

E14 Gen 3 / E15 Gen 3 User Guide

ThinkPad



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

- *Safety and Warranty Guide*
- *Setup Guide*
- [Generic Safety and Compliance Notices](#)

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Discover your Lenovo notebook

Thank you for choosing a Lenovo® notebook! We are dedicated to delivering the best solution to you.

Before starting your tour, please read the following information:

- 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.
- Documentation content is subject to change without notice. To get the latest documentation, go to <https://pcsupport.lenovo.com>.



Chapter 1. Meet your computer

Front view

E14 Gen 3











	Infrared camera* / Camera*		Webcam privacy shutter
	Microphone		Power button / Power button with fingerprint reader function

	TrackPoint® pointing stick		Speakers
	Trackpad		TrackPoint buttons

E15 Gen 3



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	Microphone		Power button / Power button with fingerprint reader function
	TrackPoint® pointing stick		Speakers
	Trackpad		TrackPoint buttons

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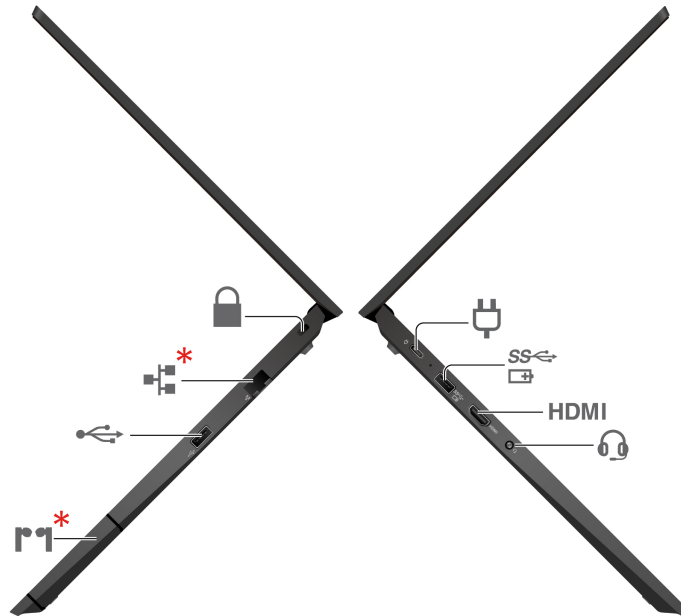
 **Webcam privacy shutter**








Slide the webcam privacy shutter to cover or uncover the camera lens. It is designed to protect your privacy.

Related topics

- “Log in with your face ID (for selected models)” on page 22
- “Log in with your fingerprint” on page 21
- “Use the TrackPoint pointing device” on page 10
- “Use the trackpad” on page 11

Side view



	USB-C® (3.2 Gen 1) power connector		Always On USB 3.2 Gen 1 connector
HDMI	HDMI™ connector		Audio connector
	ThinkPad Integrated Earbuds (for selected models of E15 Gen 3)		USB 2.0 connector
	Ethernet connector (for selected models)		Security-lock slot

Related topics

- “Charge the computer” on page 18
- “USB specifications” on page 5
- “Lock the computer” on page 21
- “ThinkPad Integrated Earbuds (for selected models of E15 Gen 3)” on page 8

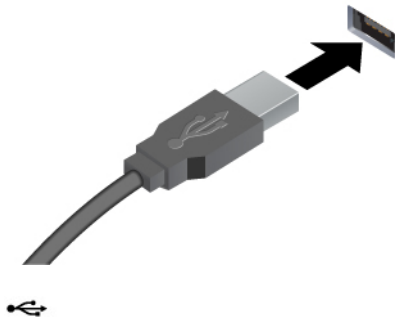
Specifications

For detailed specifications of your computer, go to <https://psref.lenovo.com> and search by product.

USB specifications

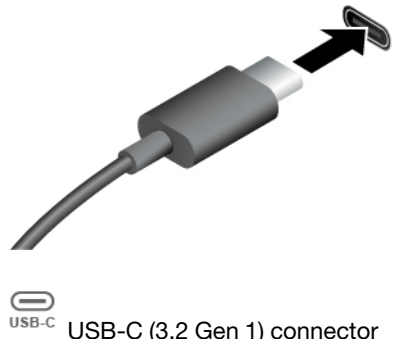
Note: Depending on the model, some USB connectors might not be available on your computer.

Connector name	Description
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USB 2.0 connector

Connect USB-compatible devices, such as a USB keyboard, USB mouse, USB storage device, or USB printer.



USB-C (3.2 Gen 1) connector

- Charge your computer.
- Charge USB-C compatible devices with the output voltage and current of 5 V and 3 A.
- Transfer data at USB 3.2 speed, up to 5 Gbps.
- Connect to an external display:
 - USB-C to VGA: up to 1920 x 1080 pixels, 60 Hz
 - USB-C to DP: up to 3840 x 2160 pixels, 60 Hz
- Supply power to another computer using P-to-P (Peer to Peer) 2.0 charging function. See “Use P-to-P 2.0 (Peer to Peer 2.0) charging function” on page 18.
- 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
USB-C connector (Thunderbolt 3)	40
USB-C connector (Thunderbolt 4)	40

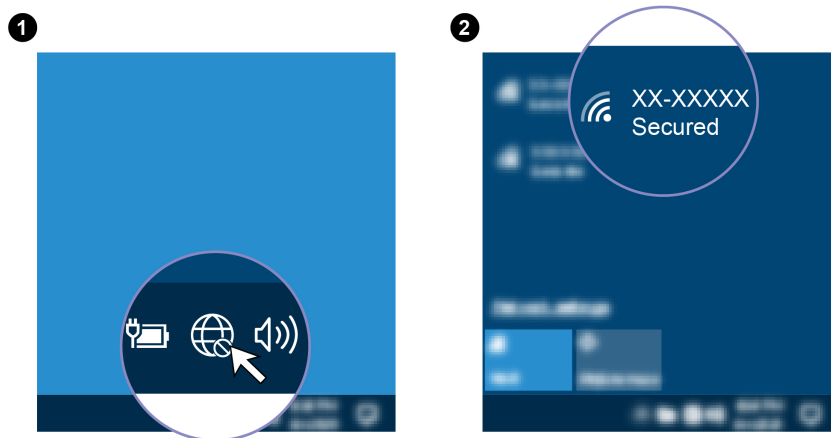
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Access networks

This section helps you connect to a wireless or wired network.

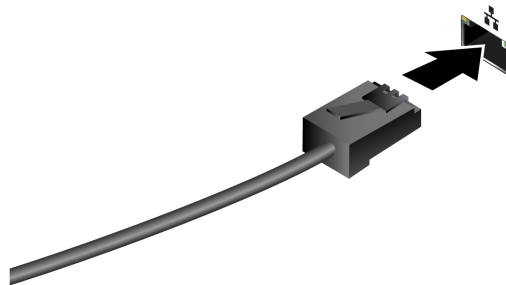
Connect to Wi-Fi networks

Click the network icon in the Windows® notification area, and then select a network for connection. Provide required information, if needed.




Connect to the wired Ethernet (for selected models)

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



Turn on the Airplane mode

When the Airplane mode is enabled, all wireless features are disabled.

1. Click the action center icon  in the Windows notification area.
2. Click **Airplane mode** to turn on the Airplane mode.

Interact with your computer

Your computer provides you various ways to navigate the screen.

ThinkPad Integrated Earbuds (for selected models of E15 Gen 3)

ThinkPad Integrated Earbuds (referred to as earbuds) helps you work more comfortably and efficiently with calls and meetings.

Push the built-in Versa Bay (tray) and then carefully pull the Versa Bay out of the slot to access the earbuds.









