligned properly with the socket, and do not use excessive force when you install the processor. Be careful not to touch or bend the pins on the system board.

4. Set the processor lightly in the socket and ensure that the processor is level in the socket. When the processor is positioned correctly, press it with minimal pressure to seat it.

5. When the processor is fully seated in the socket, close the processor cover.

6. Pivot the socket release lever back toward the socket and snap it into place to secure the processor.

➡ **NOTICE:** If you are *not* installing a processor upgrade kit from Dell, reuse the original heat sink assembly when you replace the processor.

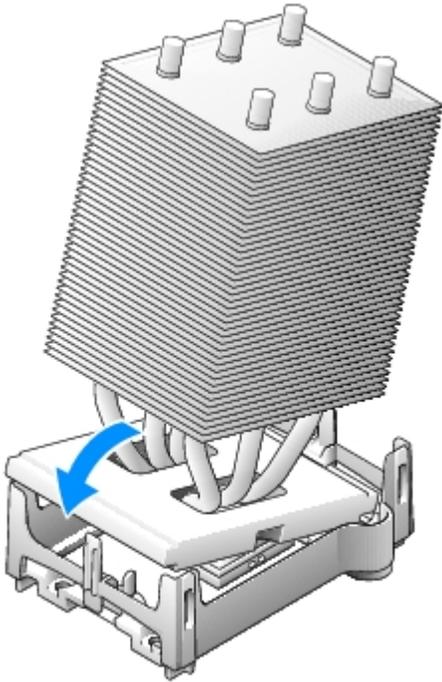
If you installed a processor replacement kit from Dell, return the original heat sink assembly and processor to Dell in the same package in which your replacement kit was sent.

7. Install the heat sink:

a. Slide one end of the heat sink under the retention tab.

b. Pull out the other retention tab and lower the heat sink until it fits securely in the base.

➡ **NOTICE:** Ensure that the heat sink is correctly seated and secure.



8. Reinstall the retention module clips.
9. Lower the airflow shroud over the heat sink.
10. Reconnect the two cooling fan power cables to the CPU FAN1 and CPU FAN2 connectors on the system board (see "[System Board Components](#)").
11. Reconnect the power cable to the POWER12V connector on the system board (see "[System Board Components](#)").
12. Close the computer cover.

➡ **NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network port or device and then plug it into the computer.

13. Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.

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## System Board

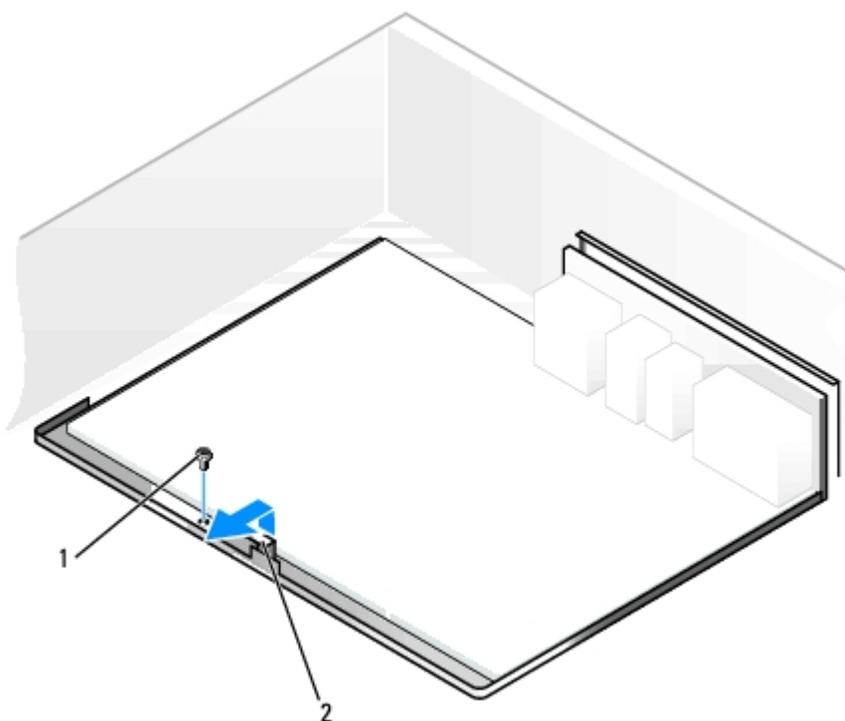
⚠ **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *System Information Guide*.

➡ **NOTICE:** The system board and metal tray are connected and are removed as one piece.

## Removing the System Board

1. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin](#)."

2. Open the computer cover.
3. Remove any components that restrict access to the system board.
4. Disconnect all cables from the system board.
5. Before you remove the existing system board assembly, visually compare the replacement system board to the existing system board to make sure that you have the correct part.
6. Remove the system board screw.



|   |       |
|---|-------|
| 1 | screw |
| 2 | tab   |

7. Pull up on the two tabs, slide the system board assembly toward the front of the computer, and then lift the assembly up and away.
8. Place the system board assembly that you just removed next to the replacement system board.

## Replacing the System Board

1. Transfer components from the existing system board to the replacement system board:
  - a. Remove the [memory modules](#) and install them on the replacement board.



