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Subject: Opening a laptop

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I repair and build PC's however I don't really mess with laptops, there too fragile. Also when I did fix one I had 10 extra screws when I put it back together. I can't think of a website that is about laptop deconstruction. Unlike a PC laptops have specilist components and are not as modular as PC's. However if you do take it apart I reccommend writing down where everything goes so you can remember.

Here is a hint, most laptops come apart by removing the keyboard. There should be a cover around the keyboard that unclips and has screws under it. After you have removed the keyboard you have access top the motherboard top and connection.

On the btoom you may or may not see some screws that hold in the CDROM and Floppy Disk. Removing the scews should allow you to slide these components out of the base unit by pusing them.

On the bottem there should be a cover. Under the cover is the CPU and memory slots. The CPU is normally encased in a heatsink so you will see the top of the heatsink. There should be a memory slot that may be in use or not depending on if the ram is expanded from what it came with.

Fnally there may also be another cover that you can remove to access the hard drive by removing the two scews and pulling the drive foward. Be VERY careful as if you pull it too hard and it hits the case you may damage it. the 2.5" laptop drives are very fragile in terms of data damage.

After you have removed these components you can then gain better acces to the motherbord and other components suchas modem and graphics. It will aslo allow you access to the powe and monitor connections if there faulty.

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