IBM Thinkpad T61 RAM Replacement

How to replace the RAM in a ThinkPad T61.

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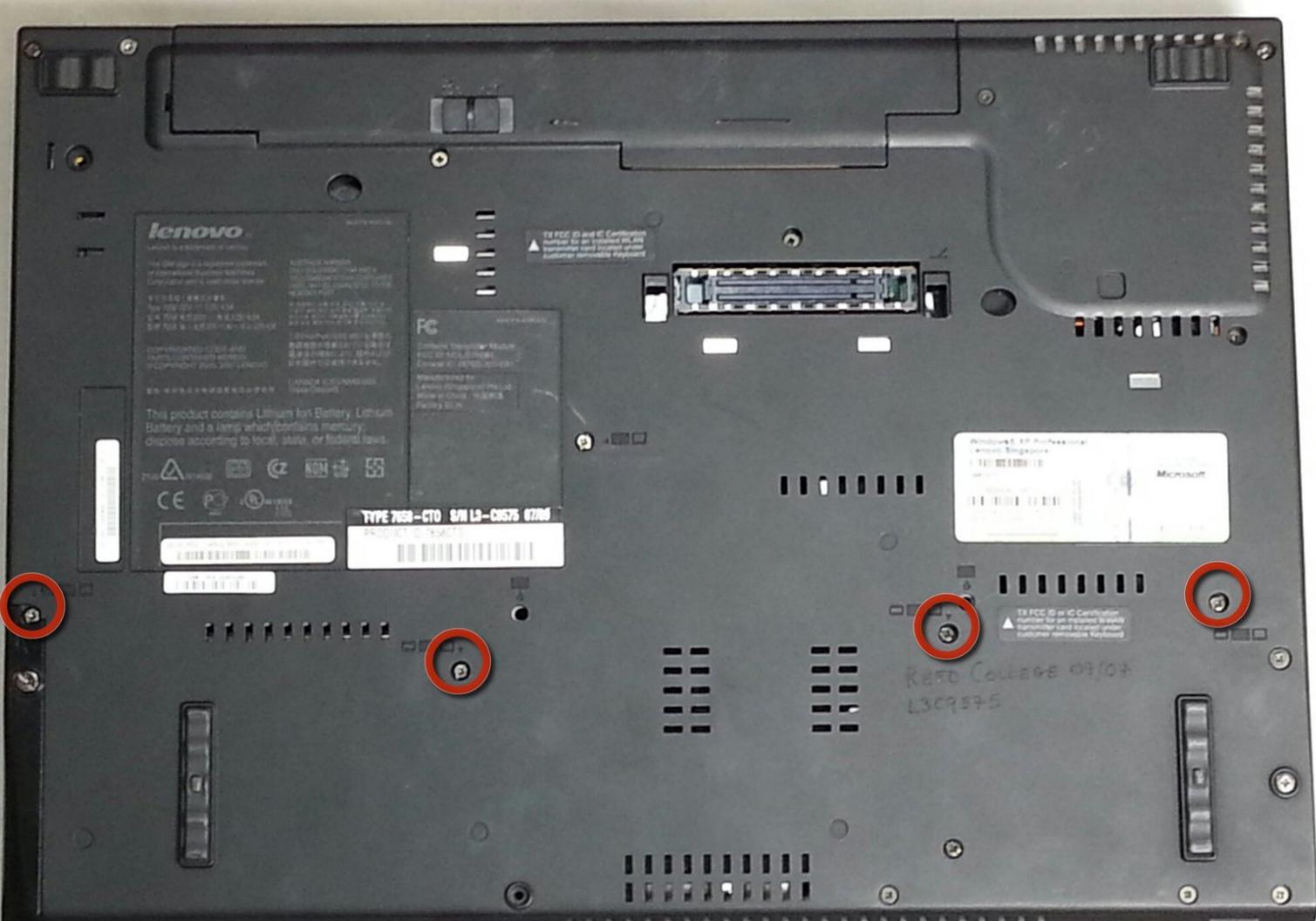
INTRODUCTION

Replacing the RAM in this laptop is a relatively straightforward process.

