Aurora R7
Setup and Specifications
Notes, cautions, and warnings

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

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

WARNING: A WARNING indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.
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Set up your computer

1   Connect the keyboard and mouse.

2   Connect the network cable — optional.
3 Connect the display.

![Image of display being connected to computer]

**NOTE:** The DisplayPort on the back panel of your computer is covered. Connect the display to the discrete graphics card of your computer.

**NOTE:** If you have two graphics cards, the card installed in PCI-Express X16 (graphics slot 1) is the primary graphics card.

4 Connect the power cable.
5  Press the power button.
Create a USB recovery drive for Windows

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

NOTE: The following steps may vary depending on the version of Windows installed. Refer to the Microsoft support site for latest instructions.

1. Connect the USB flash drive to your computer.
2. In Windows search, type Recovery.
3. In the search results, click Create a recovery drive.
   The User Account Control window is displayed.
4. Click Yes to continue.
   The Recovery Drive window is displayed.
5. Select Back up system files to the recovery drive and click Next.
6. Select the USB flash drive and click Next.
   A message appears, indicating that all data in the USB flash drive will be deleted.
7. Click Create.
   NOTE: This process may take several minutes to complete.
8. Click Finish.

Reinstall Windows using a USB recovery drive

CAUTION: This process formats the hard drive and removes all data on your computer. Ensure that you back up data on your computer before beginning this task.
NOTE: Before reinstalling Windows, ensure your computer has more than 2 GB of memory and more than 32 GB of storage space.

1. Connect the USB recovery drive to your computer.
2. Restart your computer.
3. Press F12 after the Dell logo is displayed on the screen to access the boot menu.

A Preparing one-time boot menu message appears.

4. After the boot menu loads, select the USB recovery device under UEFI BOOT.

The system reboots and a screen to Choose the keyboard layout is displayed.

5. Choose your keyboard layout.
6. In the Choose an option screen, click Troubleshoot.
7. Click Recover from a drive.
8. Choose one of the following options:
   - Just remove my files to do a quick format.
   - Fully clean the drive to do a complete format.
9. Click Recover to start the recovery process.

This will take several minutes to complete and your computer will restart during this process.
Setting up the Virtual Reality (VR) headset — optional

NOTE: The VR headset is sold separately.

1. Download and run the setup tools for your VR headset at www.dell.com/VRsupport.

2. Connect the VR headset to the USB 3.1 Gen 1 and HDMI ports on your computer, when prompted.

   NOTE: Connect the headset to the HDMI port on the primary graphics card and connect the display to any available port on the card.

3. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the setup.
Views

Front

1  **USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports (2)**
   Connect peripherals such as external storage devices and printers.
   Provides data transfer speeds up to 5 Gbps.

2  **Headphone port**
   Connect a headphone or speakers.

3  **Microphone port**
Connect an external microphone to provide sound input.

4 **USB 3.1 Gen 2 Type-C port**  
Connect to external storage devices. Provides data transfer speeds up to 5 Gbps.  

⚠️ **NOTE:** This port does not support video/audio streaming or power delivery.

5 **USB 3.1 Gen 1 port**  
Connect peripherals such as external storage devices and printers. Provides data transfer speeds up to 5 Gbps.

6 **Optical-drive eject button**  
Press to open or close the optical drive tray.

7 **Optical drive (optional)**  
Reads from and writes to CDs, DVDs, and Blu-ray discs.

8 **Power button (AlienHead)**  
Press to turn on the computer if it is turned off, in sleep state, or in hibernate state.  
Press to put the computer in sleep state if it is turned on.  
Press and hold for 4 seconds to force shut-down the computer.

⚠️ **NOTE:** You can customize the power-button behavior in Power Options.
1 Back panel
   Connect USB, audio, video, and other devices.

2 PCI-Express X16 (graphics slot 1)
   Connect a PCI-Express card such as graphics, audio, or network card to enhance the capabilities of your computer.

   For optimal graphics performance, use a PCI-Express X16 slot for connecting the graphics card.

   **NOTE:** The PCI-Express X16 slot works at X8 speed only.
NOTE: If you have two graphics cards, the card installed in PCI-Express X16 (graphics slot 1) is the primary graphics card.

3 PCI-Express X4 slots (2)
Connect a PCI-Express card such as graphics, audio, or network card to enhance the capabilities of your computer.

