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The addlink M.2 2280 SSD is a high-performance storage solution designed for Intel and AMD laptops. With its ultra-slim 2.25mm profile, it offers power efficiency and is an excellent choice for those seeking faster boot times and responsive applications.

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1. **Warranty:** Before proceeding, ensure your laptop's warranty won't be voided by opening it or making modifications. Consult the manufacturer's guidelines if unsure.
2. **Professional Assistance:** If you're uncertain about the installation, consider seeking expert help.
3. **Static Electricity:** Discharge any static by touching a grounded metal object before handling the SSD.
4. **Environment:** Please do not use this product in a wet environment. Make sure that you are working in static-safe environment.
5. **Handling:** Always hold the SSD by its edges. Avoid touching connectors or components.
6. **Data Safety:** Backup all crucial data before starting.
7. **Compatibility:** Ensure your laptop supports M.2 NVMe 2280 SSDs.
8. **Operating System:** If the SSD is your primary drive, prepare a bootable USB with your desired OS.
9. **Label:** Do not remove or tamper with the SSD's label or sticker.

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- 1. Backup:** Secure your data by creating backups.
- 2. Tools Needed:**
 - A Phillips screwdriver
 - Your addlink M.2 NVMe SSD
 - Laptop's user manual
 - An external adapter or dock (for single-slot laptops)

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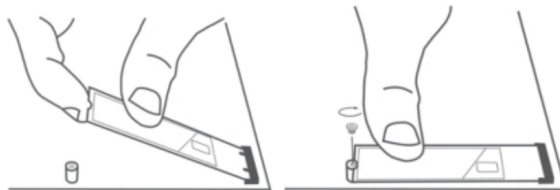
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1. Ensure the laptop is off and unplugged.
2. Detach the battery if possible.
3. Use an anti-static wristband or touch a metal object periodically.
4. Open the laptop's back panel.
5. Organize screws by size/type to avoid confusion during reassembly.
6. Identify the M.2 slot. Align the SSD with the slot's notch.
7. Insert the SSD at a 30-degree angle, then press down gently.



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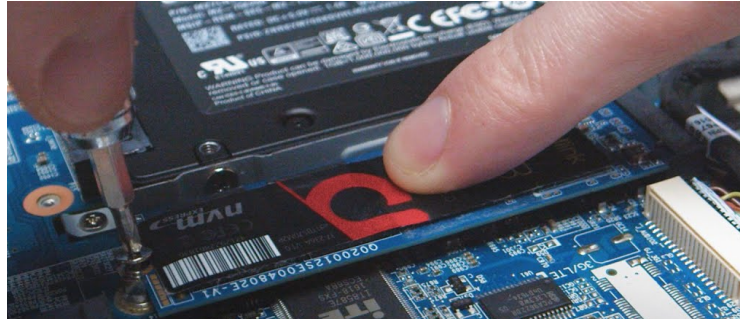
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8. Secure the SSD with the motherboard's screw.



9. Reattach the back panel and battery.
10. Power on the laptop and check if the SSD is detected.

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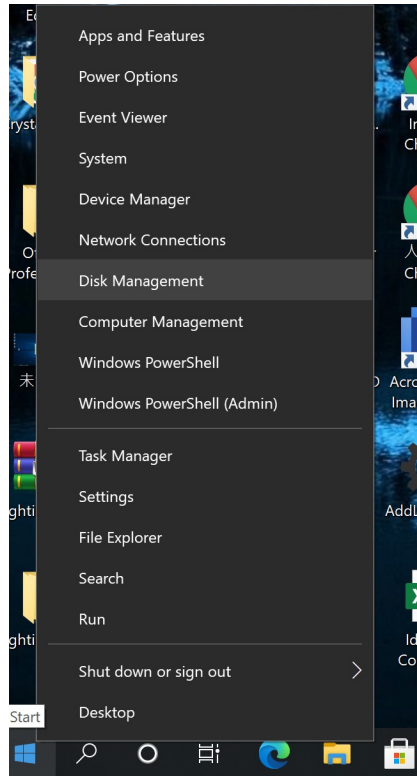
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1. If the SSD doesn't appear in "My Computer" or "This PC", access "Disk Management".



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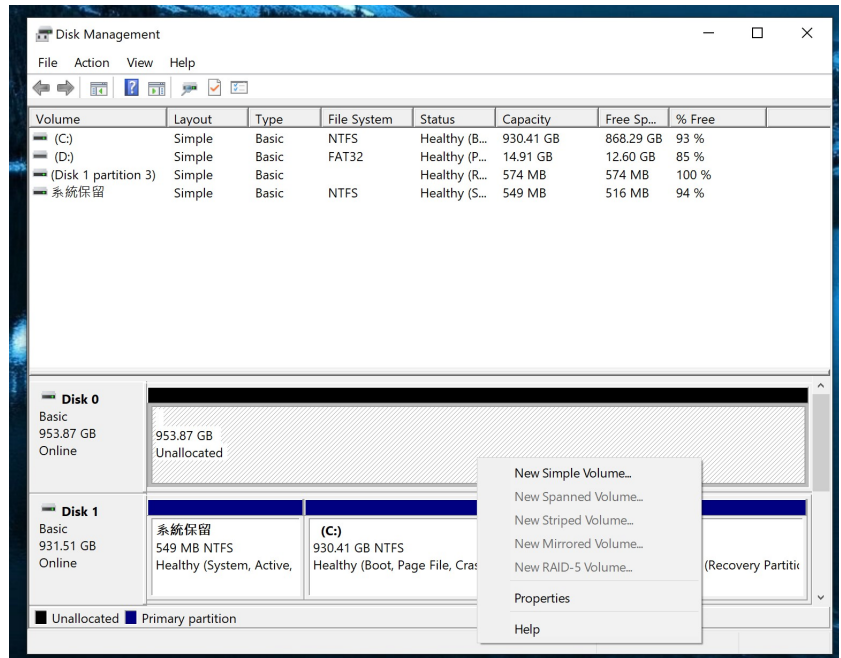
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2. The SSD should be listed as "Unallocated". Right-click and select "Initialize Disk".



3. Choose MBR or GPT based on your preference and SSD size.
4. Create a new volume and format the SSD.

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For Single Storage Slot Laptops

1. Backup & Preparation:

- Backup data to an external source.
- Prepare a bootable USB with your OS.

2. Replace Primary Drive: Refer to the "SSD Installation" section.

3. Boot from USB: Access the BIOS/UEFI and set the USB as the primary boot device.

4. OS Installation: Follow on-screen prompts and select the SSD as the installation destination.

5. SSD Initialization: Post OS installation, the SSD might need initialization.

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