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**Motherboard**

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# 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, and
- 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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## 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.

# 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.
- Make sure 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, make sure 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.
- **Chapter 2: Hardware information**  
This chapter lists the hardware setup procedures that you have to perform when installing system components. It includes description of the switches, jumpers, and connectors on the motherboard.
- **Chapter 3: Powering up**  
This chapter describes the power up sequence and ways of shutting down the system.
- **Chapter 4: 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 5: Software support**  
This chapter describes the contents of the support CD that comes with the motherboard package and the software.
- **Chapter 6: ATI CrossFire™ support**  
This chapter describes the ATI CrossFire™ feature and shows the graphics card installation procedures.
- **Appendix: CPU features**  
The Appendix describes the CPU features and technologies that the motherboard supports.

## 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 make sure 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 trying to complete a task.



**CAUTION:** Information to prevent damage to the components when trying to complete 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 (+).

Example: <Ctrl+Alt+D>

**Command**

Means that you must type the command exactly as shown, then supply the required item or value enclosed in brackets.

Example: At the DOS prompt, type the command line:

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afudos /i[filename]
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afudos /iP5BPRE.ROM
```

## P5B Premium Series specifications summary

<b>CPU</b>	LGA775 socket for Intel® Core™2 Quad / Core™2 Extreme / Core™2 Duo / Pentium® Extreme / Pentium® D / Pentium® 4 / Celeron® D Processors Compatible with Intel® 05B/05A/06 processors Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology ready * Refer to <a href="http://www.asus.com">www.asus.com</a> for Intel CPU support list
<b>Chipset</b>	Intel® P965 / ICH8R with Intel® Fast Memory Access Technology
<b>System Bus</b>	1066 / 800 / 533 MHz
<b>Memory</b>	4 x DIMM, max. 8GB, DDR2 800 / 667 / 533 MHz, non-ECC, un-buffered memory Dual channel memory architecture * Refer to <a href="http://www.asus.com">www.asus.com</a> or user manual for Memory QVL (Qualify Vendor List)
<b>Expansion Slots</b>	2 x PCI-E x16 (blue @ x16 mode, black @ x4 or x2 mode) supports CrossFire technology 1 x PCI-E x1 (x1 or disabled mode) 3 x PCI 2.2
<b>Storage</b>	Southbridge - 6 x SATA 3.0 Gb/s ports - Intel Matrix Storage Technology supports RAID 0, 1, 5 and 10.  JMicron® JMB363 PATA and SATA controller - 1 x UltraDMA 133/100/66 for up to 2 PATA devices - 1 x Internal SATA 3.0 Gb/s port - 1 x External SATA 3.0 Gb/s port (SATA On-the-Go) - Support SATA RAID 0, 1 and JBOD (by 1 x External SATA and 1 x Internal SATA)
<b>LAN</b>	Dual Gigabit LAN controllers, both featuring AI NET2 Marvell® PCI-E and PCI Gigabit LAN controllers
<b>Audio</b>	AD1® AD1988B 8-channel High Definition Audio CODEC - Coaxial / Optical S/PDIF out ports at back I/O
<b>IEEE 1394</b>	TI® 1394a controller supports 2 x IEEE 1394a ports (one at midboard; one at back panel)
<b>USB</b>	8 x USB2.0 ports (4 ports at mid-board, 4 ports at back panel)
<b>ASUS AI Lifestyle Unique features</b>	ASUS AI Lifestyle Vista Edition Features: ScreenDUO AI Remote ASAP (ASUS Accelerated Propeller) AP Trigger TPM Support (The TPM module is purchased separately) * ScreenDUO, AI Remote, AP Trigger and TPM can run both in Windows Vista and Windows XP. * ScreenDUO, AI Remote, ASAP and AP Trigger are for P5B Premium Vista Edition only.

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<b>ASUS AI Lifestyle Unique features</b>	<p>ASUS Quiet Thermal Solution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ASUS AI Gear</li><li>- ASUS AI Nap</li><li>- ASUS 8-Phase Power Design</li><li>- ASUS Fanless Design: Heat-pipe solution</li><li>- ASUS Fanless Design: Stack Cool 2</li><li>- ASUS Q-Fan 2</li><li>- ASUS Optional Fan for Water-cooling or Passive-Cooling only</li></ul> <p>ASUS Crystal Sound:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ASUS Noise Filter</li><li>- ASUS Array Mic</li></ul> <p>ASUS EZ DIY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ASUS Q-Connector</li><li>- ASUS O.C. Profile</li><li>- ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3</li><li>- ASUS EZ Flash 2</li><li>- ASUS Power LED</li></ul>
<b>ASUS Exclusive Overclocking Features</b>	<p>Intelligent overclocking tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- AI NOS™ (Non-delay Overclocking System)</li><li>- AI Overclocking (intelligent CPU frequency tuner)</li><li>- ASUS AI Booster utility</li></ul> <p>Precision Tweaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- vCore: Adjustable CPU voltage at 6.25mV increment</li><li>- vDIMM: 13-step DRAM voltage control</li><li>- vChipset: 4-step Chipset voltage control</li></ul> <p>SFS (Stepless Frequency Selection)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- FSB tuning from 100MHz up to 650MHz at 1MHz increment</li><li>- Memory tuning from 533MHz up to 1066MHz</li><li>- PCI Express frequency tuning from 100MHz up to 150MHz at 1MHz increment</li></ul> <p>Overclocking Protection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ASUS C.P.R.(CPU Parameter Recall)</li></ul>
<b>Other Features</b>	<p>ASUS MyLogo2™ Multi-language BIOS</p>
<b>Back Panel I/O Ports</b>	<p>1 x PS/2 Keyboard 1 x PS/2 Mouse 1 x Serial port 1 x S/PDIF Out (Coaxial + Optical) 1 x External SATA 1 x IEEE1394a 2 x RJ45 port 4 x USB 2.0/1.1 8-Channel Audio I/O</p>

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<b>Internal I/O Connectors</b>	<p>2 x USB connectors support additional 4 USB ports            1 x Floppy disk drive connector            1 x IDE connector            1 x TPM connector            7 x SATA connectors            1 x CPU Fan connector            3 x Chassis Fan connector            1 x Power Fan connector            1 x IEEE1394a connector            Front panel audio connector            1 x S/PDIF Out Header            Chassis Intrusion connector            CD audio in            24-pin ATX Power connector            2 x 4-pin ATX 12V Power connector            System Panel</p>
<b>BIOS Features</b>	<p>8 Mb Flash ROM, AMI BIOS, PnP, DMI2.0, WfM2.0, SM BIOS 2.3, ACPI 2.0a, Multi-language BIOS, ASUS EZ Flash 2, ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3</p>
<b>Manageability</b>	<p>WfM 2.0, DMI 2.0, WOL by PME, WOR by PME, PXE</p>
<b>Accessories</b>	<p>ScreenDUO (<i>Vista Edition only</i>)            AI Remote (<i>Vista Edition only</i>)            UltraDMA 133/100/66 cable            FDD cable            SATA cables            SATA power cables            I/O Shield            User's manual            USB2.0 port module            3 in 1 Q-connector (<i>Retail version only</i>)            IEEE1394 port module            Optional Fan for Water-Cooling or Passive-Cooling only            Array Mic</p>
<b>Support CD Contents</b>	<p>Drivers            ASUS PC Probe II            ASUS Update            ASUS AI Suite            Anti-virus software (<i>OEM version</i>)</p>
<b>Form Factor</b>	<p>ATX Form Factor, 12"x 9.6" (30.5cm x 24.4cm)</p>

\*Specifications are subject to change without notice.

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This chapter describes the motherboard features and the new technologies it supports.

# 1 Product introduction

# Chapter summary



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## 1.1 Welcome!

Thank you for buying an ASUS® P5B Premium Series motherboard!

The motherboard delivers a host of new features and latest technologies, making it another standout in the long line of ASUS quality motherboards!

Before you start installing the motherboard, and hardware devices on it, check the items in your package with the list below.

## 1.2 Package contents

Check your motherboard package for the following items.

Motherboard	ASUS P5B Premium Series
I/O modules	1 x Multi-function module (1-port IEEE 1394a module and 2-port USB 2.0 module)
Cables	Serial ATA power cable for 2 devices Serial ATA signal cable for 6 devices 1 x Ultra DMA 133/100/66 cable 1 x Floppy disk drive cable
Accessories	I/O shield ASUS Array Mic ASUS Optional Fan 1 x ASUS Q-Connector Kit (USB, 1394, system panel; Retail version only) 1 x ScreenDUO Kit (ScreenDUO, user guide, support CD, USB cable) <i>(Vista Edition for retail version only)</i> 1 x AI Remote kit <i>(Vista Edition for retail version only)</i>
Application CD	ASUS motherboard support CD
Documentation	User guide



If any of the above items is damaged or missing, contact your retailer.

# 1.3 Special features

## 1.3.1 Product highlights

### Green ASUS



This motherboard and its packaging comply with the European Union's Restriction on the use of Hazardous Substances (RoHS). This is in line with the ASUS vision of creating environment-friendly and recyclable products/packaging to safeguard consumers' health while minimizing the impact on the environment.

### Intel® Quad-core Processor Ready



This motherboard supports the latest Intel® Quad-core processors in the LGA775 package. It is excellent for multi-tasking, multi-media and enthusiastic gamers with 1066 / 800 MHz FSB. Intel® Quad-core processor is one of the most powerful CPU in the world.

### Intel® Core™2 Duo/ Intel® Core™2 Extreme CPU support



This motherboard supports the latest Intel® Core™2 processor in the LGA775 package. With the new Intel® Core™ microarchitecture technology and 1066 / 800 MHz FSB, the Intel® Core™2 is one of the most powerful and energy efficient CPUs in the world.

### Intel P965 Chipset



The Intel® P965 Express Chipset is the latest chipset designed to support 8GB of dual-channel DDR2 800/677/533 architecture, 1066/800 FSB (Front Side Bus), PCI Express x16 graphics and multi-core CPU. It especially includes Intel® Fast Memory Access technology that significantly optimizes the use of available memory bandwidth and reduces the latency of the memory accesses.

### DDR2 memory support



The motherboard supports DDR2 memory that features data transfer rates of 800/667/533 MHz to meet the higher bandwidth requirements of the latest 3D graphics, multimedia, and Internet applications. The dual-channel DDR2 architecture doubles the bandwidth of your system memory to boost system performance, eliminating bottlenecks with peak bandwidths of up to 12.8 GB/s. Furthermore, this motherboard does not restrict the memory size across two channels. Users may install different memory size DIMMs into the two channels and enjoy dual-channel and single-channel functions at the same time. This new feature optimizes the use of available memory size. See page 2-13 for details.

## Serial ATA 3.0 Gb/s technology and SATA-On-The-Go



This motherboard supports the next-generation hard drives based on the Serial ATA (SATA) 3Gb/s storage specification, delivering enhanced scalability and doubling the bus bandwidth for high-speed data retrieval and saves. The external SATA port located at the back I/O provides smart setup and hot-plug functions. Easily backup photos, videos and other entertainment contents to external devices. See pages 2-25, and 2-28 for details.

## Dual RAID solution



The Intel® P965 chipset incorporates six Serial ATA connectors with high performance RAID 0, 1, 5 and 10 functions. The JMicron controller provides another two Serial ATA connectors for RAID 0, 1, and JBOD functions. Making this motherboard an ideal solution to enhance hard disk performance and data back up protection without the cost of add-on cards. See pages 2-28 to 2-30 for details.

## IEEE 1394a support



The IEEE 1394a interface provides high speed digital interface for audio/video appliances such as digital television, digital video camcorders, storage peripherals & other PC portable devices. See pages 2-24 and 2-31 for details.

## S/PDIF digital sound ready



This motherboard provides convenient connectivity to external home theater audio systems via coaxial and optical S/PDIF-out (SONY-PHILIPS Digital Interface) jacks. It allows to transfer digital audio without converting to analog format and keeps the best signal quality. See pages 2-26 and 2-35 for details.

## Dual Gigabit LAN solution



The integrated dual Gigabit LAN design allows a PC to serve as a network gateway for managing traffic between two separate networks. This capability ensures rapid transfer of data from WAN to LAN without any added arbitration or latency. See page 2-24 for details.

## High Definition Audio



Enjoy high-end sound quality on your PC! The onboard 8-channel HD audio (High Definition Audio, previously codenamed Azalia) CODEC enables high-quality 192KHz/24-bit audio output, jack-sensing feature, retasking functions and multi-streaming technology that simultaneously sends different audio streams to different destinations. You can now talk to your partners on the headphone while playing multi-channel network games. See pages 2-24 and 2-25 for details.

## 1.3.2 ASUS AI Lifestyle unique features



### ScreenDUO (Vista Edition only)

The ScreenDUO provides a second display panel to enable you to conveniently view important information without having to start up your PC. The ScreenDUO synchronizes information from the PC or websites, displays RSS messages, meeting schedules and other important information. This saves you the time and the hassle to turn on your PC each time you want to view vital information.

### AI Remote (Vista Edition only)

The revolutionary AI Remote gives you unprecedented control from the comfort of your couch. With just the touch of a button, you can quickly do your usual computer activities such as turn ON/OFF your PC, launch your favorite applications by enabling AP Trigger function, or control AI Gear and AI Nap. The AI Remote also gives you the comfort of a traditional remote on media player. Have an AI Remote in your hand and do more with your PC from a distance! Refer to page 5-25 for details.

### ASAP (ASUS Accelerated Propeller) (Vista Edition only)

ASAP gets you to your destination ASAP. ASAP supports the Windows Vista ReadyBoost™ technology which improves system performance under Windows Vista. Enjoy greater efficiency and get more productivity out of your system. Refer to page 5-38 for details.

### AP Trigger (Vista Edition only)

The AP Trigger allows you to quickly boot or resume directly into media or into your favorite applications. With just a touch of a button on the AI Remote controller, you can quickly turn on your PC and launch predefined applications simultaneously!

### TPM Support

This motherboard supports the Trusted Platform Module (TPM), which provides enhanced data protection via high-level encryption/decryption, and ensures platform integrity. The TPM meets the Windows Vista BitLocker™ Drive Encryption hardware requirement for a more secure working environment.



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The TPM module is purchased separately. Use the ASUS TPM module ONLY!

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## ASUS Quiet Thermal Solution

ASUS Quiet Thermal solution makes system more stable and enhances the overclocking capability.

### AI Gear



AI Gear provides four modes that adjust the CPU frequency and Vcore voltage minimizing system noise and power consumption. You can choose the mode that best suits your computing needs. See page 5-19 for details.

### AI Nap



With AI Nap, the system can continue running at minimum power and noise when you are temporarily away. To wake the system and return to the OS environment, simply click the mouse or press a key. See page 5-20 for details.

### 8-Phase Power Design



The ASUS 8-Phase Power Design provides highly efficient operation to generate less heat (at least 15°C (59°F)) than other conventional power solutions. It reduces input ripple current and output ripple voltage, which keeps CPU and power module from suffering the risk of high power stress. It has the advantages of quick transient response and stability, especially beneficial when CPU requires more current immediately under heavy loading or overclocking mode.

### Fanless Design - Stack Cool 2



ASUS Stack Cool 2 is a fan-less and zero-noise cooling solution that lowers the temperature of critical heat generating components. The motherboard uses a special design on the printed circuit board (PCB) to dissipate heat these critical components generate.

### Fanless Design - Heat-pipe



The Heat Pipe design effectively directs the heat generated by the chipsets to the heatsink near the back IO ports, where it can be carried away by existing airflow from CPU fan or bundled optional fan. The purpose of the innovative heat pipe design on this motherboard is that the groundbreaking fanless design does not have lifetime problems as a chipset fan does. Furthermore, it provides options for users to install side-flow fan or passive cooler. The Heat Pipe design is the most reliable fanless thermal solution to date.

### **Optional Fan (for Water-Cooling or Passive-Cooling only)**



The optional fan is specifically designed to provide sufficient airflow over the CPU power modules and chipset area when water-cooling or passive-cooling is utilized, ensuring effective heat dissipation for the entire system. See page 2-38 for details.

### **Q-Fan 2**



ASUS Q-Fan2 technology intelligently adjusts both CPU fan and chassis fan speeds according to system loading to ensure quiet, cool and efficient operation. See page 4-29, 4-30 and 5-23 for details.

## **ASUS Crystal Sound**

This feature can enhance speech-centric applications like Skype, online game, video conference and recording.

### **ASUS Array Mic**



The Bundled Superbeam Array Microphone receives only the sound coming from the reception cone and ignores the sounds coming from other directions. This mechanism eliminates a large number of interferences, including neighboring speakers and reverberations. It also uses advanced de-reverberation techniques to reduce echo and minimize its effect on the speech engine. This feature can enhance speech-centric applications like Skype, online game, video conference, and recording. See page 5-37 for details.

### **Noise Filter**



This feature detects repetitive and stationary noises (non-voice signals) like computer fans, air conditioners, and other background noises then eliminates it in the incoming audio stream while recording. See page 5-37 for details.

## **ASUS EZ DIY**

ASUS EZ DIY feature collection provides you easy ways to install computer components, update the BIOS or back up your favorite settings.

### **ASUS Q-Connector**



ASUS Q-Connector allows you to easily connect or disconnect the chassis front panel cables to the motherboard. This unique module eliminates the trouble of connecting the system panel cables one at a time and avoiding wrong cable connections. See page 2-37 for details.

### **ASUS O.C. Profile**

The motherboard features the ASUS O.C. Profile that allows users to conveniently store or load multiple BIOS settings. The BIOS settings can be stored in the CMOS or a separate file, giving users freedom to share and distribute their favorite settings. See page 4-37 for details.

### **ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3**

The ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 allows users to restore corrupted BIOS data from a USB flash disk containing the BIOS file. See page 4-8 for details.

### **ASUS EZ Flash 2**

EZ Flash 2 is a user-friendly BIOS update utility. Simply press the predefined hotkey to launch the utility and update the BIOS without entering the OS. Update your BIOS easily without preparing a bootable diskette or using an OS-based flash utility. See pages 4-5 and 4-36 for details.

### **ASUS Power LED**

The motherboard comes with a newly designed ASUS Power LED that lights up in two colors to show the system power status. Blue indicates that the system is in sleep/soft-off mode and red indicates that the system is ON. The ASUS Power LED helps remind you to shut down the system and unplug the power cable before removing or plugging in any motherboard component. See page 2-1 for details.

## **1.3.3 ASUS Special features**

### **ASUS MyLogo2™**

This feature allows you to convert your favorite photo into a 256-color boot logo for a more colorful and vivid image on your screen. See page 4-32 and 5-9 for details.

### **ASUS Multi-language BIOS**

The multi-language BIOS allows you to select the language of your choice from the available options. The localized BIOS setup menu helps you configure your system easier and faster. See page 4-12 for details.

### 1.3.4 ASUS Intelligent Overclocking features

#### AI NOS™ (Non-Delay Overclocking System)



The patented ASUS Non-delay Overclocking System™ (AI NOS™) technology auto-detects the CPU loading and dynamically overclocks the CPU speed when needed. Unlike other dynamic overclocking techniques, AI NOS™ reacts much faster to satisfy your need for speed. See page 4-16 and 5-22 for details.

#### Precision Tweaker



This feature allows you to fine tune the CPU/memory voltage and gradually increase the memory Front Side Bus (FSB) and PCI Express frequency at 1MHz increment to achieve maximum system performance.

#### C.P.R. (CPU Parameter Recall)



The C.P.R. feature of the motherboard BIOS allows automatic re-setting to the BIOS default settings in case the system hangs due to overclocking. When the system hangs due to overclocking, C.P.R. eliminates the need to open the system chassis and clear the RTC data. Simply shut down and reboot the system, and the BIOS automatically restores the CPU default setting for each parameter.



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Due to the chipset behavior, AC power off is required before using C.P.R. function.

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### 1.3.5 ASUS features and the supporting OS

Refer to the following table for the OS that supports ASUS features.

	Win 2000	XP 32bit	XP 64bit	Vista 32bit	Vista 64bit
ScreenDUO		v	v	v	v
AI Remote		v	v	v	v
AP Trigger		v	v	v	v
ASAP	Function as USB flash only			v	v
AI NOS	v	v	v	v	v
AI Gear	v	v	v	v	v
AI Nap	v	v	v	v	v
AI Booster	v	v	v	v	v
Array Mic	v	v	v	v	v
Noise Filter	v	v	v	v	v
SoundMAX	v	v	v	□	□
PC Probe II	v	v	v	v	v
AI NET 2	v	v	v	v	v



Features with □ mark will be available later. You may download the utility and the driver from the ASUS website ([support.asus.com](http://support.asus.com)).



This chapter lists the hardware setup procedures that you have to perform when installing system components. It includes description of the jumpers and connectors on the motherboard.

# Hardware information

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## 2.1 Before you proceed

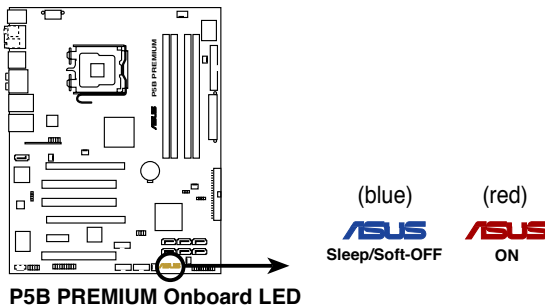
Take note of the following precautions before you install motherboard components or change any motherboard settings.



- Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
- Use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safely grounded object or a metal object, such as the power supply case, before handling components 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, and/or components.

### Onboard LED

The motherboard comes with a newly designed ASUS Power LED that lights up in two colors to show the system power status. Blue indicates that the system is in sleep/soft-off mode and red indicates that the system is ON. The ASUS Power LED helps remind you to shut down the system and unplug the power cable before removing or plugging in any motherboard component.



## 2.2 Motherboard overview

Before you install the motherboard, study the configuration of your chassis to ensure that the motherboard fits into it.



Make sure to unplug the power cord before installing or removing the motherboard. Failure to do so can cause you physical injury and damage motherboard components.

### 2.2.1 Placement direction

When installing the motherboard, make sure that you place it into the chassis in the correct orientation. The edge with external ports goes to the rear part of the chassis as indicated in the image below.

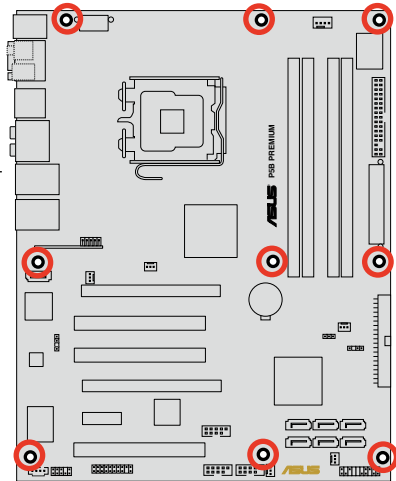
### 2.2.2 Screw holes

Place nine (9) screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.

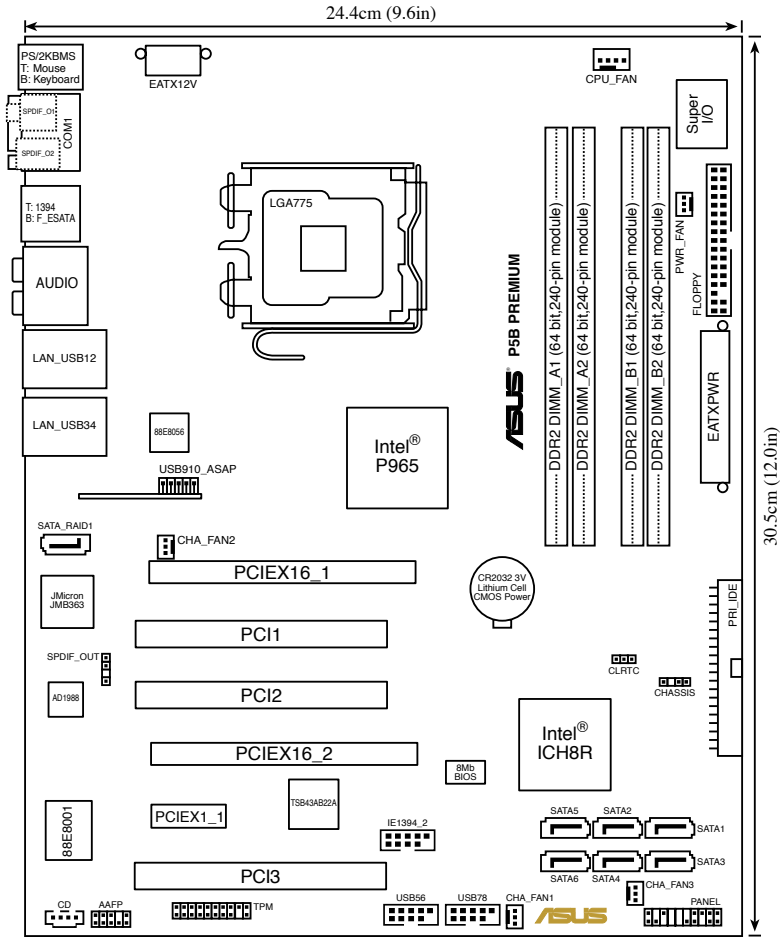


DO NOT overtighten the screws! Doing so can damage the motherboard.

Place this side towards  
the rear of the chassis



## 2.2.3 Motherboard layout



Refer to **2.7 Connectors** for more information about rear panel connectors and internal connectors.

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## 2.3 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

The motherboard comes with a surface mount LGA775 socket designed for the Intel® Core™2 Quad/ Core™2/ Pentium® D/ Pentium® 4/ Pentium® Extreme and Celeron® D processors.



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- Make sure that all power cables are unplugged before installing the CPU.
  - If installing a dual-core CPU, connect the chassis fan cable to the CHA\_FAN1 connector to ensure system stability.
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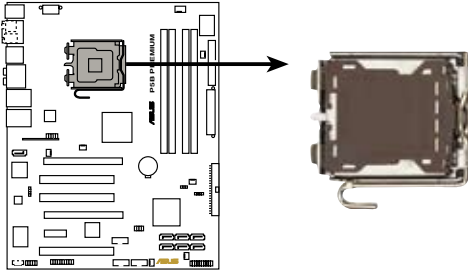


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- Upon purchase of the motherboard, make sure that the PnP cap is on the socket and the socket contacts are not bent. Contact your retailer immediately if the PnP cap is missing, or if you see any damage to the PnP cap/socket contacts/motherboard components. 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 LGA775 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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## 2.3.1 Installing the CPU

To install a CPU:

1. Locate the CPU socket on the motherboard.

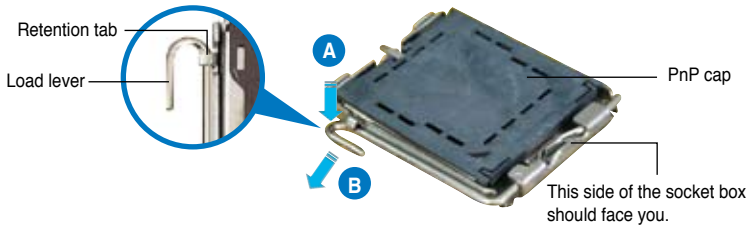


**P5B PREMIUM CPU Socket 775**



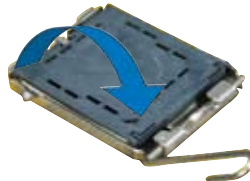
Before installing the CPU, make sure that the cam box is facing towards you and the load lever is on your left.

2. Press the load lever with your thumb (A), then move it to the left (B) until it is released from the retention tab.

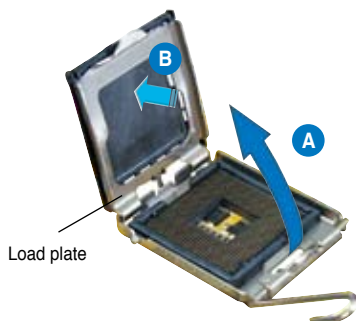


To prevent damage to the socket pins, do not remove the PnP cap unless you are installing a CPU.

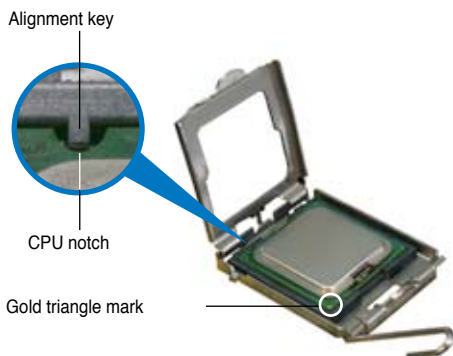
3. Lift the load lever in the direction of the arrow to a 135° angle.



- Lift the load plate with your thumb and forefinger to a 100° angle (A), then push the PnP cap from the load plate window to remove (B).



- Position the CPU over the socket, making sure that the gold triangle is on the bottom-left corner of the socket then fit the socket alignment key into the CPU notch.



The CPU fits in only one correct orientation. DO NOT force the CPU into the socket to prevent bending the connectors on the socket and damaging the CPU!

- Close the load plate (A), then push the load lever (B) until it snaps into the retention tab.
- If installing a dual-core CPU, connect the chassis fan cable to the CHA\_FAN1 connector to ensure system stability.



The motherboard supports Intel® LGA775 processors with the Intel® Enhanced Memory 64 Technology (EM64T), Enhanced Intel SpeedStep® Technology (EIST), and Hyper-Threading Technology. Refer to the Appendix for more information on these CPU features.

## 2.3.2 Installing the CPU heatsink and fan

The Intel® LGA775 processor requires a specially designed heatsink and fan assembly to ensure optimum thermal condition and performance.



- When you buy a boxed Intel® processor, the package includes the CPU fan and heatsink assembly. If you buy a CPU separately, make sure that you use only Intel®-certified multi-directional heatsink and fan.
- Your Intel® LGA775 heatsink and fan assembly comes in a push-pin design and requires no tool to install.
- If you purchased a separate CPU heatsink and fan assembly, make sure that you have properly applied Thermal Interface Material to the CPU heatsink or CPU before you install the heatsink and fan assembly.



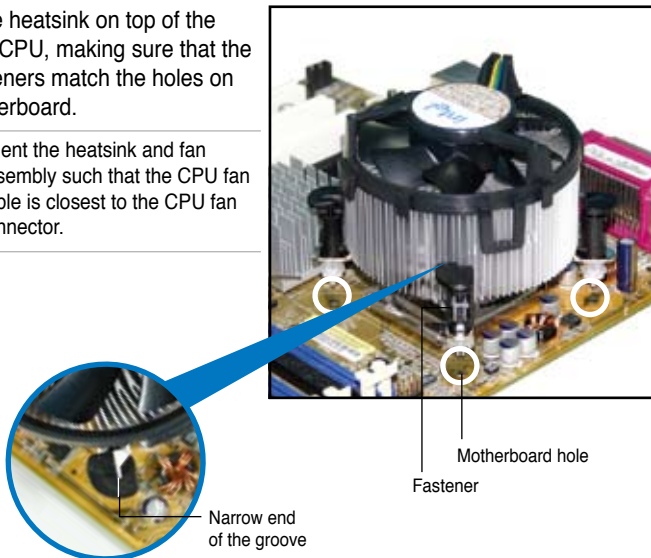
Make sure that you have installed the motherboard to the chassis before you install the CPU fan and heatsink assembly.

To install the CPU heatsink and fan:

1. Place the heatsink on top of the installed CPU, making sure that the four fasteners match the holes on the motherboard.

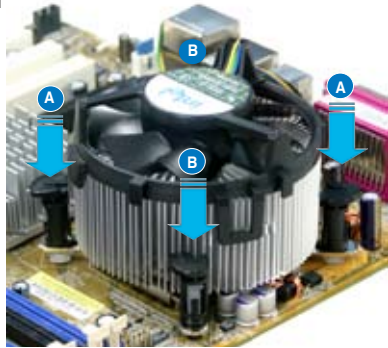
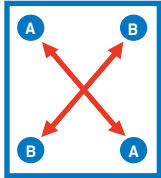


Orient the heatsink and fan assembly such that the CPU fan cable is closest to the CPU fan connector.

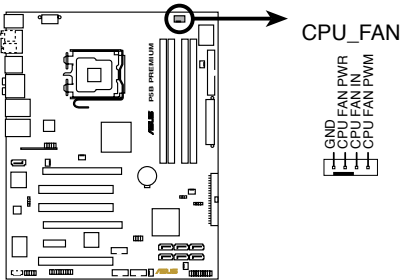


Make sure to orient each fastener with the narrow end of the groove pointing outward. (The photo shows the groove shaded for emphasis.)

2. Push down two fasteners at a time in a diagonal sequence to secure the heatsink and fan assembly in place.



3. Connect the CPU fan cable to the connector on the motherboard labeled CPU\_FAN.



**P5B PREMIUM CPU fan connector**



DO NOT forget to connect the CPU fan connector! Hardware monitoring errors can occur if you fail to plug this connector.

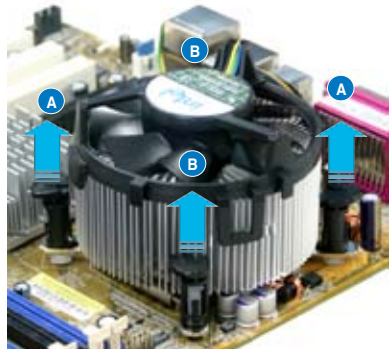
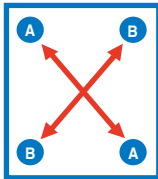
### 2.3.3 Uninstalling the CPU heatsink and fan

To uninstall the CPU heatsink and fan:

1. Disconnect the CPU fan cable from the connector on the motherboard.
2. Rotate each fastener counterclockwise.



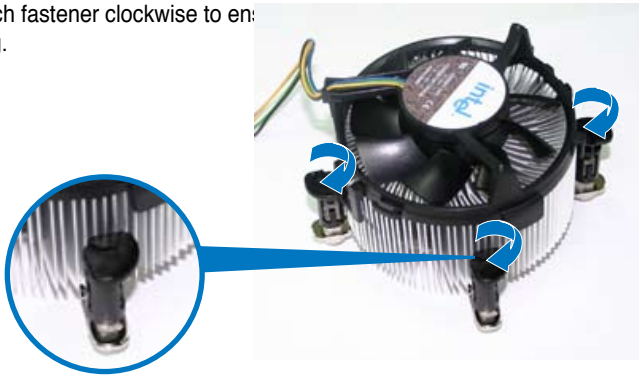
3. Pull up two fasteners at a time in a diagonal sequence to disengage the heatsink and fan assembly from the motherboard.



4. Carefully remove the heatsink and fan assembly from the motherboard.



- 5. Rotate each fastener clockwise to ensure proper reinstallation.



The narrow end of the groove should point outward after resetting. (The photo shows the groove shaded for emphasis.)

Narrow end of the groove



Refer to the documentation in the boxed or stand-alone CPU fan package for detailed information on CPU fan installation.



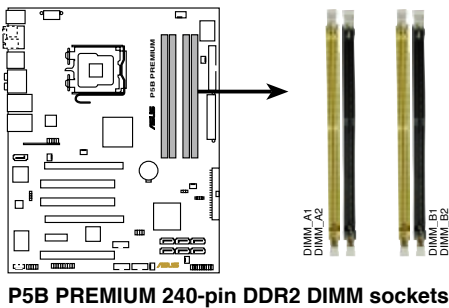
## 2.4 System memory

### 2.4.1 Overview

The motherboard comes with four Double Data Rate 2 (DDR2) Dual Inline Memory Modules (DIMM) sockets.

A DDR2 module has the same physical dimensions as a DDR DIMM but has a 240-pin footprint compared to the 184-pin DDR DIMM. DDR2 DIMMs are notched differently to prevent installation on a DDR DIMM socket.

The figure illustrates the location of the DDR2 DIMM sockets:



Channel	Sockets
Channel A	DIMM_A1 and DIMM_A2
Channel B	DIMM_B1 and DIMM_B2

### 2.4.2 Memory configurations

You may install 256 MB, 512 MB, 1 GB, and 2 GB unbuffered non-ECC DDR2 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.
- Always install DIMMs with the same CAS latency. For optimum compatibility, it is recommended that you obtain memory modules from the same vendor.
- Due to chipset resource allocation, the system may detect less than 8 GB system memory when you installed four 2 GB DDR2 memory modules.
- This motherboard does not support memory modules made up of 128 Mb chips or double sided x16 memory modules.



- If you install four 1 GB memory modules, the system may detect less than 3 GB of total memory because of address space allocation for other critical functions. This limitation applies to Windows XP 32-bit version operating system since it does not support PAE (Physical Address Extension) mode.
- If you install Windows XP 32-bit version operating system, we recommend that you install less than 3GB of total memory.

#### Notes on memory limitations

- Due to chipset limitation, this motherboard can only support up to 8 GB on the operating systems listed below. You may install a maximum of 2 GB DIMMs on each slot, but only DDR2-533 and DDR2-667 2 GB density modules are available for this configuration.

32-bit	64-bit
Windows 2000 Advanced Server	Windows XP Professional x64 Edition
	Windows Vista x64 Edition

- Some old-version DDR2-800/667 DIMMs may not match Intel®'s On-Die-Termination (ODT) requirement and will automatically downgrade to run at DDR2-533. If this happens, contact your memory vendor to check the ODT value.
- Due to chipset limitation, DDR2-800 with CL=4 will be downgraded to run at DDR2-667 by default setting. If you want to operate with lower latency, adjust the memory timing manually.
- Due to chipset limitation, DDR2-667 with CL=3 will be downgraded to run at DDR2-533 by default setting. If you want to operate with lower latency, adjust the memory timing manually.

## P5B Premium Series Motherboard Qualified Vendors Lists (QVL) DDR2-800MHz capability

Size	Vendor	Chip No.	SS/ DS	Part No.	DIMM support		
					A*	B*	C*
512MB	KINGSTON	K4T51083QC	SS	KVR800D2N5/512	v	v	v
1024MB	KINGSTON	K4T51083QC	DS	KVR800D2N5/1G	v	v	v
1024MB	KINGSTON	Heat-Sink Package	DS	KHX6400D2LL/1G	v	v	v
1024MB	KINGSTON	Heat-Sink Package	SS	KHX6400D2LLK2/1GN	v	v	v
2048MB	KINGSTON	Heat-Sink Package	DS	KHX6400D2K2/2G	v	v	v
512MB	Qimonda	HYB18T256800AF25F	DS	HYS64T64020HU-25F-A	v	v	v
256MB	Qimonda	HYB18T512160BF25F	SS	HYS64T32000HU-25F-B	v	v	v
512MB	Qimonda	HYB18T512800BF25F	SS	HYS64T64000HU-25F-B	v	v	v
1024MB	Qimonda	HYB18T512800BF25F	DS	HYS64T128020HU-25F-B	v	v	v
512MB	SAMSUNG	EDD339XX	SS	M378T6553CZ3-CE7	v	v	v
256MB	SAMSUNG	K4T51163QC-ZCE7	SS	M378T3354CZ3-CE7	v	v	v
512MB	SAMSUNG	ZCE7K4T51083QC	SS	M378T6553CZ3-CE7	v	v	v
1024MB	SAMSUNG	ZCE7K4T51083QC	DS	M378T2953CZ3-CE7	v	v	v
512MB	Hynix	HY5PS12821BFP-S5	SS	HYMP564U64BP8-S5	v	v	v

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1024MB	Hynix	HY5PS12821BFP-S5	DS	HYMP512U64BP8-S5	v	v	v
512MB	Hynix	HY5PS12821CFP-S5	SS	HYMP564U64CP8-S5	v	v	v
1024MB	Hynix	HY5PS12821CFP-S5	DS	HYMP512U64CP8-S5	v	v	v
512MB	MICRON	5JAIJ9DQQ	SS	MT8HTF6464AY-80EA3	v	v	v
1024MB	MICRON	5JAIJ9DQQ	DS	MT16HTF12864AY-80EA3	v	v	v
512MB	MICRON	5ZD22D9GKX	SS	MT8HTF6464AY-80ED4	v	v	v
1024MB	MICRON	5ZD22D9GKX	DS	MT16HTF12864AY-80ED4	v	v	v
512MB	MICRON	6CD22D9GKX	SS	MT8HTF6464AY-80ED4	v	v	v
1024MB	MICRON	6CD22D9GKX	DS	MT16HTF12864AY-80ED4	v	v	v
512MB	CORSAIR	Heat-Sink Package	SS	CM2X512A-6400	v	v	v
1024MB	CORSAIR	Heat-Sink Package	DS	CM2X1024-6400C4	v	v	v
1024MB	ELPIDA	E1108AB-8E-E(ECC)	SS	EBE10EE8ABFA-8E-E	v	v	v
2048MB	ELPIDA	E1108AB-8E-E(ECC)	DS	EBE21EE8ABFA-8E-E	v	v	v
512MB	A-DATA	N/A	SS	M20AD6G3H3160J1E52	v	v	v
512MB	A-DATA	AD29608A8A-25EG	SS	M20AD6G3H3160H1E5E	v	v	v
1024MB	A-DATA	AD29608A8A-25EG	DS	M20AD6G3I4170G1E53	v	v	v
1024MB	A-DATA	K4T51083QC(ECC)	DS	M20AD6G3I4170G1E53	v	v	v
512MB	Crucial	Heat-Sink Package	SS	BL6464AA804.8FD	v	v	v
512MB	Crucial	Heat-Sink Package	SS	BL6464AA804.8FD3	v	v	v
1024MB	Crucial	Heat-Sink Package	DS	BL12864AA804.16FD	v	v	v
1024MB	Crucial	Heat-Sink Package	DS	BL12864AL804.16FD3	v	v	v
1024MB	Crucial	Heat-Sink Package	DS	BL12864AA804.16FD3	v	v	v
512MB	Apacer	Heat-Sink Package	DS	AHU512E800C5K1C	v	v	v
1024MB	Apacer	Heat-Sink Package	DS	AHU01GE800C5K1C	v	v	v
512MB	Transcend	K4T51083QC	SS	TS64MLQ64V8J	v	v	v
1024MB	Transcend	K4T51083QC	DS	TS128MLQ64V8J	v	v	v
512MB	KINGMAX	KKEA88B4LZUG-25DF	SS	KLDC28F-A8KB5	v	v	v
1024MB	KINGMAX	KKEA88B4LZUG-25DF	DS	KLDD48F-A8KB5	v	v	v
256MB	TwinMOS	E2508AB-GE-E	SS	8G-24IK2-EBT	v	v	v
512MB	CENTURY	E2508AB-GE-E	DS	28V2S8	v	v	v
512MB	Aeneon	AET93F25DB	SS	AET660UD00-25DB98X	v	v	v
1024MB	Aeneon	AET93R25DB	DS	AET760UD00-25DB97X	v	v	v
512MB	Elixir	N2TU51280AE-25C	SS	M2Y51264TU88A2B-25C	v	v	v
1024MB	Elixir	N2TU51280BE-25C	DS	M2Y1G64TU8HB0B-25C	v	v	v
512MB	Kingbox	EPD264082200-3KI0629	SS	N/A	v	v	v
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512MB	NANYA	NT5TU64M8BE-25C	SS	NT512T64U880BY-25C	v	v	v
1024MB	NANYA	NT5TU64M8BE-25C	DS	NT1GT64U8HB0BY-25C	v	v	v
1024MB	OCZ	Heat-Sink Package	DS	OCZ2T8002GK	v	v	v
512MB	UMAX	U2S12D30TP-8E	SS	53014066-7100B	v	v	v
1024MB	UMAX	U2S12D30TP-8E	DS	53016042-7100B	v	v	v

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Size	Vendor	Chip No.	SS/ DS	Part No.	DIMM support		
					A*	B*	C*
