

**P8Z77-I  
DELUXE/WD**

**ASUS**<sup>®</sup>

**Motherboard**

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# Safety information

## Electrical safety

- To prevent electrical shock hazard, disconnect the power cable from the electrical outlet before relocating the system.
- When adding or removing devices to or from the system, ensure that the power cables for the devices are unplugged before the signal cables are connected. If possible, disconnect all power cables from the existing system before you add a device.
- Before connecting or removing signal cables from the motherboard, ensure that all power cables are unplugged.
- Seek professional assistance before using an adapter or extension cord. These devices could interrupt the grounding circuit.
- Ensure that your power supply is set to the correct voltage in your area. If you are not sure about the voltage of the electrical outlet you are using, contact your local power company.
- If the power supply is broken, do not try to fix it by yourself. Contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.

## Operation safety

- Before installing the motherboard and adding devices on it, carefully read all the manuals that came with the package.
- Before using the product, ensure all cables are correctly connected and the power cables are not damaged. If you detect any damage, contact your dealer immediately.
- To avoid short circuits, keep paper clips, screws, and staples away from connectors, slots, sockets and circuitry.
- Avoid dust, humidity, and temperature extremes. Do not place the product in any area where it may become wet.
- Place the product on a stable surface.
- If you encounter technical problems with the product, contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.

## About this guide

This user guide contains the information you need when installing and configuring the motherboard.

## How this guide is organized

This guide contains the following parts:

- **Chapter 1: Product introduction**  
This chapter describes the features of the motherboard and the new technology it supports. It includes description of the switches, jumpers, and connectors on the motherboard.
- **Chapter 2: Basic Installation**  
This chapter lists the hardware setup procedures that you have to perform when installing system components.
- **Chapter 3: BIOS setup**  
This chapter tells how to change system settings through the BIOS Setup menus. Detailed descriptions of the BIOS parameters are also provided.
- **Chapter 4: Software support**  
This chapter describes the contents of the support DVD that comes with the motherboard package and the software.
- **Chapter 5: RAID Support**  
This chapter describes how to install and configure RAID support for hard drives.
- **Chapter 6: Intel® Technologies**  
This chapter is an introduction to the Intel® 2012 desktop responsiveness technologies included with the motherboard.
- **Chapter 7: LucidLogix Virtu MVP**  
This chapter describes how to configure LucidLogix Virtu MVP.

## Where to find more information

Refer to the following sources for additional information and for product and software updates.

1. **ASUS websites**  
The ASUS website provides updated information on ASUS hardware and software products. Refer to the ASUS contact information.
2. **Optional documentation**  
Your product package may include optional documentation, such as warranty flyers, that may have been added by your dealer. These documents are not part of the standard package.

## Conventions used in this guide

To ensure that you perform certain tasks properly, take note of the following symbols used throughout this manual.



**DANGER/WARNING:** Information to prevent injury to yourself when completing a task.



**CAUTION:** Information to prevent damage to the components when completing a task



**IMPORTANT:** Instructions that you **MUST** follow to complete a task.



**NOTE:** Tips and additional information to help you complete a task.

## Typography

**Bold text**

Indicates a menu or an item to select.

*Italics*

Used to emphasize a word or a phrase.

<Key>

Keys enclosed in the less-than and greater-than sign means that you must press the enclosed key.

Example: <Enter> means that you must press the Enter or Return key.

<Key1> + <Key2> + <Key3>

If you must press two or more keys simultaneously, the key names are linked with a plus sign (+).

## P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD specifications summary

<b>CPU</b>	<p>LGA1155 socket for Intel® 3rd / 2nd Generation Core™ i7 / Core™ i5 / Core™ i3 / Pentium® / Celeron® Processors</p> <p>Supports 22/32nm CPU</p> <p>Supports Intel® Turbo Boost Technology 2.0*</p> <p>* The Intel® Turbo Boost Technology 2.0 support depends on the CPU types.  ** Refer to <a href="http://www.asus.com">www.asus.com</a> for Intel CPU support list</p>
<b>Chipset</b>	<p>Intel® Z77 Express Chipset</p>
<b>Memory</b>	<p>2 x DIMM, max. 16GB, DDR3 2400 (O.C.)* / 2200 (O.C.)* / 2133 (O.C.) / 1866 (O.C.) / 1600 / 1333 / 1066 MHz, non-ECC, un-buffered memory</p> <p>Dual channel memory architecture</p> <p>Supports Intel® Extreme Memory Profile (XMP)</p> <p>* <b>Hyper DIMM support is subject to the physical characteristics of individual CPUs. Please refer to Memory QVL (Qualified Vendors List) for details.</b></p>
<b>Expansion slots</b>	<p>1 x PCI Express 3.0*/2.0 x16 slots</p> <p>* <b>Intel® 3rd generation Core™ processors support PCIe 3.0.</b></p>
<b>VGA</b>	<p>Integrated Graphics Processor - Intel® HD Graphics support</p> <p>Multi-VGA output support: DisplayPort/HDMI/DVI-I port</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supports DisplayPort 1.1a with max. resolution of 2560 x 1600@60Hz</li> <li>- Supports HDMI 1.4a with max. resolution of 1920 x 1200@60Hz</li> <li>- Supports DVI-I Single Link with max. resolution 1920 x 1200@60Hz</li> </ul> <p>Supports Intel® InTru™ 3D / Quick Sync Video / Clear Video HD Technology/Insider™</p>
<b>Multi-GPU support</b>	<p>Supports Lucidlogix Virtu MVP Technology*</p> <p>*<b>LucidLogix Virtu MVP supports Windows® 7 operating system.</b></p>
<b>LAN</b>	<p>Intel® 82579V Gigabit LAN controller—Dual interconnect between the integrated LAN controller and Physical Layer (PHY)</p>
<b>Wireless Data Network</b>	<p>Intel® Wi-Fi 802.11 a/g/n supports dual frequency band 2.4/5 GHz</p> <p>Supports Intel® Wireless Display**</p> <p>*Wi-fi only supports Window® 7 or later versions.</p> <p>**Intel® Wireless Display is only supported on Intel® Core™ processors with iGPU.</p>

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Storage	<p>Intel® Z77 Express Chipset</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 x SATA 6.0 Gb/s ports (gray) with RAID 0, 1, 5, 10 support</li> <li>- 2 x SATA 3.0 Gb/s ports (blue) with RAID 0, 1, 5, 10 support</li> <li>- 2 x eSATA 3.0 Gb/s ports (back panel) with RAID 0, 1, 5, 10 support</li> <li>- Supports Intel® Smart Response Technology, Intel® Rapid Start Technology, Intel® Smart Connect Technology*</li> </ul> <p>* Supports Intel® Core™ processors on Windows® 7 operating system.          ** These SATA ports are for data hard drives only. ATAPI devices are not supported.</p>
Bluetooth	<p>Bluetooth v4.0          Bluetooth v3.0 + HS</p>
Audio	<p>Realtek® ALC898 8-channel high definition audio CODEC*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Absolute Pitch 192khz/24bit True BD Lossless Sound</li> <li>- DTS UltraPC II</li> <li>- DTS Connect</li> <li>- Supports jack-detection, multi-streaming and front panel jack-retasking</li> <li>- Optical S/PDIF out ports at back I/O</li> </ul> <p>* Use a chassis with HD audio module in the front panel to support an 8-channel audio output.</p>
USB	<p><b>ASMedia® USB 3.0 controller - supports ASUS USB 3.0 Boost UASP Mode</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 x USB 3.0/2.0 ports at back panel (blue)</li> </ul> <p><b>Intel® Z77 Express Chipset - supports ASUS USB 3.0 Boost UASP Mode*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 x USB 3.0/2.0 ports at mid-board for front panel support</li> <li>- 2 x USB 3.0/2.0 ports at back panel (blue)</li> </ul> <p><b>Intel® Z77 Express Chipset</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports (4 ports at mid-board, 4 ports at back panel)</li> </ul> <p>* The USB 3.0 ports only support Windows® 7 or later versions. The UASP standard only supports Windows® 8</p>
BIOS features	<p>64 Mb Flash ROM, UEFI AMI BIOS, PnP, DMI 2.0, WfM 2.0, SM BIOS 2.5, ACPI 2.0a, Multi-language BIOS, ASUS EZ Flash 2, ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3, F12 PrintScreen function, F3 Shortcut function, and ASUS DRAM SPD (Serial Presence Detect) memory information</p>
Manageability	<p>WfM 2.0, DMI 2.0, WOL by PME, PXE</p>

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<b>ASUS unique features</b>	<p><b>ASUS Dual Intelligent Processors 2 with DIGI+ VRM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Industry leading digital 10-phase power design (8-phase for CPU, 2-phase for iGPU)</li></ul> <p><b>ASUS EPU</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- EPU</li></ul> <p><b>ASUS TPU</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Auto Tuning, TurboV, GPU Boost, TPU switch</li></ul> <p><b>ASUS Exclusive Features:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Wi-fi Engine</li><li>- ASUS UEFI BIOS EZ Mode</li><li>- Network iControl</li><li>- USB 3.0 Boost</li><li>- USB Charger+</li><li>- AI Charger+</li><li>- Disk Unlocker</li><li>- AI Suite II</li><li>- Anti Surge</li><li>- MemOK!</li></ul> <p><b>ASUS Quiet Thermal Solution:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ASUS Fan Xpert</li><li>- ASUS Fanless Design: Heatsink solution</li></ul> <p><b>ASUS EZ DIY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ASUS USB BIOS Flashback</li><li>- ASUS UEFI BIOS EZ Mode</li><li>- ASUS O.C. Tuner</li><li>- ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3</li><li>- ASUS EZ Flash 2</li></ul> <p><b>ASUS Q-Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ASUS Q-Cable</li><li>- ASUS Q-Shield</li></ul>
<b>ASUS exclusive overclocking features</b>	<p><b>Precision Tweaker 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- vCore: 191-step Vcore voltage control</li><li>- iGPU: 128-step iGPU voltage control</li><li>- vDRAM Bus: 188-step Memory voltage control</li><li>- vPCH: 8-step Chipset voltage control</li><li>- vCPU_PLL: 2-step CPU</li></ul> <p><b>SFS (Stepless Frequency Selection)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- BCLK/PCIE frequency tuning from 80MHz up to 300MHz at 0.1MHz increment</li></ul> <p><b>Overclocking Protection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ASUS C.P.R.(CPU Parameter Recall)</li></ul>

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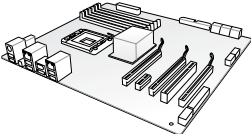

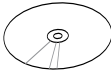
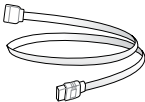
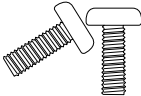
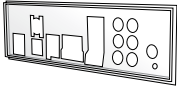


<b>Back Panel I/O connectors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 x DisplayPort</li> <li>1 x HDMI port</li> <li>1 x DVI-I port</li> <li>2 x antenna ports (Wi-Fi 802.11 a/g/n and Bluetooth v4.0/3.0+HS)</li> <li>1 x Optical S/PDIF Out port</li> <li>2 x eSATA ports</li> <li>1 x LAN (RJ-45) ports</li> <li>4 x USB 3.0/2.0 ports (blue, 1 supports USB BIOS Flashback)</li> <li>4 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports</li> <li>1 x USB BIOS Flashback button</li> <li>1 x Clear CMOS button</li> <li>6-channel Audio I/O ports</li> </ul>
<b>Internal I/O connectors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 x USB 3.0/2.0 connector supports additional 2 USB ports</li> <li>2 x USB 2.0/1.1 connectors support additional 4 USB ports</li> <li>2 x SATA 6.0 Gb/s connectors (gray)</li> <li>2 x SATA 3.0 Gb/s connectors (blue)</li> <li>1 x 4-pin CPU Fan connector</li> <li>1 x 4-pin Chassis Fan connector</li> <li>1 x System Panel (Q-Cable)</li> <li>1 x Front panel audio connector (AAFP)</li> <li>1 x 24-pin EATX Power connector</li> <li>1 x 8-pin EATX 12V Power connector</li> <li>1 x TPU switch</li> <li>1 x MemOK! button</li> <li>1 x S/PDIF out header</li> <li>1 x Clear CMOS jumper</li> <li>1 x chassis intrusion header</li> <li>1 x speaker header</li> </ul>
<b>Support DVD contents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drivers</li> <li>ASUS Utilities</li> <li>ASUS Update</li> <li>Anti-virus software (OEM version)</li> </ul>
<b>Accessories</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 x Wi-Fi ring moving antennas</li> <li>2 x Serial ATA 6.0Gb/s cables</li> <li>2 x Serial ATA 3.0Gb/s cables</li> <li>ASUS Q-Shield</li> <li>ASUS Q-Cable</li> <li>User's manual</li> </ul>
<b>Form factor</b>	mini-ITX form factor: 6.7" x 6.7" (17 cm x 17 cm)



- Specifications are subject to change without notice.
- This motherboard is designed for use with Windows 7® and later versions.

# Package contents

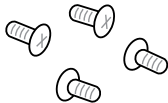


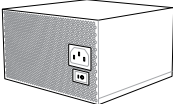
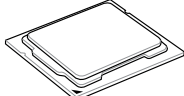

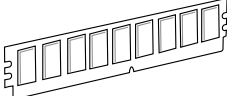
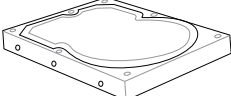
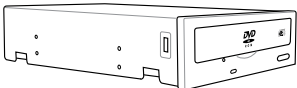
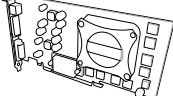
Check your motherboard package for the following items.

		
<p><b>ASUS P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD motherboard</b></p>	<p><b>User manual</b></p>	<p><b>Support DVD</b></p>
		
<p><b>2 x Serial ATA 6.0 Gb/s cables</b> <b>2 x Serial ATA 3.0 Gb/s cables</b></p>	<p><b>1 bag of screws</b></p>	<p><b>1 x ASUS Q-Shield</b></p>
		
<p><b>2 x Wi-Fi Ring moving antennas</b></p>		<p><b>1 x ASUS Q-Cable</b></p>



- If any of the above items is damaged or missing, contact your retailer.
- The illustrated items above are for reference only. Actual product specifications may vary with different models.

# Installation tools and components

	
<p>1 bag of screws</p>	<p>Philips (cross) screwdriver</p>
	
<p>PC chassis</p>	<p>Power supply unit</p>
	
<p>Intel LGA 1155 CPU</p>	<p>Intel LGA 1155 compatible CPU Fan</p>
	
<p>DIMM</p>	<p>SATA hard disk drive</p>
	
<p>SATA optical disc drive (optional)</p>	<p>Graphics card (optional)</p>



The tools and components in the table above are not included in the motherboard package.



# Product introduction

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## 1.1 Special features

### 1.1.1 Product highlights

#### **LGA1155 socket for Intel® 2nd/3rd Generation Core™ i7 / Core™ i5 / Core™ i3 / Pentium® and Celeron® Processors**

This motherboard supports the Intel® 3rd/2nd generation Core™ i7/i5/i3/Pentium®/Celeron® processors in the LGA1155 package, with iGPU, memory, and PCI Express controllers integrated to support onboard graphics out with dedicated chipsets, 2-channel (2 DIMMs) DDR3 memory, and 16 PCI Express 3.0/2.0 lanes. This provides great graphics performance. Intel® 3rd/2nd generation Core™ i7/i5/i3/Pentium®/Celeron® processors are among the most powerful and energy efficient CPUs in the world.

#### **Intel® Z77 Express Chipset**

The Intel® Z77 Express Chipset is a single-chipset designed to support the 1155 socket Intel® 3rd/2nd generation Core™ i7/i5/ i3/Pentium®/Celeron® processors. It provides improved performance by utilizing serial point-to-point links, allowing increased bandwidth and stability. Additionally, Z77 chipset provides 4 USB 3.0 ports for 10 times faster data retrieval speed. Moreover, Intel® Z77 Express Chipset can also enable iGPU function, letting users enjoy the latest Intel® integrated graphic performance.

#### **PCI Express® 3.0**

PCI Express® 3.0 (PCIe 3.0) is the latest PCI Express bus standard with improved encoding schemes that provide twice the performance of the current PCIe 2.0. The total bandwidth for a x16 link reaches a maximum of 32Gb/s, double the 16Gb/s of PCIe 2.0 (in x16 mode). PCIe 3.0 provides users with unprecedented data speeds, combined with the convenience and seamless transition offered by complete backward compatibility with PCIe 1.0 and PCIe 2.0 devices. PCIe 3.0 will become a must-have feature for users who wish to improve and optimize graphic performance, as well as have the latest technology available to them.

\* PCI 3.0 speed is supported by Intel® 3rd generation Core™ processors.

#### **Dual-Channel DDR3 2400 (O.C.) / 2200 (O.C.) / 2133 (O.C.) / 1866 (O.C.) / 1600 / 1333 / 1066 MHz Support**

The motherboard supports the dual-channel DDR3 memory that features data transfer rates of DDR3 2400(O.C.) / 2200(O.C.) / 2133(O.C.) / 1866(O.C.) / 1600 / 1333 / 1066 MHz to boost the system's performance, and to meet the higher bandwidth requirements of 3D graphics, multimedia, and Internet applications.

\* Due to Intel® 2nd generation processor's behavior, DDR3 2200 (and higher), and DDR3 2000/1800 MHz memory modules run at default rates of DDR3 2133/1866/1600 MHz.

## Complete USB 3.0 Integration

ASUS facilitates the strategic USB 3.0 accessibility for both the front and rear panel – 6 USB 3.0 ports in total. Experience the latest plug & play connectivity at speeds up to 10 times faster than USB 2.0. The P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD affords greater convenience to high speed connectivity.

## Intel® Smart Response Technology

### SSD Speed with HDD Capacity

Intel® Smart Response Technology boosts overall system performance. It uses an installed fast SSD (min 18.6GB available capacity required) as a cache for frequently accessed data. Key benefits include reduced load and wait times, and lower power consumption through the elimination of unnecessary hard drive spin. This technology combines SSD performance with hard drive capacity, operating up to 6X faster than a hard drive-only system, and an important part of Green ASUS eco-friendly computing.

\*Intel® Smart Response Technology is supported by 2nd/3rd generation Intel® Core™ processor family on Windows® 7™ operating systems.

\*\*Operating systems must be installed on the HDD to launch Intel® Smart Response Technology.

\*\*\*The capacity of the SSD is reserved for caching function.

## Intel® Smart Connect Technology

Your computer can receive fresh updates for selected applications, even when the system is in sleep mode. This means less time waiting for applications to update and sync with the cloud, leading to a more efficient computing experience.

## Intel® Rapid Start Technology

Allows your computer to quickly resume from a lower-power hibernate state in seconds. Saving system memory to the designed SSD provides your computer a faster wake-up response time while keeping the energy use low.

## 1.1.2 Dual Intelligent Processors 2 with DIGI+ VRM

The world's first Dual Intelligent Processors from ASUS pioneered twin onboard chips - TPU (TurboV Processing Unit) and EPU (Energy Processing Unit). New generation Dual Intelligent Processors 2 with DIGI+ VRM digital power design launch control into a new era, empowering users with superior flexibility and perfect precision to ensure optimized performance, extreme system stability and greater power efficiency.

### ASUS DIGI+ VRM

#### Digital Power Control: Digital power Design for the CPU and iGPU.

All-new digital CPU power controls work perfectly together to match digital power signal (SVID) requests from the CPU, with ultra-fast sensing and response efficiently delivering precision power. Accurate delivery reduces waste, and provides more stable CPU Vcore voltages. Users can adjust CPU and its processor graphics (iGPU) voltages for various overclocking scenarios, with accurate input through UEFI BIOS tuning or the exclusive ASUS interface. This proprietary design increases overclocking headroom to push performance to its full performance.

## TPU

Unleash your performance with ASUS' simple onboard switch or AI Suite II utility. The TPU chip offers precise voltage control and advanced monitoring through Auto Tuning and TurboV functions. Auto tuning offers a user friendly way to automatically optimize the system for fast, yet stable clock speeds, while TurboV enables unlimited freedom to adjust CPU frequencies and ratios for optimized performance in diverse situations.

## EPU

Tap into the world's first real-time PC power saving chip through the AI Suite II utility. Get total system-wide energy optimization by automatically detecting current PC loadings and intelligently moderating power consumption. This also reduces fan noise and extends component longevity.

### 1.1.3 ASUS Exclusive Features

#### Wi-Fi Engine

Wi-Fi hotspots can be setup for convenient wireless streaming of content from your desktop to the big screen. Favorite movies, family videos, or precious photos - everything looks great in complete clarity, so sharing is easier and more fun.

#### USB Charger+

With a dedicated onboard controller, quick-charge all your smart devices such as smartphones, tablets, and more, all up to three times faster, even when the system is powered off, in sleep, or hibernation mode.

#### Ai Charger+

ASUS Ai Charger+, the latest Ai Charger\* version, brings you to a new level of USB3.0 fast charging experience. With its easy and user-friendly interface, you can not only easily charge iPods, iPhones and iPads, but also BC 1.1\*\* standard mobile devices three times\*\*\* as fast as before.



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- \* Ai Charger is ASUS' unique fast-charging software which supports iPods, iPhones and iPads.
  - \*\* Check your USB mobile device manufacturer if it fully supports the BC 1.1 standard.
  - \*\*\* The actual charging speed may vary with your USB device's conditions.
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## **GPU Boost**

GPU Boost accelerates the integrated GPU for extreme graphics performance, facilitates flexible frequency adjustments, and easily delivers stable system-level upgrades for every use.

## **USB 3.0 Boost**

ASUS USB 3.0 Boost technology supports UASP (USB Attached SCSI Protocol), the latest USB 3.0 standard. With USB 3.0 Boost technology, a USB device's transmission speed is significantly increased up to 170%, adding to an already impressive USB 3.0 transfer speed. ASUS software automatically accelerates data speeds for compatible USB 3.0 peripherals without the need for any user interaction.

## **USB BIOS Flashback**

USB BIOS Flashback offers a hassle-free updating solution for your ultimate convenience. Install a USB storage device containing the BIOS file, press the BIOS Flashback button for about three seconds, and the UEFI BIOS is automatically updated even without entering the existing BIOS or operating system. It also allows you to regularly check for UEFI BIOS updates, and download the latest BIOS automatically.

## **Network iControl**

Network iControl is an intuitive one-step network control center that makes it easier for you to manage your bandwidth and allows you to set, monitor, and schedule the bandwidth priorities for your network programs. It allows you to automatically connect to a PPPoE network for a more convenient online experience.

## **AI Suite II**

With its user-friendly interface, ASUS AI Suite II consolidates all the exclusive ASUS features into one simple to use software package. It allows you to supervise overclocking, energy management, fan speed control, voltage and sensor readings, and even interact with mobile devices via Wi-Fi. This all-in-one software offers diverse and ease to use functions, with no need to switch back and forth between different utilities.

## **MemOK!**

### **Any Memory is A-OK!**

MemOK! quickly ensures memory boot compatibility. This remarkable memory rescue tool requires a mere push of a button to patch memory issues. MemOK! determines fail-safe settings and dramatically improves your system boot success. Get your system up and running in no time!



## 1.1.4 ASUS Quiet Thermal Solution

### ASUS Fan Xpert

ASUS Fan Xpert intelligently allows you to adjust the CPU fan and chassis fan speeds according to different ambient temperatures caused by different climate conditions in different geographic regions and your PC's loading. The built-in variety of useful profiles offer flexible controls of fan speed to achieve a quiet and cool environment.

## 1.1.5 ASUS EZ DIY

### ASUS UEFI BIOS (EZ Mode)

#### Flexible and Easy BIOS Interface

Media-renowned UEFI BIOS offers the first mouse-controlled graphical BIOS designed with selectable modes and native support for hard drives over 2.2 TB. Users can also drag and drop boot priorities with the exclusive EZ Mode, while Advanced Mode offers intricate settings.

#### New upgrade! Quick and easy information for enhanced system control

- F12 BIOS snapshot hotkey
- F3 Shortcut for most accessed information
- ASUS DRAM SPD (Serial Presence Detect) information detecting faulty DIMMs, and helping with difficult POST situations.

### ASUS Q-Shield

#### Easy and Comfortable Installations

The specially designed ASUS Q-Shield does without the usual "fingers" — making it convenient and easy to install. With better electric conductivity, it ideally protects your motherboard against static electricity and shields it against Electronic Magnetic Interference (EMI).

### ASUS EZ-Flash 2

ASUS EZ Flash 2 is a user-friendly utility that allows you to update the BIOS without using a bootable floppy disk or an OS-based utility.

## 1.1.6 Other special features

### Intel Wireless Display (WiDi)

Intel® Wireless Display enables wireless streaming of content from your desktop to the big screen. Favorite movies, family videos, or precious photos - everything looks great in complete clarity, so sharing is easier and more fun. Plus, it works well for productivity and business presentations, upscaling your experience in multiple ways.



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Intel® Wireless Display functionality requires an external adapter (sold separately).

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### LucidLogix Virtu MVP

LucidLogix Virtu MVP featuring HyperFormance™ Technology boosts your PCIe graphics card up to 60% beyond its original performance. Designed for Intel® processor graphics and Windows® 7 PCs, it perfectly combines the performance of discrete graphic cards with fast computing iGPU. With the newly designed Virtual Sync, users can enjoy a smoother gaming experience by eliminating tearing artifacts. LucidLogix Virtu MVP can also dynamically assigns tasks to available graphics resources, based on power, performance, and system load. This allows users to fully utilize 3x faster video conversion with Intel® Quick Sync Video technology while retaining high-end 3D rendering and gaming performance, provided by both NVIDIA and AMD graphic cards. When the discrete graphic card is not required, power consumption goes automatically down to near zero, making the system more environmentally-friendly. For users searching for perfection, LucidLogix Virtu MVP provides great graphical performance, and the best flexibility and efficiency.

\* LucidLogix Virtu MVP supports Windows® operating system.

\*\* Intel® Quick Sync Video feature is supported by 3rd/2nd generation Intel® Core™ processor family

### DisplayPort 1.1a Support

DisplayPort is a digital display interface standard that delivers up to 10.8 Gbps of bandwidth over standard cables, providing billions of colors and bi-directional communication, thus enabling the fastest refresh rates, and the highest resolution digital display through a single cable. Also, it supports HDCP copy protection for Blu-ray discs. Simply output 3D signals through the connected DisplayPort 1.1a cable to your 3D display, then sit back and enjoy perfect 3D animation experience.

### HDMI Support

#### Enjoy Full HD 1080p Multimedia Home-Theater Entertainment

High Definition Multimedia Interface (HDMI) is a set of digital video standards that delivers multi-channel audio and uncompressed digital video for full HD 1080p visuals through a single cable. Supporting HDCP copy protection such as HD DVD and blu-ray discs, HDMI provides you with the highest quality home theater experience.

### DTS UltraPC II

DTS UltraPC II delivers an exceptional 7.1 surround experience through the most popular PC audio setup — your existing stereo speakers or headphones. In addition to virtual surround, it upgrades the original sound to new levels with Audio Restoration, recreating the dynamic range of audio files. Symmetry mode improves the balance of perceived loudness across different input sources, and enhances boost audio quality through high and low frequency equalization. With these technologies, users experience better home theater audio with ease.

## **DTS Connect**

### **Expand Your PC Audio Experience**

To get the most out of your audio entertainment across all formats and quality levels, DTS Connect combines two technologies, DTS Neo:PC™ upmixes stereo sources (CDs, MP3s, WMAs, internet radio) into as many as 7.1 channels of incredible surround sound. Consumers can connect their PC to a home theater system. DTS Interactive is capable of performing mult-channel encoding of DTS bitstreams on personal computers, and sending encoded bitstreams out of a digital audio connection (such as S/PDIF or HDMI) designed to deliver audio to an external decoder.

### **ErP Ready**

The motherboard is European Union's Energy-related Products (ErP) ready. ErP requires products to meet certain energy efficiency requirement with regard to energy consumption. This is in line with the ASUS vision of creating environment-friendly and energy-efficient products through product design and innovation.

## 1.2 Motherboard overview

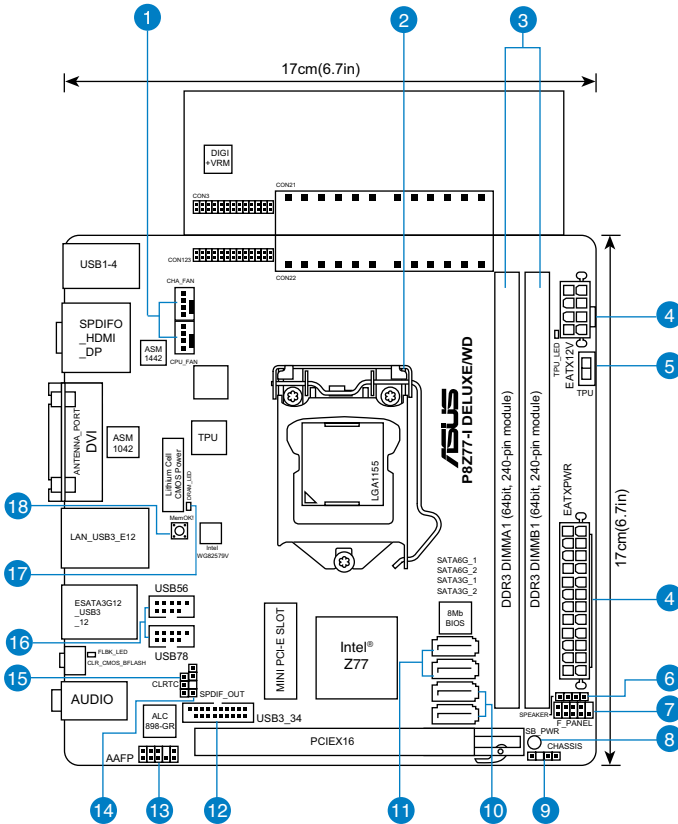
### 1.2.1 Before you proceed

Take note of the following precautions before you install motherboard components or change any motherboard settings.



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- Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
  - Before handling components, use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safely grounded object or a metal object, such as the power supply case, to avoid damaging them due to static electricity.
  - Hold components by the edges to avoid touching the ICs on them.
  - Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded antistatic pad or in the bag that came with the component.
  - Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the ATX power supply is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, or components.
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## 1.2.2 Motherboard layout



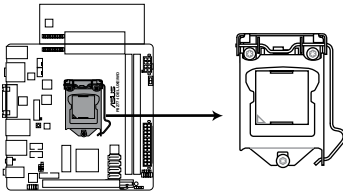
Refer to **1.2.8 Internal connectors** and **2.3.1 Rear I/O connection** for more information about rear panel connectors and internal connectors.

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### 1.2.3 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

The motherboard comes with a surface mount LGA1155 socket designed for the Intel® 3<sup>rd</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Core™ i7 / Core™ i5 / Core™ i3, Pentium™ and Celeron™ processors.