**CAUTION:** The processor package and heat-sink assembly can get hot. To avoid burns, ensure that the package and assembly have had sufficient time to cool before you touch them.

- b. Remove the heat-sink assembly and processor from the existing system board and transfer them to the

replacement system board.

 **NOTE:** Jumper settings on replacement system boards are preset by the factory.

 **NOTE:** Some components and connectors on the replacement system board may be in different locations than the corresponding connectors on the existing system board.

2. Orient the replacement board by aligning the notches on the bottom of the board with the tabs on the computer.
3. Slide the system board assembly toward the back of the computer until the assembly clicks into position.
4. Replace any components and cables that you removed from the system board.
5. Reconnect all cables to their connectors at the back of the computer.
6. Close the computer cover.

 **NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network port or device and then plug it into your computer.

7. Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.

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## Power Supply

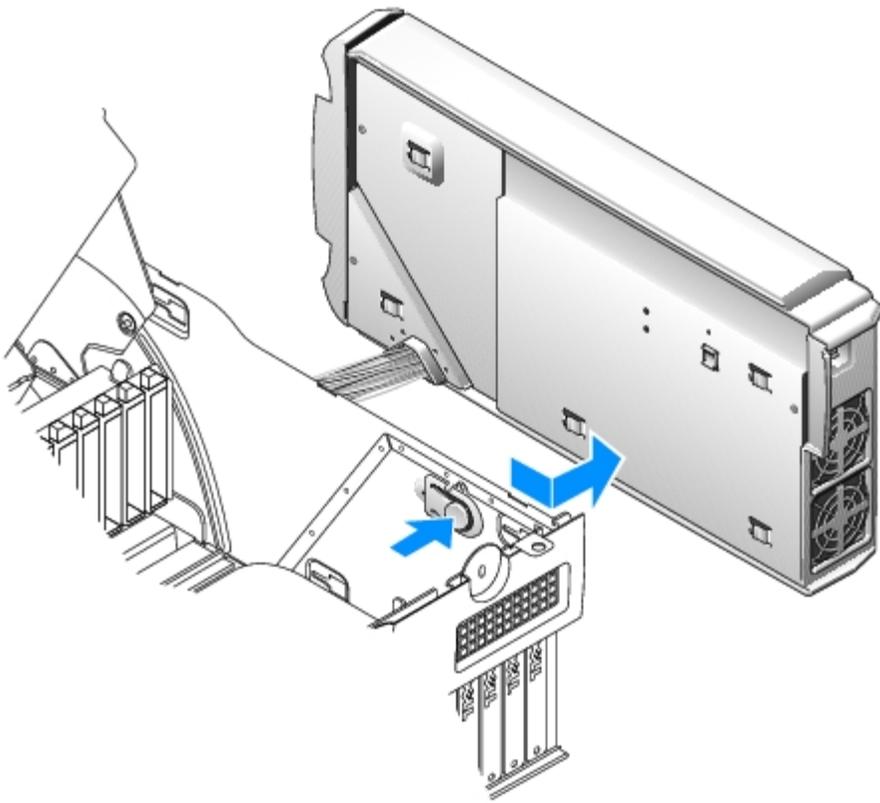
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 **CAUTION:** To prevent static damage to components inside your computer, discharge static electricity from your body before you touch any of your computer's electronic components. You can do so by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer chassis.

## Removing the Power Supply

 **NOTICE:** Before disconnecting a device from the computer, wait 10 to 20 seconds after disconnecting the computer from its electrical outlet. Before removing a component from the system board, verify that the auxiliary power LED on the system board has turned off. To locate this light, see "[System Board Components](#)."

1. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin](#)."
2. Remove the cards and the card fan.
3. Note the location and ID of each power connector before disconnecting the power supply cables and the card fan cable.



 **NOTICE:** To avoid damaging the cables when you reinstall the power supply, replace the cables as shown below.

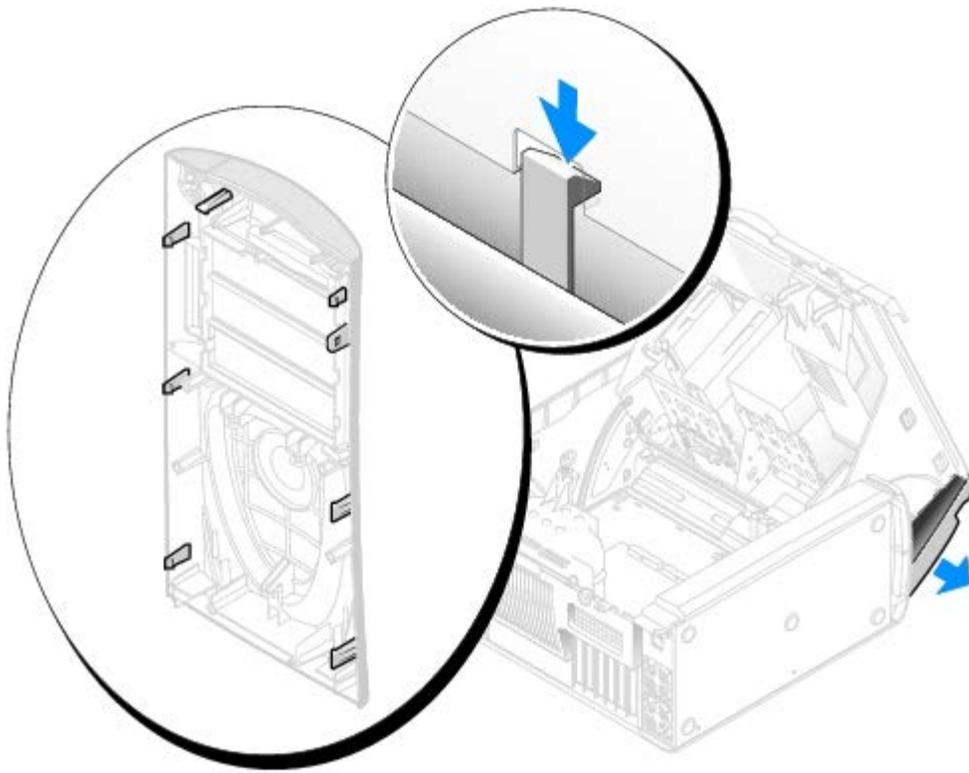
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## Front Panel