🔧 TOOLS:

- Phillips #00 Screwdriver (1)

⚙ PARTS:

- PC2-5300 1 GB RAM Chip (1)
- PC2-5300 2 GB RAM Chip (1)

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Step 1 — Battery
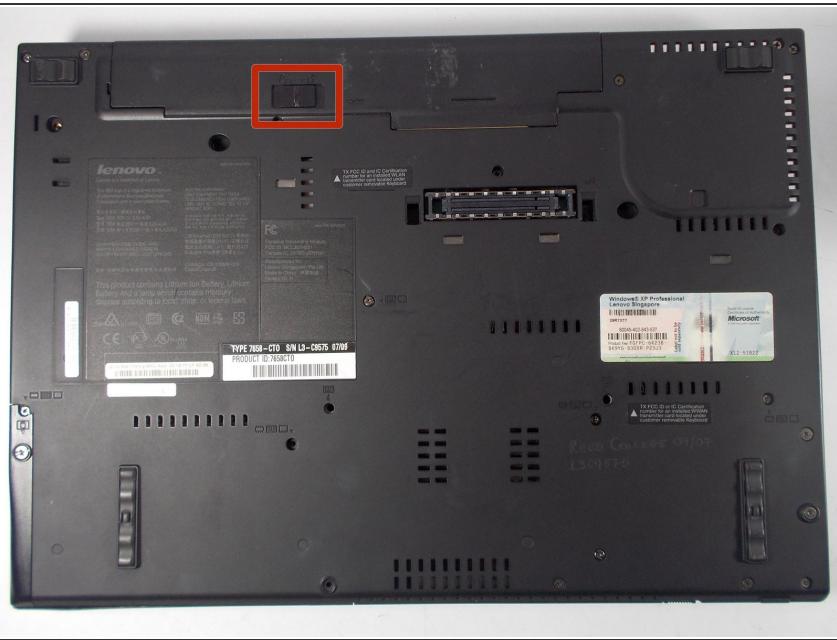
- Ensure the laptop has been properly shut down and unplugged.

- Turn the computer over so that you can see the battery release tab located near the top of the Thinkpad.

Step 2

- Use your finger to slide the release tab to the unlocked symbol.

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Step 3

- Hold the tab in the unlocked position and push the battery away from the computer to remove it.

Step 4
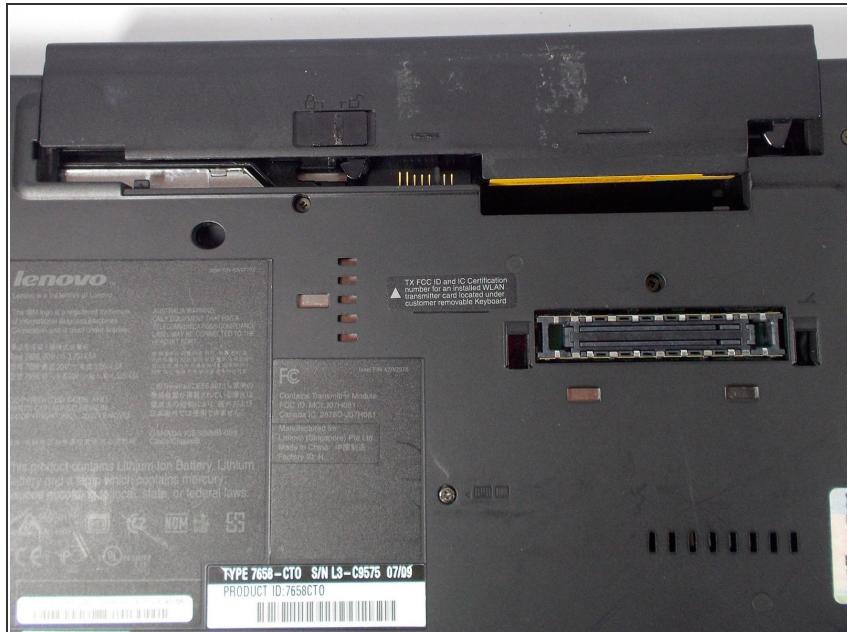
- Slide the new battery in until it clicks.