Lenovo Bud'dy enables you to know the earbuds status easily and customize earbuds settings. To access


















Lenovo Bud'dy, open the **Start** menu and click .

For more information about the ThinkPad Integrated Earbuds, go to https://support.lenovo.com/docs/thinkpad_earbuds_manual.

Use the keyboard shortcuts

The special keys on the keyboard help you work more effectively.

 + 	Invoke the special function printed as an icon on each key or standard function of F1–F12 function keys. FnLock indicator on: standard function FnLock indicator off: special function
	Enable / disable speakers
	Decrease volume
	Increase volume
	Enable / disable microphones

	Darken display
	Brighten display
	Manage external displays
	Enable / disable wireless
	Open / collapse notification center
	Answer incoming calls on Microsoft Teams®
	Decline incoming calls on Microsoft Teams
	Open the Vantage app. You can customize the function of this key on the Vantage app.
 (for E15 Gen 3 only)	Open calculator
 (for E15 Gen 3 only)	Enter sleep mode
	Open Snipping Tool
 (for selected models)	Toggle keyboard backlight
	Break operation
	Pause operation
	Scroll contents
	Send system request
	Enter sleep mode To wake up the computer, press Fn or the power button.



Go to beginning

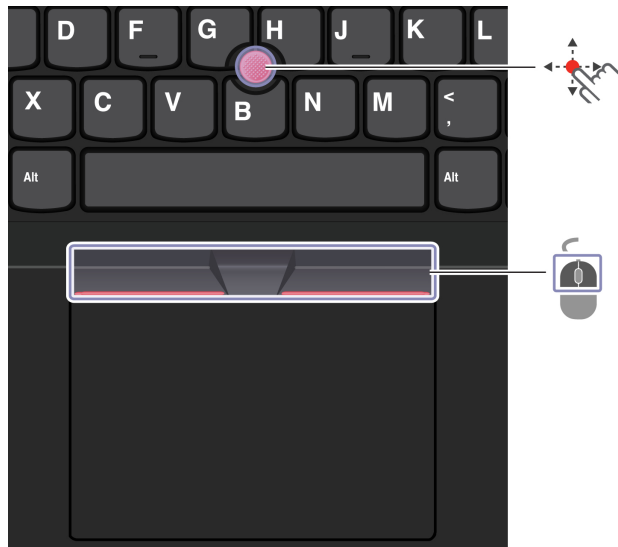


Go to end

Use the TrackPoint pointing device

The TrackPoint pointing device enables you to perform all the functions of a traditional mouse, such as pointing, clicking, and scrolling.

Use the TrackPoint pointing device



TrackPoint pointing stick

Use your finger to apply pressure to the pointing-stick nonslip cap in any direction parallel to the keyboard. The pointer on the screen moves accordingly. The higher the pressure applied, the faster the pointer moves.



TrackPoint buttons

The left-click button and right-click button correspond to the left and right buttons on a traditional mouse. Press and hold the dotted middle button while using your finger to applying pressure to the pointing stick in the vertical or horizontal direction. Then, you can scroll through the document, Web site, or apps.

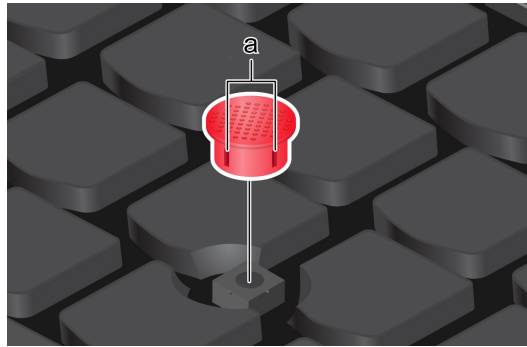
Disable the TrackPoint pointing device

The TrackPoint pointing device is active by default. To disable the device:

1. Open the **Start** menu, and then click **Settings → Devices → Mouse**.
2. Follow the on-screen instructions to disable TrackPoint.

Replace the pointing-stick nonslip cap

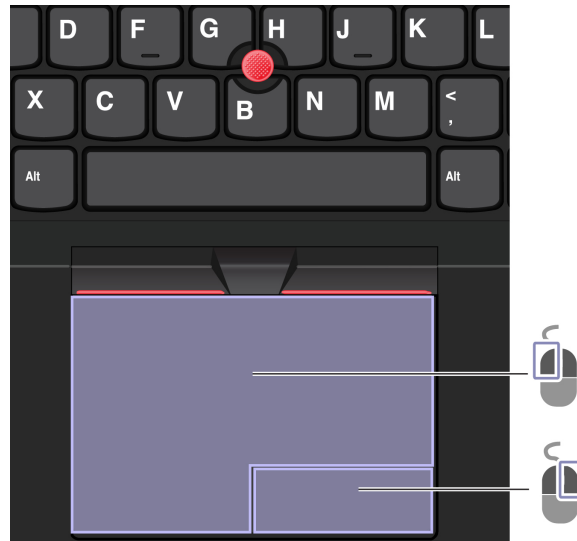
Note: Ensure that the new cap has grooves **a**.



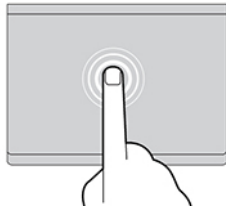
Use the trackpad

You can use the trackpad to perform all the pointing, clicking, and scrolling functions of a traditional mouse.

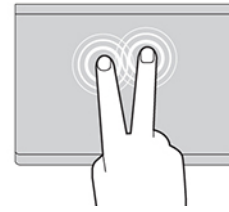
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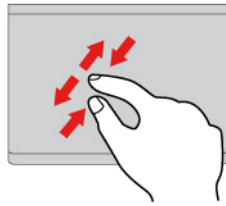
Use the touch gestures



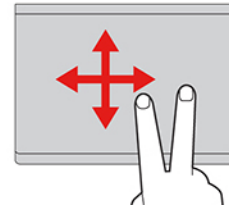
Tap once to select or open an item.



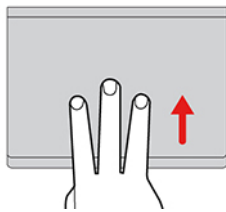
Tap twice quickly to display a shortcut menu.



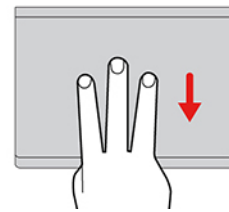
Two-finger zoom in or zoom out.



Scroll through items.



Open the task view to see all open windows.



Show the desktop.

Notes:

- When using two or more fingers, ensure that you position your fingers slightly apart.
- Some gestures are not available if the last action was done from the TrackPoint pointing device.
- Some gestures are only available when you are using certain apps.
- If the trackpad surface is stained with oil, turn off the computer first. Then, gently wipe the trackpad surface with a soft and lint-free cloth moistened with lukewarm water or computer cleaner.

For more gestures, see the help information of the pointing device.

Disable the trackpad

The trackpad is active by default. To disable the device:

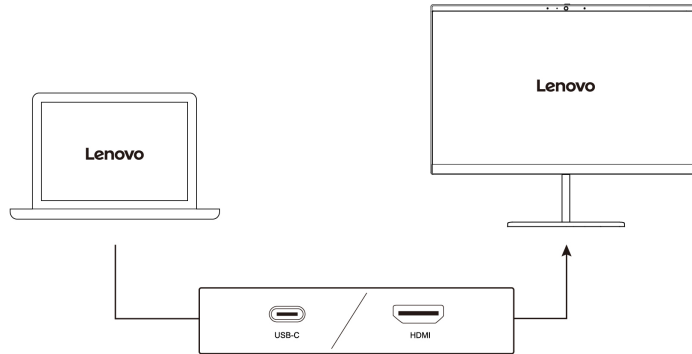
1. Open the **Start** menu, and then click **Settings** → **Devices** → **Touchpad**.
2. In the Touchpad section, turn off the **Touchpad** control.

