Dell Vostro 3480

Setup and specifications guide



Notes, cautions, and warnings

i NOTE: A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your product.

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

MARNING: A WARNING indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.

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Set up your computer

Steps

- 1. Connect the power adapter and press the power button.
 - i NOTE: To conserve battery power, the battery might enter power saving mode.
- 2. Finish Windows system setup.

Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the setup. When setting up, Dell recommends that you:

- Connect to a network for Windows updates.
 - NOTE: If connecting to a secured wireless network, enter the password for the wireless network access when prompted.
- If connected to the internet, sign-in with or create a Microsoft account. If not connected to the internet, create an offline account.
- On the Support and Protection screen, enter your contact details.
- 3. Locate and use Dell apps from the Windows Start menu—Recommended

Table 1. Locate Dell apps

Dell apps	Details
	Dell Draduct Desistantian
	Dell Product Registration
	Register your computer with Dell.
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A	Dell Help & Support
	Access help and support for your computer.
	SupportAssist
	Proactively checks the health of your computer's hardware and software.
	NOTE: Renew or upgrade your warranty by clicking the warranty expiry date in SupportAssist.
रिके	Dell Update
	Updates your computer with critical fixes and important
	device drivers as they become available.
	Dell Digital Delivery

Table 1. Locate Dell apps (continued)

Dell apps	Details
	Download software applications including software that is purchased but not pre-installed on your computer.

- 4. Create recovery drive for Windows.
 - NOTE: It is recommended to create a recovery drive to troubleshoot and fix problems that may occur with Windows.

For more information, see Create a USB recovery drive for Windows.

Create a USB recovery drive for Windows

Create a recovery drive to troubleshoot and fix problems that may occur with Windows. An empty USB flash drive with a minimum capacity of 16 GB is required to create the recovery drive.

Prerequisites

- i NOTE: This process may take up to an hour to complete.
- NOTE: The following steps may vary depending on the version of Windows installed. Refer to the Microsoft support site for latest instructions.

Steps

- 1. Connect the USB flash drive to your computer.
- 2. In Windows search, type Recovery.
- In the search results, click Create a recovery drive.
 The User Account Control window is displayed.
- 4. Click Yes to continue.
 - The **Recovery Drive** window is displayed.
- 5. Select Back up system files to the recovery drive and click Next.
- 6. Select the **USB flash drive** and click **Next**.

A message appears, indicating that all data in the USB flash drive will be deleted.

- 7. Click Create.
- 8. Click Finish.

For more information about reinstalling Windows using the USB recovery drive, see the *Troubleshooting* section of your product's *Service Manual* at www.dell.com/support/manuals.

Chassis

This chapter illustrates the multiple chassis views along with the ports and connectors and also explains the FN hot key combinations.

Topics:

- Display view
- Left view
- Right view
- Palmrest view
- Bottom view

Display view

- 1. Camera
- 3. Microphone
- Left view
- 1. Power adapter port
- 3. HDMI port
- 5. USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports (2)
- Right view
- 1. SD card reader
- 3. VGA port
- Palmrest view
- 1. Power button with optional fingerprint reader
- 2. Keyboard
- 3. Touchpad
- **Bottom view**
- 1. Speakers
- 3. Service Tag label

- 2. Camera-status light
- 4. Display
- 2. Battery status light
- 4. Network port
- 6. Headset port
- 2. USB 2.0 port
- 4. Security-cable slot (for Noble locks)

- 2. Base cover
- 4. Air vent

Keyboard shortcuts

NOTE: Keyboard characters may differ depending on the keyboard language configuration. Keys used for shortcuts remain the same across all language configurations.

Table 2. List of keyboard shortcuts

Keys	Description
Fn + Esc	Toggle Fn-key lock
Fn + F1	Mute audio
Fn + F2	Decrease volume
Fn + F3	Increase volume
Fn + F4	Play previous
Fn + F5	Play / Pause
Fn + F6	Play next
Fn + F8	Switch to external display
Fn + F9	Search
Fn + F11	Decrease brightness
Fn + F12	Increase brightness
Fn + PrtScr	Turn on/off wireless
Fn + Ctrl	Open application menu

System specifications

NOTE: Offerings may vary by region. The following specifications are only those required by law to ship with your computer. For more information about the configuration of your computer, go to **Help and Support** in your Windows operating system and select the option to view information about your computer.

