



# Desktop PC Hard Drive Replacement

This guide will show the steps to properly remove and replace the Hard Drive in a desktop computer.

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## INTRODUCTION

Hard drives store most of the information on a computer. The hard drive of a computer must be replaced if the computer crashes. Hard drive replacement is an important skill for desktop PC users.

### TOOLS:

- Phillips #2 Screwdriver (1)

## Step 1 — Left Panel



**⚠** Unplug the computer from the power supply before any maintenance or disassembly.

- Remove the two Phillips #2 head 5mm screws from the back side of the computer case. You only need to remove the screws that hold down the panel.
- **i** These screws can usually be removed by hand.
- **i** Be sure to wear an anti-static bracelet or use an anti-static mat to ensure important components are not damaged by static electricity.

## Step 2



- Next, remove the side panel of the computer case to allow access into the computer. Slide the panel towards the back of the computer and lift it up to remove.

**⚠** If there is a fan mounted on the side panel, make sure to unplug the cable before fully removing the panel.

## Step 3 — Right Panel



- Remove two Phillips #2 head 5mm screws from the back side of the computer case.

## Step 4



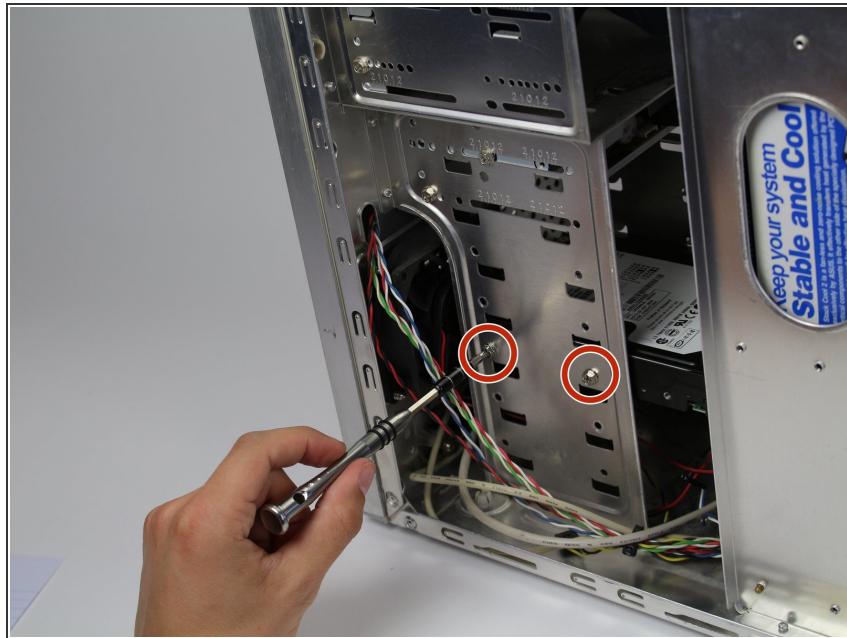
- Next, remove the side panel of the computer case to allow access into the computer.

## Step 5 — Hard Drive



- Remove two Phillips #2 head 5mm screws holding the hard drive in place.

## Step 6



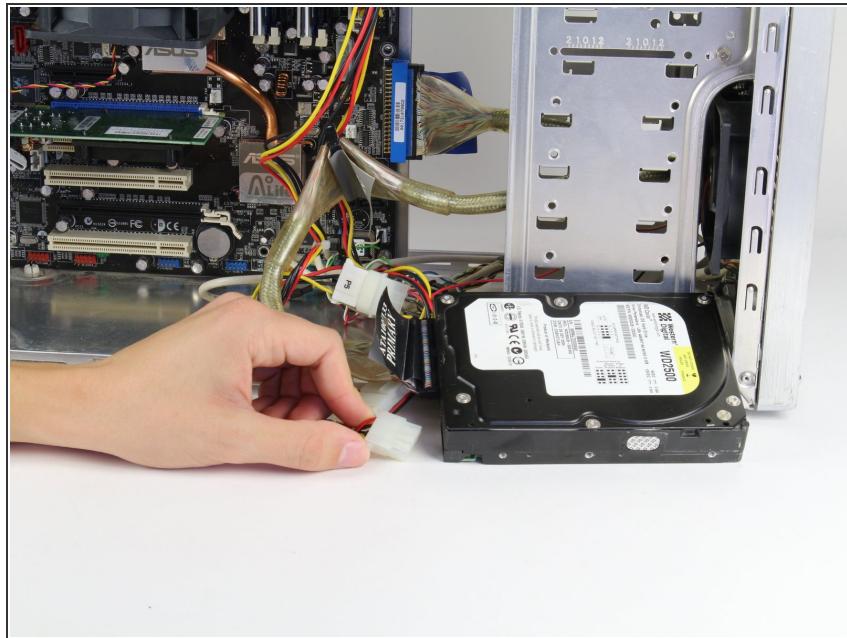
- Remove two Phillips #2 head 5mm screws holding in the other side of the hard drive.

## Step 7



- Slide the hard drive out from the metal casing.

## Step 8



- Remove the cables from the back of the hard drive.

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