Connect to an external display

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

Connect to a wired display

If your computer cannot detect the external display, right-click a blank area on the desktop and select display settings. Then follow the on-screen instructions to detect the external display.



Supported resolution

The following table lists the supported maximum resolution of the external display.



Connect the external display to	Supported resolution
USB-C connector	Up to 4096 x 2160 pixels / 60 Hz
HDMI connector	Up to 4096 x 2160 pixels / 24 Hz

Connect to a wireless display

To use a wireless display, ensure that both your computer and the external display support the Miracast® feature.

Press Windows logo key + K and then select a wireless display to connect with.

Set the display mode

Press  or  +  and then select a display mode of your preference.

Change display settings

1. Right-click a blank area on the desktop and select display settings.
2. Select the display that you want to configure and change display settings of your preference.

You can change the settings for both the computer display and the external display. For example, you can define which one is the main display and which one is the secondary display. You also can change the resolution and orientation.

Chapter 3. Explore your computer

The Vantage app

The preinstalled Vantage app is a customized one-stop solution to help you maintain your computer with automated updates and fixes, configure hardware settings, and get personalized support.

Notes:

- The available features vary depending on the computer model.
- The Vantage app makes periodic updates of the features to keep improving your experience with your computer. The description of features might be different from that on your actual user interface.

To access the Vantage app, type `Vantage` in the Windows search box.

Key features

The Vantage app enables you to:

- Know the device status easily and customize device settings.
- Download and install UEFI BIOS, firmware, and driver updates to keep your computer up-to-date.
- Monitor your computer health, and secure your computer against outside threats.
- Scan your computer hardware and diagnose hardware problems.
- Look up warranty status (online).
- Access *User Guide* and helpful articles.

Lenovo Smart Appearance (for selected models)



Lenovo Smart Appearance is an intelligent camera enhancement and beautification app that helps you to enhance your looks in video calls. This app works with some mainstream video meeting apps, such as Microsoft Teams. Lenovo Smart Appearance enables you to blur/customize your background, smooth your skin effect, and beautify your face effect.

To access Lenovo Smart Appearance, type `Lenovo Smart Appearance` in the Windows search box.

Notes:

- The available features vary depending on the computer model.
- Lenovo Smart Appearance makes periodic updates of the features to keep improving your experience with your computer. The description of features might be different from that on your actual user interface.

AI Meeting Manager



AI Meeting Manager helps you to be more productive and efficient in intercultural meetings without language barriers. It converts voice to text, makes real-time translation (from voice to text), records audio speech and translated text to help you take meeting minutes.

Access the app

To access AI Meeting Manager, do one of the following:

- Open the **Start** menu and click **AI Meeting Manager**.
- Type AI Meeting Manager in the search box.

Translator/Subtitles

This function translates voice or audio into on-screen text in real time during meetings.

The subtitle function allows you to watch foreign videos with translated subtitle.

Voice-to-text

This function converts voice to text. Select any typable field (such as document editing area, web site browser input field, and windows input bar) to input text using voice instead of typing.

Editor



After a meeting, all audio and translated text are saved in your computer. Open Editor and you can view the record. This function makes it easier to edit meeting minutes. You can copy, search, proofread, export, or delete text, and you also can delete or play audio back.

Notes:

- To download the latest version of AI Meeting Manager, go to Microsoft Store and search for the app name.
- The supported features and languages vary depending on the computer model and delivery of countries and regions.
- AI Meeting Manager makes periodic updates of the features to keep improving your experience. The description of features might be different from that on your actual user interface.

Use Night light mode


Your computer display emits blue light. Prolonged exposure to a blue light may cause temporary visual fatigue. Enable night light mode to protect eyes and prevent visual fatigue. When Night light mode is enabled, your screen shows warmer colors and the amount of emitted blue light is reduced.

1. Click the **Action center** icon .
2. Click the **Night light** icon  to enable Night light mode.

Note: Click **Expand** if you cannot find the Night light icon.

For more guidance on reducing eye fatigue, go to <https://www.lenovo.com/us/en/compliance/visual-fatigue>

Adjust color temperature

1. Right-click the **Night light** icon  and select **Go To Settings**.
2. Click **Night light settings**. Turn on the **Night light** switch.
3. Move the slider to adjust the color temperature of the screen.




Note: Your computer is TUV low blue-light certified. Your computer color temperature set to the default value of 48.

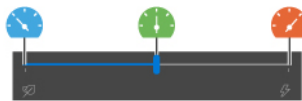
Schedule night light mode

1. Click **Night light settings**. Turn on the **Night light** switch.
2. Turn on the **Schedule night light** switch.
3. Select the option according to your preference.

Intelligent cooling

The Intelligent Cooling feature enables your computer to work in the following three modes:

-  Quiet mode: the least fan speed
-  Balanced mode: balanced performance and fan speed
-  Performance mode: the highest performance and normal fan speed



on ac power



on battery power

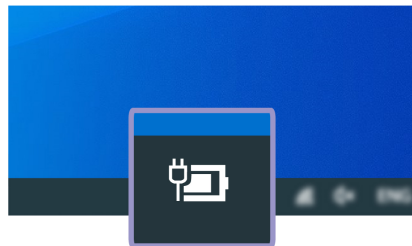
Do the following to select the preferred mode:

1. Click the battery status icon in the Windows notification area.
2. Move the slider to the left or right to select your preferred mode.

Manage power

Use the information in this section to achieve the best balance between performance and power efficiency.

Check the battery status



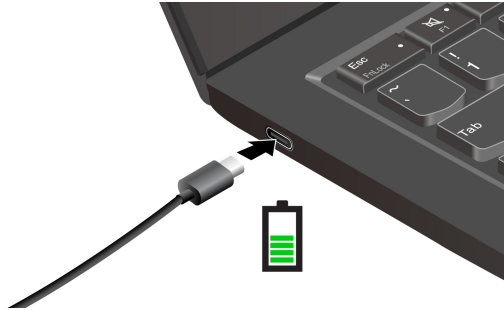
Click the battery icon in the Windows notification area to check the battery status, view the current power plan, change the power mode, and access battery settings quickly. For more details about your battery, refer to the Vantage app.

Charge the computer

Use ac power

Power source of the ac power adapter:

- Sine-wave input at 50 Hz to 60 Hz
- Input rating of the ac power adapter: 100 V to 240 V ac, 50 Hz to 60 Hz



Note: To maximize the life of the battery, use the battery until the charge is depleted and recharge the battery completely before using it. Once the battery is fully charged, it must discharge to 94% or lower before it will be allowed to recharge again.

Use P-to-P 2.0 (Peer to Peer 2.0) charging function

The USB-C connector on the computer features the Lenovo-unique P-to-P 2.0 charging function. To use the function, ensure that **Always On USB** and **Charge in Battery Mode** are enabled in UEFI BIOS of your computers, so that the function works even when the computers are off or in hibernation mode.