**P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD CPU socket LGA1155**



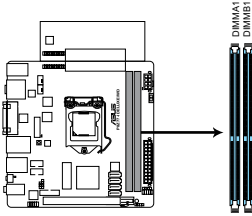
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- Ensure that all power cables are unplugged before installing the CPU.
  - The LGA1156 CPU is incompatible with the LGA1155 socket. DO NOT install a LGA1156 CPU on the LGA1155 socket.
  - Upon purchase of the motherboard, ensure that the PnP cap is on the socket and the socket contacts are not bent. Contact your retailer immediately if the PnP cap is missing, or if you see any damage to the PnP cap/socket contacts/motherboard components. ASUS will shoulder the cost of repair only if the damage is shipment/transit-related.
  - Keep the cap after installing the motherboard. ASUS will process Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) requests only if the motherboard comes with the cap on the LGA1155 socket.
  - The product warranty does not cover damage to the socket contacts resulting from incorrect CPU installation/removal, or misplacement/loss/incorrect removal of the PnP cap.
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## 1.2.4 System memory

The motherboard comes with four Double Data Rate 3 (DDR3) Dual Inline Memory Modules (DIMM) slots.

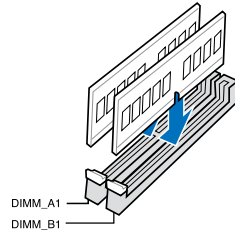
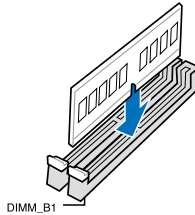
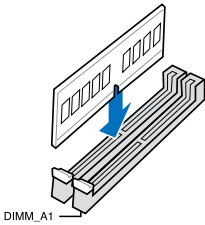


A DDR3 module is notched differently from a DDR or DDR2 module. DO NOT install a DDR or DDR2 memory module to the DDR3 slot.



**P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD 240-pin DDR3 DIMM sockets**

### Recommended memory configurations





## Memory configurations

You may install 1GB, 2GB, 4GB and 8GB unbuffered and non-ECC DDR3 DIMMs into the DIMM sockets.



- You may install varying memory sizes in Channel A and Channel B. The system maps the total size of the lower-sized channel for the dual-channel configuration. Any excess memory from the higher-sized channel is then mapped for single-channel operation.
- Due to Intel® 2nd generation processors' behavior, DDR3 2200 and above, 2000/1800 MHz memory module will run at DDR3 2133/1866/1600 MHz frequency as default.
- According to Intel CPU spec, DIMM voltage below 1.65V is recommended to protect the CPU.
- We recommend that you install the memory modules using the blue slots for better overclocking capability.
- Always install DIMMs with the same CAS latency. For optimal compatibility, we recommend that you install memory modules of the same version or date code (D/C) from the same vendor. Check with the retailer to get the correct memory modules.
- Due to the memory address limitation on 32-bit Windows® OS, when you install 4GB or more memory on the motherboard, the actual usable memory for the OS can be about 3GB or less. For effective use of memory, we recommend that you do any of the following:
  - Use a maximum of 3GB system memory if you are using a 32-bit Windows® OS.
  - Install a 64-bit Windows® OS if you want to install 4GB or more on the motherboard.
- This motherboard does not support DIMMs made up of 512 megabits (Mb) chips or less.
- Memory modules with memory frequency higher than 2133 MHz and its corresponding timing or the loaded X.M.P. Profile is not the JEDEC memory standard. The stability and compatibility of these memory modules depend on the CPU's capabilities and other installed devices.
- The maximum 64GB memory capacity can be supported with 16GB or above DIMMs. ASUS will update the memory QVL once the DIMMs are available in the market.



- The default memory operation frequency is dependent on its Serial Presence Detect (SPD), which is the standard way of accessing information from a memory module. Under the default state, some memory modules for overclocking may operate at a lower frequency than the vendor-marked value. To operate at the vendor-marked or at a higher frequency, refer to section 3.4 Ai Tweaker menu for manual memory frequency adjustment.
- For system stability, use a more efficient memory cooling system to support a full memory load (2 DIMMs) or overclocking condition.

## P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD Motherboard Qualified Vendors Lists (QVL)

### DDR3 2400(O.C.) MHz capability

Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)	
								1 DIMM	2 DIMMs
CORSAIR	CMGTx8(XMP)	8GB(2GB x 4)	SS	-	-	10-12-10-27	1.65V	*	*
G.SKILL	F3-19200CL11Q-16GBZHD(XMP)	16GB(4GB x4)	DS	-	-	11-11-11-31	1.65V	*	*
G.SKILL	F3-19200CL9D-4GBPIS(XMP)	4GB(2x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-11-9-28	1.65V	*	*
GEIL	GET34GB2400C9DC(XMP)	2GB	DS	-	-	9-11-9-27	1.65V	*	*
KINGMAX	FLLE88F-C8KAA HAIS(XMP)	2GB	SS	-	-	10-11-10-30	1.8V	*	*
Transcend	TX2400KLU-4GK(427652)(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	SS	-	-	-	1.65V	*	*
Transcend	TX2400KLU-4GK (381850)(XMP)	4GB(2x 2GB)	SS	-	-	9	1.65V	*	*
Transcend	TX2400KLU-4GK(374243)(XMP)	4GB(2x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9	1.65V	*	*
PATRIOT	PVV34G2400C9K(XMP)	4GB(2x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-11-9-27	1.65V	*	*

\* The 2400MHz memory modules above are supported by this motherboard; however, the actual frequency support varied depending on the O.C. margin of the installed CPU.

\*\*Due to Intel 2nd generation processors' behavior, DDR3 2200 and above/2000/1800 MHz memory module runs ay DDR3 2133/1866/1600 MHz frequency as default.

### DDR3 2225(O.C.) MHz capability

Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)	
								1 DIMM	2 DIMMs
Kingston	KHX2250C9D3T1K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2x 2GB)	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	*	*

\* The 2225MHz memory modules above are supported by this motherboard; however, the actual frequency support varied depending on the O.C. margin of the installed CPU.

\*\*Due to Intel 2nd generation processors' behavior, DDR3 2200 and above/2000/1800 MHz memory module runs ay DDR3 2133/1866/1600 MHz frequency as default.

### DDR3 2200(O.C.) MHz capability

Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)	
								1 DIMM	2 DIMMs
G.SKILL	F3-17600CL8D-4GBPS(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	*	*
GEIL	GET34GB2200C9DC(XMP)	2GB	DS	-	-	9-10-9-28	1.65V	*	*
GEIL	GET38GB2200C9ADC(XMP)	4GB	DS	-	-	9-11-9-28	1.65V	*	*
KINGMAX	FLKE85F-B8KJAA-FEIS(XMP)	2GB	DS	-	-	-	-	*	*
KINGMAX	FLKE85F-B8KHA EEIH(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	-	1.5V-1.7V	*	*
KINGMAX	FLKE85F-B8KJA FEIH(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	-	1.5V-1.7V	*	*

\* The memory modules in 2200MHz and above are supported by this motherboard; however, the actual frequency support varies depending on the O.C. margin of the installed CPU.

\*\*Due to Intel 2nd generation processors' behavior, DDR3 2200 and above/2000/1800 MHz memory module runs ay DDR3 2133/1866/1600 MHz frequency as default.

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## DDR3 2133(O.C.) MHz capability

Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/ DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)	
								1 DIMM	2 DIMMs
A-DATA	AX3U2133GC2G9B-DG2(XMP)	2GB	SS	-	-	9-11-9-27	1.55-1.75V	*	*
CORSAIR	CMT16GX3M4X2133C9(XMP 1.3)	16GB(4GB x4)	DS	-	-	9-11-10-27	1.50V	*	*
CORSAIR	CMT4GX3M2A2133C9(XMP)	4GB(2x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-10-9-24	1.65V	*	*
CORSAIR	CMT4GX3M2B2133C9(XMP)	4GB(2x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-10-9-27	1.50V	*	*
G.SKILL	F3-17000CL9Q-16GBZH(XMP)	16GB(4GB x4)	DS	-	-	9-11-10-28	1.65V	*	*
GEIL	GE34GB2133C9DC(XMP)	2GB	DS	-	-	9-9-9-28	1.65V	*	*
GEIL	GU34GB2133C9DC(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-28	1.65V	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX2133C9AD3T1K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB( 2x 2GB )	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX2133C9AD3X2K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-11-9-27	1.65V	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX2133C9AD3T1K4/8GX(XMP)	8GB(4 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-11-9-27	1.65V	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX2133C9AD3T1FK4/8GX(XMP)	8GB(4x 2GB)	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	*	*

## DDR3 2000(O.C.) MHz capability

Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/ DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)	
								1 DIMM	2 DIMMs
Apacer	78.AAGD5.9KD(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	*	*
CORSAIR	CM24GX3M2A2000C10(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	SS	-	-	10-10-10-27	1.50V	*	*
CORSAIR	CMT6GX3M3A2000C8(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-9-8-24	1.65V	*	*
G.SKILL	F3-16000CL9D-4GBFLS(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	*	*
G.SKILL	F3-16000CL9D-4GBTD(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	*	*
G.SKILL	F3-16000CL6T-6GBPI(XMP)	6GB (3x 2GB)	DS	-	-	6-9-6-24	1.65V	*	*
GEIL	GUP34GB2000C9DC(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-28	1.65V	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX2000C9AD3T1K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2x 2GB )	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX2000C9AD3W1K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2x 2GB )	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX2000C9AD3T1K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9	1.65V	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX2000C9AD3W1K3/6GX(XMP)	6GB(3x 2GB )	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX2000C9AD3T1K3/6GX(XMP)	6GB (3x 2GB)	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	*	*
Transcend	TX2000KLN-8GK(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	-	1.6V	*	*
Asint	SLA302G08-ML2HB(XMP)	4GB	DS	HYNIX	H5T02G8 3BFR H9C	-	-	*	*
PATRIOT	PVT36G2000LLK	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	*	*

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Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/ DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)	
								1 DIMM	2 DIMMs
CORSAIR	CMT4GX3M2A1866C9(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	*	*
CORSAIR	CMT6GX3MA1866C9(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	*	*
CORSAIR	CMZ8GX3M2A1866C9(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-10-9-27	1.50V	*	*
G.SKILL	F3-14900CL9Q-16GBZL(XMP)	16GB(4 x4GB)	DS	-	-	9-10-9-28	1.5V	*	*
G.SKILL	F3-14900CL10Q2-64GBZLD(XMP)	64GB(8x 8GB)	DS	-	-	10-11-10-30	1.5V	*	*
G.SKILL	F3-14900CL9D-8GBXL(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-10-9-28	1.5V	*	*
G.SKILL	F3-14900CL9Q-8GBXL(XMP)	8GB(4 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.6V	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX1866C9D3T1K3/3GX(XMP)	3GB(3 x 1GB)	SS	-	-	-	1.65V	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX1866C9D3K4/16GX(XMP)	16GB(4 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX1866C9D3T1K3/6GX(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX1866C11D3P1K2/8G	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	-	1.5V	*	*

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Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)	
								1 DIMM	2 DIMM
A-DATA	AM2U16BC2P1	2GB	SS	A-DATA	3CCD-1509A EL1126T	-	-	-	*
A-DATA	AD31600E001GM(O)U3K	3GB(3 x 1GB)	SS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V-1.85V	-	*
A-DATA	AX3U1600XB2G79-2X(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-9-7-21	1.55V-1.75V	-	*
A-DATA	AM2U16BC4P2	4GB	DS	A-DATA	3CCD-1509A EL1126T	-	-	-	*
A-DATA	AX3U1600GC4G9-2G(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.55V-1.75V	-	*
A-DATA	AX3U1600XC4G79-2X(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	7-9-7-21	1.55V-1.75V	-	*
CORSAIR	TR3X3G1600C8D(XMP)	3GB(3 x 1GB)	SS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	-	*
CORSAIR	CMD12GX3M6A1600C8(XMP)	12GB(6x2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	-	*
CORSAIR	CMP4GX3M2A1600C8(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	-	*
CORSAIR	CMP4GX3M2A1600C9(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	-	*
CORSAIR	CMP4GX3M2C1600C7(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-8-7-20	1.65V	-	*
CORSAIR	CMX4GX3M2A1600C9(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	-	*
CORSAIR	CMX4GX3M2A1600C9(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	-	*
CORSAIR	TR3X6G1600C8 G(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	-	*
CORSAIR	TR3X6G1600C8D G(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	-	*
CORSAIR	TR3X6G1600C9 G(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	-	*
CORSAIR	CMP8GX3M2A1600C9(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	-	*
CORSAIR	CMZ8GX3M2A1600C7R(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	7-8-7-20	1.50V	-	*
CORSAIR	CMX8GX3M4A1600C9(XMP)	8GB(4 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	-	*
Crucial	BL25664BN1608 16FF(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	-	-	-	*
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL9D-2GBNQ(XMP)	2GB(2 x 1GB)	SS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5V	-	*
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL7D-4GBRH(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	SS	-	-	7-7-7-24	1.6V	-	*
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL7D-4GBECO(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-8-24	XMP 1.35V	-	*
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL7D-4GBRM(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-8-7-24	1.6V	-	*
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL8D-4GBRM(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.60V	-	*
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL9D-4GBECO(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	XMP 1.35V	-	*
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL9D-4GBRNL(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5V	-	*
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL9T-6GBNQ(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5V-1.6V	-	*
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL7D-8GBRH(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	7-8-7-24	1.6V	-	*
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL8D-8GBECO(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	XMP 1.35V	-	*
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL9D-8GBRNL(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5V	-	*
GEIL	GET316GB1600C9CC(XMP)	16GB(4x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-28	1.6V	-	*
GEIL	GV34GB1600C8DC(XMP)	2GB	DS	-	-	8-8-8-28	1.6V	-	*
KINGMAX	FLGD45F-B8MF7 MAEH(XMP)	1GB	SS	-	-	7	-	-	*
KINGMAX	FLGE85F-B8KJ9A FEIS(XMP)	2GB	DS	-	-	-	-	-	*
KINGMAX	FLGE85F-B8MF7 MEEH(XMP)	2GB	DS	-	-	7	-	-	*
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3P1K2/4G	4GB(2 x 2GB)	SS	-	-	-	1.5V	-	*
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3K3/12GX(XMP)	12GB(3x4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	-	*
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3T1BK3/12GX(XMP)	12GB(3x4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	-	*
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3K4/16GX(XMP)	16GB(4GB x4)	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	-	*
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9AD3/2G	2GB	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	-	*
KINGSTON	KVR1600D3N11/2G-ES	2GB	DS	KTC	D1288JPN DPLD9U	11-11-11-28	1.35V-1.5V	-	*
KINGSTON	KHX1600C7D3K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2x 2GB)	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	-	*
KINGSTON	KHX1600C8D3K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8	1.65V	-	*
KINGSTON	KHX1600C8D3T1K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8	1.65V	-	*
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9	1.65V	-	*
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3LK2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9	XMP 1.35V	-	*
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3X2K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	-	*
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3T1K3/6GX(XMP)	6GB(3x 2GB)	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	-	*
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3K3/6GX(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9	1.65V	-	*
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3T1BK3/6GX(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	-	*
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3K2/8GX(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	-	*
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3P1K2/8G	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	-	1.5V	-	*

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Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)	
								1 DIMM	2 DIMMs
Super Talent	WA160UX6G9	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9	-	-	-
Transcend	JM1600KLN-8GK	8GB(4GBx2)	DS	Transcend	TK483PCW3	-	-	-	-
Asint	SL23128M8-EGJ1D(XMP)	2GB	DS	Asint	3128M8-GJ1D	9-9-9-24	1.6V	-	-
Asint	SLA302G08-EGG1C(XMP)	4GB	DS	Asint	302G08-GG1C	-	-	-	-
Asint	SLA302G08-EGJ1C(XMP)	4GB	DS	Asint	302G08-GJ1C	-	-	-	-
Elixir	M2P2G64CB8HC9N-DG(XMP)	2GB	DS	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mushkin	998659(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	-	-	-
Mushkin	998659(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5-1.6V	-	-
PATRIOT	PGS34G1600LLKA	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-20	1.7V	-	-
SanMax	SMD-4G68HP-16KZ	4GB	DS	HYNIX	H5TQ2G8 3BFR PBC	-	-	-	-

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Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)	
								1 DIMM	2 DIMMs
A-DATA	AD31333001GOU	1GB	SS	A-Data	AD30908CB8D-151C E0906	-	-	-	-
A-DATA	AD3U1333C2G9	2GB	SS	A-DATA	3CCD-1509HNA1126L	-	-	-	-
A-DATA	AD6311B0823EV	2GB	SS	A-Data	3CCA-1509A	-	-	-	-
A-DATA	AM2U139C2P1	2GB	SS	ADATA	3CCD-1509A EL1127T	-	-	-	-
A-DATA	AX3U1333C2G9-BP	2GB	SS	-	-	-	-	-	-
A-DATA	AD31333G001GOU	3GB(3 x 1GB)	SS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65-1.85V	-	-
A-DATA	AXDU1333GC2G9-2G(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	SS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.25V-1.35V (low voltage)	-	-
A-DATA	AD31333G002GMU	2GB	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65-1.85V	-	-
A-DATA	AD6311C1624EV	4GB	DS	A-Data	3CCA-1509A	-	-	-	-
A-DATA	AM2U139C4P2	4GB	DS	ADATA	3CCD-1509A EL1127T	-	-	-	-
A-DATA	SU3U1333W8G9-B	8GB	DS	ELPIDA	J4208BASE-DJ-F	-	-	-	-
Apacer	78.A1GC6.9L1	2GB	DS	Apacer	AM5D5808DEWSBG	9	-	-	-
Apacer	78.A1GC6.9L1	2GB	DS	Apacer	AM5D5808FEOSBG	9	-	-	-
Apacer	AU02GFA33C9NBGC	2GB	DS	Apacer	AM5D5808APOSBG	-	-	-	-
Apacer	78.B1GDE.9L10C	4GB	DS	Apacer	AM5D5908CEHSBG	-	-	-	-
CORSAIR	TR3X3G1333C9 G	3GB(3 x 1GB)	SS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.50V	-	-
CORSAIR	TR3X6G1333C9 G	6GB(3x 2GB)	SS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.50V	-	-
CORSAIR	CMD24GX3M6A1333C9(XMP)	24GB(6x4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.60V	-	-
CORSAIR	TW3X4G1333C9D G	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.50V	-	-
CORSAIR	CM3X4G1333C9N2	4GB	DS	CORSAIR	256MBDCJ GELC0401136	9-9-9-24	-	-	-
CORSAIR	CMX4GX3M1A1333C9	4GB	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.50V	-	-
CORSAIR	CMD8GX3M4A1333C7	8GB(4 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-20	1.60V	-	-
Crucial	CT12864BA1339.8FF	1GB	SS	Micron	9FF22D9KPT	9	-	-	-
Crucial	CT25664BA1339.16FF	2GB	DS	Micron	9KF27D9KPT	9	-	-	-
Crucial	BL25664BN1337.16FF (XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-24	1.65V	-	-
ELPIDA	EBJ10UE8EDF0-DJ-F	1GB	SS	ELPIDA	J1108EDSE-DJ-F	-	1.35V(low voltage)	-	-
ELPIDA	EBJ21UE8EDF0-DJ-F	2GB	DS	ELPIDA	J1108EDSE-DJ-F	-	1.35V(low voltage)	-	-
G.SKILL	F3-10600CL8D-2GBHK(XMP)	1GB	SS	G.SKILL	-	-	-	-	-
G.SKILL	F3-10600CL9D-2GBNQ	2GB(2 x 1GB)	SS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5V	-	-
G.SKILL	F3-10666CL7T-3GBPK(XMP)	3GB(3 x 1GB)	SS	-	-	7-7-7-18	1.5-1.6V	-	-
G.SKILL	F3-10666CL8D-4GBECO(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	XMP 1.35V	-	-
G.SKILL	F3-10666CL7T-6GBPK(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-18	1.5-1.6V	-	-
G.SKILL	F3-10666CL7D-8GBRH(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-21	1.5V	-	-

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Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)
								1 DIMM 2 DIMMs
GEIL	GV32GB1333C9DC	2GB(2x1GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5V	* *
GEIL	GG34GB1333C9DC	4GB(2x2GB)	DS	GEIL	GL1L128M88BA12N	9-9-9-24	1.3V(low voltage)	* *
GEIL	GV34GB1333C9DC	4GB(2x2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5V	* *
GEIL	GVP34GB1333C7DC	4GB(2x2GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-24	1.5V	* *
Hynix	HMT112U6TFR8A-H9	1GB	SS	Hynix	H5TC1G83TFRH9A	-	1.35V(low voltage)	* *
Hynix	HMT325U6BFR8C-H9	2GB	SS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83BFRH9C	-	-	* *
Hynix	HMT125U6TFR8A-H9	2GB	DS	Hynix	H5TC1G83TFRH9A	-	1.35V(low voltage)	* *
Hynix	HMT351U6BFR8C-H9	4GB	DS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83BFRH9C	-	-	* *
KINGMAX	FLFD45F-B8KL9 NAES	1GB	SS	KINGMAX	KKBFNWBFGNX-27A	-	-	* *
KINGMAX	FLFE85F-C8KF9 CAES	2GB	SS	KINGMAX	KFC8FMFXF-DXX-15A	-	-	* *
KINGMAX	FLFE85F-C8KL9 NAES	2GB	SS	KINGMAX	KFC8FNLXF-DXX-15A	-	-	* *
KINGMAX	FLFE85F-C8KM9 NAES	2GB	SS	KINGMAX	KFC8FNMXF-BXX-15A	-	-	* *
KINGMAX	FLFE85F-B8KL9 NEES	2GB	DS	KINGMAX	KKBFNWBFGNX-26A	-	-	* *
KINGMAX	FLFF65F-C8KL9 NEES	4GB	DS	KINGMAX	KFC8FNLXF-DXX-15A	-	-	* *
KINGMAX	FLFF65F-C8KM9 NEES	4GB	DS	KINGMAX	KFC8FNMXF-BXX-15A	-	-	* *
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/1G(low profile)	1GB	SS	ELPIDA	J1108BDBG-DJ-F	9	1.5V	* *
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/2G(low profile)	2GB	SS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83AFRH9C	9	-	* *
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3S8N9/2G	2GB	SS	Micron	IID77 D9L GK	-	1.5V	* *
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3S8N9/2G-SP (low profile)	2GB	SS	ELPIDA	J2108BCSE-DJ-F	-	1.5V	* *
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/2G (low profile)	2GB	DS	ELPIDA	J1108BFBG-DJ-F	9	1.5V	* *
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/2G	2GB	DS	KTC	D1288JFNPDLD9U	9	1.5V	* *
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/2G	2GB	DS	ELPIDA	J1108BDSE-DJ-F	9	1.5V	* *
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/2G-SP(low profile)	2GB	DS	KTC	D1288JEMFNGD9U	-	1.5V	* *
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/2G-SP(low profile)	2GB	DS	KINGSTON	D1288JPSFPGD9U	-	1.5V	* *
KINGSTON	KHX1333C7D3K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2x2GB)	DS	-	-	7	1.65V	* *
KINGSTON	KHX1333C9D3UK2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2x2GB)	DS	-	-	9	XMP1.25V	* *
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/4G(low profile)	4GB	DS	ELPIDA	J2108BCSE-DJ-F	9	1.5V	* *
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/4G(low profile)	4GB	DS	ELPIDA	J2108BCSE-DJ-F	-	1.5V	* *
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/4G	4GB	DS	KTC	D2568JENCNGD9U	-	1.5V	* *
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/4G	4GB	DS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83AFR	-	-	* *
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/4G-SP(low profile)	4GB	DS	KINGSTON	D2568JENPCGD9U	-	1.5V	* *
Micron	MT4JTF12864AZ-1G4D1	1GB	SS	Micron	OJD12D9L GQ	-	-	* *
Micron	MT8JTF12864AZ-1G4F1	1GB	SS	Micron	9FF22D9KPT	9	-	* *
Micron	MT8JTF25664AZ-1G4D1	2GB	SS	Micron	OJD12D9L GK	-	-	* *
Micron	MT8JTF25664AZ-1G4M1	2GB	SS	MICRON	IJM22 D9PFJ	-	-	* *
Micron	MT16JTF25664AZ-1G4F1	2GB	DS	Micron	9KF27D9KPT	9	-	* *
Micron	MT16JTF51264AZ-1G4D1	4GB	DS	Micron	OLD22D9L GK	-	-	* *
NANYA	NT4GC6488HGONF-CG	4GB	DS	NANYA	NT5C8256M8GN-CG	-	-	* *
PSC	AL7F8G73F-DJ2	1GB	SS	PSC	A3P1GF3FGF	-	-	* *
PSC	AL8F8G73F-DJ2	2GB	DS	PSC	A3P1GF3FGF	-	-	* *
SAMSUNG	M378B2873FHS-CH9	1GB	SS	SAMSUNG	K4B1G0846F	-	-	* *
SAMSUNG	M378B5773DHO-CH9	2GB	SS	SAMSUNG	K4B2G0846F	-	-	* *
SAMSUNG	M378B5673FHO-CH9	2GB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4B1G0846F	-	-	* *
SAMSUNG	M378B5273CHO-CH9	4GB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4B2G0846C	-	-	* *
SAMSUNG	M378B1G73AHO-CH9	8GB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4B4G0846A-HCH9	-	-	* *
Super Talent	W1333UA1GH	1GB	SS	Hynix	H5TQ1G83TFR	9	-	* *
Super Talent	W1333UX2G8(XMP)	2GB(2x1GB)	SS	-	-	8	-	* *
Super Talent	W1333UB2GS	2GB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4B1G0846F	9	-	* *
Super Talent	W1333UB4GS	4GB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4B2G0846C	-	-	* *
Super Talent	W1333UX6GM	6GB(3x2GB)	DS	Micron	0BF27D9KPT	9-9-9-24	1.5V	* *
Transcend	JM1333KLN-2G	2GB	SS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83BZRH9C	-	-	* *

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## DDR3 1333 MHz capability

Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)	
								1 DIMM	2 DIMMs
Transcend	TS256MLK64V3U	2GB	DS	Micron	9GF27D9KPT	-	-	*	*
Century	PC3-10600 DDR3-1333 9.9-9	1GB	SS	NANYA	NT5CB128M8DN-CF	-	-	*	*
Elixir	M2F2G64CB88B7N-CG	2GB	SS	Elixir	N2CB2G80BN-CG	-	-	*	*
Elixir	M2F2G64CB88D7N-CG	2GB	SS	Elixir	N2CB2G80DN-CG	-	-	*	*
Elixir	M2F2G64CB88G7N-CG	2GB	SS	Elixir	N2CB2G80GN-CG	-	-	*	*
Elixir	M2F4G64CB88H5N-CG	4GB	DS	Elixir	N2CB2G80BN-CG	-	-	*	*
Elixir	M2F4G64CB88D5N-CG	4GB	DS	Elixir	N2CB2G80DN-CG	-	-	*	*
KINGSHARE	KSRPCD313332G	2GB	DS	PATRIOT	PM128M8D385-15	-	-	*	*
KINGSTEK	KSTD3PC-10600	2GB	SS	MICRON	PE911-125E	-	-	*	*
Kingtiger	2GB DIMM PC3-10666	2GB	DS	SAMSUNG	SEC 904 HCH9 K4B1G0846D	-	-	*	*
Kingtiger	KTG2G1333PG3	2GB	DS	-	-	-	-	*	*
MARKVISION	BMD32048M1333C9-1123	2GB	DS	MARKVISION	M3D1288P-13	-	-	*	*
MARKVISION	BMD34096M1333C9-1124	4GB	DS	MARKVISION	M3D2568E-13	-	-	*	*
PATRIOT	PSD31G13332H	1GB	DS	-	-	9	-	*	*
PATRIOT	PSD31G13332	1GB	DS	PATRIOT	PM64M8D38U-15	-	-	*	*
PATRIOT	PSD32G13332H	2GB	DS	-	-	-	-	*	*
PATRIOT	PG38G1333EL(XMP)	8GB	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5V	*	*
RAMAXEL	RMR1870ED48E8F-1333	2GB	DS	ELPIDA	J1108BDBG-DJ-F	-	-	*	*
RAMAXEL	RMR1870EC58E9F-1333	4GB	DS	ELPIDA	J2108BCSE-DJ-F	-	-	*	*
RiDATA	C304627CB1AG22Fe	2GB	DS	RiDATA	N/A	9	-	*	*
RiDATA	E304459CB1AG32Cf	4GB	DS	RiDATA	N/A	9	-	*	*
SILICON POWER	SP001GBLTU133S01	1GB	SS	NANYA	NT5CB128M8AN-CG	9	-	*	*
SILICON POWER	SP001GBLTU133S02	1GB	SS	Elixir	N2CB1680AN-C6	9	-	*	*
SILICON POWER	SP002GBLTU133S02	2GB	DS	Elixir	N2CB1680AN-C6	9	-	*	*
TAKEMS	TMS1GB364D081-107EY	1GB	SS	-	-	7-7-7-20	1.5V	*	*
TAKEMS	TMS2GB364D081-107EY	2GB	DS	-	-	7-7-7-20	1.5V	*	*
TAKEMS	TMS2GB364D081-138EY	2GB	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.5V	*	*
TAKEMS	TMS2GB364D082-138EW	2GB	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.5V	*	*
UMAX	E41302GP0-73BDB	2GB	DS	UMAX	U2S24D30TP-13	-	-	*	*

## DDR3 1066 MHz capability

Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)	
								1 DIMM	2 DIMMs
Crucial	CT12864BA1067.8FF	1GB	SS	Micron	9GF22D9KPT	7	-	*	*
Crucial	CT25664BA1067.16FF	2GB	DS	Micron	9HF22D9KPT	7	-	*	*
ELPIDA	EBJ10UE8EDF0-AE-F	1GB	SS	ELPIDA	J1108EDSE-DJ-F	-	1.35V(low voltage)	*	*
ELPIDA	EBJ21UE8EDF0-AE-F	2GB	DS	ELPIDA	J1108EDSE-DJ-F	-	1.35V(low voltage)	*	*
KINGSTON	KVR1066D3N7/1G(low profile)	1GB	SS	ELPIDA	J1108BFSE-DJ-F	7	1.5V	*	*
KINGSTON	KVR1066D3N7/2G	2GB	DS	ELPIDA	J1108BDSE-DJ-F	7	1.5V	*	*
KINGSTON	KVR1066D3N7/4G	4GB	DS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83AFR	7	1.5V	*	*
Micron	MT8JTF12864AZ-1G1F1	1GB	SS	Micron	9GF22D9KPT	7	-	*	*
Micron	MT16JTF25664AZ-1G1F1	2GB	DS	Micron	9HF22D9KPT	7	-	*	*
Kingtiger	2GB DIMM PC3-8500	2GB	DS	Hynix	H5TQ1G83AFP G7C	-	-	*	*



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**Side(s): SS - Single-sided / DS - Double-sided**

**DIMM support:**

- **1 DIMM:** Supports one (1) module inserted into any slot in a Single-channel memory configuration.
  - **2 DIMMs:** Supports two (2) modules inserted into both slots as one pair of a Dual-channel memory configuration.
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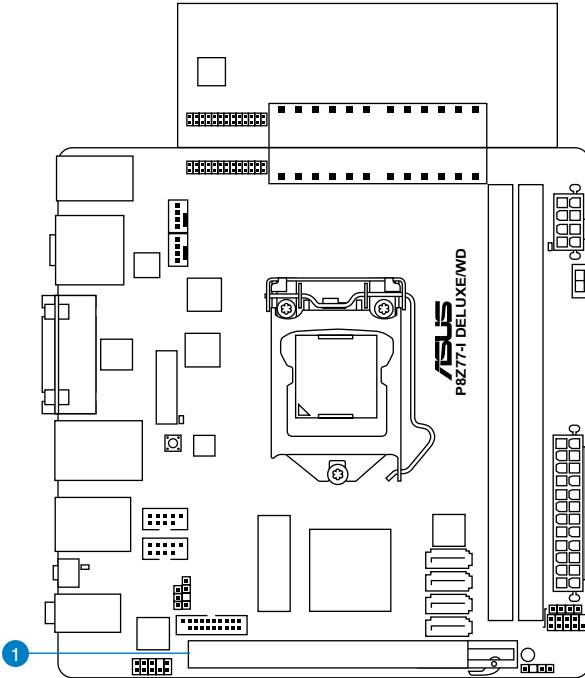
- ASUS exclusively provides hyper DIMM support function.
  - Hyper DIMM support is subject to the physical characteristics of individual CPUs. Load the X.M.P. or D.O.C.P. settings in the BIOS for the hyper DIMM support.
  - Visit the ASUS website for the latest QVL.
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## 1.2.5 Expansion slots



Unplug the power cord before adding or removing expansion cards. Failure to do so may cause you physical injury and damage motherboard components.