Topics:

- System information
- Processor
- Memory
- Storage
- Audio
- System board connectors
- Media card-reader
- Video card
- Camera
- Wireless
- Ports and connectors
- Display
- Keyboard
- Touchpad
- Fingerprint reader—optional
- Operating system
- Battery
- Power adapter
- Dimensions and weight
- Computer environment
- Security
- Security Software

System information

Table 3. System information

Feature	Specifications
Chipset	Intel Chipset
DRAM bus width	64-bit
FLASH EPROM	SPI 16 MB
PCle bus	100 Mhz

Processor

NOTE: Processor numbers are not a measure of performance. Processor availability is subject to change and may vary by region/country.

Table 4. Processor specifications

Туре	UMA Graphics
8th Gen Intel Core i3 processor (2 cores/4 MB/4T/3.9 GHz/15 W)	Intel UHD Graphics 620
8th Gen Intel Core i5 processor (4 cores/6 MB/8T/3.9 GHz/15 W)	Intel UHD Graphics 620
8th Gen Intel Core i7 processor (4 cores/8 MB/8T/4.6 GHz/15 W)	Intel UHD Graphics 620

Memory

Table 5. Memory specifications

Feature	Specifications
Minimum memory configuration	4 GB
Maximum memory configuration	16 GB
Number of slots	2x SoDiMM
Memory options	 4 GB - 1 x 4 GB 8 GB - 2 x 4 GB (optional) 8 GB - 1 x 8 GB (optional) 12 GB - 1 x 4 GB + 1 x 8 GB (optional) 16 GB - 2 x 8 GB (optional) 16 GB - 1 x 16 GB (optional)
Туре	DDR4
Speed	2400 MHz

Storage

Table 6. Storage specifications

Туре	Form factor	Interface	Capacity
Solid-State Drive	M.2	M.2 SSD	Class 20: 128 GB Class 35: 128 GB and 256 GB Class 40: 256 GB
HDD	2.5 inches	SATA	Upto 2 TB 5400 RPM Upto 1 TB 7200 RPM
Intel Optane (PCIe M.2 module with HDD)	M.2	PCle	16 GB
Dual drives	2.5 inches HDD + M.2	SATA + M.2 SSD	Yes, it is available

Audio

Table 7. Audio specifications

Feature	Specifications
Controller	Realtek ALC3204 with Waves MaxxAudio Pro
Туре	Two-channel high-definition audio
Speakers	Two (Directional speakers)
Interface	 Universal audio jack High-quality speakers Noise reducing single microphone Stereo headset/mic combo
Internal speaker amplifier	2 W (RMS) per channel

System board connectors

Table 8. System board connectors

Feature	Specifications
M.2 Connectors	Two (2280 Key-M and 2242 Key-B)
Serial ATA (SATA) connector	One Gen 3 supports 7 mm SATA

Media card-reader

Table 9. Media card-reader specifications

Feature	Specifications
Туре	One SD card slot
Supported cards	SDSDHCSDXC

Video card

Table 10. Video card specifications

Controller	Туре	CPU Dependency	Graphics memory type	Capacity	External display support	Maximum resolution
Intel UHD Graphics 620	UMA	 8th Gen Intel Core i5 processor 8th Gen Intel Core i7 processor 	Integrated	Shared system memory	HDMI 1.4b	1920 x 1080
AMD Radeon 520	Discrete		GDDR5	2 GB	NA	NA

Camera

Table 11. Camera specifications

Feature	Specifications
Resolution	Still image: 0.92 megapixels (HD)Video: 1280 x 720 (HD) at 30 fps
Diagonal viewing angle	Camera - 78.6°
Number of cameras	One
Туре	HD fixed focus
Sensor type	CMOS sensor technology
Video Max resolution	1280 x 720 (HD) at 30 fps
Still image max resolution	0.92 megapixels (HD)