4 PCI-Express X16 (graphics slot 2)
Connect a PCI-Express card such as graphics, audio, or network card to enhance the capabilities of your computer.
For optimal graphics performance, use a PCI-Express X16 slot for connecting the graphics card.

NOTE: The PCI-Express X16 slot works at X8 speed only.

5 Power-supply cage release-latches (2)
Allows you to remove the power supply unit from your computer.

6 Power-supply diagnostics button
Press to check the power-supply state.

7 Power-supply diagnostics light
Indicates the power-supply state.

8 Power port
Connect a power cable to provide power to your computer.

9 Service Tag label
The Service Tag is a unique alphanumeric identifier that enables Dell service technicians to identify the hardware components in your computer and access warranty information.

10 Side panel release latch
Allows you to remove the side panel from your computer.

11 Security-cable slot (for Kensington locks)
Connect a security cable to prevent unauthorized movement of your computer.
Back panel

1. **Hard-drive activity light**
   Turns on when the computer reads from or writes to the hard drive.

2. **Optical S/PDIF port**
   Connect an amplifier, speakers, or a TV for digital audio output through an optical cable.

3. **USB 2.0 ports (6)**
   Connect peripherals such as external storage devices and printers. Provides data transfer speeds up to 480 Mbps.

4. **DisplayPort**
   Connect an external display or a projector.

   **NOTE:** The DisplayPort on the back panel of your computer is covered. Connect the display to the discrete graphics card of your computer.
5  **USB 3.1 Gen 2 Type-C port**
Connect peripherals, such as external storage devices and printers.
Provides data transfer speeds up to 10 Gbps.

   **NOTE:** This port does not support video/audio streaming or power delivery.

6  **USB 3.1 Gen 2 port**
Connect peripherals, such as external storage devices and printers.
Provides data transfer speeds up to 10 Gbps.

7  **Side L/R surround port**
Connect audio-output devices such as speakers and amplifiers. In a 7.1 speaker channel setup, connect the side-left and side-right speakers.

8  **Microphone port**
Connect an external microphone to provide sound input.

9  **Front L/R surround line-out port**
Connect audio-output devices such as speakers and amplifiers. In a 2.1 speaker channel setup, connect the left and right speakers. In a 5.1 or a 7.1 speaker channel setup, connect the front-left and front-right speakers.

10 **Line-in port**
Connect recording or playback devices such as a microphone or CD player.

11  **Center/subwoofer LFE surround port**
Connect the center speaker or the subwoofer.

   **NOTE:** For more information about the speaker setup, refer the documentation that shipped with the speakers.

12  **Rear L/R surround port**
Connect audio-output devices such as speakers and amplifiers. In a 5.1 or a 7.1 speaker channel setup, connect the rear-left and rear-right speakers.

13  **USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports (3)**
Connect peripherals such as external storage devices and printers.
Provides data transfer speeds up to 5 Gbps.

14  **Network port (with lights)**
Connect an Ethernet (RJ45) cable from a router or a broadband modem for network or Internet access.
The two lights next to the connector indicate the connectivity status and network activity.

15 **Coaxial S/PDIF port**

Connect an amplifier, speakers, or a TV for digital audio output through a coaxial cable.
Specifications

Computer model

Table 1. Computer model

| Computer model | Alienware Aurora R7 |

Dimensions and weight

Table 2. Dimensions and weight

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Height</th>
<th>472.5 mm (18.60 in)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Width</td>
<td>212 mm (8.34 in)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Depth</td>
<td>360.50 mm (14.19 in)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>14.62 kg (32.23 lb)</td>
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NOTE: The weight of your computer varies depending on the configuration ordered and the manufacturing variability.

System information

Table 3. System information

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Processor</th>
<th>8th Generation Intel Core i5/i5k</th>
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<td>8th Generation Intel Core i7/i7k</td>
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NOTE: If your computer is shipped with an Intel Core i5k or Intel Core i7k processor, you can overclock the processing speed beyond the standard specifications.

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<tr>
<th>Chipset</th>
<th>Intel Z370 chipset</th>
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Operating system

Table 4. Operating system

| Operating system supported | Windows 10 Home 64-bit | Windows 10 Pro 64-bit |

Memory

Table 5. Memory specifications

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Slots</th>
<th>Four DIMM sockets</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>DDR4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Speed</td>
<td>• 2666 MHz</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Up to HyperX FURY DDR4 XMP at 2933 MHz</td>
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Configurations supported

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Per slot</th>
<th>4 GB, 8 GB, and 16 GB</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total memory</td>
<td>4 GB, 8 GB, 16 GB, 32 GB, and 64 GB</td>
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Intel Optane memory

Intel Optane memory functions as a storage accelerator. It accelerates the system and any type of SATA-based storage media such as hard drives and solid-state drives (SSDs).

