ThinkCentre neo 30a 22 Gen 3
ThinkCentre neo 30a 24 Gen 3
User Guide



Read this first

Before using this documentation and the product it supports, ensure that you read and understand the following:

- *Safety and Warranty Guide*
- *Generic Safety and Compliance Notices*
- *Setup Guide*

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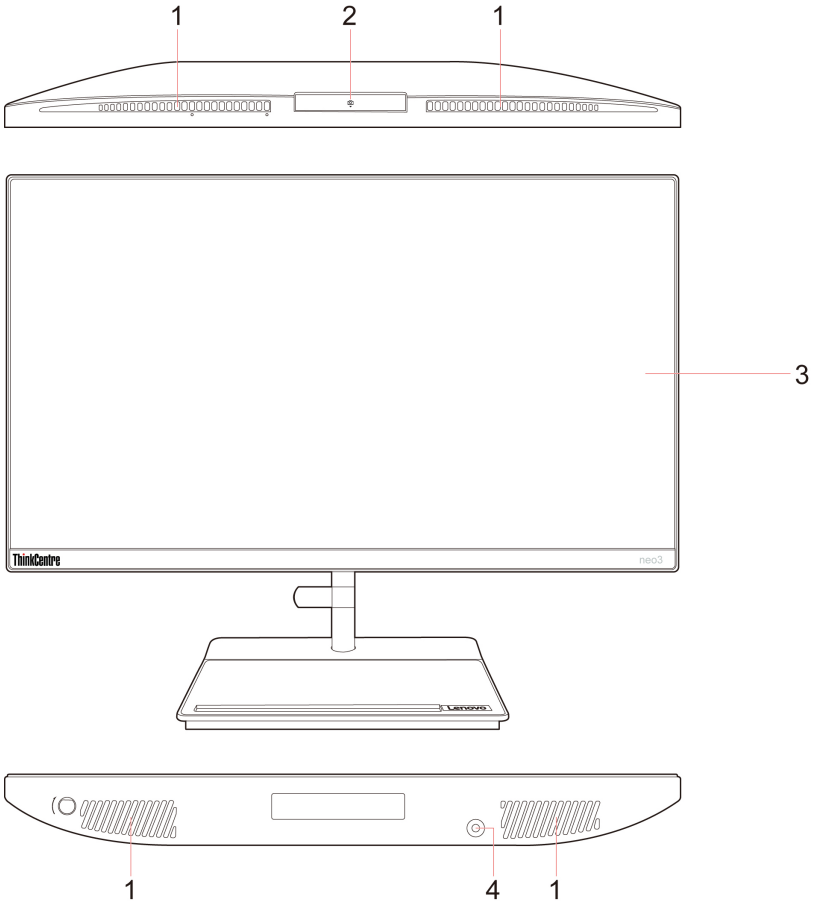
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- Illustrations in this documentation might look different from your product.
- Depending on the model, some optional accessories, features, software programs, and user interface instructions might not be applicable to your computer.
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Chapter 1. Meet your computer

Overview

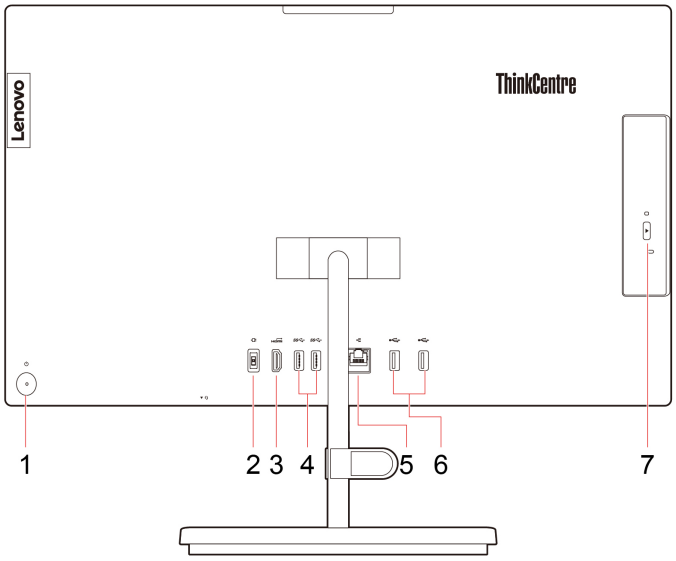


1. Air vents	2. Camera*
3. Screen	4. Combo audio jack

* for selected models

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Rear



1. Power button/Power button indicator	2. Power connector
3. HDMI™ out connector	4. USB 3.2 connectors
5. Ethernet connector	6. USB 2.0 connectors
7. Optical drive eject button*	

* for selected models

Related topics

- “USB specifications” on page 4.

Power indicator

Show the system status of your computer.

- **Blinking for three times:** The computer is initially connected to power.
- **On:** The computer is on.
- **Off:** The computer is off or in hibernation mode.
- **Blinking rapidly:** The computer is entering sleep or hibernation mode.
- **Blinking slowly:** The computer is in sleep mode.

Features and specifications

For detailed specifications of your computer, go to https://psref.lenovo.com.

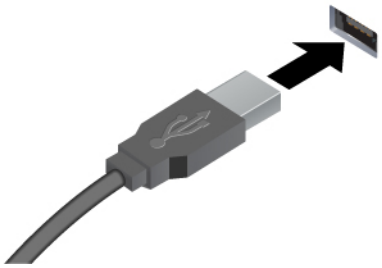
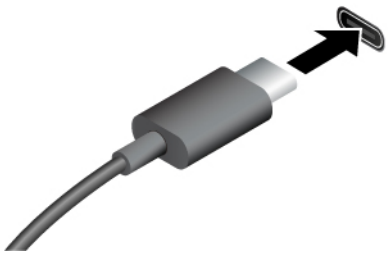
Dimensions	• ThinkCentre neo 30a 22 Gen 3 – Width: 490.3 mm (19.3 inches) – Height: 294.1 mm (11.6 inches) – Depth: 53.8 mm (2.1 inches) • ThinkCentre neo 30a 24 Gen 3 – Width: 541.0 mm (21.3 inches) – Height: 322.7 mm (12.7 inches) – Depth: 53.8 mm (2.1 inches)
Weight (without packaging)	Maximum configuration as shipped: • ThinkCentre neo 30a 22 Gen 3: 5.7 kg (12.6 lb) • ThinkCentre neo 30a 24 Gen 3: 6.7 kg (14.8 lb)
Hardware configuration	1. Open the system menu from the top-right corner and click **Settings**. 2. Click **About**.
Power supply	90-watt automatic voltage-sensing power supply
Electrical input	• Input voltage: From 100 V ac to 240 V ac • Input frequency: 50/60 Hz
Microprocessor	To view the microprocessor information of your computer, enter **Settings** and then click **About**.
Memory	Up to two double data rate 4 (DDR4) small outline dual in-line memory modules (SODIMMs)
Storage device	• 2.5-inch form factor, 7-mm (0.28-inch) height hard disk drive* • M.2 solid-state drive* To view the storage drive capacity of your computer, use the **Disks** application. **Note:** The storage drive capacity indicated by the system is less than the nominal capacity.
Video features	• Color display with In-Plane Switching (IPS) technology • Display size: – ThinkCentre neo 30a 22 Gen 3: 546.1 mm (21.5 inches) – ThinkCentre neo 30a 24 Gen 3: 604.52 mm (23.8 inches) • Display resolution: 1920 x 1080 pixels • The integrated graphics card supports the following: – HDMI out connector

Expansion	• Memory slots • M.2 solid-state drive slots • Optical drive* • Storage drive bay
Network features	• Bluetooth • Ethernet LAN • Wireless LAN

* for selected models

USB specifications

Note: Depending on the model, some USB connectors might not be available on your computer.

