ThinkCentre neo 50a 24 Gen 3
User Guide



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

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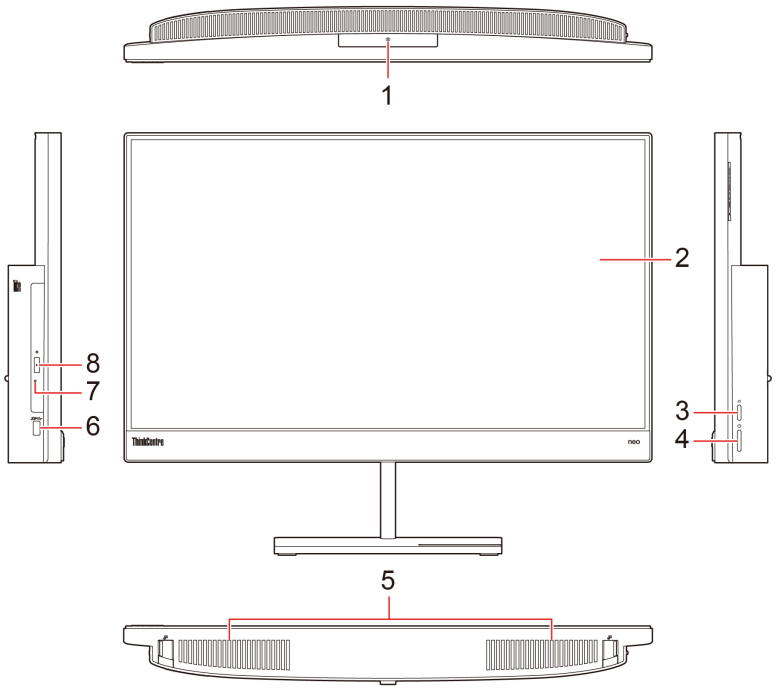
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- Illustrations in this documentation might look different from your product.
- Depending on the model, some optional accessories, features, software programs, and user interface instructions might not be applicable to your computer.
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Chapter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

Front



Item	Description	Item	Description
1	Infrared (IR) camera, AI camera or Integrated camera*	2	Multi-touch screen*
3	Switch button	4	Power button
5	Internal speaker	6	USB-A 3.2 Gen 1 connector
7	Optical drive activity indicator*	8	Optical drive eject button*

* for selected models

Statement on USB transfer rate

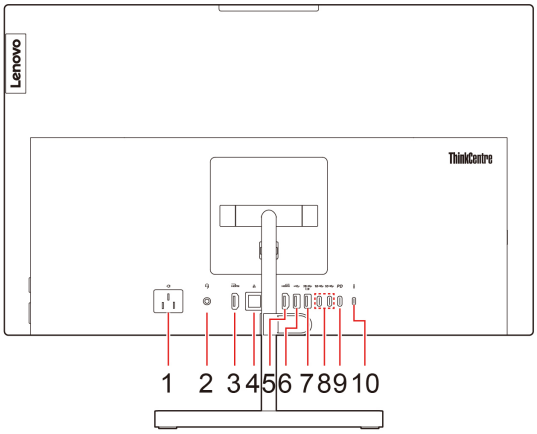
Depending on many factors such as the processing capability of the host and peripheral devices, file attributes, and other factors related to system configuration and operating environments, the actual transfer rate using the various USB connectors on this device will vary and will be slower than the data rate listed below for each corresponding device.

USB device	Data rate (Gbit/s)
3.2 Gen 1	5
3.2 Gen 2	10
3.2 Gen 2 × 2	20

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USB device	Data rate (Gbit/s)
Thunderbolt 3	40
Thunderbolt 4	40

Rear



Item	Description	Item	Description
1	Power connector	2	Combo audio jack
3	HDMI™ in connector	4	Ethernet connector
5	HDMI out connector	6	USB-A 2.0 connector
7	Always On USB-A 3.2 Gen 2 connector	8	USB-C® (3.2 Gen 2) connectors
9	USB-C (power) connector (with USB 2.0 data transfer rate)	10	Security-lock slot

Always On USB-A 3.2 Gen 2 connector

With the Always On USB feature enabled, the Always On USB-A 3.2 Gen 2 connector can charge a USB-compatible device when the computer is on, off, in sleep mode, or in hibernation mode.

