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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 A 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.



WARNING! 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.

Canadian Department of Communications Statement

This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class A limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus set out in the Radio Interference Regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications.

This Class A digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

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Safety information

Electrical Safety

- Before installing or removing signal cables, ensure that the power cables for the system unit and all attached devices are unplugged.
- To prevent electrical shock hazard, disconnect the power cable from the electrical outlet before relocating the system.
- When adding or removing any additional 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.
- If the power supply is broken, do not try to fix it by yourself. Contact a qualified service technician or your dealer.

Operation Safety

- Any mechanical operation on this server must be conducted by certified or experienced engineers.
- Before operating the server, carefully read all the manuals included with the server package.
- Before using the server, ensure all cables are correctly connected and the power cables are not damaged. If any damage is detected, contact your dealer as soon as possible.
- To avoid short circuits, keep paper clips, screws, and staples away from connectors, slots, sockets and circuitry.
- Avoid dust, humidity, and temperature extremes. Place the server on a stable surface.



This product is equipped with a three-wire power cable and plug for the user's safety. Use the power cable with a properly grounded electrical outlet to avoid electrical shock.

Lithium-lon Battery Warning
CAUTION! Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace
only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer.
Dispose of used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

CD-ROM Drive Safety Warning

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Heavy System

CAUTION! This server system is heavy. Ask for assistance when moving or carrying the system.



DO NOT throw the motherboard in municipal waste. This product has been designed to enable proper reuse of parts and recycling. This symbol of the crossed out wheeled bin indicates that the product (electrical and electronic equipment) should not be placed in municipal waste. Check local regulations for disposal of electronic products.



DO NOT throw the mercury-containing button cell battery in municipal waste. This symbol of the crossed out wheeled bin indicates that the battery should not be placed in municipal waste.

About this guide

Audience

This user guide is intended for system integrators, and experienced users with at least basic knowledge of configuring a server.

Contents

This guide contains the following parts:

1. Chapter 1: Product introduction

This chapter describes the general features of the server, including sections on front panel and rear panel specifications.

2. Chapter 2: Hardware setup

This chapter lists the hardware setup procedures that you have to perform when installing or removing system components.

3. Chapter 3: Installation options

This chapter describes how to install optional components into the barebone server.

4. Chapter 4: Motherboard information

This chapter gives information about the motherboard that comes with the server. This chapter includes the motherboard layout, jumper settings, and connector locations.

5. Chapter 5: BIOS information

This chapter tells how to change system settings through the BIOS Setup menus and describes the BIOS parameters.

6. Chapter 6: RAID configuration

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

7 Chapter 7: Driver installation

This chapter provides instructions for installing the necessary drivers for different system components.

Conventions

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



DANGER/WARNING: Information to prevent injury to yourself when 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 kev.

<Kev1+Kev2+Kev3> If you must press two or more kevs simultaneously.

the key names are linked with a plus sign (+).

Example: <Ctrl+Alt+D>

CommandMeans 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: format A:/S

References

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

1. ASUS Server Web-based Management (ASWM) user guide

This manual tells how to set up and use the proprietary ASUS server management utility.

2. ASUS websites

The ASUS websites worldwide provide updated information for all ASUS hardware and software products. Refer to the ASUS contact information.

Chapter 1

This chapter describes the general features of the chassis kit. It includes sections on front panel and rear panel specifications.

1.1 System package contents

Check your system package for the following items.

Model Name	RS700-E7/RS4-C
Chassis	ASUS R12D 1U Rackmount Chassis
Motherboard	ASUS Z9PP-D24/2L Server Board
Component	2 x 550W Redundant Power Supply (varies by territories) 1 x SAS 3.5" HDD Backplane (BP4LX-R10A) 4 x hot-swap 3.5" HDD trays (varies by territories) 1 x Front I/O Board (LED board, FPB-AR14) 2 x Riser Card (RE16L-R12D, RE16R-R12D) 8 x System Fans (40 x 40 x 28mm)
Accessories	1 x RS700-E7/RS4-C User's Guide 1 x ASWM Enterprise User's Guide 1 x RS700-E7/RS4-C Support CD 1 x ASWM Enterprise Support CD 1 x Bag of Screws 2 x CPU Heatsink (varies by territories) 2 x AC Power Cable 1 x Friction Rail Kit
Optional Items	Second 550W Redundant Power Supply Module CPU Heatsink Slim type DVD-RW

^{*}ASUS System Web-based Management



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

1.2 Serial number label

Before requesting support from the ASUS Technical Support team, you must take note of the product's serial number containing 14 characters such as xxS0xxxxxxxxxx. See the figure below.

With the correct serial number of the product, ASUS Technical Support team members can then offer a quicker and satisfying solution to your problems.



Chapter 1: Product introduction

1.3 System specifications

The ASUS RS700-E7/RS4-C feature the ASUS Z9PP-D24 server board. The server supports Intel[®] Socket-R LGA2011 Xeon[®] series processors with EM64T technology, plus other latest technologies through the chipsets onboard.