Connector name	Description
 • USB 2.0 connector • SS USB 3.2 connector Gen 1 • 10 USB 3.2 connector Gen 2	Connect USB-compatible devices, such as a USB keyboard, USB mouse, USB storage device, or USB printer.
 • SS USB-C (3.2 Gen 1) connector • 10 USB-C (3.2 Gen 2) connector • USB-C (Thunderbolt 3) connector • USB-C (Thunderbolt 4) connector	• Charge USB-C compatible devices with the output voltage and current of 5 V and 3 A. • Connect to an external display: – USB-C to VGA: 1900 x 1200 pixels, 60 Hz – USB-C to DP: 3840 x 2160 pixels, 60 Hz • Connect to USB-C accessories to help expand your computer functionality. To purchase USB-C accessories, go to https://www.lenovo.com/accessories.

Statement on USB transfer rate

Depending on many factors such as the processing capability of the host and peripheral devices, file attributes, and other factors related to system configuration and operating environments, the actual transfer

rate using the various USB connectors on this device will vary and will be slower than the data rate listed below for each corresponding device.

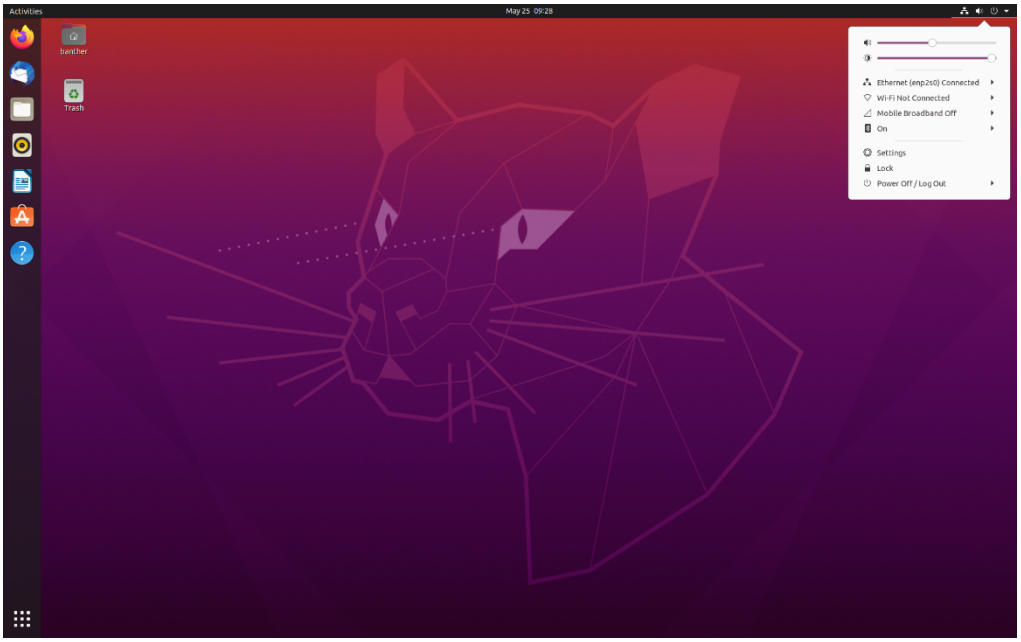
USB device	Data rate (Gbit/s)
3.2 Gen 1 / 3.1 Gen 1	5
3.2 Gen 2 / 3.1 Gen 2	10
3.2 Gen 2 × 2	20
Thunderbolt 3	40
Thunderbolt 4	40

Chapter 2. Get started with your computer

Get started with Ubuntu Desktop

Learn the basics of Ubuntu and start working with it right away. For more information about Ubuntu, see the Ubuntu documentation site at: https://help.ubuntu.com/lts/ubuntu-help/index.html.

The Gnome desktop is installed by default and is designed to be simple and easy to use. Details on using Gnome are available by launching the Help application or online at https://help.gnome.org/users/.



Launch an app

- Press the Super key (with the Windows logo) or open the Activities menu on the top left and type in the name of the application you want to launch.
- Click the **Show Applications** button on the lower left, and select the application you want to launch.

Launch settings

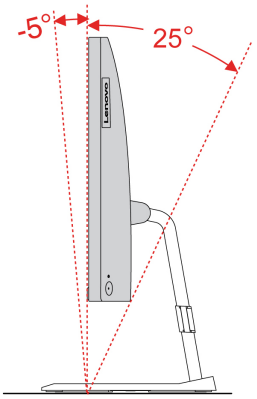
Open the system menu from the top-right corner and click **Settings**.

Adjust the computer stand (for selected models)

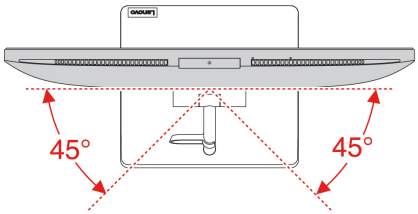
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- Adjust the vertical position

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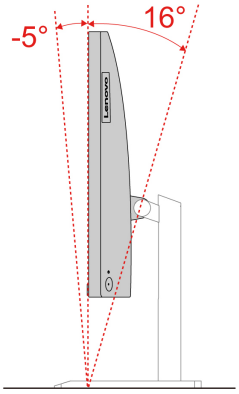


- Adjusting the left or the right angle

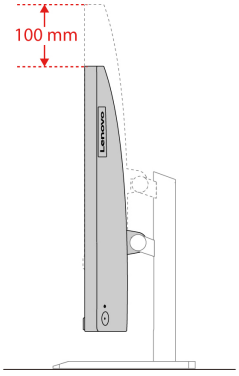


Type 2 (for selected 24-inch models only)

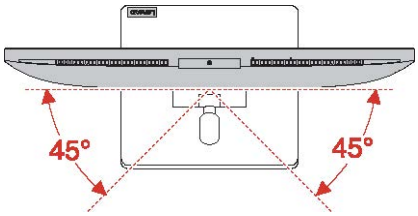
- Adjust the vertical position



- Adjust the height



- Adjusting the left or the right angle



Access networks

This section helps you access networks through connecting to a wired or wireless network.