To enable the Always On USB feature, do the following:

1. Enter the UEFI BIOS menu. See “Enter the BIOS menu” on page 21.
2. Click **Devices → USB Setup → Front USB Ports → USB Port 2** to enable the Always On USB feature.

Related topics

- “Use the optical drive (for selected models)” on page 14.
- “Lock the computer” on page 17.
- “Connect an external display” on page 11.
- “USB specifications” on page 5.

Features and specifications

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

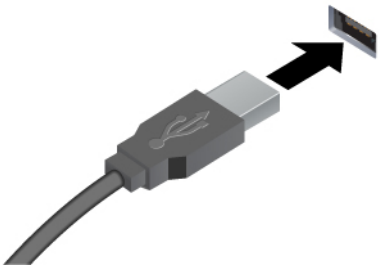
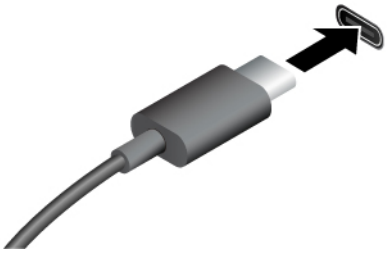
Specifications	Description
Dimensions	• Width: 541 mm (21.3 inches) • Height: 433.7 mm (17.1 inches) • Depth: 56.6 mm (2.2 inches)
Weight (without packaging)	Maximum configuration as shipped: 7.7 kg (17.0 lb)
Hardware configuration	1. Open the system menu from the top-right corner and click **Settings**. 2. Click **About**.
Power supply	180-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 click **About**.
Memory	Up to two double data rate 5 (DDR5) small outline dual in-line memory modules (SODIMMs) Maximum memory capacity: 32 GB
Storage device	• 2.5-inch form factor 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	• Brightness control • Display size: 604.52 mm (23.8 inches) • Display resolution: 1920 x 1080 pixels • Multi-touch technology* • The integrated graphics card supports the following: – HDMI in connector – HDMI out connector • The optional discrete graphics card provides an enhanced video experience and extended capabilities.

Specifications	Description
Expansion	• Memory slots • M.2 solid-state drive slot • 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.

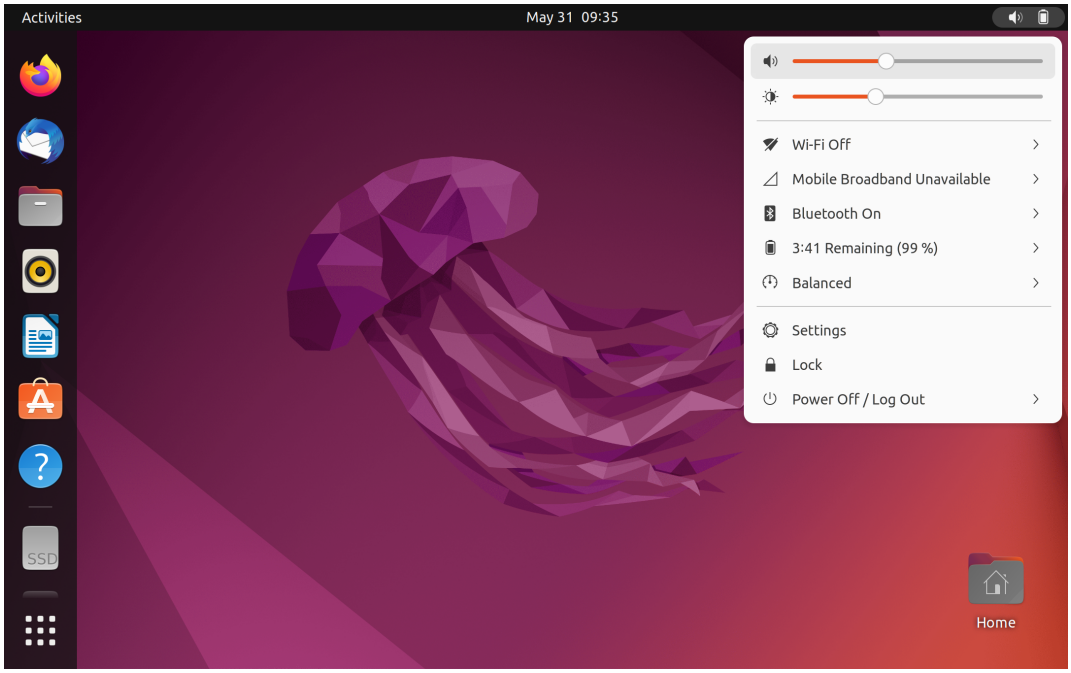
Connector name	Description
 • USB-A 2.0 connector • USB-A 3.2 Gen 1 connector • USB-A 3.2 Gen 2 connector	Connect USB-A compatible devices, such as a USB-A keyboard, USB-A mouse, USB-A storage device, or USB-A printer.
 • USB-C (3.2 Gen 1) connector • USB-C (3.2 Gen 2) connector • USB-C (Thunderbolt 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 USB-C accessories to help expand your computer functionality. To purchase USB-C accessories, go to https://www.lenovo.com/accessories.