Slot No.	Slot Description
1	PCIe 3.0/2.0 x16 slot (x16)



- The PCIe 3.0 speed is supported by Intel® 3rd generation Core™ processors.

## IRQ assignments for this motherboard

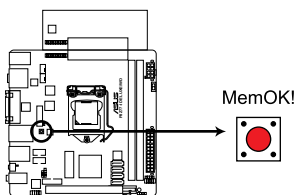
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Intel PCH SATA Controller #0	-	-	-	shared	-	-	-	-
Intel PCH SATA Controller #1	-	-	-	shared	-	-	-	-
SMBUS Controller		-	shared	-	-	-	-	-
Thermal Controller		-	shared	-	-	-	-	-
EHCI #0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	shared
EHCI #1	shared	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PCIe x16	shared	shared	shared	shared	-	-	-	-
ASMedia USB 3.0	shared	shared	shared	shared	-	-	-	-
Intel 82579V LAN	-	-	-	-	shared	-	-	-

## 1.2.6 Onboard switches

Onboard switches and buttons allow you to fine-tune performance when working on a bare or open-case system. This is ideal for overclockers and gamers who continually change settings to enhance system performance.

### 1. MemOK! button

Installing DIMMs that are not compatible with the motherboard may cause system boot failure, and the DRAM\_LED near the MemOK! switch lights continuously. Press and hold the MemOK! button until the DRAM\_LED starts blinking to begin automatic memory compatibility tuning for successful boot.



**P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD MemOK! switch**



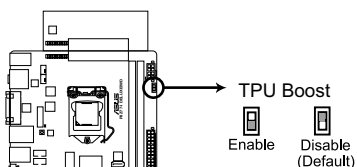
- Refer to section 1.2.7 **Onboard LEDs** for the exact location of the DRAM\_LED.
- The DRAM\_LED also lights up when the DIMM is not properly installed. Turn off the system and reinstall the DIMM before using the MemOK! function.
- The MemOK! switch does not function under Windows™ OS environment.
- During the tuning process, the system loads and tests failsafe memory settings. It takes about 30 seconds for the system to test one set of failsafe settings. If the test fails, the system reboots and test the next set of failsafe settings. The blinking speed of the DRAM\_LED increases, indicating different test processes.
- Due to memory tuning requirement, the system automatically reboots when each timing set is tested. If the installed DIMMs still fail to boot after the whole tuning process, the DRAM\_LED lights continuously. Replace the DIMMs with ones recommended in the Memory QVL (Qualified Vendors Lists) in this user manual or on the ASUS website at [www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com).
- If you turn off the computer and replace DIMMs during the tuning process, the system continues memory tuning after turning on the computer. To stop memory tuning, turn off the computer and unplug the power cord for about 5–10 seconds.
- If your system fails to boot up due to BIOS overclocking, press the MemOK! switch to boot and load the BIOS default settings. A message will appear during POST reminding you that the BIOS has been restored to its default settings.
- We recommend that you download and update to the latest BIOS version from the ASUS website at [www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com) after using the MemOK! function.

## 2. TPU switch

Enable this switch to automatically optimize the system for fast, yet stable clock speeds.



Enable this switch when the system is powered off.



### P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD TPU Boost switch

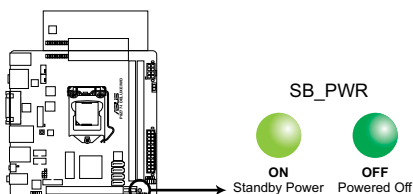


- The TPU LED (O2LED2) near the TPU switch lights up when the TPU switch is enabled. Refer to section 1.2.7 **Onboard LEDs** for the exact location of the TPU LED.
- If you enable this switch under a Windows® OS environment, the TPU function will be activated after the next system startup.
- You may use the TurboV and Auto Tuning feature in the TurboV EVO application, adjust the BIOS setup program, or enable the TPU switch at the same time. However, the system will use the last setting you have made.

## 1.2.7 Onboard LEDs

### 1. Onboard LED

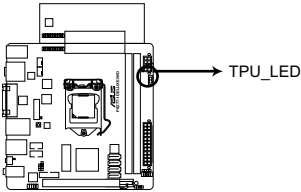
The motherboard comes with a standby power LED that lights up to indicate that the system is ON, in sleep mode, or in soft-off mode. This is a reminder that you should shut down the system and unplug the power cable before removing or plugging in any motherboard component. The illustration below shows the location of the onboard LED.



### P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD Onboard LED

## 2. TPU LED

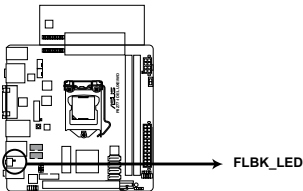
The TPU LED lights up when the TPU switch is changed to **Enable**.



**P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD TPU Boost LED**

## 3. BIOS\_FLBK LED

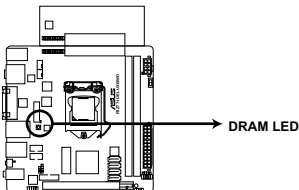
The BIOS\_FLBK LED lights up when the BIOS-FLBK function is enabled.



**P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD FLBK LED**

## 4. DRAM LED

DRAM LED checks the DRAM in sequence during the motherboard booting process. If an error is found, the LED next to the error device will continue lighting up until the problem is solved. This user-friendly design is an intuitive way to locate problems immediately.



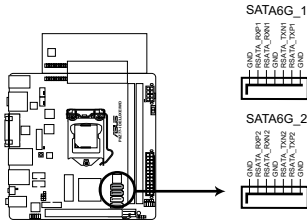
**P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD DRAM LED**

## 1.2.8 Internal connectors

### 1. Intel® Z77 Serial ATA 6.0 Gb/s connectors (7-pin SATA6G\_1/2 [gray])

These connectors connect to Serial ATA 6.0 Gb/s hard disk drives via Serial ATA 6.0 Gb/s signal cables.

If you installed Serial ATA hard disk drives, you can create a RAID 0, 1, 5, and 10 configuration with the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology through the onboard Intel® Z77 chipset.



**P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD SATA 6.0Gb/s connectors**

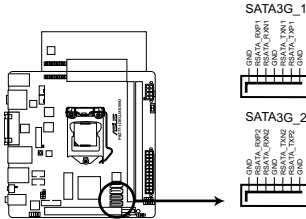


- These connectors are set to **[AHCI Mode]** by default. If you intend to create a Serial ATA RAID set using these connectors, set the SATA Mode item in the BIOS to **[RAID Mode]**. Refer to section **3.5.3 SATA Configuration** for details.
- Before creating a RAID set, refer to section **5.1 RAID configurations** or the manual bundled in the motherboard support DVD.
- When using NCQ, set the SATA Mode in the BIOS to **[AHCI Mode]**. Refer to section **3.5.3 SATA Configuration** for details.
- You must install Windows® XP Service Pack 3 or later versions before using Serial ATA hard disk drives. The Serial ATA RAID feature is available only if you are using Windows® XP SP3 or later versions.

## 2. Intel® Z77 Serial ATA 3.0 Gb/s connectors (7-pin SATA3G\_3-6 [blue])

These connectors connect to Serial ATA 3.0 Gb/s hard disk drives and optical disc drives via Serial ATA 3.0 Gb/s signal cables.

If you installed Serial ATA hard disk drives, you can create a RAID 0, 1, 5, and 10 configuration with the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology through the onboard Intel® Z77 chipset.



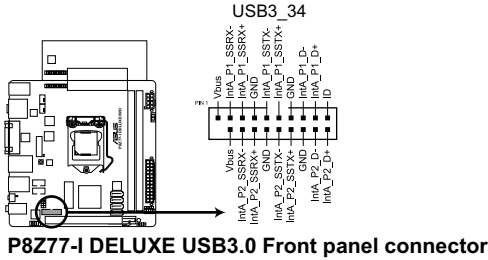
**P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD SATA 3.0Gb/s connectors**



- These connectors are set to **[AHCI Mode]** by default. If you intend to create a Serial ATA RAID set using these connectors, set the SATA Mode item in the BIOS to **[RAID Mode]**. Refer to section **3.5.3 SATA Configuration** for details.
- Before creating a RAID set, refer to section **5.1 RAID configurations** or the manual bundled in the motherboard support DVD.
- When using NCQ, set the SATA Mode in the BIOS to **[AHCI Mode]**. Refer to section **3.5.3 SATA Configuration** for details.
- You must install Windows® XP Service Pack 3 or later versions before using Serial ATA hard disk drives. The Serial ATA RAID feature is available only if you are using Windows® XP SP3 or later versions.

### 3. USB 3.0 connector (20-1 pin USB3\_34)

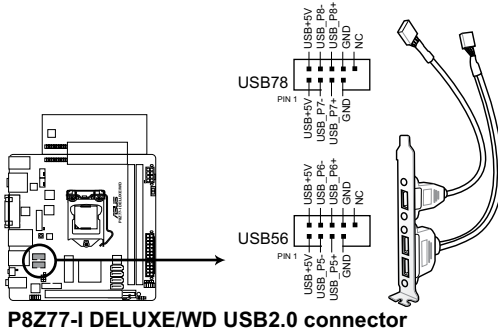
This connector is for additional USB 3.0 ports, and complies with the USB 3.0 specification that supports up to 5Gbps connection speed. A USB 3.0 front panel cable available with your system chassis can be used with this connector to set up front panel USB 3.0 ports.



Due to Intel® limitations, USB3\_34 connector ports run at USB 3.0 speeds under Windows® 7 or later versions.

### 4. USB 2.0 connectors (10-1 pin USB56~USB78)

These connectors are for USB 2.0 ports. Connect the USB module cable to any of these connectors, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis. These USB connectors comply with USB 2.0 specification that supports up to 480 Mbps connection speed.







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Never connect a 1394 cable to the USB connectors. Doing so will damage the motherboard!

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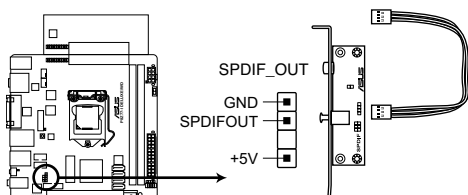
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The USB 2.0 module is purchased separately.

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## 5. Digital audio connector (4-1 pin SPDIF\_OUT)

This connector is for an additional Sony/Philips Digital Interface (S/PDIF) port. Connect the S/PDIF Out module cable to this connector, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis.



**P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD Digital audio connector**



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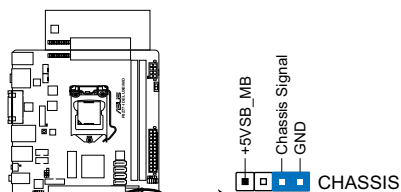
The S/PDIF module is purchased separately.

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## 6. Chassis intrusion connector (4-1 pin CHASSIS)

This connector is for a chassis-mounted intrusion detection sensor or switch. Connect one end of the chassis intrusion sensor or switch cable to this connector. The chassis intrusion sensor or switch sends a high-level signal to this connector when a chassis component is removed or replaced. The signal is then generated as a chassis intrusion event.

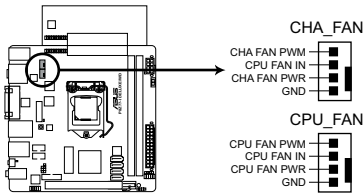
By default, the pin labeled “Chassis Signal” and “Ground” are shorted with a jumper cap. Remove the jumper caps only when you intend to use the chassis intrusion detection feature.



**P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD Chassis intrusion connector**

**7. CPU and chassis fan connectors (4-pin CPU\_FAN; 4-pin CHA\_FAN)**

Connect the fan cables to the fan connectors on the motherboard, ensuring that the black wire of each cable matches the ground pin of the connector.



**P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD fan connectors**



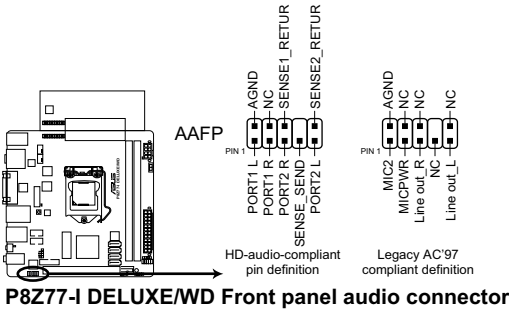
Do not forget to connect the fan cables to the fan connectors. Insufficient air flow inside the system may damage the motherboard components. These are not jumpers! Do not place jumper caps on the fan connectors!



- The CPU\_FAN connector supports the CPU fan of maximum 1A (12W) fan power.
- Only the CPU\_FAN, CHA\_FAN connectors support the ASUS FAN Xpert feature.

## 8. Front panel audio connector (10-1 pin AAFP)

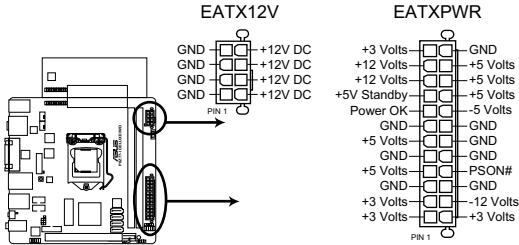
This connector is for a chassis-mounted front panel audio I/O module that supports either HD Audio or legacy AC'97 audio standard. Connect one end of the front panel audio I/O module cable to this connector.



- We recommend that you connect a high-definition front panel audio module to this connector to avail of the motherboard's high-definition audio capability.
- If you want to connect a high-definition or an AC'97 front panel audio module to this connector, set the Front Panel Type item in the BIOS setup to **[HD]** or **[AC97]**.

### 9. ATX power connectors (24-pin EATXPWR; 8-pin EATX12V)

These connectors are for ATX power supply plugs. The power supply plugs are designed to fit these connectors in only one orientation. Find the proper orientation and push down firmly until the connectors completely fit.



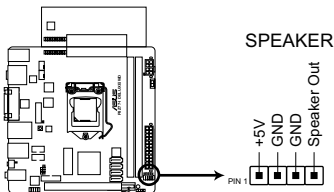
**P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD ATX power connectors**



- For a fully configured system, we recommend that you use a power supply unit (PSU) that complies with ATX 12 V Specification 2.0 (or later version) and provides a minimum power of 350 W.
- Do not forget to connect the 4-pin/8-pin EATX12 V power plug. Otherwise, the system will not boot.
- We recommend that you use a PSU with a higher power output when configuring a system with more power-consuming devices. The system may become unstable or may not boot up if the power is inadequate.
- If you are uncertain about the minimum power supply requirement for your system, refer to the Recommended Power Supply Wattage Calculator at <http://support.asus.com/PowerSupplyCalculator/PSCalculator.aspx?SLanguage=en-us> for details.

### 10. Speaker connector (4-pin SPEAKER)

This 4-pin connector is for the chassis-mounted system warning speaker. The speaker allows you to hear system beeps and warnings.

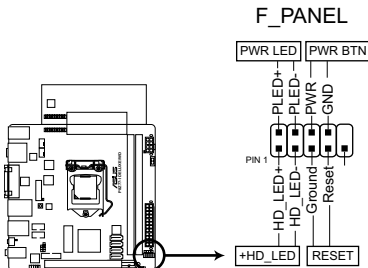


**P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD Speaker Out Connector**

## 11. System panel connector (10-1 pin PANEL)

This connector supports several chassis-mounted functions.

The ASUS Q-Cable allows you to easily connect or disconnect the chassis front panel cables even when you have already installed the components and installed the motherboard to the chassis.



**P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD System panel connector**

### Q-Cable



- **System power LED (2-pin PLED)**

This 2-pin connector is for the system power LED. Connect the chassis power LED cable to this connector. The system power LED lights up when you turn on the system power, and blinks when the system is in sleep mode.

- **Hard disk drive activity LED (2-pin +HDLED)**

This 2-pin connector is for the HDD Activity LED. Connect the HDD Activity LED cable to this connector. The IDE LED lights up or flashes when data is read from or written to the HDD.

- **Power/Soft-off button (2-pin PWRBTN)**

This 2-pin connector is for the system power button.

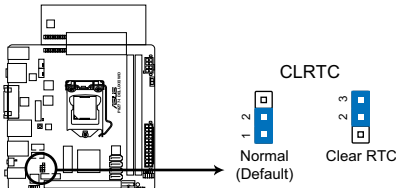
- **Reset button (2-pin RESET)**

This 2-pin connector is for the chassis-mounted reset button for system reboot without turning off the system power.

## 1.2.9 Jumper

### Clear RTC RAM (3-pin CLRRTC)

This jumper allows you to clear the Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM in CMOS. You can clear the CMOS memory of date, time, and system setup parameters by erasing the CMOS RTC RAM data. The onboard button cell battery powers the RAM data in CMOS, which include system setup information such as system passwords.



**P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD Clear RTC RAM**

#### To erase the RTC RAM

1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Move the jumper cap from pins 1-2 (default) to pins 2-3. Keep the cap on pins 2-3 for about 5–10 seconds, then move the cap back to pins 1-2.
3. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.
4. Hold down the <Del> key during the boot process and enter BIOS setup to re-enter data.



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Except when clearing the RTC RAM, never remove the cap on CLRRTC jumper default position. Removing the cap will cause system boot failure!

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- If the steps above do not help, remove the onboard battery and move the jumper again to clear the CMOS RTC RAM data. After clearing the CMOS, reinstall the battery.
  - You do not need to clear the RTC when the system hangs due to overclocking. For system failure due to overclocking, use the C.P.R. (CPU Parameter Recall) feature. Shut down and reboot the system so the BIOS can automatically reset parameter settings to default values.
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# Basic Installation

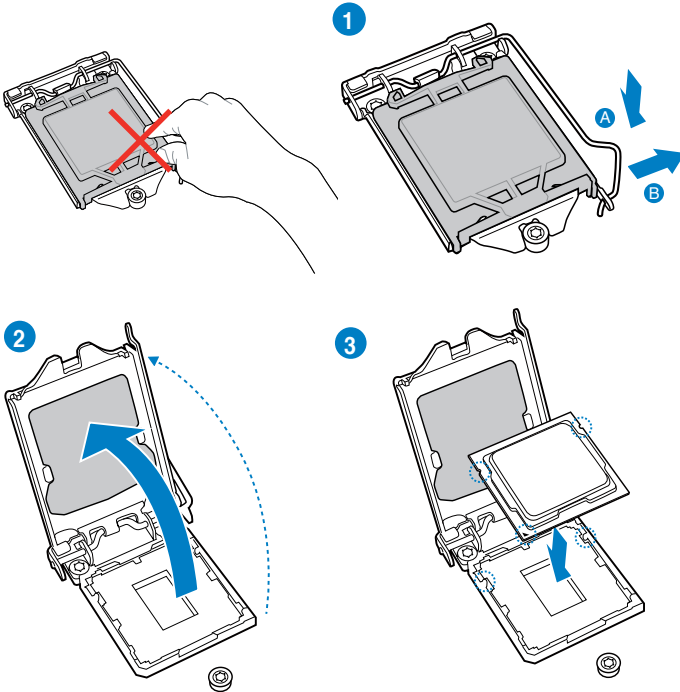
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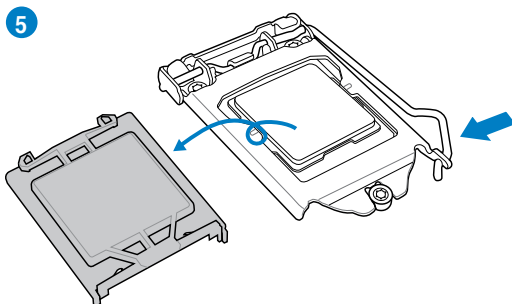
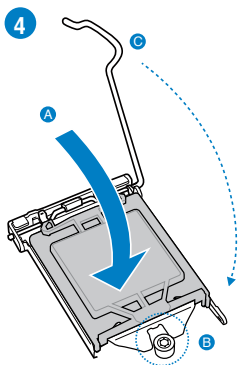
## 2.1 Building your PC system

### 2.1.1 CPU installation



The LGA1156 CPU is not compatible with the LGA1155 socket. DO NOT install a LGA1156 CPU on the LGA1155 socket.

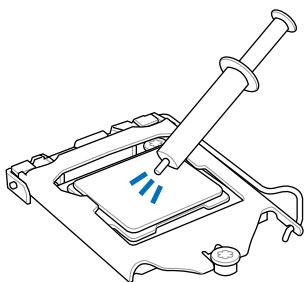




## 2.1.2 CPU heatsink and fan assembly installation

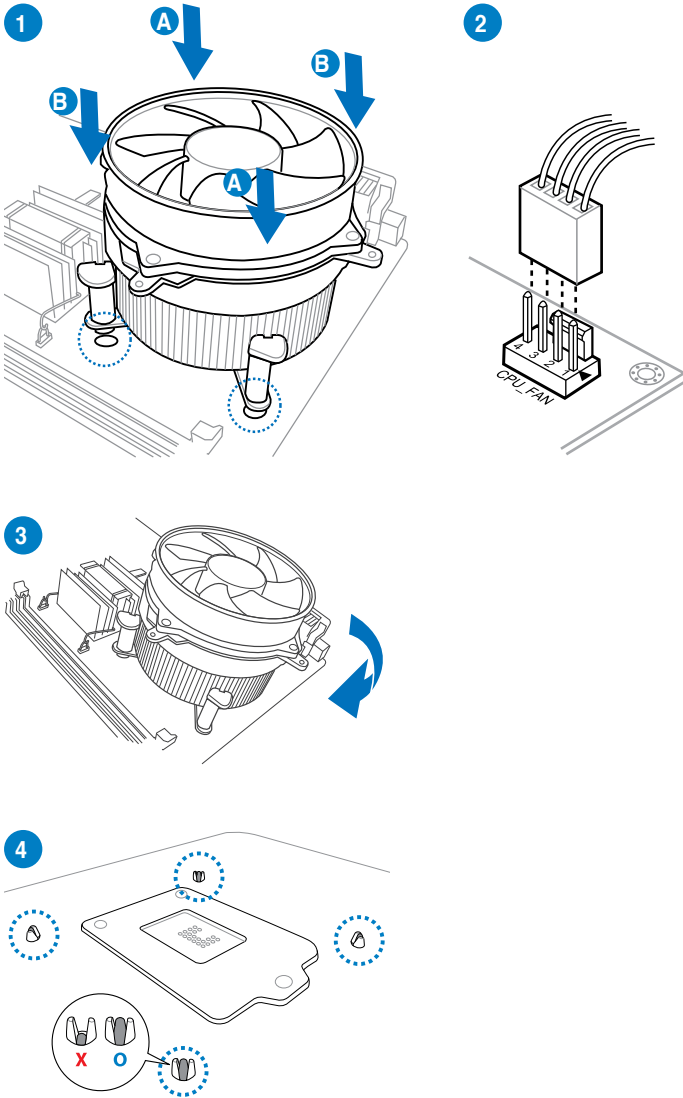


Apply the Thermal Interface Material to the CPU heatsink and CPU before you install the heatsink and fan if necessary.

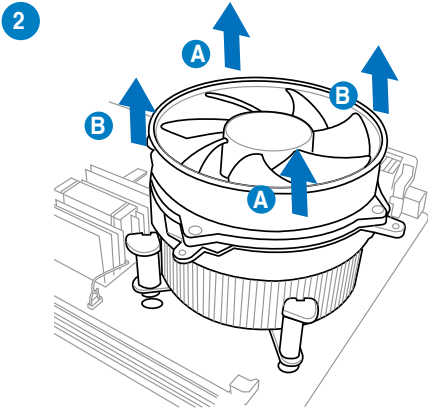
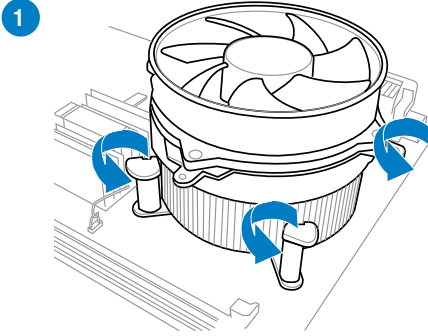




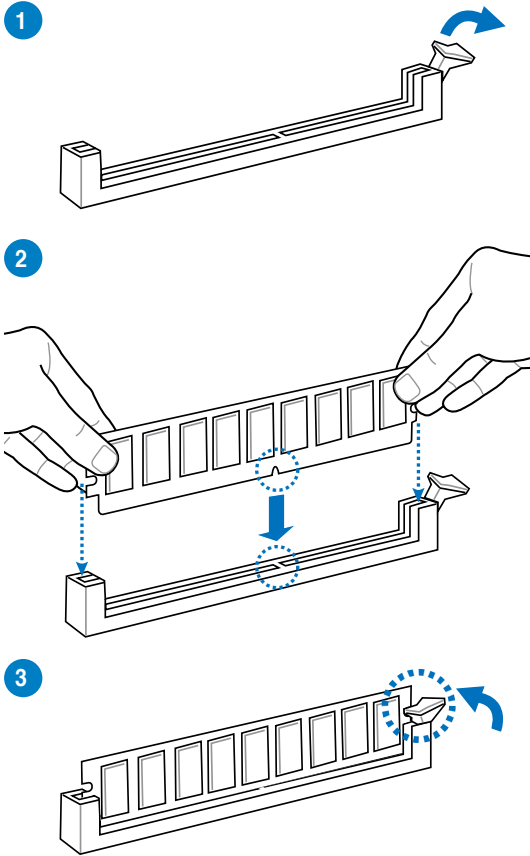
## To install the CPU heatsink and fan assembly



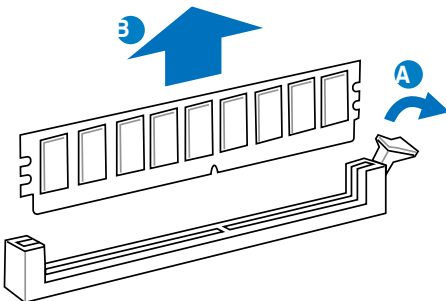
To uninstall the CPU heatsink and fan assembly



### 2.1.3 DIMM installation



#### To remove a DIMM



## 2.1.5 Motherboard installation



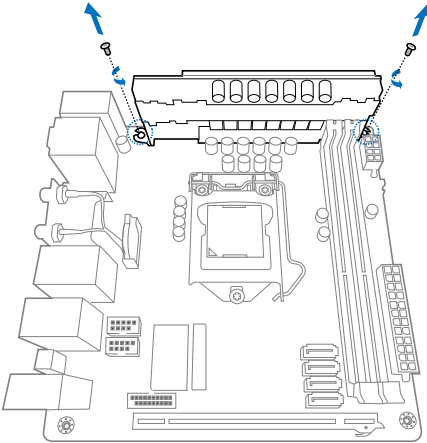
The diagrams in this section are for reference only. The motherboard layout may vary with models, but the installation steps are the same for all models.

### To install the P8Z77-I DELUXE/WD into a chassis:

1. Locate and remove the two screws near the Vcore card on the motherboard using a screw driver.

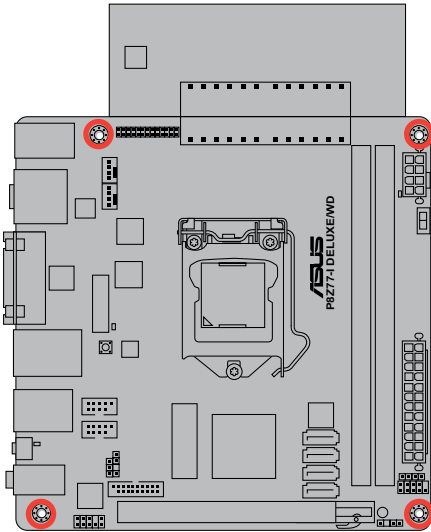
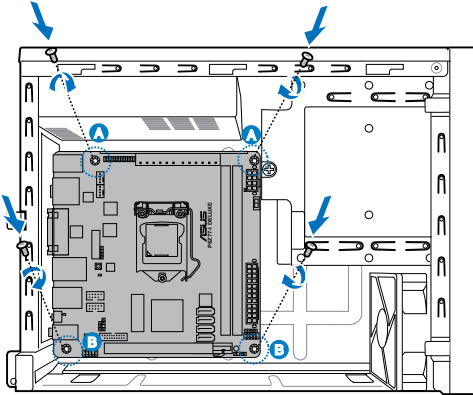


The screws secure the heatsink to the Vcore card.



If the screw thread of the screws holes in the chassis is thin, then use the slim screws bundled with the motherboard.

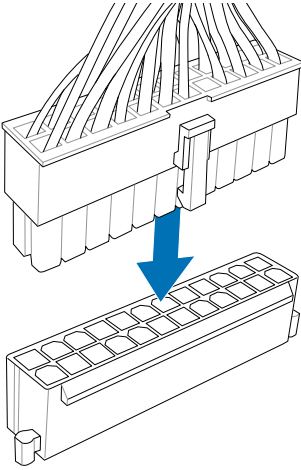
2. Place the motherboard into the chassis with the rear I/O ports aligned to the chassis's rear I/O panel.
3. Place four screws into the holes indicated by circles in the illustration below to secure the motherboard to the chassis. Use the screws you removed earlier for holes indicated with A, and two screws bundled with the chassis for holes indicated with B.