Connect to the wired Ethernet

Connect your computer to a local network through the Ethernet connector on your computer with an Ethernet cable.

Connect to Wi-Fi networks (for selected models)

If your computer includes a wireless LAN module, you can connect your computer to Wi-Fi®networks.

1. Open the system menu from the top-right corner and expand the Wi-Fi section of the menu.
2. Click **Select Network**. A list of available wireless networks is displayed.
3. Select a network available for connection. Provide required information, if needed.

Connect an external display

Connect a projector or a monitor to your computer to give presentations or expand your workspace.

Change display settings

Right-click a blank area on the desktop and select **Display settings**. Then, you can change display settings as you prefer.

Chapter 3. Explore your computer

Night light

Blue light is the high-energy visible light in the light spectrum. Excessive exposure to blue light might damage your vision. Night light is a feature that reduces the blue light emitted by computer displays. When the night light is on, your computer display shows warmer colors that help you reduce eye strain.

To turn on or turn off the night light:

- Type `Night light` in the search box. Click **Night light**. Then, follow the on-screen instructions.
- Open the system menu from the top-right corner and then click **Settings → Displays → Night Light**. Then, turn on or turn off the **Night light** switch.

Note: Selected Lenovo computers are low blue-light certified. These computers are tested with night light turned on and color temperature set to the default value of 48.

Set the power plan

For ENERGY STAR® compliant computers, the following power plan takes effect when your computers have been idle for a specified duration:

- turn off the display: After 10 minutes
- put the computer to sleep: After 10 minutes

To awaken the computer from Sleep mode, press any key on your keyboard.

To reset the power plan:

1. Right-click the battery status icon and select **Power Options**.
2. Choose or customize a power plan of your preference.

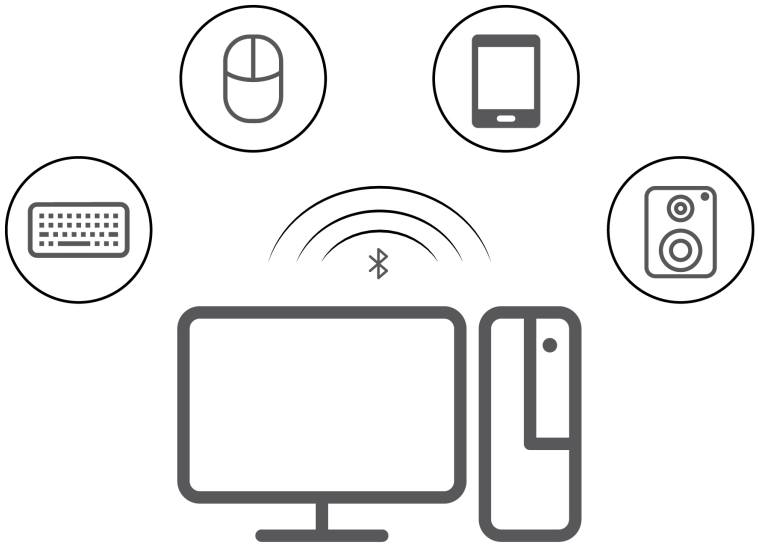
Transfer data

Quickly share your files using the built-in Bluetooth technology among devices with the same features. You also can install a disc or media card to transfer data.

Connect to a Bluetooth-enabled device (for selected models)

You can connect all types of Bluetooth-enabled devices to your computer, such as a keyboard, a mouse, a smartphone, or speakers. Place the device that you are attempting to connect to less than 10 meters (33 feet) from the computer.

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1. Turn on Bluetooth on the computer.
   a. Open the system menu from the top-right corner and then click **Settings → Bluetooth**.
   b. In the Bluetooth section enable Bluetooth with the toggle button at the top.
2. Any discoverable devices will be shown in the **Devices** list.
3. Select a Bluetooth device, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

Use the optical drive (for selected models)

If your computer has an optical drive, read the following information.

Install or remove a disc

1. With the computer on, press the eject button on the optical drive. The tray slides out of the drive.
2. Insert a disc into the tray or remove a disc from the tray, and then push the tray back into the drive.

Note: If the tray does not slide out of the drive when you press the eject button, turn off the computer. Then, insert a straightened paper clip into the emergency-eject hole adjacent to the eject button. Use the emergency eject only in an emergency.

Record a disc

1. Insert a recordable disc into the optical drive that supports recording.
2. In the **Blank CD/DVD-R Disc** notification that pops up at the bottom of the screen, select **Open with CD/DVD Creator**.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions.

Use a media card (for selected models)

If your computer has an SD-card slot, read the following information.

Install a media card

1. Locate the SD-card slot.
2. Ensure that the metal contacts on the card are facing the ones in the SD-card slot. Insert the card firmly into the SD-card slot until it is secured in place.

Remove a media card

Attention: Before removing a media card, unmount the card from the operating system first. Otherwise, data on the card might get corrupted or lost.

1. Launch the **Files** application.
2. Select the unmount icon next to the card and unmount the card from the operating system.
3. Press the card and remove it from your computer. Store the card safely for future use.

Purchase accessories

Lenovo has a number of hardware accessories and upgrades to help expand the capabilities of your computer. Options include memory modules, storage devices, network cards, power adapters, keyboards, mice, and more.

To shop at Lenovo, go to https://www.lenovo.com/accessories.

Chapter 4. Secure your computer and information

UEFI BIOS passwords

You can set passwords in UEFI (Unified Extensible Firmware Interface) BIOS (Basic Input/Output System) to strengthen the security of your computer.

Password types

You can set a power-on password, supervisor password, system management password, or hard disk password in UEFI BIOS to prevent unauthorized access to your computer. However, you are not prompted to enter any UEFI BIOS password when your computer resumes from sleep mode.

- Power-on password

  When a power-on password is set, you are prompted to enter a valid password each time the computer is turned on.

- Supervisor password

  Setting a supervisor password deters unauthorized users from changing configuration settings. If you are responsible for maintaining the configuration settings of several computers, you might want to set a supervisor password.

  When a supervisor password is set, you are prompted to enter a valid password each time you try to enter the BIOS menu.

  If both the power-on password and supervisor password are set, you can enter either password. However, you must use your supervisor password to change any configuration settings.

- Hard disk password

  Setting a hard disk password prevents unauthorized access to the data on the storage drive. When a hard disk password is set, you are prompted to enter a valid password each time you try to access the storage drive.

  Note: After you set a hard disk password, your data on the storage drive is protected even if the storage drive is removed from one computer and installed in another.

- System management password (for selected models)

  You can enable the system management password to have the same authority as the supervisor password to control security related features. To customize the authority of the system management password through the UEFI BIOS menu:

  1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 or Fn+F1.
  2. Select **Security → System Management Password Access Control**.
  3. Follow the on-screen instructions.

  If you have set both the supervisor password and the system management password, the supervisor password overrides the system management password.

Set, change, and remove a password

Before you start, print these instructions.