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

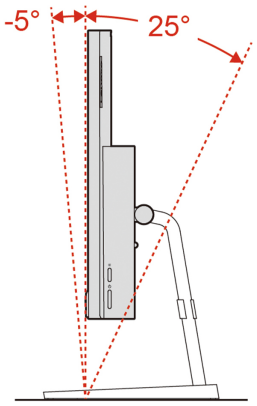
Open the system menu from the top-right corner and click **Settings**.

Adjust the computer stand (for selected models)

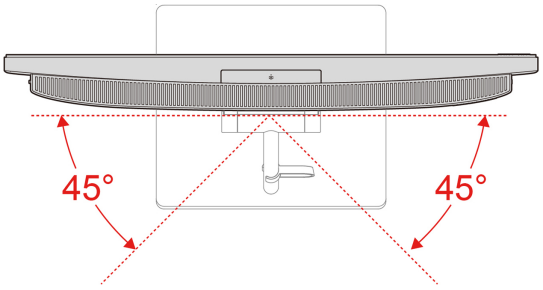
Tilt stand

- Tilt the screen forward and back.

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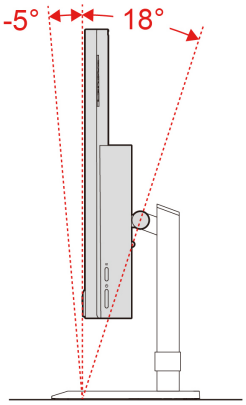


- Turn the screen to the left and right.

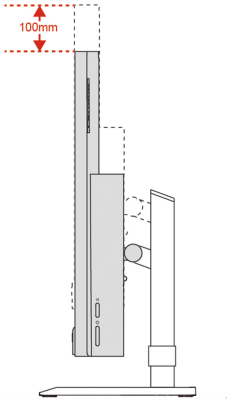


Liftable stand

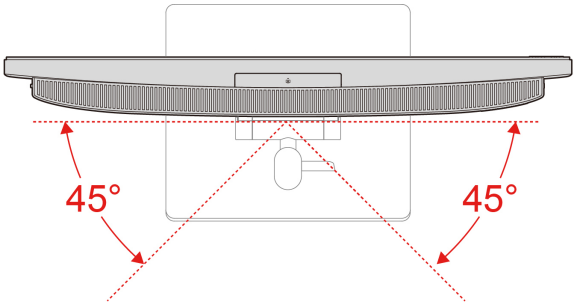
- Tilt the screen forward and back.



- Move the screen up and down.



- Turn the screen to the left and right.



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.