256MB	KINGSTON	HYB18T256800AF3	SS	KVR667D2N5/256	v	v	v
512MB	KINGSTON	D6408TEBGG3U	SS	KVR667D2N5/512	v	v	v
1024MB	KINGSTON	D6408TEBGG3U	DS	KVR667D2N5/1G	v	v	v
256MB	KINGSTON	HYB18T256800AF3S	SS	KVR667D2N5/256	v	v	v
256MB	Qimonda	HYB18T512160AF-3S	SS	HYS64T32000HU-3S-A	v	v	v
512MB	Qimonda	HYB18T512800AF3S	SS	HYS64T64000HU-3S-A	v	v	v
256MB	Qimonda	HYB18T512160BF-3S	SS	HYS64T32000HU-3S-B	v	v	v
512MB	Qimonda	HYB18T512800BF3S	SS	HYS64T64000HU-3S-B	v	v	v
1024MB	Qimonda	HYB18T512800BF3S	DS	HYS64T128020HU-3S-B	v	v	v
512MB	SAMSUNG	ZCE6K4T51083QC	SS	M378T6553CZ0-CE6	v	v	v
256MB	SAMSUNG	K4T51163QC-ZCE6	SS	M378T3354CZ3-CE6	v	v	v
512MB	SAMSUNG	K4T51083QC	SS	M378T6553CZ3-CE6	v	v	v
1024MB	SAMSUNG	ZCE6K4T51083QC	DS	M378T2953CZ3-CE6	v	v	v
512MB	Hynix	HY5PS12821AFP-Y5	SS	HYMP564U64AP8-Y5	v	v	v
512MB	Hynix	HY5PS12821AFP-Y4	SS	HYMP564U64AP8-Y4	v	v	v
256MB	CORSAIR	MIII00605	SS	VS256MB667D2	v	v	v
512MB	CORSAIR	64M8CFEG	SS	VS512MB667D2	v	v	v
1024MB	CORSAIR	64M8CFEG	DS	VS1GB667D2	v	v	v
256MB	ELPIDA	E2508AB-6E-E	SS	EBE25UC8ABFA-6E-E	v	v	v
512MB	ELPIDA	E5108AE-6E-E	SS	EBE51UD8AEFA-6E-E	v	v	v
512MB	A-DATA	AD29608A8A-3EG	SS	M2OAD5G3H3166H1C52	v	v	v
1024MB	A-DATA	AD29608A8A-3EG	DS	M2OAD5G3H4176H1C52	v	v	v
512MB	crucial	Heat-Sink Package	SS	BL6464AA663.8FD	v	v	v
1024MB	crucial	Heat-Sink Package	DS	BL12864AA663.16FD	v	v	v
1024MB	crucial	Heat-Sink Package	DS	BL12864AL664.16FD	v	v	v
1024MB	crucial	Heat-Sink Package	DS	BL12864AA663.16FD2	v	v	v
512MB	Apacer	AM4B5708GQJ57E0628F	SS	AU512E667C5KBGC	v	v	v
1024MB	Apacer	AM4B5708GQJ57E	DS	AU01GE667C5KBGC	v	v	v
512MB	Kingmax	KKEA88B4LAUG-29DX	SS	KLCC28F-A8KB5	v	v	v
1024MB	Kingmax	KKEA88B4LAUG-29DX	DS	KLCD48F-A8KB5	v	v	v
512MB	Transcend	E5108AE-6E-E	SS	TS64MLQ64V6J	v	v	v
1024MB	Transcend	E5108AE-6E-E	DS	TS128MLQ64V6J	v	v	v
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512MB	Super Talent	Heat-Sink Package	SS	T6UA512C5	v	v	v
1024MB	Super Talent	Heat-Sink Package	DS	T6UB1GC5	v	v	v
512MB	SMART	G64M8XB3ITIX4TUE	SS	TB3D2667C58S	v	v	v
512MB	SMART	G64M8XB3ITIX4TUE	DS	TB4D2667C58D	v	v	v
512MB	Veritech	VTD264M8PC5G	SS	GTP512HMTM45EG	v	v	v
1024MB	Veritech	VTD264M8PC5G	DS	GTP01GHMTM55EG	v	v	v
512MB	TwinMOS	TMM6208G8M30C	SS	8D-23JK5M2ETP	v	v	v
2048MB	NANYA	NT5TU128M8BJ-3C	DS	NT2GT64U8H30BY-3C	v	v	v
512MB	NANYA	NT5TU64M8BE-3C	SS	NT512T64U88B0BY-3C	v	v	v
512MB	Aeneon	AET93F30DA	SS	AET660UD00-30DA98Z	v	v	v
1024MB	Aeneon	AET93F30DA	DS	AET760UD00-30DA98Z	v	v	v
512MB	Aeneon	AET93R300B	SS	AET660UD00-30DB97X	v	v	v
1024MB	Aeneon	AET93R30DB	DS	AET760UD00-30B97X	v	v	v
512MB	Kingbox	EPD264082200-4KI0629	SS	N/A	v	v	v
1024MB	Kingbox	EPD264082200-4KI0629	DS	N/A	v	v	v
512MB	UMAX	U2S12D30TP-6E	SS	53014053-7100B	v	v	v
1024MB	UMAX	U2S12D30TP-6E	DS	53016035-7100B	v	v	v

## P5B Premium Series Motherboard Qualified Vendors Lists (QVL) DDR2-533 MHz capability

Size	Vendor	Chip No.	SS/ DS	Part No.	DIMM support		
					A*	B*	C*
256MB	KINGSTON	E5116AF-5C-E	SS	KVR533D2N4/256	v	v	v
512MB	KINGSTON	HYB18T512800AF37	SS	KVR533D2N4/512	v	v	v
1024MB	KINGSTON	5YDIID9GCT	DS	KVR533D2N4/1G	v	v	v
512MB	Qimonda	HYB18T512800BF37	SS	HYS64T64000HU-3.7-B	v	v	v
1024MB	Qimonda	HYB18T512800BF37	DS	HYS64T128020HU-3.7-B	v	v	v
256MB	SAMSUNG	K4T51163QC-ZCD5	SS	M378T3354CZ3-CD5	v	v	v
512MB	SAMSUNG	ZCD5K4T51083QC	SS	M378T6553CZ3-CD5	v	v	v
1024MB	SAMSUNG	ZCD5K4T51083QC	DS	M378T2953CZ3-CD5	v	v	v
256MB	CORSAIR	32M16CEDG	SS	VS256MB533D2	v	v	v
1024MB	CORSAIR	64M8CEDG	DS	VS1GB533D2	v	v	v
512MB	ELPIDA	E5108AB-5C-E	SS	EBE51UD8ABFA-5C-E	v	v	v
512MB	KINGMAX	E5108AE-5C-E	SS	KLBC28F-A8EB4	v	v	v
1024MB	KINGMAX	E5108AE-5C-E	DS	KLBD48F-A8EB4	v	v	v
512MB	KINGMAX	KKEA88E4AAK-37	SS	KLBC28F-A8KE4	v	v	v
1024MB	KINGMAX	5MB22D9DCN	DS	KLBD48F-A8ME4	v	v	v
512MB	Super Talent	Heat-Sink Package	SS	T5UA512C4	v	v	v
256MB	CENTURY	K4T56083QF-GCD5	SS	25V6S8SSD5F4-K43	v	v	v
512MB	CENTURY	E5108AB-5C-E	SS	25V2H8EL5CB4-J43	v	v	v
512MB	Aeneon	AET93R370B	SS	AET660UD00-370B97X	v	v	v
512MB	Aeneon	AET93F370A	SS	AET660UD00-370A98Z	v	v	v
512MB	Aeneon	AET93F370A	SS	AET660UD00-370A98X	v	v	v
1024MB	Aeneon	AET93F370A	DS	AET760UD00-370A98Z	v	v	v
1024MB	Aeneon	AET92F370A	DS	AET760UD00-370A98S	v	v	v
1024MB	Aeneon	AET93R370B	DS	AET760UD00-370B97X	v	v	v
1024MB	PQI	64MX8D2-E	DS	MEAB-323LA	v	v	v
512MB	PQI	64MX8D2-E	SS	MEAB-423LA	v	v	v
512MB	TwinMOS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	SS	8D-22JB5-K2T	v	v	v
256MB	SimpleTech	858S032F25A	SS	SVM-42DR2/256	v	v	v
512MB	SimpleTech	858S064F25A	SS	SVM-42DR2/512	v	v	v
1024MB	Patriot	Heat-Sink Package	SS	PDC21G5600+XBLK	v	v	v
256MB	Patriot	PM32M16D2B-3.7KC	SS	PSD2256533	v	v	v
512MB	Patriot	PM64M8D2B-3.7KC	SS	PSD2512533	v	v	v
1024MB	Patriot	PM64M8D2B-3.7KC	DS	PSD21G5332	v	v	v
512MB	UMAX	U2S12D30TP-5C	SS	53014051-7100	v	v	v
1024MB	UMAX	U2S12D30TP-5C	DS	53016057-7100	v	v	v
512MB	Veritech	VTD264M8PC6G	SS	GTP512HLTM46DG	v	v	v
1024MB	Veritech	VTD264M8PC6G	DS	GTP01GHMTM56DG	v	v	v

SS - Single-sided DS - Double-sided

DIMM support:

- A - Supports one module inserted into either slot, in Single-channel memory configuration.
- B - Supports one pair of modules inserted into either Channel A or Channel B as one pair of Dual-channel memory configuration.
- C - Supports four modules inserted into the yellow and black slots as two pairs of Dual-channel memory configuration.



Visit the ASUS website for the latest DDR2-800/667/533 MHz QVL.

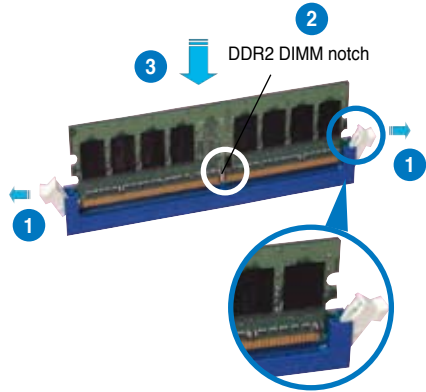
### 2.4.3 Installing a DIMM



Unplug the power supply before adding or removing DIMMs or other system components. Failure to do so can cause severe damage to both the motherboard and the components.

To install a DIMM:

1. Unlock a DIMM socket by pressing the retaining clips outward.
2. Align a DIMM on the socket such that the notch on the DIMM matches the break on the socket.
3. Firmly insert the DIMM into the socket until the retaining clips snap back in place and the DIMM is properly seated.



Unlocked retaining clip



- A DDR2 DIMM is keyed with a notch so that it fits in only one direction. Do not force a DIMM into a socket to avoid damaging the DIMM.
- The DDR2 DIMM sockets do not support DDR DIMMs. Do not install DDR DIMMs to the DDR2 DIMM sockets.

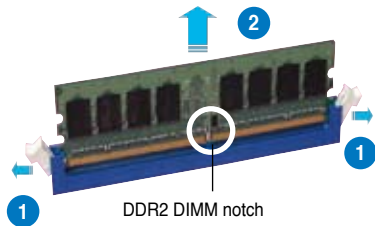
### 2.4.4 Removing a DIMM

To remove a DIMM:

1. Simultaneously press the retaining clips outward to unlock the DIMM.



Support the DIMM lightly with your fingers when pressing the retaining clips. The DIMM might get damaged when it flips out with extra force.



2. Remove the DIMM from the socket.

## 2.5 Expansion slots

In the future, you may need to install expansion cards. The following sub-sections describe the slots and the expansion cards that they support.



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

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### 2.5.1 Installing an expansion card

To install an expansion card:

1. Before installing the expansion card, read the documentation that came with it and make the necessary hardware settings for the card.
2. Remove the system unit cover (if your motherboard is already installed in a chassis).
3. Remove the bracket opposite the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screw for later use.
4. Align the card connector with the slot and press firmly until the card is completely seated on the slot.
5. Secure the card to the chassis with the screw you removed earlier.
6. Replace the system cover.

### 2.5.2 Configuring an expansion card

After installing the expansion card, configure it by adjusting the software settings.

1. Turn on the system and change the necessary BIOS settings, if any. See Chapter 4 for information on BIOS setup.
2. Assign an IRQ to the card. Refer to the tables on the next page.
3. Install the software drivers for the expansion card.



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When using PCI cards on shared slots, ensure that the drivers support "Share IRQ" or that the cards do not need IRQ assignments. Otherwise, conflicts will arise between the two PCI groups, making the system unstable and the card inoperable. Refer to the table on the next page for details.

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## 2.5.3 Interrupt assignments

### Standard interrupt assignments

IRQ	Priority	Standard Function
0	1	System Timer
1	2	Keyboard Controller
2	—	Re-direct to IRQ#9
3	11	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
4	12	Communications Port (COM1)*
5	13	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
6	14	Floppy Disk Controller
7	15	Printer Port (LPT1)*
8	3	System CMOS/Real Time Clock
9	4	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
10	5	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
11	6	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
12	7	PS/2 Compatible Mouse Port*
13	8	Numeric Data Processor
14	9	Primary IDE Channel
15	10	Secondary IDE Channel

\* These IRQs are usually available for PCI devices.

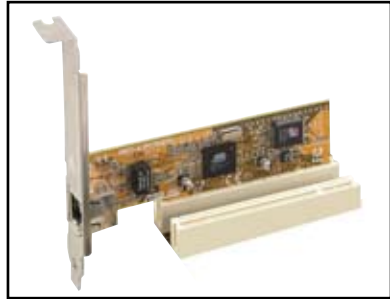
### IRQ assignments for this motherboard

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
PCI slot 1	—	—	—	—	—	used	—	—
PCI slot 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	shared	—
PCI slot 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	shared
LAN(8001)	—	—	—	shared	—	—	—	—
SATA(363)	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
LAN(8056)	—	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—
PCIe x16 1	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PCIe x16 2	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PCIe x1	—	—	shared	—	—	—	—	—
USB controller 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	shared
USB controller 2	—	—	—	shared	—	—	—	—
USB controller 3	—	—	shared	—	—	—	—	—
USB controller 4	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
USB controller 5	—	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—
USB 2.0 controller 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	shared
USB 2.0 controller 2	—	—	shared	—	—	—	—	—
SATA controller 1	—	—	shared	—	—	—	—	—
SATA controller 2	—	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—



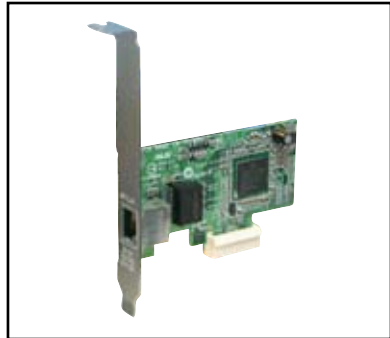
## 2.5.4 PCI slots

The PCI slots support cards such as a LAN card, SCSI card, USB card, and other cards that comply with PCI specifications. The figure shows a LAN card installed on a PCI slot.



## 2.5.5 PCI Express x1 slot

This motherboard supports PCI Express x1 network cards, SCSI cards and other cards that comply with the PCI Express specifications. The following figure shows a network card installed on the PCI Express x1 slot.



## 2.5.6 Two PCI Express x16 slots

This motherboard supports two ATI CrossFire™ PCI Express x16 graphics cards that comply with the PCI Express specifications. The figure shows two graphics cards installed on the PCI Express x16 slots.

See Chapter 6 for details on the CrossFire™ technology feature.





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- We recommend that you install a graphics card on the primary (blue) PCI Express slot and install other PCI Express devices on the black PCI Express x16 slot.
  - In CrossFire™ mode, install the ATI CrossFire™ Edition (Master) graphics card on the primary (blue) PCI Express slot.
  - Install two ATI graphics cards from the same GPU family that support CrossFire™ mode.
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## 2.6 Jumper

### 1. Clear RTC RAM (CLRRTC)

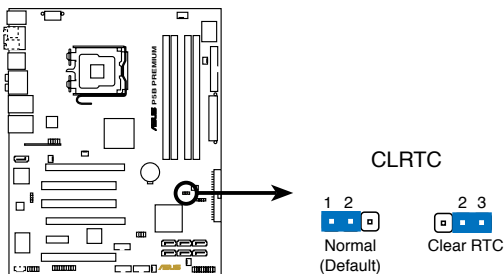
This jumper allows you to clear the Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM in CMOS. You can clear the CMOS memory of date, time, and system setup parameters by erasing the CMOS RTC RAM data. The onboard button cell battery powers the RAM data in CMOS, which include system setup information such as system passwords.

To erase the RTC RAM:

1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Remove the onboard battery.
3. 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.
4. Reinstall the battery.
5. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.
6. Hold down the <Del> key during the boot process and enter BIOS setup to re-enter data.



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



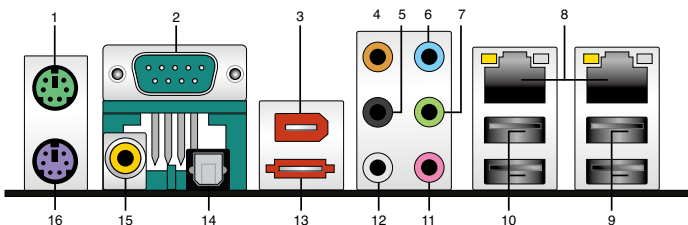
**P5B PREMIUM Clear RTC RAM**



- 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.
- Due to the chipset behavior, AC power off is required to enable C.P.R. function. You must turn off and on the power supply or unplug and plug the power cord before reboot the system.

## 2.7 Connectors

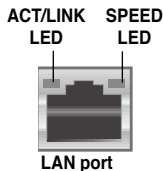
### 2.7.1 Rear panel connectors



1. **PS/2 mouse port (green).** This port is for a PS/2 mouse.
2. **Serial port.** This 9-pin COM1 port is for pointing devices and other serial devices.
3. **IEEE 1394a port.** This 6-pin IEEE 1394a port provides high-speed connectivity for audio/video devices, storage peripherals, PCs, or portable devices.
4. **Center/Subwoofer port (orange).** This port connects the center/subwoofer speakers.
5. **Rear Speaker Out port (black).** This port connects the rear speakers in a 4-channel, 6-channel, or 8-channel audio configuration..
6. **Line In port (light blue).** This port connects the tape, CD, DVD player, or other audio sources.
7. **Line Out port (lime).** This port connects a headphone or a speaker. In 4-channel, 6-channel, and 8-channel configuration, the function of this port becomes Front Speaker Out.
8. **LAN 1/2 (RJ-45) port.** Supported by Marvell® Gigabit LAN controller, this port allows Gigabit connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub. Refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.

#### LAN port LED indications

Activity/Link 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



9. **USB 2.0 ports 3 and 4.** These 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are available for connecting USB 2.0 devices.



Connect the ScreenDUO and IR receiver ONLY to USB port 3 and 4, which supports remote control function. Plugging any other USB devices to these two ports will turn on the computer.

10. **USB 2.0 ports 1 and 2.** These 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are available for connecting USB 2.0 devices.
11. **Microphone port (pink).** This port connects a microphone.
12. **Side Speaker Out port (gray).** This port connects the side speakers in an 8-channel audio configuration.



Refer to the audio configuration table below for the function of the audio ports in 2, 4, 6, or 8-channel configuration.

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

Port	Headset 2-channel	4-channel	6-channel	8-channel
Light Blue	Line In	Line In	Line In	Line In
Lime	Line Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out
Pink	Mic In	Mic In	Mic In	Mic In
Orange	–	–	Center/Subwoofer	Center/Subwoofer
Black	–	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out
Gray	–	–	–	Side Speaker Out

13. **External SATA port.** This port connects to an external a Serial ATA hard disk drive. To configure a RAID0, RAID1, or JBOD set, install an external Serial ATA hard disk drive and an internal Serial hard disk drive connected to the onboard Serial ATA connector labeled SATA\_RAID or SATA\_RAID1.



The external SATA port supports external Serial ATA 3.0 Gb/s devices. Longer cables support higher power requirements to deliver signal up to two meters away, and enables improved hot-swap function.





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- Before creating a RAID set using Serial ATA hard disks, make sure that you have connected the Serial ATA signal cable and installed Serial ATA hard disk drives; otherwise, you cannot enter the JMicron RAID utility and SATA BIOS setup during POST.
  - If you intend to create a RAID configuration using this connector, set the JMicron Controller item in the BIOS to [RAID Mode]. See section **4.4.7 Onboard Device Configuration** for details.
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- DO NOT insert a different connector to this port.
  - DO NOT unplug the external Serial ATA box when a RAID 0 or JBOD is configured.
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- 14. Optical S/PDIF Out port.** This port connects an external audio output device via an optical S/PDIF cable.
- 15. Coaxial S/PDIF Out port.** This port connects an external audio output device via a coaxial S/PDIF cable.
- 16. PS/2 keyboard port (purple).** This port is for a PS/2 keyboard.

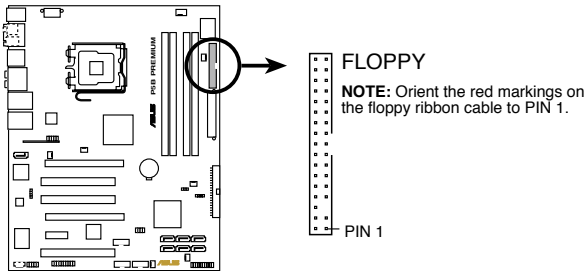
## 2.7.2 Internal connectors

### 1. Floppy disk drive connector (34-1 pin FLOPPY)

This connector is for the provided floppy disk drive (FDD) signal cable. Insert one end of the cable to this connector, then connect the other end to the signal connector at the back of the floppy disk drive.



Pin 5 on the connector is removed to prevent incorrect cable connection when using a FDD cable with a covered Pin 5.



**P5B PREMIUM Floppy disk drive connector**

### 2. IDE connector (40-1 pin PRI\_IDE)

The onboard IDE connector is for the Ultra DMA 133/100/66 signal cable. There are three connectors on each Ultra DMA 133/100/66 signal cable: blue, black, and gray. Connect the blue connector to the motherboard's IDE connector, then select one of the following modes to configure your device.

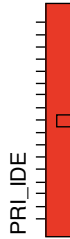
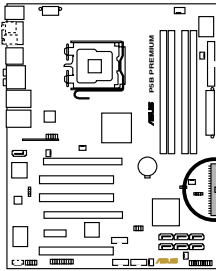
	Drive jumper setting	Mode of device(s)	Cable connector
Single device	Cable-Select or Master	-	Black
Two devices	Cable-Select	Master	Black
		Slave	Gray
	Master	Master	Black or gray
Slave	Slave		



- Pin 20 on the IDE connector is removed to match the covered hole on the Ultra DMA cable connector. This prevents incorrect insertion when you connect the IDE cable.
- Use the 80-conductor IDE cable for Ultra DMA 133/100/66 IDE devices.



If any device jumper is set as "Cable-Select," make sure all other device jumpers have the same setting.



PRI\_IDE

**NOTE:** Orient the red markings (usually zigzag) on the IDE ribbon cable to PIN 1.

**P5B PREMIUM IDE connector**

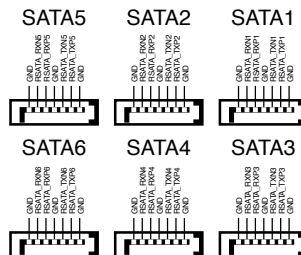
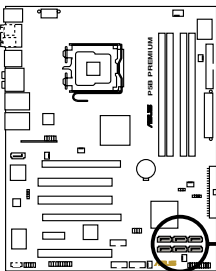
### 3. ICH8R Serial ATA connectors (7-pin SATA1 [red], SATA2 [red], SATA3 [black], SATA4 [black], SATA5 [red], SATA6 [red])

These connectors are for the Serial ATA signal cables for Serial ATA hard disk drives.

If you installed Serial ATA hard disk drives, you can create a RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, RAID 10 configuration with the Intel® Matrix Storage Technology through the onboard Intel® ICH8R RAID controller.



- These connectors are set to Standard IDE mode by default. In Standard IDE mode, you can connect Serial ATA boot/data hard disk drives to these connectors. If you intend to create a Serial ATA RAID set using these connectors, set the [Configure SATA as] item in the BIOS to [RAID]. See section 4.3.6 IDE Configuration for details.
- For RAID 5, use at least three hard disk drives. For RAID 10, use at least four hard disk drives. Use two to four Serial ATA hard disk drives for each RAID 0 or RAID 1 set.



**P5B PREMIUM SATA connectors**





- You must install Windows® 2000 Service Pack 4 or the Windows® XP Service Pack 1 before using Serial ATA hard disk drives. The Serial ATA RAID feature (RAID 0/RAID 1/RAID 5/RAID 10) is available only if you are using Windows® 2000/XP or later version.
- When using the connectors in Standard IDE mode, connect the primary (boot) hard disk drive to the SATA1/2/5/6 connector. Refer to the table below for the recommended SATA hard disk drive connections.

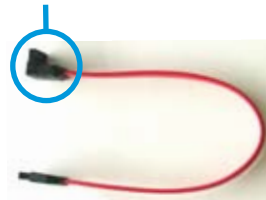
### Serial ATA hard disk drive connection

Connector	Color	Setting	Use
SATA1/2/5/6	Red	Master	Boot disk
SATA3/4	Black	Slave	Data Disk



Connect the right-angle side of SATA signal cable to SATA device. Or you may connect the right-angle side of SATA cable to the onboard SATA port to avoid mechanical conflict with huge graphics cards.

right angle side

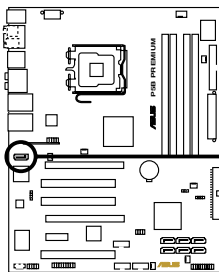


#### 4. JMicron JMB363® Serial ATA RAID connector (7-pin SATA\_RAID)

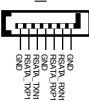
This connector is for a Serial ATA signal cable. This connector supports a Serial ATA hard disk drive, which you can combine with an external Serial ATA hard disk drive to configure for RAID via the onboard Serial ATA RAID controller.



The JMicron JMB363 controller item in the BIOS is set to [IDE] by default, allowing you to use the connectors to build a RAID set. See section **4.4.7 Onboard Device Configuration** for details.



SATA\_RAID1



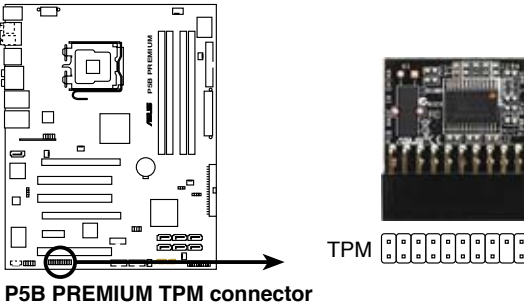
**P5B PREMIUM SATA\_RAID connector**



Before creating a RAID set using Serial ATA hard disks, make sure that you have connected the Serial ATA signal cables and installed Serial ATA hard disk drives; otherwise, you cannot enter the JMicron® JMB363 RAID utility and SATA BIOS setup during POST.

### 5. TPM connector (20-1 pin TPM)

This connector supports a Trusted Platform Module (TPM) system, which can securely store keys, digital certificates, passwords, and data. A TPM system also helps enhance network security, protects digital identities, and ensures platform integrity.



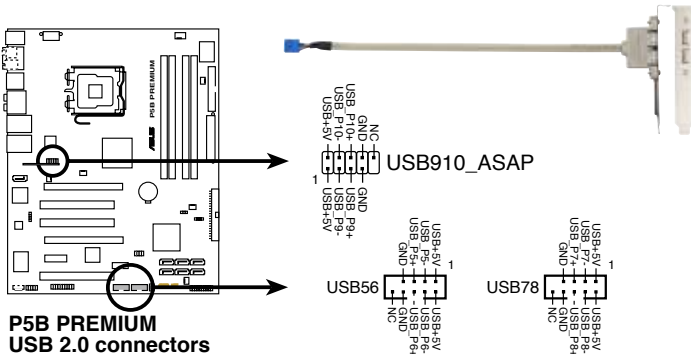
**P5B PREMIUM TPM connector**



The TPM module is purchased separately. Use the ASUS TPM module ONLY!

### 6. USB connectors Vista Edition: (10-1 pin USB56, USB 78, USB910\_ASAP) Standard Edition: (10-1 pin USB56, USB 78, USB910)

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.



**P5B PREMIUM USB 2.0 connectors**



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

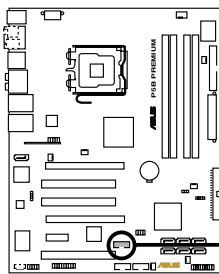


- You can connect the USB cable to ASUS Q-Connector (USB, blue) first, and then install the Q-Connector (USB) to the USB connector onboard.
- The ASAP module is for Vista Edition only.

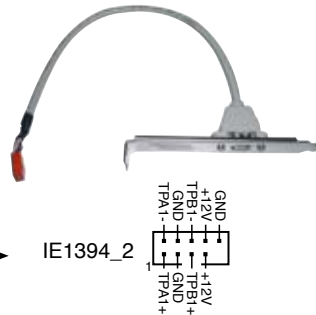


## 7. IEEE 1394a port connector (10-1 pin IE1394\_2)

This connector is for a IEEE 1394a port. Connect the IEEE 1394a module cable to this connector, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis.



**P5B PREMIUM**  
**IEEE 1394a connector**



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



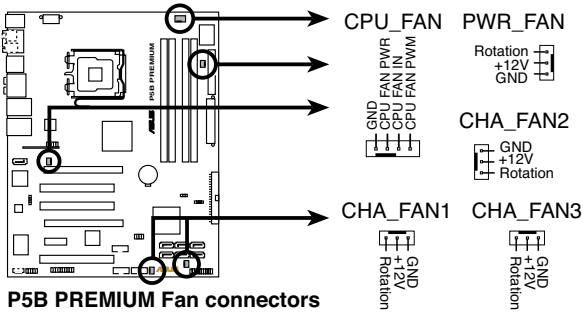
You can connect the 1394 cable to ASUS Q-Connector (1394, red) first, and then install the Q-Connector (1394) to the 1394 connector onboard.

**8. CPU, chassis and power fan connectors**  
**(4-pin CPU\_FAN, 3-pin CHA\_FAN1-3, 3-pin PWR\_FAN)**

The fan connectors support cooling fans of 350 mA ~ 2000 mA (24 W max.) or a total of 1 A ~ 7 A (84 W max.) at +12V. Connect the fan cables to the fan connectors on the motherboard, making sure that the black wire of each cable matches the ground pin of the connector.



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!

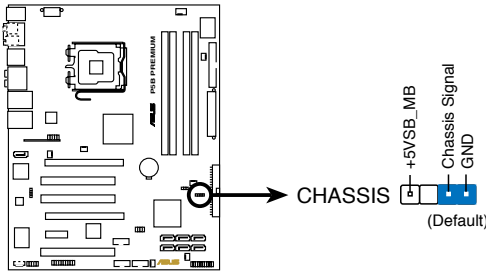


- Only the CPU-FAN and CHA-FAN 1-3 connectors support the ASUS Q-FAN 2 feature.
- If you install two VGA cards, we recommend that you plug the rear chassis fan cable to the motherboard connector labeled CHA\_FAN1 or CHA\_FAN2 for better thermal environment.

### 9. 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.

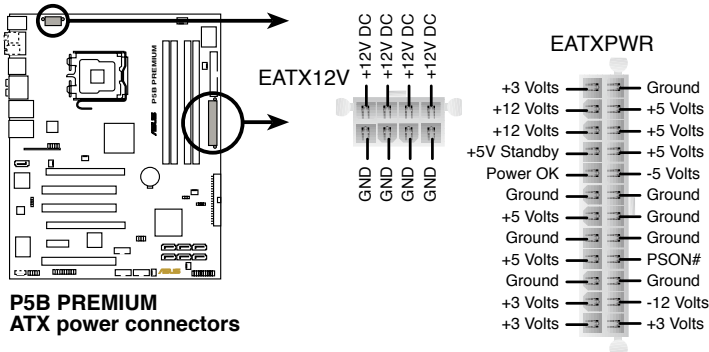
By default, the pin labeled “Chassis Signal” and “Ground” are shorted with a jumper cap. Remove the jumper caps only when you intend to use the chassis intrusion detection feature.



**P5B PREMIUM Chassis intrusion connector**

### 10. ATX power connectors (24-pin EATXPWR, 2x4-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.



**P5B PREMIUM ATX power connectors**



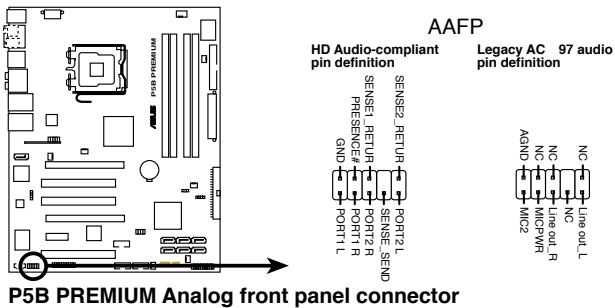
- Make sure to remove the cap on the EATX12V connector before connecting an 8-pin EPS +12V power plug.
- Use only either a 4-pin ATX12V or an 8-pin EPS +12V power plug for the EATX12V connector.



- 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 400 W.
- Do not forget to connect the 4-pin/8pin EATX12V power plug; otherwise, the system will not boot.
- Use of a PSU with a higher power output is recommended when configuring a system with more power-consuming devices. The system may become unstable or may not boot up if the power is inadequate.
- The ATX 12 V Specification 2.0-compliant (400W) PSU has been tested to support the motherboard power requirements with the following configuration:  
CPU: Intel® Pentium® Extreme 3.73GHz  
Memory: 512 MB DDR2 (x4)  
Graphics card: ASUS EAX1900XT  
Parallel ATA device: IDE hard disk drive  
Serial ATA device: SATA hard disk drive (x2)  
Optical drive: DVD-RW
- If you want to use two high-end PCI Express x16 cards, use a PSU with 500W to 600W power or above to ensure the system stability.

## 11. 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.



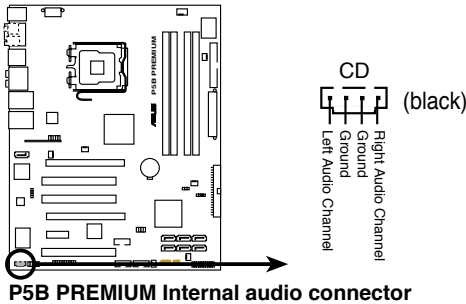
**P5B PREMIUM Analog front panel connector**



- 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.
- By default, this connector is set to **HD Audio**. If you want to connect a **AC'97** front panel audio module to this connector, set the **Front Panel Support Type** item in the BIOS setup to [AC97]. See section **4.4.7 Onboard Device Configuration** for details.

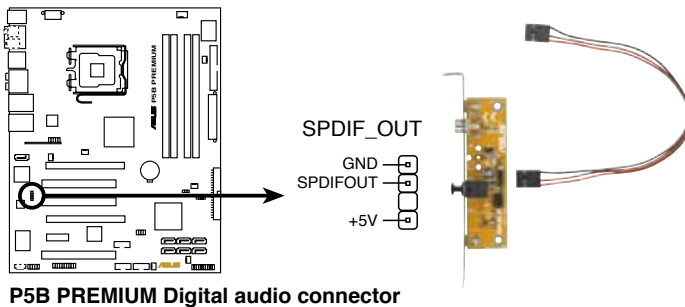
## 12. Optical drive audio connector (4-pin CD)

This connector allows you to receive stereo audio input from sound sources such as a CD-ROM, TV tuner, or MPEG card.



## 13. Digital audio connector (4-1 pin SPDIF)

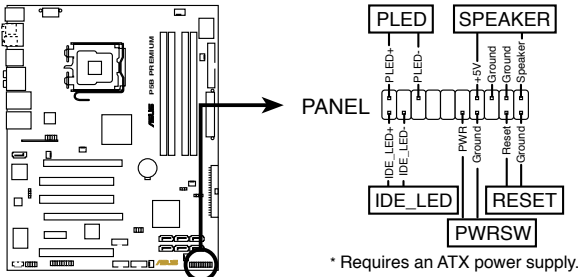
This connector is for an additional Sony/Philips Digital Interface (S/PDIF) port(s). Connect the S/PDIF Out module cable to this connector, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis.



The S/PDIF module is purchased separately.

## 14. System panel connector (20-8 pin PANEL)

This connector supports several chassis-mounted functions.



**P5B PREMIUM System panel connector**

- **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 IDE\_LED)**

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.

- **System warning speaker (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.

- **ATX power button/soft-off button (2-pin PWR)**

This connector is for the system power button. Pressing the power button turns the system on or puts the system in sleep or soft-off mode depending on the BIOS settings. Pressing the power switch for more than four seconds while the system is ON turns the system OFF.

- **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.

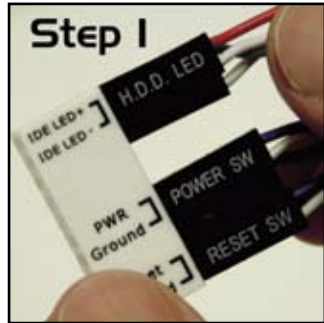


## ASUS Q-Connector (system panel)

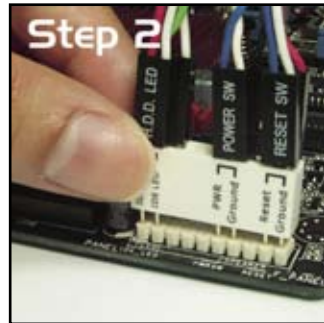
You can use the ASUS Q-Connector to connect/disconnect chassis front panel cables in a few steps. Refer to the instructions below to install the ASUS Q-Connector.

1. Connect the front panel cables to the ASUS Q-Connector.

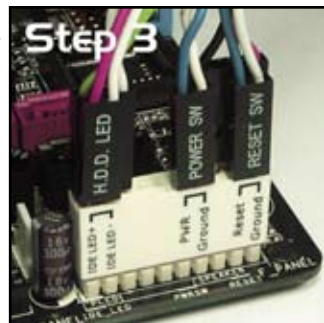
Refer to the labels on the Q-Connector to know the detailed pin definitions, then match them to the respective front panel cable labels.



2. Install the ASUS Q-Connector to the system panel connector, making sure the orientation matches the labels on the motherboard.



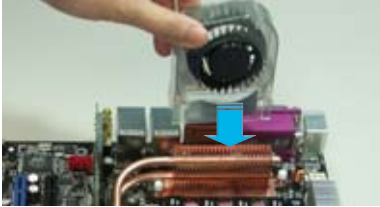
3. The front panel functions are now enabled. The figure shows the Q-Connector properly installed on the motherboard.



### 2.7.3 Installing the optional fan



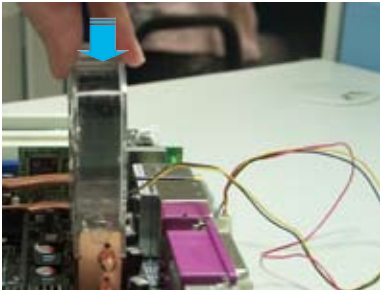
Install the optional fan only if you are using a passive cooler or a water cooler. Installing the optional fan with an active CPU cooler will interfere with the airflow and destabilize the system.



1. Position the fan above the pipe and heatsink assembly.



2. Fit the grooved edge to the heatsink.



3. Carefully push down the fan until it snugly fits the heatsink, then connect the fan cables.



4. The above photo shows the fans installed on the motherboard.



- Plug the optional fan cables to the CHA\_FAN and/or PWR\_FAN connector on the motherboard.
- Make sure the optional fan is installed correctly to prevent damage to the fan and motherboard components.



Do not tilt the fan.



Do not install the fan with its rear side facing you.

This chapter describes the power up sequence, the vocal POST messages, and ways of shutting down the system.

# Powering up **3**

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## 3.1 Starting up for the first time

1. After making all the connections, replace the system case cover.
2. Be sure 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 “green” standards or if it has a “power standby” feature, the monitor LED may light up or switch between orange and green after the system LED turns on.

The system then runs the power-on self tests or POST. While the tests are running, the BIOS beeps (see BIOS beep codes table below) 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

7. At power on, hold down the <Delete> key to enter the BIOS Setup. Follow the instructions in Chapter 4.

## 3.2 Turning off the computer

### 3.2.1 Using the OS shut down function

If you are using Windows® 2000:

1. Click the Start button then click Shut Down...
2. Make sure that the Shut Down option button is selected, then click the OK button to shut down the computer.
3. The power supply should turn off after Windows® shuts down.

If you are using Windows® XP:

1. Click the Start button then select Turn Off Computer.
2. Click the Turn Off button to shut down the computer.
3. The power supply should turn off after Windows® shuts down.

If you are using Windows® Vista:

1. Click the Start button then select ShutDown.
2. The power supply should turn off after Windows® shuts down.

### 3.2.2 Using the dual function power switch

While the system is ON, pressing the power switch for less than four seconds puts the system to sleep mode or to soft-off mode, depending on the BIOS setting. Pressing the power switch for more than four seconds lets the system enter the soft-off mode regardless of the BIOS setting. Refer to section **4.5 Power Menu** in Chapter 4 for details.

This chapter tells how to change the system settings through the BIOS Setup menus. Detailed descriptions of the BIOS parameters are also provided.

# BIOS setup **4**

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## 4.1 Managing and updating your BIOS

The following utilities allow you to manage and update the motherboard Basic Input/Output System (BIOS) setup.

1. **ASUS Update** (Updates the BIOS in Windows® environment.)
2. **ASUS EZ Flash 2** (Updates the BIOS using a floppy disk or USB flash disk.)
3. **ASUS AFUDOS** (Updates the BIOS using a bootable floppy disk)
4. **ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3** (Updates the BIOS using a bootable floppy disk, USB flash disk or the motherboard support DVD when the BIOS file fails or gets corrupted.)

Refer to the corresponding sections for details on these utilities.



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

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### 4.1.1 ASUS Update utility

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

- Save the current BIOS file
- Download the latest BIOS file from the Internet
- Update the BIOS from an updated BIOS file
- Update the BIOS directly from the Internet, and
- View the BIOS version information.

This utility is available in the support DVD that comes with the motherboard package.



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ASUS Update requires an Internet connection either through a network or an Internet Service Provider (ISP).

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### Installing ASUS Update

To install ASUS Update:

1. Place the support DVD in the optical drive. The Drivers menu appears.
2. Click the Utilities tab, then click Install ASUS Update VX.XX.XX.
3. The ASUS Update utility is copied to your system.

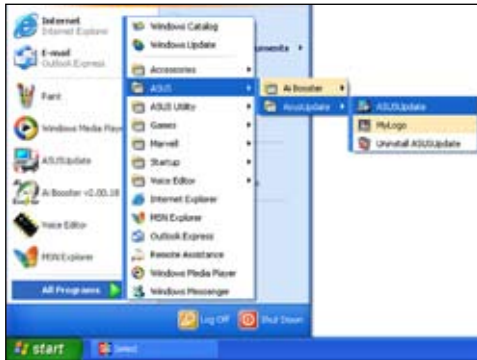


Quit all Windows® applications before you update the BIOS using this utility.

## Updating the BIOS through the Internet

To update the BIOS through the Internet:

1. Launch the ASUS Update utility from the Windows® desktop by clicking **Start > Programs > ASUS > ASUSUpdate > ASUSUpdate**. The ASUS Update main window appears.



2. Select **Update BIOS** from the Internet option from the drop-down menu, then click **Next**.
3. Select the ASUS FTP site nearest you to avoid network traffic, or click **Auto Select**. Click **Next**.

- From the FTP site, select the BIOS version that you wish to download. Click **Next**.
- Follow the screen instructions to complete the update process.



The ASUS Update utility is capable of updating itself through the Internet. Always update the utility to avail all its features.



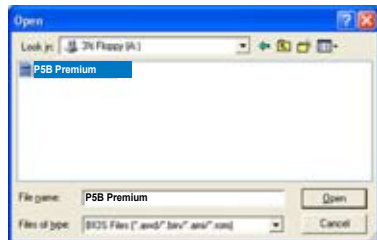
## Updating the BIOS through a BIOS file

To update the BIOS through a BIOS file:

- Launch the ASUS Update utility from the Windows® desktop by clicking **Start > Programs > ASUS > ASUSUpdate > ASUSUpdate**. The ASUS Update main window appears.
- Select **Update BIOS** from a file option from the drop-down menu, then click **Next**.



- Locate the BIOS file from the Open window, then click **Open**.
- Follow the screen instructions to complete the update process.



## 4.1.2 Creating a bootable floppy disk

1. Do either one of the following to create a bootable floppy disk.

### DOS environment

- a. Insert a 1.44MB floppy disk into the drive.
- b. At the DOS prompt, type `format a: /s` then press <Enter>.

### Windows® XP environment

- a. Insert a 1.44 MB floppy disk to the floppy disk drive.
- b. Click **Start** from the Windows® desktop, then select **My Computer**.
- c. Select the 3 1/2 Floppy Drive icon.
- d. Click File from the menu, then select **Format**. A **Format 3 1/2 Floppy Disk** window appears.
- e. Select **Create an MS-DOS startup disk** from the format options field, then click **Start**.

### Windows® 2000 environment

To create a set of boot disks for Windows® 2000:

- a. Insert a formatted, high density 1.44 MB floppy disk into the drive.
- b. Insert the Windows® 2000 CD to the optical drive.
- c. Click **Start**, then select **Run**.
- d. From the Open field, type  
`D:\bootdisk\makeboot a:`  
assuming that D: is your optical drive.
- e. Press <Enter>, then follow screen instructions to continue.

2. Copy the original or the latest motherboard BIOS file to the bootable floppy disk.

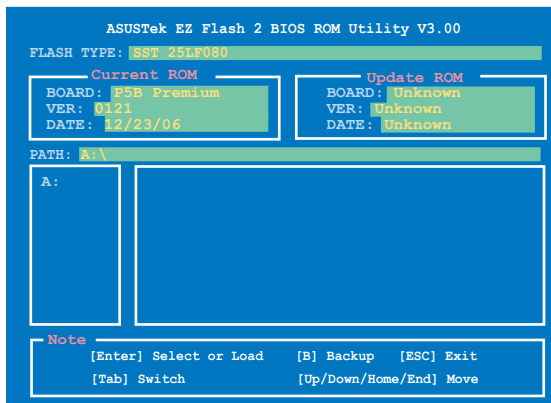
### 4.1.3 ASUS EZ Flash 2 utility

The ASUS EZ Flash 2 feature allows you to update the BIOS without having to go through the long process of booting from a floppy disk and using a DOS-based utility. The EZ Flash 2 utility is built-in the BIOS chip so it is accessible by pressing <Alt> + <F2> during the Power-On Self Tests (POST).

To update the BIOS using EZ Flash 2:

1. Visit the ASUS website ([www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com)) to download the latest BIOS file for the motherboard.
2. Save the BIOS file to a floppy disk or a USB flash disk, then restart the system.
3. You can launch the EZ Flash 2 by two methods.
  - (1) Insert the floppy disk / USB flash disk that contains the BIOS file to the floppy disk drive or the USB port.

Press <Alt> + <F2> during POST to display the following.



- (2) Enter BIOS setup program. Go to the **Tools** menu to select **EZ Flash2** and press <Enter> to enable it.  
You can switch between drives by pressing <Tab> before the correct file is found. Then press <Enter>.
4. When the correct BIOS file is found, EZ Flash 2 performs the BIOS update process and automatically reboots the system when done.



- This function can support devices such as USB flash disk, or floppy 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!

## 4.1.4 AFUDOS utility

The AFUDOS utility allows you to update the BIOS file in DOS environment using a bootable floppy disk with the updated BIOS file. This utility also allows you to copy the current BIOS file that you can use as backup when the BIOS fails or gets corrupted during the updating process.

### Copying the current BIOS

To copy the current BIOS file using the AFUDOS utility:



- Make sure that the floppy disk is not write-protected and has at least 1024KB free space to save the file.
- The succeeding BIOS screens are for reference only. The actual BIOS screen displays may not be same as shown.

1. Copy the AFUDOS utility (afudos.exe) from the motherboard support DVD to the bootable floppy disk you created earlier.
2. Boot the system in DOS mode, then at the prompt type:

```
afudos /o[filename]
```

where the [filename] is any user-assigned filename not more than eight alphanumeric characters for the main filename and three alphanumeric characters for the extension name.

```
A:\>afudos /oOLDBIOS1.rom
```

Main filename      Extension name

3. Press <Enter>. The utility copies the current BIOS file to the floppy disk.

```
A:\>afudos /oOLDBIOS1.rom
AMI Firmware Update Utility - Version 1.19(ASUS V2.07(03.11.24BB))
Copyright (C) 2002 American Megatrends, Inc. All rights reserved.
  Reading flash ..... done
  Write to file..... ok
A:\>
```

The utility returns to the DOS prompt after copying the current BIOS file.

### Updating the BIOS file

To update the BIOS file using the AFUDOS utility:

1. Visit the ASUS website ([www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com)) and download the latest BIOS file for the motherboard. Save the BIOS file to a bootable floppy disk.



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Write the BIOS filename on a piece of paper. You need to type the exact BIOS filename at the DOS prompt.

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2. Copy the AFUDOS utility (afudos.exe) from the motherboard support DVD to the bootable floppy disk you created earlier.
3. Boot the system in DOS mode, then at the prompt type:

**afudos /i [filename]**

where [filename] is the latest or the original BIOS file on the bootable floppy disk.

```
A:\>afudos /iP5BPRE.ROM
```

4. The utility verifies the file and starts updating the BIOS.

```
A:\>afudos /iP5BPRE.ROM
AMI Firmware Update Utility - Version 1.19 (ASUS V2.07 (03.11.24BB))
Copyright (C) 2002 American Megatrends, Inc. All rights reserved.

WARNING!! Do not turn off power during flash BIOS
Reading file ..... done
Reading flash ..... done

Advance Check .....
Erasing flash ..... done
Writing flash ..... 0x0008CC00 (9%)
```



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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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5. The utility returns to the DOS prompt after the BIOS update process is completed. Reboot the system from the hard disk drive.

```
A:\>afudos /iP5BPRE.ROM
AMI Firmware Update Utility - Version 1.19 (ASUS V2.07 (03.11.24BB))
Copyright (C) 2002 American Megatrends, Inc. All rights reserved.

WARNING!! Do not turn off power during flash BIOS
Reading file ..... done
Reading flash ..... done

Advance Check .....
Erasing flash ..... done
Writing flash ..... done
Verifying flash .... done

Please restart your computer

A:\>
```

### 4.1.5 ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 utility

The ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 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 update a corrupted BIOS file using the motherboard support DVD, the floppy disk, or the USB flash disk that contains the updated BIOS file.



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Prepare the motherboard support DVD, the floppy disk or the USB flash disk containing the updated motherboard BIOS before using this utility.

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#### Recovering the BIOS from the support DVD

To recover the BIOS from the support DVD:

1. Turn on the system.
2. Insert the motherboard support DVD to the optical drive.
3. The utility displays the following message and automatically checks the CD for the BIOS file.

```
Bad BIOS checksum. Starting BIOS recovery...
Checking for floppy...
```

When found, the utility reads the BIOS file and starts flashing the corrupted BIOS file.

