

# **Dell XPS 15 Motherboard Replacement**

This guide explains how to replace the...

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

This guide explains how to replace the motherboard in the Dell XPS 15 9575. The motherboard connects all the hardware components in the device and is a critical component. If your Dell XPS 15 is experiencing power issues a motherboard replacement might be necessary. To make sure this is the right fix, check the troubleshooting section for specific symptoms such as failure to boot, overheating and power issues.

#### TOOLS:

iFixit Opening Picks (Set of 6) (1)

Spudger (1)

Tweezers (1)

Phillips #0 Screwdriver (1)

T5 Torx Screwdriver (1)

iFixit Opening Tool (1)

#### Step 1 — Back Cover



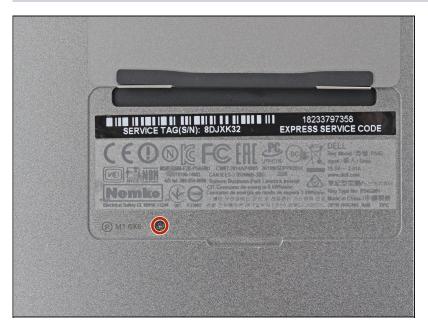


• Remove the eight 4 mm T5 Torx screws from the bottom cover.



• Use a plastic opening tool to pry open the 'XPS' flap in the middle.

### Step 3



 Remove the single Phillips screw hidden beneath the flap.



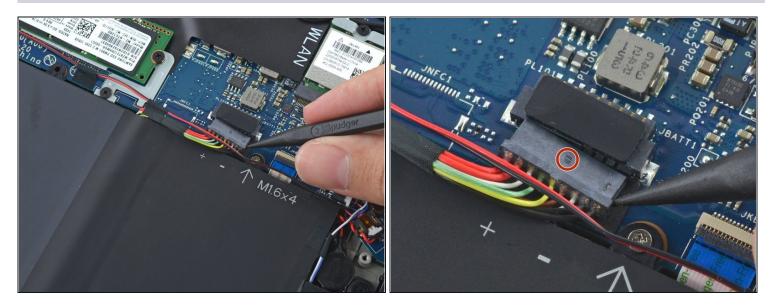
 Use opening picks or a plastic pry tool to pry open the case clips, beginning from the back edge.

# Step 5



• Remove the bottom cover.

#### **Step 6** — **Battery Disconnection**

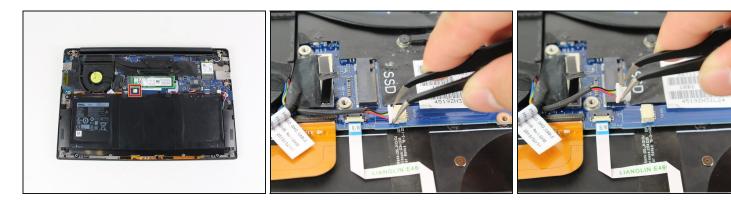


- Pull the battery cable connector towards the battery to disconnect it from its socket.
  - If the connector is stubborn, push a little at one side, then the other, to "walk" it out of its socket.
  - If you have trouble walking the connector out of the socket, use the point of a spudger to gently push on the connector indent to slide the connector out.

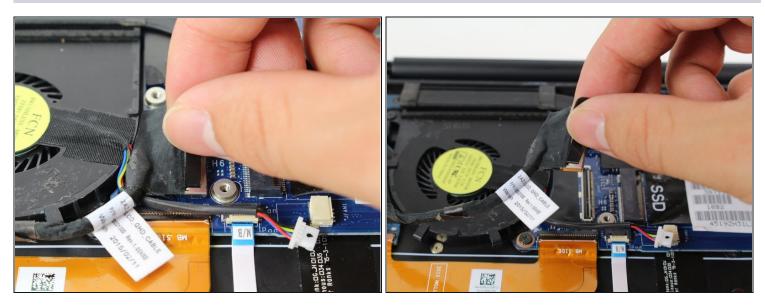
#### ⚠ Do not pull up.

 Open the display and press the power button for five seconds to drain any remaining charge from the system.