NOTE: Intel Optane memory is supported on computers that meet the following requirements:

- 7th generation Intel Core i3/i5/i7 processor or higher
- Windows 10 64-bit version or higher (Anniversary Update)
- Intel Rapid Storage Technology driver version 15.5.xxxx or higher
Table 6. Intel Optane memory

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Interface</th>
<th>PCIe NVMe 3.0 x2</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Connector</td>
<td>M.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Configurations supported</td>
<td>16 GB and 32 GB</td>
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**NOTE:** For more information about enabling or disabling the Intel Optane memory, see [Enabling Intel Optane memory](#) or [Disabling Intel Optane memory](#).

## Ports and connectors

### Table 7. Ports and connectors on the back panel

**Back panel:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Network</th>
<th>One RJ45 port</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>USB</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Six USB 2.0 ports</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Three USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>• One USB 3.1 Gen 2 port</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• One USB 3.1 Gen 2 Type-C port</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Audio</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• One audio input/microphone port</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>• One optical S/PDIF port</td>
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<tr>
<td>• One coaxial S/PDIF port</td>
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<tr>
<td>• One front L/R surround line-out port</td>
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<td>• One side L/R surround port</td>
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<td>• One rear L/R surround port</td>
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<tr>
<td>• One center/subwoofer LFE surround port</td>
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<tr>
<td>• One line-in port</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Video</strong></td>
<td>One DisplayPort - optional</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**NOTE:** The DisplayPort on the back panel of your computer is covered. Connect the display to the discrete graphics card of your computer.
Table 8. Ports and connectors on the front panel

Front panel:

**USB**
- Three USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports
- One USB 3.1 Gen 1 Type-C port

**Audio**
- One audio output/headphone port (supports 2 channel audio)
- One audio input/microphone port

Communications

Table 9. Supported Communications

**Ethernet**
- 10/100/1000 Mbps Killer E2500 Ethernet controller integrated on system board

**Wireless**
- 802.11b/g/n
- 802.11ac
- Bluetooth 4.1/Bluetooth 4.2

Wireless module

Table 10. Wireless module specifications

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>QCA9377 (DW1810)</th>
<th>QCA61x4A (DW1820)</th>
<th>Rivet 1535 (Killer)</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Transfer rate</td>
<td>433 Mbps</td>
<td>Up to 867 Mbps</td>
<td>Up to 867 Mbps (1.867 Gbps with Doubleshot Pro technology)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Frequency bands supported</td>
<td>Dual band 2.4 GHz/5 GHz</td>
<td>Dual band 2.4 GHz/5 GHz</td>
<td>Dual band 2.4 GHz/5 GHz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Encryption</td>
<td>• 64-bit and 128-bit WEP • CKIP • TKIP</td>
<td>• 64-bit and 128-bit WEP • CKIP • TKIP</td>
<td>• 64-bit and 128-bit WEP • CKIP • TKIP</td>
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Video

Table 11. Video specifications

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Integrated:</th>
<th>Discrete:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Controller</td>
<td>Up to two PCI-Express X16, single-width/double-width, full length (maximum 10.5 inches)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Memory</td>
<td>NOTE: The graphics configuration of your desktop varies depending on the graphics card configuration ordered.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Controller

- AMD or NVIDIA
- Also supports NVIDIA SLI and AMD Crossfire technologies

Memory

Up to 12 GB

Audio

Table 12. Audio specifications

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<tr>
<th>Controller</th>
<th>Realtek ALC3861</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Integrated 7.1 channel audio with S/PDIF support</td>
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## Storage

### Table 13. Storage specifications

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Interface</th>
<th>SATA 6 Gbps</th>
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<tr>
<td>Externally accessible</td>
<td>One 9.5 mm slim drive bay for DVD+/-RW drive, Blu-ray Disc combo (optional), or Blu-ray Disc writer (optional)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Internally accessible</td>
<td>One M.2 drive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Solid-state drive (SSD)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>NOTE: If you purchased an M.2 drive, it is assigned as primary drive and all other SATA drives in your computer are assigned as secondary drives.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>U.2 drive</td>
<td>One optional U.2 drive installed in 3.5&quot; HDD bay.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>One 3.5-inch drive bay</td>
<td>For one 3.5-inch SATA drive or two 2.5-inch SATA drives (optional)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>NOTE: If your computer is shipped with only one 3.5-inch SATA drive, it is the primary drive. If your computer is shipped with two 2.5-inch SATA drives, one is primary drive and the other is secondary drive.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Two 2.5-inch drive bays</td>
<td>For two 2.5-inch SATA drives</td>
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<td>NOTE: The SATA drives installed in these drive bays are secondary drives.</td>
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### Capacity