Wireless

Table 12. Wireless specifications

Feature	Specifications	
Туре	 DW1707 (QCA9565) DW1810 (QCA9377) DW1820 (QCA61x4A) Intel 9560 Intel 9462 	
Maximum transfer rate	867 Mbps	
Frequency bands	2.4 GHz/5 GHz	
Encryption	64-bit/128-bit WEP AES-CCMP TKIP	

Ports and connectors

Table 13. Ports and connectors

Features	Specifications	
Memory card reader	SD 3.0 memory card reader	
USB	One USB 2.0 port Two USB 3.1 Gen 1 port	
Security	Noble wedge lock slot	
Docking port	Dell USB 3.0 Dock (UNO)	
Audio	Universal audio jack Noise reduction single microphone	

Table 13. Ports and connectors (continued)

Features	Specifications
Video	HDMI 1.4b (UMA and discrete)VGA port
Network adapter	One RJ-45 connector

Display

Table 14. Display specifications

Feature	Specifications	
Туре	 14 inch HD (1366 x 768) TN, Anti-glare, Ultra slim 14 inch FHD (1920 x 1080) IPS, Anti-glare (Optional) 	
Height (Active area)	205.6 mm (8.09 inch)	
Width (Active area)	320.9 mm (12.63 inch)	
Diagonal	355.6 mm (14 inch)	
Luminance/Brightness (typical)	300 nits max	
Refresh rate	60 Hz	
Horizontal viewing angle (min)	+/- 40 degrees	
Vertical viewing angle (min)	+10/- 30 degrees	

Keyboard

Table 15. Keyboard specifications

Feature	Specifications
Number of keys	80 (U.S)81 (Europe)82 (Brazil)84 (Japan)
Size	Full sized • X= 19.05 mm key pitch • Y= 18.05 mm key pitch
Layout	QWERTY/AZERTY/Kanji

Touchpad

Table 16. Touchpad specifications

Feature	Specifications
Resolution	3215x1956

Table 16. Touchpad specifications (continued)

Feature	Specifications
Dimensions	Width: 4.13 inch (105 mm)Height: 2.56 inch (65 mm)
Multi-touch	Supports four fingers

Fingerprint reader—optional

Table 17. Fingerprint reader specifications

Feature	Specifications
Sensor technology	Capacitive
Sensor resolution	500 PPI
Sensor area	5.5 mm x 4.4 mm (0.22 inches x 0.17 inches)
Sensor pixel size	108 x 88

Operating system

Table 18. Operating system

Feature	Specifications
Operating systems supported	Windows 10 Home (64 bit)Windows 10 Pro (64 bit)Ubuntu

Battery

Table 19. Battery specifications

Feature	Specifications		
Туре	3-cell Primatic/Polymer battery 42 WHr		
Dimension	Width	175.37 mm (6.9 in)	
	Depth	90.73 mm (3.57 in)	
	Height	5.9 mm (0.24 in)	
Weight (maximum)	0.2 kg (0.44 lb)		
Voltage	11.4 VDC		
Life span	300 discharge / charge cycles		
Charging time when the computer	Standard charge	0°C to 60°C: 4 hours	
is off (approximate)	Express Charge	0°C to 35°C: 4 hours	
		16°C to 45°C: 2 hours	
		46°C to 60°C: 3 hours	

Table 19. Battery specifications (continued)

Feature	Specifications
Operating time	Varies depending on operating conditions and can significantly reduce under certain power-intensive conditions
Temperature range: Operating	0°C to 35°C (32°F to 95°F)
Temperature range: Storage	-20°C to 65°C (-40°F to 149°F)
Coin-cell battery	CR 2032

Power adapter

Table 20. Power adapter specifications

Feature	Specifications
Туре	45 W (UMA)45 W Ruggedized65 W (Discrete)
Input Voltage	100 VAC - 240 VAC
Input current (maximum)	1.3 A for 45 W1.7 A for 65 W
Input frequency	50 Hz to 60 Hz
Output current	2.31 A for 45 W3.34 A for 65 W
Rated output voltage	19.5 VDC
Temperature range (Operating)	0°C to 40° C (32°F to 104°F)
Temperature range (Non-Operating)	40°C to 70°C (-40°F to 158°F)