-  **CAUTION:** To prevent static damage to components inside your computer, discharge static electricity from your body before you touch any of your computer's electronic components. You can do so by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer chassis.
-  **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

## Removing the Front Panel

1. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin](#)."
2. Disconnect and remove all disk drives (for more information, see "[Drives](#)").
3. Release the front panel by pressing each of the seven front-panel release tabs.



4. Close the computer cover halfway and pull the front panel away from the computer.

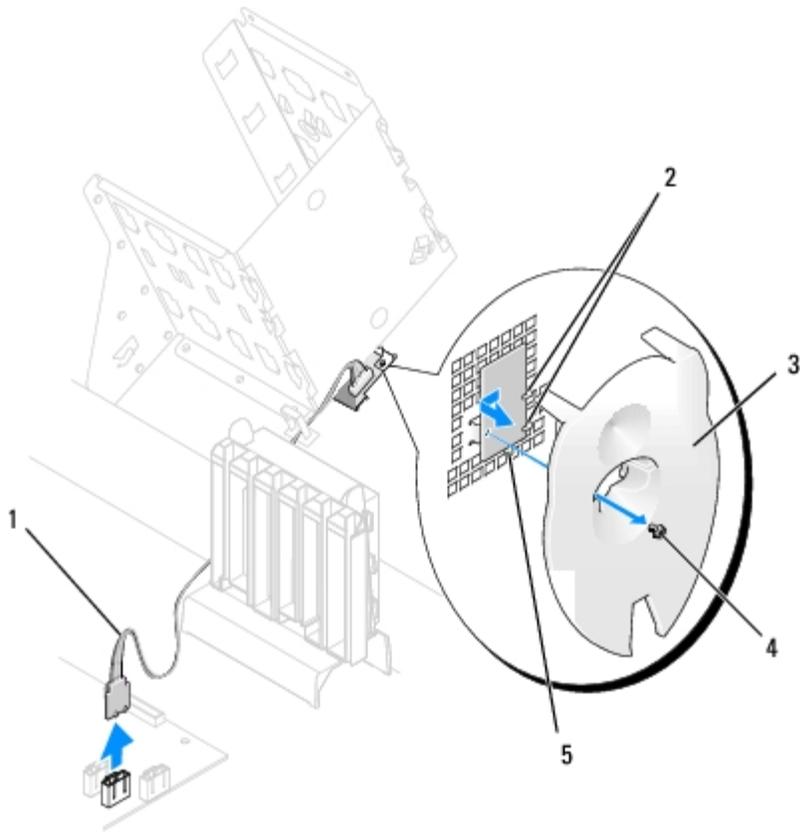
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## Front LED Board

- CAUTION:** To prevent static damage to components inside your computer, discharge static electricity from your body before you touch any of your computer's electronic components. You can do so by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer chassis.
- CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

## Removing the Front LED Board

1. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin](#)."
2. Remove the [front panel](#).
3. Disconnect the LED cable from the system board.
4. Remove the screw.
5. Gently move the board upward, tilt the top of the board away from the case to release it from the three front LED board guides, and then draw the board away from the case.



|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1 | LED cable              |
| 2 | front LED board guides |
| 3 | light pipe             |
| 4 | screw                  |
| 5 | front LED board guide  |