```
Bad BIOS checksum. Starting BIOS recovery...
Checking for floppy...
Floppy found!
Reading file "P5BPBE.ROM". Completed.
Start flashing...
```

4. Restart the system after the utility completes the updating process.

#### Recovering the BIOS from the USB flash disk

To recover the BIOS from the USB flash disk:

1. Insert the USB flash disk that contains BIOS file to the USB port.
2. Turn on the system.
3. The utility will automatically checks the devices for the BIOS file When found, the utility reads the BIOS file and starts flashing the corrupted BIOS file.
4. Restart the system after the utility completes the updating process.



- Only the USB flash disk with FAT 32/16 format and single partition can support ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3. The device size should be smaller than 8GB.
  - DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS! Doing so can cause system boot failure!
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## 4.2 BIOS setup program

This motherboard supports a programmable Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) chip that you can update using the provided utility described in section **4.1 Managing and updating your BIOS**.

Use the BIOS Setup program when you are installing a motherboard, reconfiguring your system, or prompted to “Run Setup.” This section explains how to configure your system using this utility.

Even if you are not prompted to use the Setup program, you can change the configuration of your computer in the future. For example, you can enable the security password feature or change the power management settings. This requires you to reconfigure your system using the BIOS Setup program so that the computer can recognize these changes and record them in the CMOS RAM of the SPI chip.

The SPI chip on the motherboard stores the Setup utility. When you start up the computer, the system provides you with the opportunity to run this program. Press <Del> during the Power-On Self-Test (POST) to enter the Setup utility; otherwise, POST continues with its test routines.

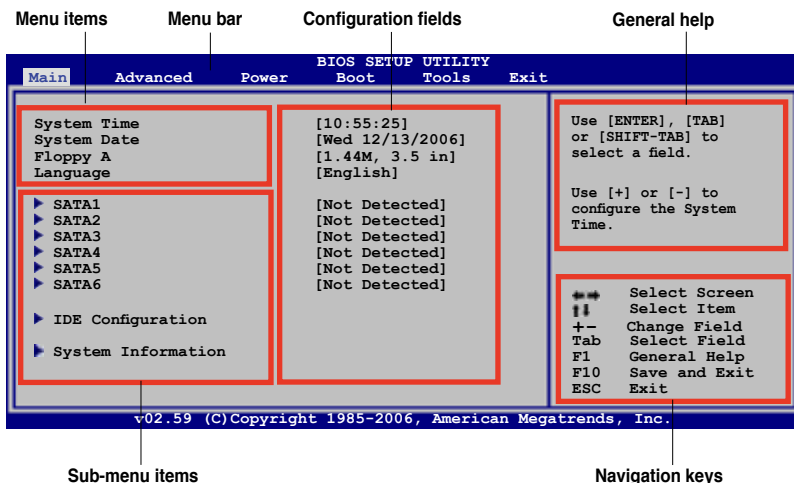
If you wish to enter Setup after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctrl+Alt+Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You can also restart by turning the system off and then back on. Do this last option only if the first two failed.

The Setup program is designed to make it as easy to use as possible. Being a menu-driven program, it lets you scroll through the various sub-menus and make your selections from the available options using the navigation keys.



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- The default BIOS settings for this motherboard apply for most conditions to ensure optimum performance. If the system becomes unstable after changing any BIOS settings, load the default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the **Load Default Settings** item under the Exit Menu. See section **4.8 Exit Menu**.
  - The BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference purposes only, and may not exactly match what you see on your screen.
  - Visit the ASUS website ([www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com)) to download the latest BIOS file for this motherboard.
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## 4.2.1 BIOS menu screen



## 4.2.2 Menu bar

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

- Main** For changing the basic system configuration
- Advanced** For changing the advanced system settings
- Power** For changing the advanced power management (APM) configuration
- Boot** For changing the system boot configuration
- Tools** For configuring options for special functions
- Exit** For selecting the exit options and loading default settings

To select an item on the menu bar, press the right or left arrow key on the keyboard until the desired item is highlighted.

## 4.2.3 Navigation keys

At the bottom right corner of a menu screen are the navigation keys for that particular menu. Use the navigation keys to select items in the menu and change the settings.



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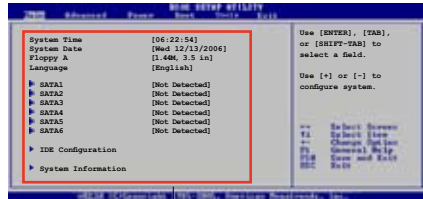
The navigation keys may differ from one screen to another.

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## 4.2.4 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 (Advanced, Power, Boot, and Exit) on the menu bar have their respective menu items.



Main menu items

## 4.2.5 Sub-menu items

A solid triangle before each item on any menu screen means that the item has a sub-menu. To display the sub-menu, select the item and press <Enter>.

## 4.2.6 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.

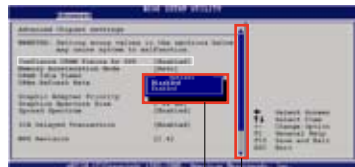
A configurable field is enclosed in brackets, and is highlighted when selected. To change the value of a field, select it then press <Enter> to display a list of options. Refer to **4.2.7 Pop-up window**.

## 4.2.7 Pop-up window

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

## 4.2.8 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.



Pop-up window

Scroll bar

## 4.2.9 General help

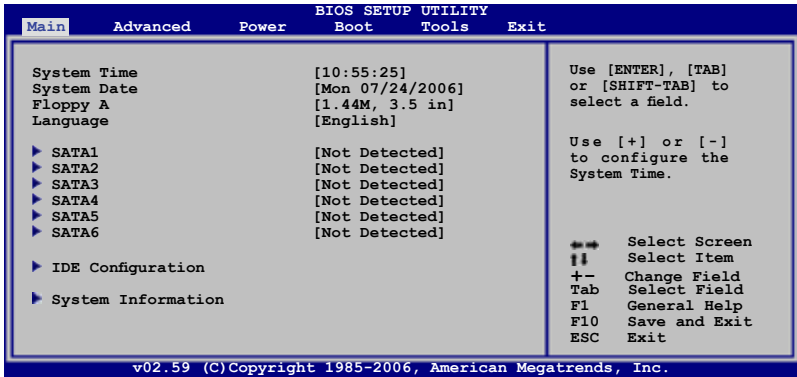
At the top right corner of the menu screen is a brief description of the selected item.

## 4.3 Main menu

When you enter the BIOS Setup program, the Main menu screen appears, giving you an overview of the basic system information.



Refer to section 4.2.1 **BIOS menu** screen for information on the menu screen items and how to navigate through them.



### 4.3.1 System Time [xx:xx:xx]

Allows you to set the system time.

### 4.3.2 System Date [Day xx/xx/xxxx]

Allows you to set the system date.

### 4.3.3 Floppy A [1.44M, 3.5 in.]

Sets the type of floppy drive installed.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [360K, 5.25 in.] [1.2M , 5.25 in.] [720K , 3.5 in.] [1.44M, 3.5 in.] [2.88M, 3.5 in.]

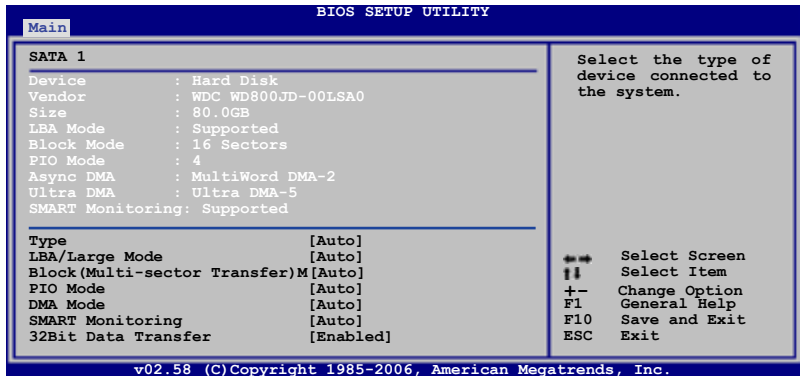
### 4.3.4 Language [English]

Allows you to select the display language for the BIOS setup screen.

Configuration options: [Chinese(BIG5)] [Chinese(GB)] [Japanese] [Français] [German] [English]

### 4.3.5 SATA 1-6

While entering Setup, the BIOS automatically detects the presence of Serial ATA devices. There is a separate sub-menu for each SATA device. Select a device item then press <Enter> to display the SATA device information.



The BIOS automatically detects the values opposite the dimmed items (Device, Vendor, Size, LBA Mode, Block Mode, PIO Mode, Async DMA, Ultra DMA, and SMART monitoring). These values are not user-configurable. These items show N/A if no IDE device is installed in the system.

#### Type [Auto]

Selects the type of IDE drive. Setting to [Auto] allows automatic selection of the appropriate IDE device type. Select [CDROM] if you are specifically configuring a CD-ROM drive. Select [ARMD] (ATAPI Removable Media Device) if your device is either a ZIP, LS-120, or MO drive.

Configuration options: [Not Installed] [Auto] [CDROM] [ARMD]

#### LBA/Large Mode [Auto]

Enables or disables the LBA mode. Setting to [Auto] enables the LBA mode if the device supports this mode, and if the device was not previously formatted with LBA mode disabled. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

#### Block (Multi-sector Transfer) M [Auto]

Enables or disables data multi-sectors transfers. When set to [Auto], the data transfer from and to the device occurs multiple sectors at a time if the device supports multi-sector transfer feature. When set to [Disabled], the data transfer from and to the device occurs one sector at a time.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

#### PIO Mode [Auto]

Allows you to select the data transfer mode.

Configuration options: [Auto] [0] [1] [2] [3] [4]

### DMA Mode [Auto]

Selects the DMA mode.

Configuration options: [Auto] [SWDMA0] [SWDMA1] [SWDMA2] [MWDMA0] [MWDMA1] [MWDMA2] [UDMA0] [UDMA1] [UDMA2] [UDMA3] [UDMA4] [UDMA5]

### SMART Monitoring [Auto]

Sets the Smart Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology.

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

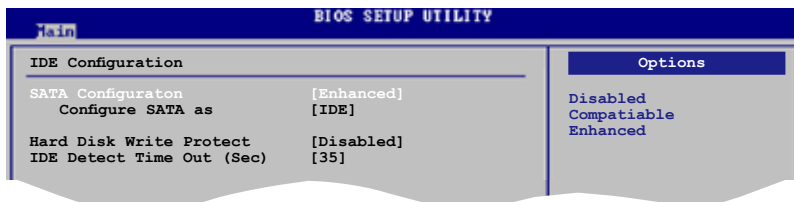
### 32Bit Data Transfer [Enabled]

Enables or disables 32-bit data transfer.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 4.3.6 IDE Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to set or change the configurations for the IDE devices installed in the system. Select an item then press <Enter> if you want to configure the item.



### SATA Configuration [Enhanced]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Compatible] [Enhanced]

#### Configure SATA As [IDE]

Sets the configuration for the Serial ATA connectors supported by the Southbridge chip.

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.

If you want to create a RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, RAID 10, or the Intel® Matrix Storage Technology configuration from the Serial ATA hard disk drives, set this item to [RAID].

If you want to use the Serial ATA hard disk drives as Parallel ATA physical storage devices, keep the default setting [IDE].

If you want the Serial ATA hard disk drives to use the Advanced Host Controller Interface (AHCI), set this item to [AHCI].

### Hard Disk Write Protect [Disabled]

Disables or enables device write protection. This will be effective only if the device is accessed through BIOS. Configuration option: [Disabled] [Enabled]

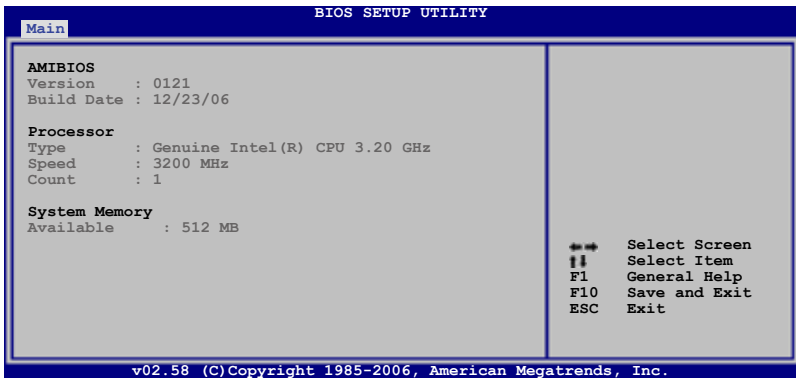
### IDE Detect Time Out (Sec) [35]

Selects the time out value for detecting ATA/ATAPI devices.

Configuration options: [0] [5] [10] [15] [20] [25] [30] [35]

## 4.3.7 System Information

This menu gives you an overview of the general system specifications. The BIOS automatically detects the items in this menu.



### AMI BIOS

Displays the auto-detected BIOS information.

### Processor

Displays the auto-detected CPU specification.

### System Memory

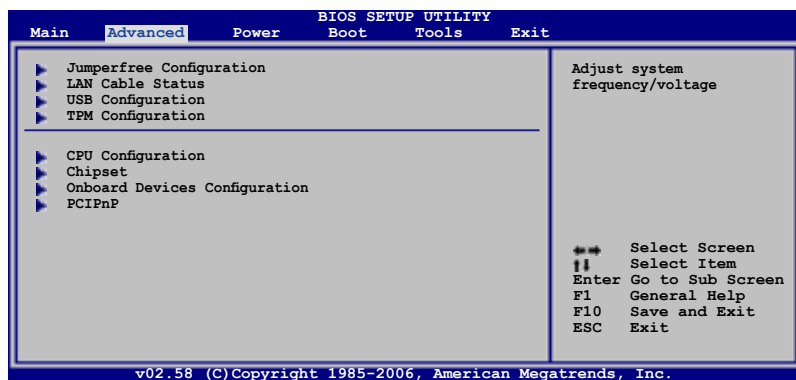
Displays the auto-detected system memory.

## 4.4 Advanced menu

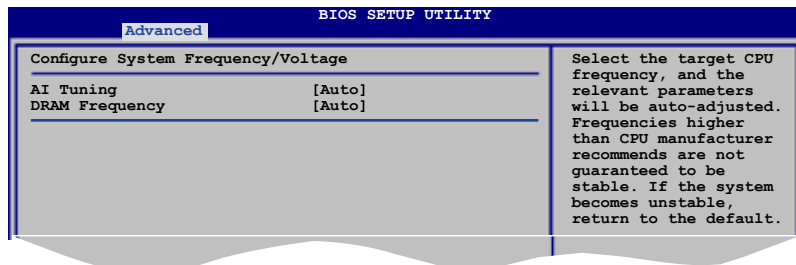
The Advanced menu items allow you to change the settings for the CPU and other system devices.



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



### 4.4.1 JumperFree Configuration



#### AI Tuning [Auto]

Allows selection of CPU overclocking options to achieve desired CPU internal frequency. Select either one of the preset overclocking configuration options:

**Manual** Allows you to individually set overclocking parameters.

**Auto** Loads the optimal settings for the system.

**Standard** Loads the standard settings for the system.

**AI N.O.S.** The ASUS Non-delay Overclocking System feature intelligently determines the system load and automatically boosts the performance for the most demanding tasks.



### N.O.S. Mode [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [Standard] [Sensitive] [Heavy Load]



The **N.O.S. Mode** item only appears when you set the **AI Tuning** item to [AI N.O.S].



The following items appear only when you set the **AI Tuning** item to [Manual].

## CPU Frequency [XXX]

Displays the frequency sent by the clock generator to the system bus and PCI bus. The value of this item is auto-detected by the BIOS. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the CPU frequency. You can also type the desired CPU frequency using the numeric keypad. The values range from 100 to 650. Refer to the table below for the correct Front Side Bus and CPU External Frequency settings.

### FSB/CPU External Frequency Synchronization

Front Side Bus	CPU External Frequency
FSB 1066	266 MHz
FSB 800	200 MHz

## DRAM Frequency [Auto]

Allows you to set the DDR operating frequency.

Configuration options:

Available DRAM frequency options in various FSB settings

FSB	Configuration options					
	Auto	DDR2-533	DDR2-667	DDR2-800	DDR2-889*	DDR2-1067*
FSB 1066	•	•	•	•	•	•
FSB 800	•	•	•	•		

\* Provided for overclocking purpose only.



A very high DRAM frequency may cause the system to become unstable! If this happens, revert to the default setting.



The **DRAM Frequency** item also appears when you set the **AI Tuning** item to [AI N.O.S].

## PCI Express Frequency [Auto]

Allows you to set the PCI Express frequency. This item is set to [Auto] by default.

Configuration options: [Auto] [90] [91] ~ [149] [150]

## PCI Clock Synchronization [Auto]

Allows you to synchronize the PCI frequency with the PCI Express or CPU frequency. Configuration options: [Auto] [33.33MHz]

## Spread Spectrum [Auto]

Allows you to enable or disable the clock generator spread spectrum.

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



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The following items also appear when the **AI Tuning item** is set to [AI N.O.S.].

## Memory Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to select the DDR2 reference voltage.

Configuration options: [Auto] [1.80V] [1.85V] [1.90V] [1.95V] [2.00V] [2.05V] [2.10V] [2.15V] [2.25V] [2.30V] [2.35V] [2.40V] [2.45V]



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Refer to the DDR2 documentation before adjusting the memory voltage. Setting a very high memory voltage may damage the memory module(s)!

## CPU VCore Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to select the CPU VCore voltage.

Configuration options: [Auto] [1.7000V] [1.6875V] [1.6750V] [1.6625V] [1.6500V] [1.6375V] [1.6250V] [1.6125V] [1.6000V] [1.5875V] [1.5750V] [1.5625V] [1.5500V] [1.5375V] [1.5250V] [1.5125V] [1.5000V] [1.4875V] [1.4750V] [1.4625V] [1.4500V] [1.4375V] [1.4250V] [1.4125V] [1.4000V] [1.3875V] [1.3750V] [1.3625V] [1.3500V] [1.3375V] [1.3250V] [1.3125V] [1.3000V] [1.2875V] [1.2750V] [1.2625V] [1.2500V] [1.2375V] [1.2250V] [1.2125V] [1.2000V] [1.1875V] [1.1750V] [1.1625V] [1.1500V] [1.1375V] [1.1250V] [1.1125V] [1.1000V]



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Refer to the CPU documentation before setting the CPU Vcore voltage. Setting a high Vcore voltage may damage the CPU!

## FSB Termination Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to select the front side bus termination voltage.

Configuration options: [Auto] [1.200V] [1.300V] [1.400V] [1.450V]



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Setting a high FSB termination voltage may damage the chipset and CPU.

## NB VCore [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [1.25V] [1.45V] [1.55V] [1.65V]

## SB Vcore (SATA,PCIE) [Auto]

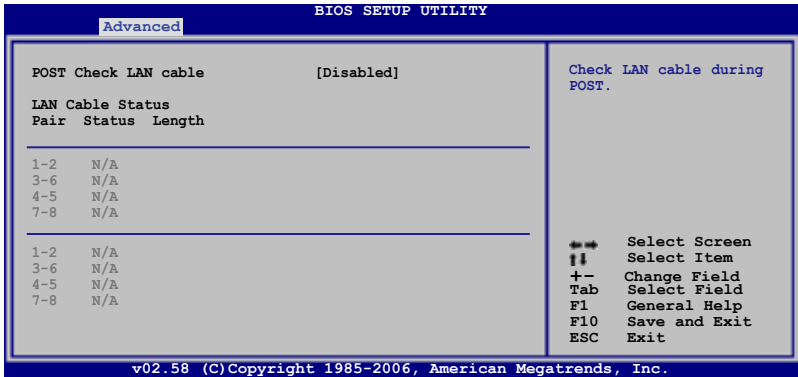
Configuration options: [Auto] [1.50V] [1.60V] [1.70V] [1.80V]

## ICH Chipset Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to select the ICH Chipset Voltage.

Configuration options: [Auto] [1.057V] [1.215V]

## 4.4.2 LAN Cable Status

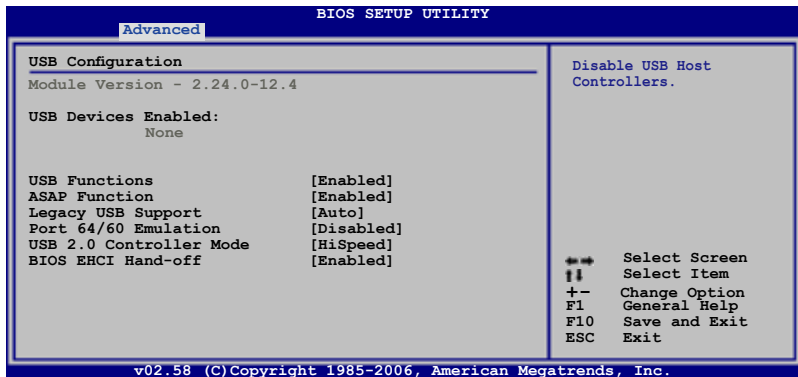


### POST Check LAN Cable [Disabled]

Enables or disables the checking of the LAN cable during the Power-On Self-Test (POST). Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 4.4.3 USB Configuration

The items in this menu allows you to change the USB-related features. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the configuration options.



The **Module Version** and **USB Devices Enabled** items show the auto-detected values. If no USB device is detected, the item shows **None**.

## USB Functions [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the USB Host Controllers.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



- ASAP (ASUS Accelerated Propeller) will function only when the **USB Functions** item is set to [Enabled].
- The following items appear only when the **USB Functions** item is set to [Enabled].

## ASAP Fuction [Enabled]

Allows yo to enabled or disabled the ASAP function.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## Legacy USB Support [Auto]

Allows you to enable or disable the support for legacy USB devices. Setting to [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.

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

## Port 64/60 Emulation [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the I/O port 60h/64h emulation support. This item should be enabled for the complete USB keyboard legacy support for non-USB aware OSes. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## USB 2.0 Controller Mode [HiSpeed]

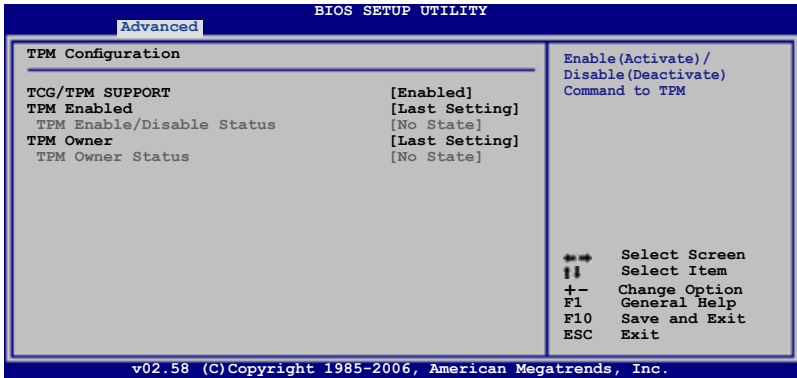
Allows you to set the USB 2.0 controller mode to HiSpeed (480 Mbps) or FullSpeed (12 Mbps). Configuration options: [HiSpeed] [FullSpeed]

## BIOS EHCI Hand-off [Enabled]

Allows you to enable the support for operating systems without an EHCI hand-off feature. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 4.4.4 TPM Configuration

The items in this menu allows you to configure the TPM functions. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the configuration options.



### TCG/TPM SUPPORT [Yes]

Allows you to enable or disable the TCG/TPM support in BIOS.

Configuration options: [Yes] [No]



The following items appear only when you set the **TCG/TPM SUPPORT** item to [Yes]

### TPM Enabled [Last Setting]

Allows you to enable or disable the TPM devices.

Configuration options: [Last Setting] [Disabled] [Enabled]

#### TPM Enabled/Disabled Status [Enabled]

This item shows the status of the TPM function. It switches status with the **TPM Enabled** item. If you activate the TPM function, it shows [Enabled]. If not, it displays [Disabled]

### TPM Owner [Last Setting]

Allows you to install the TPM Owner or clear the TPM Ownership.

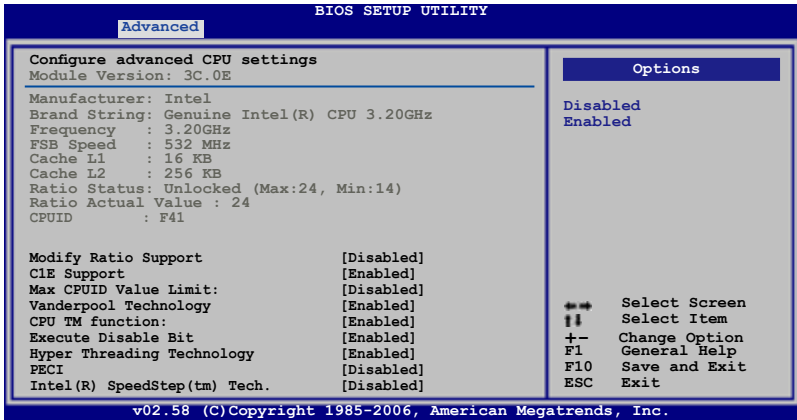
Configuration options: [Last Setting] [Clear]

#### TPM Owner Status [UnOwned]

Displays the TPM Owner status.

## 4.4.5 CPU Configuration

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



### Modify Ratio Support [Disabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



The following item appears when the item **Modify Ratio Support** is set to [Enabled].

#### Ratio CMOS Setting: [24]

Allows you to set the ratio between the CPU Core Clock and the FSB Frequency. Use <+> and <-> to adjust the value.

Configuration options: [14] [15]~[23] [24]

### C1E Support [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable C1E Support.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### Max CPUID Value Limit [Disabled]

Setting this item to [Enabled] allows legacy operating systems to boot even without support for CPUs with extended CPUID functions.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Vanderpool Technology [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### CPU TM function [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Execute Disable Bit [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the No-Execution Page Protection Technology. Setting this item to [Disabled] forces the XD feature flag to always return to zero (0). Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Hyper Threading Technology [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the Hyper Threading Technology. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### PECI [Disabled]

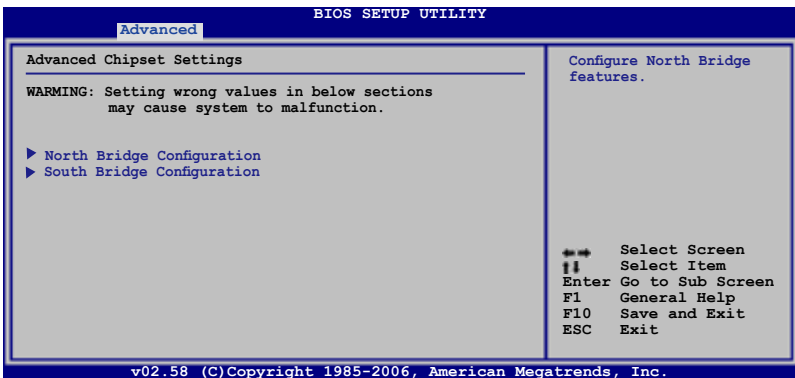
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Inter(R) SpeedStep (tm) Tech. [Disabled]

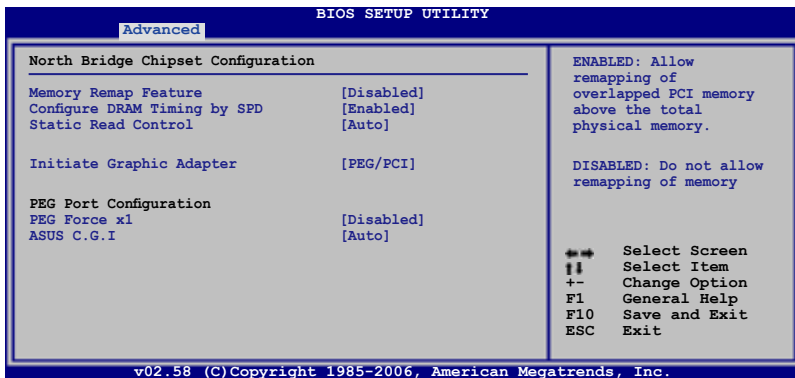
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Automatic]

## 4.4.6 Chipset

The Chipset menu allows you to change the advanced chipset settings. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the sub-menu.



## North Bridge Chipset Configuration



Memory Remap Feature [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the remapping of the overlapped PCI memory above the total physical memory. Enable this option only when you install 64-bit operating system. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Configure DRAM Timing by SPD [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Static Read Control [Auto]

Allows you to adjust the Static Read Control function.  
Configuration options: [Disable] [Auto] [Fast] [Faster]

Initiate Graphic Adapter [PEG/PCI]

Allows you to decide which graphics controller to use as the primary boot device. Configuration options: [PCI/PEG] [PEG/PCI]

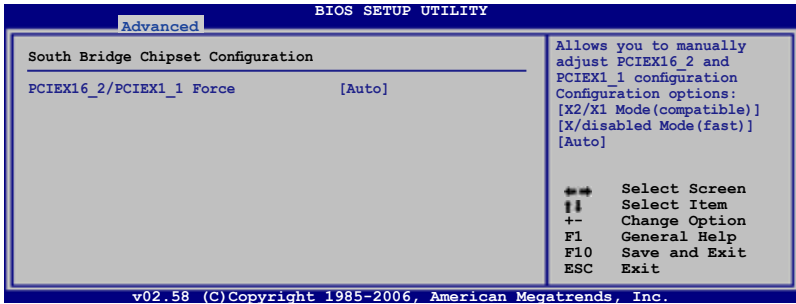
PEG Force x1 [Disabled]

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

ASUS C.G.I. [Auto]

Allows you to enable or disable the ASUS Cross Graphics Impeller.  
Configuration options: [Auto] [Enabled] [Disable]

## South Bridge Chipset Configuration

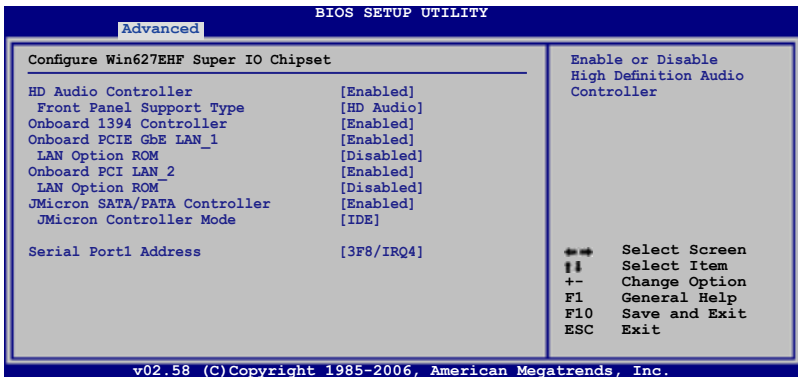


PCIEX16\_2/PCIEX1\_1 Force [Auto]

Allows you to manually adjust PCIEX16\_2/PCIEX1\_1 configuration.  
Configuration options: [X2 Mode (compatible)] [X4 Mode (fast)] [Auto]



## 4.4.7 OnBoard Devices Configuration



### HD Audio Controller [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the High Definition Audio Controller.  
Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

#### Front Panel Support Type [HD Audio]

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. Configuration options: [AC97] [HD Audio]

### Onboard 1394 Controller [Enabled]

Allows you to disable or enable the onboard 1394 device support.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Onboard PCIE GbE LAN\_1 [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

#### LAN Option ROM [Disabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Onboard PCI LAN\_2 [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

#### LAN Option ROM [Disabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### JMicron SATA/PATA Controller [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

#### JMicron SATA Controller Mode [IDE]

Configuration options: [RAID] [IDE] [AHCI]

### Serial Port1 Address [3F8/IRQ4]

Allows you to select the Serial Port1 base address.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [3F8/IRQ4] [2F8/IRQ3] [3E8/IRQ4] [2E8/IRQ3]

## 4.4.8 PCIPnP

The PCIPnP menu items allow you to change the advanced settings for PCI/PnP devices. The menu includes setting IRQ and DMA channel resources for either PCI/PnP or legacy ISA devices, and setting the memory size block for legacy ISA devices.



Take caution when changing the settings of the PCIPnP menu items. Incorrect field values can cause the system to malfunction.



### Plug And Play O/S [No]

When set to [No], BIOS configures all the devices in the system. When set to [Yes] and if you install a Plug and Play operating system, the operating system configures the Plug and Play devices not required for boot.

Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

### PCI Latency Timer [64]

Allows you to select the value in units of PCI clocks for the PCI device latency timer register. Configuration options: [32] [64] [96] [128] [160] [192] [224] [248]

### Allocate IRQ to PCI VGA [Yes]

When set to [Yes], BIOS assigns an IRQ to PCI VGA card if the card requests for an IRQ. When set to [No], BIOS does not assign an IRQ to the PCI VGA card even if requested. Configuration options: [Yes] [No]

### Palette Snooping [Disabled]

When set to [Enabled], the palette snooping feature informs the PCI devices that an ISA graphics device is installed in the system so that the latter can function correctly. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

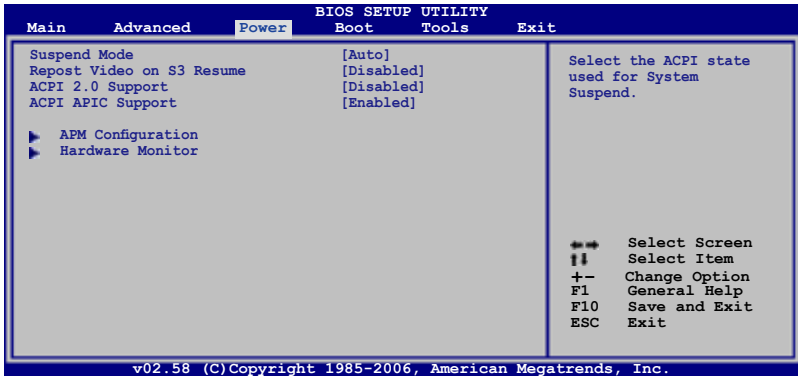
### IRQ-xx assigned to [PCI Device]

When set to [PCI Device], the specific IRQ is free for use of PCI/PnP devices. When set to [Reserved], the IRQ is reserved for legacy ISA devices.

Configuration options: [PCI Device] [Reserved]

## 4.5 Power menu

The Power menu items allow you to change the settings for the Advanced Power Management (APM). Select an item then press <Enter> to display the configuration options.



### 4.5.1 Suspend Mode [Auto]

Allows you to select the Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) state to be used for system suspend.

Configuration options: [S1 (POS) Only] [S3 Only] [Auto]

### 4.5.2 Repost Video on S3 Resume [Disabled]

Determines whether to invoke VGA BIOS POST on S3/STR resume.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### 4.5.3 ACPI 2.0 Support [Disabled]

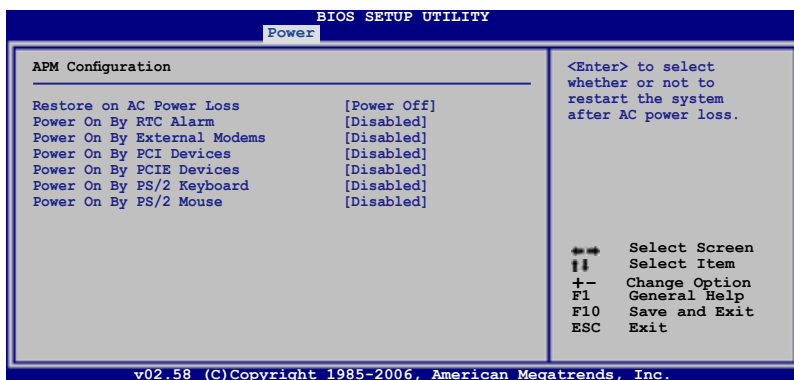
Specifies the Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) version supported. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### 4.5.4 ACPI APIC Support [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) support in the Advanced Programmable Interrupt Controller (APIC). When set to [Enabled], the ACPI APIC table pointer is included in the RSDT pointer list.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 4.5.5 APM Configuration



### Restore On AC Power Loss [Power Off]

When set to [Power Off], the system goes into off state after an AC power loss. When set to [Power On], the system goes on after an AC power loss. When set to [Last State], the system goes into either off or on state, whatever the system state was before the AC power loss.

Configuration options: [Power Off] [Power On] [Last State]