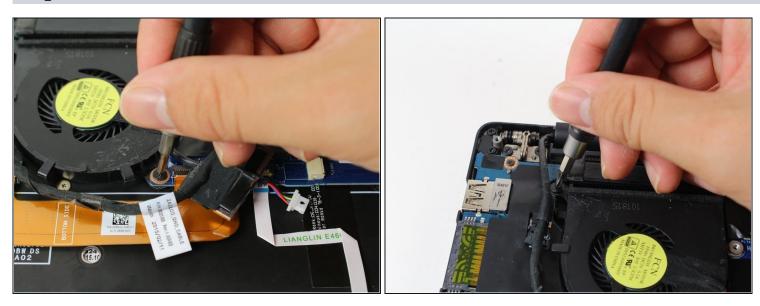
#### Step 7 — Fan



• Use <u>tweezers</u> to remove the little white connector by pulling it out and away from its socket.



• Remove the black standard flat connector by lifting the tab up with your hand.



- Remove the 4 mm Phillips #0 screw that connects the fan to the motherboard.
- Remove the 4 mm Phillips #0 screw that connects the fan to the base of the computer.

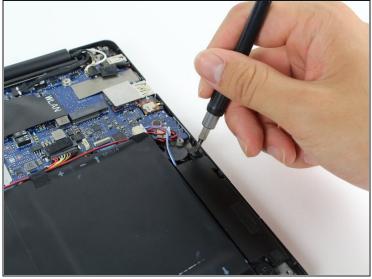




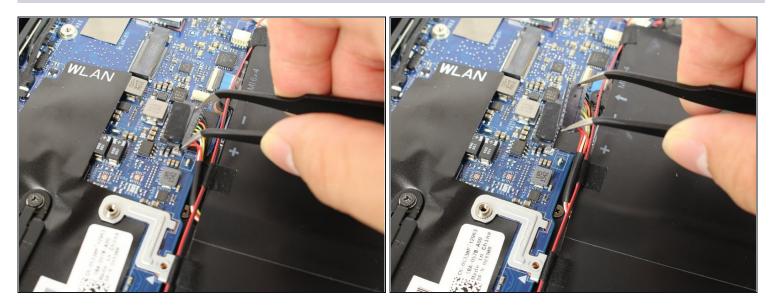
- Use your right hand to lift up the larger section of the motherboard, closest to the fan.
- Use your left hand to pull the fan at a 30-degree angle out from underneath the motherboard.

#### Step 11 — Battery



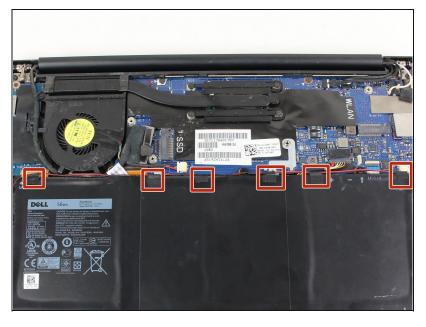


• Remove the four 3 mm Phillips #0 screws located on each corner of the battery.



• Pull the battery cable connector towards the battery to disconnect it from its socket.

Do not pull up.

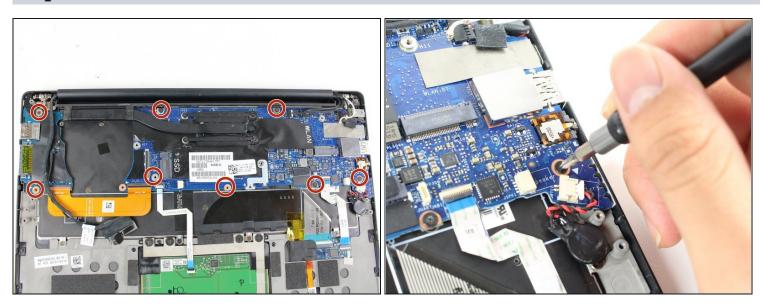


- Peel up any tape securing the speaker cables to the battery.
  - ② You do not need to remove the speakers, only the tape, allowing the battery to be removed out under the speaker cables.

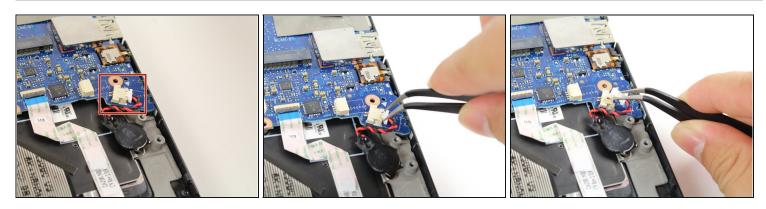


• Remove the battery.

# Step 15 — Motherboard



• Remove the eight 4 mm Phillips #0 screws from the motherboard.