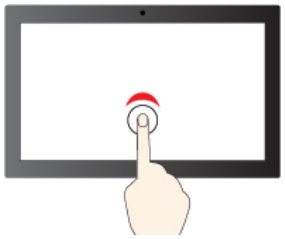
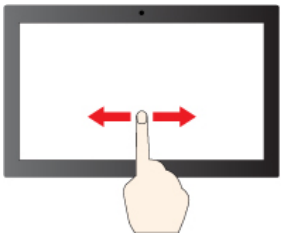
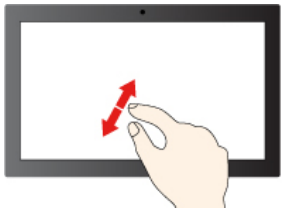
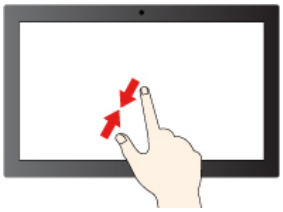
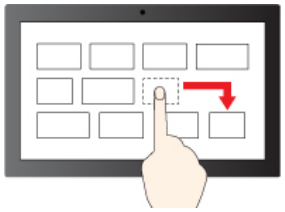
Connect to Wi-Fi networks (for selected models)

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.

Use the touch screen (for selected models)

Note: Some gestures might not be applicable when you use certain apps.

Illustration and description	Illustration and description
 Tap once to single click	 Tap twice quickly to double-click
 Tap and hold to right-click	 Slide to scroll through items
 Zoom in	 Zoom out
 Drag	

Maintenance tips

- Turn off the computer before cleaning the touch screen.
- Use a dry, soft, and lint-free cloth or a piece of absorbent cotton to remove fingerprints or dust from the touch screen. Do not apply solvents to the cloth.
- The touch screen is a glass panel covered with a plastic film. Do not apply pressure or place any metallic object on the screen, which might damage the touch panel or cause it to malfunction.
- Do not use fingernails, gloved fingers, or inanimate objects for input on the screen.
- Regularly calibrate the accuracy of the finger input to avoid a discrepancy.

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.

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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 to achieve the best balance between performance and power saving:

1. Open the system menu from the top-right corner and click **Settings**.
2. Click **Power**.
3. Choose or customize a power plan of your preference.

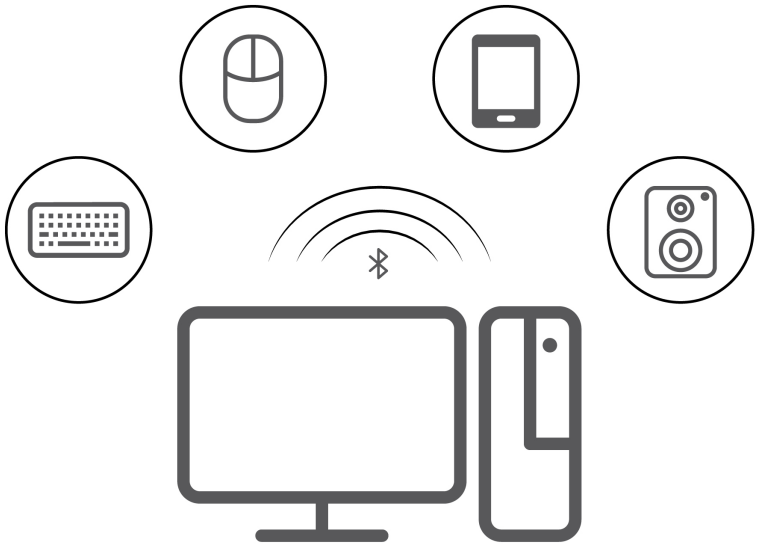
Transfer data

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.

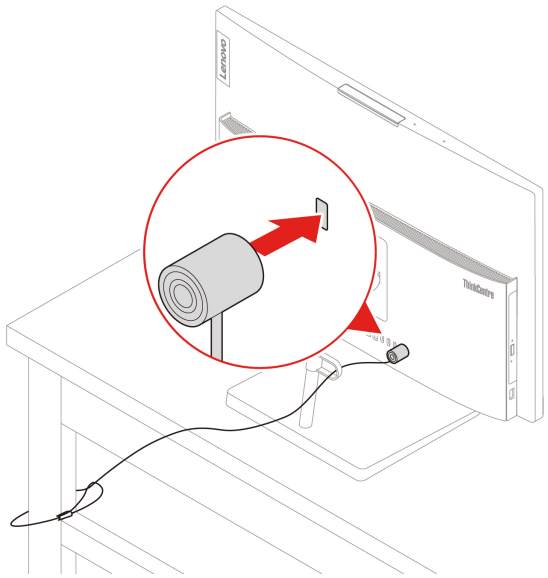
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Lock the computer

Note: Lenovo makes no comments, judgments, or warranties about the function, quality, or performance of the locking device and security feature. You can purchase computer locks from Lenovo.