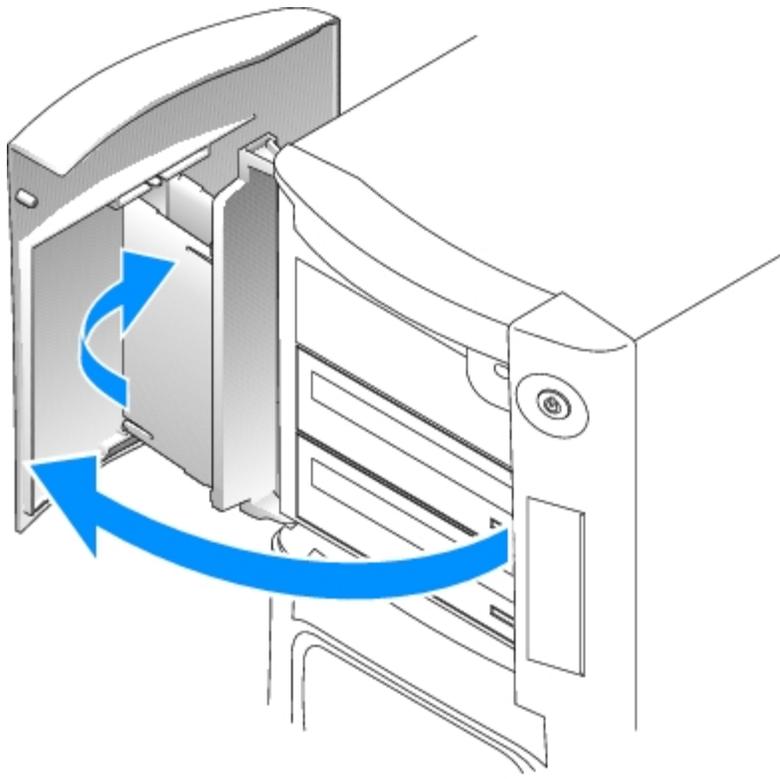
To replace the front LED board, perform the [removal procedure](#) in reverse.

## Drive Door

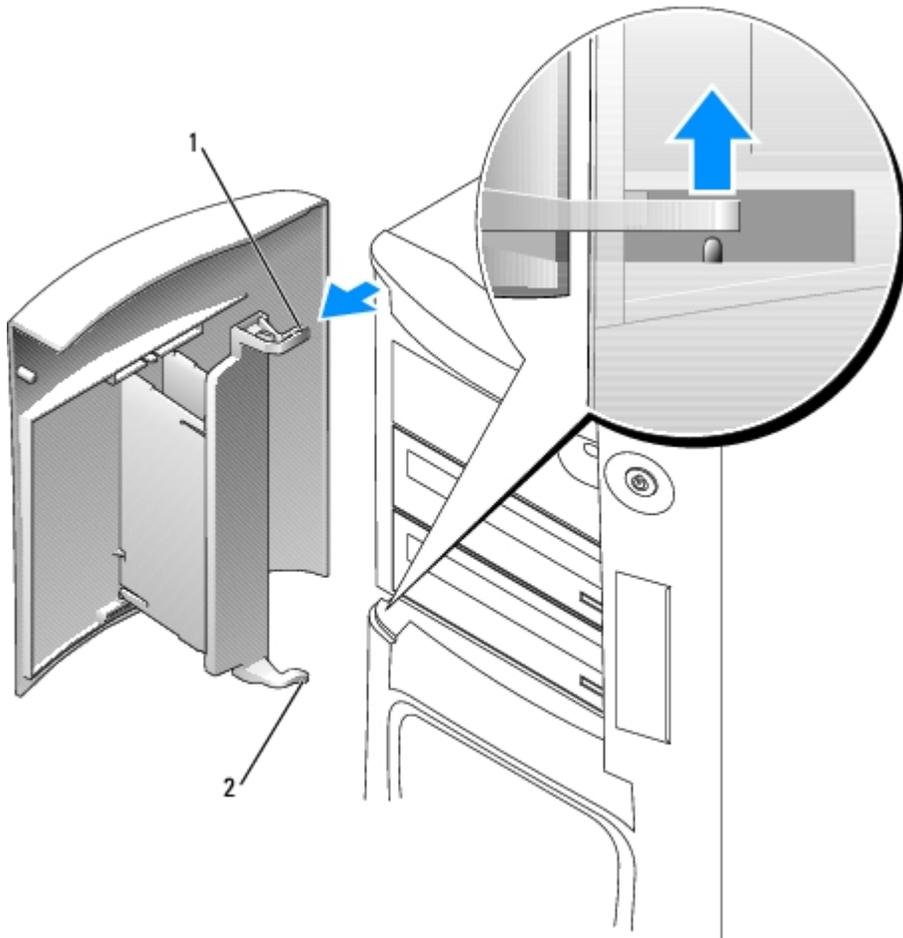
**CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

### Removing the Drive Door

1. Open the drive door.



2. Unsnap the top bracket hinge and pull the top of the drive door outward, away from the computer.



|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| 1 | top bracket hinge    |
| 2 | bottom bracket hinge |

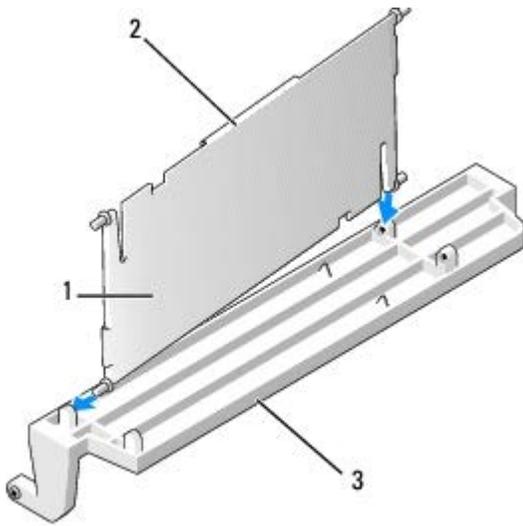
3. Lift the bottom bracket hinge away from the computer.