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Model Name		RS700-E7/RS4-C
		2 x Socket-R (LGA2011)
Processor / Syste	m Bus	8/6/4 Core Intel® Xeon E5-2600 Series (Up to TDP=115W)
		QPI 6.4 / 7.2 / 8.0 GT/s
Core Logic		Intel® C602 chipset
	Smart Fan	√
ASUS Features	ASWM	·
Accordance	Enterprise	\checkmark
	Total Slots	24 (4-channel per CPU, 12 DIMMs per CPU)
	Capacity	Maximum up to 192GB (RDIMM) Maximum up to 128GB (UDIMM) Maximum up to 192GB (LRDIMM)
Memory	Memory Type	DDR3 1600 / 1333 / 1066 / 800 Reg DIMM DDR3 1333/ 1066 Unbuffered DIMM with ECC DDR3 1333/ 1066 LRDIMM
	Memory Size	2GB, 4GB, and 8GB (RDIMM) 2GB, 4GB, and 8GB (UDIMM) 8GB (LRDIMM)
E	Total PCI/PCI-X/ PCI-E Slots	2+1
Expansion Slots	Slot Type	2 x PCI-E G3 x16 (x16 Link) (Full-height/Half-lengh)
	Additional Slot	1 x PIKE slot for storage enhancement
Storage	SATA Controller	Intel® C602 chipset: <ahci> 2x SATA 3Gb/s ports 1x ISATA1 port (2 x SATA 3 Gb/s+2 x SATA 6Gb/s) Intel RSTe (For Windows only) - Supports S/W RAID 0,1,10 & 5) LSI MegaRAID (for Linux / Windows): - Supports software RAID 0, 1 & 10\</ahci>
-otorage		<scu> 1x ISAS1 port (4 x SATA 3Gb/s) Intel RSTe (For Windows only) - Supports S/W RAID 0,1,10 & 5)</scu>
	SAS Controller	Optional: ASUS PIKE 2008 8-port SAS2 6G RAID card ASUS PIKE 2008/IMR 8-port SAS2 6G RAID card ASUS PIKE 2108 8-port SAS2 6G H/W RAID card
HDD Bays	I = internal A or S will be hot-swappable	4 x Hot-swap 3.5" SATA/SAS HDD Bays
Networking	LAN	1 x Dual-port Intel® I350-AM2 + 1 x Mgmt LAN
Graphic	VGA	Aspeed AST2300 + 16MB VRAM

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Model Name		RS700-E7/RS4-C		
Onboard I/O		3 x RJ-45 ports (1 for ASMB6-iKVM) 4 x USB 2.0 ports (Front x 2, Rear x 2) 1 x VGA port 1 x PS/2 keyboard port 1 x PS/2 mouse port		
OS Support		Windows® Server 2008 R2 Windows® Server 2008 Enterprise 32 / 64-bit Windows® Server 2003 R2 Enterprise 32 / 64-bit RedHat® Enterprise Linux AS5.7, 6.1 32 / 64-bit SUSE® Linux Enterprise Server 11.1 32 / 64-bit (Subject to change without any notice)		
Management Solution	Out of Band Remote Hardware	On-Board ASMB6-iKVM for KVM-over-IP support		
	Software	ASUS ASWM Enterprise®		
Dimension (HI	l x WW x DD)	689.5mm x 444mm x 43.4mm (1U)		
Net Weight Kg HDD not inclu	(CPU, DRAM & ded)	18 Kg		
Power Supply		550W (Delta 80Plus Gold level) 1+1 Redundant Power Supply (Default with one Power Supply Module)		
Power Rating		Input: 550W: 100 - 127Vac / 7A, 200-240Vac / 3.4A, 47 - 63Hz, Class 1		
Environment		Operation temperature: 10°C–35°C Non operation temperature: -40°C–70°C Non operation humidity: 20%–90% (Non-condensing)		

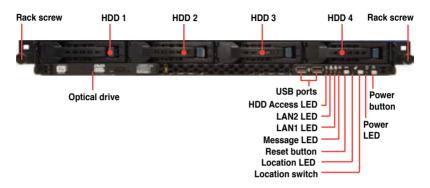
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1.4 Front panel features

The barebone server displays a simple yet stylish front panel with easily accessible features. The power and reset buttons, LED indicators, slim type optical drive, and two USB ports are located on the front panel.



Refer to section 1.7.1 Front panel LEDs for the LED descriptions.



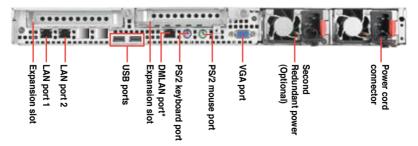


Factory shipment (default):

- Connect HDD1 HDD4 to ISAS1 <AHCl> to support 2 x SATA 6Gb/s (HDD1/HDD2) and 2 x SATA 3Gb/s (HDD3/HDD4). If you want SAS HDD support, please upgrade with a PIKE RAID card.
- Refer to section 2.8.5 Installing ASUS PIKE RAID card for the descriptions.

1.5 Rear panel features

The rear panel includes the expansion slots, system power socket, and rear fans. The middle part includes the I/O shield with openings for the rear panel connectors on the motherboard.