Kensington-style cable lock

Lock your computer to a desk, table, or other fixtures through a Kensington-style cable lock.



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.

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- 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.

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.
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.

Certificate-based BIOS management

Certificate-based BIOS authentication (also called the password-less management mode) provides more secure UEFI BIOS management with password-free solution. It is used to replace the supervisor password / system management password for authentication if you have set one.

Note: Supervisor password / system management password are disabled automatically when certificate mode is enabled. But the power-on password / hard disk password still can be used normally in certificate mode if you have set one.

For certificate enrollment, see *Certificate Enrollment Guide* at: https://support.lenovo.com/docs/certificate_enrollment_guide

Enter the BIOS menu with certificate

Once you have enrolled the certificate, you can enter the BIOS menu with the certificate.

1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 or Fn+F1 to enter the BIOS menu.
2. The QR code is displayed. Scan the QR code to save the request data and send the request data to IT admin by e-mail or phone.

   Note: If you choose to authenticate without the QR code, save the request data in a USB key and send the request data to IT admin by e-mail or phone.
3. Enter the unlock code provided by IT admin and click **OK**.

Notes:

- The unlock encode is a one-time password and is valid only during logon prompt (in one power-on cycle) for up to two hours.
- If you click **Skip**, you can enter the BIOS setup menu without BIOS management authority. But certificate reset is allowed.

Reset certificate

The enrolled certificate cannot be disabled. You can reset or remove it:

1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 or Fn+F1.
2. Enter the BIOS menu with the certificate or skip the certification authentication process.
3. Select **Security → Certificate-based BIOS Authentication → Reset Certificate**.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to enter the reset code provided by IT admin.

Use BIOS security solutions

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

Wipe the storage drive data

It is recommended that you wipe the storage drive data before recycling the storage drive or the computer.

To wipe the storage drive data:

1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 or Fn+F1.
2. Select **Security → secure wipe → Enabled**.
3. Press F10 or Fn+F10 to save the changes and exit.
4. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F12 or Fn+F12.
5. Select **App Menu → secure wipe** and press Enter.
6. Select the storage drive you will wipe and click **NEXT**.
7. Select the entire storage drive or partition to wipe as desired.
8. Select the method as desired and click **NEXT**.
9. Click **Yes** to confirm your option when the prompting window is displayed.
10. If you have set a hard disk password for the storage drive, enter the password. Otherwise, set a temporary password following the on-screen instructions. Then, click **NEXT**. The wiping process begins.

    Note: Duration of the wiping process varies depending on the storage drive capacity.
11. Click **Reboot** when you are prompted to reset the system, and then one of the following will happen:
    - If the system storage drive data is wiped, you will be prompted that no operating system is found.
    - If the non-system storage drive data is wiped, the computer restarts automatically.

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.

Smart USB Protection

The Smart USB Protection function is a security function that helps prevent data from being copied from the computer to USB storage devices connected to the computer. You can set the Smart USB Protection function to one of the following modes:

- **Disabled** (default setting): You can use the USB storage devices without limitation.
- **Read Only**: You cannot copy data from the computer to the USB storage devices. However, you can access or modify data on the USB storage devices.
- **No Access**: You cannot access the USB storage devices from the computer.

To configure the Smart USB Protection function:

1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 or Fn+F1.
2. Select **Security → Smart USB Protection** and press Enter.
3. Select the desired setting and press Enter.
4. Press F10 or Fn+F10 to save the changes and exit.

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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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 configuration change detection feature

If you enable configuration change detection, when the POST detects configuration changes of some hardware devices (such as storage drives or memory modules), an error message will be displayed when you turn on the computer.

To enable or disable the configuration change detection feature:

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

To bypass the error message and log in to the operating system, press F2 or Fn+F2. To clear the error message, enter the BIOS menu, save and then exit.