## Replacing the Drive Door

To prevent damage to your computer, the drive door is designed to "break away" from the computer if it is opened too far. If the drive door detaches from the computer without disassembling, perform the removal procedure in reverse.

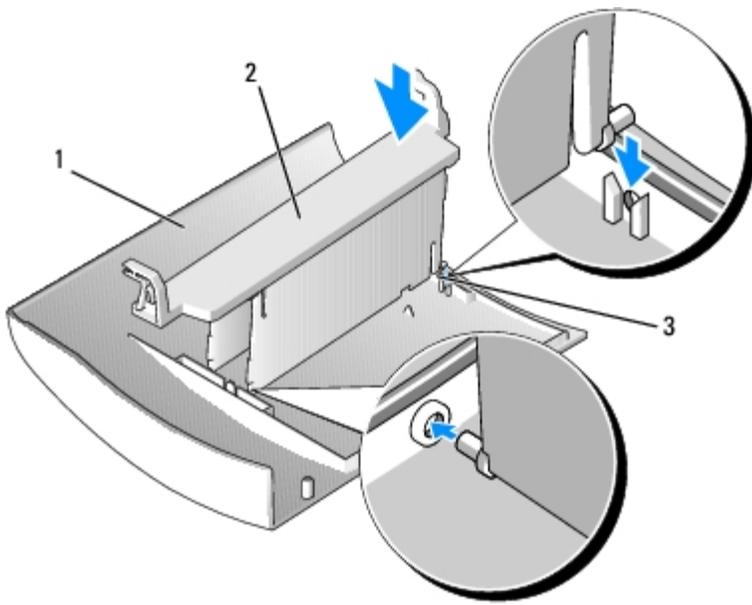
If the drive door is open and it is opened too far, instead of breaking away from the computer in one piece, the drive door may disassemble into several smaller pieces. If the drive door disassembles:

1. If necessary, reattach the door hinges to the door bracket. Ensure that the hinge tabs are away from the door bracket.



|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| 1 | door hinges (2) |
| 2 | hinge tab       |
| 3 | door bracket    |

2. Attach the door bracket/door hinge assembly to the door, starting with the lower part of each door hinge.



|   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 | door                             |
| 2 | door bracket/door hinge assembly |
| 3 | lower part of the door hinge     |

3. Attach the drive door to the computer, starting with the bottom bracket hinge.

## Battery

**⚠ CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions located in the *Product Information Guide*.

**👉 NOTICE:** To prevent static damage to components inside your computer, discharge static electricity from your body before you touch any of your computer's electronic components. You can do so by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer chassis.

### Replacing the Battery

A coin-cell battery maintains computer configuration, date, and time information. The battery can last several years. If you have to repeatedly reset time and date information after turning on the computer, replace the battery.

**⚠ CAUTION:** A new battery can explode if it is incorrectly installed. Replace the battery only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Discard used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

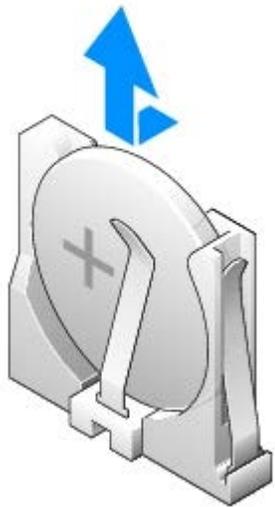
To replace the battery:

1. Record all the information on the screens in the [system setup program](#) so that you can restore the correct settings in [step 8](#).
2. Follow the procedures in "[Before You Begin](#)."
3. Locate the [battery socket](#).

**👉 NOTICE:** If you pry the battery out of its socket with a blunt object, be careful not to touch the system board with the object. Ensure that the object is inserted between the battery and the socket before you attempt to pry out the battery. Otherwise, you may damage the system board by prying off the socket or by breaking circuit traces on the

system board.

4. Remove the battery by prying it out of its socket with your fingers.



5. Insert the new battery (CR2032) into the socket with the side labeled "+" against the metal clip, and press the battery into place.
6. Close the computer cover.

 **NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network port or device and then plug it into your computer.

7. Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.
8. [Enter the system setup program](#) and restore the settings you recorded in step 1.
9. Properly dispose of the old battery. See the *Product Information Guide* for battery disposal information.