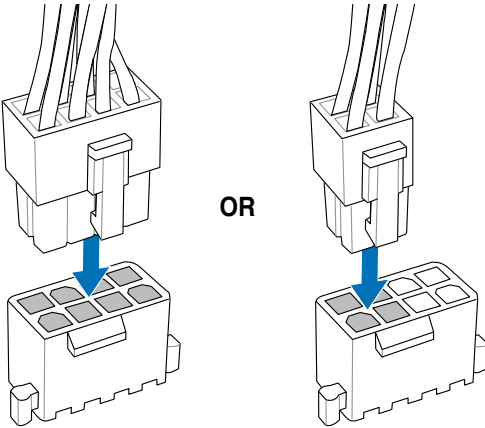
DO NOT overtighten the screws! Doing so can damage the motherboard.

## 2.1.6 ATX Power connection

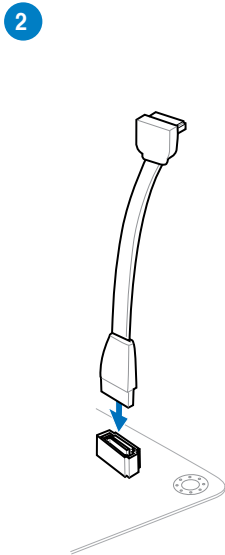
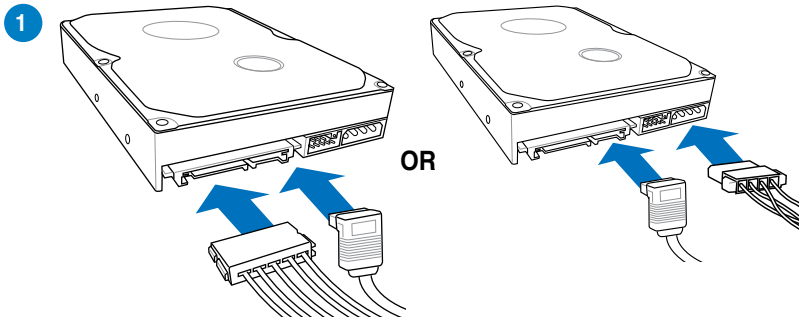
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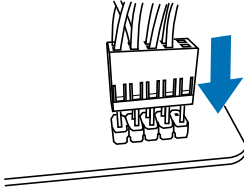


## 2.1.7 SATA device connection

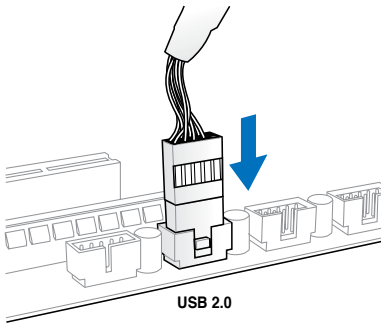


## 2.1.8 Front I/O Connector

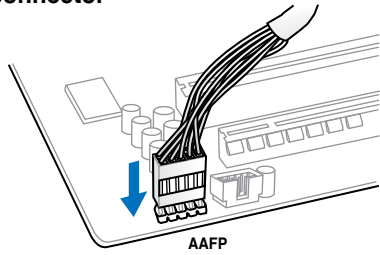
To install front panel Connector (or Q-cable)



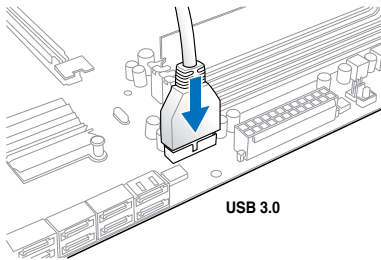
To install USB 2.0 connector



To install front panel audio connector



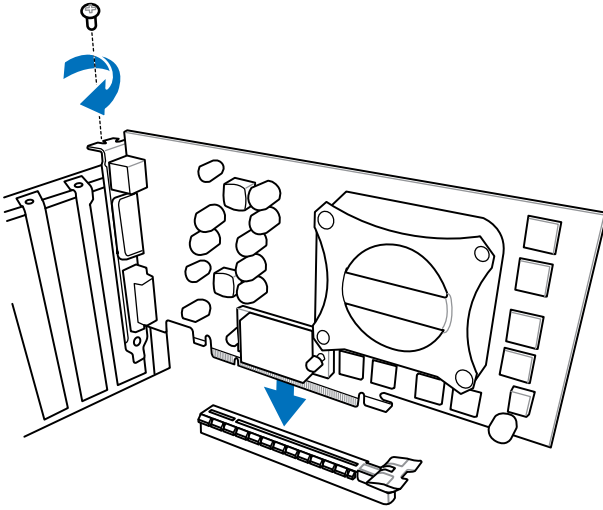
To install USB 3.0 connector





## 2.1.9 Expansion Card installation

To install PCIe x16 cards



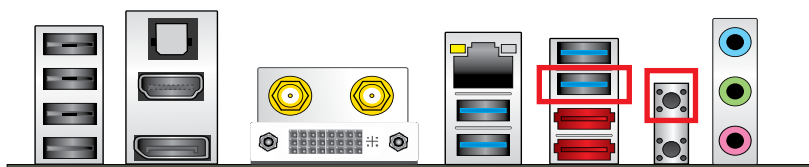
## 2.2 BIOS update utility

### 2.2.1 USB BIOS Flashback

USB BIOS Flashback allows you to easily update the BIOS without entering the existing BIOS or operating system. Simply insert a USB storage device to the USB port, press the USB BIOS Flashback button for three seconds, and the BIOS is updated automatically.

#### To use USB BIOS Flashback:

1. Place the bundled support DVD to the optical drive and install the USB BIOS Flashback Wizard. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the installation.
2. Insert the USB storage device into the USB Flashback port.
3. Launch the USB BIOS Flashback Wizard to automatically download the latest BIOS version.
4. Press the BIOS Flashback button for three seconds until a flashing light appears, which indicates that the BIOS Flashback function is enabled.
5. Wait until the light goes out, indicating that the BIOS updating process is completed.



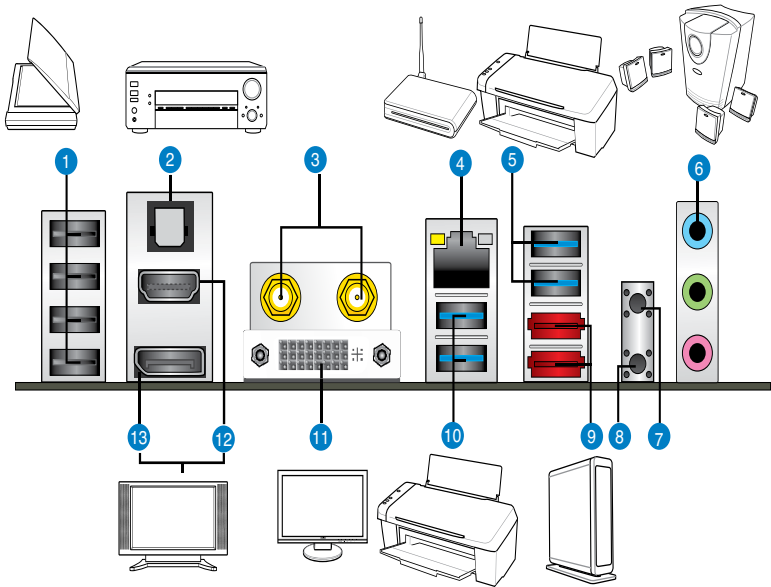
For more BIOS update utilities in BIOS setup, refer to the section **Updating BIOS** in Chapter 3.



- Do not unplug portable disks, power off the system, or press the CLR\_CMOS button while the BIOS update is in progress or the update will be interrupted. In case of interruption, please follow the steps again.
- If the light flashes for five seconds and turns into a solid light, this means that the BIOS Flashback is not operating properly. This may be caused by improper installation of the USB storage device and filename/file format error. If this scenario happens, please restart the system to turn off the light.
- Updating the BIOS may have risks. If the BIOS program is damaged during the process and results in the system's failure to boot up, please contact your local ASUS Service Center.

## 2.3 Motherboard rear and audio connections

### 2.3.1 Rear I/O connection



#### Rear panel connectors

1. USB 2.0 ports 1-4	8. Clear CMOS button
2. Optical S/PDIF Out port	9. External SATA ports 1 and 2
3. Modified antenna ports (Wi-Fi 802.11 and Bluetooth v4.0/3.0+HS)*	10. Asmedia USB 3.0 ports 1 and 2, support ASUS USB 3.0 UASP Mode
4. Intel® LAN (RJ-45) port**	11. DVI-I port
5. Intel® USB 3.0 ports 1 and 2, support ASUS USB 3.0 UASP, bottom port supports USB BIOS Flashback and USB Charger+	12. HDMI port
6. Audio I/O ports***	13. DisplayPort
7. USB BIOS Flashback button	

\*, \*\* and \*\*\*: Refer to the tables on the next page for LAN port LEDs, and audio port definitions.



Due to Intel limitations, USB3\_1-2 is only supported in Windows 7® operating system.



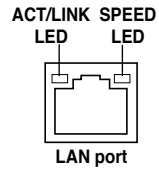
- Press the Clear CMOS switch to clear BIOS setup information only when the system hangs due to overclocking.
- DO NOT insert a different connector to the external SATA port.
- Due to USB 3.0 controller limitations, USB 3.0 devices can only be used under a Windows® OS environment and after USB 3.0 driver installation.
- USB 3.0 devices can only be used as data storage only.
- We strongly recommend that you connect USB 3.0 devices to USB 3.0 ports for faster and better performance from your USB 3.0 devices.



The Wi-Fi card automatically sets itself to the country's available Wi-Fi channels.

## \*\* LAN ports LED indications

Activity Link LED		Speed LED	
Status	Description	Status	Description
OFF	No link	OFF	10 Mbps connection
ORANGE	Linked	ORANGE	100 Mbps connection
BLINKING	Data activity	GREEN	1 Gbps connection

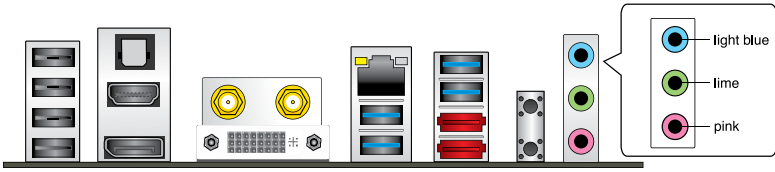


## \*\*\* Audio 2, 4, 6, or 8-channel configuration

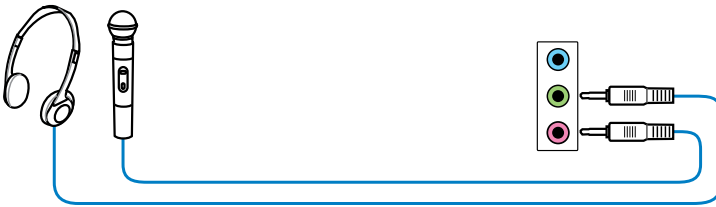
Ports	Headset 2-channel	4-channel	6-channel	8-channel
Light Blue (Rear panel)	Line In	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out
Lime (Rear panel)	Line Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out
Pink (Rear panel)	Mic In	Mic In	Bass/Center	Bass/Center
Lime (Front panel)	–	–	–	Side Speaker Out

## 2.3.2 Audio I/O connections

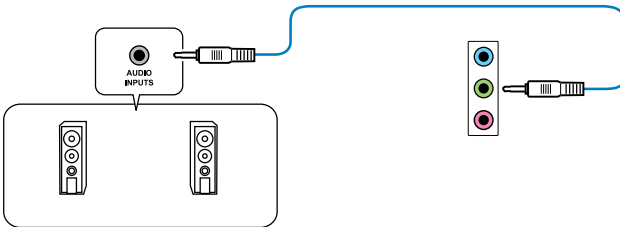
### Audio I/O ports



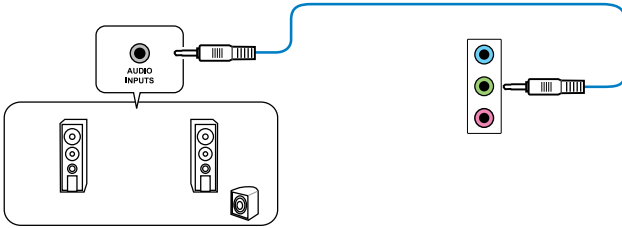
### Connect to Headphone and Mic



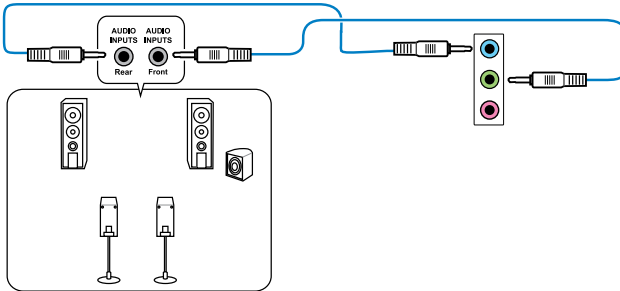
### Connect to Stereo Speakers



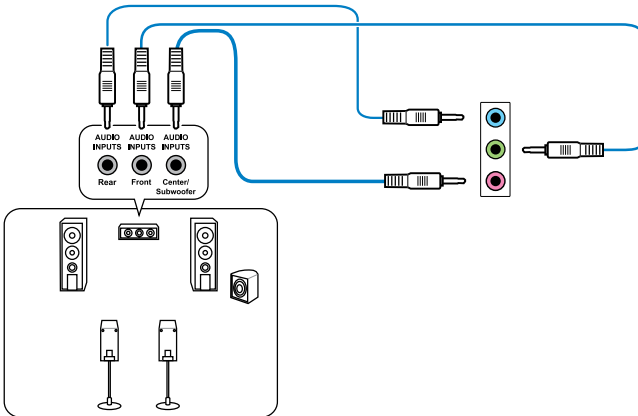
## Connect to 2.1 channel Speakers



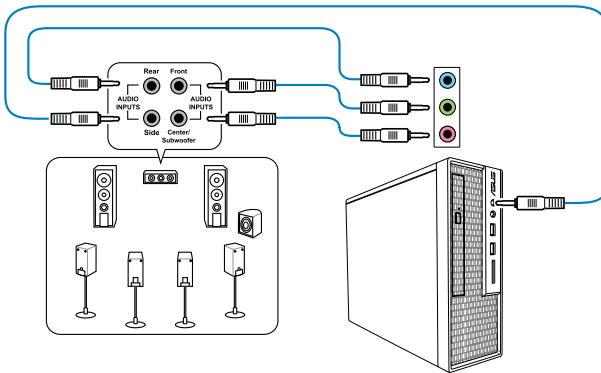
## Connect to 4.1 channel Speakers



## Connect to 5.1 channel Speakers



## Connect to 7.1 channel Speakers



When the DTS UltraPC II function is enabled, connect the rear speaker to the gray port.

## 2.4 Starting up for the first time

1. After making all the connections, replace the system case cover.
2. Ensure that all switches are off.
3. Connect the power cord to the power connector at the back of the system chassis.
4. Connect the power cord to a power outlet that is equipped with a surge protector.
5. Turn on the devices in the following order:
  - a. Monitor
  - b. External SCSI devices (starting with the last device on the chain)
  - c. System power
6. After applying power, the system power LED on the system front panel case lights up. For systems with ATX power supplies, the system LED lights up when you press the ATX power button. If your monitor complies with the “green” standards or if it has a “power standby” feature, the monitor LED may light up or change from orange to green after the system LED turns on.

The system then runs the power-on self tests (POST). While the tests are running, the BIOS beeps (refer to the BIOS beep codes table) or additional messages appear on the screen. If you do not see anything within 30 seconds from the time you turned on the power, the system may have failed a power-on test. Check the jumper settings and connections or call your retailer for assistance.

BIOS Beep	Description
One short beep	VGA detected Quick boot set to disabled No keyboard detected
One continuous beep followed by two short beeps then a pause (repeated)	No memory detected
One continuous beep followed by three short beeps	No VGA detected
One continuous beep followed by four short beeps	Hardware component failure

- At power on, hold down the <Delete> key to enter the BIOS Setup. Follow the instructions in Chapter 3.

## 2.5 Turning off the computer

While the system is ON, press the power button for less than four seconds to put the system on sleep mode or soft-off mode, depending on the BIOS setting. Press the power switch for more than four seconds to let the system enter the soft-off mode regardless of the BIOS setting.



# BIOS setup

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## 3.1 Knowing BIOS



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The new ASUS UEFI BIOS is a Unified Extensible Interface that complies with UEFI architecture, offering a user-friendly interface that goes beyond the traditional keyboard-only BIOS controls to enable a more flexible and convenient mouse input. You can easily navigate the new UEFI BIOS with the same smoothness as your operating system. The term “BIOS” in this user manual refers to “UEFI BIOS” unless otherwise specified.

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BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) stores system hardware settings such as storage device configuration, overclocking settings, advanced power management, and boot device configuration that are needed for system startup in the motherboard CMOS. In normal circumstances, the default BIOS settings apply to most conditions to ensure optimal performance. **DO NOT change the default BIOS settings** except in the following circumstances:

- An error message appears on the screen during the system bootup and requests you to run the BIOS Setup.
- You have installed a new system component that requires further BIOS settings or update.



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Inappropriate BIOS settings may result to instability or boot failure. **We strongly recommend that you change the BIOS settings only with the help of a trained service personnel.**

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## 3.2 BIOS setup program

Use the BIOS Setup to update the BIOS or configure its parameters. The BIOS screen include navigation keys and brief onscreen help to guide you in using the BIOS Setup program.

### Entering BIOS at startup

To enter BIOS Setup at startup:

- Press <Delete> during the Power-On Self Test (POST). If you do not press <Delete>, POST continues with its routines.

### Entering BIOS Setup after POST

To enter BIOS Setup after POST:

- Press <Ctrl>+<Alt>+<Delete> simultaneously.
- Press the reset button on the system chassis.
- Press the power button to turn the system off then back on. Do this option only if you failed to enter BIOS Setup using the first two options.



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- The BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference purposes only, and may not exactly match what you see on your screen.
  - Connected a USB mouse to your motherboard if you want to use the mouse to control the BIOS setup program.
  - If the system becomes unstable after changing any BIOS setting, load the default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the **Load Optimized Defaults** item under the **Exit** menu or press hotkey <F5>. See section 3.9 **Exit Menu** for details.
  - If the system fails to boot after changing any BIOS setting, try to clear the CMOS and reset the motherboard to the default value. See section 1.2.6 **Onboard buttons and switches** for information on how to erase the RTC RAM via the Clear CMOS button.
  - The BIOS setup program does not support the bluetooth devices.
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### BIOS menu screen

The BIOS Setup program can be used under two modes: **EZ Mode** and **Advanced Mode**. You can change modes from the **Exit** menu or from the **Exit/Advanced Mode** screen.

### 3.2.1 EZ Mode

By default, the EZ Mode screen appears when you enter the BIOS setup program. The EZ Mode provides you an overview of the basic system information, and allows you to select the display language, system performance mode and boot device priority. To access the Advanced Mode, click **Exit/Advanced Mode**, then select **Advanced Mode** or press <F7> hot key for the advanced BIOS settings.

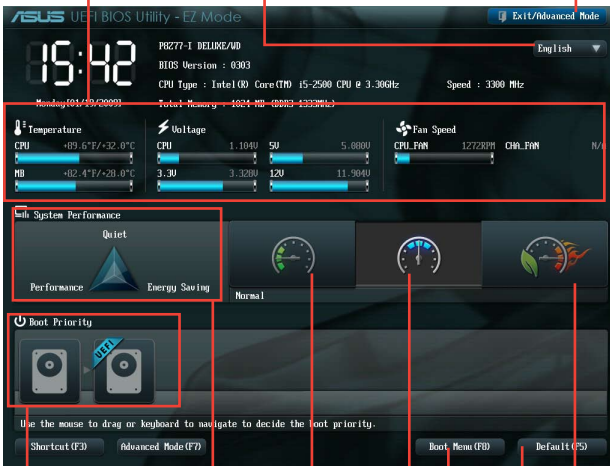


The default screen for entering the BIOS setup program can be changed. Refer to the **Setup Mode** item in section 3.7 **Boot menu** for details.

Displays the CPU/motherboard temperature, CPU voltage output, and CPU/chassis fan speed

Selects the display language of the BIOS setup program

Exits the BIOS setup program without saving the changes, saves the changes and resets the system, or enters the Advanced Mode



Selects the boot device priority

Displays the system properties of the selected mode on the right hand side

Silent mode

Standard mode

Selects the boot device priority

Loads optimized default

Turbo mode



- The boot device options vary depending on the devices you installed to the system.
- The **Boot Menu(F8)** button is available only when the boot device is installed to the system.

### 3.2.2 Advanced Mode

The Advanced Mode provides advanced options for experienced end-users to configure the BIOS settings. The figure below shows an example of the Advanced Mode. Refer to the following sections for the detailed configurations.



To access the Advanced Mode, click **Exit**, then select **Advanced Mode** or press **F7** hotkey.

#### Menu bar

The menu bar on top of the screen has the following main items:

<b>Main</b>	For changing the basic system configuration
<b>Ai Tweaker</b>	For changing the overclocking settings
<b>Advanced</b>	For changing the advanced system settings
<b>Monitor</b>	For displaying the system temperature, power status, and changing the fan settings.
<b>Boot</b>	For changing the system boot configuration
<b>Tool</b>	For configuring options for special functions
<b>Exit</b>	For selecting the exit options and loading default settings

## Menu items

The highlighted item on the menu bar displays the specific items for that menu. For example, selecting **Main** shows the Main menu items.

The other items (Ai Tweaker, Advanced, Monitor, Boot, Tool, and Exit) on the menu bar have their respective menu items.

## Back button

This button appears when entering a submenu. Press <Esc> or use the USB mouse to click this button to return to the previous menu screen.

## Submenu items

A greater than sign (>) before each item on any menu screen means that the item has a submenu. To display the submenu, select the item and press <Enter>.

## Pop-up window

Select a menu item and press <Enter> to display a pop-up window with the configuration options for that item.

## Scroll bar

A scroll bar appears on the right side of a menu screen when there are items that do not fit on the screen. Press the Up/Down arrow keys or <Page Up> / <Page Down> keys to display the other items on the screen.

## Navigation keys

At the bottom right corner of the menu screen are the navigation keys for the BIOS setup program. Use the navigation keys to select items in the menu and change the settings.

## General help

At the top right corner of the menu screen is a brief description of the selected item. Use <F12> key to capture the BIOS screen and save it to the removable storage device.

## Configuration fields

These fields show the values for the menu items. If an item is user-configurable, you can change the value of the field opposite the item. You cannot select an item that is not user-configurable.

A configurable field is highlighted when selected. To change the value of a field, select it and press <Enter> to display a list of options.

### 3.3 Main menu

The Main screen appears when you enter the Advanced Mode of the BIOS Setup program. The Main menu provides you an overview of the basic system information, and allows you to set the system date, time, language, and security settings.



### Security

The Security menu items allow you to change the system security settings.





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- If you have forgotten your BIOS password, erase the CMOS Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM to clear the BIOS password. See section **1.2.6 Onboard buttons and switches** for information on how to erase the RTC RAM via the Clear CMOS button.
  - The Administrator or User Password items on top of the screen show the default [Not Installed]. After you set a password, these items show [Installed].
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## Administrator Password

If you have set an administrator password, we recommend that you enter the administrator password for accessing the system. Otherwise, you might be able to see or change only selected fields in the BIOS setup program.

### To set an administrator password:

1. Select the **Administrator Password** item and press <Enter>.
2. From the **Create New Password** box, key in a password, then press <Enter>.
3. Confirm the password when prompted.

### To change an administrator password:

1. Select the **Administrator Password** item and press <Enter>.
2. From the **Enter Current Password** box, key in the current password, then press <Enter>.
3. From the **Create New Password** box, key in a new password, then press <Enter>.
4. Confirm the password when prompted.

To clear the administrator password, follow the same steps as changing an administrator password, but press <Enter> when prompted to create/confirm the password. After you clear the password, the **Administrator Password** item on top of the screen shows **Not Installed**.

## User Password

If you have set a user password, you must enter the user password for accessing the system. The User Password item on top of the screen shows the default Not Installed. After you set a password, this item shows Installed.

### To set a user password:

1. Select the **User Password** item and press <Enter>.
2. From the **Create New Password** box, key in a password, then press <Enter>.
3. Confirm the password when prompted.

**To change a user password:**

1. Select the **User Password** item and press <Enter>.
2. From the **Enter Current Password** box, key in the current password, then press <Enter>.
3. From the **Create New Password** box, key in a new password, then press <Enter>.
4. Confirm the password when prompted.

To clear the user password, follow the same steps as in changing a user password, but press <Enter> when prompted to create/confirm the password. After you clear the password, the **User Password** item on top of the screen shows **Not Installed**.

### 3.4 Ai Tweaker menu

The Ai Tweaker menu items allow you to configure overclocking-related items.



Be cautious when changing the settings of the Ai Tweaker menu items. Incorrect field values can cause the system to malfunction.



The configuration options for this section vary depending on the CPU and DIMM model you installed on the motherboard.





Scroll down to display other BIOS items.



## Ai Overclock Tuner [Auto]

Allows you to select the CPU overclocking options to achieve the desired CPU internal frequency. Select any of these preset overclocking configuration options:

- [Auto] Loads the optimal settings for the system.
- [Manual] Allows you to individually set overclocking parameters.
- [X.M.P.] If you install memory modules supporting the eXtreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.) Technology, choose this item to set the profiles supported by your memory modules for optimizing the system performance.



The following item appears only when you set the Ai Overclocking Tuner to [Manual].

## BCLK/PCIE Frequency [XXX]

Allows you to adjust the CPU and VGA frequency to enhance the system performance. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. You can also key in the desired value using the numeric keypad. The values range from 80.0MHz to 300.0MHz.

## eXtreme Memory Profile

This item appears only when you set the Ai Overclocking Tuner item to [X.M.P.] and allows you to select the X.M.P. mode supported by your memory module. Configuration options: [Profile #1] [Profile #2]

## ASUS MultiCore Enhancement [Enabled]

- [Enabled] Default set to [Enabled] for maximum performance under XMP/Manual/ User-defined memory frequency mode.
- [Disabled] Allows you to set to default core ratio settings.

## Turbo Ratio [Auto]

Allows you to set the CPU ratio automatically or manually.

- [Auto] Sets all Turbo Ratio to Intel® CPU default settings automatically.
- [By All Cores (Can Adjust in OS)] Allows you to set Turbo Ratio settings for all cores.
- [By Per Core (Cannot Adjust in OS)] Allows you to set Turbo Ratio settings for each core.

### **Internal PLL Overvoltage [Auto]**

Allows you to set the internal PLL voltage. Configuration options: [Auto] [Enabled] [Disabled]

### **CPU bus speed : DRAM speed ratio mode [Auto]**

Allows you to set the CPU bus speed to DRAM speed ratio mode.

[Auto] DRAM speed is set to the optimized settings.

[100:133] The CPU bus speed to DRAM speed ratio is set to 100:133.

[100:100] The CPU bus speed to DRAM speed ratio is set to 100:100.

### **Memory Frequency [Auto]**

Allows you to set the memory operating frequency. The configuration options vary with the BCLK/PCIE Frequency item settings.

### **iGPU Max. Frequency [Auto]**

Allows you to set the iGPU maximum frequency. The values range from xxxxMHz (by CPU) to 3000MHz with a 50MHz interval. Use <+>/<-> to adjust the value.

### **EPU Power Saving Mode [Disabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable the EPU power saving function.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

#### **EPU Setting [Auto]**

This item appears only when you set the **EPU Power Saving MODE** item to [Enabled] and allows you to select the EPU power saving mode.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Light Power Saving Mode] [Medium Power Saving Mode] [Max Power Saving Mode]

### **OC Tuner**

OC Tuner automatically overclocks the frequency and voltage of CPU and DRAM for enhancing the system performance. Configuration options: [OK] [Cancel]

## DRAM Timing Control

The subitems in this menu allow you to set the DRAM timing control features. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. To restore the default setting, type [auto] using the keyboard and press the <Enter> key.



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Changing the values in this menu may cause the system to become unstable! If this happens, revert to the default settings.

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### Primary Timings

#### **DRAM CAS# Latency [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [15 DRAM Clock]

#### **DRAM RAS# to CAS# Delay [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [15 DRAM Clock]

#### **DRAM RAS# PRE Time [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [15 DRAM Clock]

#### **DRAM RAS# ACT Time [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [255 DRAM Clock]

#### **DRAM COMMAND Mode [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] [2 DRAM Clock] [3 DRAM Clock]

## Secondary Timings

### **DRAM RAS# to RAS# Delay [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [15 DRAM Clock]

### **DRAM REF Cycle Time [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [511 DRAM Clock]

### **DRAM Refresh Interval [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [65535 DRAM Clock]

### **DRAM WRITE Recovery Time [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [31 DRAM Clock]

### **DRAM READ to PRE Time [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [15 DRAM Clock]

### **DRAM FOUR ACT WIN Time [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [63 DRAM Clock]

### **DRAM WRITE to READ Delay [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [15 DRAM Clock]

### **DRAM CKE Minimum pulse width [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [15 DRAM Clock]

### **DRAM CAS# Write Latency [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [15 DRAM Clock]

### **DRAM RTL (CHA) [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [63 DRAM Clock]

### **DRAM RTL (CHB) [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [63 DRAM Clock]

### **DRAM IO-L (CHA) [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [Delay 1 Clock] – [Delay 15 Clock]

### **DRAM IO-L (CHB) [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [Delay 1 Clock] – [Delay 15 Clock]

## Third Timings

### **tWRDR (DD) [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [8 DRAM Clock]

### **tRWDR (DD) [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [8 DRAM Clock]

### **tRWSR [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [8 DRAM Clock]

**tRR (DD) [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [8 DRAM Clock]

**RR (DR) [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [8 DRAM Clock]

**tRRSR [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [4 DRAM Clock] – [7 DRAM Clock]

**tWW (DD) [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [8 DRAM Clock]

**tWW (DR) [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [8 DRAM Clock]

**tWWSR [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [4 DRAM Clock] – [7 DRAM Clock]

**MISC****MRC Fst Boot [Enabled]**

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

**DRAM CLK Period [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [14 DRAM Clock]

**Transmitter Slew (CHA) [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [7 DRAM Clock]

**Transmitter Slew (CHB) [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [7 DRAM Clock]

**Receiver Slew (CHA) [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [7 DRAM Clock]

**Receiver Slew (CHB) [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [7 DRAM Clock]

**MCH Duty Sense (CHA) [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [31 DRAM Clock]

**MCH Duty Sense (CHB) [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 DRAM Clock] – [31 DRAM Clock]

**Channel A DIMM Control [Enable Both DIMMS]**

Configuration options: [Enable Both DIMMS] [Disable DIMM0] [Disable DIMM1] [Disable Both DIMMS]

**Channel B DIMM Control [Enable Both DIMMS]**

Configuration options: [Enable Both DIMMS] [Disable DIMM0] [Disable DIMM1] [Disable Both DIMMS]

### **DRAM Read Additional Swizzle [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [Enabled] [Disabled]

### **DRAM Write Additional Swizzle [Auto]**

Configuration options: [Auto] [Enabled] [Disabled]

## **CPU Power Management**

The subitems in this menu allow you to set the CPU ratio and features.