### Power On By RTC Alarm [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable RTC to generate a wake event. When this item is set to [Enabled], the items **RTC Alarm Date/ RTC Alarm Hour/ RTC Alarm Minute/ RTC Alarm Second** will become user-configurable with set values.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Power On By External Modems [Disabled]

This allows either settings of [Enabled] or [Disabled] for powering up the computer when the external modem receives a call while the computer is in Soft-off mode.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



The computer cannot receive or transmit data until the computer and applications are fully running. Thus, connection cannot be made on the first try. Turning an external modem off and then back on while the computer is off causes an initialization string that turns the system power on.

### Power On By PCI Devices [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the PME to wake up from S5 by PCI devices.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Power On By PCIE Devices [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the PCIE devices to generate a wake event.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## Power On By PS/2 Keyboard [Disabled]

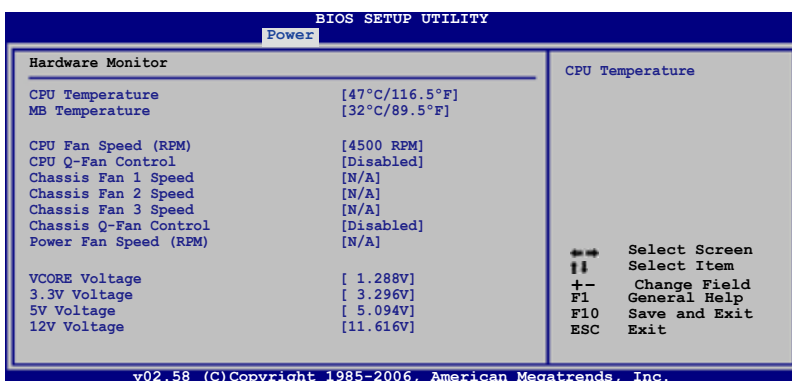
Allows you to disable the Power On by PS/2 keyboard function or set specific keys on the PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system. This feature requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Space Bar] [Ctrl-Esc] [Power Key]

## Power On By PS/2 Mouse [Disabled]

When set to [Enabled], this parameter allows you to use the PS/2 mouse to turn on the system. This feature requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the +5VSB lead. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 4.5.6 Hardware Monitor



### CPU Temperature [xxx°C/xxx°F]

### MB Temperature [xxx°C/xxx°F]

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

### CPU Fan Speed [xxxxRPM] or [Ignored] / [N/A]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the CPU fan speed in rotations per minute (RPM). If the fan is not connected to the motherboard, the field shows [N/A].

### CPU Q-Fan Control [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the CPU Q-Fan controller.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



The **CPU Q-Fan Profile** items appear when you enable the **CPU Q-Fan Control** feature.

### **CPU Q-Fan Profile [Optimal]**

Allows you to set the appropriate performance level of the CPU Q-Fan. When set to [Optimal], the CPU fan automatically adjusts depending on the CPU temperature. Set this item to [Silent Mode] to minimize fan speed for quiet CPU fan operation, or [Performance Mode] to achieve maximum CPU fan speed.

Configuration options: [Optimal] [Silent Mode] [Performance Mode]

### **Chassis Fan 1/2/3 Speed [xxxxRPM] or [Ignored] / [N/A]**

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the chassis fan speed in rotations per minute (RPM). If the fan is not connected to the motherboard, the field shows [N/A].

### **Chassis Q-Fan Control [Disabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable the chassis Q-Fan controller.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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The **Chassis Q-Fan Profile** item appears when you enable the **Chassis Q-Fan Control** feature.

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### **Chassis Q-Fan Profile [Optimal]**

Allows you to set the appropriate performance level of the chassis Q-Fan. When set to [Optimal], the chassis fan automatically adjusts depending on the chassis temperature. Set this item to [Silent Mode] to minimize fan speed for quiet chassis fan operation, or [Performance Mode] to achieve maximum chassis fan speed.

Configuration options: [Optimal] [Silent Mode] [Performance Mode]

### **Power Fan Speed (RPM) [xxxxRPM] or [Ignored] / [N/A]**

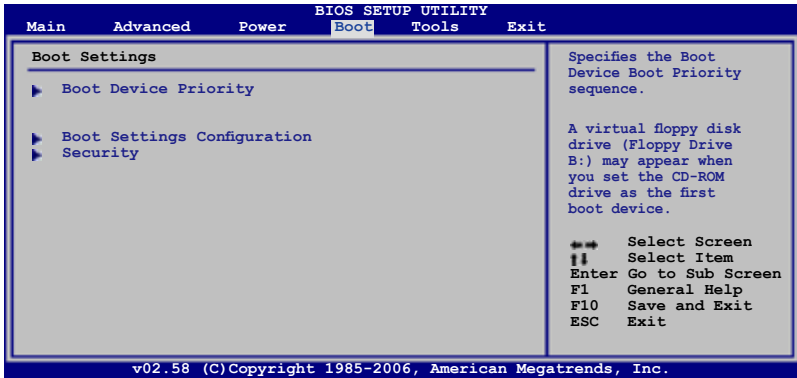
The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the power fan speed in rotations per minute (RPM). If the fan is not connected to the motherboard, the field shows [N/A].

### **Vcore Voltage, 3.3V Voltage, 5V Voltage, 12V Voltage**

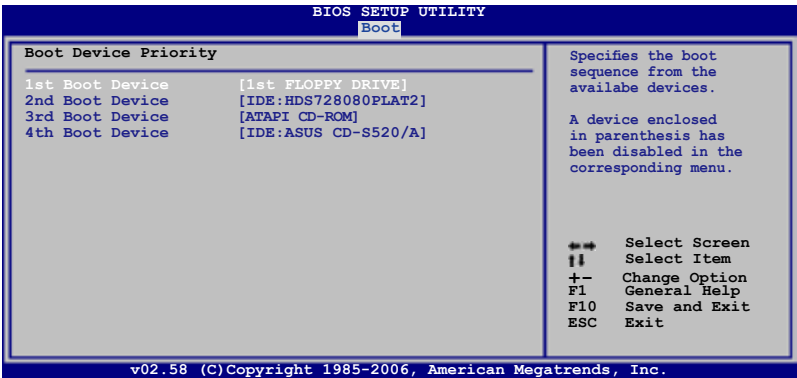
The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects the voltage output through the onboard voltage regulators. Select [Ignored] if you do not want to detect this item.

## 4.6 Boot menu

The Boot menu items allow you to change the system boot options. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the sub-menu.



### 4.6.1 Boot Device Priority



#### 1st ~ xxth Boot Device [xxx Drive]

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. Configuration options: [xxx Drive] [Disabled]

## 4.6.2 Boot Settings Configuration



### Quick Boot [Enabled]

Enabling this item allows the BIOS to skip some power on self tests (POST) while booting to decrease the time needed to boot the system. When set to [Disabled], BIOS performs all the POST items. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Full Screen Logo [Enabled]

This allows you to enable or disable the full screen logo display feature. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



Set this item to [Enabled] to use the ASUS MyLogo2™ feature.

### AddOn ROM Display Mode [Force BIOS]

Sets the display mode for option ROM. Configuration options: [Force BIOS] [Keep Current]

### Bootup Num-Lock [On]

Allows you to select the power-on state for the NumLock. Configuration options: [Off] [On]

### PS/2 Mouse Support [Auto]

Allows you to enable or disable support for PS/2 mouse. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled] [Auto]

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

When set to [Enabled], the system waits for the <F1> key to be pressed when error occurs. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



**Hit 'DEL' Message Display [Enabled]**

When set to [Enabled], the system displays the message "Press DEL to run Setup" during POST. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

**Interrupt 19 Capture [Disabled]**

When set to [Enabled], this function allows the option ROMs to trap Interrupt 19. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### 4.6.3 Security

The Security menu items allow you to change the system security settings. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the configuration options.



#### Change Supervisor Password

Select this item to set or change the supervisor password. The **Supervisor Password** item on top of the screen shows the default **Not Installed**. After you set a password, this item shows **Installed**.

To set a Supervisor Password:

1. Select the **Change Supervisor Password** item and press <Enter>.
2. From the password box, type a password composed of at least six letters and/or numbers, then press <Enter>.
3. Confirm the password when prompted.

The message “Password Installed” appears after you successfully set your password.

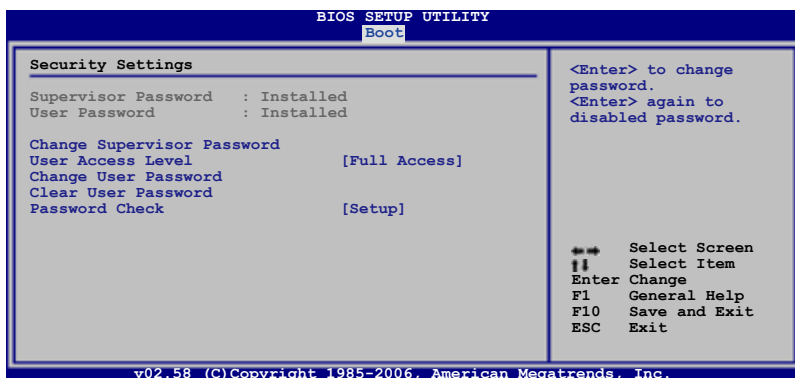
To change the supervisor password, follow the same steps as in setting a user password.

To clear the supervisor password, select the **Change Supervisor Password** then press <Enter>. The message “Password Uninstalled” appears.



If you forget your BIOS password, you can clear it by erasing the CMOS Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM. See section **2.6 Jumpers** for information on how to erase the RTC RAM.

After you have set a supervisor password, the other items appear to allow you to change other security settings.



## User Access Level [Full Access]

This item allows you to select the access restriction to the Setup items.

Configuration options: [No Access] [View Only] [Limited] [Full Access]

[No Access] prevents user access to the Setup utility.

[View Only] allows access but does not allow change to any field.

[Limited] allows changes only to selected fields, such as Date and Time.

[Full Access] allows viewing and changing all the fields in the Setup utility.

## Change User Password

Select this item to set or change the user password. 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 **Change User Password** item and press <Enter>.
2. On the password box that appears, type a password composed of at least six letters and/or numbers, then press <Enter>.
3. Confirm the password when prompted.

The message "Password Installed" appears after you set your password successfully.

To change the user password, follow the same steps as in setting a user password.

## Clear User Password

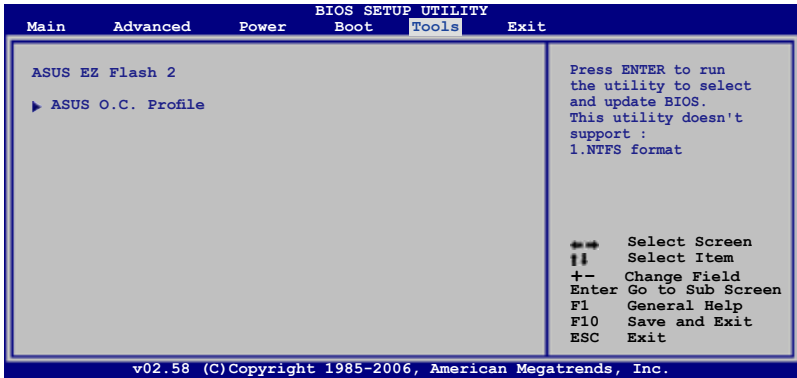
Select this item to clear the user password.

## Password Check [Setup]

When set to [Setup], BIOS checks for user password when accessing the Setup utility. When set to [Always], BIOS checks for user password both when accessing Setup and booting the system. Configuration options: [Setup] [Always]

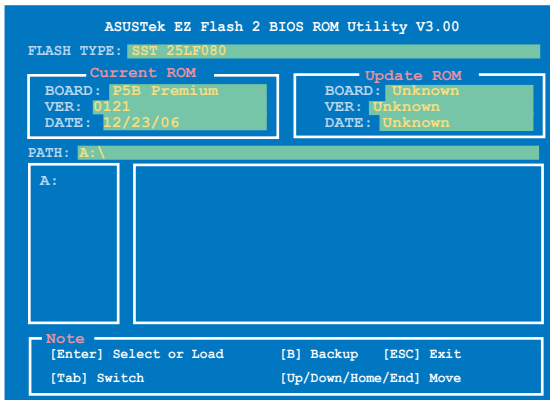
## 4.7 Tools menu

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



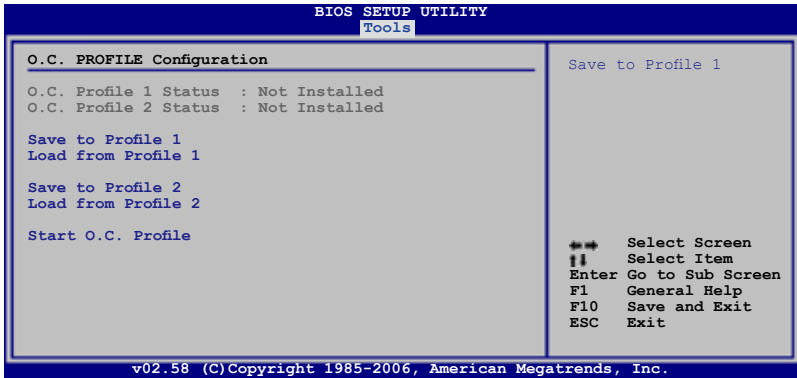
### 4.7.1 ASUS EZ Flash 2

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. Please see page 4-5, section 4.1.3 for details.



## 4.7.2 ASUS O.C. Profile

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



### Save to Profile 1/2

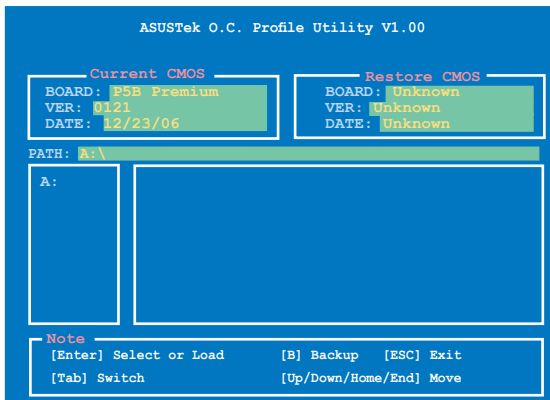
Allows you to save the current BIOS file to the BIOS Flash. Press <Enter> to save the file.

### Load from Profile 1/2

Allows you to load the previous BIOS settings saved in the BIOS Flash. Press <Enter> to load the file.

### Start O.C. Profile

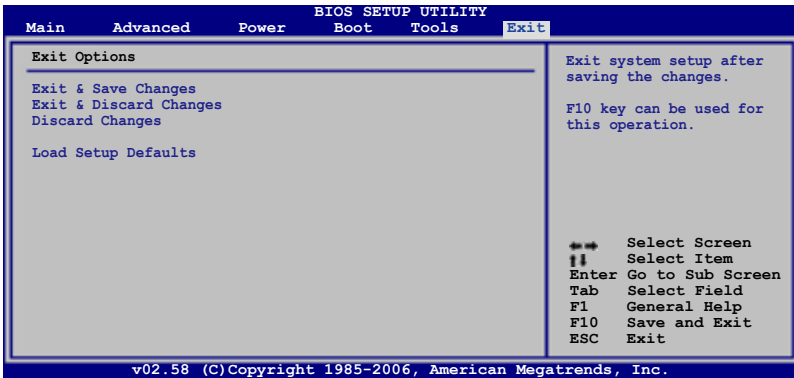
Allows you to run the utility to save and load CMOS. Press <Enter> to run the utility.



- This function can support devices such as USB flash disk or floppy disk with FAT 32/16 format and single partition only.
- DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent the system boot failure!

## 4.8 Exit menu

The Exit menu items allow you to load the optimal or failsafe default values for the BIOS items, and save or discard your changes to the BIOS items.



Pressing <Esc> does not immediately exit this menu. Select one of the options from this menu or <F10> from the legend bar to exit.

### Exit & Save Changes

Once you are finished making your selections, choose this option from the Exit menu to ensure the values you selected are saved to the CMOS RAM. An onboard backup battery sustains the CMOS RAM so it stays on even when the PC is turned off. When you select this option, a confirmation window appears. Select **YES** to save changes and exit.



If you attempt to exit the Setup program without saving your changes, the program prompts you with a message asking if you want to save your changes before exiting. Press <Enter> to save the changes while exiting.

### Exit & Discard Changes

Select this option only if you do not want to save the changes that you made to the Setup program. If you made changes to fields other than System Date, System Time, and Password, the BIOS asks for a confirmation before exiting.

### Discard Changes

This option allows you to discard the selections you made and restore the previously saved values. After selecting this option, a confirmation appears. Select **YES** to discard any changes and load the previously saved values.

### Load Setup 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 default values. Select **Exit & Save Changes** or make other changes before saving the values to the non-volatile RAM.

This chapter describes the contents of the support DVD that comes with the motherboard package and the softwares.

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## 5.1 Installing an operating system

This motherboard supports Windows® 2000/ XP/ 64-bit XP/ Vista™ operating systems (OS). Always install the latest OS version and corresponding updates to maximize the features of your hardware.



- 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.
- Make sure that you install Windows® 2000 Service Pack 4 or the Windows® XP Service Pack2 or later versions before installing the drivers for better compatibility and system stability.

## 5.2 Support DVD information

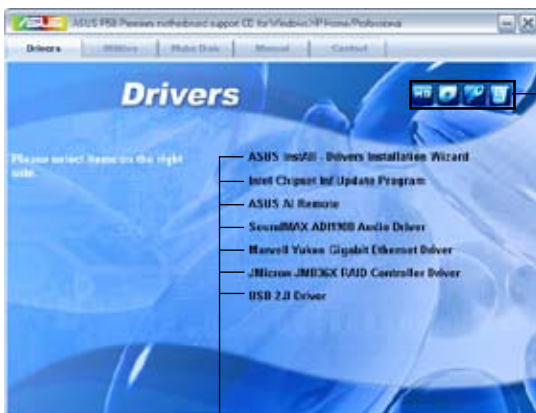
The support DVD that came with the motherboard package contains the drivers, software applications, and utilities that you can install to avail all motherboard features.



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

### 5.2.1 Running the support DVD

Place the support DVD to the optical drive. The DVD automatically displays the Drivers menu if Autorun is enabled in your computer.



Click an icon to display support DVD/motherboard information

Click an item to install



If Autorun 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.

## 5.2.2 Drivers menu

The Drivers menu shows the available device drivers if the system detects installed devices. Install the necessary drivers to activate the devices.



### **ASUS InstAll-Drivers Installation Wizard**

Installs all of the drivers through the Installation Wizard.

### **Intel Chipset Inf Update Program**

Installs the Intel® chipset Inf update program.

### **ASUS AI Remote**

Installs ASUS AI Remote application.

### **SoundMAX ADI1988 Audio Driver**

Installs the SoundMAX® ADI1988 audio driver and application.

### **Marvell Yukon Gigabit Ethernet Driver**

Installs the Marvell Yukon Gigabit Ethernet driver.

### **JMicron JMB36X RAID Controller Driver**

Installs the JMicron® JMB36X Serial ATA RAID controller driver.

### **USB 2.0 Driver**

Installs the USB 2.0 driver.

## 5.2.3 Utilities menu

The Utilities menu shows the applications and other software that the motherboard supports.



### **ASUS InstAll-Installation Wizard for Utilities**

Installs all of the utilities through the Installation Wizard.

### **ASUS AI Suite**

Installs the ASUS AI Suite.

### **ASUS Update**

The ASUS Update utility allows you to update the motherboard BIOS in Windows® environment. This utility requires an Internet connection either through a network or an Internet Service Provider (ISP).

## **ASUS PC Probe II**

This smart utility monitors the fan speed, CPU temperature, and system voltages, and alerts you of any detected problems. This utility helps you keep your computer in healthy operating condition.

## **ASUS Accelerated Propeller**

Installs ASUS Accelerated Propeller (ASAP).

## **ADOBE Acrobat Reader V7.0**

Installs the Adobe® Acrobat® Reader that allows you to open, view, and print documents in Portable Document Format (PDF).

## **Microsoft DirectX 9.0c**

Installs the Microsoft® DirectX 9.0c driver. The Microsoft DirectX® 9.0c is a multimedia technology that enhances computer graphics and sound. DirectX® improves the multimedia features of your computer so you can enjoy watching TV and movies, capturing videos, or playing games in your computer. Visit the Microsoft website ([www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com)) for updates.

## **Anti-Virus Utility**

The anti-virus application scans, identifies, and removes computer viruses. View the online help for detailed information.

## **InterVideo MediaOne Gallery**

Installs the media library and all-in-one software.

## **WinDVD Copy5 Trial**

Installs the WinDVD Copy5 trial version.

## **Ulead PhotoImpact 12 SE**

Installs the PhotoImpact image editing software.

## **CyberLink PowerBackup**

Installs CyberLink PowerBackup to back up and restore your data easily.

## **Corel Snapfire Plus SE**

Installs Corel Snapfire Plus SE.

## **Marvell Yukon VCT Application**

Installs the Marvell® Yukon Virtual Cable Tester™ (VCT) application that diagnoses and reports LAN cable faults and shorts using the Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR) technology.

## 5.2.4 Make disk menu

The Make disk menu contains items to create the Intel ICH8 or JMicron® JMB36X RAID/AHCI driver disk.



### **Make Intel ICH8 32/64bit RAID/AHCI Driver Disk**

Allows you to create an ICH8 32/64bit RAID/AHCI driver disk.

### **Make JMicron JMB36X 32/64bit RAID/AHCI Driver**

Allows you to create a JMicron® JMB36X 32/64bit RAID/AHCI driver.

## 5.2.5 Manual menu

The Manual menu contains a list of supplementary user manuals. Click an item to open the folder of the user manual.

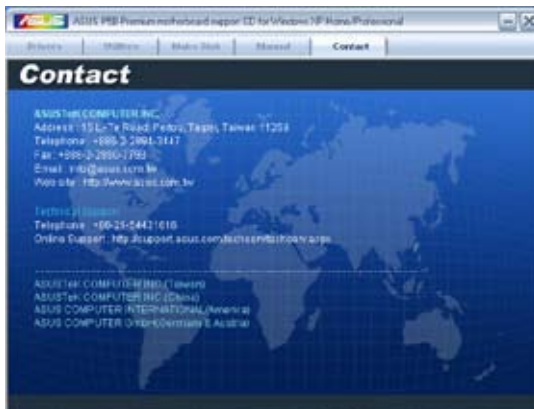


Most user manual files are in Portable Document Format (PDF). Install the Adobe® Acrobat® Reader from the Utilities menu before opening a user manual file.



## 5.2.6 ASUS Contact information

Click the Contact tab to display the ASUS contact information. You can also find this information on the inside front cover of this user guide.



## 5.2.7 Other information

The icons on the top right corner of the screen give additional information on the motherboard and the contents of the support DVD. Click an icon to display the specified information.

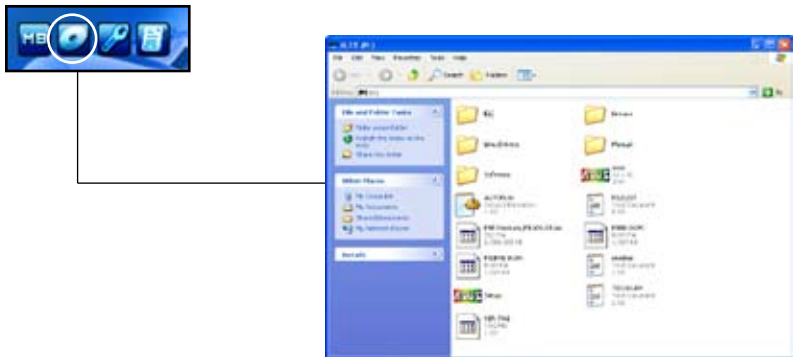
### Motherboard Info

Displays the general specifications of the motherboard.



### Browse this CD

Displays the support DVD contents in graphical format.







## 5.3 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.

### 5.3.1 ASUS MyLogo2™

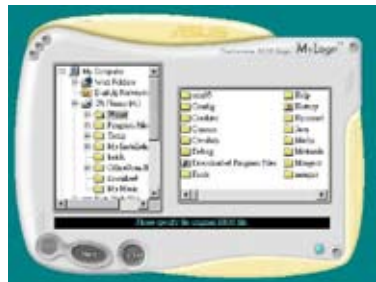
The ASUS MyLogo2™ utility lets you customize the boot logo. The boot logo is the image that appears on screen during the Power-On-Self-Tests (POST). The ASUS MyLogo2™ is automatically installed when you install the ASUS Update utility from the support DVD. See section 5.2.3 **Utilities menu** for details.



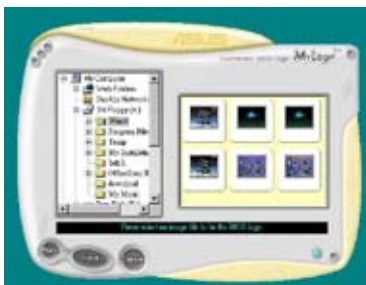
- Before using the ASUS MyLogo2™, use the AFUDOS utility to make a copy of your original BIOS file, or obtain the latest BIOS version from the ASUS website. See section 4.1.4 **AFUDOS utility**.
- Make sure that the BIOS item Full Screen Logo is set to [Enabled] if you wish to use ASUS MyLogo2. See section 4.6.2 **Boot Settings Configuration**.
- You can create your own boot logo image in GIF, JPG, or BMP file formats.

To launch the ASUS MyLogo2™:

1. Launch the ASUS Update utility. Refer to section 4.1.1 **ASUS Update utility** for details.
2. Select **Options** from the drop down menu, then click **Next**.
3. Check the option **Launch MyLogo** to replace system boot logo before flashing BIOS, then click **Next**.
4. Select **Update BIOS from a file** from the drop down menu, then click **Next**.
5. When prompted, locate the new BIOS file, then click **Next**. The ASUS MyLogo2 window appears.
6. From the left window pane, select the folder that contains the image you intend to use as your boot logo.



- When the logo images appear on the right window pane, select an image to enlarge by clicking on it.



- Adjust the boot image to your desired size by selecting a value on the Ratio box.



- When the screen returns to the ASUS Update utility, flash the original BIOS to load the new boot logo.
- After flashing the BIOS, restart the computer to display the new boot logo during POST.

### 5.3.2 AI NET2

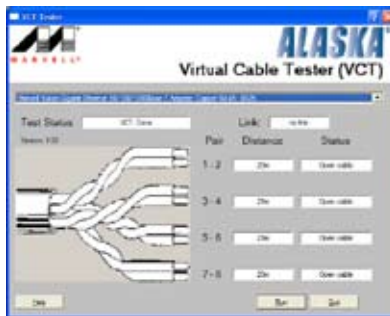
The AI NET2 features the Marvell® Virtual Cable Tester™ (VCT). VCT is a cable diagnostic utility that reports LAN cable faults and shorts using the Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR) technology. The VCT detects and reports open and shorted cables, impedance mismatches, pair swaps, pair polarity problems, and pair skew problems of up to 64 ns at one meter accuracy.

The VCT feature reduces networking and support costs through a highly manageable and controlled network system. This utility can be incorporated in the network systems software for ideal field support as well as development diagnostics.

#### Using the Virtual Cable Tester™

To use the the Marvell® Virtual Cable Tester™ utility:

1. Launch the VCT utility from the Windows® desktop by clicking **Start > All Programs > Marvell > Virtual Cable Tester**.
2. Click **Virtual Cable Tester** from the menu to display the screen below.



3. Click the **Run** button to perform a cable test.



- Refer to page 1-9 for the OS that supports VCT.
- The VCT utility only tests Ethernet cables connected to Gigabit LAN port(s).
- The Run button on the Virtual Cable Tester™ main window is disabled if no problem is detected on the LAN cable(s) connected to the LAN port(s).
- If you want the system to check the status of the LAN cable before entering the OS, enable the item Post Check LAN Cable in the BIOS Setup.

### 5.3.3 ASUS PC Probe II

PC Probe II is a utility that monitors the computer's vital components, and detects and alerts you of any problem with these components. PC Probe II senses fan rotations, CPU temperature, and system voltages, among others. Because PC Probe II is software-based, you can start monitoring your computer the moment you turn it on. With this utility, you are assured that your computer is always at a healthy operating condition. Refer to page 1-9 for the OS that supports this feature.

#### Installing PC Probe II

To install PC Probe II on your computer:

1. Place the support DVD to the optical drive. The Drivers installation tab appears if your computer has an enabled Autorun feature.



If Autorun is not enabled in your computer, browse the contents of the support DVD to locate the setup.exe file from the ASUS PC Probe II folder. Double-click the setup.exe file to start installation.

2. Click the Utilities tab, then click ASUS PC Probe II.
3. Follow the screen instructions to complete installation.

#### Launching PC Probe II

You can launch the PC Probe II right after installation or anytime from the Windows® desktop.

To launch the PC Probe II from the Windows® desktop, click **Start > All Programs > ASUS > PC Probe II > PC Probe II v1.xx.xx**. The PC Probe II main window appears.

After launching the application, the PC Probe II icon appears in the Windows® taskbar. Click this icon to close or restore the application.










#### Using PC Probe II

##### Main window

The PC Probe II main window allows you to view the current status of your system and change the utility configuration. By default, the main window displays the Preference section. You can close or restore the Preference section by clicking on the triangle on the main window right handle.



Click to close the Preference panel

Button	Function
	Opens the Configuration window
	Opens the Report window
	Opens the Desktop Management Interface window
	Opens the Peripheral Component Interconnect window
	Opens the Windows Management Instrumentation window
	Opens the hard disk drive, memory, CPU usage window
	Shows/Hides the Preference section
	Minimizes the application
	Closes the application

### Sensor alert

When a system sensor detects a problem, the main window right handle turns red, as the illustrations below show.



When displayed, the monitor panel for that sensor also turns red. Refer to the Monitor panels section for details.

### Preferences

You can customize the application using the Preference section in the main window. Click the box before each preference to activate or deactivate.



## Hardware monitor panels

The hardware monitor panels display the current value of a system sensor such as fan rotation, CPU temperature, and voltages.

The hardware monitor panels come in two display modes: hexagonal (large) and rectangular (small). When you check the Enable Monitoring Panel option from the Preference section, the monitor panels appear on your computer's desktop.



Large display



Small display

### Changing the monitor panels position

To change the position of the monitor panels in the desktop, click the arrow down button of the Scheme options, then select another position from the list box. Click OK when finished.





### Moving the monitor panels

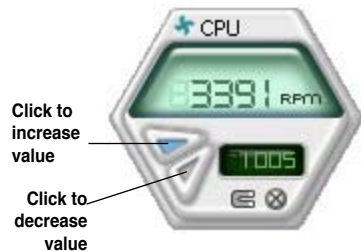
All monitor panels move together using a magnetic effect. If you want to detach a monitor panel from the group, click the horseshoe magnet icon. You can now move or reposition the panel independently.



### Adjusting the sensor threshold value

You can adjust the sensor threshold value in the monitor panel by clicking the  or  buttons. You can also adjust the threshold values using the Config window.

You cannot adjust the sensor threshold values in a small monitoring panel.



### Monitoring sensor alert

The monitor panel turns red when a component value exceeds or is lower than the threshold value. Refer to the illustrations below.



Large display



Small display

## WMI browser

Click **WMI** to display the WMI (Windows Management Instrumentation) browser. This browser displays various Windows® management information. Click an item from the left panel to display on the right panel. Click the plus sign (+) before WMI Information to display the available information.



You can enlarge or reduce the browser size by dragging the bottom right corner of the browser.

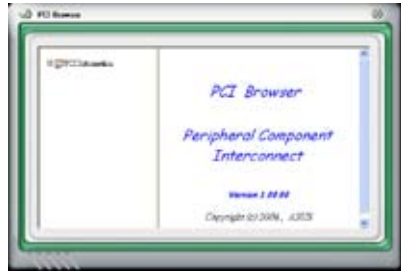
## DMI browser

Click **DMI** to display the DMI (Desktop Management Interface) browser. This browser displays various desktop and system information. Click the plus sign (+) before DMI Information to display the available information.



## PCI browser

Click **PCI** to display the PCI (Peripheral Component Interconnect) browser. This browser provides information on the PCI devices installed on your system. Click the plus sign (+) before the PCI Information item to display available information.