Dimensions and weight

Table 21. Dimensions and weight

Feature	Specifications
Height	19.8 mm to 21 mm (0.78 inch to 0.83 inch)
Width	339 mm (13.34 inch)
Depth	241.9 mm (9.52 inch)
Weight	1.79 kg (3.94 lb)

Computer environment

Airborne contaminant level: G1 as defined by ISA-S71.04-1985

Table 22. Computer environment

	Operating	Storage
Temperature range	0°C to 40°C (32°F to 104°F)	-40°C to 65°C (-40°F to 149°F)
Relative humidity (maximum)	10% to 90% (non-condensing) (i) NOTE: Maximum dew point temperature = 26°C	0% to 95% (non-condensing) i NOTE: Maximum dew point temperature = 33°C
Vibration (maximum)	0.66 GRMS	1.30 GRMS
Shock (maximum)	140 G [†]	160 G [‡]
Altitude (maximum)	0 m to 3048 m (0 ft to 10,000 ft)	0 m to 10,668 m (0 ft to 35,000 ft)

^{*} Measured using a random vibration spectrum that simulates user environment.

Security

Table 23. Security specifications

Feature	Specifications
Trusted Platform Module (TPM) 2.0	Integrated on the system board
Discrete TPM	Integrated on the system board
Windows Hello Support	Optional
Cable cover	Optional
Chassis intrusion switch	Optional
Chassis lock slot and loop support	Optional

Security Software

Table 24. Security Software specifications

Feature	Specifications
Dell Endpoint Security Suite Enterprise	Optional
Dell Data Guardian	Optional
Dell Encryption (Enterprise or Personal)	Optional
Dell Threat Defense	Optional
RSA SecurID Access	Optional
RSA NetWitness Endpoint	Optional
MozyPro or MozyEnterprise	Optional

[†] Measured using a 2 ms half-sine pulse when the hard drive is in use.

Table 24. Security Software specifications (continued)

Feature	Specifications
VMware Airwatch/WorkspaceONE	Optional
Absolute Data & Device Security	Optional

System setup

System setup enables you to manage your notebook hardware and specify BIOS level options. From the System setup, you can:

- Change the NVRAM settings after you add or remove hardware
- View the system hardware configuration
- Enable or disable integrated devices
- Set performance and power management thresholds
- Manage your computer security

Topics:

- Boot menu
- Navigation keys
- System setup options
- System and setup password

Boot menu

Press <F12> when the Dell logo appears to initiate a one-time boot menu with a list of the valid boot devices for the system. Diagnostics and BIOS Setup options are also included in this menu. The devices listed on the boot menu depend on the bootable devices in the system. This menu is useful when you are attempting to boot to a particular device or to bring up the diagnostics for the system. Using the boot menu does not make any changes to the boot order stored in the BIOS.

The options are:

- UEFI Boot:
 - Windows Boot Manager
- •
- Other Options:
 - o BIOS Setup
 - o BIOS Flash Update
 - o Diagnostics
 - Change Boot Mode Settings

Navigation keys

NOTE: For most of the System Setup options, changes that you make are recorded but do not take effect until you restart the system.

Keys	Navigation	
Up arrow	Moves to the previous field.	
Down arrow	Moves to the next field.	
Enter	Selects a value in the selected field (if applicable) or follow the link in the field.	
Spacebar	Expands or collapses a drop-down list, if applicable.	
Tab	Moves to the next focus area.	
	i NOTE: For the standard graphics browser only.	

Keys Navigation

Moves to the previous page until you view the main screen. Pressing Esc in the main screen displays a message that prompts you to save any unsaved changes and restarts the system.

System setup options

i NOTE: Depending on the laptop and its installed devices, the items listed in this section may or may not appear.