### **CPU Ratio [Auto]**

Allows you to manually adjust the maximum non-turbo CPU ratio. Use <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. The valid value ranges vary according to your CPU model.

### **Enhanced Intel SpeedStep Technology [Enabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable the Enhanced Intel® SpeedStep Technology (EIST).  
[Disabled] Disables this function.

[Enabled] The operating system dynamically adjusts the processor voltage and core frequency which may result in decreased average consumption and decreased average heat production.

### **Turbo Mode [Enabled]**

Allows you to enable your core processor's speed to run faster than the marked frequency in a specific condition. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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The following items appear only when you set the Turbo Mode to **[Enabled]**.

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### **Turbo Mode Parameters**

#### ***Long Duration Power Limit [Auto]***

Allows you to limit the turbo ratio's long duration power.

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value.

#### ***Long Duration Maintained [Auto]***

Allows you to maintain the turbo ratio's long duration power.

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value.

#### ***Short Duration Power Limit [Auto]***

Allows you to limit the turbo ratio's long duration power.

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value.

#### ***Primary Plane Current Limit [Auto]***

Maximum instantaneous current allowed at any given time for CPU cores

Use <+> and <-> key to adjust the value at 0.125A increment.

#### ***Secondary Plane Current Limit [Auto]***

Maximum instantaneous current allowed at any given time for Internal Graphics cores. Use <+> and <-> key to adjust the value at 0.125A increment.

## DIGI+ VRM

### CPU Load-Line Calibration [Auto]

Load-line is defined by Intel VRM specification and affects CPU voltage. The CPU working voltage will decrease proportionally to CPU loading. Higher value gets a higher voltage and better overclocking performance, but increases the CPU and VRM thermal conditions. This item allows you to adjust the voltage range from the following percentages to boost the system performance: 0% (Regular), 25% (Medium), 50% (High), 75% (Ultra High) and 100% (Extreme).

Configuration options: [Auto] [Regular] [Medium] [High] [Ultra High] [Extreme]



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The actual performance boost may vary depending on your CPU specification.

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### CPU Voltage Frequency [Auto]

Frequency switching affects the VRM transient response, and the thermal component. Higher frequency gets quicker transient response. Configuration options: [Auto] [Manual]



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DO NOT remove the thermal module when switching to Manual Mode. The thermal conditions should be monitored.

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### VRM Spread Spectrum [Disabled]

This item appears only when you set the Frequency item to [Auto] and allows you to enable the spread spectrum to enhance system stability.

### CPU Power Phase Control [Standard]

Allows you to control the power phase based on the CPU's demands.

Configuration options: [Standard] [Optimized] [Extreme] [Manual Adjustment]



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DO NOT remove the thermal module when switching to Extreme and Manual Mode. The thermal conditions should be monitored.

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### CPU Power Duty Control [T.Probe]

DIGI + VRM Duty Control adjusts the current and thermal conditions of every component's phase.

[T. Probe]                      Select to maintain the VRM thermal balance.

[Extreme]                        Select to maintain the current VRM balance.

### CPU Current Capability [100%]

Allows you to configure the total power range, and extends the overclocking frequency range simultaneously. Configuration options: [100%] [110%] [120%] [130%] [140%]



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Choose a higher value when overclocking, or under a high CPU loading for extra power support.

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### **CPU Power Response Control [Auto]**

The DIG+ VRM controller provides a faster, and precise power response rate for the CPU. Apply a higher value for an extreme overclocking.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Regular] [Medium] [High] [Ultra High]

### **iGPU Load-line Calibration [Auto]**

Allows you to set the iGPU Load-line Calibration. Configuration options: [Auto] [Regular] [High] [Extreme]



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The actual performance boost may vary depending on your CPU configuration.

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### **iGPU Current Capability [100%]**

Allows you to set the iGPU Current Capability. Configuration options: [100%] [110%] [120%] [130%]



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DO NOT remove the thermal module while changing the DIG+ VRM related parameters . The thermal conditions should be monitored.

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### **CPU Voltage [Offset Mode]**

[Manual Mode] Allows you to set a fixed CPU voltage.

[Offset Mode] Allows you to set the Offset voltage.

### **CPU Offset Mode Sign [+]**

This item appears only when you set the **CPU Voltage** item to [Offset Mode].

[+] To offset the voltage by a positive value.

[-] To offset the voltage by a negative value.



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Some of the following items are adjusted by typing the desired values using the numeric keypad and press the <Enter> key. You can also use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. To restore the default setting, type [auto] using the keyboard and press the <Enter> key.

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### **CPU Offset Voltage [Auto]**

This item appears only when you set the **CPU Voltage** item to [Offset Mode] and allows you to set the Offset voltage. The values range from 0.005V to 0.635V with a 0.005V interval.

### **CPU Manual Voltage [Auto]**

This item appears only when you set the **CPU Voltage** item to [Manual Mode] and allows you to set a fixed CPU voltage. The values range from 0.800V to 1.990V with a 0.005V interval.





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Refer to the CPU documentation before setting the CPU voltage. Setting a high voltage may damage the CPU permanently, and setting a low voltage may make the system unstable.

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### **iGPU Voltage [Offset Mode]**

[Manual Mode] Allows you to set a fixed iGPU voltage.

[Offset Mode] Allows you to set the iGPU Offset voltage.

#### **iGPU Offset Voltage [Auto]**

This item appears only when you set the **iGPU Voltage** item to [Offset Mode] and allows you to set the Offset voltage. The values range from 0.005 to 0.635V with a 0.005V interval.

#### **iGPU Manual Voltage [Auto]**

This item appears only when you set the **iGPU Voltage** item to [Manual Mode] and allows you to set a fixed iGPU voltage. The values range from 0.800V to 1.990V with a 0.005V interval.

### **DRAM Voltage [Auto]**

Allows you to set the DRAM voltage. The values range from 1.20V to 2.135V with a 0.005V interval.



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According to Intel CPU specifications, DIMMs with voltage requirement over 1.65V may damage the CPU permanently. We recommend you install the DIMMs with the voltage requirement below 1.65V.

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### **VCCSA Voltage [Auto]**

Allows you to set the VCCSA voltage. The values range from 0.610V to 1.560V with a 0.005V interval.

## PCH Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to set the Platform Controller Hub voltage. The values range from 1.05V to 1.40V with a 0.05V interval.



- The values of the CPU Manual Voltage, CPU Offset Voltage, DRAM Voltage, VCCSA Voltage, and PCH Voltage items are labeled in different color, indicating the risk levels of high voltage settings.
- The system may need better cooling system to work stably under high voltage settings.

	White	Yellow	Pink	Red
<b>CPU Manual Voltage</b>	0.8V–0.995V	1.000V–1.045V	1.050V–1.090V	1.095V–1.99V
<b>CPU Offset Voltage</b>	0.005V–0.05V	0.055V–0.1V	0.105V–0.15V	0.155V–0.635V
<b>DRAM Voltage</b>	1.2V–1.575V	1.58V–1.65V	1.655V–1.725V	1.73V–2.135V
<b>VCCSA Voltage</b>	0.61V–0.97V	0.975V–1.015V	1.02V–1.06V	1.065V–1.56V
<b>PCH Voltage</b>	1.05V–1.1V	1.15V	1.2V	1.25V–1.40V



The values of CPU Manual Voltage and CPU Offset Voltage vary with CPUs.

## CPU PLL Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to set the CPU PLL voltage. Configuration options: [Auto] [+0.10V].

## CPU Spread Spectrum [Auto]

- [Auto] Automatic configuration.
- [Disabled] Enhances the BCLK overclocking ability.
- [Enabled] Sets to [Enabled] for EMI control.

## 3.5 Advanced menu

The Advanced menu items allow you to change the settings for the CPU and other system devices.



Be cautious when changing the settings of the Advanced menu items. Incorrect field values can cause the system to malfunction.



### 3.5.1 CPU Configuration

The items in this menu show the CPU-related information that the BIOS automatically detects.



The items in this menu may vary based on the CPU installed.



#### Intel Adaptive Thermal Monitor [Enabled]

[Enabled] Enables the overheated CPU to throttle its clock speed to cool down.

[Disabled] Disables the CPU thermal monitor function.

#### Hyper-threading [Enabled]

The Intel Hyper-Threading Technology allows a hyper-threading processor to appear as two logical processors to the operating system, allowing the operating system to schedule two threads or processes simultaneously.

[Enabled] Two threads per activated core are enabled.

[Disabled] Only one thread per activated core is enabled.

#### Active Processor Cores [All]

Allows you to choose the number of CPU cores to activate in each processor package.

Configuration options: [All] [1] [2] [3]



The actual number of active cores vary depending on your CPU configuration.

### **Limit CPUID Maximum [Disabled]**

[Enabled] Allows legacy operating systems to boot even without support for CPUs with extended CPUID functions.

[Disabled] Disables this function.

### **Execute Disable Bit [Enabled]**

[Enabled] Enables the No-Execution Page Protection Technology.

[Disabled] Forces the XD feature flag to always return to zero (0).

### **Intel® Virtualization Technology [Disabled]**

[Enabled] Allows a hardware platform to run multiple operating systems separately and simultaneously, enabling one system to virtually function as several systems.

[Disabled] Disables this function.

### **Hardware Prefetcher [Enabled]**

[Enabled] Allows a hardware platform to automatically analyze the requirements and prefetch data and codes for the CPU.

[Disabled] Disables this function.

### **Adjacent Cache Line Prefetch [Enabled]**

[Enabled] Allows a hardware platform to perform adjacent cache line prefetching.

[Disabled] Disables this function.

### **CPU Power Management Configuration**

This item allows you to manage and configure the CPU's power.

#### **CPU Ratio [Auto]**

Allows you to set the ratio between the CPU Core Clock and the BCLK Frequency. Use <+> and <-> keys to adjust the ratio. The valid value ranges vary according to your CPU model.

#### **Enhanced Intel SpeedStep Technology [Enabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable the Enhanced Intel® SpeedStep Technology (EIST).

[Disabled] The CPU runs at its default speed.

[Enabled] The operating system controls the CPU speed.

**Turbo Mode [Enabled]**

Allows you to set the processor cores to run faster than the marked frequency in a specific condition. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

**CPU C1E [Auto]**

[Enabled] Enables the C1E support function. This function must be enabled to enable or disable the Intel® Turbo Mode Technology.

[Disabled] Disables the function.

**CPU C3 Report [Auto]**

Allows you to disable or enable the CPU C3 report to OS.

**CPU C6 Report [Auto]**

Allows you to disable or enable the CPU C6 report to OS.

**Package C State Support [Auto]**

Allows you to enable or disable the CPU C State support.

## 3.5.2 PCH Configuration



### High Precision Timer [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the High Precision Event Timer.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### Intel Rapid Start Technology [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable Intel Rapid Start Technology.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]



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The following items appear only when you set the Intel Rapid Start Technology to **[Enabled]**.

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### Entry on S3 RTC Wake [Enabled]

The system automatically wakes up and set to Rapid Start Technology S4 mode.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### Entry After [Immediately]

Allows you to set the wake-up time.

Configuration options: [Immediately] [1 minute] [2 minutes] [5 minutes] [10 minutes] [15 minutes] [30 minutes] [1 hour] [2 hours]

### Active Page Threshold Support [Enabled]

The system automatically set itself to sleep when the partition size is not enough for Rapid Start Technology to work. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### Active Memory Threshold [0]

Key in the value for the additional partition size for Rapid Start Technology to work.



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Ensure that the caching partition size is larger than the total memory size.

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### Intel Smart Connect Technology [Disabled]

Allow you to enable or disable Intel Smart Connect Technology.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### 3.5.3 SATA Configuration

While entering Setup, the BIOS automatically detects the presence of SATA devices. The SATA Port items show **Not Present** if no SATA device is installed to the corresponding SATA port.



#### SATA Mode Selection [AHCI]

Allows you to set the SATA configuration.

- [Disabled] Disables the SATA function.
- [IDE] Set to [IDE Mode] when you want to use the Serial ATA hard disk drives as Parallel ATA physical storage devices.
- [AHCI] Set to [AHCI Mode] when you want the SATA hard disk drives to use the AHCI (Advanced Host Controller Interface). The AHCI allows the onboard storage driver to enable advanced Serial ATA features that increases storage performance on random workloads by allowing the drive to internally optimize the order of commands.
- [RAID] Set to [RAID Mode] when you want to create a RAID configuration from the SATA hard disk drives.

#### S.M.A.R.T. Status Check [Enabled]

S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) is a monitor system. When read/write of your hard disk errors occur, this feature allows the hard disk to report warning messages during the POST. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

#### Hot Plug [Disabled]

These items appear only when you set the SATA Mode Selection item to [AHCI] or [RAID], and allow you to enable/disable SATA Hot Plug Support.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



## 3.5.4 System Agent Configuration



### Memory Remap Feature [Enabled]

Allows you to enable remapping the memory above 4GB.

[Enabled] Enables the function.

[Disabled] Disables this function.

### Graphics Configuration

Allows you to select a primary display from iGPU, and PCIe graphical devices.

#### Primary Display [Auto]

Allows you to select which of the iGPU/PCIe Graphics device should be the Primary Display. Configuration options: [Auto] [iGPU] [PCIe]

#### iGPU Memory [Auto]

Allows you to select the amount of system memory allocated to DVMT 5.0 used by the iGPU. Configuration options: [32M] [64M] [96M] [128M] [160M] [192M] [224M] [256M] [288M][320M] [352M] [384M] [416M] [448M] [480M] [512M] [1024M]

#### Render Standby [Enabled]

Allows you to enable the Intel Graphics Render Standby support to reduce the iGPU power use when idle. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

#### iGPU Multi-Monitor [Disabled]

Allows you to enable the iGPU Multi-Monitor. For Lucid Virtu MVP function supports, set this item to [Enabled] to empower both integrated and discrete graphics. iGPU shared system memory size is fixed in 64MB.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### NB PCIe Configuration

Allows you to configure the NB PCI Express settings.

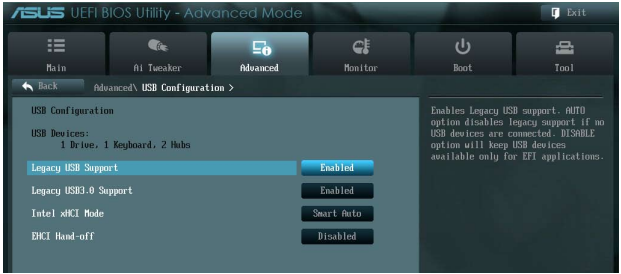
#### PCIEx16 Link Speed [Auto]

Allows you to configure the PCIEx16 speed.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Gen1] [Gen2] [Gen3]

### 3.5.5 USB Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to change the USB-related features.



The **USB Devices** item shows the auto-detected values. If no USB device is detected, the item shows **None**.

#### Legacy USB Support [Enabled]

- [Enabled] Enables the support for USB devices on legacy operating systems (OS).
- [Disabled] The USB devices can be used only for the BIOS setup program.
- [Auto] Allows the system to detect the presence of USB devices at startup. If detected, the USB controller legacy mode is enabled. If no USB device is detected, the legacy USB support is disabled.

#### Legacy USB3.0 Support [Enabled]

- [Enabled] Enables the support for USB 3.0 devices on legacy operating systems (OS).
- [Disabled] Disables the function.

#### Intel xHCI Mode [Smart Auto]

- [Auto] Keeps the last operation of xHCI controller in OS during bootup.
- [Smart Auto] Enables the operation of xHCI controller.
- [Enabled] Enables the function.
- [Disabled] Disables the function.

#### EHCI Hand-off [Disabled]

- [Enabled] Enables the support for operating systems without an EHCI hand-off feature.
- [Disabled] Disables the function.

#### Mass Storage Devices [Auto]

Allows you to set the type of emulation for your USB storage devices.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Floppy] [Forced FDD] [Hard-disk] [CD-ROM]

## 3.5.6 Onboard Devices Configuration

Scroll down to view the other BIOS items.



### HD Audio Controller [Enabled]

[Enabled] Enables the High Definition Audio Controller.

[Disabled] Disables the controller.



The following two items appear only when you set the **Azalia HD Audio** item to [Enabled].

### Front Panel Type [HD]

Allows you to set the front panel audio connector (AAFP) mode to legacy AC'97 or high-definition audio depending on the audio standard that the front panel audio module supports.

[HD] Sets the front panel audio connector (AAFP) mode to high definition audio.

[AC97] Sets the front panel audio connector (AAFP) mode to legacy AC'97

### SPDIF Out Type [SPDIF]

[SPDIF] Sets to [SPDIF] for SPDIF audio output.

[HDMI] Sets to [HDMI] for HDMI audio output.

### **Wi-Fi Controller [Enabled]**

[Enabled] Enables the onboard Wi-Fi controller.

[Disabled] Disables the onboard Wi-Fi controller.

### **Bluetooth Controller [Enabled]**

[Enabled] Enables the onboard Bluetooth controller.

[Disabled] Disables the onboard Bluetooth controller.

### **Asmedia USB 3.0 Controller [Enabled]**

[Enabled] Enables the USB 3.0 controller.

[Disabled] Disables the USB 3.0 controller.

### **Asmedia USB 3.0 Battery Charging Support [Disabled]**

[Enabled] Enables Asmedia USB 3.0 fast battery charging support for USB 3.0 devices complying with the BC 1.1 regulation.

[Disabled] Disables battery charging support.

### **Intel LAN Controller [Enabled]**

[Enabled] Enables the Intel® LAN controller.

[Disabled] Disables the Intel® LAN controller.

### **Intel PXE OPROM [Disabled]**

This item appears only when you set the previous item to [Enabled] and allows you to enable or disable the PXE OptionRom of the Intel LAN controller.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

## 3.5.7 APM



### ErP Ready [Disabled]

This item allows user to switch off some power at S5 to get the system ready for ErP requirement. When set to [Enabled], all other PME options will be switched off.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Restore AC Power Loss [Power Off]

[Power On] The system goes into on state after an AC power loss.

[Power Off] The system goes into off state after an AC power loss.

[Last State] The system goes into either off or on state, whatever the system state was before the AC power loss.

### Power On By PCIE [Disabled]

[Disabled] Disables the PCIE/PCI devices to generate a wake-on-LAN feature of the Intel/Realtek LAN device.

[Enabled] Enables the PCIE/PCI devices to generate a wake-on-LAN feature of the Intel/Realtek LAN device.

### Power On By RTC [Disabled]

[Disabled] Disables RTC to generate a wake event.

[Enabled] When set to [Enabled], the items **RTC Alarm Date (Days)** and **Hour/Minute/Second** will become user-configurable with set values.

### 3.5.8 Network Stack



#### Network Stack [Disable Link]

This item allows user to disable or enable the UEFI network stack.

Configuration options: [Disable Link] [Enabled]



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The following item appears only when you set the Network Stack to [Enabled].

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#### Ipv4/Ipv6 PXE Support [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the Ipv4/Ipv6 PXE boot option.

Configuration options: [Disable Link] [Enabled]

## 3.6 Monitor menu

The Monitor menu displays the system temperature/power status, and allows you to change the fan settings.

Scroll down to display the other BIOS items.



### CPU Temperature / MB Temperature [xxx°C/xxx°F]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the CPU and motherboard temperatures. Select **Ignore** if you do not wish to display the detected temperatures.

### CPU Fan Speed [xxxx RPM] or [Ignore] / [N/A], Chassis Fan Speed [xxxx RPM] or [Ignore] / [N/A]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the CPU, chassis, and power fan speed in rotations per minute (RPM). If the fan is not connected to the motherboard, the field shows N/A. Select [Ignore] if you do not wish to display the detected speed.

### CPU Voltage, 3.3V Voltage, 5V Voltage, 12V Voltage

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects the voltage output through the onboard voltage regulators. Select Ignore if you do not want to detect this item.

## CPU Q-Fan Control [Enabled]

[Disabled] Disables the CPU Q-Fan control feature.

[Enabled] Enables the CPU Q-Fan control feature.

## CPU Fan Speed Low Limit [200 RPM]

This item appears only when you enable the CPU Q-Fan Control feature and allows you to disable or set the CPU fan warning speed. Configuration options: [Ignore] [100 RPM] [200 RPM] [300 RPM] [400 RPM] [500 RPM]

### CPU Fan Profile [Standard]

This item appears only when you enable the **CPU Q-Fan Control** feature and allows you to set the appropriate performance level of the CPU fan.

[Standard] Sets to [Standard] to make the CPU fan automatically adjust depending on the CPU temperature.

[Silent] Sets to [Silent] to minimize the fan speed for quiet CPU fan operation.

[Turbo] Sets to [Turbo] to achieve maximum CPU fan speed.

[Manual] Sets to [Manual] to assign detailed fan speed control parameters.



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The following four items appear only when you set CPU Fan Profile to [Manual].

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### **CPU Upper Temperature [70]**

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the upper limit of the CPU temperature. The values range from 20°C to 75°C.

### **CPU Fan Max. Duty Cycle(%) [100]**

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the maximum CPU fan duty cycle. The values range from 20% to 100%. When the CPU temperature reaches the upper limit, the CPU fan will operate at the maximum duty cycle.

### **CPU Lower Temperature [20]**

Displays the lower limit of the CPU temperature.

### **CPU Fan Min. Duty Cycle(%) [20]**

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the minimum CPU fan duty cycle. The values range from 0% to 100%. When the CPU temperature is lower than 40°C, the CPU fan will operate at the minimum duty cycle.

## Chassis Q-Fan Control [Enabled]

[Disabled] Disables the Chassis Q-Fan control feature.

[Enabled] Enables the Chassis Q-Fan control feature.



## Chassis Fan Speed Low Limit [600 RPM]

This item appears only when you enable the Chassis Q-Fan Control feature and allows you to disable or set the chassis fan warning speed. Configuration options: [Ignore] [200 RPM] [300 RPM] [400 RPM] [500 RPM] [600 RPM]

### Chassis Fan Profile [Standard]

This item appears only when you enable the Chassis Q-Fan Control feature and allows you to set the appropriate performance level of the chassis fan.

[Standard] Sets to [Standard] to make the chassis fan automatically adjust depending on the chassis temperature.

[Silent] Sets to [Silent] to minimize the fan speed for quiet chassis fan operation.

[Turbo] Sets to [Turbo] to achieve maximum chassis fan speed.

[Manual] Sets to [Manual] to assign detailed fan speed control parameters.



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The following four items appear only when you set **Chassis Fan Profile** to [Manual].

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### **Chassis Upper Temperature [70]**

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the upper limit of the CPU temperature. The values range from 40°C to 90°C.

### **Chassis Fan Max. Duty Cycle(%) [100]**

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the maximum chassis fan duty cycle. The values range from 60% to 100%. When the chassis temperature reaches the upper limit, the chassis fan will operate at the maximum duty cycle.

### **Chassis Lower Temperature [40]**

Displays the lower limit of the chassis temperature.

### **CPU Fan Min. Duty Cycle(%) [60]**

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the minimum chassis fan duty cycle. The values range from 60% to 100%. When the chassis temperature is lower than 40°C, the chassis fan will operate at the minimum duty cycle.

## Anti Surge Support [Enabled]

This item allows you to enable or disable the Anti Surge function.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 3.7 Boot menu

The Boot menu items allow you to change the system boot options.



### Bootup NumLock State [On]

[On] Sets the power-on state of the NumLock to [On].

[Off] Sets the power-on state of the NumLock to [Off].

### Full Screen Logo [Enabled]

[Enabled] Enables the full screen logo display feature.

[Disabled] Disables the full screen logo display feature.



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Set this item to [Enabled] to use the ASUS MyLogo 2™ feature.

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### Wait For 'F1' If Error [Enabled]

[Disabled] Disables this function.

[Enabled] The system waits for the <F1> key to be pressed when error occurs.

### Option ROM Messages [Force BIOS]

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| [Force BIOS]   | The third-party ROM messages will be forced to display during the boot sequence.  |
| [Keep Current] | The third-party ROM messages will be displayed only if the third-party manufacturer had set the add-on device to do so. |

### Setup Mode [EZ Mode]

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| [Advanced Mode] | Sets Advanced Mode as the default screen for entering the BIOS setup program. |
| [EZ Mode]       | Sets EZ Mode as the default screen for entering the BIOS setup program.       |

### UEFI/Legacy Boot [Enable both UEFI and Legacy]

- |                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| [Enable both UEFI and Legacy] | Enables both UEFI and Legacy boot.                   |
| [Disable UEFI]                | Enables the Legacy boot, and disables the UEFI boot. |
| [Disable Legacy]              | Enables the UEFI boot, and disables the Legacy boot. |

### PCI ROM Priority [Legacy ROM]

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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| [Legacy ROM]         | Launch Legacy ROM          |
| [EFI Compatible ROM] | Launch UEFI Compatible ROM |

### Boot Option Priorities

These items specify the boot device priority sequence from the available devices. The number of device items that appears on the screen depends on the number of devices installed in the system.



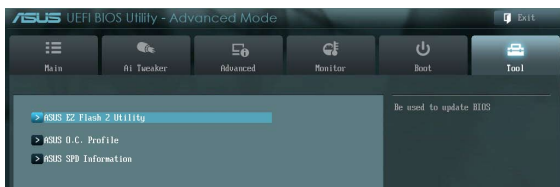
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- To access Windows OS in Safe Mode, do any of the following:
    - Press <F5> when ASUS Logo appears.
    - Press <F8> after POST.
  - To select the boot device during system startup, press <F8> when ASUS Logo appears.
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### Boot Override

These items displays the available devices. The number of device items that appears on the screen depends on the number of devices installed in the system. Click an item to start booting from the selected device.

## 3.8 Tools menu

The Tools menu items allow you to configure options for special functions. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the submenu.



### 3.8.1 ASUS EZ Flash 2 Utility

Allows you to run ASUS EZ Flash 2. When you press <Enter>, a confirmation message appears. Use the left/right arrow key to select between [Yes] or [No], then press <Enter> to confirm your choice.



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For more details, refer to section 3.10.2 ASUS EZ Flash 2 utility.

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### 3.8.2 ASUS SPD Information

Allows you to view the DRAM SPD information.

#### DIMM Slot # [DIMM\_A1]

Displays the Serial Presence Detect (SPD) information of the DIMM module installed on the selected slot. Configuration options: [DIMM\_A1] [DIMM\_A2]

### 3.8.3 ASUS O.C. Profile

This item allows you to store or load multiple BIOS settings.

#### Save to Profile

Allows you to save the current BIOS settings to the BIOS Flash, and create a profile. Key in a profile number from one to eight, press <Enter>, and then select **Yes**.

#### Load from Profile

Allows you to load the previous BIOS settings saved in the BIOS Flash. Key in the profile number that saved your BIOS settings, press <Enter>, and then select **Yes**.



- DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent the system boot failure!
  - We recommend that you update the BIOS file only coming from the same memory/CPU configuration and BIOS version.
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The Setup Profile Status items show Not Installed if no profile is created.

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## 3.9 Exit menu

The Exit menu items allow you to load the optimal default values for the BIOS items, and save or discard your changes to the BIOS items. You can access the EZ Mode from the Exit menu.



### Load Optimized Defaults

This option allows you to load the default values for each of the parameters on the Setup menus. When you select this option or if you press <F5>, a confirmation window appears. Select **Yes** to load the default values.

### Save Changes & Reset

Once you are finished making your selections, choose this option from the Exit menu to ensure the values you selected are saved. When you select this option or if you press <F10>, a confirmation window appears. Select **Yes** to save changes and exit.

### Discard Changes & Exit

This option allows you to exit the Setup program without saving your changes. When you select this option or if you press <Esc>, a confirmation window appears. Select **Yes** to discard changes and exit.

### ASUS EZ Mode

This option allows you to enter the EZ Mode screen.

### Launch EFI Shell from filesystem device

This option allows you to attempt to launch the EFI Shell application (shellx64.efi) from one of the available filesystem devices.

## 3.10 Updating BIOS

The ASUS website publishes the latest BIOS versions to provide enhancements on system stability, compatibility, or performance. However, BIOS updating is potentially risky. If there is no problem using the current version of BIOS, DO NOT manually update the BIOS. Inappropriate BIOS updating may result in the system's failure to boot. Carefully follow the instructions of this chapter to update your BIOS if necessary.



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Visit the ASUS website ([www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com)) to download the latest BIOS file for this motherboard.

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The following utilities allow you to manage and update the motherboard BIOS setup program.

1. **ASUS Update:** Updates the BIOS in Windows® environment.
2. **ASUS EZ Flash 2:** Updates the BIOS using a USB flash drive.
3. **ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3:** Restores the BIOS using the motherboard support DVD or a USB flash drive when the BIOS file fails or gets corrupted.
4. **ASUS BIOS Updater:** Updates and back ups the BIOS in DOS environment using the motherboard support DVD and a USB flash disk drive.



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Save a copy of the original motherboard BIOS file to a USB flash disk in case you need to restore the BIOS in the future. Copy the original motherboard BIOS using the ASUS Update or BIOS Updater utilities.

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### 3.10.1 ASUS Update

The ASUS Update is a utility that allows you to manage, save, and update the motherboard BIOS in Windows® environment.



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- ASUS Update requires an Internet connection either through a network or an Internet Service Provider (ISP).
  - This utility is available in the support DVD that comes with the motherboard package.
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## Launching ASUS Update

To launch ASUS Update, click **Update > ASUS Update** on the AI Suite II main menu bar.

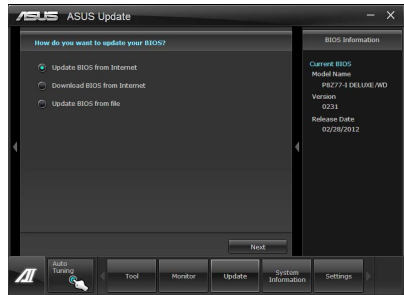


Quit all Windows® applications before you update the BIOS using this utility.

## Updating the BIOS through the Internet

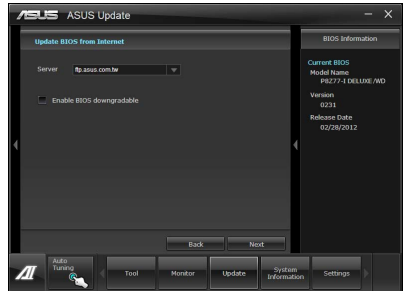
To update the BIOS through the Internet:

1. From the ASUS Update screen, select **Update BIOS from Internet**, and then click **Next**.

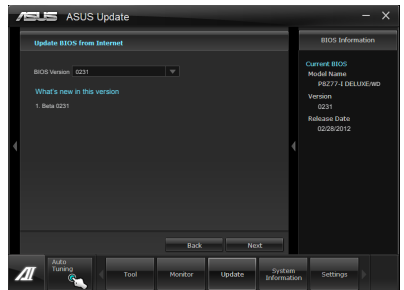


2. Select the ASUS FTP site nearest you to avoid network traffic.

If you want to enable the BIOS downgrade and auto backup functions, tick **Enable BIOS downgrade** and **Automatically backup my current BIOS**.



