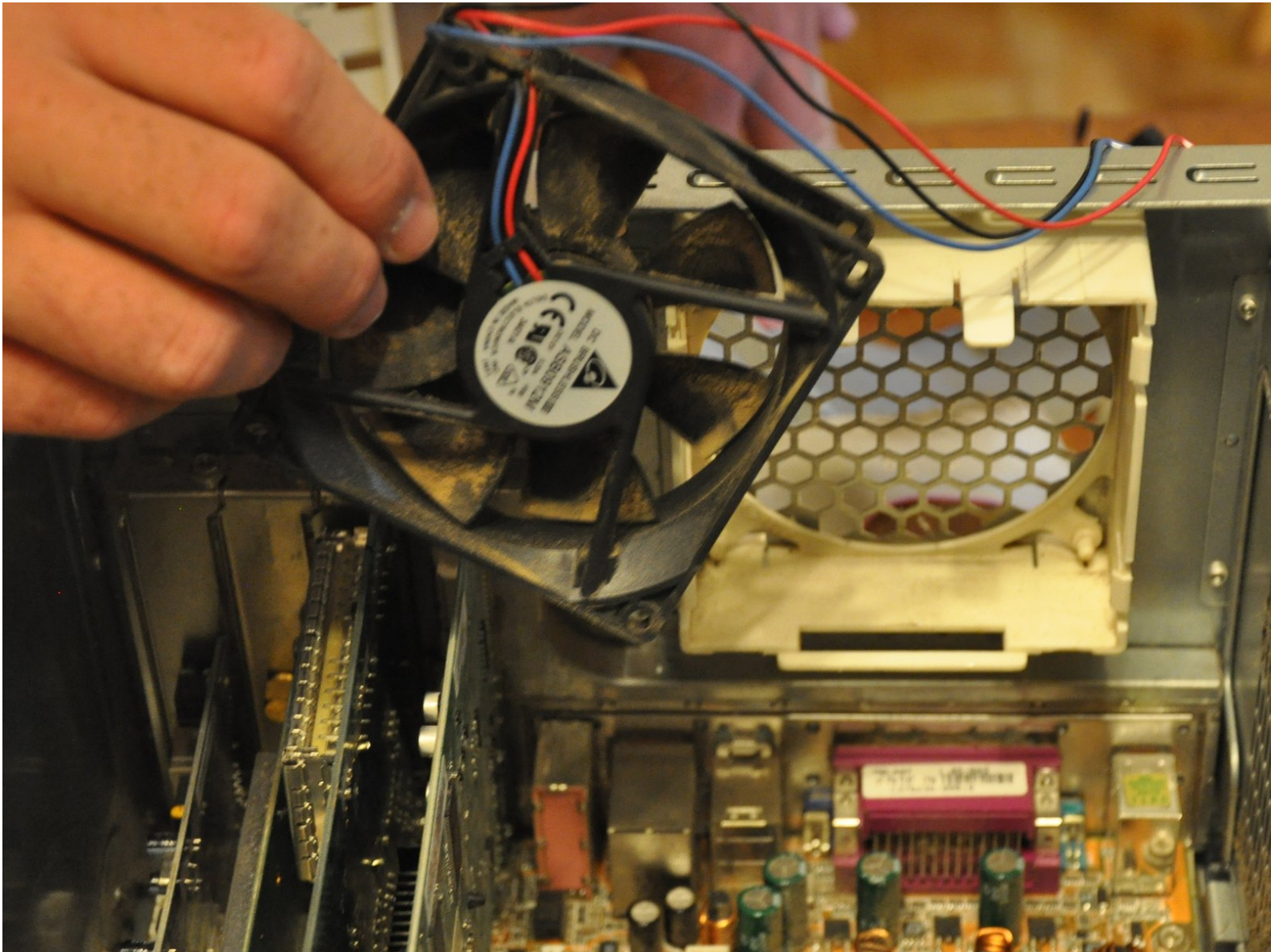# HP Media Center 876x Cooling Fan Replacement

This guide will show you how to replace the internal cooling fan.