To enable **Always On USB** and **Charge in Battery Mode**:

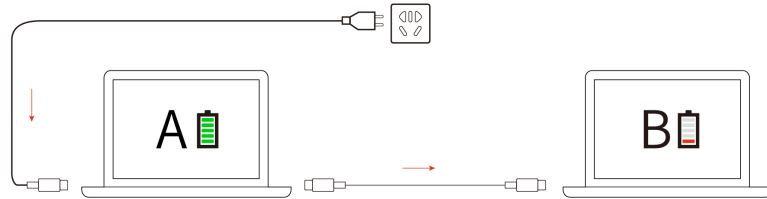
1. Press F1 to enter the UEFI BIOS menu.
2. Click **Config** → **USB**, and then to enable **Always On USB** and **Charge in Battery Mode**.

- **When no ac power is available:**



Note: The remaining battery power of computer A should be at least 30% and be 3% higher than that of computer B.

- **When ac power is available:**



Note: The actual charging speed of your computer depends on many factors, such as the remaining battery power of the computers, the wattage of the ac power adapter, and whether you are using the computers.

Change the power settings

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

- Turn off the display: After 10 minutes
- Put the computer to sleep: After 30 minutes

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.

To reset the power button function:

1. Right-click the battery status icon and select **Power Options → Change what the power buttons do**.
2. Change the settings as you prefer.

Transfer data

Quickly share your files using the built-in Bluetooth technology among devices with the same features.

Set up a Bluetooth connection

You can connect all types of Bluetooth-enabled devices to your computer, such as a keyboard, a mouse, a smartphone, or speakers. To ensure successful connection, place the devices at most 10 meters (33 feet) from the computer.

1. Type Bluetooth in the Windows search box and then press Enter.
2. Turn on Bluetooth, if it is off.
3. Select a Bluetooth device, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

Purchase accessories

Lenovo has a number of hardware accessories and upgrades to help expand the functionalities of your computer. Options include memory modules, storage devices, network cards, port replicators or docking stations, batteries, power adapters, keyboards, mice, and more.

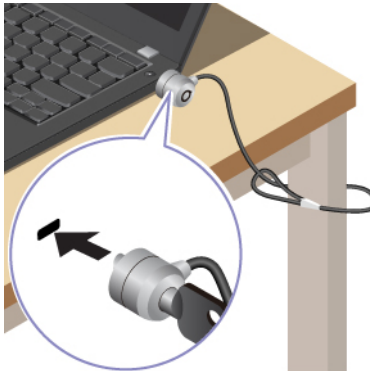
To shop at Lenovo, go to <https://www.lenovo.com/accessories>.

Chapter 4. Secure your computer and information

Lock the computer

Lock your computer to a desk, table, or other fixtures through a compatible security cable lock.

Note: You are responsible for evaluating, selecting, and implementing the locking device and security feature. Lenovo is not responsible for the locking device and security feature. You can purchase the cable locks at <https://smartfind.lenovo.com>.



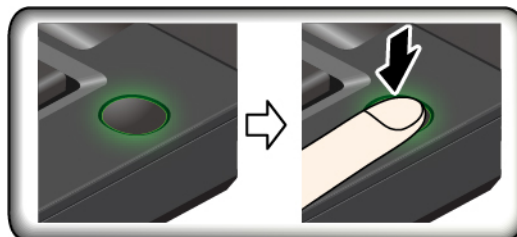
Log in with your fingerprint

The fingerprint reader is integrated with the power button on selected models. After enrolling your fingerprint, you can power on and log in to the computer with a simple press on the power button, or unlock the screen with a single touch. It eliminates the need to enter complex passwords, saving your time and boosting your productivity.

1. Type Sign-in options in the Windows search box and then press Enter.
2. Select the fingerprint setting and then follow the on-screen instruction to enroll your fingerprint.

Note: It is recommended that you put your finger at the middle of the fingerprint reader during enrollment and enroll more than one fingerprint in case of any injuries to your fingers. After the enrollment, the fingerprints are associated with the Windows password automatically.

3. Log in with your fingerprint. When the fingerprint reader indicator is solid green, tap your finger on the fingerprint reader for authentication.



Maintenance tips:

- Do not scratch the surface of the reader with anything hard.
- Do not use or touch the reader with a wet, dirty, wrinkled, or injured finger.

Log in with your face ID (for selected models)

For models come with a webcam privacy shutter, slide the webcam privacy shutter to uncover the camera lens before using the Windows Hello face recognition.

Create your face ID and unlock your computer by scanning your face:

1. Type Sign-in options in the Windows search box and then press Enter.
2. Select the face ID setting and then follow the on-screen instruction to create your face ID.

Protect data against power loss (for selected models)

NVMe (Non-Volatile Memory express) M.2 solid-state drive features the Lenovo-unique PLP (Power Loss Protection) function to avoid data loss or damage. If your computer is not responding and you might have to shut down your computer by pressing and holding the power button for several seconds. In this case, the PLP function enables your computer data to be saved timely. However, there is no guarantee that all data is saved in any situation. To check the type of your M.2 solid-state drive:

1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F10 to enter the Lenovo diagnostics window.
2. On the TOOLS tab, select **SYSTEM INFORMATION** → **STORAGE** using the arrow keys.
3. Locate the **Device Type** section to check the 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 NVMe 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

If you set a power-on password, a window is displayed on the screen when you turn on the computer. Enter the correct password to use the computer.

Supervisor password

The supervisor password protects the system information stored in UEFI BIOS. When entering the UEFI BIOS menu, enter the correct supervisor password in the window prompted. You also can press Enter to skip the password prompt. However, you cannot change most of the system configuration options in UEFI BIOS.

If you have set both the supervisor password and power-on password, you can use the supervisor password to access your computer when you turn it on. The supervisor password overrides the power-on password.

System management password

The system management password can also protect the system information stored in UEFI BIOS like a supervisor password, but it has lower authority by default. The system management password can be set through the UEFI BIOS menu or through Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) with the Lenovo client-management interface.

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 to enter the UEFI BIOS menu.
2. Select **Security → Password → 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. If you have set both the system management password and the power-on password, the system management password overrides the power-on password.

NVMe passwords

The NVMe password prevents unauthorized access to the data on the storage drive. When an NVMe password is set, you are prompted to type a correct password each time you try to access the storage drive.

- **Single Password**

When a Single NVMe password is set, the user must enter the user NVMe password to access files and applications on the storage drive.

- **Dual Password (User + Admin)**

The admin NVMe password is set and used by a system administrator. It enables the administrator to access any storage drive in a system or any computer connected in the same network. The administrator can also assign a user NVMe password for each computer in the network. The user of the computer can change the user NVMe password as desired, but only the administrator can remove the user NVMe password.

When prompted to enter an NVMe password, press F1 to switch between the admin NVMe password and user NVMe password.

Notes: The NVMe password is not available in the following situations:

- A Trusted Computing Group (TCG) Opal-compliant storage drive and a TCG Opal management software program are installed in the computer, and the TCG Opal management software program is activated.
- An eDrive storage drive is installed in the computer preinstalled with the Windows operating system.

Set, change, and remove a password

Before you start, print these instructions.

1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 to enter the UEFI BIOS menu.
2. Select **Security → Password** by using the arrow keys.
3. Select the password type. Then, follow the on-screen instructions to set, change, or remove a password.

You should record all your passwords and store them in a safe place. If you forget any of your passwords, any potential repair actions required are not covered under warranty.

What to do if you forget your power-on password

If you forget your power-on password, do the following to remove the power-on password:

- If you have set a supervisor password and remember it:
 1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, immediately press F1.
 2. Type the supervisor password to enter the UEFI BIOS menu.

3. Select **Security → Password → Power-On Password** by using the arrow keys.
 4. Type the current supervisor password in the **Enter Current Password** field. Then, leave the **Enter New Password** field blank, and press Enter twice.
 5. In the Changes have been saved window, press Enter.
 6. Press F10 to save changes and exit the UEFI BIOS menu.
- If you have not set a supervisor password, contact a Lenovo authorized service provider to have the power-on password removed.