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 smart power-on feature (for selected models)

Ensure that the keyboard is connected to a USB connector supporting the smart power-on feature. With the smart power-on feature enabled, you can start up or wake up the computer from the hibernation mode by pressing Alt+P.

To enable or disable the smart power-on feature:

1. Restart the computer. When the logo screen is displayed, press F1 or Fn+F1.
2. Select **Power → Smart Power On** and press Enter.
3. Enable or disable the feature as desired.
4. 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 21.

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 21.

Chapter 6. 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

- Computer stand*
- Keyboard*
- Mouse*
- Power cord
- Smart cable clip*

* for selected models

Remove or replace a CRU

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

Computer stand

Prerequisite

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

For access, do the following:

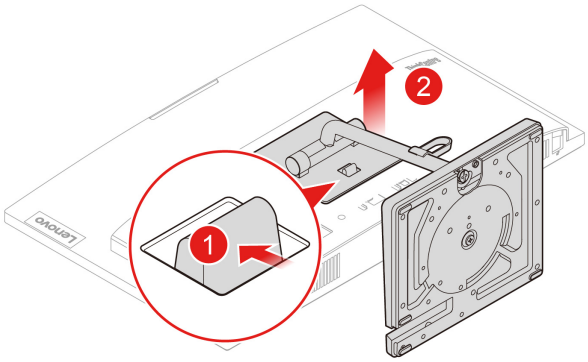
1. Turn off the computer and remove all connected devices and cables.
2. Disconnect the computer from ac power and all connected cables.
3. Place a soft, clean towel or cloth on the desk or surface. Hold the sides of your computer and gently lay it down so that the screen is against the surface and the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

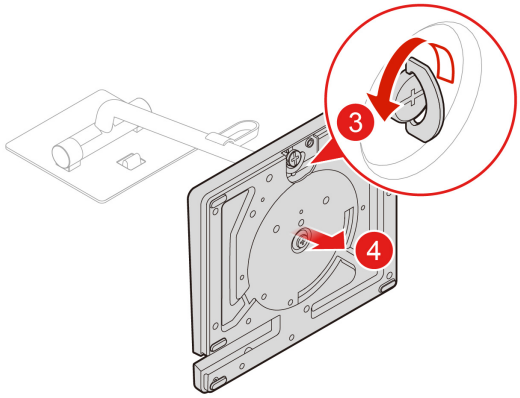
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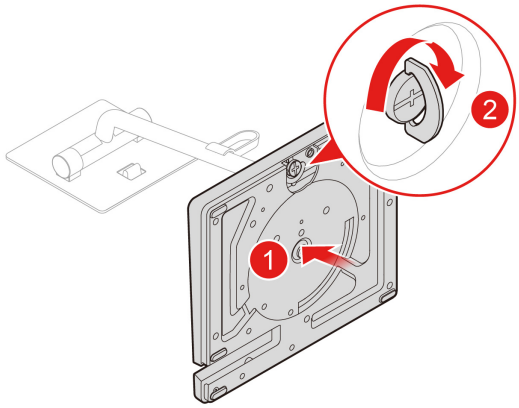
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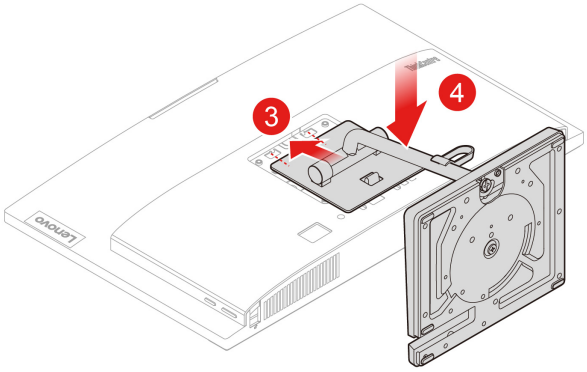
Depending on your computer stand, refer to one of the following to replace the computer stand.