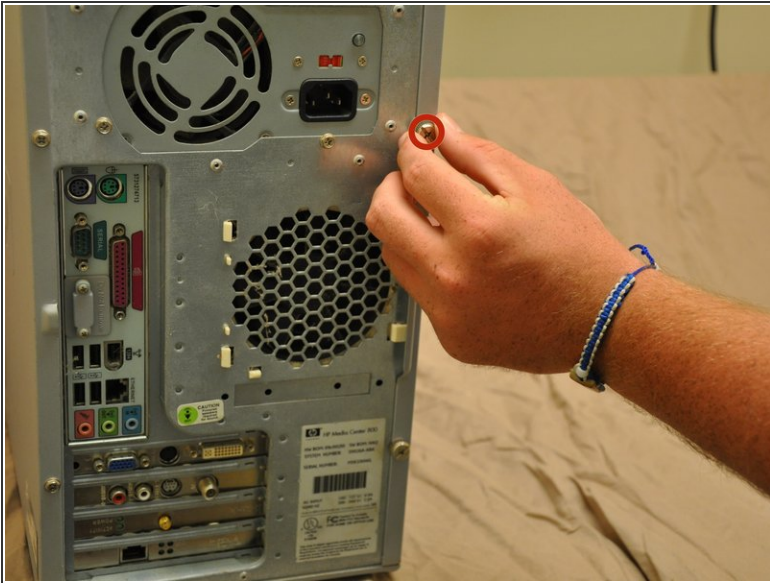Written By: Balakrishnan Pillai

INTRODUCTION

The internal cooling fan is responsible for maintaining optimal operational conditions for the HP Media Center 876x processor. If your computer will not turn on, or will turn off randomly, then the internal fan may require replacement.
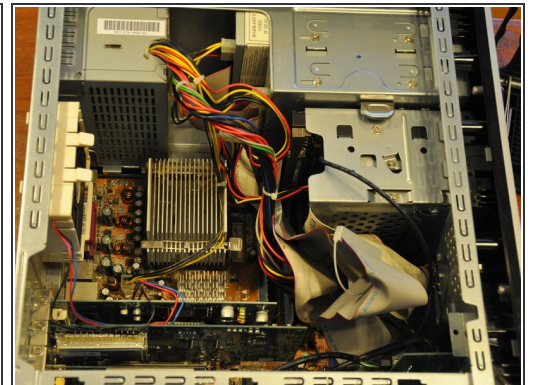
TOOLS:

- Phillips #1 Screwdriver (1)

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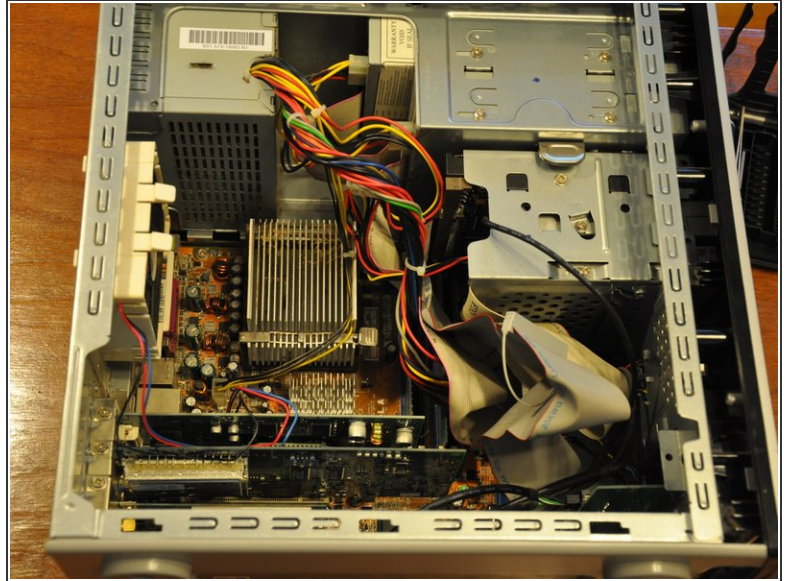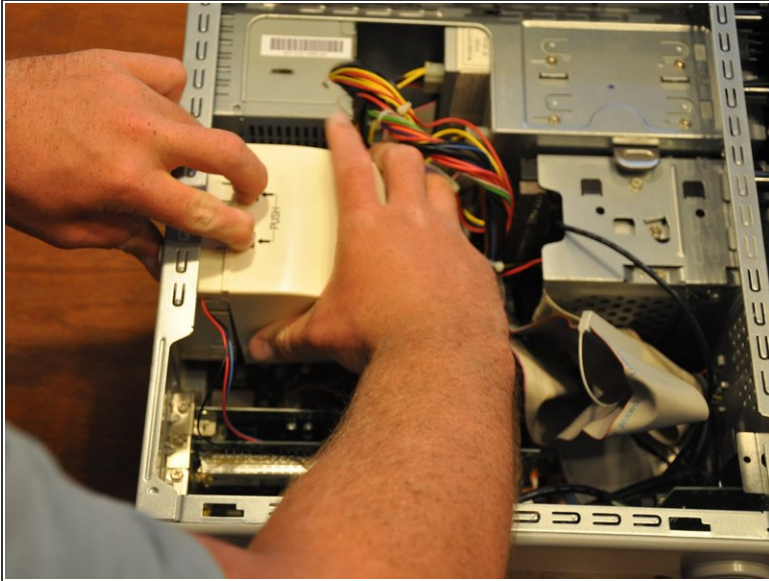
Step 1 — Side Panel