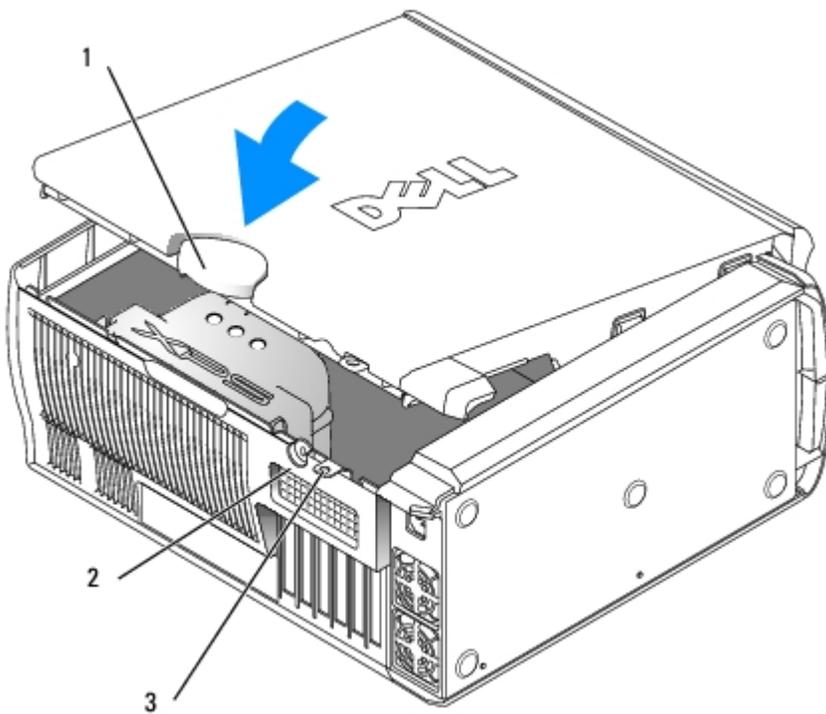
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# Closing the Computer Cover

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1. Ensure that all cables are connected, and fold cables out of the way.
2. Ensure that no tools or extra parts are left inside the computer.
3. Pivot the cover down and into position.
4. Press down on the cover to close it.
5. Once the cover is closed, slide the release latch to the right until the latch clicks into place.



|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| 1 | cover release latch |
| 2 | security cable slot |
| 3 | padlock ring        |

6. If you are using a padlock to secure your computer, install the padlock.

**NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network port or device and then plug it into your computer.

7. Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.

