

What are the technical specifications of my system?

There are a few different ways of obtaining specification information about your computer. One way would be to go to the manufacturer's support web site and enter your service tag, serial number or model information. Some manufacturers will offer to run a scan of your system and display a report. This is fine assuming you've purchased a brand name computer and want to spend the time trying to navigate through the manufacturer site.

The easiest way to get both hardware and software information about your system is to download and install a program called Belarc Advisor. Once this program is installed, it will scan your system and present you with all the hardware and software information pertaining to your system. The program will scan your system and generate a new report each time you run it.

If you don't want to install any software on your computer, you can get some of the information if you right-click on the My Computer icon and select Properties from the menu, or go to the Control Panel and double-click the System icon. This will open the System Properties window which will tell you what Operating System and Service Pack level you are running, along with your processor and memory information. You will then want to click on the Hardware tab. You will then see, and want to click on, the Device Manager button. This will open the Device Manager window which will allow you to view all the hardware installed in your system.

This will have given you your hardware information but not a lot of detail about your hard drive size or available space. To find this information you will need to double-click on My Computer, right-click on Local Disk (C:) and select Properties from the menu. This will display a pie chart showing your used space, free space and disk capacity.