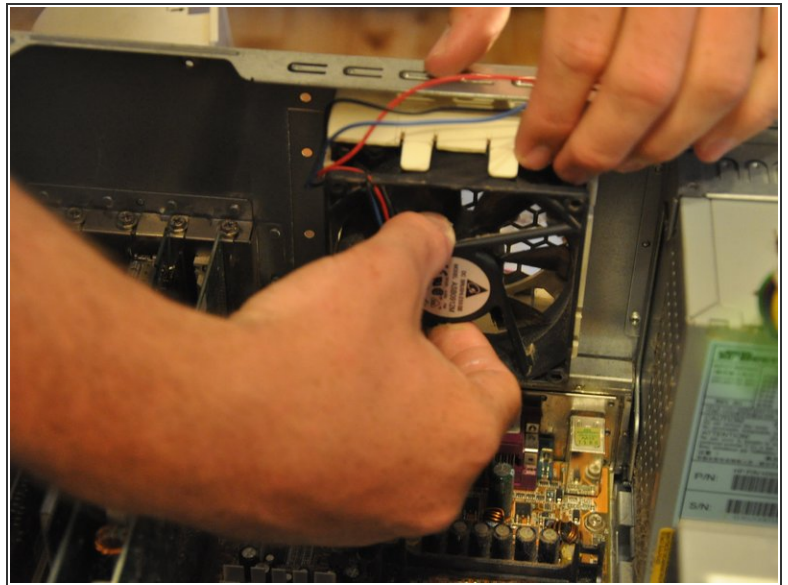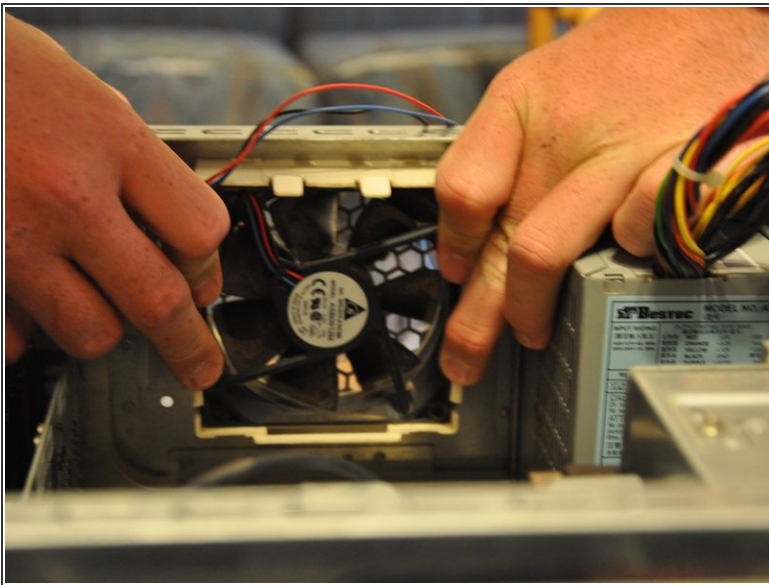- Remove the two (9 mm) hand screws on the back panel.