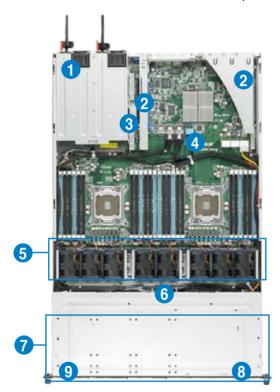


- The ports for the PS/2 keyboard, PS/2 mouse, serial port, USB, VGA, and Gigabit LAN do not appear on the rear panel if motherboard is not present.
- *The port is for ASUS ASMB6-iKVM controller card only.

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1.6 Internal features

The barebone server includes the basic components as shown.



- Power supply and power fan
- PCI-E G3 x16 slot (x16 link) (FH/HL)
- PIKE Slot
- 4. ASUS Z9PP-D24 Server Board
- 5. System fans
- 6. SATA/SAS backplane (hidden)
- 7. 4 x HDD trays
- 8. Front LED Board (FPB-AR14)
- 9. Slim-type optical drive



The barebone server does not include a floppy disk drive. Connect a USB floppy disk drive to any of the USB ports on the front or rear panel if you need to use a floppy disk.

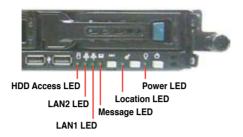


A protection film is pre-attached to the front cover before shipping. Please remove the protection film before turning on the system for proper heat dissipation.

*WARNING HAZARDOUS MOVING PARTS
KEEP FINGERS AND OTHER BODY PARTS AWAY

1.7 LED information

1.7.1 Front panel LEDs



LED	lcon	Display status	Description
Power LED	\mathbf{Q}	ON	System power ON
HDD Access LED	Š	OFF Blinking	No activity Read/write data into the HDD
Message LED	53	OFF Blinking	System is normal; no incoming event ASWM indicates a HW monitor event
Location LED	¢	OFF ON	Normal status Location switch is pressed (Press the location switch again to turn off)
LAN LEDs	추추	OFF Blinking ON	No LAN connection LAN is transmitting or receiving data LAN connection is present

1.7.2 LAN (RJ-45) LEDs



ACT/LI	NK LED	SP	EED LED
Status	Description	Status	Description
OFF	No link	OFF	10 Mbps connection
GREEN	Linked	ORANGE	100 Mbps connection
BLINKING	Data activity	GREEN	1 Gbps connection

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1.7.3 HDD status LED



HDD Activity LED

SATAII/SAS	HDD LED De	scription	
	GREEN	ON	SATAII/SAS HDD power ON
HDD Status LED	RED	ON	HDD has failed and should be swapped immediately
	GREEN/ RED	Blinking	RAID rebuilding
HDD Activity LED	GREEN	Blinking	Read/write data from/into the SATAII/SAS HDD

Chapter 2

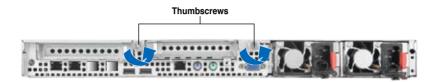
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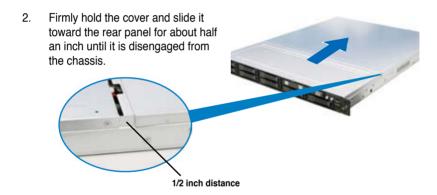
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2.1 Chassis cover

Removing the rear cover

 Loosen the two thumbscrews on the rear panel to release the rear cover from the chassis.





3. Lift the cover from the chassis.

2.2 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

The motherboard comes with a surface mount LGA2011 socket designed for the Intel® Xeon E5-2600 family processor.

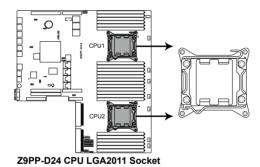


- Upon purchase of the motherboard, ensure that the PnP cap is on the socket and the socket contacts are not bent. Contact your retailer immediately if the PnP cap is missing, or if you see any damage to the PnP cap/socket contacts/motherboard components. ASUS will shoulder the cost of repair only if the damage is shipment/transit-related.
- Keep the cap after installing the motherboard. ASUS will process Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) requests only if the motherboard comes with the cap on the LGA2011 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.

2.2.1 Installing the CPU

To install a CPU:

1. Locate the CPU socket on the motherboard.





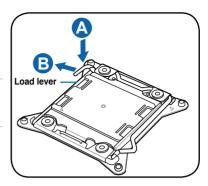
Before installing the CPU, ensure that the socket box is facing towards you and the load lever is on your left.

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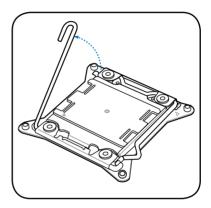
 Press the left load lever with your thumb (A), then move it to the left (B) until it is released from the retention tab.



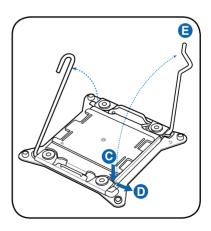
To prevent damage to the socket pins, do not remove the PnP cap unless you are installing a CPU.



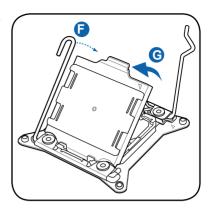
3. Slightly lift the load lever in the direction of the arrow.



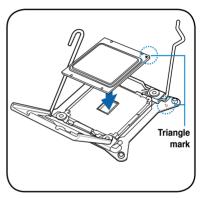
Press the right load lever with your thumb (C), then move it to the right (D) until it is released from the retention tab. Lift the load lever in the direction of the arrow (E).