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<tr>
<td>SSD</td>
<td>Up to 1 TB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>U.2</td>
<td>Up to 960 GB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hard drive</td>
<td>Up to 2 TB</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
Power ratings

Table 14. Power ratings specifications

- **Input voltage**: 100 VAC–240 VAC
- **Input frequency**: 50 Hz–60 Hz
- **Temperature range**
  - **Operating**: 5°C to 50°C (41°F to 122°F)
  - **Storage**: –40°C to 70°C (–40°F to 158°F)
- **Type**: 460 W, 850 W
- **Input current (maximum)**: 8 A, 10 A
- **Rated output voltage**: 3.3V, 5V, 12VA, 12VB, 12VC, 5Vaux, 3.3V, 5V, 12VA, 12VB, 12VD, -12V, 5Vaux

Computer environment

**Airborne contaminant level**: G2 or lower as defined by ISA-S71.04-1985

Table 15. Computer environment

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Operating</th>
<th>Storage</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Temperature range</strong></td>
<td>5°C to 35°C (41°F to 95°F)</td>
<td>–40°C to 65°C (–40°F to 149°F)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Relative humidity</strong></td>
<td>10% to 90% (non-condensing)</td>
<td>0% to 95% (non-condensing)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Vibration (maximum)</strong></td>
<td>0.26 GRMS</td>
<td>1.37 GRMS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Shock (maximum)</strong>*</td>
<td>40 G for 2 ms with a change in velocity of 20 in/s (51 cm/s)†</td>
<td>105 G for 2 ms with a change in velocity of 52.5 in/s (133 cm/s)‡</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Altitude (maximum)</strong></td>
<td>–15.20 m to 3048 m (–50 ft to 10,000 ft)</td>
<td>–15.20 m to 10,668 m (–50 ft to 35,000 ft)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
* Measured using a random vibration spectrum that simulates user environment.
† Measured using a 2 ms half-sine pulse when the hard drive is in use.
Enabling Intel Optane memory

1. On the taskbar, click the search box, and then type Intel Rapid Storage Technology.
2. Click Intel Rapid Storage Technology.
   The Intel Rapid Storage Technology window is displayed.
3. On the Status tab, click Enable to enable the Intel Optane memory.
4. On the warning screen, select a compatible fast drive, and then click Yes to continue enabling Intel Optane memory.
5. Click Intel Optane memory → Reboot to complete enabling your Intel Optane memory.

   NOTE: Applications may take up to three subsequent launches after enablement to see the full performance benefits.

Disabling Intel Optane memory

CAUTION: Do not try to remove the Intel Rapid Storage Technology driver after disabling Intel Optane memory, it will result in a blue screen error. The Intel Rapid Storage Technology user interface can be removed without uninstalling the driver.

NOTE: Disabling Intel Optane memory is required before removing the SATA storage device accelerated by the Intel Optane memory or the Intel Optane memory module from the system.

1. On the taskbar, click the search box, and then type Intel Rapid Storage Technology.
2. Click Intel Rapid Storage Technology.
   The Intel Rapid Storage Technology window is displayed.
3. On the Intel Optane memory tab, click Disable to disable the Intel Optane memory.
4. Click Yes if you accept the warning.
   The disabling progress is displayed.
5. Click **Reboot** to complete disabling your Intel Optane memory and restart your computer.
Getting help and contacting Alienware

Self-help resources

You can get information and help on Alienware products and services using these online self-help resources:

Table 16. Alienware products and online self-help resources

| Information about Alienware products and services | www.alienware.com |
| Troubleshooting information, user manuals, setup instructions, product specifications, technical help blogs, drivers, software updates, and so on | www.alienware.com/gamingservices |
| Videos providing step-by-step instructions to service your computer | www.youtube.com/alienwareservices |

Contacting Alienware

To contact Alienware for sales, technical support, or customer service issues, see www.alienware.com.

NOTE: Availability varies by country and product, and some services may not be available in your country.

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