- Tilt stand

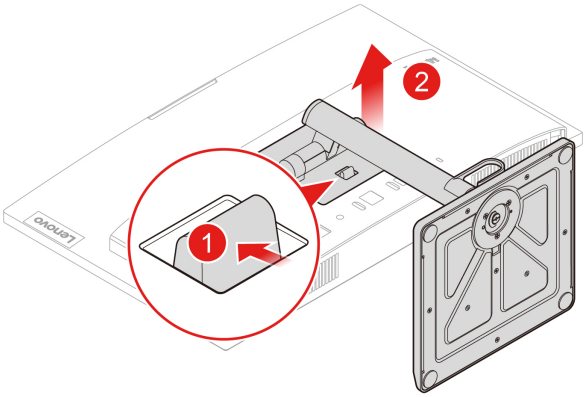


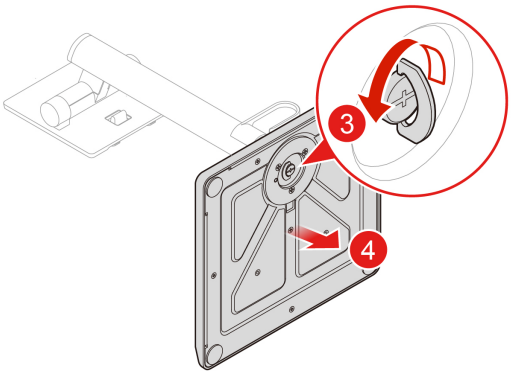


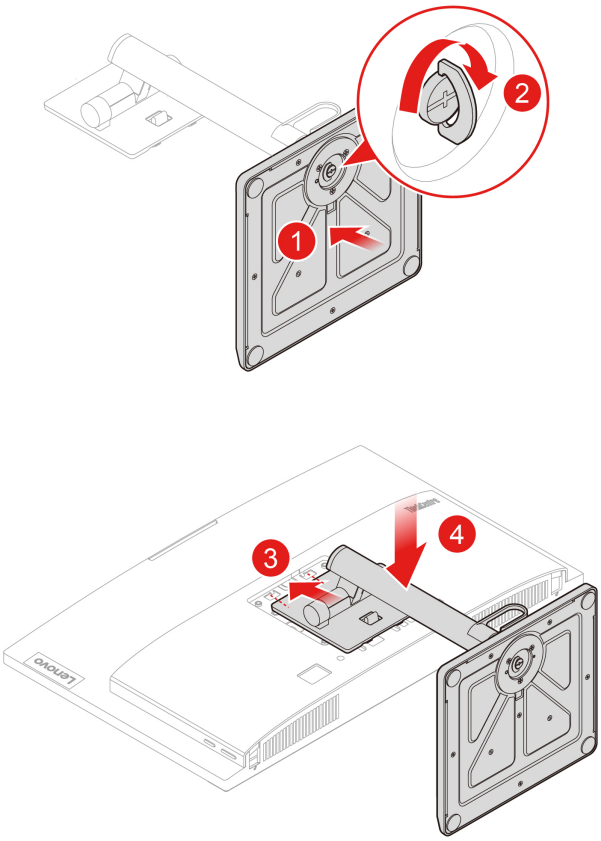




- Liftable stand






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Chapter 7. 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

Lenovo diagnostic tools

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

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Call Lenovo

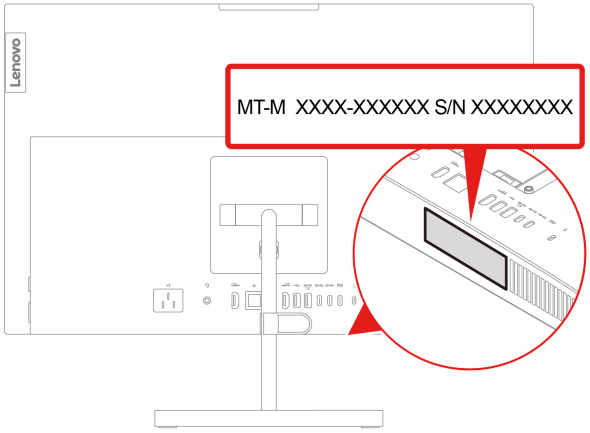
If you have tried to correct the problem yourself and still need help, you can call Lenovo Customer Support Center.

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.



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: ThinkCentre neo 50a 24 Gen 3

Machine types: 12B6, 12B7, 12B8 and 12B9

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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