## Usage

The Usage browser displays real-time information on the CPU, hard disk drive space, and memory usage. Click **USAGE** to display the Usage browser.

### CPU usage

The CPU tab displays real-time CPU usage in line graph representation. If the CPU has an enabled Hyper-Threading, two separate line graphs display the operation of the two logical processors.



### Hard disk drive space usage

The Hard Disk tab displays the used and available hard disk drive space. The left panel of the tab lists all logical drives. Click a hard disk drive to display the information on the right panel. The pie chart at the bottom of the window represents the used (blue) and the available HDD space.





### Memory usage

The Memory tab shows both used and available physical memory. The pie chart at the bottom of the window represents the used (blue) and the available physical memory.



## Configuring PC Probe II

Click **CONFIG** to view and adjust the sensor threshold values.

The Config window has two tabs: Sensor/Threshold and Preference. The Sensor/Threshold tab enables you to activate the sensors or to adjust the sensor threshold values. The Preference tab allows you to customize sensor alerts, or change the temperature scale.

The screenshot shows the 'Config' window with the 'Sensor/Threshold' tab selected. It features three sub-tabs: 'Temperature', 'Voltage', and 'Fan Speed'. A table lists sensor settings for 'CPU' and 'MB'. Below the table are buttons for 'Default', 'Apply', 'Cancel', 'Save As', and 'Load'. Callout lines point from these buttons to descriptive text.

Enabled	Sensor Name	Nominal Value	Current Value	Threshold
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CPU		43	80 °C
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MB		34	45 °C

Buttons: Default, Apply, Cancel, Save As, Load

Callouts:  
- Default: Loads the default threshold values for each sensor  
- Apply: Applies your changes  
- Cancel: Cancels or ignores your changes  
- Save As: Saves your configuration  
- Load: Loads your saved configuration

### 5.3.4 ASUS AI Suite

ASUS AI Suite allows you to launch AI Gear, AI N.O.S., AI Booster, AI Nap, and Q-Fan utilities easily.

#### Installing AI Suite

To install AI Suite on your computer:

1. Place the support CD to the optical drive. The Drivers installation tab appears if your computer has an enabled Autorun feature.
2. Click the Utilities tab, then click **AI Suite**.
3. Follow the screen instructions to complete installation.

#### Launching AI Suite

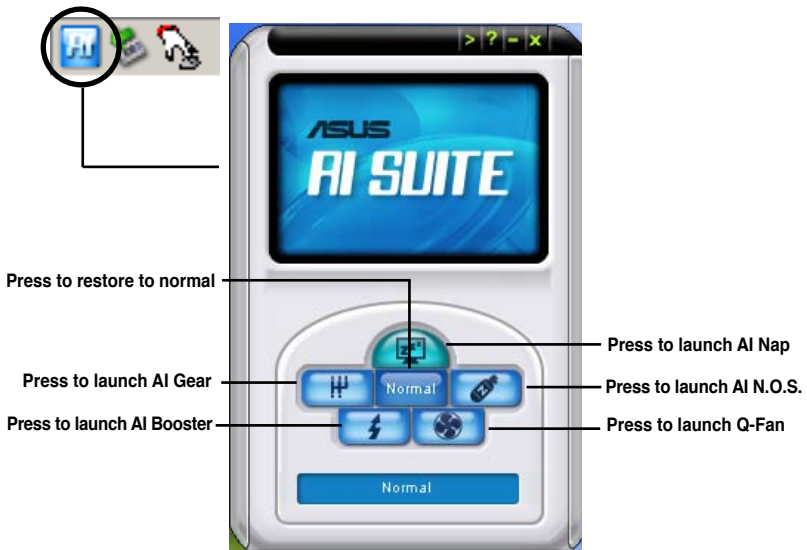
You can launch the AI Suite right after installation or anytime from the Windows® desktop.

To launch the AI Suite from the Windows® desktop, click **Start > All Programs > ASUS > AI Suite > AI Suite v1.xx.xx**. The AI Suite main window appears.


After launching the application, the AI Suite icon appears in the Windows® taskbar. Click this icon to close or restore the application.

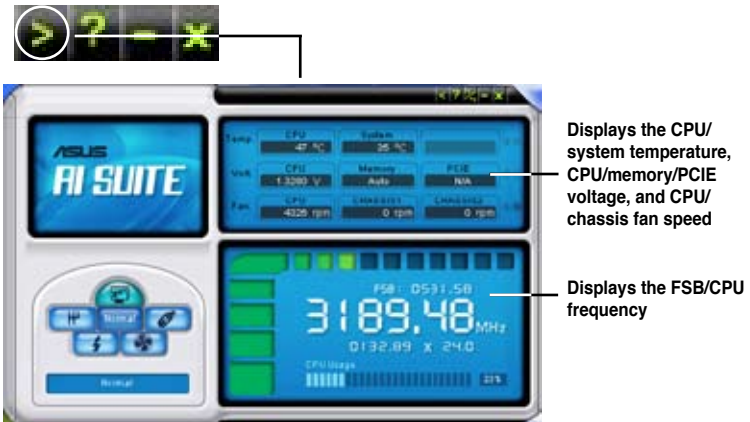
#### Using AI Suite


Click the AI N.O.S., AI Gear, AI Nap, AI Booster, or Q-Fan icon to launch the utility, or click the Normal icon to restore the system to normal state.



Other feature buttons

Click  on right corner of the main window to open the monitor window.



Click  on right corner of the expanded window to switch the temperature from degrees Centigrade to degrees Fahrenheit.

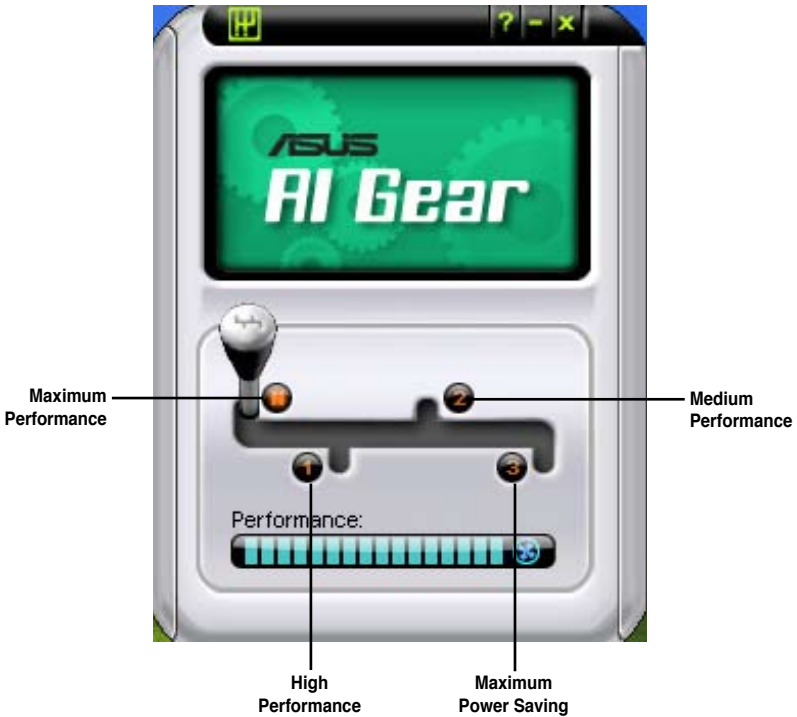


### 5.3.5 ASUS AI Gear

ASUS AI Gear provides four system performance options that allows you to select the best performance setting for your computing needs. This easy-to-use utility adjusts the processor frequency and vCore voltage to minimize system noise and power consumption.

After installing AI Suite from the bundled support CD, you can launch AI Gear by double-clicking the AI Suite icon on your Windows OS taskbar and then click the AI Gear button on the the AI Suite main window.

Shift the gear to the performance setting that you like.



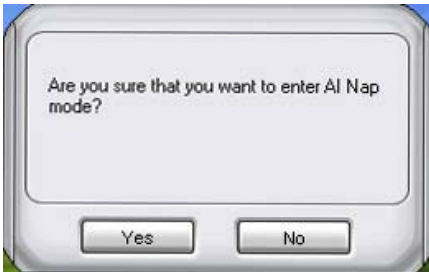
Refer to page 1-9 for the OS that supports this feature.

### 5.3.6 ASUS AI Nap

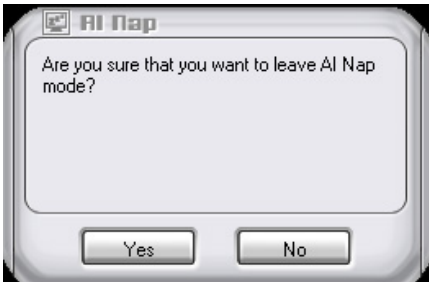
This feature allows you to minimize the power consumption of your computer whenever you are away. Enable this feature for minimum power consumption and a more quiet system operation.

After installing AI Suite from the bundled support CD, you can launch the utility by double-clicking the AI Suite icon on the Windows OS taskbar and click the AI Nap button on the AI Suite main window.

Click **Yes** on the confirmation screen.



To exit AI Nap mode, press the system power or mouse button then click **Yes** on the confirmation screen.



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- Refer to page 1-9 for the OS that supports this feature.
  - To switch the power button functions from AI Nap to shutting down, just right click the **AI Suite** icon on the OS taskbar, select **AI Nap** and click **Use power button**. Uncheck the the item to switch the function back.
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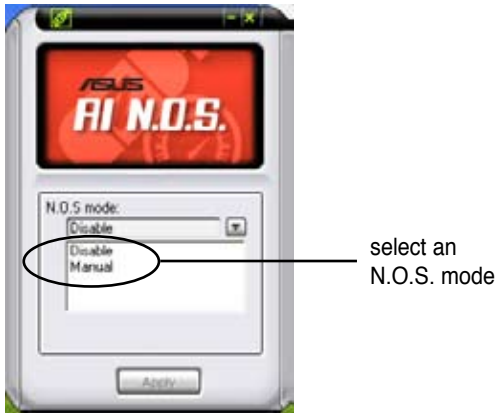
### 5.3.7 ASUS AI N.O.S.

This ASUS Non-delay Overclocking System feature intelligently determines the system load and automatically boosts the performance for the most demanding tasks.

After installing AI Suite from the bundled support CD, you can launch the utility by double-clicking the AI Suite icon on the Windows OS taskbar and click the AI N.O.S. button on the AI Suite main window.



Click the drop-down menu button and select **Disable** or **Manual**.



Click **Apply** at the bottom to save the configuration.



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Refer to page 1-9 for the OS that supports this feature.

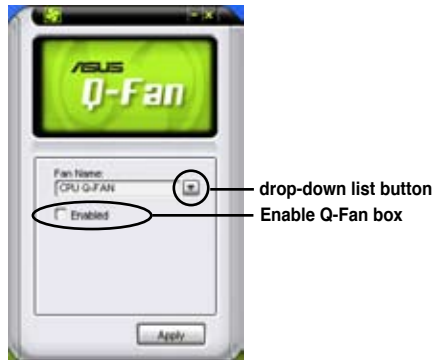
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### 5.3.8 ASUS Q-Fan

This ASUS Q-Fan Control feature allows you to set the appropriate performance level of the CPU Q-Fan or the Chassis Q-Fan for more efficient system operation. After enabling the Q-Fan function, the fans can be set to automatically adjust depending on the temperature, to decrease fan speed, or to achieve the maximum fan speed.

After installing AI Suite from the bundled support CD, you can launch the utility by double-clicking the AI Suite icon on the Windows® OS taskbar and click the Q-Fan button on the AI Suite main window.

Click the drop-down menu button and display the fan names. Select **CPU Q-FAN** or **CHASSIS Q-FAN**. Click the box of **Enable Q-Fan** to activate this function.



**Profile** list appears after clicking the **Enable Q-Fan** box. Click the drop-down list button and select a profile. **Optimal** mode makes the fans adjust speed with the temperature; **Silent** mode minimizes fan speed for quiet fan operation; **Performance** mode boosts the fan to achieve maximal fan speed for the best cooling effect.



Click **Apply** at the bottom to save the setup.



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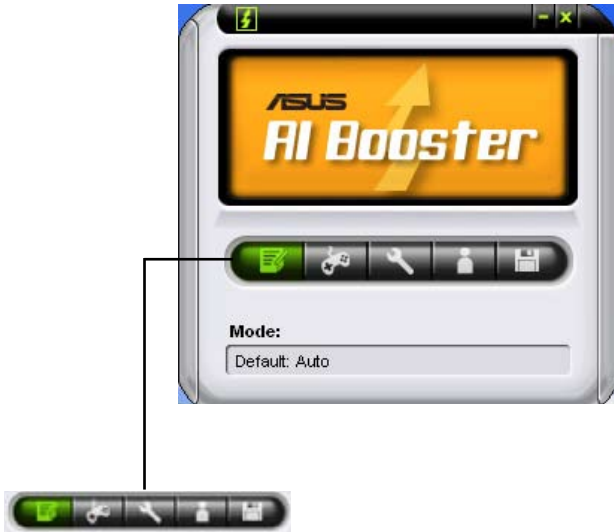
Refer to page 1-9 for the OS that supports this feature.

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### 5.3.9 ASUS AI Booster

The ASUS AI Booster application allows you to overclock the CPU speed in Windows® environment without the hassle of booting the BIOS.

After installing AI Suite from the bundled support CD, you can launch the utility by double-clicking the AI Suite icon on the Windows® OS taskbar and click the AI Booster button on the AI Suite main window.



The options on the taskbar allow you to use the default settings, adjust CPU/ Memory/PCI-E frequency manually, or create and apply your personal overclocking configurations.



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Refer to page 1-9 for the OS that supports this feature.

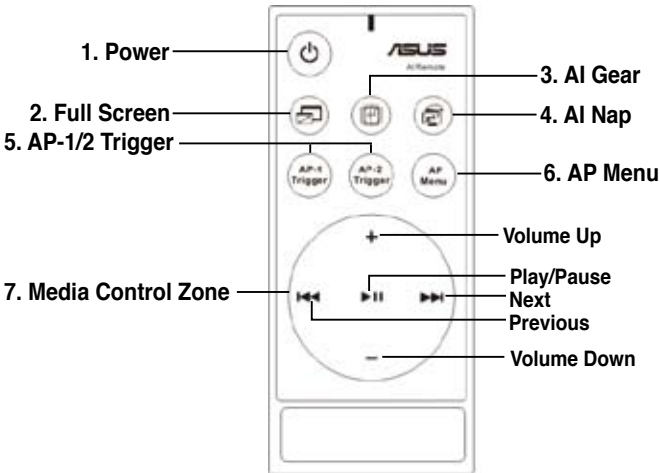
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### 5.3.10 AI Remote

With the ASUS AI Remote, you can play, pause, or adjust the volume on any songs desired without leaving your sofa. Have AI Remote in your hand and do more with your PC at a distance away.

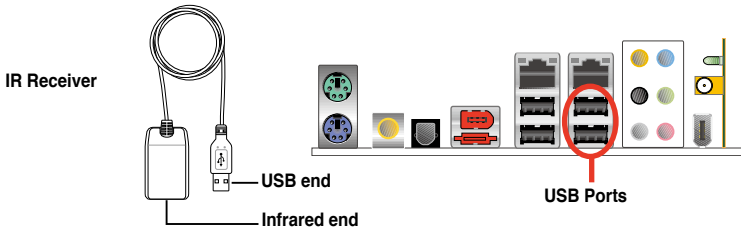
#### Overview of the ASUS AI Remote



- 1. Power:** Turns the computer on/off.
- 2. Full Screen:** Puts the media application into full screen.
- 3. AI Gear:** Changes modes for optimizing performance and quietness.
- 4. AI Nap:** Snoozing system without terminating tasks into quietest state.
- 5. AP-1/2 Trigger:** Initiates the pre-defined applications.
- 6. AP Menu:** Displays the application menu.
- 7. Media Control Zone:** Controls the media application.

## USB IR Receiver

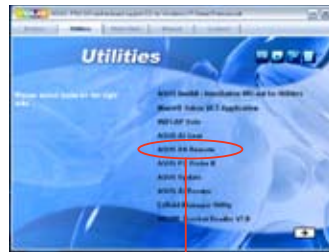
Your motherboard will come bundled with a IR Receiver, simply connect the USB end to your PC USB ports under the LAN2 port and place the IR receiver end at a suitable place without hindrance.



- The valid IR function distance is 6m depending on the environment. Suggest you to aim at the IR receiver when using the ASUS AI Remote to ensure a smooth and successful operation.
- These two USB ports support USB wake-up capability. So when the computer is not turned on, removing USB devices such as the ASUS IR receiver from these two ports will start up the PC.
- Back I/O differs depending on the motherboards.
- Refer to page 1-9 for the OS that supports this function.

## Software Installation

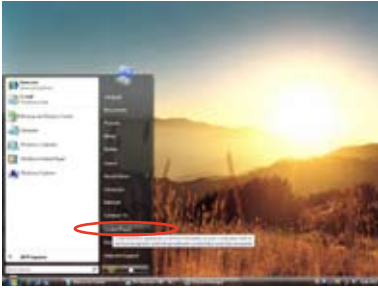
Before enjoying the convenience the ASUS AI Remote brings you, you need to install the software after the infrared receiver installation. Simply click and install the file ASUS AI Remote from Drivers menu of the Motherboard Support CD package for the first time, and it will launch automatically everytime you start up your PC.



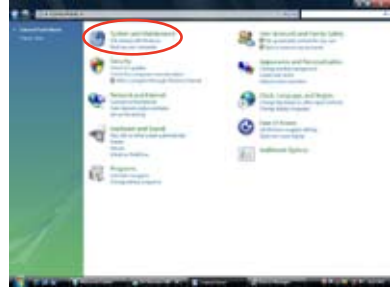
ASUS AI Remote

## Activating HID-Compliant Devices

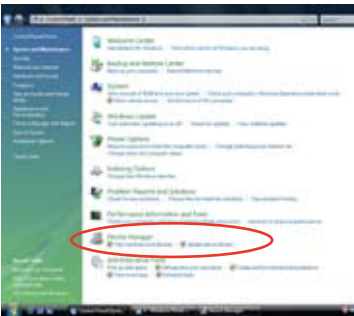
Due to the limitation of the operating system, if you remove the IR receiver from the previous port and have it reinstall into the other USB port, the IR receiver will not function. To activate the HID-compliant devices again, go to **Device Manager/Power Manager** and check the box of **Allow this device to bring the computer out of standby**.



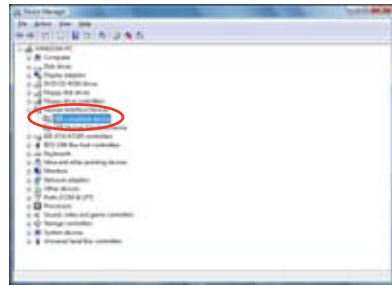
1. Click **Windows icon** and choose **Control Panel**.



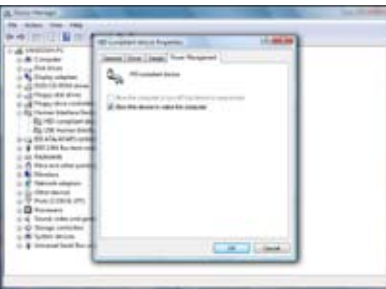
2. Double click **System and Maintenance**.



3. Click **Device Manager**.



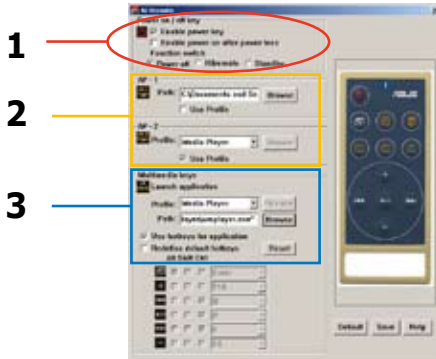
4. Select **HID-compliant device**.



5. Check the box of **Allow this device to wake the computer**.

## ASUS AI Remote Settings

After the installation of the ASUS AI Remote software, the utility screen will show up and allows you to configure the ASUS AI Remote settings. Set up the function keys following the instructions below.



### 1. Power On / Off Key

#### Enable power key

Click this box to enable this power button.

#### Enable power on after power loss

Click this box to restart the system after the AC power loss. Whenever the power cord of your PC is removed from the outlet or there is a power failure, your PC will auto-boot and shut down around few seconds to enable the Power On function of AI Remote after the power supply is back.

#### Function switch

You can customize the **Power key** by switching the mode from **Power off** to **Hibernate** or **Standby** based on your preference. Setting this item to **Hibernate** allows you to lead your PC to the Windows S4 mode, which enables your PC to enter Hibernate faster and return to full power much more quickly.



- Power On/Off button does not support MS-DOS Mode.
- You have to check the box of **Enable Power Key** before using the ASUS AI Remote to turn on and off your PC or to have it hibernate or standby. Visit [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com) for details about Hibernate and Standby.

## 2. AP-1/2

You are allowed to configure two sets of applications for AP-1 Trigger and AP-2 Trigger buttons. After the setup, you can easily launch the pre-defined application by pressing the designated button.

- (1) Click the box before **Use Profile**, and you are able to select a default application from the drop-down menu.
- (2) To launch a non-default application, unclick the box before **Use Profile**.
- (3) Click the **Browse** button and locate the executable (.exe) file of the application you want to launch by pressing the AP-1 button.
- (4) Follow the same instructions to configure the **AP-2** button.
- (5) Click **Save** to save the configuration.

## 3. Multimedia Keys

### **Profile**

There are nine default applications in the **Profile** drop-down menu and five sets of **User Define**.



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Default applications are Media Player, iTunes, PowerDVD, WinDVD, QuickTime, Real Player, DivX Player, WinAmp and Power Point. (Default applications in the ASUS AI Remote software may change without notice.)

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### **Path**

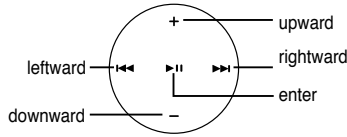
The software will help locate the executable (.exe) file of the nine default applications. If the .exe file is not located, click **Browse** to direct the correct path. The .exe files of the **User Define** applications need to be located manually before you using the ASUS AI Remote.




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- Save after the .exe file path is directed.
  - If the executable file is relocated or the application is re-installed, you have to redirect the file path for a correct ASUS AI Remote operation.
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## AP Menu Button and Application menu

Navigate with the media control zone.



### Select Application Profile

After you press  (AP Menu) on the remote control, an application profile will be displayed on the screen. Use the remote control to navigate and initiate a desired application.






### Select Application Path

If the software fails to locate the executable file of the application at the first-time use, the **Select Application Path** screen will appear. Specify the correct path on screen.




### Select File

After selecting the correct path, you should select the correct executable file (.exe) of the application for launching the application.

If the executable file is located by the software successfully or you have already set up correctly in advance, this screen will show up directly when the application is chosen. After selecting a desired file, folder or CD-ROM, use   to choose **Back/OK/Cancel** and then press  to confirm.



- For music listening, making playlists beforehand is suggested.
- Press  again to close the application and again to re-launch the profile menu.

## Define Hotkeys for Application

If you want to use the Media Control Zone to control non-default applications, such as ACDSee, you can select **User Define** from the drop-down menu and rename it by pressing **Rename**. The ASUS AI Remote software has correctly set up nine popular applications and defined the function buttons for your convenient operation.


### User Define

After clicking the box before **Use** **Hotkeys for Application**, you are free to define the hotkeys of the User Define applications.



Select **User Define 1~5** from the **Profile** drop-down menu for hotkeys definition. Press **Save** to save the new setup or press the **Default** button to clear ALL personalized setups and restore to the original definitions.



- The remote control buttons will function only when the definitions of the application hotkeys are correct.
- The hotkey definitions may vary with different software versions. Click the box of **Redefine default hotkeys** to give new correct definitions if needed. Press **Save** button to save the redefinitions or press **Reset** button to restore to the default hotkeys definition.
- After the initial setup, you will find an ASUS AI Remote icon  on the Windows OS taskbar. Click the icon and select **Settings** to launch the utility screen.

## The Function Buttons and AP Profile

The ASUS AI Remote software helps you set up the correspondence between the function buttons on the remote to the function hotkeys of nine popular applications in advance and leaves five sets for User Define.

	Media Player	iTunes	PowerDVD	WinDVD	QuickTime
Full Screen	v	v	v	v	v
▶	v	v	v/x	v	v
+	v	v	v	v	v
-	v	v	v	v	v
▶▶	v	v	v	v	x
◀◀	v	v	v	v	x
*NOTE			only play, no pause		

	Real Player	DivX Player	WinAmp	Power Point	User Defne
Full Screen	v	v	x	v	
▶	v	v	v/x	Full Screen	
+	v	x	v	B	
-	v	x	v	ESC	
▶▶	v	x	v	Page Down	
◀◀	v	x	v	Page Up	
*NOTE			only play, no pause		




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If you find the 9 default applications insufficient and would like to add different applications, you are able to rename the 5 sets User Define and create your preferred applications and favorable setups.

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### 5.3.11 SoundMAX® High Definition Audio utility

The ADI AD1988 High Definition Audio CODEC provides 8-channel audio capability through the SoundMAX® audio utility with AudioESP™ software to deliver the ultimate audio experience on your PC. The software implements high quality audio synthesis/rendering, 3D sound positioning, and advanced voice-input technologies.

Follow the installation wizard to install the ADI AD1988 Audio Driver from the support CD that came with the motherboard package to activate the SoundMAX® audio utility.



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- You must use 4-channel, 6-channel or 8-channel speakers for this setup.
  - Refer to page 1-9 for the OS that supports SoundMAX®.
  - Jack Retasking function works on High Definition front panel audio ports only.
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If the SoundMAX® audio utility is correctly installed, you will find the SoundMAX® icon on the taskbar.



From the taskbar, double-click on the SoundMAX® icon to display the SoundMAX® Control Panel.



### Audio Setup Wizard

By clicking the  icon from the SoundMAX® control panel, you can easily configure your audio settings. Simply follow succeeding screen instructions and begin enjoying High Definition Audio.



## Jack configuration

This screen helps you configure your computer's audio ports, depending on the audio devices you have installed.



## Adjust speaker volume

This screen helps you adjust speaker volume. Click the **Test** button to hear the changes you have made.




## Adjust microphone volume

This screen helps you adjust microphone volume. You will be asked to read pre-written text to allow the AudioWizard to adjust the volume as you speak.

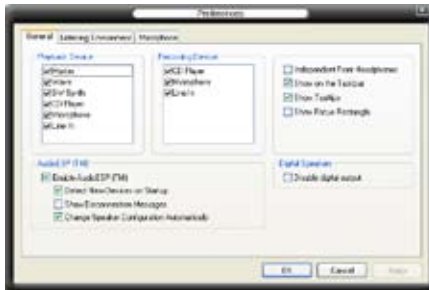


## Audio preferences

Click the  icon to go to the Preferences page. This page allows you to change various audio settings.

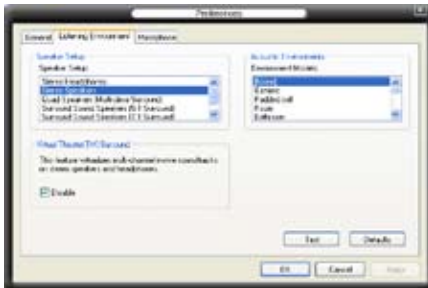
### General options

Click the General tab to choose your playback and recording devices, enable/disable the AudioESP™ feature, and enable/disable digital output.



### Listening Environment options

Click the Listening Environment tab to set up your speaker, acoustic environment, and enable/disable the Virtual Theater Surround function.



## Microphone options

Click the Microphone tab allows you to optimize your microphone input settings.



## Enhanced Microphone Features

### Voice recording

Enables Noise Filter function. Detects repetitive and stationary noises like computer fans, air conditioners, and other background noises then eliminates it in the incoming audio stream while recording. You can enable it for a better recording quality.

### Directional Array

Receives only the sound coming from the reception cone and eliminates interferences including neighboring speakers and reverberations. You can enable it to transit clearer sound during on-line games, MSN, or Skype.

### Speaker Phone

Advanced de-reverberation techniques can help to reduce echo and minimize its effect on the speech engine. You can enable it when you have conference call to reduce echoes in the other side.



- The directional Array and Speaker Phone function only when working with the ASUS Array Mic.
- If you are using Windows Vista, you have to manually enable the directional Array and Speaker Phone function. Go to **Control panel > Sound**. Click the **Recording** tab on the top and select **Microphone**. Click the **Microphone Enhancement** tab and check **Array Mic**.



## 5.4 Windows Vista feature

### 5.4.1 ASAP (ASUS Accelerated Propeller)

This motherboard is equipped with the ASUS Accelerated Propeller (ASAP) feature. ASAP supports the Windows® Vista ReadyBoost™ function that improves system performance under Windows® Vista. Refer to page 1-9 for the OS that supports this feature.



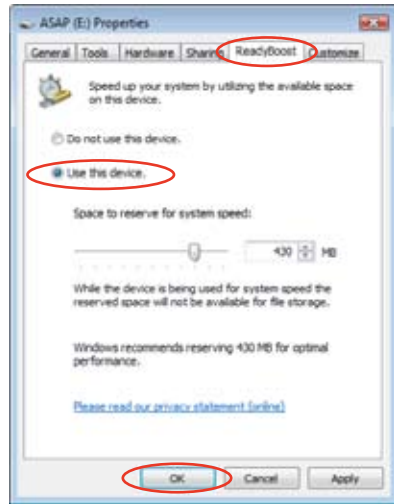
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Before activating ASAP, install the ASAP utility from the bundled support CD.

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To activate ASAP:

1. From the Windows® Vista desktop, click **Start > Computer**.
2. Right-click on the USB Removable Storage device (ASAP), and select **Properties**.
3. Click the **ReadyBoost** tab. The following dialog box appears.
4. Check **Use this device**, and then move the slider to determine the amount of space reserved for ReadyBoost™ cache.
5. Click **OK** to effect the settings.



- When you see the existing partition for ASAP, we advise you not to delete this partition that supports the ReadyBoost™ function. If you delete this partition by accident, you may recreate it by:

Clicking **Start** from the Windows® Vista desktop. Right-click on **Computer** and select **Manage**. Click **Disk Management** and right-click on the ASAP drive. Select **Format > OK**. OR

Going to **Start > Control Panel > System and Maintenance > Administrative Tools > Computer Management > Disk Management**. Right-click on the ASAP drive, and select **Format > OK**.

- If you accidentally remove the ASAP device from Windows® Vista, you may re-activate it by rebooting your computer.
  - If you want to reinstall an operating system, uninstall the ASAP utility first.
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## 5.5 RAID configurations

The motherboard comes with the Intel® ICH8R Southbridge RAID controller that allow you to configure IDE and Serial ATA hard disk drives as RAID sets. The motherboard supports the following RAID configurations.

**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 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.

**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.

**Intel® Matrix Storage.** The Intel® Matrix Storage technology supported by the ICH8R chip allows you to create a RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, and RAID 10 function to improve both system performance and data safety. You can also combine two RAID sets to get higher performance, capacity, or fault tolerance provided by the difference RAID function. For example, RAID 0 and RAID 1 set can be created by using only two identical hard disk drives.



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If you want to boot the system from a hard disk drive included in a created RAID set, copy first the RAID driver from the support CD to a floppy disk before you install an operating system to the selected hard disk drive. Refer to section 5.6 **Creating a RAID driver disk** for details.

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## 5.5.1 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.

## 5.5.2 Intel® RAID configurations

This motherboard supports RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, RAID 10 (0+1) and Intel® Matrix Storage configurations for Serial ATA hard disks drives through the Intel® ICH8R Southbridge chip.

### Setting the RAID item in BIOS

You must set the RAID item in the BIOS Setup before you can create a RAID set(s). To do this:

1. Enter the BIOS Setup during POST.
2. Go to the Main Menu, select IDE Configuration, then press <Enter>.
3. Select the item Configure SATA As, then press <Enter> to display the configuration options.
4. Select RAID from the Configure SATA As item options, then press <Enter>.
5. Select the item Onboard Serial-ATA BOOTROM, press <Enter>, then select Enabled from the options.
6. Save your changes, then exit the BIOS Setup.



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Refer to the system or the motherboard user guide for details on entering and navigating through the BIOS Setup.

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## Intel® Matrix Storage Manager Option ROM Utility

The Intel® Matrix Storage Manager Option ROM utility allows you to create RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10 (RAID 0+1), and RAID 5 set(s) from Serial ATA hard disk drives that are connected to the Serial ATA connectors supported by the Southbridge.

To enter the Intel® Application Accelerator RAID Option ROM utility:

1. Install all the Serial ATA hard disk drives.
2. Turn on the system.
3. During POST, press <Ctrl+I> to display the utility main menu.