3. Select the BIOS version that you want to download. Click **Next**.



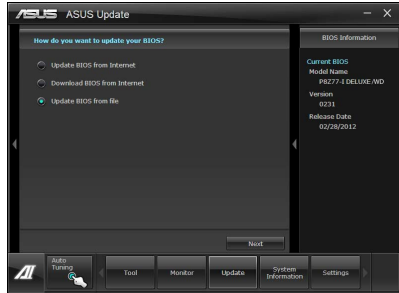
4. You can decide whether to change the BIOS boot logo, which is the image appearing on screen during the Power-On Self-Tests (POST). Click **Yes** if you want to change the boot logo or **No** to continue.
5. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the update process.



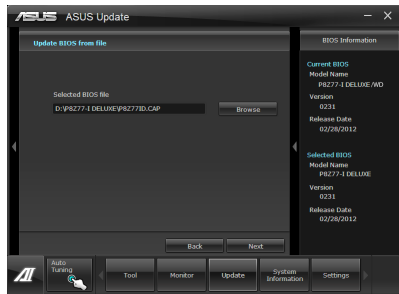
## Updating the BIOS through a BIOS file

To update the BIOS through a BIOS file:

1. From the ASUS Update screen, select **Update BIOS from file**, and then click **Next**.



2. Locate the BIOS file and click **Next**.





3. You can decide whether to change the BIOS boot logo. Click **Yes** if you want to change the boot logo or **No** to continue.
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the update process.



- The screenshots in this section are for reference only. The actual BIOS information vary by models.
- Refer to the software manual in the support DVD or visit the ASUS website at [www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com) for detailed software configuration.

### 3.10.2 ASUS EZ Flash 2

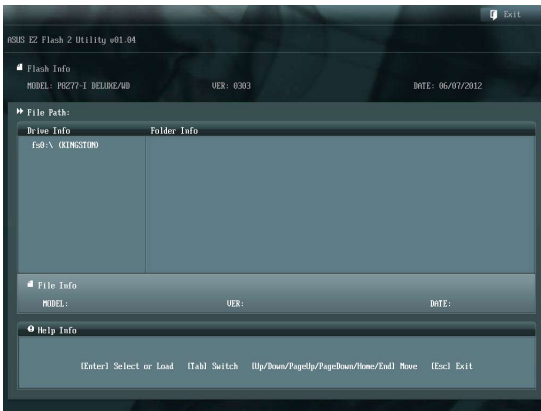
ASUS EZ Flash 2 allows you to update the BIOS without having to use a bootable floppy disk or an OS-based utility.



Before you start using this utility, download the latest BIOS from the ASUS website at [www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com).

#### To update the BIOS using EZ Flash 2:

1. Insert the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS file to the USB port.
2. Enter the Advanced Mode of the BIOS setup program. Go to the Tool menu to select ASUS EZ Flash Utility and press <Enter> to enable it.



3. Press <Tab> to switch to the Drive field.
4. Press the Up/Down arrow keys to find the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS, and then press <Enter>.
5. Press <Tab> to switch to the Folder Info field.
6. Press the Up/Down arrow keys to find the BIOS file, and then press <Enter> to perform the BIOS update process. Reboot the system when the update process is done.



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- This function can support devices such as a USB flash disk with FAT 32/16 format and single partition only.
  - DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!
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Ensure to load the BIOS default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the Load Optimized Defaults item under the Exit menu. See section 3.9 **Exit Menu** for details.

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### 3.10.3 ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3

The ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 utility is an auto recovery tool that allows you to restore the BIOS file when it fails or gets corrupted during the updating process. You can restore a corrupted BIOS file using the motherboard support DVD or a USB flash drive that contains the BIOS file.



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The BIOS file in the motherboard support DVD may be older than the BIOS file published on the ASUS official website. If you want to use the newer BIOS file, download the file at [support.asus.com](http://support.asus.com) and save it to a USB flash drive.

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### Recovering the BIOS

#### To recover the BIOS:

1. Turn on the system.
2. Insert the motherboard support DVD to the optical drive, or the USB flash drive containing the BIOS file to the USB port.
3. The utility automatically checks the devices for the BIOS file. When found, the utility reads the BIOS file and enters ASUS EZ Flash 2 automatically.
4. The system requires you to enter BIOS Setup to recover the BIOS setting. To ensure system compatibility and stability, we recommend that you press <F5> to load default BIOS values.



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DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS! Doing so can cause system boot failure!

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### 3.10.4 ASUS BIOS Updater

The ASUS BIOS Updater allows you to update the BIOS in DOS environment. This utility also allows you to copy the current BIOS file that you can use as a backup when the BIOS fails or gets corrupted during the updating process.



The succeeding utility screens are for reference only. The actual utility screen displays may not be same as shown.

#### Before updating BIOS

1. Prepare the motherboard support DVD and a USB flash drive in FAT32/16 format and single partition.
2. Download the latest BIOS file and BIOS Updater from the ASUS website at <http://support.asus.com> and save them on the USB flash drive.

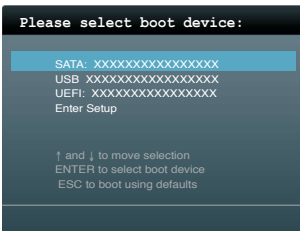


- NTFS is not supported under a DOS environment. Do not save the BIOS file and BIOS Updater to a hard disk drive or USB flash drive formatted using NTFS.
- Do not save the BIOS file to a floppy disk due to its low disk capacity.

3. Turn off the computer and disconnect all SATA hard disk drives (optional).

#### Booting the system in DOS environment

1. Insert the USB flash drive with the latest BIOS file and BIOS Updater to the USB port.
2. Boot your computer. When the ASUS Logo appears, press <F8> to show the BIOS Boot Device Select Menu. Insert the support DVD into the optical drive and select the optical drive as the boot device.



- When the Make Disk menu appears, select the FreeDOS command prompt item by pressing the item number.
- At the FreeDOS prompt, type `d:` and press `<Enter>` to switch the disk from Drive C (optical drive) to Drive D (USB flash drive).

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Welcome to FreeDOS (http://www.freedos.org) !
C:\>d:
D:\>

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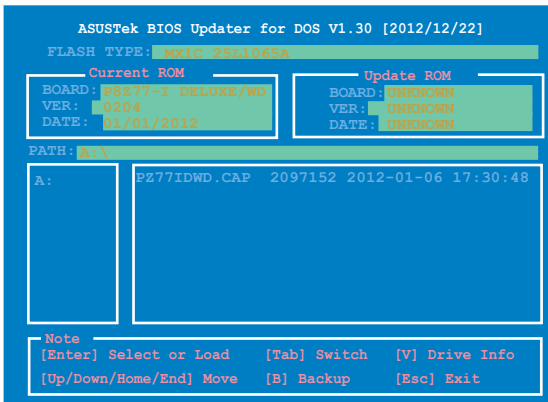
## Updating the BIOS file

### To update the BIOS file using BIOS Updater:

- At the FreeDOS prompt, type `bupdater /pc /g` and press `<Enter>`.

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D:\>bupdater /pc /g
```

- The BIOS Updater screen appears as below.



3. Press <Tab> to switch between screen fields and use the <Up/Down/Home/End> keys to select the BIOS file and press <Enter>. BIOS Updater checks the selected BIOS file and prompts you to confirm BIOS update.



4. Select Yes and press <Enter>. When BIOS update is done, press <ESC> to exit BIOS Updater. Restart your computer.



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DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!

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- For BIOS Updater version 1.04 or later, the utility automatically exits to the DOS prompt after updating BIOS.
  - Ensure to load the BIOS default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the **Load Optimized Defaults** item under the **Exit BIOS** menu. See Chapter 3 of your motherboard user manual for details.
  - Ensure to connect all SATA hard disk drives after updating the BIOS file if you have disconnected them.
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# Software support

# 4

## 4.1 Installing an operating system



- This motherboard supports Windows® 7 / 64-bit 7 operating systems (OS). To take advantage of all the features that come with this motherboard, ASUS strongly recommends using Windows® 7.
- Motherboard settings and hardware options vary. Use the setup procedures presented in this chapter for reference only. Refer to your OS documentation for detailed information.
- ASUS does not recommend running an operating system prior to Windows® 7 on this motherboard. However, If you will be installing Windows® XP, install the latest Service Pack before installing the the drivers for better compatibility and stability.

## 4.2 Support DVD information



The contents of the support DVD are subject to change at any time without notice. Visit the ASUS website at [www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com) for updates.

### 4.2.1 Running the support DVD

Place the support DVD into the optical drive. The DVD automatically displays the Drivers menu if Auron is enabled in your computer. Click each menu tab and select the items you want to install.

The Drivers menu shows the available device drivers.

The Make Disk menu contains items to create the RAID/AHCI driver disk.

The Manual menu contains the list of supplementary user manuals.

The Utilities menu shows applications and other software included with this motherboard.

Click an item to install

Click the Contact tab to display ASUS contact details.

Click an icon to display DVD/motherboard information

ASUS P8Z77-I DELUXE/AVD motherboard support CD

Drivers Utilities Make Disk Manual Contact Support

ASUS Install

Google Toolbar

Google Chrome Browser

Intel Chipset Driver

Realtek Audio Driver

Intel Graphics Accelerator Driver

Intel LAN Driver

Asmedia USB 3.0 Driver

Management Engine Interface

Intel Rapid Storage Technology Driver s...ss

Intel USB 3.0 Driver

Please select items to install.



If Auron is NOT enabled in your computer, browse the contents of the support DVD to locate the file ASSETUP.EXE from the BIN folder. Double-click the ASSETUP.EXE to run the DVD.

## 4.2.2 Obtaining the software manuals

The software manuals are included in the support DVD. Follow the instructions below to get the necessary software manuals.

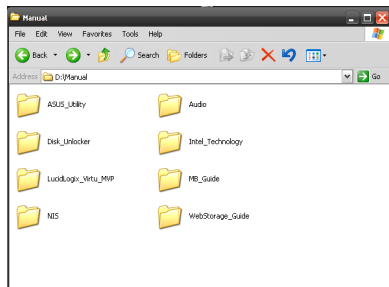


The software manual files are in Portable Document Format (PDF). Install the Adobe® Acrobat® Reader from the Utilities menu before opening the files.

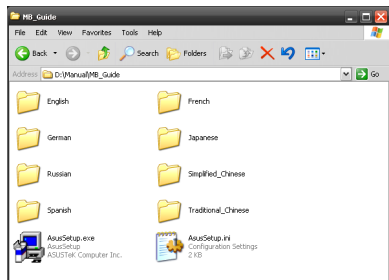
1. Click the **Manual** tab. Click **ASUS Motherboard Utility Guide** from the manual list on the left.



2. The **Manual** folder of the support DVD appears. Double-click the folder of your selected software.



3. Some software manuals are provided in different languages. Double-click the language to show the software manual.



The screenshots in this section are for reference only. The actual software manuals containing in the support DVD vary by models.



## 4.3 Software information

Most of the applications in the support DVD have wizards that will conveniently guide you through the installation. View the online help or readme file that came with the software application for more information.

### 4.3.1 AI Suite II

AI Suite II is an all-in-one interface that integrates several ASUS utilities and allows users to launch and operate these utilities simultaneously.

#### Installing AI Suite II

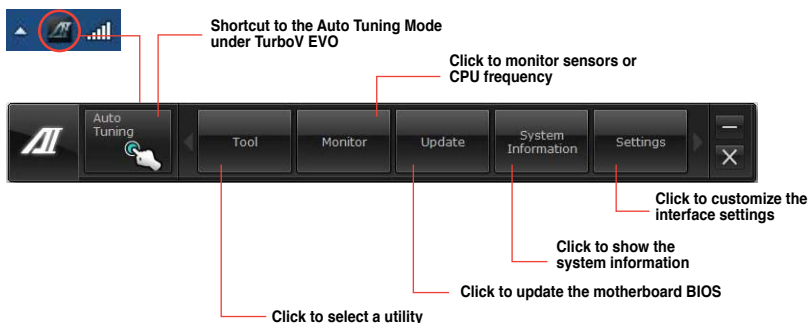
To install AI Suite II on your computer:

1. Place the support DVD to the optical drive. The Drivers installation tab appears if your computer has enabled the Autorun feature.
2. Click **Utilities** tab > **AI Suite II**.
3. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the installation.

#### Using AI Suite II

AI Suite II automatically starts when you enter the Windows® operating system (OS). The AI Suite II icon appears in the Windows® notification area. Click the icon to open the AI Suite II main menu bar.

Click each button to select and launch a utility, to monitor the system, to update the motherboard BIOS, to display the system information, and to customize the settings of AI Suite II.



- The **Auto Tuning** button appears only on models with the TurboV EVO function.
- The applications in the Tool menu vary with motherboard models and CPUs installed.
- The screenshots of AI Suite II in this user manual are for reference only. The actual screenshots vary with models.
- Refer to the software manual in the support DVD or visit the ASUS website at [www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com) for detailed software configuration.

### 4.3.2 TurboV EVO

ASUS TurboV EVO includes **TurboV** that allows you to manually adjust the CPU frequency and related voltages such as **Auto Tuning** that offers automatic and easy overclocking and system boost performance.

To launch AI Suite II, click **Tool > TurboV EVO** on the AI Suite II main menu bar.



Refer to the software manual in the support DVD or visit the ASUS website at [www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com) for detailed software configuration.

#### TurboV

TurboV allows you to overclock the BCLK frequency, CPU voltage, and DRAM voltage in Windows® environment and in real-time without exiting and rebooting the OS.



Refer to the CPU documentation before adjusting CPU voltage settings. Setting a high voltage may damage the CPU permanently, and setting a low voltage may lead to an unstable system.



For system stability, all changes made in TurboV will not be saved to BIOS settings and will not be kept on the next system boot. Use the Save Profile function to save your customized overclocking settings and manually load the profile after Windows starts.

The screenshot shows the ASUS TurboV EVO interface with the following annotations:

- Click to select mode:** Points to the 'Manual Mode' and 'Auto Tuning GPU Boost' tabs.
- Load profile:** Points to the 'Profile' dropdown menu.
- Target values:** Points to the '190.5' value for BCLK Frequency.
- Current values:** Points to the '0.960' value for CPU Voltage.
- Click to show settings:** Points to the 'Advanced Mode' section.
- Click to restore all startup settings:** Points to the 'OS Default Settings' button.
- Save the current settings as a new profile:** Points to the 'Save Profile' button.
- Voltage Adjustment bars:** Points to the voltage adjustment sliders.
- Undoes all the changes:** Points to the 'Undo' button.
- Applies all the changes immediately:** Points to the 'Apply' button.

## Using Advanced Mode

Click on the **Advanced Mode** tab to adjust the advanced voltage settings.

**Advanced mode Target values**

Advanced Mode	GPU Boost	CPU Ratio
VCCSA Voltage	0.92500	0.92500
CPU PLL Voltage	1.80000	1.80000
PCH Voltage	1.05	1.05
CHA DATA	0.500	0.500
CHA CTRL	0.500	0.500
CHB DATA	0.500	0.500

**Current values**

**Click to restore all startup settings**

**Voltage Adjustment bars**

**Applies all the changes immediately**

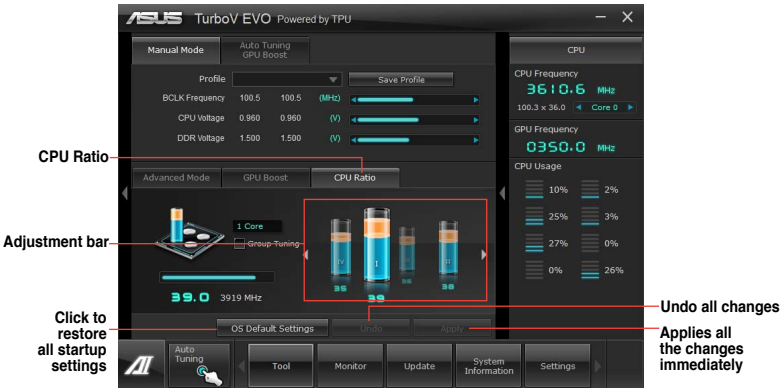
### CPU Ratio

Allows you to manually adjust the CPU ratio.



- The first time you use CPU Ratio, go to **AI Tweaker > CPU Power Management** in BIOS and set the **Turbo Ratio** item to **[Maximum Turbo Ratio setting in OS]**.
- Set the CPU Ratio Setting item in BIOS to **[Auto]** before using the CPU Ratio function in TurboV. Refer to the BIOS chapter of your motherboard user manual for details.
- The CPU Ratio bars show the status of the CPU cores, which vary with your CPU model.

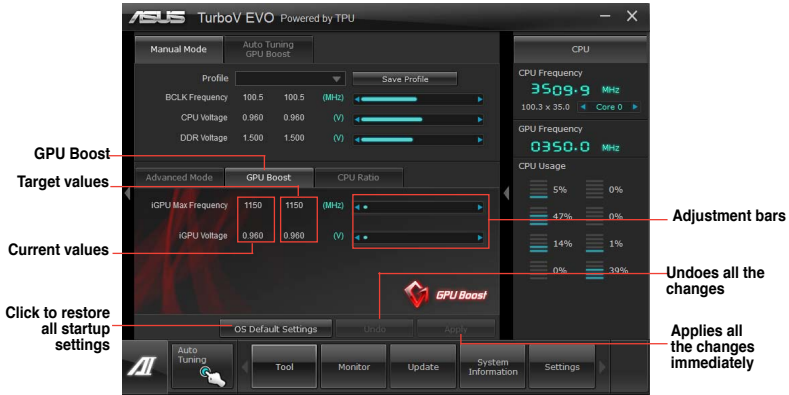
1. Click on the **CPU Ratio** tab.
2. Drag the adjustment bar upwards or downwards to the desired value.
3. Click **Apply** to save the changes made.



## GPU Boost

GPU Boost overclocks the integrated iGPU for the best graphics performance.

1. Click **More Settings > GPU Boost** tab.
2. Adjust the iGPU Max Frequency and iGPU Voltage.
3. Click **Yes** to save the changes made.



## Auto Tuning

ASUS TurboV EVO provides you with these two auto-tuning modes for the most flexible auto-tuning options.



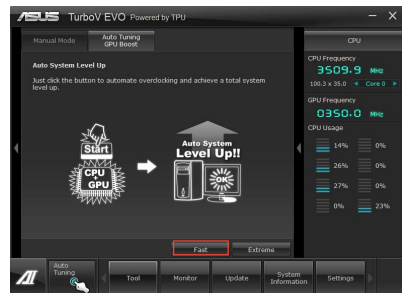
- The overclocking result varies with the CPU model and the system configuration.
- We recommend that you set up a better thermal environment to prevent overheating from damaging the motherboard.

- **Fast Tuning:** fast CPU/iGPU overclocking
- **Extreme Tuning:** extreme overclocking for CPU/iGPU

### Using Fast Tuning

1. Click **Auto Tuning tab > Fast**.
2. Read the warning messages and click OK to start the auto-overclocking process.

TurboV automatically overclocks the CPU, saves the BIOS settings, and restarts the system.



- After the system restarts, a message appears indicating that auto-tuning is successful. Click **OK** to exit.



### Using Extreme Tuning

- Click **Auto Tuning** tab > **Extreme**.
- Read the warning messages and click **OK** to start the auto-overclocking process.

TurboV automatically overclocks the CPU and memory, and restarts the system.



- After the system has restarted, a message appears indicating the current overclocking result. To keep the result, click **Stop**.



- If you did not click **Stop** in the previous step, TurboV automatically starts further system overclocking and stability test. Click **Stop** if you want to cancel the overclocking process.

TurboV automatically adjusts and saves the BIOS settings and restarts the system.



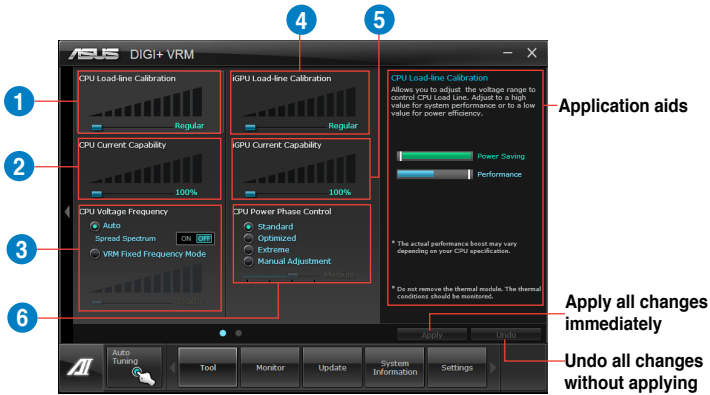
- After the system has restarted, a message appears indicating that the auto-tuning process is successful. Click OK to exit.



### 4.3.3 DIGI+ VRM

ASUS DIGI+ VRM allows you to adjust VRM voltage and frequency modulation to enhance reliability and stability. It also provides the highest power efficiency while generating less heat to prolong component lifespan and minimize power loss.

After installing AI Suite II from the motherboard support DVD, launch DIGI+ VRM by clicking **Tool > DIGI+ VRM** on the AI Suite II main menu bar.



Items	Function description
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|---|--|
| 1 | <b>CPU Load-line Calibration</b><br>It allows you to adjust the voltage range to control CPU Load Line. Set to a high value for system performance or to a low value for power efficiency.   |
| 2 | <b>CPU Current Capability</b><br>A higher value provides wider total power range and extends the overclocking frequency range simultaneously.  |
| 3 | <b>CPU Voltage Frequency</b><br>It allows you to enable Spread Spectrum to enhance system stability.   |
| 4 | <b>iGPU Load-line Calibration</b><br>iGPU Load-line is based on Intel VRM specifications, and affects the iGPU voltage. A higher value can get a higher iGPU voltage and a good performance, but decreases the CPU and VRM thermal conditions. |
| 5 | <b>iGPU Current Capability</b><br>A higher value brings higher iGPU power range, and extends the overclocking frequency range simultaneously to enhance the iGPU performance.  |
| 6 | <b>CPU Power Phase Control</b><br>Increase phase number under heavy system loading to get more transient and better thermal performance. Reduce phase number under light system loading to increase VRM efficiency.                            |
| 7 | <b>CPU Power Response Control</b><br>The DIGI+ VRM controller provides a faster and precise power response rate for CPU. Apply a higher value for an extreme overclocking.   |
| 8 | <b>CPU Power Duty Control</b><br>CPU Power Duty Control adjusts the current of every VRM phase and the thermal of every phase component.   |



- The actual performance boost may vary depending on your CPU specification.
- Do not remove the thermal module. The thermal conditions should be monitored.



Refer to the software manual in the support DVD or visit the ASUS website at [www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com) for detailed software configuration.



## 4.3.4 EPU

EPU is an energy-processing utility that provides several power-saving modes. When set to the Auto Mode, the system automatically changes its power-saving mode based on the current system condition.

You can also configure the system settings such as CPU frequency, GPU frequency, vCore Voltage, and Fan Control to customize a power-saving mode.

### Launching EPU

To launch EPU, click **Tool > EPU** on the AI Suite II main menu bar.

**Multiple system operating modes**

**Advanced settings for each mode**

**Displays the system properties of each mode**

**Displays the following message if no VGA power saving engine is detected.**


**The items lighting up means power saving engine is activated**

**Displays the amount of CO2 reduced**

**\*Shifts between the display of Total and Current CO2 reduced**

**Displays the current CPU power**



- Select From EPU Installation to show the CO2 that has been reduced since you installed EPU.
- \*Select **From the Last Reset** to show the total CO2 that has been reduced since you click the Clear button .
- Refer to the software manual in the support DVD or visit the ASUS website at [www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com) for detailed software configuration.

## 4.3.5 FAN Xpert

Fan Xpert intelligently allows you to adjust both the CPU and chassis fan speeds according to different ambient temperatures caused by different climate conditions in different geographic regions and your PC's system loading. The built-in variety of useful profiles offer flexible controls of fan speed to achieve a quiet and cool environment.

### Launching FAN Xpert

After installing AI Suite II from the motherboard support DVD, launch FAN Xpert by clicking **Tool > Fan Xpert** on the AI Suite II main menu bar.

### Using FAN Xpert

Click **Fan Name** to select a fan and then click **Setting** to select a preset mode for your selected fan.

Click to select a fan type      Click to select a fan profile

ASUS FAN Xpert

Fan Name: CPU Fan      Setting: Standard

**FAN Xpert**      Sensor

**CPU Fan Fan Speed**

Test your fan speed in different fan power output. To ensure the accuracy, please test under normal CPU temperature.

Test

Fan Power	Fan Speed
100%	N/A rpm
95%	N/A rpm
80%	N/A rpm
70%	N/A rpm
60%	N/A rpm
50%	N/A rpm
40%	N/A rpm
30%	N/A rpm
20%	N/A rpm
10%	N/A rpm
0%	N/A rpm

Cancel      Apply

Auto Tuning      Tool      Monitor      Update      System Information      Settings

Click to apply the settings

Click to discard the settings

### Fan setting

- **Disable:** disables the Fan Xpert function.
- **Standard:** adjusts the fan speed in a moderate pattern.
- **Silent:** minimizes the fan speed for quiet fan operation.
- **Turbo:** maximizes the fan speed for the best cooling effect.
- **User:** allows you to configure the CPU fan profile under certain limitations.



Refer to the software manual in the support DVD or visit the ASUS website at [www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com) for detailed software configuration.

### 4.3.6 Probe II

Probe II is a utility that monitors the computer's vital components, and detects and alerts you of any problem with these components. Probe II senses fan rotations, CPU temperature, and system voltages, among others. With this utility, you are assured that your computer is always at a healthy operating condition.

#### Launching Probe II

To launch Probe II, click **Tool > Probe II** on the AI Suite II main menu bar.

#### Configuring Probe II

Click the Voltage/Temperature/Fan Speed tabs to activate the sensors or to adjust the sensor threshold values. The Preference tab allows you to customize the time interval of sensor alerts, or change the temperature unit.

The screenshot shows the ASUS Probe II application window. The interface is divided into several sections: tabs at the top (Voltage, Temperature, Fan Speed, Preference, Alert Log), a main data table, and a right-hand sensor list. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Auto Tuning', 'Tool', 'Monitor', 'Update', 'System Information', and 'Settings'. Red lines with text boxes point to the 'Auto Tuning', 'Load', 'Default', and 'Apply' buttons, explaining their functions.

Alert	Sensor	Current	Threshold
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vcore	0.940 V	1.551
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+12V	12.288 V	13.801
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+5V	5.080 V	5.501
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+3.3V	3.328 V	3.631

**Saves your configuration** (points to Auto Tuning button)

**Loads your saved configuration** (points to Load button)

**Loads the default threshold values for each sensor** (points to Default button)

**Applies your changes** (points to Apply button)



- Click **Monitor > Sensor** on the AI Suite II main menu bar and the system status will appear on the right panel.
- Refer to the software manual in the support DVD or visit the ASUS website at [www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com) for detailed software configuration.

## 4.3.7 Sensor Recorder

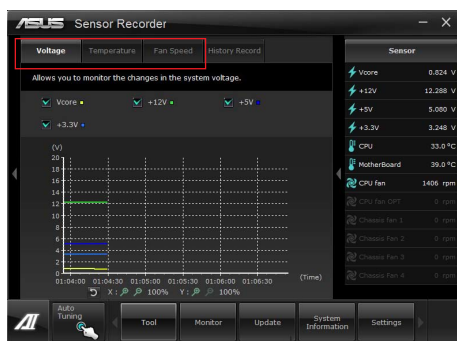
Sensor Recorder monitors the changes in the system voltage, temperature, and fan speed on a timeline. The History Record function allows you to designate specific time spans on record to keep track of the three system statuses for certain purposes.

### Launching Sensor Recorder

To launch Sensor Recorder, click **Tool > Sensor Recorder** on the AI Suite II main menu bar.

### Using Sensor Recorder

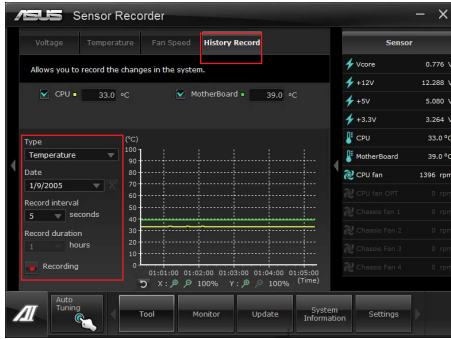
Click on **Voltage/ Temperature/ Fan Speed** tabs for the status you want to monitor. Colored lines will automatically appear on the diagram to indicate the immediate changes in the system status.



### Using History Record

1. Click the **History Record** tab and adjust the settings on the left for Record Interval and Record Duration according to need.
2. Click **Start Recording** to start measuring and recording each sensor.
3. To stop recording, click **Recording** again.

- To track the recorded contents, set Type/ Date/ Select display items to display the history details.



Click on **Monitor > Sensor** on the AI Suite II main menu bar and a highlight of the system statuses will appear on the right panel.

### 4.3.8 Ai Charger+

This utility allows you to fast-charge your portable BC 1.1\* mobile devices on your computer's USB port three times faster than the standard USB devices\*\*.



- \* Check your manufacturer if your USB device is a Battery Charging Specification 1.1 (BC 1.1) compliant or compatible device.
- \*\* Actual charging speeds may vary depending on the charging rate and specifications of your USB device.
- To ensure normal charging function, disconnect and reconnect your USB device every time you enable or disable Ai Charger+.



### 4.3.9 USB 3.0 Boost

ASUS USB 3.0 Boost technology supports UASP (USB Attached SCSI Protocol) and automatically increases a USB 3.0 device's transfer speed up to 170%.

#### Launching USB 3.0 Boost

To launch USB 3.0 Boost, click **Tool > USB 3.0 Boost** on the AI Suite II main menu bar.

#### Configuring USB 3.0 Boost

1. Connect a USB 3.0 device to the USB 3.0 port.

USB 3.0 Boost automatically detects the property of the USB 3.0 device and switches to Turbo mode or UASP mode (if UASP is supported by the USB 3.0 device).

2. You can manually switch the USB 3.0 mode back to Normal mode at any time.



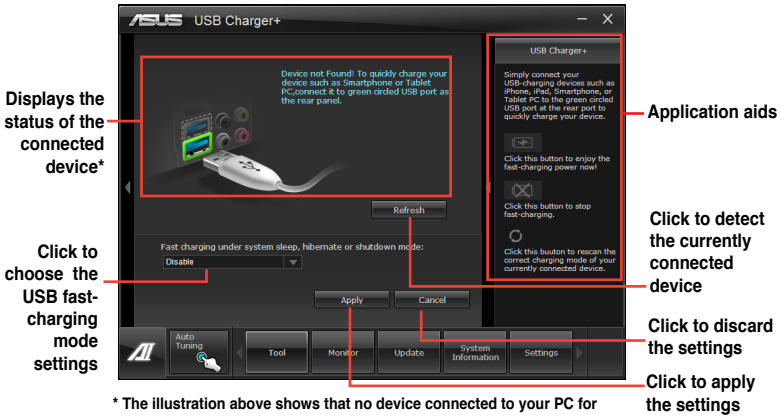
- Refer to the software manual in the support DVD or visit the ASUS website at [www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com) for detailed software configuration.
- Due to Intel® chipset limitations, Intel® USB 3.0 ports do not support ASUS 3.0 Boost in Windows XP operating system.
- Use the USB 3.0 devices for high performance. The data transfer speed varies with USB devices.

## 4.3.10 USB Charger+

This utility allows you to fast-charge your portable USB devices even if your PC is off, in Sleep Mode, or Hibernate Mode.

### Launching the USB Charger+

To launch this utility, open the **AI Suite II**, then click **Tool > USB Charger+**.



### USB fast-charging mode settings

Click the dropdown box, and select a proper charge mode when your PC is off, in Sleep Mode, or Hibernate Mode.

- **Disable:** disables the USB fast-charging function.
- **ASUS:** fast-charges your connected ASUS devices.
- **Apple:** fast-charges your connected Apple devices.
- **Kindle:** fast-charges your Kindle devices.
- **Others:** charges other portable USB devices.




The utility cannot detect the devices connected to your computer if the charging mode is enabled.



## Setting up the charging function

When a portable device is connected to the USB port of the PC, the USB Charger+ automatically detects the kind of your device.


### Charging the device

Click  to fast-charge your device.



Clicking the  stops the charging of your connected device, and rescans for other detected devices. Click the  to re-enable the fast-charging.

## Disabling the charging function

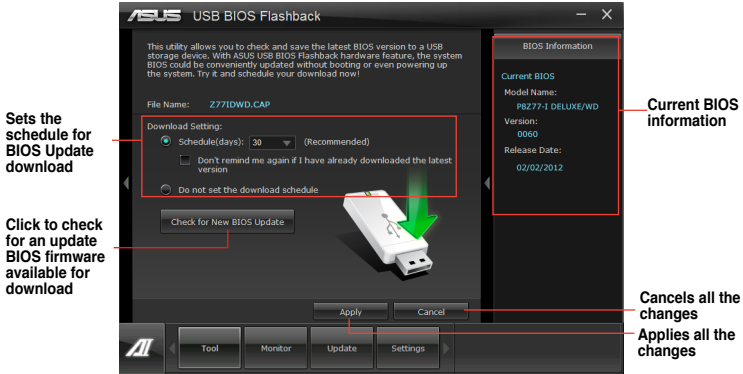
Click  to stop charging your device.





## 4.3.11 USB BIOS Flashback Wizard

USB BIOS Flashback allows you to easily update the BIOS without entering the BIOS or operating system. Just connect the USB storage device containing the BIOS file to the USB port, press the BIOS Flashback button, and the BIOS is updated automatically.



### Scheduling the latest BIOS download

1. In the Download Setting field, tick **Schedule (days)** and select the number of days for your download schedule.
2. Click **Apply** to save the BIOS download schedule. Click **Cancel** to cancel the changes made.

### Downloading the updated BIOS



Before you start downloading, ensure that you have installed the USB storage device to your computer's USB port.

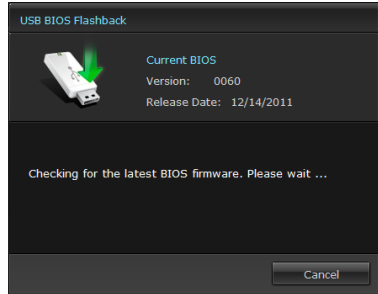
### Scheduling the latest BIOS download


1. In the Download Setting field, tick **Schedule (days)** and select the number of days for your download schedule.
2. Click **Apply** to save the BIOS download schedule. Click **Cancel** to cancel the changes made.

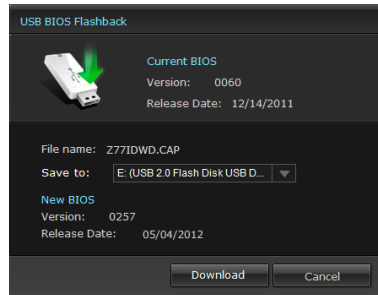
## Downloading the updated BIOS

1. Click **Check for New BIOS Update** to check for the latest BIOS version.

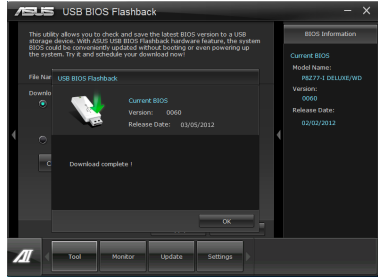
Wait for the system to check the latest BIOS firmware.



2. After the utility detects a new BIOS firmware, save the BIOS firmware by clicking  from the Save to field, select the USB flashdrive, and click Download.



3. After the download is complete, click OK.



## 4.3.12 Network iControl

ASUS Network iControl, a one-stop setup network control center that gives you the EZ Start, Quick Connection, and EZ Profile functions, makes it easier for you to manage your network bandwidth. It also allows you to automatically connect to a PPPoE network for a more convenient online experience.

To launch Network iControl, click **Tool > Network iControl** from AI Suite II main menu bar.



- Ensure to install the LAN drivers before using this function.
- Network iControl is only supported under Windows 7 and can only support the onboard LAN.

### Using EZ Start

EZ Start allows you to quickly activate Network iControl, and set the highest bandwidth priority for your port currently running program.

To use EZ Start:

1. Click the **EZ Start** tab.
2. Click **ON/OFF** to enable/disable Network iControl.



- By default, Network iControl is set to ON.
- When switched off, the **Quick Connection**, **EZ Profile** and **Info** are disabled.
- You may monitor the bandwidth priority from your desktop's taskbar.

3. Tick **Set current network program as the highest priority** to enable **User Profile**.
4. Select a profile and click **Apply**.



You may also apply your personal profile in **EZ Start**.

**Select ON to activate Network iControl**

**Displays the current network programs bandwidth**

**Click to apply the settings made**

**Tick to enable the network program as the highest priority**

**Click to select a profile**

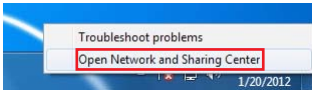
## Using Quick Connection

### Configuring the PPPoE connection settings

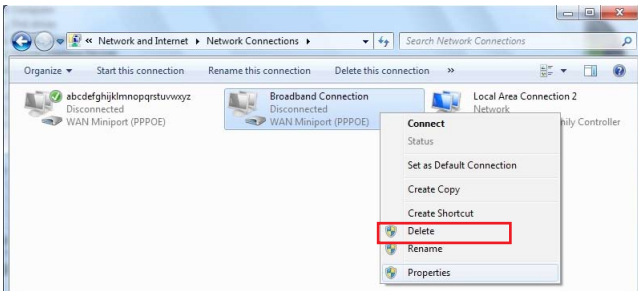
Before enabling the Network iControl's **Quick Connection** functions, you must configure the PPPoE connection settings

To configure the PPPoE settings:

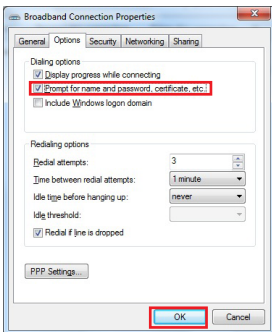
1. Right-click  in the taskbar, and select **Open Network and Sharing Center**.



2. Right-click the PPPoE Connection, and select **Properties**.



3. Click the **Options** tab, and deselect **Prompt for name and password, certificate, etc.** Click **OK** to complete the auto PPPoE connection settings.





- You only need to configure the PPPoE connection settings once.
- Obtain the necessary information about your PPPoE connection from your network provider.

## Configuring the Quick Connection

To configure the auto-PPPoE connection:

1. Click the **Quick Connection** tab.
2. Tick **Automatically connect online anytime** option, then select the connection name in the **Connection Name** dropdown box.
3. Click **Apply** to enable PPPoE automatic network connection.



You can also enable the **No Delay TCP** function to help improve the network performance.

Click to select Connection Name

Click to set the auto PPPoE connection

Click to apply settings

Click ON to improve network performance

### 4.3.13 ASUS Wi-Fi Engine

After installing the Wi-Fi GO! card drivers to your system, use ASUS AI Suite II's Wi-Fi Engine to set up the Wi-Fi GO! card for your network.



Ensure to select the most appropriate configuration for your wireless network before you proceed.



Ensure to connect the supplied antenna to the antenna connector on the motherboard, or the Wi-Fi GO! card may not be able to detect other wireless devices in your environment.

### Launching the Wi-Fi Engine

To launch this utility, open the **ASUS AI Suite II**, then click **Tool > Wi-Fi Engine**.

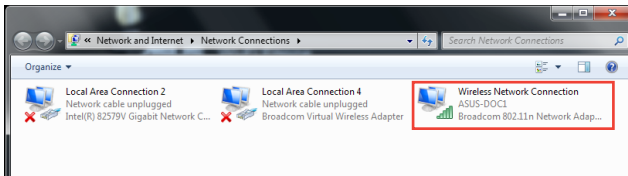


### Using the client mode

Allows you to connect your computer to a network using client mode.

To use the client mode:

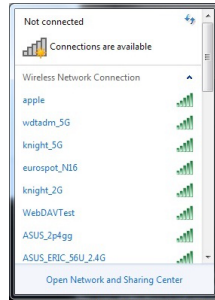
1. Select and double-click the network.



2. Select and click the wireless network connection name.



Some networks may require you to key in the password.



## Using AP mode


Allows you to connect your computer to the network using access point mode.

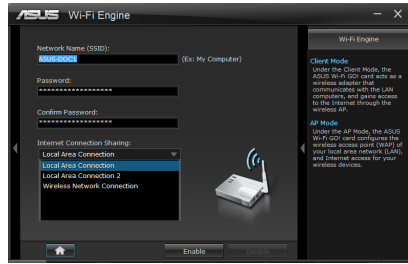
1. In the Wi-Fi Engine menu, click **AP Mode**.
2. Enter the **Network Name**, and key in your password.




- Network name must be the same with SSID (Service Set Identifier).
- Password must be more than 8 characters.

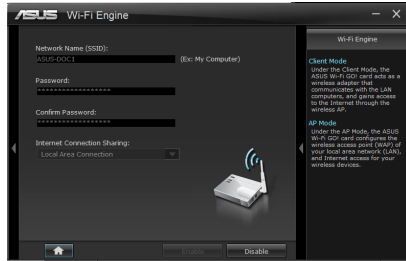


1. Click  from the **Internet Connection Sharing** field and select the network connections name.



2. Click **Enable** to enable the AP mode under the selected type of Internet connection sharing.

3. To deactivate Internet connection sharing, click **Disable**. Click  to go back to the Wi-Fi Engine menu.





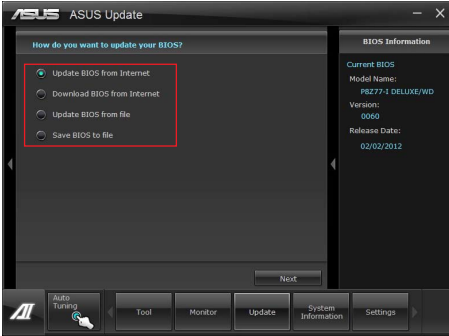
### 4.3.14 ASUS Update

ASUS Update is a utility that allows you to manage, save, and update the motherboard BIOS in Windows® environment.

#### Launching ASUS Update

To launch ASUS Update, click **Update > ASUS Update** on the AI Suite II main menu bar.

#### Using ASUS Update



Select any of these options to update the BIOS:

- **Update BIOS from Internet**  
Allows you to download the latest BIOS version from the ASUS website at [www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com) and follow the onscreen instructions to update the BIOS.
- **Download BIOS from Internet**  
Download the latest BIOS version from the ASUS website at [www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com) and save it for later use.
- **Update BIOS from file**  
Use the BIOS file that you had downloaded and saved to update the system BIOS.
- **Save BIOS to file**  
Save the BIOS file to another file or a USB storage device for later use.

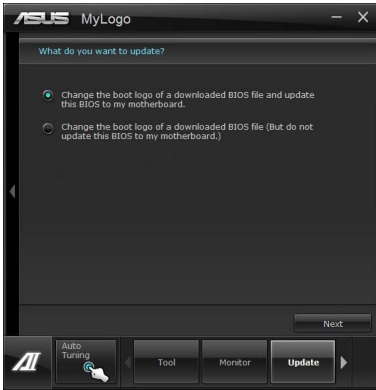
### 4.3.15 MyLogo2

MyLogo2 allows you to customize the boot logo, which is the image that appears on the screen during the Power On Self Tests (POST).

#### Launching ASUS Update

To launch MyLogo2, click **Update > MyLogo** on the AI Suite II main menu bar.

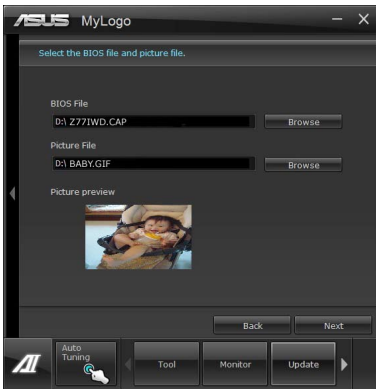
#### Using MyLogo



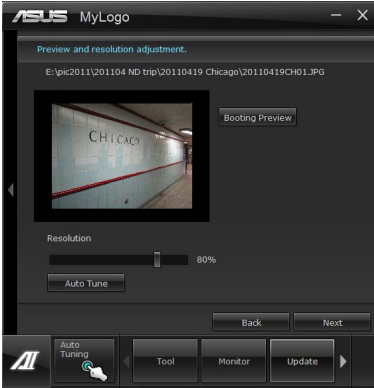
Select the option that you want to use to update your boot logo, click Next and follow the instructions below.

Change the boot logo of a downloaded BIOS file and update (or do not update) this BIOS to the motherboard

1. From the BIOS file field, click Browse to locate the BIOS file.
2. From the Picture File field, click Browse the image for your boot logo, then click Next.



3. Do any of the following:
  - Click Auto Tune to adjust the image size or the image resolution.
  - Click Booting Preview to preview the boot image.
4. Click Next.



5. Click Flash to update the boot logo.
6. When prompted, click Yes to reboot the system. You will see the new boot logo the next time you start up the system.




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Ensure to enable the Full Screen Logo in BIOS to use this feature.

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### 4.3.16 Audio configurations

The Realtek® audio CODEC provides 8-channel audio capability to deliver the ultimate audio experience on your computer. The software provides Jack-Sensing function, S/PDIF Out support, and interrupt capability. The CODEC also includes the Realtek® proprietary UAJ® (Universal Audio Jack) technology for all audio ports, eliminating cable connection errors, and giving users plug and play convenience.

Follow the installation wizard to install the Realtek® Audio Driver from the support DVD that came with the motherboard package.

If the Realtek® audio software is correctly installed, you will find the Realtek® HD Audio Manager icon on the taskbar. Double-click on the icon to display the Realtek HD Audio Manager.



Realtek® HD Audio Manager

## A. Realtek HD Audio Manager with DTS UltraPC II for Windows® 7



## B. Realtek HD Audio Manager for Windows® XP



- Refer to the software manual in the support DVD or visit the ASUS website at [www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com) for detailed software configuration.
- Due to Intel® Z77 platform does not support Windows® Vista™, Realtek HD Audio driver is only supported by Windows® 7™/Windows® XP™.
- To play Blu-Ray disc, make sure to use an HDCP compliant monitor.

# RAID support

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## 5.1 RAID configurations

The motherboard supports the following SATA RAID solutions:

- Intel® Rapid Storage Technology with RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10 and RAID 5 support.



- You must install Windows® XP Service Pack 3 or later versions before using Serial ATA hard disk drives. The Serial ATA RAID feature is available only if you are using Windows® XP SP3 or later versions.
- Due to Windows® XP / Vista limitation, a RAID array with the total capacity over 2TB cannot be set as a boot disk. A RAID array over 2TB can only be set as a data disk only.
- If you want to install a Windows® operating system to a hard disk drive included in a RAID set, you have to create a RAID driver disk and load the RAID driver during OS installation. Refer to section 5.2 **Creating a RAID driver disk** for details.

### 5.1.1 RAID definitions

**RAID 0 (Data striping)** optimizes two identical hard disk drives to read and write data in parallel, interleaved stacks. Two hard disks perform the same work as a single drive but at a sustained data transfer rate, double that of a single disk alone, thus improving data access and storage. Use of two new identical hard disk drives is required for this setup.

**RAID 1 (Data mirroring)** copies and maintains an identical image of data from one drive to a second drive. If one drive fails, the disk array management software directs all applications to the surviving drive as it contains a complete copy of the data in the other drive. This RAID configuration provides data protection and increases fault tolerance to the entire system. Use two new drives or use an existing drive and a new drive for this setup. The new drive must be of the same size or larger than the existing drive.

**RAID 5** stripes both data and parity information across three or more hard disk drives. Among the advantages of RAID 5 configuration include better HDD performance, fault tolerance, and higher storage capacity. The RAID 5 configuration is best suited for transaction processing, relational database applications, enterprise resource planning, and other business systems. Use a minimum of three identical hard disk drives for this setup.

**RAID 10** is data striping and data mirroring combined without parity (redundancy data) having to be calculated and written. With the RAID 10 configuration you get all the benefits of both RAID 0 and RAID 1 configurations. Use four new hard disk drives or use an existing drive and three new drives for this setup.

## 5.1.2 Installing Serial ATA hard disks

The motherboard supports Serial ATA hard disk drives. For optimal performance, install identical drives of the same model and capacity when creating a disk array.

### To install the SATA hard disks for a RAID configuration:

1. Install the SATA hard disks into the drive bays.
2. Connect the SATA signal cables.
3. Connect a SATA power cable to the power connector on each drive.

## 5.1.3 Setting the RAID item in BIOS

You must enable the RAID function in the BIOS Setup before creating RAID sets using SATA HDDs. To do this:

1. Enter the BIOS Setup during POST.
2. Go to the **Advanced** menu > **SATA Configuration**, and then press <Enter>.
3. Set the SATA Mode item to [RAID Mode].
4. Save your changes, and then exit the BIOS Setup.



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Refer to Chapter 3 for details on entering and navigating through the BIOS Setup

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Due to chipset limitation, when SATA ports are set to RAID mode, all SATA ports run at RAID mode together.

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## 5.1.4 Intel® Rapid Storage Technology Option ROM utility

To enter the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology Option ROM utility:

1. Turn on the system.
2. During POST, press <Ctrl> + <I> to display the utility main menu.