5. Push the left load lever (F) to lift the load plate (G).



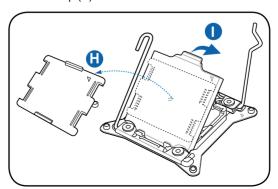
6. Position the CPU over the socket, ensuring that the triangle mark is on the top-right corner of the socket.



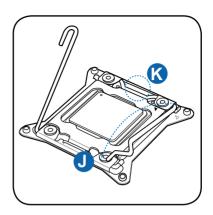


The CPU fits in only one correct orientation. DO NOT force the CPU into the socket to prevent bending the connectors on the socket and damaging the CPU!

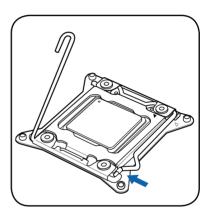
7. Remove the PnP cap (H) from the CPU socket and close the load plate (I).



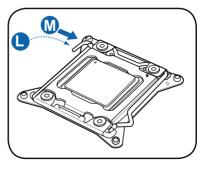
8. Push down the right load lever (J), ensuring that the edge of the load plate is fixed by the lever (K).



9. Insert the right load lever under the retention tab.



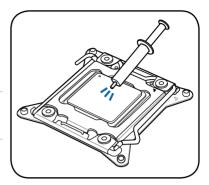
10. Push down the left load lever (L), and then insert the lever under the retention tab (M).



11. Apply some Thermal Interface Material to the exposed area of the CPU that the heatsink will be in contact with, ensuring that it is spread in an even thin layer.



Some heatsinks come with preapplied thermal paste. If so, skip this step.



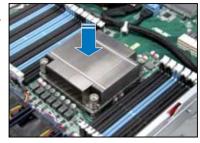


The Thermal Interface Material is toxic and inedible. DO NOT eat it. If it gets into your eyes or touches your skin, wash it off immediately, and seek professional medical help.

2.2.2 Installing the CPU heatsink

To install the CPU heatsink:

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



 Twist each of the four screws with a Philips (cross) screwdriver just enough to attach the heatsink to the motherboard. When the four screws are attached, tighten them one by one to completely secure the heatsink.







Tighten the four heatsink screws in a diagonal sequence.

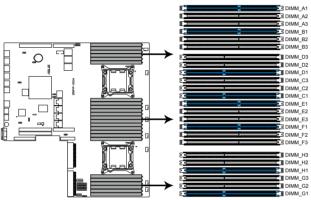
2.3 System memory

2.3.1 Overview

The motherboard comes with 12 (per CPU) Double Data Rate 3 (DDR3) Dual Inline Memory Modules (DIMM) sockets.

A DDR3 module has the same physical dimensions as a DDR2 DIMM but is notched differently to prevent installation on a DDR2 DIMM socket. DDR3 modules are developed for better performance with less power consumption.

The figure illustrates the location of the DDR3 DIMM sockets:



Z9PP-D24 240-pin DDR3 DIMM sockets

2.3.2 Memory Configurations

You may install 1GB, 2GB, 4GB, 8GB, 16GB and 32GB* RDIMMs or 1GB, 2GB, 4GB and 8GB* with ECC/Non-ECC UDIMMs or 8GB, 16GB and 32GB* LR-DIMMs into the DIMM sockets using the memory configurations in this section.

1 CPU Co	nfiguration	(must on C	PU1) (Qua	d Rank)			
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1 DIMMs			V				
2 DIMMs			V			V	
4 DIMMs		V	V		V	V	
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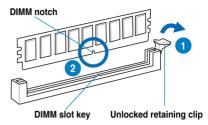
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2 DIMMs			V			V
4 DIMMs			V			V
8 DIMMs			V			V
12 DIMMs		V	V		V	V
16 DIMMs		V	V		V	V
20 DIMMs	V	V	V	V	V	V
24 DIMMs	V	V	V	V	V	V
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2 DIMMs						
4 DIMMs			V			V
8 DIMMs			V			V
12 DIMMs		V	V		V	V
16 DIMMs		V	V		V	V
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1 DIMMs 2 DIMMs 4 DIMMs 8 DIMMs			DIMM_E1		DIMM_F2	V
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- *Refer to ASUS Server AVL for latest update.
- Start installing the DIMMs from slot A1 (light blue).
- Always install DIMMs with the same CAS latency. For optimum compatibility, it is recommended that you obtain memory modules from the same vendor.

2.3.3 Installing a DIMM on a single clip DIMM socket

- 1. Unlock a DIMM socket by pressing the retaining clip outward.
- Align a DIMM on the socket such that the notch on the DIMM matches the DIMM slot key on the socket





A DIMM is keyed with a notch so that it fits in only one direction. DO NOT force a DIMM into a socket in the wrong direction to avoid damaging the DIMM.

3. Hold the DIMM by both of its ends, then insert the DIMM vertically into the socket. Apply force to both ends of the DIMM simultaneously until the retaining clip snaps back into place, and the DIMM cannot be pushed in any further to ensure proper sitting of the DIMM.





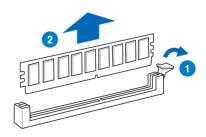
Always insert the DIMM into the socket VERTICALLY to prevent DIMM notch damage.