1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 or Fn+F1.
2. Select **Security**.
3. Depending on the password type, select **Set Supervisor Password**, **Set Power-On Password**, **Set System Management Password**, or **Hard Disk Password** and press Enter.

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4. Follow the on-screen instructions to set, change, or remove a password.
5. Press F10 or Fn+F10 to save the changes and exit.

You should record your passwords and store them in a safe place. If you forget the passwords, contact a Lenovo-authorized service provider to have the passwords removed.

Note: If the hard disk password is forgotten, Lenovo cannot remove the password or recover data from the storage drive.

Use BIOS security solutions

This section provides BIOS solutions to secure your computer and information.

Cover presence switch

The cover presence switch prevents the computer from logging in to the operating system when the computer cover is not properly installed or closed.

To enable the cover presence switch connector on the system board:

1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 or Fn+F1.
2. Select **Security → Cover Tamper Detected** and press Enter.
3. Select **Enabled** and press Enter.
4. Press F10 or Fn+F10 to save the changes and exit.

If the cover presence switch is enabled and the computer cover is not correctly installed or closed, an error message will be displayed when you turn on the computer. To bypass the error message and log in to the operating system:

1. Properly install or close the computer cover.
2. Enter the BIOS menu, save and then exit.

Intel BIOS guard

The Intel BIOS Guard module cryptographically verifies all BIOS updates. This hardware-based security helps prevent software and malware attacks on the computers BIOS.

Chapter 5. UEFI BIOS

This chapter provides information about configuring and updating UEFI BIOS, and clearing CMOS.

What is UEFI BIOS

Note: The operating system settings might override any similar settings in UEFI BIOS.

UEFI BIOS is the first program that the computer runs when the computer is turned on. UEFI BIOS initializes the hardware components and loads the operating system and other programs. Your computer comes with a setup program with which you can change UEFI BIOS settings.

Enter the BIOS menu

Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 or Fn+F1 to enter the BIOS menu.

Note: If you have set BIOS passwords, enter the correct passwords when prompted. You also can select **No** or press Esc to skip the password prompt and enter the BIOS menu. However, you cannot change the system configurations that are protected by passwords.

Navigate in the BIOS interface

Attention: The default configurations are already optimized for you in **boldface**. Improper change of the configurations might cause unexpected results.

Depending on your keyboard, you can navigate in the BIOS interface by pressing the following keys, or combinations of Fn and the following keys:

Key	Function
F1 or Fn+F1	General Help
Esc or Fn+Esc	Exit the submenu
↑ ↓ or Fn+↑ ↓	Locate an item
← → or Fn+← →	Move keyboard focus
+/– or Fn++/–	Change value
Enter	Enter the submenu
F9 or Fn+F9	Setup Defaults
F10 or Fn+F10	Save and exit

Change the display language of UEFI BIOS

UEFI BIOS supports three or four display languages: English, French, simplified Chinese, and Russian (for selected models).

To change the display language of UEFI BIOS:

1. Select **Main → Language** and press Enter.
2. Set the display language as desired.

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Change the display mode of UEFI BIOS (for selected models)

You can use UEFI BIOS in the graphic mode or the text mode according to your needs.

The keys on the keyboard used to perform various tasks are displayed at the bottom of the screen. In addition to the keyboard, you also can use the mouse to make selections.

To change the display mode of UEFI BIOS:

1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 or Fn+F1.
2. Select **Main → Setup Mode Select** and press Enter.
3. Set the display mode as desired.

Set the system date and time

1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 or Fn+F1.
2. Select **Main → System Time & Date** and press Enter.
3. Set the system date and time as desired.
4. Press F10 or Fn+F10 to save the changes and exit.

Change the boot priority order

If the computer does not boot from a device as expected, you can change the boot priority order permanently or select a temporary boot device.

Change the boot priority order permanently

1. Depending on the type of the storage device, do one of the following:
   - If the storage device is internal, go to step 2.
   - If the storage device is a disc, ensure that the computer is on or turn on the computer. Then, insert the disc into the optical drive.
   - If the storage device is an external device other than a disc, connect the storage device to the computer.
2. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 or Fn+F1.
3. Select **Startup → Boot Priority Order**, and then follow the on-screen instructions to change the boot priority order.
4. You can also select the first priority device group by selecting **Startup → First Boot Device**, and then follow the on-screen instructions to select the first boot device within this group. Your computer will boot from the first boot device before trying the boot priority order you set in the previous step.
5. Press F10 or Fn+F10 to save the changes and exit.

Select a temporary boot device

Note: Not all discs and storage drives are bootable.

1. Depending on the type of the storage device, do one of the following:
   - If the storage device is internal, go to step 2.
   - If the storage device is a disc, ensure that the computer is on or turn on the computer. Then, insert the disc into the optical drive.
   - If the storage device is an external device other than a disc, connect the storage device to the computer.

2. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F12 or Fn+F12.
3. Select the storage device as desired and press Enter.

If you want to change the boot priority order permanently, select **Enter Setup** on Startup Device Menu and press Enter to enter the BIOS menu.

Enable or disable the automatic power-on feature

The Automatic Power On item in UEFI BIOS provides various options for you to make your computer start up automatically.

To enable or disable the automatic power-on feature:

1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 or Fn+F1.
2. Select **Power → Automatic Power On** and press Enter.
3. Select the feature as desired and press Enter.
4. Enable or disable the feature as desired.
5. Press F10 or Fn+F10 to save the changes and exit.

Enable or disable the ErP LPS compliance mode

Lenovo computers meet the eco-design requirements of the ErP Lot 3 regulation. For more information, go to:
https://www.lenovo.com/us/en/compliance/eco-declaration

You can enable the ErP LPS compliance mode to reduce the consumption of electricity when the computer is off or in sleep mode.

To enable or disable the ErP LPS compliance mode:

1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 or Fn+F1.
2. Select **Power → Enhanced Power Saving Mode** and press Enter.
3. Depending on whether you select **Enabled** or **Disabled**, do one of the following:
   - If you select **Enabled**, press Enter. Then, select **Power → Automatic Power On** and press Enter. Check whether the Wake on LAN feature is disabled automatically. If no, disable it.
   - If you select **Disabled**, press Enter. Then, go to the next step.
4. Press F10 or Fn+F10 to save the changes and exit.

When the ErP LPS compliance mode is enabled, you can wake up the computer by doing one of the following:

- Press the power button.
- Enable the Wake Up on Alarm feature to make the computer wake up at a set time.

Change the ITS performance mode

You can adjust the acoustic and thermal performance of your computer by changing the ITS performance mode. Three options are available:

- **Balance mode**: The computer works at the balance mode with balanced noise and better performance.
- **Performance mode** (default setting): The computer works at the best performance with normal acoustic level.

Note: The term “best” only refers to the best effect among different settings of the product itself.

- **Full Speed**: All fans in the computer will run at full speed.