```
Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology - Option ROM - v10.5.1.1070
Copyright(C) 2003-10 Intel Corporation. All Rights Reserved.

[ MAIN MENU ]
1. Create RAID Volume      4. Recovery Volume Options
2. Delete RAID Volume     5. Acceleration Options
3. Reset Disks to Non-    6. Exit

[ DISK/VOLUME INFORMATION ]

RAID Volumes:
None defined.

Physical Devices:
Port Device Model      Serial #      Size  Type/Status (Vol ID)
0  ST3160812AS         9LS0HJA4    149.0GB Non-RAID Disk
1  ST3160812AS         9LS0F4HL    149.0GB Non-RAID Disk
2  ST3160812AS         3LS0JYL8    149.0GB Non-RAID Disk
3  ST3160812AS         9LS0B75H    149.0GB Non-RAID Disk

[↑↓]-Select      [ESC]-Exit      [ENTER]-Select Menu
```

The navigation keys at the bottom of the screen allow you to move through the menus and select the menu options.



The RAID BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference only and may not exactly match the items on your screen.

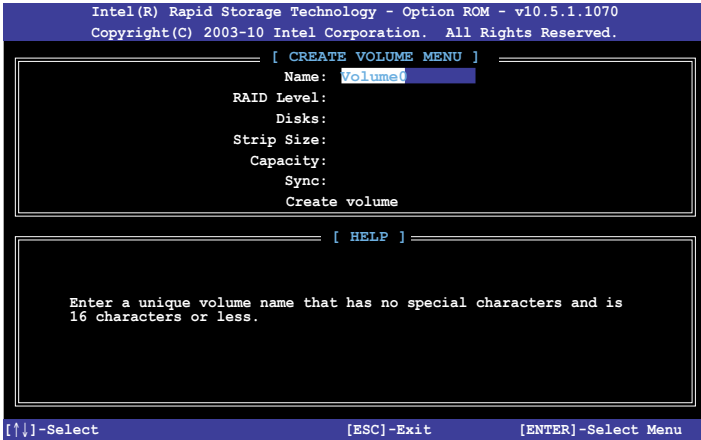


The utility supports maximum four hard disk drives for RAID configuration.

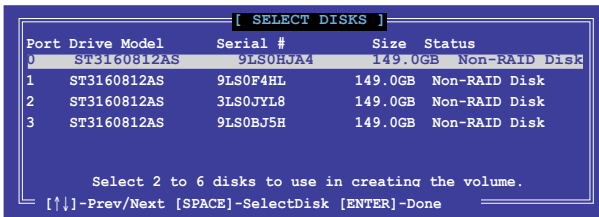
## Creating a RAID set

### To create a RAID set:

1. From the utility main menu, select **1. Create RAID Volume** and press <Enter>. The following screen appears:



2. Enter a name for the RAID set and press <Enter>.
3. When the RAID Level item is selected, press the up/down arrow key to select a RAID level to create, and then press <Enter>.
4. When the Disks item is selected, press <Enter> to select the hard disk drives you want to include in the RAID set. The SELECT DISKS screen appears:





5. Use the up/down arrow key to select a drive, and then press <Space> to select. A small triangle marks the selected drive. Press <Enter> after completing your selection.
6. Use the up/down arrow key to select the stripe size for the RAID array (for RAID 0, 10 and 5 only), and then press <Enter>. The available stripe size values range from 4KB to 128KB. The following are typical values:
  - RAID 0: 128KB
  - RAID 10: 64KB
  - RAID 5: 64KB



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We recommend a lower stripe size for server systems, and a higher stripe size for multimedia computer systems used mainly for audio and video editing.

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7. When the **Capacity** item is selected, enter the RAID volume capacity that you want and press <Enter>. The default value indicates the maximum allowed capacity.
8. When the **Create Volume** item is selected, press <Enter>. The following warning message appears:

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WARNING: ALL DATA ON SELECTED DISKS WILL BE LOST
Are you sure you want to create this volume? (Y/N):
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9. Press <Y> to create the RAID volume and return to the main menu, or <N> to go back to the CREATE VOLUME menu.

## Deleting a RAID set



Be cautious when deleting a RAID set. You will lose all data on the hard disk drives when you delete a RAID set.

### To delete a RAID set:

1. From the utility main menu, select **2. Delete RAID Volume** and press <Enter>. The following screen appears:

```
[ DELETE VOLUME MENU ]
Name      Level      Drives  Capacity  Status  Bootable
Volume0   RAID0 (Stripe)  2       298.0GB  Normal  Yes

[ HELP ]

Deleting a volume will reset the disks to non-RAID.

      ALL DISK DATA WILL BE DELETED.
WARNING: (This does not apply to Recovery volumes)

[↑]-Select      [ESC]-Previous Menu      [DEL]-Delete Volume
```

2. Use the up/down arrow key to select the RAID set you want to delete, and then press <Del>. The following warning message appears:

```
[ DELETE VOLUME VERIFICATION ]

      ALL DATA IN THE VOLUME WILL BE LOST!
      (This does not apply to Recovery volumes)

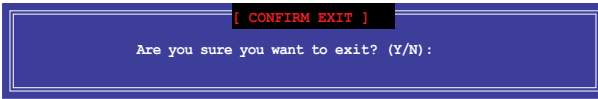
Are you sure you want to delete volume "Volume0"? (Y/N):
```

3. Press <Y> to delete the RAID set and return to the utility main menu, or press <N> to return to the DELETE VOLUME menu.

## Exiting the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology Option ROM utility

### To exit the utility:

1. From the utility main menu, select **5. Exit**, and then press <Enter>. The following warning message appears:



2. Press <Y> to exit or press <N> to return to the utility main menu.

## 5.2 Creating a RAID driver disk

A floppy disk with the RAID driver is required when installing a Windows® operating system on a hard disk drive that is included in a RAID set.



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- The motherboard does not provide a floppy drive connector. You have to use a USB floppy disk drive when creating a SATA RAID driver disk.
  - Windows® XP may not recognize the USB floppy disk drive due to Windows® XP limitation. To work around this OS limitation, refer to section 5.2.4 Using a USB floppy disk drive.
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### 5.2.1 Creating a RAID driver disk without entering the OS

To create a RAID driver disk without entering the OS:

1. Boot your computer.
2. Press <Del> during POST to enter the BIOS setup utility.
3. Set the optical drive as the primary boot device.
4. Insert the support DVD into the optical drive.
5. Save changes and exit BIOS.
6. When the Make Disk menu appears, press <1> to create a RAID driver disk.
7. Insert a formatted floppy disk into the USB floppy disk drive, then press <Enter>.
8. Follow the succeeding screen instructions to complete the process.

### 5.2.2 Creating a RAID driver disk in Windows®

To create a RAID driver disk in Windows®:

1. Start Windows®.
2. Plug the USB floppy disk drive and insert a floppy disk.
3. Place the motherboard support DVD into the optical drive.
4. Go to the **Make Disk** menu, and then click **Intel AHCI/RAID Driver Disk** to create a RAID driver disk.
5. Select **USB floppy disk drive** as the destination disk.
6. Follow the succeeding screen instructions to complete the process.



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Write-protect the floppy disk to avoid a computer virus infection.

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## 5.2.3 Installing the RAID driver during Windows® OS installation

### To install the RAID driver in Windows® XP:

1. During the OS installation, the system prompts you to press the <F6> key to install third-party SCSI or RAID driver.
2. Press <F6>, and then insert the floppy disk with RAID driver into the USB floppy disk drive.
3. When prompted to select the SCSI adapter to install, select the RAID driver for the corresponding OS version.
4. Follow the succeeding screen instructions to complete the installation.

### To install the RAID driver for Windows® 7 or later OS:

1. During the OS installation, click **Load Driver** to allow you to select the installation media containing the RAID driver.
2. Insert the USB flash drive with RAID driver into the USB port or the support DVD into the optical drive, and then click **Browse**.
3. Click the name of the device you've inserted, go to **Drivers > RAID**, and then select the RAID driver for the corresponding OS version. Click **OK**.
4. Follow the succeeding screen instructions to complete the installation.



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Before loading the RAID driver from a USB flash drive, you have to use another computer to copy the RAID driver from the support DVD to the USB flash drive.

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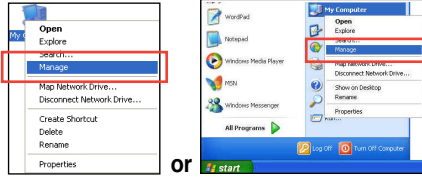
## 5.2.4 Using a USB floppy disk drive

Due to OS limitation, Windows® XP may not recognize the USB floppy disk drive when you install the RAID driver from a floppy disk during the OS installation.

To solve this issue, add the USB floppy disk drive's Vendor ID (VID) and Product ID (PID) to the floppy disk containing the RAID driver. Refer to the steps below:

1. Using another computer, plug the USB floppy disk drive, and insert the floppy disk containing the RAID driver.

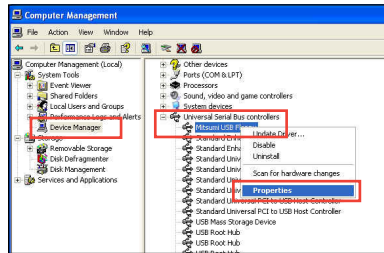
2. Right-click **My Computer** on the Windows® desktop or start menu, and then select **Manage** from the pop-up window.



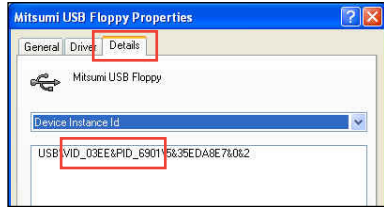
3. Select **Device Manager**. From the **Universal Serial Bus controllers**, right-click **xxxxxx USB Floppy**, and then select **Properties** from the pop-up window.



The name of the USB floppy disk drive varies with different vendors.

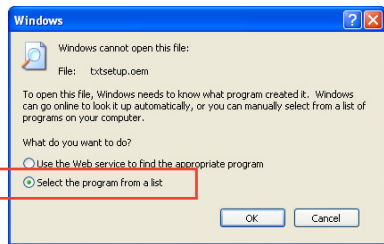


4. Click **Details** tab. The Vendor ID (VID) and Product ID (PID) are displayed.

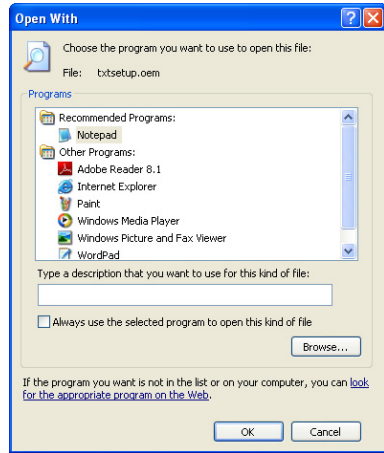


5. Browse the contents of the RAID driver disk to locate the file **txtsetup.oem**.

6. Double-click the file. A window appears, allowing you to select the program for opening the oem file.



7. Use Notepad to open the file.



8. Find the `[HardwareIds.scsi.iaAHCI_DesktopWorkstationServer]` and `[HardwareIds.scsi.iaStor_DesktopWorkstationServer]` sections in the `txtsetup.oem` file.

9. Type the following line to the bottom of the two sections:

`id = "USB\VID_xxxx&PID_xxxx", "usbstor"`

```
[HardwareIds.scsi.iaAHCI
DesktopWorkstationServer]
id="PCI\VEN_8086&DEV_1C02&CC_0106", "iaStor"
id="USB\VID_03EE&PID_6901", "usbstor"