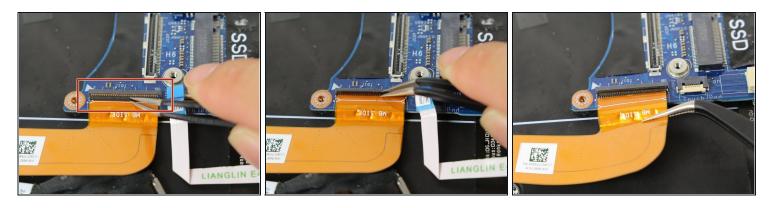
- Locate the red and black cable connector at the bottom right of the motherboard.
- Use <u>tweezers</u> to slowly detach the cable connector from its socket by pulling it to the right and up.



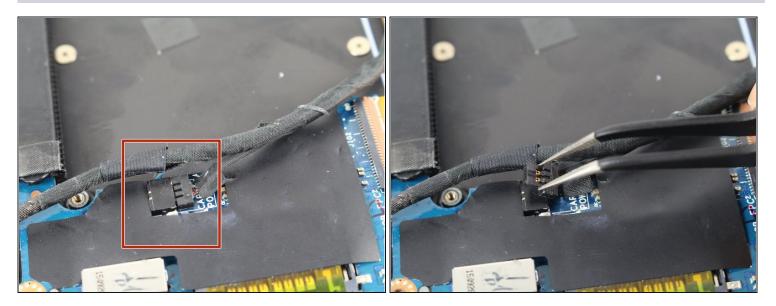
- Use tweezers to flip open the Zero Insertion Force (ZIF) connector.
- Use tweezers to detach the ribbon cable from the ZIF by pulling it towards yourself.



- Use tweezers to flip open the white ZIF connector.
- Use tweezers to detach the ribbon connector from the ZIF by pulling it towards yourself.

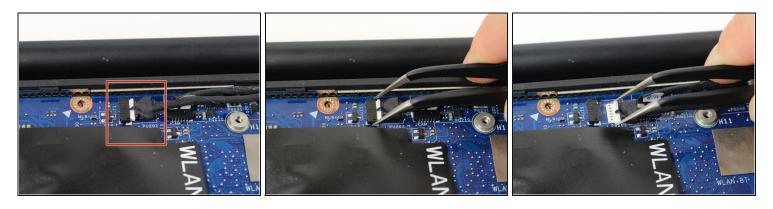


- Use tweezers to flip open the ZIF connector.
- Use tweezers to detach the orange ribbon connector from the ZIF by pulling it towards yourself.

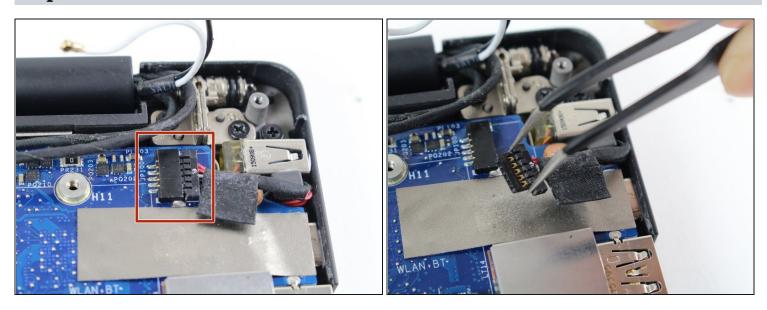


• Use tweezers to detach the black cable connector out of its socket by pulling it to the right.

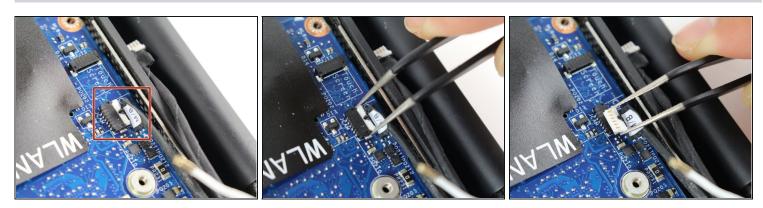
# Step 21



• Use tweezers to gently detach the black and white cable connector out of its socket by pulling it to the right.



- Locate the connector at the top right of the motherboard.
- Use tweezers to detach the cable connector from its socket by pulling it to the right.



- Locate the last black cable connector.
- Use tweezers to detach the black cable connector from its socket by pulling it to the right.



 Use your hands to lift up the motherboard.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.