- To install two or more DIMMs, refer to the user guide bundled in the motherboard package.
- · Refer to the user guide for qualified vendor lists of the memory modules.

Removing a DIMM from a single clip DIMM socket

- Press the retaining clip outward to unlock the DIMM.
- 2. Remove the DIMM from the socket.





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

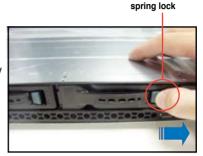
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2.4 Hard disk drives

The system supports four hot-swap SATAII/SAS hard disk drives. The hard disk drive installed on the drive tray connects to the motherboard SATAII/SAS ports via the SATAII/SAS backplane.

To install a hot-swap SATAII/SAS HDD:

 Release a drive tray by pushing the spring lock to the right, then pulling the tray lever outward. The drive tray ejects slightly after you pull out the lever.



2. Firmly hold the tray lever and pull the drive tray out of the bay.



 Take note of the drive tray holes. Each side has three holes to fit different types of hard disk drives. Use two screws on each side to secure the hard disk drive.



 Place a SATAII/SAS hard disk drive on the tray, then secure it with four screws.



 Carefully insert the drive tray and push it all the way to the depth of the bay until just a small fraction of the tray edge protrudes.





When installed, the SATAII/SAS connector on the drive connects to the SATAII/SAS interface on the backplane.

- Push the tray lever until it clicks, and secures the drive tray in place. The drive tray is correctly placed when its front edge aligns with the bay edge.
- 7. Repeat steps 1 to 6 if you wish to install a second SATAII/SAS drive.



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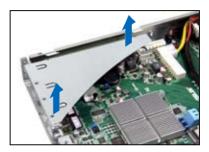
2.5 Expansion slot

2.5.1 Installing an expansion card to the riser card bracket

The barebone server comes with two riser card brackets. You need to remove the bracket if you want to install PCI Express x8 or x16 expansion cards.

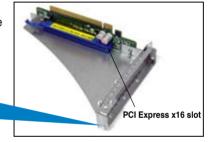
To install a PCI Express x8 or x16 card in PCIE1 slot:

 Firmly hold the riser card bracket, then pull it up to detach it from the PCI Express x16 slot on the motherboard.



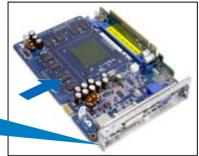
Place the riser card bracket on a flat and stable surface, then remove the screw from the slot bay.





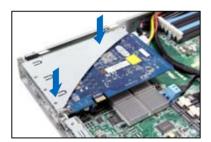
 Install a PCI Express x8 or x16 card to the bracket as shown, then secure the card with a screw.





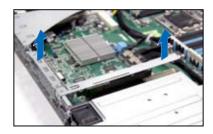
To reinstall the riser card bracket in PCIE1 slot:

- Align the riser card bracket with the cards to the PCI Express x16 slot on the motherboard.
- Press the riser card bracket until the golden connectors completely fit the slot and the bracket aligns with the rear panel.
- 3. Connect the cable(s) to the card, if applicable.



To install a PCI Express x8 or x16 card in PCIE2 slot:

 Firmly hold the riser card bracket, then pull it up to detach it from the PCI Express x16 slot on the motherboard.



Place the riser card bracket on a flat and stable surface, then remove the screw from the slot bay.

PCI Express x16 slot

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Install a PCI Express x8 or x16 card to the bracket as shown, then secure the card with a screw.

To reinstall the riser card bracket in PCIE2 slot:

- Align the riser card bracket with the cards to the PCI Express x16 slot on the motherboard.
- Press the riser card bracket until the golden connectors completely fit the slot and the bracket aligns with the rear panel.
- 3. Connect the cable(s) to the card, if applicable.



2.5.2 Configuring an expansion card

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

- Turn on the system and change the necessary BIOS settings, if any. See Chapter 5 for information on BIOS setup.
- 2. Assign an IRQ to the card. Refer to the following tables.
- 3. Install the software drivers for the expansion card.

Standard Interrupt assignments

IRQ	Priority	Standard function
0	1	System Timer
1	2	Keyboard Controller
2	-	Programmable Interrupt
3*	11	Communications Port (COM2)
4*	12	Communications Port (COM1)
5*	13	
6	14	Floppy Disk Controller
7*	15	
8	3	System CMOS/Real Time Clock
9*	4	ACPI Mode when used
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

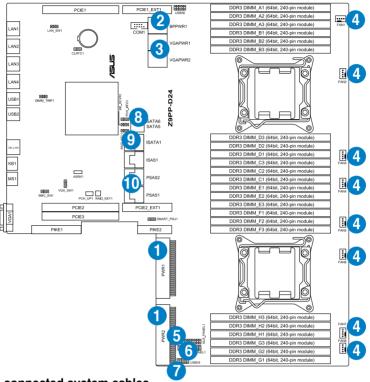
^{*} These IRQs are usually available for ISA or PCI devices.

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2.6 Cable connections



- The bundled system cables are pre-connected before shipment. You do not need to disconnect these cables unless you will remove pre-installed components to install additional devices.
- Refer to Chapter 4 for detailed information on the connectors.