General options

Table 25. General

Option	Description
System Information	Displays the following information:
	 System Information: Displays BIOS Version, Service Tag, Asset Tag, Ownership Tag, Ownership Date, Manufacture Date, and the Express Service Code. Memory Information: Displays Memory Installed, Memory Available, Memory Speed, Memory Channel Mode, Memory Technology, DIMM A size, and DIMM B size Processor Information: Displays Processor Type, Core Count, Processor ID, Current Clock Speed, Minimum Clock Speed, Maximum Clock Speed, Processor L2 Cache, Processor L3 Cache, HT Capable, and 64-Bit Technology. Device Information: Displays Primary HDD, ODD Device, M.2 SATA SSD, M.2 PCIe SSD-0, LOM MAC Address, Video Controller, Video BIOS Version, Video Memory, Panel type, Native Resolution, Audio Controller, Wi-Fi Device, and Bluetooth Device.
Battery Information	Displays the battery status health and whether the AC adapter is installed.
Boot Sequence	Allows you to specify the order in which the computer attempts to find an operating system from the devices specified in this list.
Advanced Boot Options	Allows you to select the Legacy Option ROMs option, when in UEFI boot mode. By default, no option is selected.
	Enable Legacy Option ROMsEnable Attempt Legacy Boot
UEFI Boot Path Security	This option controls whether or not the system will prompt the user to enter the Admin password when booting a UEFI boot path from the F12 Boot Menu. • Always, Except Internal HDD—Default • Always • Never
Date/Time	Allows you to set the date and time settings. Changes to the system date and time take effect immediately.

System information

Table 26. System Configuration

Option	Description
Integrated NIC	Allows you to configure the on-board LAN controller.
	Disabled = The internal LAN is off and not visible to the operating system.

Table 26. System Configuration (continued)

Option	Description
	 Enabled = The internal LAN is enabled. Enabled w/PXE = The internal LAN is enabled (with PXE boot) (selected by default)
SATA Operation	Allows you to configure the operating mode of the integrated hard drive controller. • Disabled = The SATA controllers are hidden • AHCI = SATA is configured for AHCI mode • RAID ON = SATA is configured to support RAID mode (selected by default)
Drives	Allows you to enable or disable the various drives on-board: SATA-0 (enabled by default) SATA-1 (enabled by default) SATA-2 (enabled by default) M.2 PCIe SSD-0 (enabled by default)
Smart Reporting	This field controls whether hard drive errors for integrated drives are reported during system startup. The Enable Smart Reporting option is disabled by default.
USB Configuration	Allows you to enable or disable the integrated USB controller for: • Enable USB Boot Support • Enable External USB Port All the options are enabled by default.
Audio	Allows you to enable or disable the integrated audio controller. The option Enable Audio is selected by default. • Enable Microphone • Enable Internal Speaker Both the options are selected by default.
Miscellaneous Devices	Allows you to enable or disable the following devices: • Enable Camera (enabled by default)

Video

Option Description

LCD Brightness

Allows you to set the display brightness depending up on the power source—On Battery and On AC. The LCD brightness is independent for battery and AC adapter. It can be set using the slider.

i NOTE: The video setting is visible only when a video card is installed into the system.

Security

Table 27. Security

Option	Description
Admin Password	Allows you to set, change, and delete the admin password.
System Password	Allows you to set, change, and delete the system password.
Strong Password	This option lets you enable or disable strong passwords for the system.
Password Configuration	Allows you to control the minimum and maximum number of characters allowed for a administrative password and the system password. The range of characters is between 4 and 32.

Table 27. Security (continued)

Option	Description
Password Bypass	This option lets you bypass the System (Boot) Password and the internal HDD password prompts during a system restart.
	Disabled — Always prompt for the system and internal HDD password when they are set. This option is enabled by default.
	Reboot Bypass — Bypass the password prompts on Restarts (warm boots).
	(i) NOTE: The system will always prompt for the system and internal HDD passwords when powered on from the off state (a cold boot). Also, the system will always prompt for passwords on any module bay HDDs that may be present.
Password Change	This option lets you determine whether changes to the System and Hard Disk passwords are permitted when an administrator password is set.
	Allow Non-Admin Password Changes - This option is enabled by default.
Non-Admin Setup Changes	Determines whether changes to the setup option are permitted when an administrator password is set.
UEFI Capsule Firmware Updates	This option controls whether this system allows BIOS updates via UEFI capsule update packages. This option is selected by default. Disabling this option will block BIOS updates from services such as Microsoft Windows Update and Linux Vendor Firmware Service (LVFS)
TPM 2.0 Security	Allows you to control whether the Trusted Platform Module (TPM) is visible to the operating system.
	TPM On (default)
	• Clear
	PPI Bypass for Enable Commands
	PPI Bypass for Disable Commands PPI Bypass for Class Commands
	PPI Bypass for Clear CommandsAttestation Enable (default)
	Key Storage Enable (default)
	• SHA-256 (default)
	Choose any one option:
	Disabled
	• Enabled (default)
Computrace(R)	This field lets you Activate or Disable the BIOS module interface of the optional Computrace Service from Absolute Software. Enables or disables the optional Computrace service designed for asset management.
	Deactivate
	Disable
	Activate - This option is selected by default.
OROM Keyboard Access	This option determines whether users are able to enter Option ROM configuration screen via hotkeys during boot.
	Enabled (default)
	Disabled
	One Time Enable
Admin Setup Lockout	Allows you to prevent users from entering Setup when Admin password is set. This option is not set by default.
Master Password Lockout	Allows you to disable master password support Hard Disk passwords need to be cleared before the settings can be changed. This option is not set by default.
SMM Security Mitigation	Allows you to enable or disable additional UEFI SMM Security Mitigation protections. This option is not set by default.