```
Intel(R) Matrix Storage Manager Option ROM v5.0.0.1032 ICH8R wRAID5
Copyright(C) 2003-05 Intel Corporation. All Rights Reserved.

[ MAIN MENU ]
1. Create RAID Volume
2. Delete RAID Volume
3. Reset Disks to Non-RAID
4. Exit

[ DISK/VOLUME INFORMATION ]

RAID Volumes:
None defined.

Physical Disks:
Port Drive Model      Serial #              Size      Type/Status (Vol ID)
0  XXXXXXXXXXXX        XXXXXXXX             XX.XXGB  Non-RAID Disk
1  XXXXXXXXXXXX        XXXXXXXX             XX.XXGB  Non-RAID Disk
2  XXXXXXXXXXXX        XXXXXXXX             XX.XXGB  Non-RAID Disk
3  XXXXXXXXXXXX        XXXXXXXX             XX.XXGB  Non-RAID Disk

[↑↓]-Select      [ESC]-Exit      [ENTER]-Select Menu
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The navigation keys at the bottom of the screen allow you to move through the menus and select the menu options.

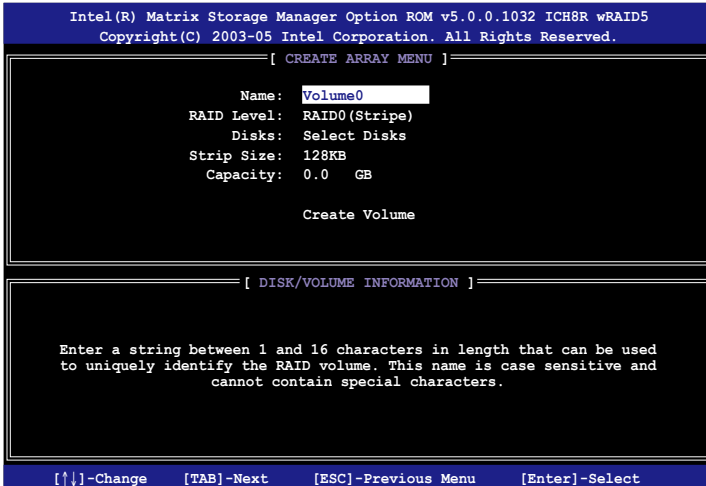


The RAID BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference only and may not exactly match the items on your screen.

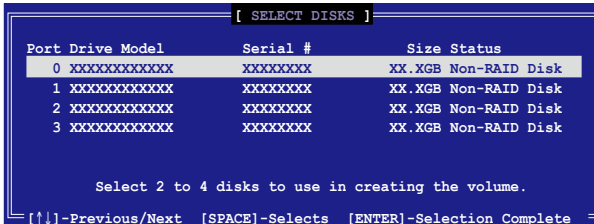
## Creating a RAID 0 set (striped)

To create a RAID 0 set:

1. From the utility main menu, select 1. Create RAID Volume, then press <Enter>. This screen appears.



2. Enter a name for the RAID 0 set, then press <Enter>.
3. When the RAID Level item is highlighted, press the up/down arrow key to select RAID 0(Stripe), then press <Enter>.
4. When the Disks item is highlighted, press <Enter> to select the hard disk drives to configure as RAID. This pop-up screen appears.



5. Use the up/down arrow key to highlight a drive, 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 0 array, then press <Enter>. The available stripe size values range from 4 KB to 128 KB. The default stripe size is 128 KB.



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TIP: 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. Key in the RAID volume capacity that you want, then press <Enter>. The default value indicates the maximum allowed capacity.
8. Press <Enter> when the Create Volume item is highlighted. This warning message appears.

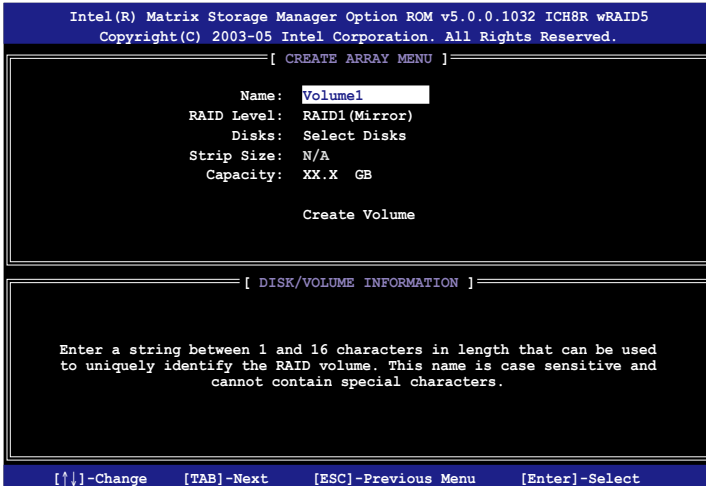


9. Press <Y> to create the RAID volume and return to the main menu, or <N> to go back to the Create Volume menu.

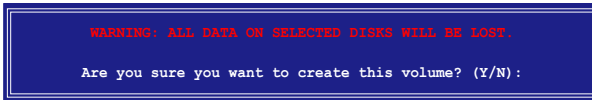
## Creating a RAID 1 set (mirrored)

To create a RAID 1 set:

1. From the utility main menu, select 1. Create RAID Volume, then press <Enter>. This screen appears.



2. Enter a name for the RAID 1 set, then press <Enter>.
3. When the RAID Level item is highlighted, press the up/down arrow key to select RAID 1(Mirror), then press <Enter>.
4. When the Capacity item is highlighted, key in the RAID volume capacity that you want, then press <Enter>. The default value indicates the maximum allowed capacity.
5. Press <Enter> when the Create Volume item is highlighted. This warning message appears.

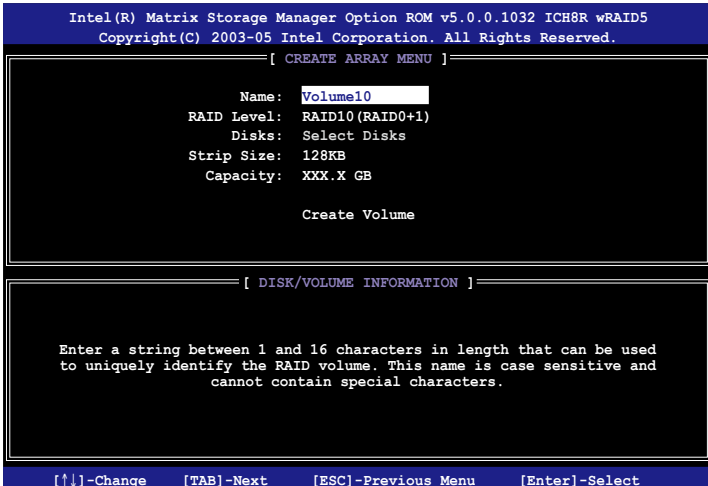


6. Press <Y> to create the RAID volume and return to main menu or <N> to go back to Create Volume menu.

## Creating a RAID 10 set (RAID 0+1)

To create a RAID 10 set:

1. From the utility main menu, select 1. Create RAID Volume, then press <Enter>. This screen appears.



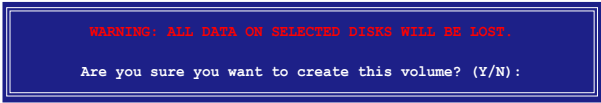
2. Enter a name for the RAID 10 set, then press <Enter>.
3. When the RAID Level item is highlighted, press the up/down arrow key to select RAID 10(RAID0+1), then press <Enter>.
4. When the Stripe Size item is highlighted, press the up/down arrow key to select the stripe size for the RAID 10 array, then press <Enter>. The available stripe size values range from 4 KB to 128 KB. The default stripe size is 64 KB.



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.

5. Key in the RAID volume capacity that you want then press <Enter> when the Capacity item is highlighted. The default value indicates the maximum allowed capacity.

6. Press <Enter> when the Create Volume item is highlighted. This warning message appears.

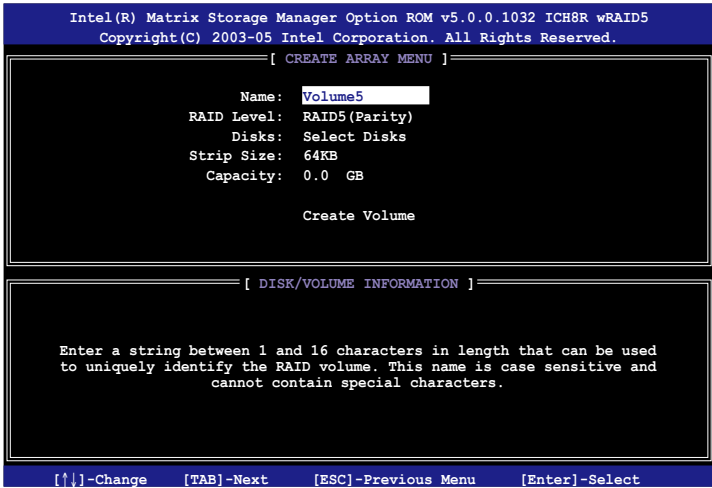


7. Press <Y> to create the RAID volume and return to the main menu or <N> to go back to the Create Volume menu.

### Creating a RAID 5 set (parity)

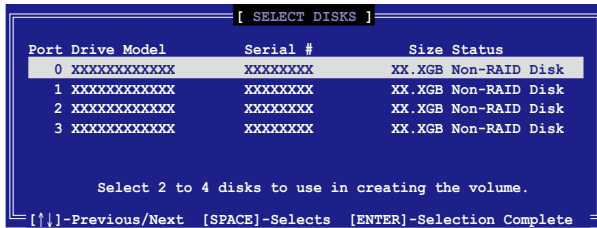
To create a RAID 5 set:

1. From the utility main menu, select 1. Create RAID Volume, then press <Enter>. This screen appears.



2. Enter a name for the RAID 5 set, then press <Enter>.
3. When the RAID Level item is highlighted, press the up/down arrow key to select RAID 5(Parity), then press <Enter>.

- The Disks item is highlighted, press <Enter> to select the hard disk drives to configure as RAID. The following pop-up screen appears.



- Use the up/down arrow key to highlight the drive you want to set, then press <Space> to select. A small triangle marks the selected drive. Press <Enter> after completing your selection.
- When the Stripe Size item is highlighted, press the up/down arrow key to select the stripe size for the RAID 5 array, then press <Enter>. The available stripe size values range from 4 KB to 128 KB. The default stripe size is 64 KB.



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.

- Key in the RAID volume capacity that you want, then press <Enter> when the Capacity item is highlighted. The default value indicates the maximum allowed capacity.
- Press <Enter> when the Create Volume item is highlighted. This warning message appears.



- Press <Y> to create the RAID volume and return to the main menu or <N> to go back to the Create Volume menu.

### 5.5.3 JMicron® RAID Configuration

The JMicron® Serial ATA controller allows you to configure RAID 0, RAID 1 and JBOD sets on the external Serial ATA hard disk drives.

#### Before creating a RAID set

Prepare the following items:

1. Two SATA HDDs, preferably with the same model and capacity.
2. A write-enabled floppy disk
3. Microsoft® Windows® OS installation disk (Windows 2000/XP)
4. Motherboard support CD with JMB363 driver

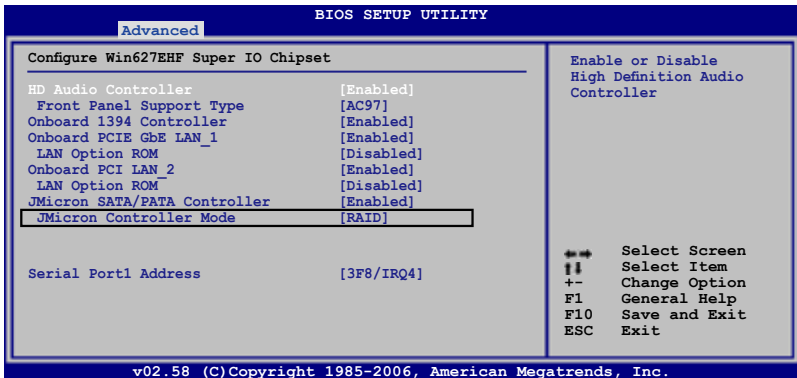
Complete the following steps before you create a RAID set:

1. Install an internal Serial ATA hard disk drive and an external Serial ATA hard disk drive on your system.



Install the internal Serial ATA hard disk drive to the SATA connector labeled SATA\_RAID or SATA\_RAID1.