What to do if you forget your NVMe password

If you forget your NVMe password (Single password) or both user and admin NVMe passwords (Dual password), Lenovo cannot reset your passwords or recover data from the storage drive. You can contact a Lenovo authorized service provider to have the storage drive replaced. A fee will be charged for parts and service. If the storage drive is a CRU (Customer Replaceable Unit), you can also contact Lenovo to purchase a new storage drive to replace the old one by yourself. To check whether the storage drive is a CRU and the relevant replacement procedure, see Chapter 6 “CRU replacement” on page 29.

What to do if you forget your supervisor password

If you forget your supervisor password, there is no service procedure to remove the password. You have to contact a Lenovo authorized service provider to have the system board replaced. A fee will be charged for parts and service.

What to do if you forget your system management password

If you forget your system management password, do the following to remove the system management password:

- If you have set a supervisor password and remember it:
 1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, immediately press F1.
 2. Type the supervisor password to enter the UEFI BIOS menu.
 3. Select **Security → Password → System Management Password** by using the arrow keys.
 4. Type the current supervisor password in the **Enter Current Password** field. Then, leave the **Enter New Password** field blank, and press Enter twice.
 5. In the Changes have been saved window, press Enter.
 6. Press F10 to save changes and exit the UEFI BIOS menu.
- If you have not set a supervisor password, contact a Lenovo authorized service provider to have the system management password removed.

Chapter 5. Configure advanced settings

UEFI BIOS

UEFI BIOS is the first program that the computer runs. When the computer turns on, UEFI BIOS performs a self test to make sure that various devices in the computer are functioning.

Enter the UEFI BIOS menu

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

Navigate in the UEFI BIOS interface

You can navigate in the UEFI BIOS interface by pressing the following keys:

- F1: General Help
- F9: Setup Defaults
- F10: Save and Exit
- F5 / F6: Change boot priority order
- ↑ ↓ or PgUp / PgDn: Select / Scroll page
- ← →: Move keyboard focus
- Esc: Back / Close dialog
- Enter: Select / Open submenu

Set the system date and time

1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1.
2. Select **Date/Time** and set the system date and time as desired.
3. Press F10 to save changes and exit.

Change the startup sequence

1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1.
2. Select **Startup → Boot**. Then, press Enter. The default device order list is displayed.

Note: No bootable device is displayed if the computer cannot start from any devices or the operating system cannot be found.

3. Set the startup sequence as desired.
4. Press F10 to save the changes and exit.

To change the startup sequence temporarily:

1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F12.
2. Select the device that you want the computer to start from and press Enter.

Update UEFI BIOS

When you install a new program, device driver, or hardware component, you might need to update UEFI BIOS.

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

- Open the Vantage app to check the available update packages. If the latest UEFI BIOS update package is available, follow the on-screen instructions to download and install the package.
- Go to <https://pcsupport.lenovo.com> and select the entry for your computer. Then, follow the on-screen instructions to download and install the latest UEFI BIOS update package.

To know more about UEFI BIOS, visit Knowledge Base of your computer at <https://pcsupport.lenovo.com>.

Install a Windows operating system and drivers

This section provides instructions on installing a Windows operating system and device drivers.

Install a Windows operating system

Microsoft constantly makes updates to the Windows operating system. Before installing a particular Windows version, check the compatibility list for the Windows version. For details, go to <https://support.lenovo.com/us/en/solutions/windows-support>.

Attention:

- It is recommended that you update your operating system through official channels. Any unofficial update might cause security risks.
- The process of installing a new operating system deletes all the data on your internal storage drive, including the data stored in a hidden folder.

1. If you are using the Windows BitLocker® Drive Encryption feature and your computer has a Trusted Platform Module, ensure that you have disabled the feature.
2. Ensure that the security chip is set to **Active**.
 - a. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 to enter the UEFI BIOS menu.
 - b. Select **Security → Security Chip** and press Enter. The **Security Chip** submenu opens.
 - c. Ensure that the security chip for TPM 2.0 is set to **Active**.
 - d. Press F10 to save the settings and exit.
3. Connect the drive that contains the operating system installation program to the computer.
4. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 to enter the UEFI BIOS menu.
5. Select **Startup → Boot** to display the **Boot Priority Order** submenu.
6. Select the drive that contains the operating system installation program, for example, **USB HDD**. Then, press Esc.

Attention: After you change the startup sequence, ensure that you select the correct device during a copy, a save, or a format operation. If you select the wrong device, the data on that device might be erased or overwritten.

7. Select **Restart** and ensure that **OS Optimized Defaults** is enabled. Then, press F10 to save the settings and exit.
8. Follow the on-screen instructions to install the device drivers and necessary programs.
9. After installing the device drivers, apply Windows Update to get the latest updates, for example the security patches.

Install device drivers

You should download the latest driver for a component when you notice poor performance from that component or when you added a component. This action might eliminate the driver as the potential cause of a problem. Download and install the latest driver by one of the following methods:

- Open the Vantage app to check the available update packages. Select the update packages you want, and then follow the on-screen instructions to download and install the packages.
- Go to <https://pcsupport.lenovo.com> and select the entry for your computer. Then, follow the on-screen instructions to download and install necessary drivers and software.

Chapter 6. CRU replacement

Customer Replaceable Units (CRUs) are parts that can be upgraded or replaced by the customer. The 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 a 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 a list of CRUs of your computer.

Self-service CRUs

- ac power adapter
- Power cord

Optional-service CRUs

- Base cover assembly
- Discrete memory module *
- Memory module bracket
- M.2 solid-state drive
- ThinkPad Integrated Earbuds (for selected models of E15 Gen 3)

* for selected models

Note: Replacement of any parts not listed above, including the built-in rechargeable battery, must be done by a Lenovo-authorized repair facility or technician. Go to <https://support.lenovo.com/partnerlocation> for more information.

Disable Fast Startup and the built-in battery

Before replacing any CRU, ensure that you disable Fast Startup first and then disable the built-in battery.

To disable Fast Startup:

1. Go to **Control Panel** and view by Large icons or Small icons.
2. Click **Power Options**, and then click **Choose what the power buttons do** on the left pane.
3. Click **Change settings that are currently unavailable** at the top.

4. If prompted by User Account Control (UAC), click **Yes**.
5. Clear the **Turn on fast startup** check box, and then click **Save changes**.

To disable the built-in battery:

1. Restart your computer. When the logo screen is displayed, immediately press F1 to enter the UEFI BIOS menu.
2. Select **Config → Power**. The **Power** submenu is displayed.
3. Select **Disable Built-in Battery** and press Enter.
4. Select **Yes** in the Setup Confirmation window. The built-in battery is disabled and the computer turns off automatically. Wait three to five minutes to let the computer cool.

Replace a CRU

Follow the replacement procedure to replace a CRU.

Base cover assembly

Prerequisite

Before you start, read [Generic Safety and Compliance Notices](#) and print the following instructions.