Step 2

- Place the tower on its side.

- Slide the side panel horizontally to detach, and pull upward to remove.
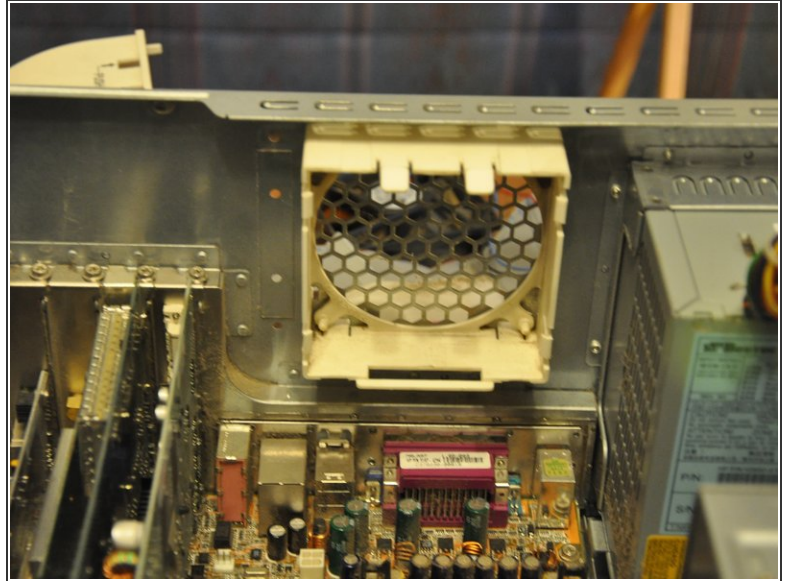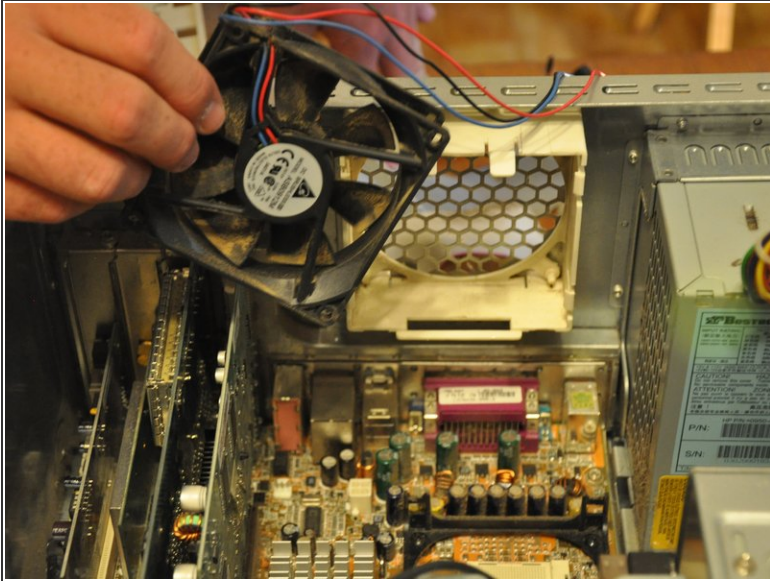
Step 3 — Cooling Fan

- Apply great pressure with fingers on the tabs of the fan casing.

- While applying pressure, pull the casing upwards to remove.

Step 4

- Simultaneously pull the four corner tabs outward.

- Grab the center of the fan and slide it, smoothly, outward.

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Step 5

- Remove the fan completely from its casing.

⚠️ Take care not to damage any plastic parts or wires.

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