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Using the Recovery Disc Set

The recovery disc set consists of these user instructions and a set of DVDs to restore your Lenovo® computer to the original factory configuration.

- The *Operating System Recovery Disc* restores the Microsoft® Windows® operating system. Use this disc to start the recovery process.
- The *Applications and Drivers Recovery Disc* restores the preinstalled applications and drivers on your computer. Depending on your computer model, there will be one or more *Applications and Drivers Recovery Discs*.
- The *Supplemental Recovery Disc* contains additional content, such as updates to the software. Not all recovery disc sets come with a *Supplemental Recovery Disc*.

Important: If you are using this recovery disc set to convert your operating system, it is very important to create product recovery media in case you want to restore the current operating system on your computer at a later date.

- To create product recovery media on the Microsoft Windows 7 or Microsoft Windows XP operating system, click **Start** → **All Programs** → **Lenovo ThinkVantage Tools** or **ThinkVantage**.
- To create Product Recovery discs on the Microsoft Windows Vista® operating system, click **Start** → **All Programs** → **ThinkVantage** → **Create Product Recovery Media**.

Notes:

1. You must have an internal or external DVD drive to use the recovery discs.
2. During the recovery process, all data on the hard disk drive will be deleted. Copy any important data or personal files that you want to keep onto removable media or a network drive before you start the recovery process.

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Performing the recovery process

To restore your computer to the original factory configuration using the recovery disc set, do the following:

- Step 1. Make the CD/DVD drive the first startup device in the startup sequence using the following procedure:
- Repeatedly press and release the F1 key when turning on the computer. When you hear multiple beeps or see a logo screen, release the F1 key. The Setup Utility program opens.
 - Use the arrow keys to select **Startup**. Depending on your computer model, select **Primary Boot Sequence**, **Boot**, or **Startup Sequence**.
 - Select the CD/DVD drive as the first boot device by following the instructions and the help messages on the screen.
- Step 2. Insert the *Operating System Recovery Disc* into the DVD drive.
- Step 3. Press F10 to save the Setup Utility configuration changes. Follow the instructions on the screen to begin the recovery process.
- Step 4. Select your language and click **Next**.
- Step 5. Read the license. If you agree to the terms and conditions, select **I agree to these terms and conditions** and then click **Next**. If you do not agree to the terms and conditions, follow the instructions on the screen.
- Step 6. Click **Yes** or **Next** in the displayed window to begin the operating system recovery process.
- Step 7. Insert the *Applications and Drivers Recovery Disc* when prompted and then click **Yes** or **OK** to begin the applications and drivers recovery process.
- Step 8. If you have a *Supplemental Recovery Disc*, insert it when prompted and click **Yes**. If you do not have a *Supplemental Recovery Disc*, click **No**.
- Note:** Not all recovery disc sets come with a *Supplemental Recovery Disc*.
- Step 9. When all of the data has been copied from the last disc in the set and processed, remove the disc and restart the computer.

Note: The rest of the recovery process is fully automated and no action is required by you. The computer will restart into the Microsoft Windows desktop several times and you might experience periods when no activity is apparent on the screen for several minutes at a time. This is normal.

- Step 10. When the recovery process is complete, the Set Up Windows screen is displayed. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the Windows setup.
- Step 11. After you have completed the Windows setup, you might want to restore the original startup sequence. Start the Setup Utility program and then press F9 to restore the default settings. Press F10 to save and exit the Setup Utility program.

Note: After restoring a hard disk drive to the factory default settings, you might need to reinstall some device drivers.

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