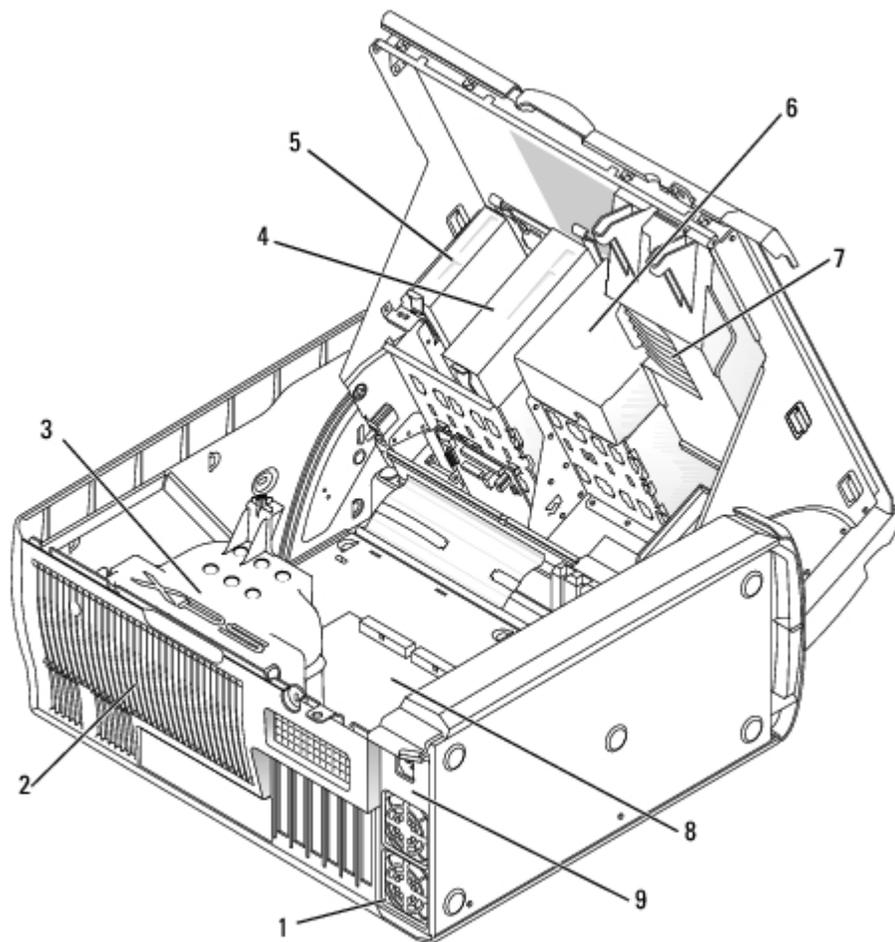


# Technical Overview

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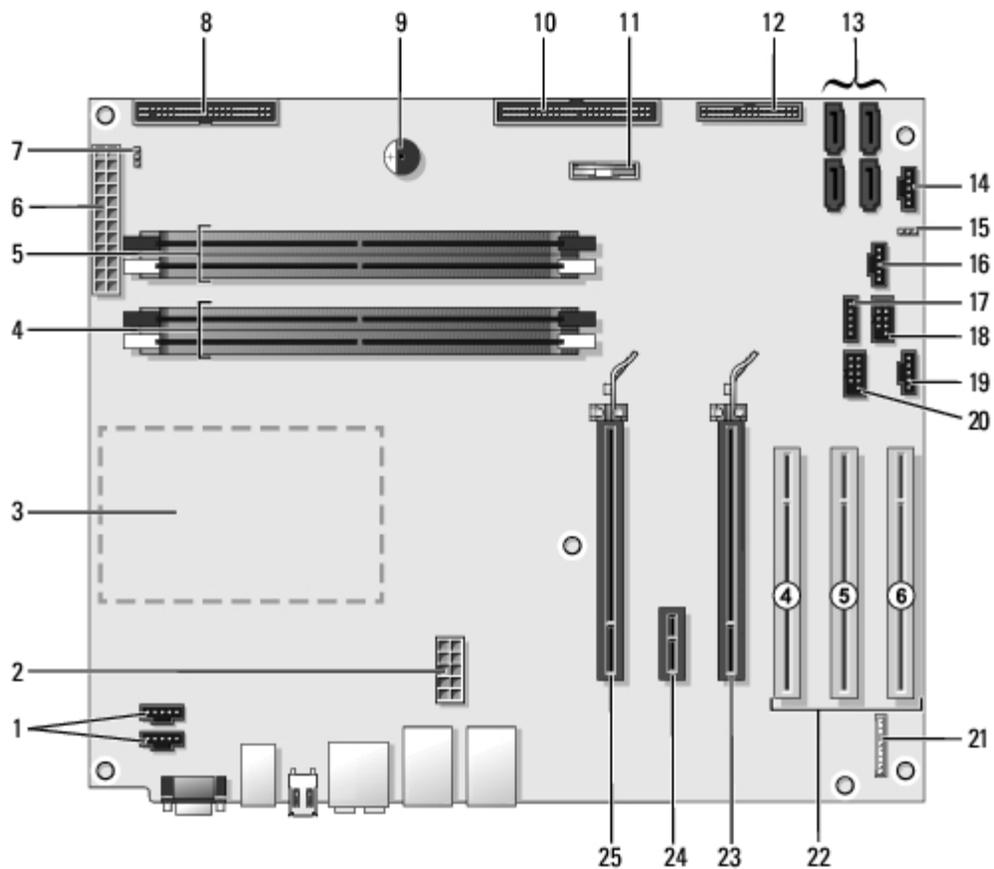
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## Inside View of Your Computer



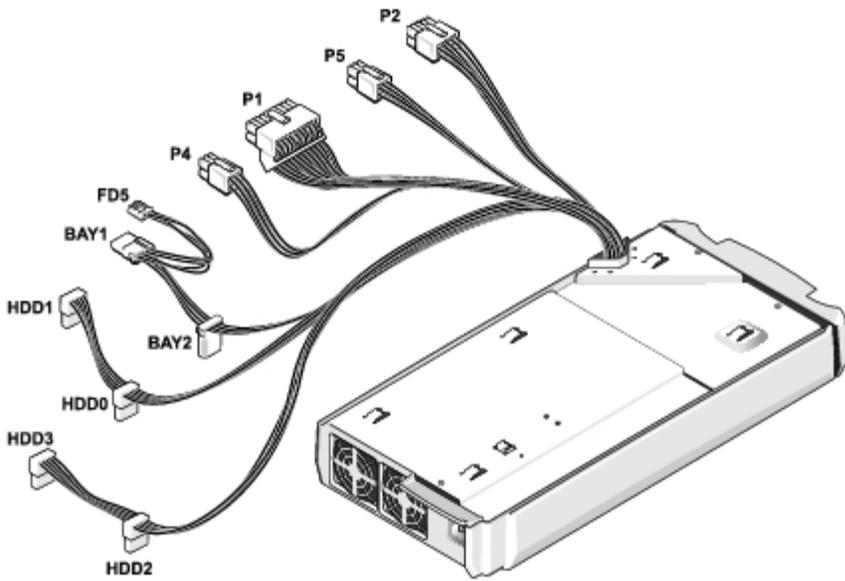
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| 3 | processor airflow shroud | 6 | hard drive shroud | 9 | power supply            |

## System Board Components

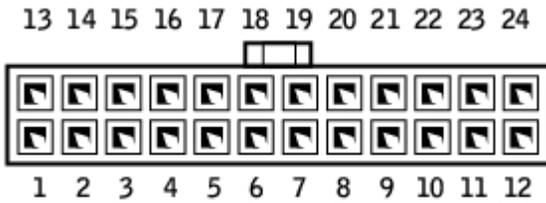


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| 1 | CPU fan connectors (2)            | 10 | optical drive connector (IDE)         | 19 | card fan connector (FAN SYS)                             |
| 2 | power connector (POWER12V)        | 11 | battery (BATT)                        | 20 | 1394 connector (1394)                                    |
| 3 | processor and heat-sink connector | 12 | front-panel connector (FRNT PNL)      | 21 | front-panel audio (FP_AUD)                               |
| 4 | memory module connectors (1, 3)   | 13 | serial ATA connectors (SATA0 - SATA3) | 22 | PCI card connectors (PCI SLOT 4, PCI SLOT 5, PCI SLOT 6) |
| 5 | memory module connectors (2, 4)   | 14 | card fan connector (FAN CCAG)         | 23 | PCI Express x16 card connector                           |
| 6 | main power connector (POWER)      | 15 | CMOS jumper (RTCST)                   | 24 | PCI Express x1 card connector                            |
| 7 | password jumper (PASSWORD)        | 16 | front-panel light connector (LED)     | 25 | PCI Express x16 card connector                           |
| 8 | floppy-drive connector (FLOPPY)   | 17 | internal USB connector (USB)          |    |  |
| 9 | internal speaker (SPKR)           | 18 | USB FlexBay connector (FLEXBAY)       |    |  |