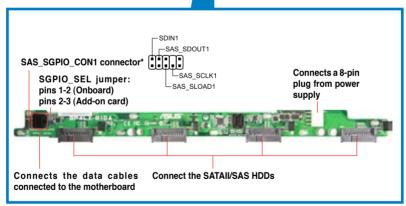


Pre-connected system cables

- 1. PWR1/2 power connector (from power supply to motherboard)
- 2. 8-pin BPPWR1 power connector (from power supply to motherboard)
- 3. 8-pin VGAPWR1/2 power connector (from power supply to motherboard)
- 4. System fan connectors (from motherboard FAN1-8 to system fans)
- 5. Auxiliary panel connector (from motherboard to front I/O board)
- 6. Panel connector (from motherboard to front I/O board)
- 7. USB connector (from motherboard to front I/O board)
- 8. SATA5 connector (from motherboard to SATAII/SAS backplane board to connect ODD)
- ISATA1 connector (from motherboard to SATAII/SAS backplane board to connect HDD 1 - HDD 4)
- PSAS1/2 connectors (from motherboard to SATAII/SAS backplane board when a PIKE RAID card is installed.)

2.7 SATAII/SAS backplane cabling





^{*} For PIKE RAID solution, ensure to connect SAS_SGPIO_CON1 to support PIKE card SAS RAID function.

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2.8 Removable/optional components

You may need to remove previously installed system components when installing or removing system devices. Or you may need to install the optional components into the system. This section tells how to remove/install the following components:

- 1. System fans
- 2. Redundant power supply module
- 3. Slim type optical drive (optional)
- 4. ASUS PIKE RAID card (optional)



Ensure that the system is turned off before removing any components.

2.8.1 System fans

To uninstall the system fans:

 Disconnect the system fan cable from the fan connector on the motherboard.

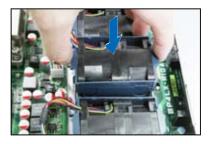


- 2. Lift the fan, then set aside.
- 3. Repeat steps 1 to 2 to uninstall the other system fans.



To reinstall the system fans

- Insert the fan to the fan cage. The airflow directional arrow on the fan side should point towards the system rear panel.
- Connect the system fan cable to the fan connector on the motherboard.



2.8.2 Redundant power supply module

To replace a failed redundant power supply module

Lift up the power supply module lever.



- 2. Hold the power supply module lever and press the PSU latch.
- 3. Firmly pull the power supply module out of the system chassis.



Firmly push the new power supply module into the chassis until the latch locks to the server chassis.



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2.8.3 Replacing optical drive (optional)

This server system supports a slim-type optical disk drive. Follow the steps below to replace the optical disk drive.

- Remove the screw that secures the optical drive. Keep the screw for reassembly.
- Remove the SATAII/SAS drive tray by pushing the spring lock to the right, then pulling the tray lever outward. The drive tray ejects slightly after you pull out the lever.
- 3. Firmly hold the tray lever and pull the drive tray out of the bay.
- 4. Pull the optical drive module.







- Carefully insert the replacement optical disk drive module into the drive bay until it is securely seated in place.
- Carefully insert the drive tray and push it all the way to the depth of the bay until just a small fraction of the tray edge protrudes.
- Push the tray lever until it clicks, and secures the drive tray in place.
 The drive tray is correctly placed when its front edge aligns with the bay edge.
- 8. Secure the optical drive with the screw that you removed in step 1.







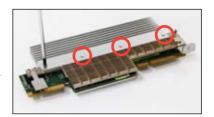
2.8.4 Installing ASUS PIKE RAID card (optional)

Follow the steps below to install an optional ASUS RAID card on your motherboard.

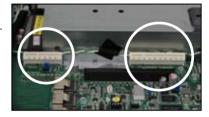
 Remove the four screws that secure the outer heatsink on the front of the PIKE RAID card and detach the heatsink



DO NOT remove the inner heatsink from the PIKE RAID card



2. Locate the PIKE RAID card slots (PIKE1/PIKE2) on the motherboard.

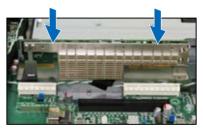


 Remove the screw beside the PIKE1 slot on the motherboard. Keep it for reassembly.



 Align the golden fingers of the RAID card with the PIKE1/PIKE2 RAID card slots then carefully insert the RAID card into the slots.

Ensure that the card is securely seated in place.



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5. Secure the RAID card with the screw that you removed earlier.



- Disconnect the data cable from ISATA1 and connect it to the PSAS1 connector.
- Ensure that the SGPIO1_SEL jumper is set to pins 2-3. Refer to 2.7 SATAII/SAS backplane cabling on page 2-19 for the jumper setting details.





When using a PIKE RAID card, ensure that the data cables are connected to the PSAS1.



The heatsink on PIKE 2108 Series might interfere with the components on the expansion card. Ensure that the height of the component is less than 5.8 mm.

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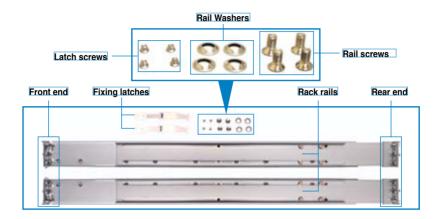
This chapter describes how to install the optional components and devices into the barebone server.