Secure boot

Table 28. Secure Boot

Option	Description
Secure Boot Enable	Allows you to enable or disable Secure Boot feature
	Secure Boot Enable
	This option is selected by default.
Secure Boot Mode	Allows you to modify the behavior of Secure Boot to allow evaluation or enforcement of UEFI driver signatures. • Deployed Mode (default) • Audit Mode
Expert key Management	Allows you to manipulate the security key databases only if the system is in Custom Mode. The Enable Custom Mode option is disabled by default. The options are: PK (default) KEK db dbx
	If you enable the Custom Mode , the relevant options for PK, KEK, db, and dbx appear. The options are:
	 Save to File- Saves the key to a user-selected file Replace from File- Replaces the current key with a key from a user-selected file Append from File- Adds a key to the current database from a user-selected file Delete- Deletes the selected key Reset All Keys- Resets to default setting Delete All Keys- Deletes all the keys
	(i) NOTE: If you disable the Custom Mode, all the changes made will be erased and the keys will restore to default settings.

Intel Software Guard Extensions

Table 29. Intel Software Guard Extensions

Option	Description
Intel SGX Enable	This field specifies you to provide a secured environment for running code/storing sensitive information in the context of the main OS.
	Click one of the following options:
	Disabled
	Enabled
	Software controlled—Default
Enclave Memory Size	This option sets SGX Enclave Reserve Memory Size
	Click one of the following options:
	● 32 MB
	• 64 MB
	• 128 MB—Default

Performance

Table 30. Performance

Option	Description
Multi Core Support	This field specifies whether the process has one or all cores enabled. The performance of some applications improves with the additional cores.
	All—Default 1
Intel SpeedStep	Allows you to enable or disable the Intel SpeedStep mode of processor.
	Enable Intel SpeedStep
	This option is set by default.
C-States Control	Allows you to enable or disable the additional processor sleep states.
	C states
	This option is set by default.
Intel TurboBoost	Allows you to enable or disable the Intel TurboBoost mode of the processor.
	Enable Intel TurboBoost
	This option is set by default.
Hyper-Thread Control	Allows you to enable or disable the HyperThreading in the processor.
	Disabled Enabled—Default

Power management

Option	Description
AC Behavior	Allows you to enable or disable the computer from turning on automatically when an AC adapter is connected.
	Default setting: Wake on AC is not selected.
Enable Intel Speed Shift Technology	 Enable Intel Speed Shift Technology Default setting: Enabled
Auto On Time	Allows you to set the time at which the computer must turn on automatically. The options are:
	DisabledEvery DayWeekdaysSelect Days
	Default setting: Disabled
USB Wake Support	Allows you to enable USB devices to wake the system from Standby. NOTE: This feature is only functional when the AC power adapter is connected. If the AC power adapter is removed during Standby, the system setup removes power from all the USB ports to conserve battery power.

Option Description

• Enable USB Wake Support

Wake on WLAN

Allows you to enable or disable the feature that powers on the computer from the Off state when triggered by a LAN signal.

