

USE BELARC ADVISOR TO INVENTORY YOUR COMPUTER'S HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE

Before you can determine if your PC's components are working properly, you need to know what they are. The free, intuitive Belarc Advisor gives you a snapshot of your system's hardware and software without you having to open the case.

Download and install the program from this site:

http://www.belarc.com/free_download.html.

If you have a previous edition of Belarc Advisor installed on your computer, the installer will automatically remove it in favor of the newest edition.

Belarc Advisor is one of the handiest programs available, and it's free! The program creates a report that not only tells you everything you could possibly want to know about the hardware on your system, but also what you might need to know about the software that's installed. Gathered data includes motherboard type, CPU (central processing unit) and GPU (graphic processing unit) information, drive space, Microsoft hotfixes, operating system revision, and Web browser vulnerabilities, as well as third-party software installs.

A favorite feature is its software key retrieval. It's easy to download replacement software if you have all the original installation disks, but it's often useless without the installation keys. If you can boot into Windows at all, Belarc Advisor will retrieve the keys for software installed on the system for you. Even if you have all your original install discs or download files, having these keys gathered together into one document can be very handy.