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Want to know more about your computer? Many software download websites offer all kinds of tools. However, most of these tools are already built into windows and you don't need to download extra software. Go to ^start~ on your taskbar, then to ^run~. Type in or copy MSINFO32 into the run box. Click the plus sign next to ^Hardware Resources~ Now select Conflicts/Sharing. This shows you a list of hardware resources. Next is ^DMA~ which according to [http://www.x-emi.com/tech\\_terms.html](http://www.x-emi.com/tech_terms.html) , DMA is defined as ^Direct Memory Access~. The next option is ^forced hardware~. This is hardware that is not plug in play compatible and may cause conflicts. Next is I/O which are Input/output settings." These settings refer to sending data to and from hardware devices. Now click IRQ. This stands for Interrupt Request and is an electronic request from a hardware device. If you do end up with an IRQ conflict, you can choose the device in ^device manager~ and change the IRQ. The next choice is ^memory~. This is the memory blocks that your hardware uses and again your hardware may have conflicts. Click the plus sign by ^components~ now. Each computer has different hardware, but information is available. The history option is good for computer techs because it gives them an idea of what has been done. If you click the plus sign next to software environment, you will see several choices. You will see a list of software environments. In this general area you can select Basic Information, Advanced Information, or History for each software environment. Now at the top, go to tools. You will see a ^repair Internet Explorer~ tab. Don't go there unless you have a problem. Now the DirectX Diagnostic tool. This is a step by step easy to understand wizard that will help you diagnose DirectX problems. The windows report tool is where you can contact Microsoft support about problems. I don't know if it works. Most of the other tools I ignore except for the system file checker. This is a handy tool you should use. I hope this article has helped you learn a little more about the computer you use and has helped you solve a problem.

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