- Disabled
- WLAN

Default setting: Disabled

Peak Shift

This option enables you to minimize the AC power consumption during the peak power times of day. After you enable this option, your system runs only in battery even if the AC is attached.

- Enable peak shift—is disabled
- Set battery threshold (15% to 100%) 15 % (enabled by default)

Advanced Battery Charge Configuration

This option enables you to maximize the battery health. By enabling this option, your system uses the standard charging algorithm and other techniques, during the non work hours to improve the battery health.

Enable Advanced Battery Charge Mode- is disabled

Primary Battery Charge Configuration

Allows you to select the charging mode for the battery. The options are:

- Adaptive—enabled by default
- Standard—Fully charges your battery at a standard rate.
- ExpressCharge—The battery charges over a shorter time using Dell's fast charging technology.
- Primarily AC use
- Custom

If Custom Charge is selected, you can also configure Custom Charge Start and Custom Charge Stop.

NOTE: All charging mode may not be available for all the batteries. To enable this option, disable the Advanced Battery Charge Configuration option.

POST behavior

Extended BIOS

POST Time

Option	Description
Adapter Warnings	Allows you to enable or disable the system setup (BIOS) warning messages when you use certain power adapters.
	Default setting: Enable Adapter Warnings
Numlock Enable	Allows you to enable the Numlock option when the computer boots.
	Enable Network. This option is enabled by default.
Fn Lock Options	Allows you to let hot key combinations Fn + Esc toggle the primary behavior of F1–F12, between their standard and secondary functions. If you disable this option, you cannot toggle dynamically the primary behavior of these keys. The available options are:
	 Fn Lock—enabled by default Lock Mode Disable/Standard—enabled by default Lock Mode Enable/Secondary
Fastboot	Allows you to speed up the boot process by bypassing some of the compatibility steps. The options are: • Minimal—enabled by default • Thorough • Auto

Allows you to create an extra preboot delay. The options are:

• 0 seconds—enabled by default.

Option	Description	
	5 seconds10 seconds	
Full Screen Log	Enable Full Screen Logo—not enabled	
Warnings and errors	 Prompt on warnings and errors—enabled by default Continue on warnings Continue on warnings and errors 	
Sign of Life Indication	Enable Sign of Life Keyboard Backlight Indication—enabled by default	

Virtualization support

Option	Description
Virtualization	This field specifies whether a virtual Machine Monitor (VMM) can utilize the conditional hardware capabilities provided by Intel Virtualization Technology.
	Enable Intel Virtualization Technology—enabled by default.
VT for Direct I/O	Enables or disables the Virtual Machine Monitor (VMM) from utilizing the additional hardware capabilities provided by Intel® Virtualization technology for direct I/O.
	Enable VT for Direct I/O - enabled by default.
Trusted Execution	This option specifies whether a Measured Virtual Machine Monitor (MVMM) can utilize the additional hardware capabilities provided by Intel Trusted Execution Technology. The TPM Virtualization Technology, and the Virtualization technology for direct I/O must be enabled to use this feature.
	Trusted Execution - disabled by default.

Wireless

Option Description

Wireless Switch

Allows to set the wireless devices that can be controlled by the wireless switch. The options are:

- WLAN
- Bluetooth

All the options are enabled by default.

NOTE: For WLAN enable or disable controls are tied together and they cannot be enabled or disabled independently.

Wireless Device Enable

Allows you to enable or disable the internal wireless devices.

- WLAN
- Bluetooth

All the options are enabled by default.

Maintenance screen

Option	Description
Service Tag	Displays the Service Tag of your computer.

Option Description

Asset Tag Allows you to create a system asset tag if an asset tag is not already set. This option is not set by default.

BIOS Downgrade This controls flashing of the system firmware to previous revisions. Option 'Allow BIOS downgrade' is

enabled by default.

Data Wipe This field allows users to erase the data securely from all internal storage devices. Option 'Wipe on Next

boot' is not enabled by default. The following is list of devices affected:

Internal SATA HDD/SSD

Internal M.2 SATA SDD

Internal M.2 PCle SSD

Internal eMMC

BIOS Recovery This field allows you to recover from certain corrupted BIOS conditions from a recover file on the user

primary hard drive or an external USB key.