Installation options

3.1 Friction Rail Kit Installation Guide

Your friction rail kit package contains:

- · One pair of rack rails
- One pair of fixing latches
- 4 latch screws, 4 rail screws and 4 rail washers



3.1.1 Attaching the fixing latches to the server

 Secure the two fixing latches to the two sides of the server with the four latch screws.





The locations of the screw holes vary with different server models. Refer to your server user manual for details.



- Select a 1U space on the rack where you want to install the rack rail. A 1U space consists of three square mounting holes with two thin lips on the top and the bottom, as shown in the right figure.
- 3. Adjust the rack rail to fit the depth of the rack.



4. From inside the rack, place the rear rail hook on the bottom thin lip of the rear mounting hole, and then place the front rail hook on the bottom thin lip of the front mounting hole, as shown in the right figure.



- 5. Secure the front and rear ends of the rail with two rack screws and washers.
- 6. Repeat step 3 to 5 to attach the rack rail on the other side of the rack.



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7. When mounting the server to the rack, ensure to include the side knots on the two sides of the server in the rack rail holders, as shown in the right figure.





Do not install the rail kit in the following situation:



DO NOT place the rail hook on a thick lip of the mounting hole.



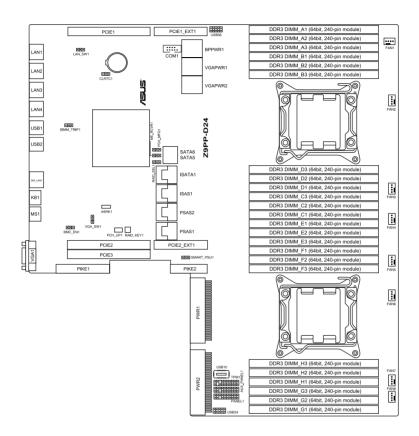
DO NOT install the rail to the outer side of the server rack.

Chapter 4

This chapter includes the motherboard layout, and brief descriptions of the jumpers and internal connectors.

Motherboard

4.1 Motherboard layouts



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4.2 Jumpers

1. Clear RTC RAM (CLRTC1)

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 BTC BAM:

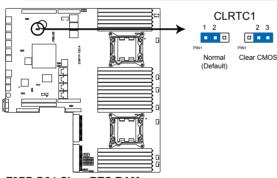
- 1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
- Move the jumper cap from pins 1–2 (default) to pins 2–3. Keep the cap on pins 2–3 for about 5–10 seconds, then move the cap back to pins 1–
- 3. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.
- Hold down the key during the boot process and enter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



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



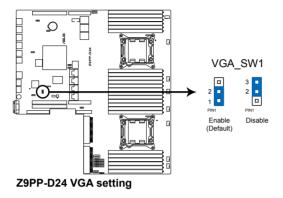
If the steps above do not help, remove the onboard battery and move the jumper again to clear the CMOS RTC RAM data. After the CMOS clearance, reinstall the battery.



Z9PP-D24 Clear RTC RAM

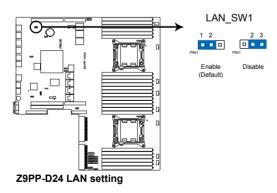
2. VGA controller setting (3-pin VGA_SW1)

This jumper allows you to enable or disable the onboard VGA controller. Set to pins 1–2 to activate the VGA feature.



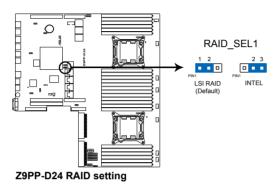
3. LAN controller setting (3-pin LAN_SW1)

These jumpers allow you to enable or disable the onboard Intel® I350-AM4 Gigabit LAN1/2/3/4 controller. Set to pins 1–2 to activate the Gigabit LAN feature.



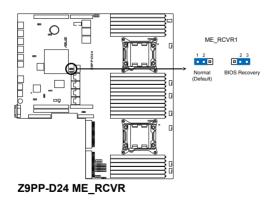
4. RAID configuration utility selection (3-pin RAID_SEL1)

This jumper allows you to select the RAID configuration utility to use when you create disk arrays. Place the jumper caps over pins 1–2 if you want to use the LSI MegaRAID software RAID Setup Utility (default); otherwise, place the jumper caps to pins 2–3 to use the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology Enterprise.



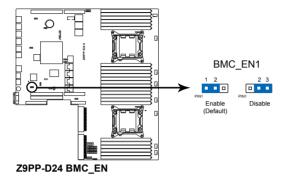
5. ME firmware force recovery setting (3-pin ME_RCVR1)

This jumper allows you to quickly recover the Intel Management Engine (ME) firmware when it becomes corrupted.



6. Baseboard Management Controller (BMC) Setting (3-pin BMC_EN1)

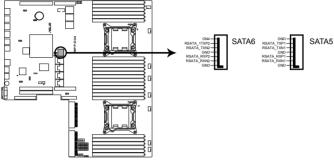
This jumper allows you to enable (default) or disable on-board BMC.