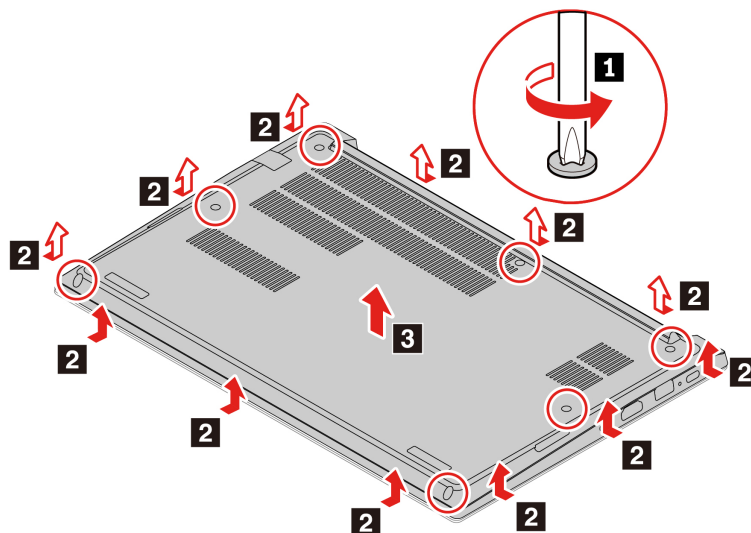
Note: Do not remove the base cover assembly when your computer is connected to ac power. Otherwise, there might be a risk of short circuits.

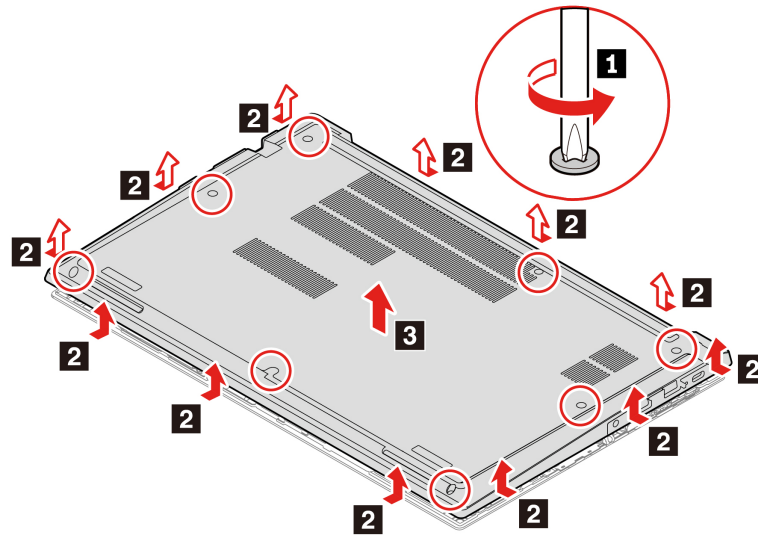
For access, do the following:

1. Disable the built-in battery. See “Disable Fast Startup and the built-in battery” on page 29.
2. Turn off the computer and disconnect the computer from ac power and all connected cables.
3. Close the computer display and turn over the computer.

Removal procedure

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Troubleshooting

If the computer does not start up after you reinstall the base cover assembly, disconnect the ac power adapter and then reconnect it to the computer.

Discrete memory module (for selected models)

Prerequisite

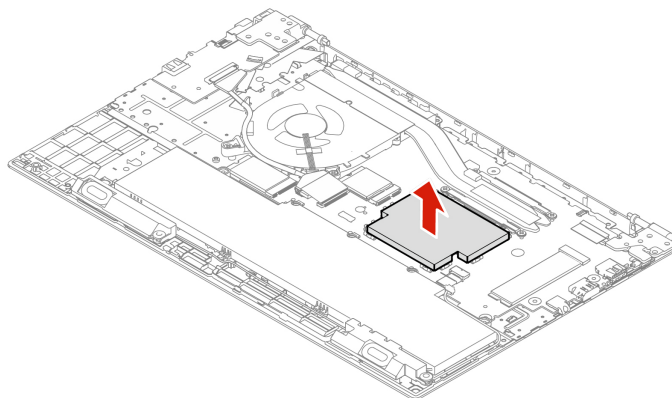
Before you start, read [Generic Safety and Compliance Notices](#) and print the following instructions.

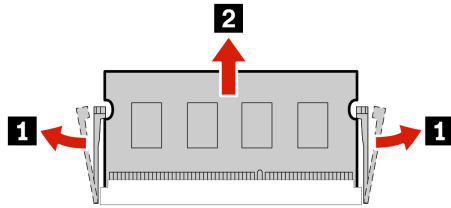
Attention: Do not touch the contact edge of the memory module. Otherwise, the memory module might get damaged.

For access, do the following:

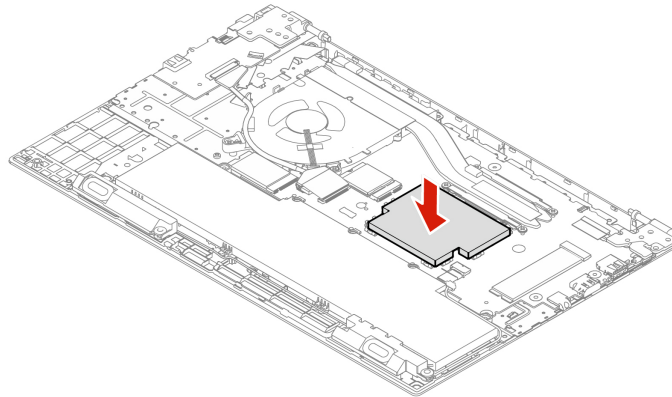
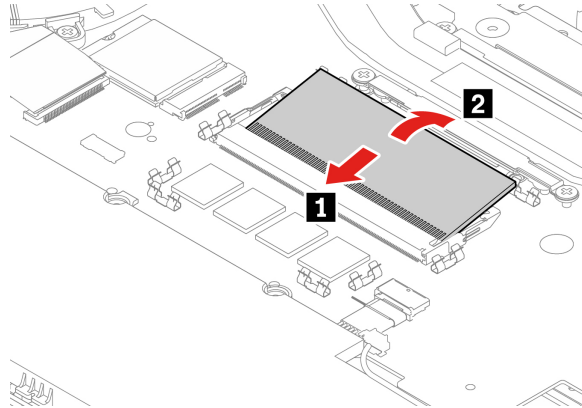
1. Disable the built-in battery. See “Disable Fast Startup and the built-in battery” on page 29.
2. Turn off the computer and disconnect the computer from ac power and all connected cables.
3. Close the computer display and turn over the computer.
4. Remove the base cover assembly. See “Base cover assembly” on page 30.

Removal procedure





Installation procedure



M.2 solid-state drive

Prerequisite

Before you start, read [Generic Safety and Compliance Notices](#) and print the following instructions.

Attention: If you replace a M.2 solid-state drive, you might need to install a new operating system. For details on how to install a new operating system, see “Install a Windows operating system and drivers” on page 26.

The M.2 solid-state drive is sensitive. Inappropriate handling might cause damage and permanent loss of data.

When handling the M.2 solid-state drive, observe the following guidelines:

- Replace the M.2 solid-state drive only for upgrade or repair. The M.2 solid-state drive is not designed for frequent changes or replacement.
- Before replacing the M.2 solid-state drive, make a backup copy of all the data that you want to keep.

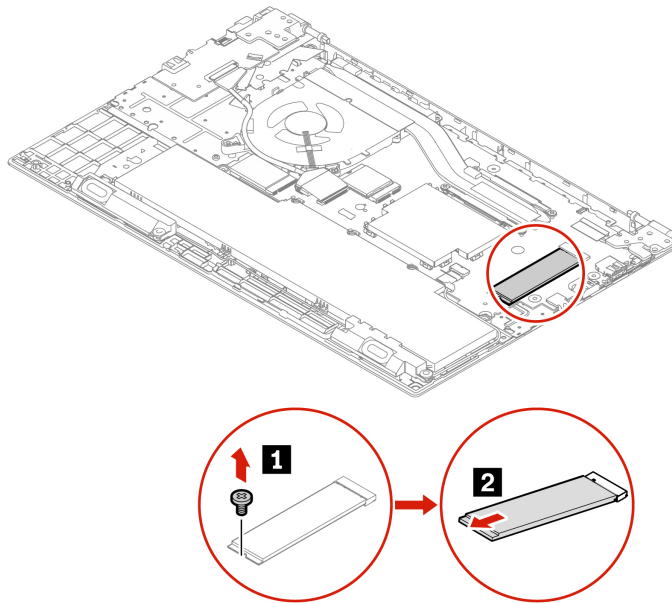
- Do not apply pressure to the M.2 solid-state drive.
- Do not touch the contact edge or circuit board of the M.2 solid-state drive. Otherwise, the M.2 solid-state drive might get damaged.
- Do not make the M.2 solid-state drive subject to physical shocks or vibration. Put the M.2 solid-state drive on a soft material, such as cloth, to absorb physical shocks.