To change the ITS performance mode:

1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 or Fn+F1.
2. Select **Power → Intelligent Cooling** and press Enter.
3. Select **Performance Mode** and press Enter.
4. Set the performance mode as desired.
5. Press F10 or Fn+F10 to save the changes and exit.

Change BIOS settings before installing a new operating system

BIOS settings vary by operating system. Change the BIOS settings before installing a new operating system.

To change the BIOS settings:

1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 or Fn+F1.
2. From the main interface, select **Security → Secure Boot** and press Enter.
3. Depending on the operating system to be installed, do one of the following:
   - To install the Windows 10 (64-bit) and most of Linux operating system, select **Enabled** for **Secure Boot**.
   - To install an operating system that does not support secure boot, select **Disabled** for **Secure Boot**.
4. Press F10 or Fn+F10 to save the changes and exit.

Update UEFI BIOS

When you install a new program, device driver, or hardware component, you might need to update UEFI BIOS. You can update the BIOS from your operating system or a flash update disc (supported only on selected models).

Download and install the latest UEFI BIOS update package by one of the following methods:

- Using the built-in software update service:

  Ubuntu software update will check the LVFS site for any firmware updates and notify you when updates are available.
- From the Lenovo Support Web site:
  1. Go to https://pcsupport.lenovo.com.
  2. Download the flash BIOS update driver for the operating system version or the ISO image version (used to create a flash update disc). Then, download the installation instructions for the flash BIOS update driver you have downloaded.
  3. Print the installation instructions and follow the instructions to update the BIOS.

Recover from a BIOS update failure

1. Remove all media from the drives and turn off all connected devices.
2. Insert the BIOS update disc into the optical drive, and then turn off the computer.
3. Disconnect all power cords from electrical outlets. Then, remove any parts that impede access to the JCRIS1 pads.
4. Reconnect the power cords for the computer and the monitor to electrical outlets.

5. Short-circuit the JCRIS1 pads, and then turn on the computer and the monitor.
6. Release the JCRIS1 pads when the computer beeps. The recovery process begins.
7. After the recovery process is completed, the computer will be turned off automatically.

   Note: Depending on the computer model, the recovery process will take two to three minutes.
8. Disconnect all power cords from electrical outlets.
9. Reinstall all the parts that have been removed. Then, reconnect the power cords for the computer and the monitor to electrical outlets.
10. Turn on the computer and the monitor. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 or Fn+F1.
11. To prevent data loss, ensure that BIOS settings are restored to an earlier point. For BIOS configurations, see Chapter 5 “UEFI BIOS” on page 17.

Clear CMOS

1. Remove all media from the drives and turn off all connected devices and the computer.
2. Disconnect all power cords from electrical outlets. Then, remove any parts that impede access to the JCRIS1 pads.
3. Reconnect the power cords for the computer and the monitor to electrical outlets.
4. Use a flat head screwdriver to short-circuit the JCRIS1 pads. Meanwhile, turn on the computer and the monitor.
5. Release the screwdriver when the computer beeps. Wait for approximately 10 seconds.
6. Turn off the computer by holding the power button for approximately four seconds.
7. Disconnect all power cords from electrical outlets.
8. Reinstall all the parts that have been removed. Then, reconnect the power cords for the computer and the monitor to electrical outlets.
9. Turn on the computer and the monitor. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 or Fn+F1.
10. To prevent data loss, ensure that BIOS settings are restored to an earlier point. For BIOS configurations, see Chapter 5 “UEFI BIOS” on page 17.

Chapter 6. Troubleshooting, diagnostics, and recovery

This chapter provides solutions to resolve computer problems. Use the basic procedure as a starting point for resolving computer problems.

Basic procedure for resolving computer problems

Prerequisite

Before you start, read *Generic Safety and Compliance Notices*, and print the following instructions.

1. Check that:
   a. The cables for all connected devices are connected correctly and securely.
   b. All components have been reassembled correctly.
   c. All connected devices that require ac power are connected to properly grounded and working electrical outlets.
   d. All connected devices are enabled in UEFI BIOS.
2. Use an antivirus program (if any) to see if the computer has been infected by a virus. If the program detects a virus, remove the virus.
3. See Chapter 6 “Troubleshooting, diagnostics, and recovery” on page 23 to resolve the problem you are experiencing, run the diagnostic program, and recover your operating system.
4. If the problem persists, contact Lenovo. See Chapter 8 “Help and support” on page 33.

Troubleshooting

Use the troubleshooting information to find solutions to problems that have definite symptoms.

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Screen problems

Problem	Solution
The screen goes blank while the computer is on.	• The computer voltage matches the voltage available at the electrical outlet for your country or region. • Press a key to exit the screen saver. • Press the power button to wake the computer from sleep or hibernation mode. • The brightness and contrast is set correctly. • If the screen goes blank when some programs start, install the device drivers for the programs. Refer to the documentation for the affected program to check whether any device drivers are required.
The image appears to be flickering.	• The screen might be affected by interference from nearby equipment. Magnetic fields around other devices, such as transformers, appliances, fluorescent lights, and other monitors, might be causing the problem. Move fluorescent desk lighting or any equipment that produces magnetic fields farther away from the screen. If the problem persists, turn off the computer. Then, adjust the placement of the computer and other devices so that they are at least 305 mm (12 inches) apart. Turn on the computer. • Reset the refresh rate. 1. Right-click a blank area on the desktop. 2. Click **Display settings**. On the **Display** tab, change the refresh rate to be the highest.
The image is discolored.	• The screen might be affected by interference from nearby equipment. Move fluorescent desk lighting or any equipment that produces magnetic fields farther away from the screen. • Turn off the computer. Then, adjust the placement of the computer and other devices so that they are at least 305 mm (12 inches) apart. Turn on the computer.

Audio problems

Problem	Solution
The sound comes from one of the external speakers.	• Ensure that the speaker cable is inserted completely into the connector on the computer. • Ensure that the cable that connects the left speaker to the right speaker is securely connected. • Ensure that the balance settings are set correctly.

Network problems

Note: The Wi-Fi® and Bluetooth features are optional.