[HardwareIds.scsi.iaStor
DesktopWorkstationServer]
id="PCI\VEN_8086&DEV_2822&CC_0104", "iaStor"
id="USB\VID_03EE&PID_6901", "usbstor"
```



Add the same line to both sections.



The VID and PID vary with different vendors.

10. Save and exit the file.





# Intel® technologies

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## 6.1 Intel® 2012 Desktop responsiveness technologies

This section details the overview of the installation and configuration procedures of the Intel® 2012 Desktop responsiveness technologies.

Intel® 2012 Desktop responsiveness technologies feature the three technologies:

- Intel® Smart Response Technology
- Intel® Rapid Start Technology
- Intel® Smart Connect Technology

### System Requirements

In order for the system to run smoothly for the Intel® 2012 Desktop responsiveness, your system must meet the following requirements.

**CPU:** Intel® 3rd/2nd generation Core Processor family

**OS:** Windows® 7 operating systems

**SSD:** One dedicated SSD (Solid State Disk) to support Intel® Smart Response and Intel® Rapid Start Technology is necessary.



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Refer to the **SSD Capacity Requirements** table for the information of SSD size, partition capacity, and system memory requirements.

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**HDD:** At least one HDD (Hard Disk Drive) for the system OS drive.

**DRAM:** To enable Intel® Rapid Start Technology, DRAM size smaller than 8GB is required.



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Ensure to enable the acceleration of Intel® Smart Response Technology before creating the partition for the Intel® Rapid Start Technology.

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## SSD Capacity Requirements

SSD Partition Capacity Requirements		System DRAM		
		2GB	4GB	8GB
Intel® storage combinations	Intel® Rapid Start	2GB	4GB	8GB
	Intel® Smart Response	20GB	20GB	20GB
	Intel® Smart Response and Intel® Rapid Start	Separate 20GB and 2GB partition (SSD size > 22GB)	Separate 20GB and 4GB partition (SSD size > 24GB)	Separate 20GB and 8GB partition (SSD size > 28GB)
	Intel® Smart Response, Intel® Rapid Start, and Intel® Smart Connect	Separate 20GB and 2GB partition (SSD size > 22GB)	Separate 20GB and 4GB partition (SSD size > 24GB)	Separate 20GB and 8GB partition (SSD size > 28GB)



- The SSD used for Intel® Rapid Start and Intel® Smart Response is not allowed for creating RAID.
- Due to OS behavior, Intel® Rapid Start Technology does not work efficiently with over 4GB system memory under Windows® 7 32-bit operating system.
- Only Intel® internal SATA ports (gray and blue) support Intel® 2012 Desktop responsiveness technologies.
- The performance of Intel® Smart Response Technology and Intel® Rapid Storage Technology vary with the installed SSD.

## 6.1.1 Intel® Smart Response Technology

Intel® Smart Response Technology boosts overall system performance. It uses an installed fast SSD (min. 20GB available) as a cache for frequently accessed operations, speeding up hard drive/main memory interaction. Key benefits are expedited hard drive speeds, reduced load and wait times, and maximized storage utilization. Power consumption also goes down by reducing unnecessary hard drive spin.



Before applying Intel® Smart Response Technology, setting the SATA Mode BIOS item to [RAID mode] in BIOS setup is necessary.

### Installing Intel® Smart Response Technology

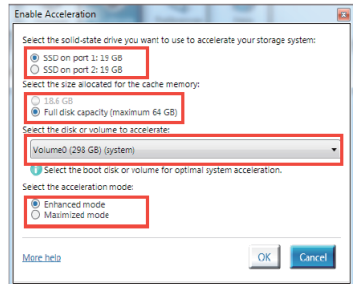
1. Place the support DVD into the optical drive. The Drivers installation tab appears if your computer has enabled the Autorun feature.
2. Click the **Drivers** tab, then click **Intel® Rapid Storage Technology Driver** software.
3. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the installation.

### Using the Intel® Smart Response Technology

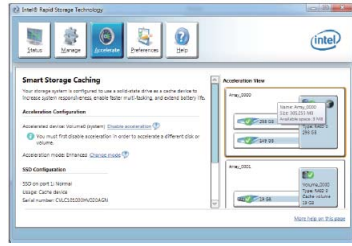
1. Click **Accelerate** to launch Smart Response Technology settings.



2.
  - a. Select the SSD you want to use to accelerate your storage system.
  - b. Select the size allocated for SSD caching.
  - c. Select which HDD will be used for caching.
  - d. **Enhanced mode:** WRITE THROUGH, write to SSD and HDD at the same time.  
**Maximized mode:** WRITE BACK, write to SSD and write back to HDD at a later time.



3. Select **Disable Acceleration** to disable this function, and select **Change Mode** to switch acceleration mode to Enhanced/Maximized.



- To enable Intel® Smart Response Technology, you need at least one SSD ( $\geq 20$ GB) and an HDD. Only one SSD can be assigned for caching.
- If you want to restore the OS, go to **BIOS Option ROM > Acceleration Options** and remove the **Disks/Volume Acceleration** to disable Intel® Smart Response Technology.
- The maximum caching size on the SSD is 64GB. If the caching size set exceeds this limit, the excess storage capacity can still be identified by the system for normal storage.

## 6.1.2 Intel® Rapid Start Technology

Intel® Rapid Start Technology allows you to quickly resume your computer from sleep mode. Saving your computer's system memory to the configured SSD provides a faster wake-up response time, but keeps the energy at a low profile.



- Before applying Intel® Rapid Start Technology, go to **Advanced Mode > Advanced > PCH Configuration** in BIOS item, and enable Intel® Rapid Start Technology.
- Ensure to follow the procedure for **Creating a partition** precisely to enable the Intel Rapid Start function. An error message appears if you install the Intel® Rapid Start Utility before creating a partition.

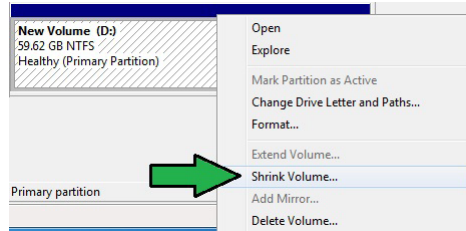
### Creating a partition



- Backup your data before using the Microsoft partition tool. Incorrect partitioning will result in data loss.
- Adjusting the DRAM to a high frequency will result in unstable system performance.

1. Go to Start, right-click **Computer > Manage > Disk Management**.
2. Select the SSD that you want to create the partition.

- Right click the **New Volume** that you want to shrink from, and select **Shrink Volume**.

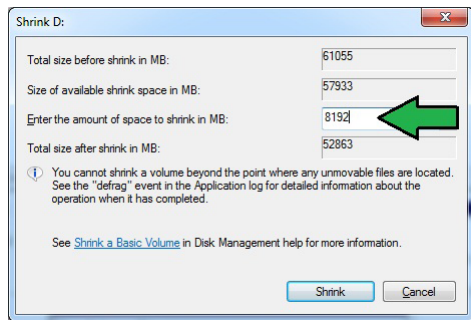


- If your SSD is not initialized and unformatted:
  - Right click the disk that you want to create the partition in, and select **Initialize**.
  - Right click the unallocated volume, select **New Simple Volume**, and follow the remaining steps.



If your SSD is smaller than 64GB, and is set to **Full disk capacity** caching option for Intel® Smart Response, you will not see any volume in the Disk Management tool. Set your cache memory value of **18.6GB** in Intel® Smart Response to allow enough capacity for the Intel® Rapid Start partition.

- Key in the required partition size. The value must be equal to the system DRAM memory (1GB = 1024MB). Click **Shrink**.



Go to **Start > Control Panel > System and Security > System**, and check the DRAM size information.

The unallocated volume is allocated to the selected disk.



- To launch the disk partitioning tool, click **Start > Programs > Accessories > Command Prompt** tool.
- Type `diskpart` and press **Enter**.
- In the diskpart prompt, type `list disk`, and press **Enter**. Select the disk with the unallocated volume by typing `select disk x` (x = disk number), and press **Enter**.

```
DISKPART> list disk
Disk ###      Status         Size      Free      Dyn      Gpt
-----      -
Disk 0        Online         2794 GB   1024 KB
Disk 1        Online         59 GB     8 GB
DISKPART> select disk 1
Disk 1 is now the selected disk.
```



- The value “x” refers to a disk number where you created the unallocated partition.
- Refer to step 5 for details about the unallocated disk space in the SSD.

- Type `create partition primary`, and press **Enter**.

```
DISKPART> create partition primary
DiskPart succeeded in creating the specified partition.
DISKPART>
```

- After creating a primary partition, type `detail disk`, and press **Enter** to view the details of the partitioned disk.

```
DISKPART> detail disk
M-CT080WSSD2
Disk ID: 316EF874
Type : MBR
Status : Online
Path : \
Ltr : 1
LUN ID : 0
Location Path : PCIROOT(0)ATA(0)01L00
Current Read-only State : No
Read-only : No
Boot Disk : No
Pagefile Disk : No
Liberation File Disk : No
Cacheonly Disk : No
Clustered Disk : No
```

Volume ###	Ltr	Label	Fs	Type	Size	Status	Info
Volume 2	D	New Volume	NTFS	Partition	54 GB	Healthy	
Volume 3			RAW	Partition	8 GB	Healthy	

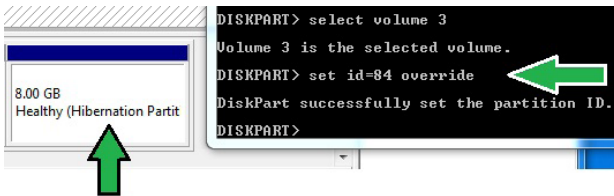
- Select the RAW volume which has the same size as the shrunk volume, type `select volume x` (x = number), and press **Enter** to store the Intel® Rapid Start partition.

```
DISKPART> select volume 3
Volume 3 is the selected volume.
DISKPART>
```



- The value “x” refers to a disk number where you want to create the store partition.

12. Type `set id=84 override`, press **Enter**, and wait for the “shrinking process” until the Disk Management utility identifies a new partition called **Hibernation Partition**.



The **Hibernation Partition** does not appear when you choose “GPT (GUID Partition Table store type)”. Ensure that the “Unallocated” label disappears from the volume, and a new partition is identified.

13. Reboot the system after creating the partition.



The partitioning process for the Intel® Rapid Start Technology is incomplete if the computer is not rebooted. This may result in failure of the Intel® Rapid Start Technology to function.

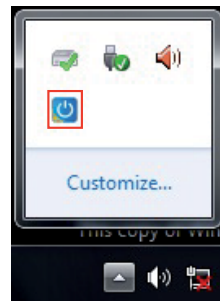
### Enabling and disabling the Intel® Rapid Start Technology under the OS



Install the Intel® Rapid Start Technology from your support DVD in order to launch the Intel® Rapid Start Manager.

After creating the partition, launch the Intel® Rapid Start Manager to enable or disable the Intel® Rapid Start Technology.

1. Click the **Show hidden icons** arrow from the right side of the task bar, and click the **Intel® Rapid Start Technology Manager** icon.



2. Tick **On** in the Status field to enable the function, and click **Save**.

Select and click to enable or disable the function

Click to enable or disable battery saving mode. This function only applies to notebooks.

Click to enable or disable the timer. When enabled, move the scroll bar to the desired time. When the system is idle for more than the time period you set, the system automatically goes into the Intel® Rapid Start mode. Default time is 10 minutes.

Click to save the settings made.

Click to cancel the settings made.

## Recovering the partition

This procedure allows you to delete the Intel® Rapid Start Technology from your system, and recover the partition you made for the Intel Rapid® Start Technology installation.

1. Run the **Command Prompt** tool.
2. Type **diskpart** and press <Enter>.
3. At the diskpart prompt, type **list disk** after DISKPART, and press <Enter>.

```
DISKPART> list disk
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Disk ###  Status   Size  Free  Dyn  Gpt
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Disk 0    Online   2794 GB  1024 MB
Disk 1    Online    59 GB    0 B
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
DISKPART>
```

4. Select the disk (SSD) where the Intel® Rapid Start Technology is installed for volume recovery, type **select disk x** (x = number), and press <Enter>.

```
DISKPART> select disk 1
Disk 1 is now the selected disk.
DISKPART>
```



The value "x" refers to a disk number where you want to delete the store partition.



- Type `list partition`, press **Enter**, and select the partition where the Intel® Rapid Start Technology is installed by typing `select partition x` ( $x = \text{number}$ ), and press **Enter**.

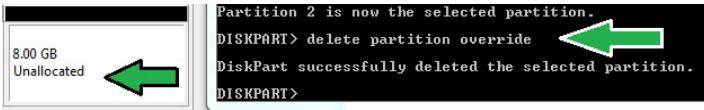
```
DISKPART> list partition
Partition ### Type Size Offset
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Partition 1 Primary 51 GB 1024 KB
Partition 2 OEM 8 GB 51 GB

DISKPART> select partition 2
Partition 2 is now the selected partition.
DISKPART>
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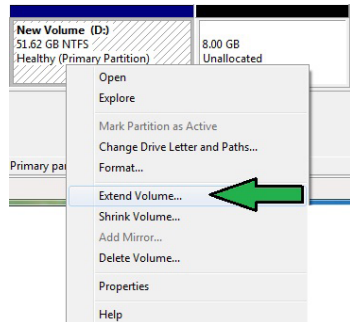


The value “**x**” refers to a disk number where you want to delete the store partition.

- Type `delete partition override`, and press **Enter**. The diskpart utility deletes the selected partition



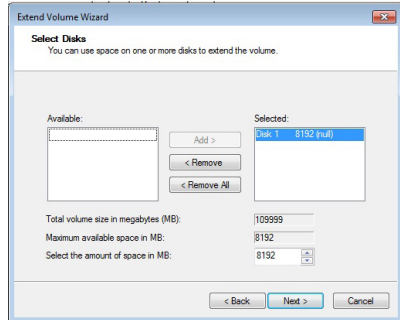
- In the desktop, click **Start**, right-click **Computer**, and click **Manage**.
- In the Computer Management window, click **Disk Management**, right click the shrunk new volume, and select **Extend Volume**.



- As the Extend Volume Wizard appears, click **Next**.



10. Click **Next** after selecting the default disk.



11. Extend volume setup is complete. Click **Finish** to recover the Intel® Rapid Start Technology partition.
12. Reboot the system after deleting the partition.
13. Go to **Start > Control Panel > Programs > Programs and Features >** to remove the Intel® Rapid Start Manager for the complete deletion of Intel® Rapid Start Technology.

## Intel® Smart Connect Technology

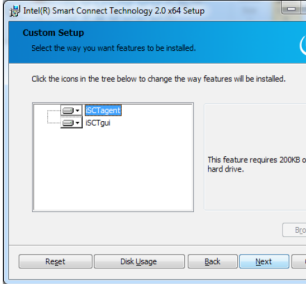
The Intel® Smart Connect Technology is a feature that provides the latest content updates and energy efficiency to your computer's platform.

Once installed and activated, the Intel® Smart Connect Technology periodically wakes up the system from sleep mode, performs user state gathering, and initiates re-entry to sleep mode to wake-up after a set time interval.



- Intel® Smart Connect Technology supports Windows® Live Mail, Microsoft Outlook, and Seismic applications.
- It is necessary to enable the items of the PCH Configuration in the BIOS before applying the Intel® Smart Connect Technology. Go to **Advanced Mode > Advanced > PCH Configuration**, and enable the Intel® Smart Connect Technology.

## Installing the Intel® Smart Connect Technology

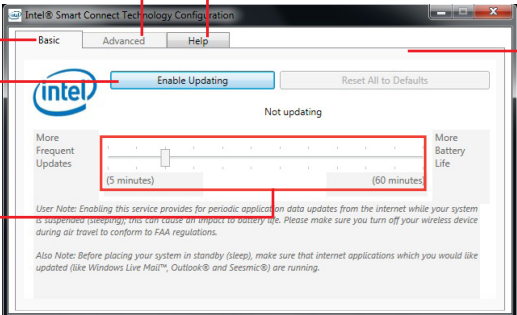
1. Insert the support DVD into the optical drive.
  2. Go to **Utilities**, and click **Intel® Smart Connect Technology**.
  3. As the setup wizard appears, click **Next** to begin the setup.
  4. Tick **I accept the terms in the License Agreement**, and click **Next**.
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5. Select all and click **Next** for **Custom Setup**.
  6. Click **Install** to proceed the installation.
  7. Click **Yes** to restart your system, and for the newly installed Intel® Smart Connect Technology to take effect.

## Using the Intel® Smart Connect Technology



- Before the system goes to sleep mode, ensure to keep your applications on the desktop, and enter the applications, passwords.
- Ensure that the internet is in connection when enabling the Intel® Smart Connect Technology.

1. Click **Start > All Programs > Intel > Intel® Smart Connect Technology**.
2. In the **Basic** tab, click **Enable Updating**. When enabled, the **Advanced** tab is available for advanced function settings.



The Advanced tab is activated when updating is enabled

Click to view version information and help topics

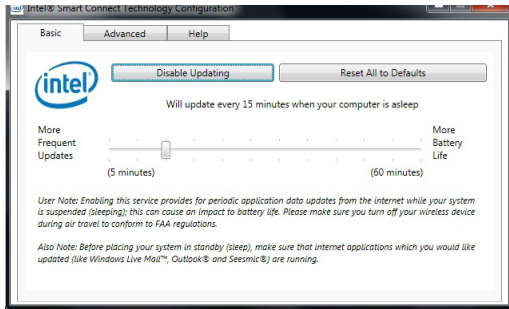
Click to configure the basic settings

Click to enable or disable the function

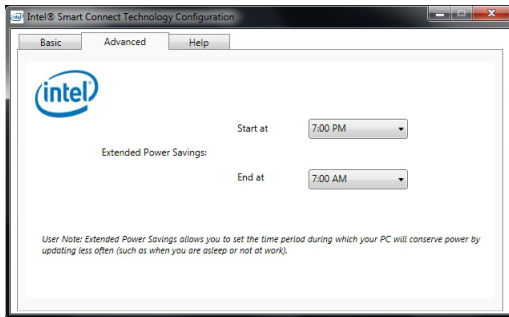
When updating is enabled, click to reset all settings to default.

When the scroll bar is activated, adjust the waking up time period for internet data update.

- To disable the updating function, click **Disable Updating**. Clicking this button automatically disables the configuration in the **Advanced** tab. To reset to defaults, click **Reset All to Defaults**.



- In the **Advanced** tab, set up the schedule during low power usage time period for power saving. This setting only applies to the assigned time period.



- In the **Help** tab, click **About** to view the version. Click **Topics** to learn more about the Intel® Smart Connect Technology and its configuration.

# LucidLogix Virtu MVP

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## 7.1 LucidLogix Virtu MVP

LucidLogix Virtu MVP allows your computer's VGA output and discrete graphic cards to perform better, respond faster and process media files smoother within a low power environment. Its GPU virtualization assigns tasks to the best available graphic source while the newly-designed Virtual Vsync gives you a smoother gaming experience.



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- LucidLogix Virtu MVP supports Windows 7® operating systems.
  - Intel® Quick Sync Video feature is supported by the 3rd/2nd generation Intel® Core™ processor family.
  - iGPU Multi-Monitor support option must be enabled in BIOS and install both Intel® Graphics Accelerator, and graphics card driver before installing LucidLogix Virtu MVP from ASUS support DVD. Refer to **3.5.4 System Configuration** for details.
  - Hyperformance® and Virtual VSync are enabled when using more than one discrete GPU at the same time.
  - Supports NVIDIA® GF4xx/5xx series and AMD® HD5xxx/6xxx series graphic cards.
  - We do not recommended that you use LucidLogix Virtu MVP under RAID mode.
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### 7.1.1 Installing LucidLogix Virtu MVP

To install LucidLogix Virtu MVP:

1. Insert the support DVD in the optical drive. The ASUS Support Wizard appears if your computer has enabled the Autorun feature.
2. Click the **Utilites** tab, then click **LucidLogix Virtu MVP Software**.
3. Follow the succeeding onscreen instructions to complete the installation.



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After you successfully installed the LucidLogix Virtu MVP, the LucidLogix Virtu MVP icon appears in the notification area.

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## 7.1.2 Setting up your display

LucidLogix Virtu MVP solution comes with two distinct modes that allows you to enjoy better graphics either from your built-in video output (i-Mode) or from a discrete graphics card (d-Mode).

### i-Mode

To use LucidLogix Virtu MVP in i-Mode, the display must be connected to the onboard video output.



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Ensure to set the Primary Display to iGPU in BIOS to activate i-Mode support.

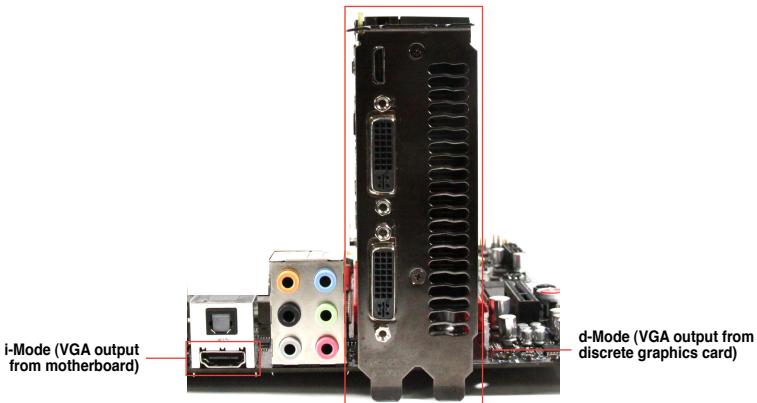
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### d-Mode

To use LucidLogix Virtu MVP in d-Mode, the display must be connected to the installed graphics card.



- Ensure to set the Primary Display to PCIe or PCIe/PCI in BIOS to enable d-Mode support.
  - d-Mode is recommended for an enhanced 3D gaming performance.
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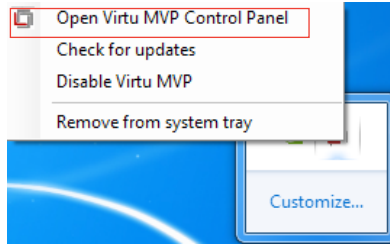
The motherboard's IO ports and discrete graphic card is for reference only and may vary in different models.

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### 7.1.3 Configuring LucidLogix Virtu MVP

Launch the Virtu MVP Control Panel to allow you to configure the main features, adjust the performance settings and select applications for graphical virtualization.

To open the control panel, right-click **LucidLogix Virtu MVP** icon in the notification area and select **Open Virtu MVP Control Panel**.



LucidLogix Virtu MVP is automatically activated when your system is powered on. Select **Remove from system tray** if you want to remove LucidLogix Virtu MVP icon from the notification area.

#### Main

Allows you to turn ON/OFF the GPU virtualization. Also from the Main tab, you can set to show or hide the In-Game icon.



Click to turn ON/OFF the LucidLogix Virtu MVP

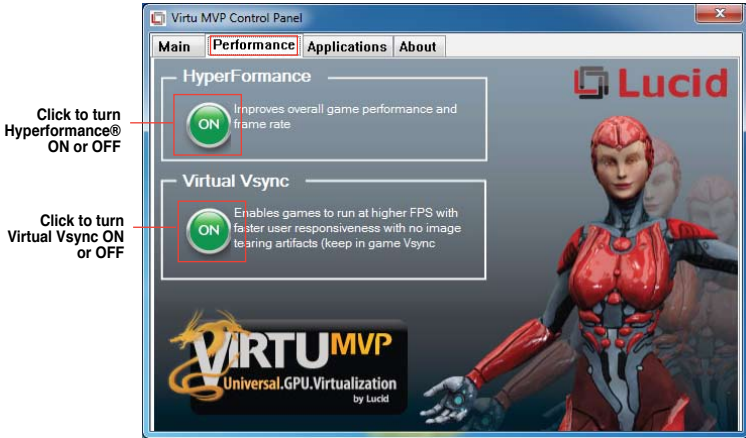
Click to restore to default settings

Tick to show icon in system tray

Select display option for In-Game icon

## Performance

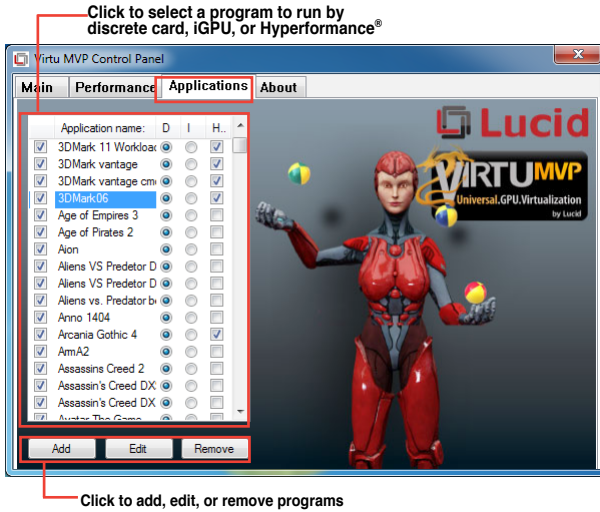
Allows you to turn ON/OFF the Hyperformance® or Virtual Vsync function.





## Applications

Allows you to select applications for graphic virtualization.



See the descriptions of these columns below:

- D column allows you to run applications with the discrete graphic card. Select D to enable 3D graphical performance for that application.
- I column allows to run applications with iGPU. Select I for applications with media extensive performance.
- H column allows you to run applications with Hyperperformance®. Tick H to enhance graphical performance for that application.



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Actual graphical performance varies with the application used and graphics card installed.

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# Appendices

## Notices

### Federal Communications Commission Statement

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- This device may not cause harmful interference.
- This device must accept any interference received including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.



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The use of shielded cables for connection of the monitor to the graphics card is required to assure compliance with FCC regulations. Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

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## IC: Canadian Compliance Statement

Complies with the Canadian ICES-003 Class B specifications. This device complies with RSS 210 of Industry Canada. This Class B device meets all the requirements of the Canadian interference-causing equipment regulations.

This device complies with Industry Canada license exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Cet appareil numérique de la Classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada. Cet appareil numérique de la Classe B respecte toutes les exigences du Règlement sur le matériel brouilleur du Canada.

Cet appareil est conforme aux normes CNR exemptes de licence d'Industrie Canada. Le fonctionnement est soumis aux deux conditions suivantes :

- (1) cet appareil ne doit pas provoquer d'interférences et
- (2) cet appareil doit accepter toute interférence, y compris celles susceptibles de provoquer un fonctionnement non souhaité de l'appareil.

## Canadian Department of Communications Statement

This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class B limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus set out in the Radio Interference Regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications.

This class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

## VCCI: Japan Compliance Statement

### VCCI Class B Statement

情報処理装置等電波障害自主規制について

この装置は、情報処理装置等電波障害自主規制協議会（VCCI）の基準に基づくクラスB情報技術装置です。この装置は家庭環境で使用されることを目的としていますが、この装置がラジオやテレビジョン受信機に近接して使用されると、受信障害を引き起こすことがあります。

取扱説明書に従って正しい取り扱いをして下さい。

## KC: Korea Warning Statement

B급 기기 (가정용 방송통신기자재)

이 기기는 가정용(B급) 전자파적합기기로서 주로 가정에서 사용하는 것을 목적으로 하며, 모든 지역에서 사용할 수 있습니다.

\*당해 무선설비는 전파통신 가능성이 있으므로 인명안전과 관련된 서비스는 할 수 없습니다.

## REACH

Complying with the REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation, and Restriction of Chemicals) regulatory framework, we published the chemical substances in our products at ASUS REACH website at <http://csr.asus.com/english/REACH.htm>.



DO NOT throw the motherboard in municipal waste. This product has been designed to enable proper reuse of parts and recycling. This symbol of the crossed out wheeled bin indicates that the product (electrical and electronic equipment) should not be placed in municipal waste. Check local regulations for disposal of electronic products.



DO NOT throw the mercury-containing button cell battery in municipal waste. This symbol of the crossed out wheeled bin indicates that the battery should not be placed in municipal waste.

## ASUS Recycling/Takeback Services

ASUS recycling and takeback programs come from our commitment to the highest standards for protecting our environment. We believe in providing solutions for you to be able to responsibly recycle our products, batteries, other components as well as the packaging materials. Please go to <http://csr.asus.com/english/Takeback.htm> for detailed recycling information in different regions.

## RF Equipment Notices

### CE: European Community Compliance Statement

The equipment complies with the RF Exposure Requirement 1999/519/EC, Council Recommendation of 12 July 1999 on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (0–300 GHz). This wireless device complies with the R&TTE Directive.

### Wireless Radio Use

This device is restricted to indoor use when operating in the 5.15 to 5.25 GHz frequency band.

### Exposure to Radio Frequency Energy

The radiated output power of the Wi-Fi technology is below the FCC radio frequency exposure limits. Nevertheless, it is advised to use the wireless equipment in such a manner that the potential for human contact during normal operation is minimized.

### FCC Bluetooth Wireless Compliance

The antenna used with this transmitter must not be colocated or operated in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter subject to the conditions of the FCC Grant.

## Bluetooth Industry Canada Statement

This Class B device meets all requirements of the Canadian interference-causing equipment regulations.

Cet appareil numérique de la Class B respecte toutes les exigences du Règlement sur le matériel brouilleur du Canada.

## BSMI: Taiwan Wireless Statement

### 無線設備的警告聲明

經型式認證合格之低功率射頻電機，非經許可，公司、商號或使用者均不得擅自變更射頻、加大功率或變更原設計之特性及功能。低功率射頻電機之使用不得影響飛航安全及干擾合法通信；經發現有干擾現象時，應立即停用，並改善至無干擾時方得繼續使用。前項合法通信指依電信法規定作業之無線通信。低功率射頻電機須忍受合法通信或工業、科學及醫療用電波輻射性電機設備之干擾。

於 5.25GHz 至 5.35GHz 區域內操作之  
無線設備的警告聲明

工作頻率 5.250 ~ 5.350GHz 該頻段限於室內使用。

## Japan RF Equipment Statement

この製品は、周波数帯域5.15~5.35GHzで動作しているときは、屋内においてのみ使用可能です。

## KC (RF Equipment)

대한민국 규정 및 준수

방통위고시에 따른 고지사항

해당 무선설비는 운용 중 전파혼신 가능성이 있음.

이 기기는 인명안전과 관련된 서비스에 사용할 수 없습니다.

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**DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY**

Per FCC Part 2 Section 2.1077(a)



Responsible Party Name: **Asus Computer International**

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hereby declares that the product

**Product Name : Motherboard**

**Model Number : P8Z77-I DELUXE WD**

Conforms to the following specifications:

- FCC Part 15, Subpart B, Unintentional Radiators

**Supplementary Information:**

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Representative Person's Name : Steve Chang / President

Signature : Steve Chang  
Date : Jun. 25, 2012

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**EC Declaration of Conformity**



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**declare the following apparatus:**

Product name : **Motherboard**  
 Model name : **P8Z77I DELUXE WD**

**conform with the essential requirements of the following directives:**

- 2004/108/EC-EMC Directive**
  - EN 55022:2010
  - EN 55024:2010
  - EN 55013:2001+A1:2003+A2:2006
  - EN 55020:2007+A1:2011

- 2006/95/EC-R & LVD Directive**
  - EN 300.328 V1.7.1(2006-10)
  - EN 301.489-1 V1.6.1(2010-08)
  - EN 300.446-2 V1.4.1(2010-08)
  - EN 301.489-2 V1.1.1(2009-05)
  - EN 301.908-1 V4.2.1(2010-03)
  - EN 301.908-2 V3.2.1(2007-05)
  - EN 301.893 V1.4.1(2005-03)
  - EN 301.893 V1.1.1(2009-01)
  - EN 55069:2005
  - EN 50371:2002
  - EN 55085:2002

- 2006/95/EC-LVD Directive**
  - EN 60950-1/A11:2009
  - EN 60950-1/A12:2011

- 2009/12/EC-EP Directive**
  - Regulation (EC) No. 1275/2008
  - EN 62301:2005
  - Regulation (EC) No. 642/2009
  - EN 62301:2005

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**CE marking**



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Declaration Date: **Jun. 25, 2012**  
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Signature :