For access, do the following:

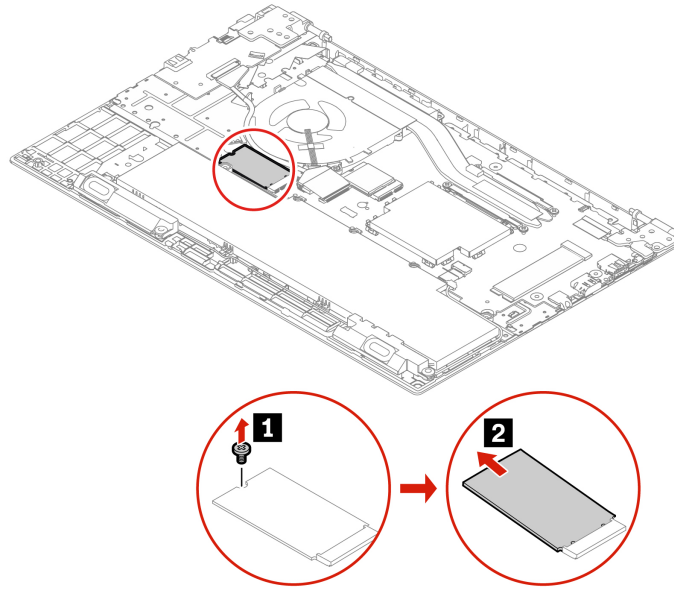
1. Disable the built-in battery. See “Disable Fast Startup and the built-in battery” on page 29.
2. Turn off the computer and disconnect the computer from ac power and all connected cables.
3. Close the computer display and turn over the computer.
4. Remove the base cover assembly. See “Base cover assembly” on page 30.

Removal procedure

Long M.2 solid-state drive




Short M.2 solid-state drive



Chapter 7. Help and support

Frequently asked questions

How do I access Control Panel ?	Type Control Panel in the Windows search box and then press Enter.
How do I turn off my computer?	Open the Start menu and click  Power . Then, click Shut down .
How do I partition my storage drive?	https://support.lenovo.com/solutions/ht503851
What do I do if my computer stops responding?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Press and hold the power button until the computer turns off. Then, restart the computer.2. If step 1 does not work:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For models with an emergency reset hole: Insert a straightened paper clip into the emergency reset hole to cut off power supply temporarily. Then, restart the computer with ac power connected.• For models without an emergency reset hole:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– For models with the removable battery, remove the removable battery and disconnect all power sources. Then, reconnect to ac power and restart the computer.– For models with the built-in battery, disconnect all power sources. Press and hold the power button for about seven seconds. Then, reconnect to ac power and restart the computer.
What do I do if I spill liquid on the computer?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Carefully unplug the ac power adapter and turn off the computer immediately. The more quickly you stop the current from passing through the computer the more likely you will reduce damage from short circuits. Attention: Although you might lose some data or work by turning off the computer immediately, leaving the computer on might make your computer unusable.2. Do not try to drain out the liquid by turning over the computer. If your computer has keyboard drainage holes on the bottom, the liquid will be drained out through the holes.3. Wait until you are certain that all the liquid is dry before turning on your computer.
How do I enter the UEFI BIOS menu?	Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 to enter the UEFI BIOS menu.
Where can I get the latest device drivers and UEFI BIOS?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From the Vantage app. See “Install a Windows operating system and drivers” on page 26 and “Update UEFI BIOS” on page 25.• Download from Lenovo Support Web site at https://pcsupport.lenovo.com.

Error messages

If you see a message that is not included in the following table, record the error message first, then shut down the computer and call Lenovo for help. See “Lenovo Customer Support Center” on page 40.

Message	Solution
0190: Critical low-battery error	The computer turned off because the battery power is low. Connect the ac power adapter to the computer and charge the batteries.
0191: System Security - Invalid remote change requested	The system configuration change has failed. Confirm the operation and try again.
0199: System Security - Security password retry count exceeded.	This message is displayed when you enter a wrong supervisor password more than three times. Confirm the supervisor password and try again.
0271: Check Date and Time settings.	The date or the time is not set in the computer. Enter the UEFI BIOS menu and set the date and time.
210x/211x: Detection/Read error on HDDx/SSDx	The storage drive is not working. Reinstall the storage drive. If the problem still exists, replace the storage drive.
Error: The non-volatile system UEFI variable storage is nearly full.	<p>Note: This error indicates that the operating system or programs cannot create, modify, or delete data in the non-volatile system UEFI variable storage due to insufficient storage space after POST.</p> <p>The non-volatile system UEFI variable storage is used by the UEFI BIOS and by the operating system or programs. This error occurs when the operating system or programs store large amounts of data in the variable storage. All data needed for POST, such as UEFI BIOS setup settings, chipset, or platform configuration data, are stored in a separate UEFI variable storage. Press F1 after the error message is displayed to enter the UEFI BIOS menu. A dialog asks for confirmation to clean up the storage. If you select “Yes”, all data that were created by the operating system or programs will be deleted except global variables defined by the Unified Extensible Firmware Interface Specification. If you select “No”, all data will be kept, but the operating system or programs will not be able to create, modify, or delete data in the storage.</p> <p>If this error happens at a service center, Lenovo authorized service personnel will clean up the non-volatile system UEFI variable storage using the preceding solution.</p>
Fan error. Press ESC to startup with limited performance.	The thermal fan might not work correctly. After the error message is displayed, press ESC within five seconds to start up the computer with limited performance. Otherwise, the computer will shut down immediately. If the problem still exists when you starts up next time, have your computer serviced.

Beep errors

Lenovo SmartBeep technology enables you to decode beep errors with your smartphone when a black screen occurs with beeps from your computer. To decode the beep error with Lenovo SmartBeep technology:

1. Go to <https://support.lenovo.com/smartbeep> or scan the following QR Code.



2. Download the proper diagnostic app and install it on your smartphone.
3. Run the diagnostic app and place the smartphone near the computer.
4. Press Fn on your computer to emit the beep again. The diagnostic app decodes the beep error and shows possible solutions on the smartphone.

Note: Do not attempt to service a product yourself unless instructed to do so by the Customer Support Center or product documentation. Only use a Lenovo-authorized service provider to repair your product.