Problem	Solution
The computer cannot connect to an Ethernet LAN.	• Connect the cable from the Ethernet connector to the RJ45 connector of the hub. • Enable the Ethernet LAN feature in UEFI BIOS. • Enable the Ethernet LAN adapter. 1. Go to **Settings** and select **Network**. 2. Ensure the **Ethernet** option is enabled. • Update or reinstall the Ethernet LAN driver. • Install all networking software that is necessary for your network environment. Check with your LAN administrator for the necessary networking software. • Set the same duplex for the switch port and the adapter. If you configured the adapter for full duplex, ensure that the switch port is also configured for full duplex. Setting a wrong duplex mode might degrade performance, cause data loss, or result in lost connections.
When a Gigabit Ethernet model computer is used at a speed of 1000 Mbps, the Ethernet LAN connection fails or errors occur.	Connect the network cable to the Ethernet connector using Category 5 wiring and a 100 BASE-T hub/switch (not 100 BASE-X).
The Wake On LAN (WOL) feature does not work.	Enable the Wake On LAN feature in UEFI BIOS.
The Wi-Fi feature does not work.	• Enable the Wi-Fi feature in UEFI BIOS. • Enable all Wi-Fi devices. 1. Launch **Settings** and choose **Wi-Fi**. 2. Make sure that Wi-Fi is enabled by the toggle at the top. 3. Select the settings cog next to each Wi-Fi device, and make sure that it is configured and enabled. • Update or reinstall the Wi-Fi driver.
The Bluetooth feature does not work.	• Enable the Bluetooth feature in UEFI BIOS. • Enable all Bluetooth devices. 1. Launch **Settings** and choose **Bluetooth**. 2. Make sure that Bluetooth is enabled by the toggle at the top. 3. Click on each device to enable and start pairing. • Update or reinstall the Bluetooth driver.
Sound does not come from the Bluetooth headset or headphones.	Select the Bluetooth headset or headphones as the default audio output device in advanced sound settings.

Performance problems

Problem	Solution
The free storage drive space is insufficient.	• Clean out your Inbox, Sent Items, and Deleted Items folders from your e-mail application. • Clean up your C drive. 1. Launch the **Disk Usage Analyzer** application. 2. Select the drive to analyze. 3. Use the results to track down where your space is being used and clean up appropriately.
The free memory space is insufficient.	• Launch the **System Monitor** application. • Use the Memory column to determine which processes are using memory and can be ended.

Storage drive problems

Problem	Solution
Some or all storage drives are missing from the BIOS menu.	• Ensure that the signal cables and power cables for all the storage drives are connected correctly. • Ensure that the computer is configured correctly to support the storage drives. – If the computer is installed with SATA storage drives, ensure that the SATA storage drive enablement module (one to five storage drives) is installed. – If the computer is installed with SAS storage drives, ensure that the SAS storage drive enablement module (one to five storage drives) or the LSI MegaRAID SAS adapter is installed.

CD or DVD problems

Problem	Solution
A CD or DVD does not work.	• Ensure that the optical drive supports the CD or DVD. • Ensure that the disc is inserted correctly, with its label up. • Ensure that the disc you are using is clean. To remove dust or fingerprints, wipe the disc clean with a soft cloth from the center to the outside. Wiping a disc in a circular motion might cause loss of data. • Ensure that the power cable and signal cable are securely connected to the drive. • Ensure that the disc you are using is not scratched or damaged. Try inserting another disc that you know works. • If you have multiple CD or DVD drives installed (or a combination of CD and DVD drives), try inserting the disc into the other drive. In some cases, only one of the drives is connected to the audio subsystem.
A bootable recovery medium, such as the Product Recovery CD, cannot be used to start your computer.	Ensure that the CD or DVD drive is set as the top priority of the boot priority order in UEFI BIOS. **Note:** On some computer models, the startup sequence is permanently set and cannot be changed.
A black screen is displayed instead of the DVD video.	• Restart the DVD player program. • Try a lower screen resolution or color depth. • Close any open files, and then restart the computer.
A DVD movie does not play.	• Ensure that the disc surface is clean and not scratched. • Check the disc or packaging for regional coding. You might need to purchase a disc with coding for the region where you are using the computer.
No audio or only an intermittent audio comes out while a DVD movie is playing.	• Check the volume control settings on the computer and on your speakers. • Ensure that the disc surface is clean and not scratched. • Check all cable connections to and from the speakers. • Use the DVD menu for the video to select a different audio track.
The playback is slow or choppy.	• Disable any background programs that are using CPU or memory resources. • Ensure that video resolution is less than 1152 x 864 pixels.
A message indicating invalid disc or no disc found is displayed.	• Ensure that the disc is in the drive with the shiny side of the disc facing down. • Ensure that video resolution is less than 1152 x 864 pixels. • Ensure that the DVD or CD is inserted into an appropriate optical drive. For example, do not insert a DVD into a CD-only drive.

USB device problems

Problem	Solution
A USB device cannot be accessed.	• Connect the USB cable from the USB connector to the USB device. If the USB device has its own power cord, connect the power cord to a grounded electrical outlet. • Turn on the USB device and keep the device online. • Install any device drivers or programs supplied with the USB device. Refer to the documentation that comes with the USB device for more information. • Disconnect and reconnect the USB connector to reset the USB device. • Ensure that the Smart USB Protection function is disabled in UEFI BIOS.

Software problems

Problem	Solution
Some programs do not work as expected.	1. Check whether the problem is caused by a program. a. Ensure that the software is compatible with the computer. Refer to the information supplied with the software for more information. b. Verify that other software works correctly on the computer. c. Verify that the software you are using works on another computer. 2. If the problem is caused by a program: • Refer to the printed documentation that comes with the program or the help system of the program. • Update the program. • Uninstall the program and then reinstall it. To download a program that is preinstalled on your computer, go to https://pcsupport.lenovo.com and follow the on-screen instructions.

Lenovo diagnostic tools

For information about Lenovo diagnostic tools, go to:
https://pcsupport.lenovo.com/lenovodiagnosticsolutions

Chapter 7. CRU replacement

Customer Replaceable Units (CRUs) are parts that can be upgraded or replaced by the customer. Lenovo computers contain the following types of CRUs:

- **Self-service CRUs:** Refer to parts that can be installed or replaced easily by customer themselves or by trained service technicians at an additional cost.
- **Optional-service CRUs:** Refer to parts that can be installed or replaced by customers with a greater skill level. Trained service technicians can also provide service to install or replace the parts under the type of warranty designated for the customer's machine.

If you intend on installing the CRU, Lenovo will ship the CRU to you. CRU information and replacement instructions are shipped with your product and are available from Lenovo at any time upon request. You might be required to return the defective part that is replaced by the CRU. When return is required: (1) return instructions, a prepaid shipping label, and a container will be included with the replacement CRU; and (2) you might be charged for the replacement CRU if Lenovo does not receive the defective CRU within thirty (30) days of your receipt of the replacement CRU. For full details, see the Lenovo Limited Warranty documentation at:
https://www.lenovo.com/warranty/llw_02

CRU list

The following is the CRU list of your computer.

Self-service CRUs

- ac power adapter
- Computer stand
- Hinge cover
- Keyboard
- Mouse
- Power cord
- Smart cable slip*

* for selected models

Remove or replace a CRU

This section provides instructions on how to remove or replace a CRU.