- Ensure that the release tab is in the locked position.

Step 5 — RAM
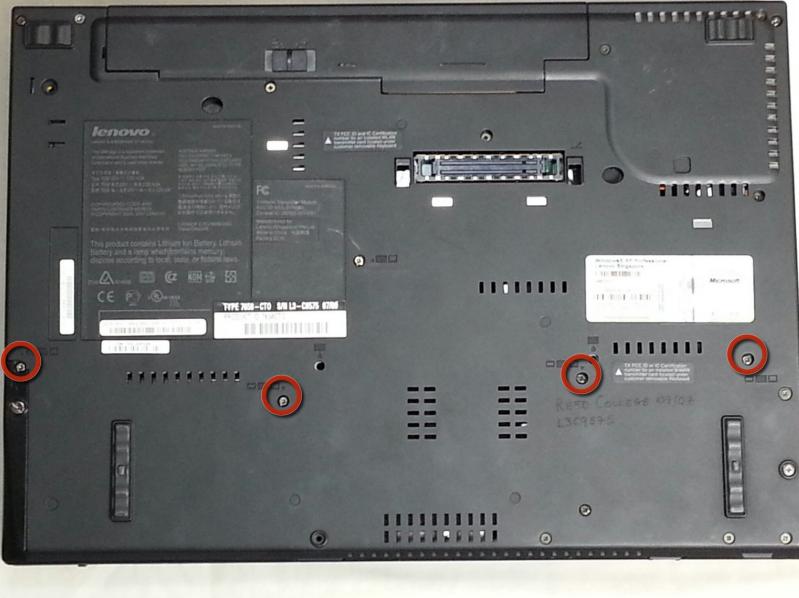
- Using a #0 Phillips screwdriver, remove four 17.0mm screws on the back of the computer.
 - (i) These screws have a RAM symbol next to them.

Step 6

- Flip back over and open the laptop.

- Lift up on the inside front panel just below the edge of the keyboard.

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Step 7
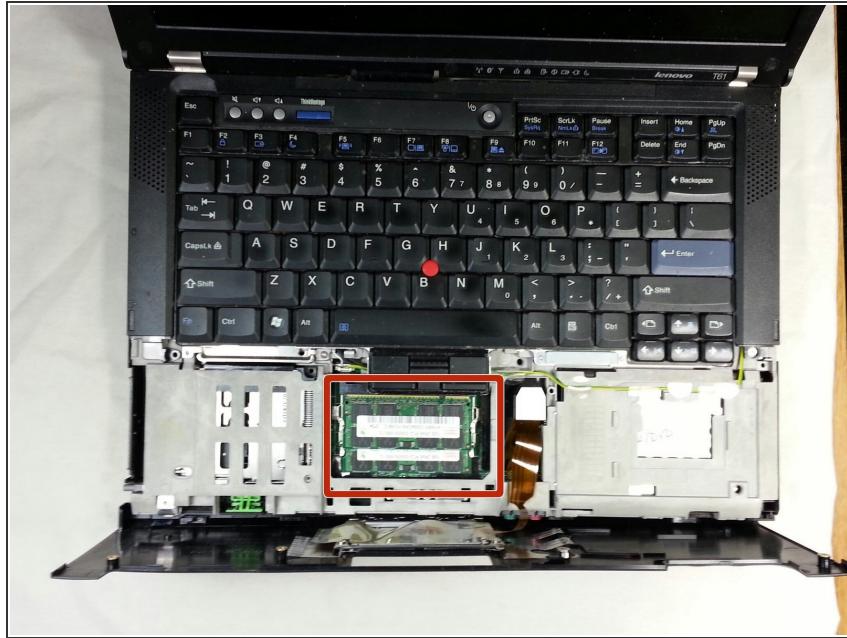
- The green rectangles under the front panel are the RAM.

Step 8

- Press out on the two tabs on either side of the ram at the same time.

- The RAM will release and pop up at a 25 degree angle.

Step 9

- Pull the RAM away from the housing to remove.

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