## Power Supply DC Connector Pin Assignments



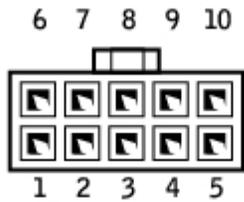
## DC Power Connector P1



| Pin Number | Signal name | Color  | Wire Gauge |
|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| 1          | +3.3 VDC    | Orange | 16-AWG     |
| 2          | +3.3 VDC    | Orange | 16-AWG     |
| 3          | COM         | Black  | 18-AWG     |
| 4          | +5 VDC      | Red    | 18-AWG     |
| 5          | COM         | Black  | 18-AWG     |
| 6          | +5 VDC      | Red    | 18-AWG     |
| 7          | COM         | Black  | 18-AWG     |
| 8          | POK         | Gray   | 18-AWG     |
| 9          | +5 VFP      | Purple | 18-AWG     |
| 10         | +12 VADC    | White  | 18-AWG     |
| 11         | +12 VADC    | White  | 18-AWG     |
| 12         | +3.3 VDC    | Orange | 16-AWG     |
| 13         | +3.3 VDC/SE | Orange | 16-AWG     |
| 14         | -12 VDC     | Blue   | 18-AWG     |
| 15         | COM         | Black  | 18-AWG     |
| 16         | PS-ON       | Green  | 18-AWG     |
| 17         | COM         | Black  | 18-AWG     |
| 18         | COM         | Black  | 18-AWG     |

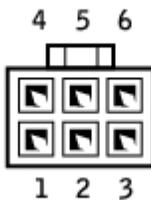
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|----|-----------|-------|--------|
| 19 | COM       | Black | 18-AWG |
| 20 | N/C       | N/C   | N/A    |
| 21 | +5 VDC    | Red   | 18-AWG |
| 22 | +5 VDC    | Red   | 18-AWG |
| 23 | +5 VDC/SE | Red   | 18-AWG |
| 24 | COM       | Black | 18-AWG |

## DC Power Connector P2



| Pin Number | Signal Name | 18-AWG Wire Color |
|------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 1          | COM         | Black             |
| 2          | COM         | Black             |
| 3          | COM         | Black             |
| 4          | COM         | Black             |
| 5          | COM         | Black             |
| 6          | +12 VADC    | Yellow            |
| 7          | +12 VADC    | Yellow            |
| 8          | +12 VADC    | Yellow            |
| 9          | +12 VCDC    | Blue/White Stripe |
| 10         | +12 VCDC    | Blue/White Stripe |

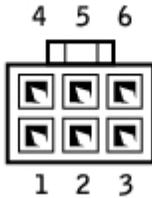
## DC Power Connector P5



| Pin Number | Signal Name | 18-AWG Wire Color |
|------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 1          | +12 VBDC    | Blue/White Stripe |
| 2          | +12 VBDC    | Blue/White Stripe |
| 3          | +12 VBDC    | Blue/White Stripe |
| 4          | COM         | Black             |

|   |     |       |
|---|-----|-------|
| 5 | COM | Black |
| 6 | COM | Black |

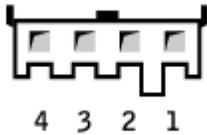
## DC Power Connector P4



| Pin Number | Signal Name | 18-AWG Wire Color |
|------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 1          | +12 VBDC    | White             |
| 2          | +12 VBDC    | White             |
| 3          | +12 VBDC    | White             |
| 4          | COM         | Black             |
| 5          | COM         | Black             |
| 6          | COM         | Black             |

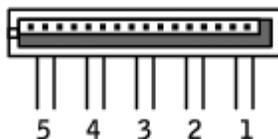
 **NOTE:** The P5 connector is intended for use with the PCI Express graphics cards whose power requirements exceed 75 watts.

## DC Power Connector FD5



| Pin Number | Signal Name | 22-AWG Wire Color |
|------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 1          | +5 VDC      | Red               |
| 2          | COM         | Black             |
| 3          | COM         | Black             |
| 4          | +12 VBDC    | White             |

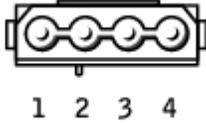
## DC Power Connectors HDD0, HDD1, HDD2, HDD3



| Pin Number | Signal Name | 18-AWG Wire Color |
|------------|-------------|-------------------|
|------------|-------------|-------------------|

|   |          |        |
|---|----------|--------|
| 1 | +3.3 VDC | Orange |
| 2 | COM      | Black  |
| 3 | +5 VDC   | Red    |
| 4 | COM      | Black  |
| 5 | +12 VDC  | White  |

## DC Power Connectors BAY1 and BAY2



| Pin Number | Signal Name | 18-AWG Wire Color |
|------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 1          | +12 VBDC    | White             |
| 2          | COM         | Black             |
| 3          | COM         | Black             |
| 4          | +5 VDC      | Red               |

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