Power cord and ac power adapter

Prerequisite

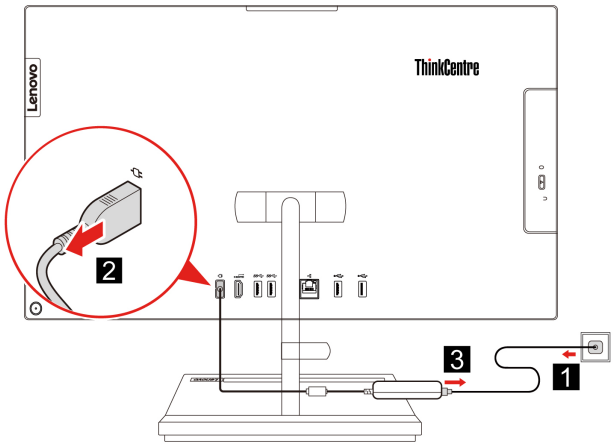
Before you start, read *Generic Safety and Compliance Notices*, and print the following instructions.

Note: Do not remove the power cord when the computer is connected to ac power. Otherwise, there might be a risk of short circuits.

For access, turn off the computer and remove all connected devices and cables.

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Removal steps



Smart cable clip (for selected models)

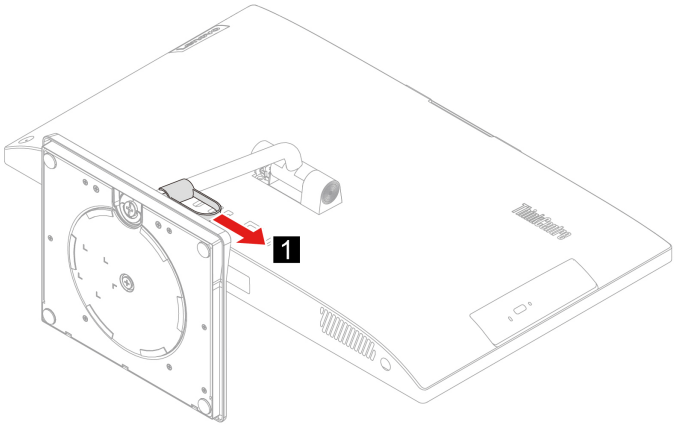
Prerequisite

Before you start, read *Generic Safety and Compliance Notices*, and print the following instructions.

For access, do the following:

1. Turn off the computer and remove all connected devices and cables.
2. Disconnect the computer from ac power and all connected cables.
3. Place a soft, clean towel or cloth on the desk or surface. Hold the sides of your computer and gently lay it down so that the screen is against the surface and the computer cover is facing up.

Removal steps



Hinge cover

Prerequisite

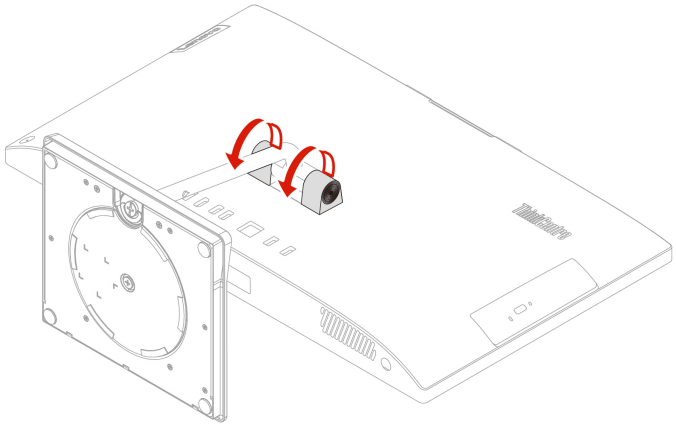
Before you start, read *Generic Safety and Compliance Notices*, and print the following instructions.

For access, do the following:

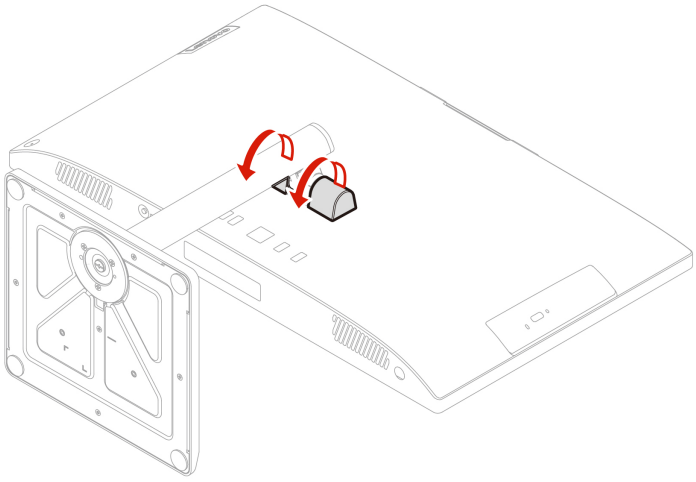
1. Turn off the computer and remove all connected devices and cables.
2. Disconnect the computer from ac power and all connected cables.
3. Place a soft, clean towel or cloth on the desk or surface. Hold the sides of your computer and gently lay it down so that the screen is against the surface and the computer cover is facing up.
4. Remove the smart cable clip. See “Smart cable clip (for selected models)” on page 30

Removal steps

- Type 1



- Type 2 (for selected 24-inch models only)



Computer stand

Prerequisite

Before you start, read *Generic Safety and Compliance Notices*, and print the following instructions.

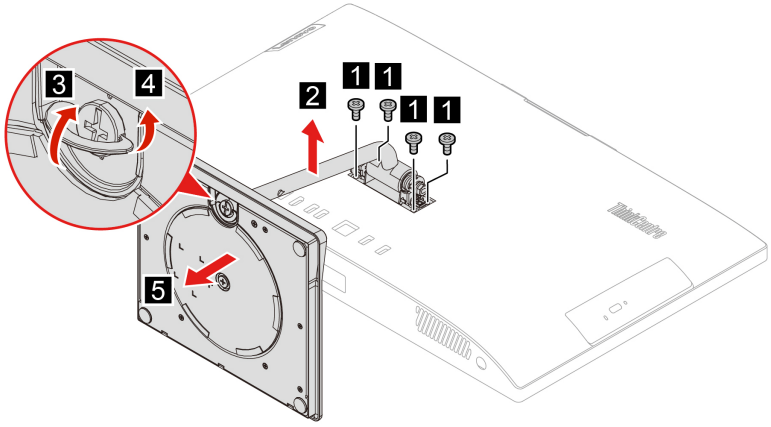
For access, do the following:

1. Turn off the computer and remove all connected devices and cables.

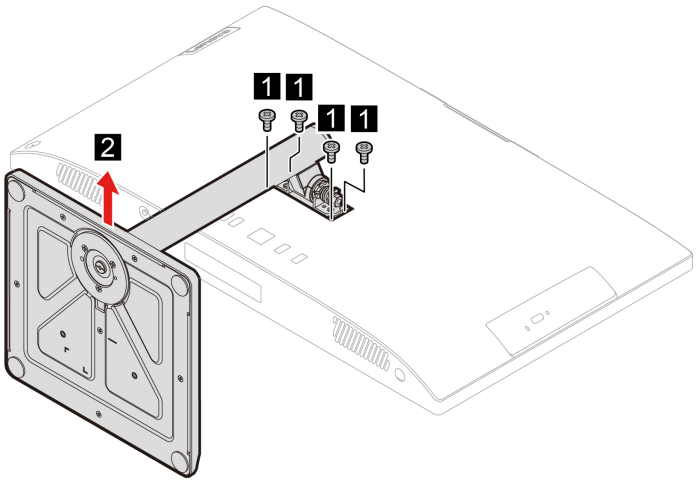
2. Disconnect the computer from ac power and all connected cables.
3. Place a soft, clean towel or cloth on the desk or surface. Hold the sides of your computer and gently lay it down so that the screen is against the surface and the computer cover is facing up.
4. Remove the smart cable clip. See “Smart cable clip (for selected models)” on page 30
5. Remove the smart cable clip. See “Hinge cover” on page 30

Removal steps

- Type 1



- Type 2 (for selected 24-inch models only)



Chapter 8. Help and support

Self-help resources

Use the following self-help resources to learn more about the computer and troubleshoot problems.