2. Set the **JMicron Controller Mode** item in the BIOS to [RAID]. See section **4.4.7 Onboard Devices Configuration** for details.



3. Enter the JMB363 RAID BIOS utility to set up your RAID configuration.
4. Create a JMB363 RAID driver disk for Windows® OS installation. See section **5.6 Creating a RAID driver disk** for details.
5. Install the JMB363 driver after the Windows® OS had been installed.



Always install the JMB363 driver before creating RAID sets.



## Entering the JMB363 RAID BIOS utility

1. During POST, press <Ctrl-J> to enter the JMB363 RAID BIOS menu.

```
JMicron Technology Corp. PCI-to-SATA II/IDE RAID Controller BIOS v0.97
Copyright (C) 2004-2005 JMicron Technology      http://www. jmicron.com

HDD0 : HDS722516VLSA80                          164 GB Non-RAID
HDD1 : HDS722516DLA380                          164 GB Non-RAID

Press <Ctrl-J> to enter RAID Setup Utility...
```

2. The main JMB363 RAID BIOS menu appears.
3. Use the arrow keys to move the color bar and navigate through the items.

```
JMicron Technology Corp. PCI-to-SATA II/IDE RAID Controller BIOS v0.97

[Main Menu]
Create RAID Disk Drive
Delete RAID Disk Drive
Revert HDD to Non-RAID
Solve Mirror Conflict
Rebuild Mirror Drive
Save and Exit Setup
Exit Without Saving

[Hard Disk Drive List]
Model Name      Capacity  Type/Status
HDD0:  HDS722516VLSA80  164 GB   Non-RAID
HDD1:  HDS722516DLA380  164 GB   Non-RAID

[RAID Disk Drive List]

[<=> TAB]-Switch Window  [↑↓]-Select Item  [ENTER]-Action  [ESC]-Exit
```

## Creating a RAID set

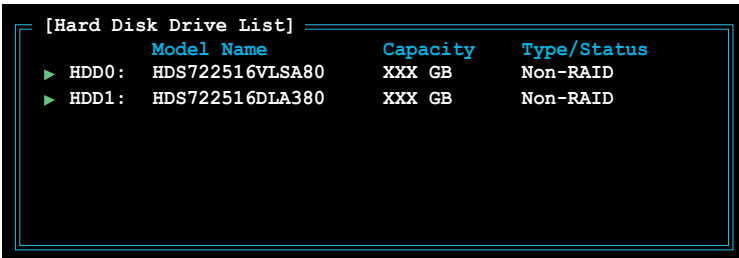
1. In the main JMB363 RAID BIOS menu, highlight Create RAID Disk Drive using the up/down arrow key then press <Enter>.

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[Main Menu]
Create RAID Disk Drive
Delete RAID Disk Drive
Revert HDD to Non-RAID
Solve Mirror Conflict
Rebuild Mirror Drive
Save and Exit Setup
Exit Without Saving
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- When the Level item is highlighted, use the up/down arrow key to select the RAID set that you want to create.



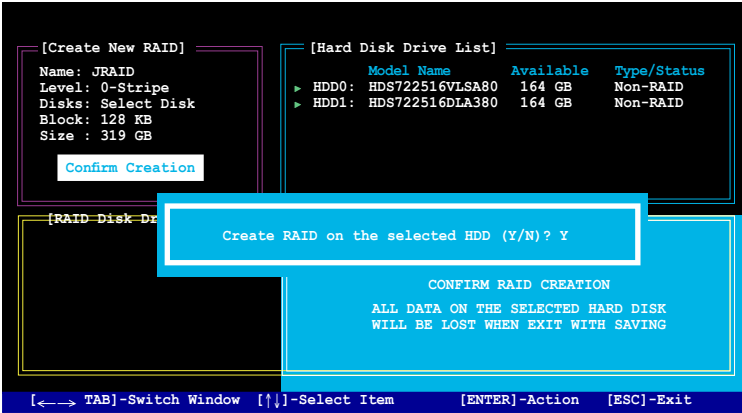
- When the Disks item is highlighted, use the up/down arrow key to highlight an HDD that you want to belong to the RAID set, then press the space bar to confirm selection. Repeat the process until the HDDs are selected. A selected HDD shows a ► sign before it.



- Key in the RAID volume capacity. Use the up/down arrow to choose the block size. The default value indicates the maximum allowed capacity.

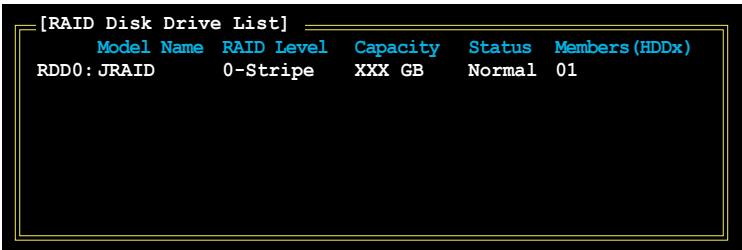


- When done, press <Enter> to confirm the creation of the RAID set. A dialogue box appears to confirm the action. Press <Y> to confirm; otherwise, press <N>.



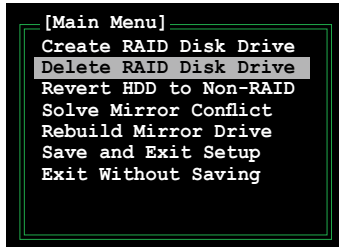
Pressing <Y> deletes all the data in the HDDs.

- The following screen appears, displaying the relevant information about the RAID set you created.

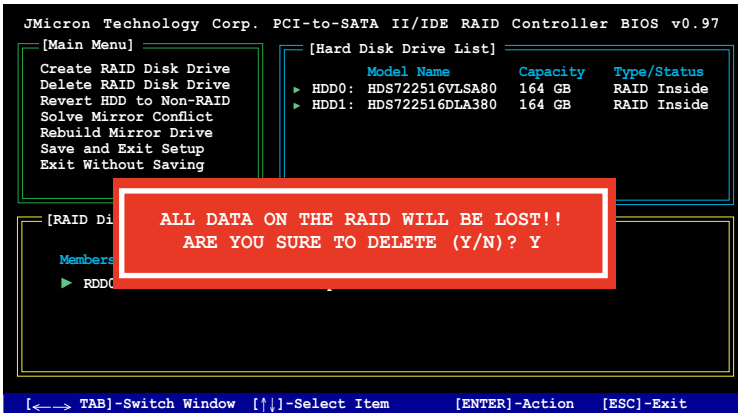


## Deleting a RAID set

1. In the main JMB363 RAID BIOS menu, highlight Delete RAID Disk Drive using the up/down arrow key then press <Enter>.



2. Use the space bar to select the RAID set you want to delete.  
A selected set shows a ► sign before it. Press the <Del> key to delete the set.
3. A dialogue box appears to confirm the action. Press <Y> to confirm; otherwise, press <N>.



Pressing <Y> deletes all the data in the HDDs.

## Resetting disks to non-RAID



An HDD that has been previously configured as part of another RAID set in another platform is called a broken RAID HDD. When you install a broken RAID HDD, you cannot select this HDD when configuring a RAID set through the JMB363 utility.

If you still want to use this broken RAID HDD as part of the RAID set configured through the JMB363, you may do so by resetting the disk to non-RAID. You will, however, lose all data and previous RAID configurations.

To reset disks to non-RAID:

1. In the main JMB363 RAID BIOS menu, highlight Revert HDD to non-RAID using the up/down arrow key then press <Enter>.

```
[Main Menu]
Create RAID Disk Drive
Delete RAID Disk Drive
Revert HDD to Non-RAID
Solve Mirror Conflict
Rebuild Mirror Drive
Save and Exit Setup
Exit Without Saving
```

2. Use the space bar to select the HDD that you want to reset to non-RAID. A selected HDD shows a ► sign before it.
3. A dialogue box appears to confirm the action. Press <Y> to confirm; otherwise, press <N>.



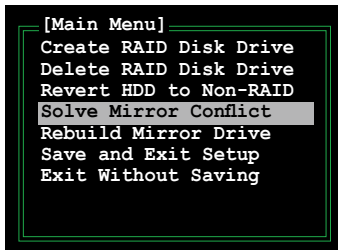
Pressing <Y> deletes all the data in the HDD.

## Solving a Mirror conflict

A Mirror conflict occurs when both disks in a RAID 1 (Mirror) configuration are unplugged from the system in turn, then plugged in again. Since both disks contain exactly the same data, the system will be unable to determine which of the two is the source drive. This option allows you to set the source drive and rebuild the Mirror drive according to the contents of the source drive.

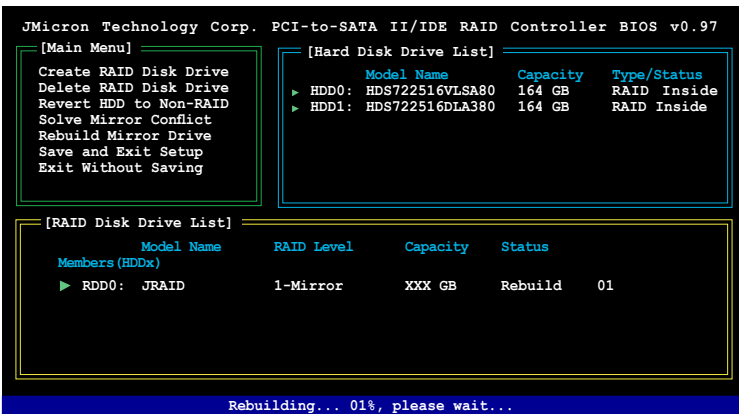
To solve a Mirror conflict:

1. In the main JMB363 RAID BIOS menu, highlight Solve Mirror Conflict using the up/down arrow key then press <Enter>.



2. Use the space bar to select the HDD that you want to set as source drive. The selected HDD shows a ► sign before it.
3. Using the <TAB>, move to the RAID Disk Drive List menu and highlight the RAID set that you want to rebuild. Press <Del> to begin rebuilding the Mirror configuration.

A status bar at the bottom of the screen shows the progress of the rebuilding.



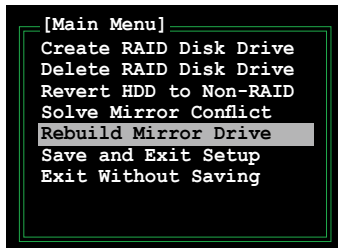
## Rebuilding a Mirror Drive

When one of the disks in a RAID 1 (Mirror) configuration is unplugged from the system, then plugged in again, a dialogue box appears to ask you to rebuild the Mirror drive. Press <Y> to confirm; otherwise, press <N>.

This option allows you to rebuild the Mirror drive later and synchronize the data between two hard disks.

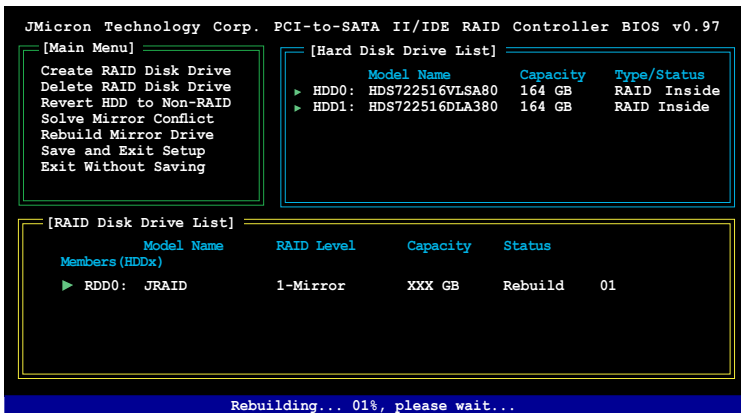
To rebuild a Mirror drive:

1. In the main JMB363 RAID BIOS menu, highlight Rebuild Mirror Drive using the up/down arrow key then press <Enter>.



2. Using the <TAB>, move to the RAID Disk Drive List menu and highlight the RAID set that you want to rebuild. Press <Del> to begin rebuilding the Mirror configuration.

A status bar at the bottom of the screen shows the progress of the rebuilding.



## Saving the settings and exiting setup

When you have finished, highlight Save & Exit Setup using the up/down arrow key then press <Enter> to save the current RAID configuration and exit the JMB363 RAID BIOS utility.

A dialogue box appears to confirm the action. Press <Y> to confirm; otherwise, press <N> to return to the JMB RAID BIOS menu.

## 5.6 Creating a RAID driver disk

A floppy disk with the RAID driver is required when installing Windows® 2000/XP and later operating system on a hard disk drive that is included in a RAID set.

### 5.6.1 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 CD into the optical drive.
5. Save changes and exit BIOS.
6. Press any key when the system prompts “Press any key to boot from the optical drive.”
7. When the menu appears, press <1> to create a RAID driver disk.
8. Insert a formatted floppy disk into the floppy drive then press <Enter>.
9. Follow succeeding screen instructions to complete the process.

### 5.6.2 Creating a RAID driver disk in Windows®

To create a RAID driver disk in Windows®:

1. Start Windows®.
2. Place the motherboard support CD into the optical drive.
3. Go to the Make Disk menu, then click **Intel ICH8R 32/64 bit RAID Driver Disk** to create an Intel® ICH8R RAID driver disk or the **Make JMicron JMB36X 32/64-bit RAID Driver** to create a JMicron JMB363 RAID driver disk.
4. Insert a floppy disk into the floppy disk drive.
5. Follow succeeding screen instructions to complete the process.



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Write-protect the floppy disk to avoid computer virus infection.

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To install the RAID driver:

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> then insert the floppy disk with RAID driver into the floppy disk drive.
3. When prompted to select the SCSI adapter to install, make sure you select Intel(R) 82801GH/GM SATA RAID Controller (Desktop ICH8R) and JMicron JMB363.
4. Follow the succeeding screen instructions to complete the installation.



This chapter tells how to install ATI®  
CrossFire™ graphics cards to avail of  
ATI's Multi-Video Processing technology.

# ATI® CrossFire™ technology support

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## 6.1 Overview

The motherboard supports the ATI® CrossFire™ technology that allows you to install multi-graphics processing units (GPU) graphics cards. Follow the installation procedures in this section.

### 6.1.1 Requirements

- CrossFire™ Edition graphics card (Master)
- CrossFire™-ready graphics card (Slave)
- CrossFire™-ready motherboard
- Make sure that your power supply unit (PSU) can provide at least the minimum power required by your system. See **10. ATX Power connectors** on page 2-32 for details.



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- Visit the ATI website or download the Radeon® X850 Crossfire™ Edition User's Guide from the support CD for detailed hardware requirements and installation procedures.
  - The ATI CrossFire™ technology supports only the following operating systems:
    - Windows® XP 32-bit (Home or Professional) with Service Pack 2 (SP2)
    - Windows® XP Professional 64-bit Edition.
  - Make sure that your graphics card driver supports the ATI® CrossFire™ Technology. Download the latest driver from the ATI website ([www.ati.com](http://www.ati.com))
  - The maximum resolution of Radeon™ X850 CrossFire™ Edition is 1600 x 1200 at 65 MHz when you use DVI output.
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### 6.1.2 Before you begin

#### Uninstall other graphics card drivers in your system

To uninstall other graphics card drivers:

1. Close all current applications.
2. Go to Control Panel > Add/Remove Programs.
3. Select your current graphics card driver/s.
4. Select **Add/Remove**.
5. Restart your system.

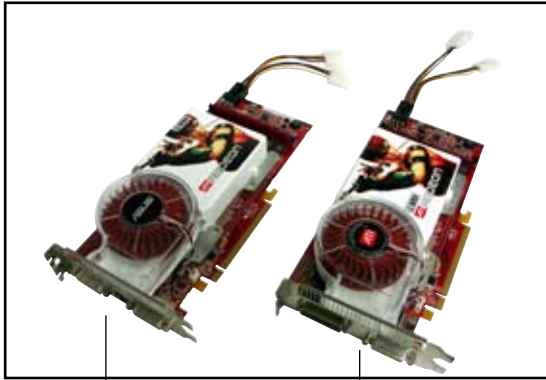
## 6.2 Installing CrossFire™ graphics cards



Before installing a CrossFire™ system, refer to the user guide that came with the ATI® CrossFire™ Edition graphics card.

To install the graphics cards:

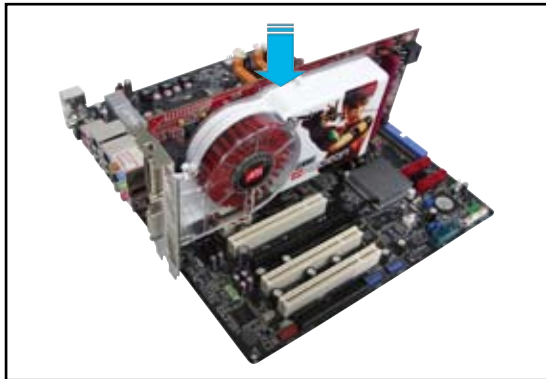
1. Prepare one CrossFire™ Edition (Master) graphics card and one CrossFire™-ready (Slave) graphics card.



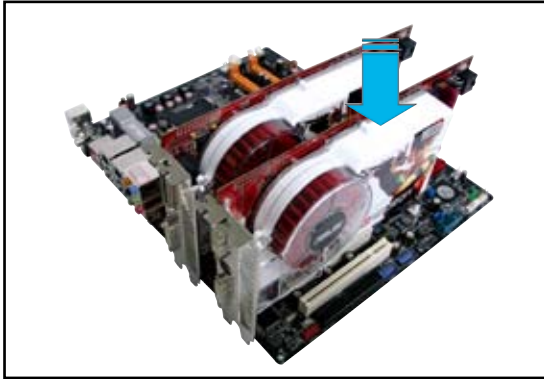
Slave graphics card

Master graphics card

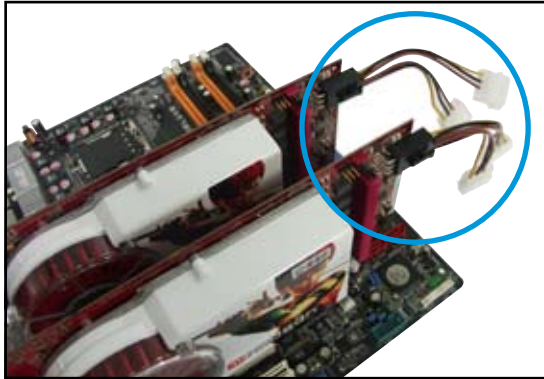
2. Insert the CrossFire™ Edition (Master) graphics card into the PCI Express x16 blue slot. Make sure that the card is properly seated on the slot.



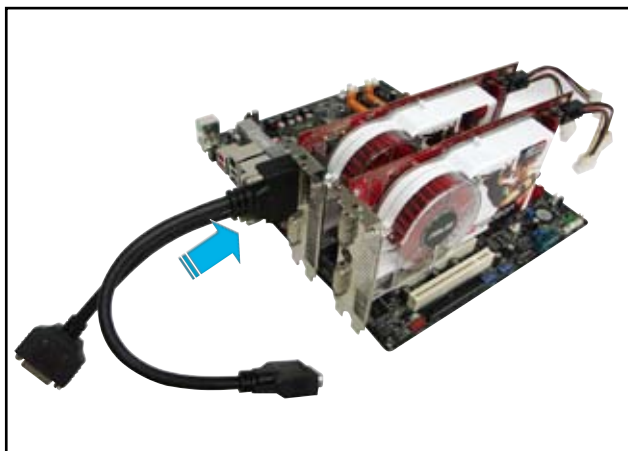
3. Insert the CrossFire™-ready (Slave) graphics card into the PCI Express x16 black slot. Make sure that the card is properly seated on the slot.



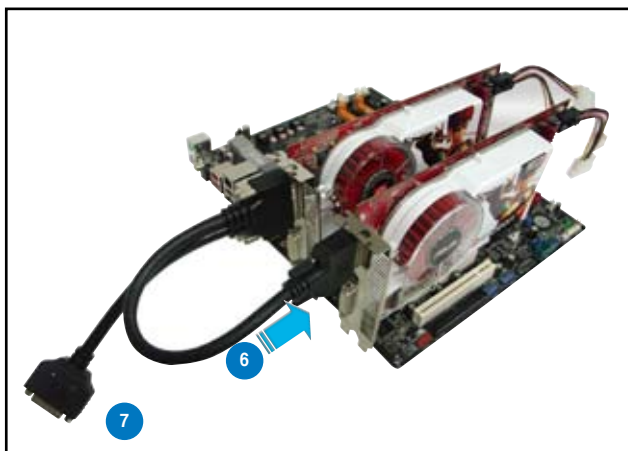
4. Connect an auxiliary power source from the power supply to the graphics cards.



5. Connect one end of the external cable to the Master graphics card.



6. Connect the other end of the external cable to the Slave graphics card.
7. Connect the loose end to the corresponding port on your monitor.



## 6.3 Software information

### 6.3.1 Installing the device drivers

Refer to the documentation that came with your graphics card package to install the device drivers.



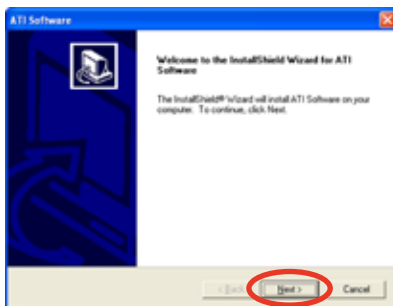
The ATI CrossFire™ technology supports only the following operating systems:

- Windows® XP 32-bit (Home or Professional) with Service Pack 2 (SP2)
- Windows® XP Professional 64-bit Edition.
- Windows® Vista 32/64 bit Edition. (Will be ready later. Visit the ATI website ([www.ati.com](http://www.ati.com)))

1. Turn on your system and log in with administrator rights.
2. Windows® auto-detects the CrossFire™ graphics cards and displays the Found New Hardware Wizard window. Click **Cancel**.
3. Place the CrossFire™ installation CD in your optical drive and install drivers from the opening menu.



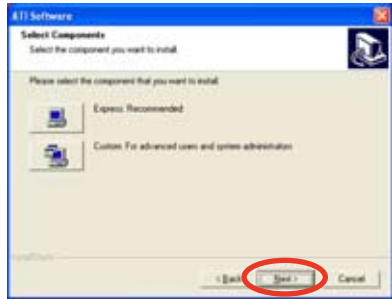
4. Click **Next** to continue from the installation window that appears.



5. Read the License Agreement, then click **Yes**.



6. Select the components that you want to install, then click **Next**.

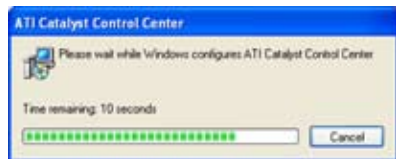


- Select Express to install the HydraVision™ multi-monitor and desktop management software, as well as the ATI driver.
- Select Custom to individually choose desired software components.

Setup prepares the installation wizard that will guide you to setup process.



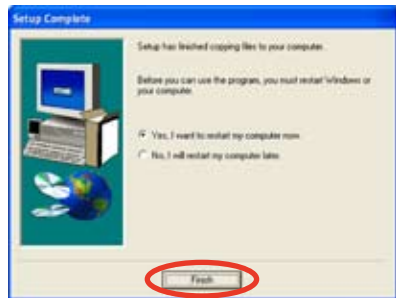
Windows automatically configures the ATI Catalyst Control Center. The status windows indicates the progress of the installation.



7. The Setup Complete window appears, indicating that the driver files have been copied to your computer.

Click **Yes** to restart your computer now or **No** to restart later

8. Click **Finish**.





## 6.3.2 Using the Catalyst™ Control Center

The Catalyst™ Control Center allows you to access display features of the ATI hardware and software you installed. Use this application to adjust your graphic settings, enable/disable connected devices, and change your desktop orientation.

### Launching the Catalyst™ Control Center

There are several ways to launch the Catalyst™ Control Center:

- On the Windows® task bar, click **Start > ATI Catalyst™ Control Center > Catalyst™ Control Center**
- Double-click the Catalyst™ Control Center desktop shortcut.



- On the Windows® task bar, double-click the Catalyst™ Control Center icon.



## The Catalyst™ Control Center Dialog Box

### View

The Catalyst™ Control Center provides two views:

**Standard** - simple view with wizards for beginners



**Advance** - allows advanced users to access and configure the complete features of the software



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Set to **Advance** view to enable the CrossFire™ function.

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To enable CrossFire™:

1. Set the view to **Advance**.
2. Click the Crossfire™ item in Graphics Settings.
3. In the CrossFire™ Settings dialog, tick the box opposite **Enable CrossFire™**.



### Hotkeys

Click the **Hotkeys** tab on the Catalyst™ Control Center to access the Hotkeys Manager, which allows you to create key combinations as shortcuts for performing certain functions quickly.



### Profiles

Click the **Profiles** tab on the Catalyst™ Control Center to access the Profiles Manager, which allows you to create customized environments for your desktop, video, and 3D applications.



### Preferences

Click the **Preferences** tab on the Catalyst™ Control Center to select a language, restore defaults, change skins, or enable/disable the System Tray icon.



## Help

Click the **Help** tab on the Catalyst™ Control Center to access the online help system, generate a Problem Report, and get the Catalyst™ Control Center version information.





The Appendix describes the CPU features and technologies that the motherboard supports.

# CPU features



## Chapter summary



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## A.1 Intel® EM64T



- The motherboard is fully compatible with Intel® LGA775 processors running on 32-bit operating systems.
- The motherboard comes with a BIOS file that supports EM64T. You can download the latest BIOS file from the ASUS website ([www.asus.com/support/download/](http://www.asus.com/support/download/)) if you need to update the BIOS file. See Chapter 4 for details.
- Visit [www.intel.com](http://www.intel.com) for more information on the EM64T feature.
- Visit [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com) for more information on Windows® 64-bit OS.

### Using the Intel® EM64T feature

To use the Intel® EM64T feature:

1. Install an Intel® CPU that supports the Intel® EM64T.
2. Install a 64-bit operating system (Windows® Vista 64-bit Edition, Windows® XP Professional x64 Edition or Windows® Server 2003 x64 Edition).
3. Install the 64-bit drivers for the motherboard components and devices from the support CD.
4. Install the 64-bit drivers for expansion cards or add-on devices, if any.



Refer to the expansion card or add-on device(s) documentation, or visit the related website, to verify if the card/device supports a 64-bit system.

## A.2 Enhanced Intel SpeedStep® Technology (EIST)



- The motherboard comes with a BIOS file that supports EIST. You can download the latest BIOS file from the ASUS website ([www.asus.com/support/download/](http://www.asus.com/support/download/)) if you need to update the BIOS. See Chapter 4 for details.
- Visit [www.intel.com](http://www.intel.com) for more information on the EIST feature.

### A.2.1 System requirements

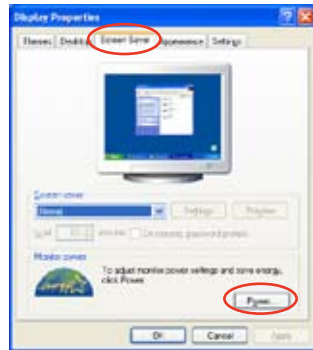
Before using EIST, check your system if it meets the following requirements:


- Intel® processor with EIST support
- BIOS file with EIST support
- Operating system with EIST support (Windows® Vista, Windows® XP SP2/Windows® Server 2003 SP1/Linux 2.6 kernel or later versions)

## A.2.2 Using the EIST

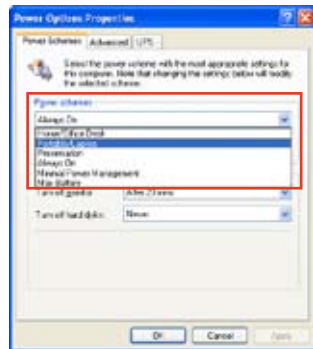
To use the EIST feature:

1. Turn on the computer, then enter the BIOS Setup.
2. Go to the Advanced Menu, highlight CPU Configuration, then press <Enter>.
3. Set the Intel(R) SpeedStep Technology item to [Automatic], then press <Enter>. See page 4-27 for details.
4. Press <F10> to save your changes and exit the BIOS setup.
5. After the computer restarts, right click on a blank space on the desktop, then select Properties from the pop-up menu.
6. When the Display Properties window appears, click the Screen Saver tab.
7. Click the Power button on the Monitor power section to open the Power Options Properties window.



8. On the Power schemes section, click , then select any option except Home/Office Desktop or Always On.
9. Click Apply, then click OK.
10. Close the Display Properties window.

After you adjust the power scheme, the CPU internal frequency slightly decreases when the CPU loading is low.



The screen displays and procedures may vary depending on the operating system.

## A.3 Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology

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- The motherboard supports Intel® Pentium® 4 LGA775 processors with Hyper-Threading Technology.
  - Hyper-Threading Technology is supported under Windows® Vista/XP/2003 Server and Linux 2.4.x (kernel) and later versions only. Under Linux, use the Hyper-Threading compiler to compile the code. If you are using any other operating systems, disable the Hyper-Threading Technology item in the BIOS to ensure system stability and performance.
  - Installing Windows® XP Service Pack 1 or later version is recommended.
  - Make sure to enable the Hyper-Threading Technology item in BIOS before installing a supported operating system.
  - For more information on Hyper-Threading Technology, visit [www.intel.com/info/hyperthreading](http://www.intel.com/info/hyperthreading).
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### Using the Hyper-Threading Technology

To use the Hyper-Threading Technology:

1. Install an Intel® Pentium® 4 CPU that supports Hyper-Threading Technology.
2. Power up the system and enter the BIOS Setup. Under the Advanced Menu, make sure that the item **Hyper-Threading Technology** is set to [Enabled]. See page 4-23 for details.  
The BIOS item appears only if you installed a CPU that supports Hyper-Threading Technology.
3. Restart the computer.