BIOS Recovery from Hard Drive—enabled by default

Always perform integrity check—disabled by default

System logs

Option Description **BIOS Events** Allows you to view and clear the System Setup (BIOS) POST events. Thermal Events Allows you to view and clear the System Setup (Thermal) events. **Power Events** Allows you to view and clear the System Setup (Power) events.

SupportAssist System Resolution

Option Description

Auto OS Recovery Threshold Allows you to control the automatic boot flow for SupportAssist System. Options are:

Off

• 2 (Enabled by default)

SupportAssist **OS Recovery**

Allows you to recover the SupportAssist OS Recovery (Disabled by default)

System and setup password

Table 31. System and setup password

Password type	Description
System password	Password that you must enter to log on to your system.
Setup password	Password that you must enter to access and make changes to the BIOS settings of your computer.

You can create a system password and a setup password to secure your computer.

CAUTION: The password features provide a basic level of security for the data on your computer.

CAUTION: Anyone can access the data stored on your computer if it is not locked and left unattended.

Assigning a system setup password

Prerequisites

You can assign a new System or Admin Password only when the status is in Not Set.

About this task

To enter the system setup, press F2 immediately after a power-on or re-boot.

Steps

- In the System BIOS or System Setup screen, select Security and press Enter. The Security screen is displayed.
- 2. Select System/Admin Password and create a password in the Enter the new password field.

Use the following guidelines to assign the system password:

- A password can have up to 32 characters.
- The password can contain the numbers 0 through 9.
- Only lower case letters are valid, upper case letters are not allowed.
- Only the following special characters are allowed: space, ("), (+), (,), (-), (.), (/), (;), ([), (\), (]), (`).
- 3. Type the system password that you entered earlier in the Confirm new password field and click OK.
- 4. Press Esc and a message prompts you to save the changes.
- **5.** Press Y to save the changes. The computer reboots.

Deleting or changing an existing system setup password

Prerequisites

Ensure that the **Password Status** is Unlocked (in the System Setup) before attempting to delete or change the existing System and/or Setup password. You cannot delete or change an existing System or Setup password, if the **Password Status** is Locked.

About this task

To enter the System Setup, press F2 immediately after a power-on or reboot.

Steps

- 1. In the **System BIOS** or **System Setup** screen, select **System Security** and press Enter. The **System Security** screen is displayed.
- 2. In the System Security screen, verify that Password Status is Unlocked.
- 3. Select System Password, alter or delete the existing system password and press Enter or Tab.
- 4. Select **Setup Password**, alter or delete the existing setup password and press Enter or Tab.
 - NOTE: If you change the System and/or Setup password, re-enter the new password when prompted. If you delete the System and/or Setup password, confirm the deletion when prompted.
- 5. Press Esc and a message prompts you to save the changes.
- **6.** Press Y to save the changes and exit from System Setup. The computer reboot.

Software

This chapter details the supported operating systems along with instructions on how to install the drivers.

Topics:

• Downloading drivers

Downloading drivers

Steps

- 1. Turn on the notebook.
- 2. Go to Dell.com/support.
- 3. Click **Product Support**, enter the Service Tag of your notebook, and then click **Submit**.
 - i NOTE: If you do not have the Service Tag, use the auto detect feature or manually browse for your notebook model.
- 4. Click Drivers and Downloads.
- **5.** Select the operating system installed on your notebook.
- 6. Scroll down the page and select the driver to install.
- 7. Click **Download File** to download the driver for your notebook.
- 8. After the download is complete, navigate to the folder where you saved the driver file.
- 9. Double-click the driver file icon and follow the instructions on the screen.

Getting help

Topics:

Contacting Dell

Contacting Dell

Prerequisites

NOTE: If you do not have an active Internet connection, you can find contact information on your purchase invoice, packing slip, bill, or Dell product catalog.

About this task

Dell provides several online and telephone-based support and service options. Availability varies by country and product, and some services may not be available in your area. To contact Dell for sales, technical support, or customer service issues:

Steps

- 1. Go to Dell.com/support.
- 2. Select your support category.
- 3. Verify your country or region in the Choose a Country/Region drop-down list at the bottom of the page.
- 4. Select the appropriate service or support link based on your need.