Resources	How to access?
Product documentation: • *Safety and Warranty Guide* • *Generic Safety and Compliance Notices* • *Setup Guide* • This *User Guide* • *Regulatory Notice*	Go to https://pcsupport.lenovo.com. Then, follow the on-screen instructions to filter out the documentation you want.
Lenovo Support Web site with the latest support information of the following: • Drivers and software • Diagnostic solutions • Product and service warranty • Product and parts details • Knowledge base and frequently asked questions	https://pcsupport.lenovo.com
Ubuntu help information	https://help.ubuntu.com/lts/ubuntu-help/index.html

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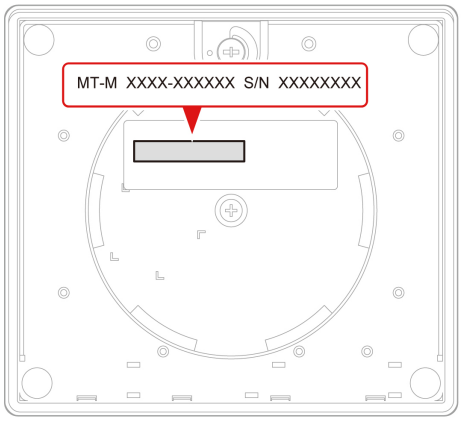
If you have tried to correct the problem yourself and still need help, you can call Lenovo Customer Support Center.

Before you contact Lenovo

Prepare the following before you contact Lenovo:

1. Record the problem symptoms and details:
   - What is the problem? Is it continuous or intermittent?
   - Any error message or error code?
   - What operating system are you using? Which version?
   - Which software applications were running at the time of the problem?
   - Can the problem be reproduced? If so, how?
2. Record the system information:
   - Product name
   - Machine type and serial number

     The following illustration shows where to find the machine type and serial number of your computer.



Lenovo Customer Support Center

During the warranty period, you can call Lenovo Customer Support Center for help.

Telephone numbers

For a list of the Lenovo Support phone numbers for your country or region, go to: https://pcsupport.lenovo.com/supportphonelist

Note: Phone numbers are subject to change without notice. If the number for your country or region is not provided, contact your Lenovo reseller or Lenovo marketing representative.

Services available during the warranty period

- Problem determination - Trained personnel are available to assist you with determining if you have a hardware problem and deciding what action is necessary to fix the problem.

- Lenovo hardware repair - If the problem is determined to be caused by Lenovo hardware under warranty, trained service personnel are available to provide the applicable level of service.
- Engineering change management - Occasionally, there might be changes that are required after a product has been sold. Lenovo or your reseller, if authorized by Lenovo, will make selected Engineering Changes (ECs) that apply to your hardware available.

Services not covered

- Replacement or use of parts not manufactured for or by Lenovo or nonwarranted parts
- Identification of software problem sources
- Configuration of UEFI BIOS as part of an installation or upgrade
- Changes, modifications, or upgrades to device drivers
- Installation and maintenance of network operating systems (NOS)
- Installation and maintenance of programs

For the terms and conditions of the Lenovo Limited Warranty that apply to your Lenovo hardware product, see *Safety and Warranty Guide* that comes with your computer.

Purchase additional services

During and after the warranty period, you can purchase additional services from Lenovo at: https://pcsupport.lenovo.com/warrantyupgrade

Service availability and service name might vary by country or region.

Appendix A. Supplemental information about the Ubuntu operating system

In limited countries or regions, Lenovo offers customers an option to order computers with the preinstalled Ubuntu® operating system.

If the Ubuntu operating system is available on your computer, read the following information before you use the computer. Ignore any information related to Windows-based programs, utilities, and Lenovo preinstalled applications in this documentation.

Access the Lenovo Limited Warranty

This product is covered by the terms of the Lenovo Limited Warranty (LLW), version L505-0010-02 08/2011. You can view the LLW in a number of languages from the following Web site. Read the Lenovo Limited Warranty at:
https://www.lenovo.com/warranty/llw_02

The LLW also is preinstalled on the computer. To access the LLW, go to the following directory:

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/opt/Lenovo
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If you cannot view the LLW either from the Web site or from your computer, contact your local Lenovo office or reseller to obtain a printed version of the LLW.

Access the Ubuntu help system

The Ubuntu help system provides information about how to use the Ubuntu operating system. To access the help system from Home Screen, move your pointer to the Launch bar, and then click the **Help** icon. If you cannot find the **Help** icon from the Launch bar, click the **Search** icon on the bottom left, and type Help to search it.

To learn more about the Ubuntu operating system, go to:
https://www.ubuntu.com

Get support information

If you need help, service, technical assistance, or more information about the Ubuntu operating system or other applications, contact the provider of the Ubuntu operating system or the provider of the application. If you need the service and support for hardware components shipped with your computer, contact Lenovo. For more information about how to contact Lenovo, refer to the *User Guide* and *Safety and Warranty Guide*.

To access the latest *User Guide* and *Safety and Warranty Guide*, go to:
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Appendix B. Compliance information

For more compliance information, refer to *Regulatory Notice* at https://pcsupport.lenovo.com and *Generic Safety and Compliance Notices* at https://pcsupport.lenovo.com/docs/generic_notices.

Certification-related information

Product name	Machine types
ThinkCentre neo 30a 22 Gen 3	12B1 and 12B3
ThinkCentre neo 30a 24 Gen 3	12CE,12B0 and 12B2

Further compliance information related to your product is available at https://www.lenovo.com/compliance.

Operating environment

Maximum altitude (without pressurization)

- Operating: From 0 m (0 ft) to 3048 m (10 000 ft)
- Storage: From 0 m (0 ft) to 12192 m (40 000 ft)

Temperature

- Operating: From 5°C (41°F) to 35°C (95°F)
- Storage:
  - For common desktop computers: From -40°C (-40°F) to 60°C (140°F)
  - For all-in-one desktop computers: From -20°C (-4°F) to 60°C (140°F)

Relative humidity

- Operating: 20%-80% (non-condensing)
- Storage: 10%–90% (non-condensing)

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