Self-help resources

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

Resources	How to access?
Troubleshooting and FAQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• https://www.lenovo.com/tips• https://forums.lenovo.com
Accessibility information	https://www.lenovo.com/accessibility
Reset or restore Windows	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use Lenovo recovery options.<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Go to https://support.lenovo.com/HowToCreateLenovoRecovery.2. Follow the on-screen instructions.• Use Windows recovery options.<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Go to https://pcsupport.lenovo.com.2. Detect your computer or manually select your computer model.3. Click Diagnostics → Operating System Diagnostics and then follow the on-screen instructions.
Use the Vantage app to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Configure device settings.• Download and install UEFI BIOS, drivers, and firmware updates.• Secure your computer from outside threats.• Diagnose hardware problems.• Check the computer warranty status.• Access <i>User Guide</i> and helpful articles.	Type Vantage in the Windows search box and then press Enter.
Note: The available features vary depending on the computer model.	
Product documentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Safety and Warranty Guide</i>• <i>Generic Safety and Compliance Notices</i>• <i>Setup Guide</i>• This <i>User Guide</i>• <i>Regulatory Notice</i>	Go to https://pcsupport.lenovo.com . Then, follow the on-screen instructions to filter out the documentation you want.

Resources	How to access?
<p>Lenovo Support Web site with the latest support information of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drivers and software • Diagnostic solutions • Product and service warranty • Product and parts details • Knowledge base and frequently asked questions 	<p>https://pcsupport.lenovo.com</p>
<p>Windows help information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open the Start menu and click Get Help or Tips. • Use Windows Search or the Cortana® personal assistant. • Microsoft support Web site: https://support.microsoft.com

Windows label

Your computer might have a Windows Genuine Microsoft label affixed to its cover depending on the following factors:

- Your geographic location
- Edition of Windows that is preinstalled

Go to <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/howtotell/Hardware.aspx> for illustrations of the various types of Genuine Microsoft labels.

- In the People's Republic of China, the Genuine Microsoft label is required on all computer models preinstalled with any edition of the Windows operating system.
- In other countries and regions, the Genuine Microsoft label is required only on computer models licensed for Windows Pro editions.

The absence of a Genuine Microsoft label does not indicate that the preinstalled Windows version is not genuine. For details on how to tell whether your preinstalled Windows product is genuine, refer to the information provided by Microsoft at <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/howtotell/default.aspx>.

There are no external, visual indicators of the Product ID or Windows version for which the computer is licensed. Instead, the Product ID is recorded in the computer firmware. Whenever a Windows product is installed, the installation program checks the computer firmware for a valid, matching Product ID to complete the activation.

In some cases, an earlier Windows version might be preinstalled under the terms of the Windows Pro edition license downgrade rights.

Call Lenovo

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:

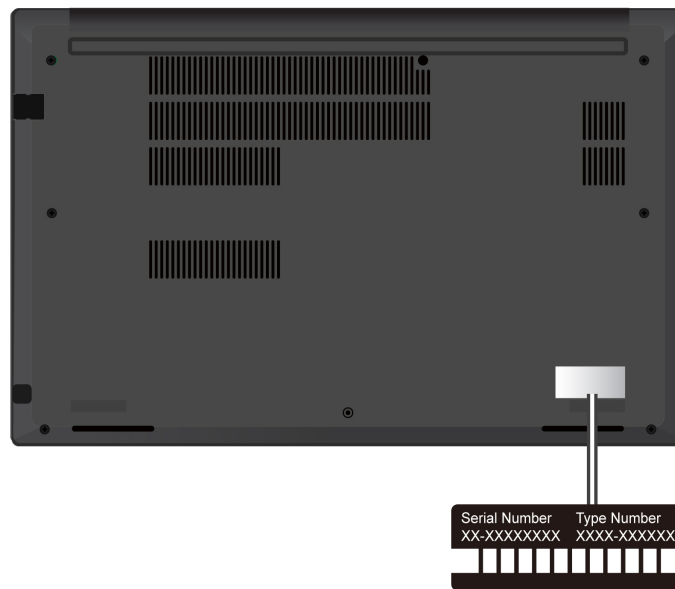
- What is the problem? Is it continuous or intermittent?
- Any error message or error code?
- What operating system are you using? Which version?
- Which software applications were running at the time of the problem?
- Can the problem be reproduced? If so, how?

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.

Note: Depending on the model, your computer might look different from the following illustration.



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/supportphonenumberlist> for the latest phone numbers.

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, go to:

- https://www.lenovo.com/warranty/llw_02
- <https://pcsupport.lenovo.com/warrantylookup>

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. Compliance information

Note: 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.

CAUTION:

When the computer is operating, it should be placed on a hard and flat surface with its bottom area not in contact with user's bare skin. Under normal operating conditions, the temperature of the bottom surface will remain within an acceptable range as defined in *IEC 62368-1*, but such temperatures can still be high enough to cause discomfort or harm to the user if directly touched for over one minute at a time. As such, it is recommended that users avoid prolonged direct contact with the bottom of the computer.

Certification-related information

Product name	Compliance ID	Machine type(s)
ThinkPad E14 Gen 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TP00116E• TP00116E0¹• TP00116E1¹• TP00116E2₁• TP00116E3¹• TP00116E4¹• TP00116E5¹	20Y7, 20YD, 20YE, and 20YF
ThinkPad E15 Gen 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TP00117E• TP00117E0¹• TP00117E1¹• TP00117E2₁• TP00117E3¹• TP00117E4¹• TP00117E5¹	20YG, 20YH, 20YJ, and 20YK

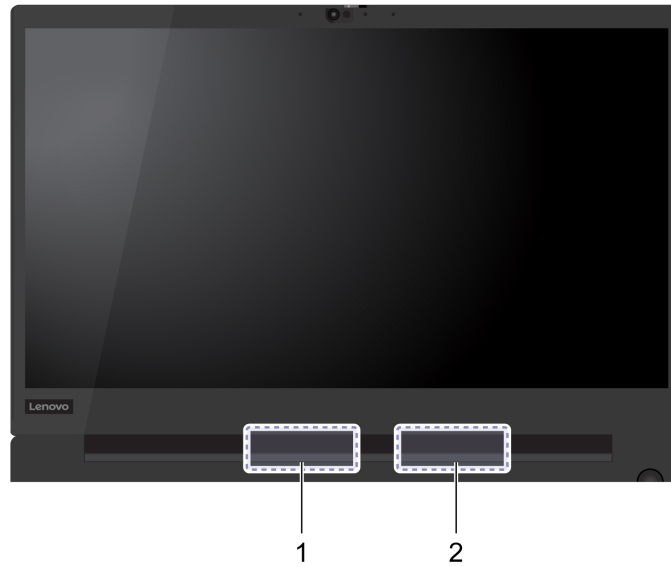
¹ for India only

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

Locate the UltraConnect wireless antennas

Your computer has an UltraConnect™ wireless antenna system. You can enable wireless communication wherever you are.

The following illustration shows the antenna locations on your computer:



- 1 Wireless LAN antenna (auxiliary)
- 2 Wireless LAN antenna (main)

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Supplier's Declaration of Conformity

Notes:

- The statements below regarding FCC are only valid for products that are shipping to the United States.
- Refer to the product label information to identify the specific model name and number of your product.

The following information refers to ThinkPad E14 Gen 3 and ThinkPad E15 Gen 3.

Product name	Machine types
ThinkPad E14 Gen 3	20Y7, 20YD, 20YE, and 20YF
ThinkPad E15 Gen 3	20YG, 20YH, 20YJ, and 20YK

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

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult an authorized dealer or service representative for help.

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Operating environment

Maximum altitude (without pressurization)

3048 m (10 000 ft)

Temperature

- Operating: 5°C to 35°C (41°F to 95°F)
- Storage and transportation in original shipping packaging: -20°C to 60°C (-4°F to 140°F)
- Storage without packaging: 5°C to 43°C (41°F to 109°F)

Note: When you charge the battery, its temperature must be no lower than 10°C (50°F).

Relative humidity

- Operating: 8% to 95% at wet-bulb temperature 23°C (73°F)
- Storage and transportation: 5% to 95% at wet-bulb temperature 27°C (81°F)

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