4.3 Internal connectors

1. Serial ATA connectors (7-pin SATA1-2 [Blue])

These connectors, controlled by Intel® C602 chipset, are for the Serial ATA signal cables for Serial ATA hard disk drives (SATA 5 connector for optical drive use by default).



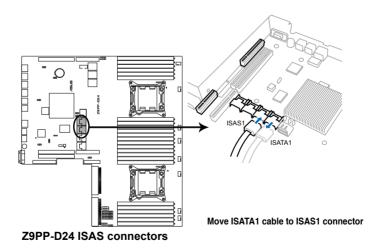
Z9PP-D24 SATA connectors

2. ISAS1 and ISATA1 connectors

The ISAS1 connector supports four SATA 3Gb/s ports.

Connect to ISAS1 <SCU> connector to support four SATA 3Gb/s hard disk drives (HDD1-HDD4).

Connect to ISATA <AHCl> connector to support 2 x SATA 6Gb/s (HDD1/ HDD2) and 2 x SATA 3Gb/s (HDD3/HDD4)





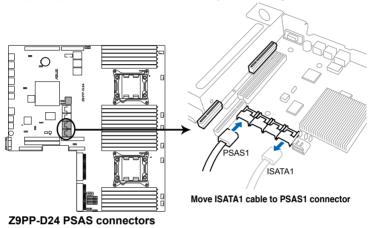
The actual data transfer rate depends on the speed of SAS/SATA hard disks installed.

3. PSAS 1 and 2 connectors

Supported by the ASUS PIKE card, these connectors are for the SAS signal cables for SAS hard disk drives that allows up to 6Gb/s of data transfer rate.

After installing the PIKE RAID card and SAS hard disk drives, ensure that the SAS signal cable is connected to the PSAS1 port to create a RAID configuration.

Also, ensure that the SGPIO_SEL1 jumper on the backplane is set to pins 2-3 (Default). Refer to **2.7 SATAII/SAS** backplane cabling for details.

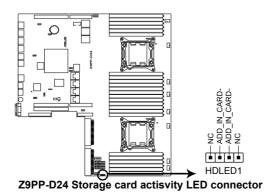


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The actual data transfer rate depends on the speed of SAS/SATA hard disks installed.

4. Hard disk activity LED connector (4-pin HDLED1)

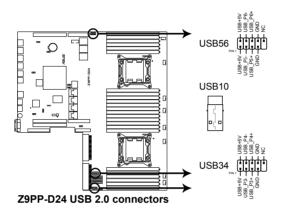
This connector is used to connect to a hard disk drive active LED connector on the SCSI or RAID card.



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5. USB connectors (10-1 pin USB34, USB56, Type A USB10)

The USB34 and USB56 connectors are for USB 2.0 ports. Connect the USB module cable to the connectors, and then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis. The USB10 connector is for a A-type internal USB 2.0 device. The USB connectors comply with USB 2.0 specification that supports up to 480 Mbps connection speed.

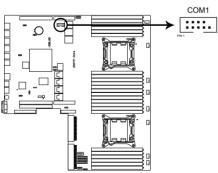




The USB port module is purchased separately.

6. Serial port connector (10-1 pin COM1)

This connector is for a serial (COM) port. Connect the serial port module cable to this connector, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis.



Z9PP-D24 Serial port connector



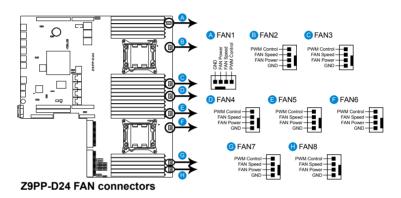
The serial port module is purchased separately.

7. System fan connectors (4-pin FAN1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8)

The fan connectors support cooling fans of 0.8A–1.0A (12 W max.) or a total of 6.4 A–8.0 A (96 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.

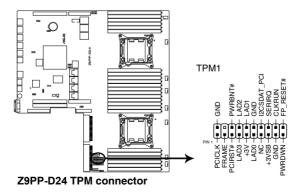


DO NOT forget to connect the fan cables to the fan connectors. Insufficient air flow inside the system may damage the motherboard components. These are not jumpers! DO NOT place jumper caps on the fan connectors!



8. TPM connector (20-1 pin TPM1)

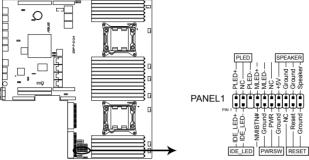
This connector supports a Trusted Platform Module (TPM) system, which can securely store keys, digital certificates, passwords, and data. A TPM system also helps enhance network security, protects digital identities, and ensures platform integrity.



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9. System panel connector (20-pin PANEL1 [white])

This connector supports several chassis-mounted functions.



Z9PP-D24 System panel connector

1. System power LED (3-pin PLED)

This 3-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.

2. Message LED (2-pin MLED)

This 2-pin connector is for the message LED cable that connects to the front message LED. The message LED is controlled by Hardware monitor to indicate an abnormal event occurance.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. ATX power button/soft-off button (2-pin PWRSW)

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.

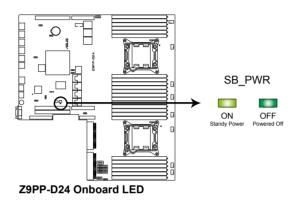
6. Reset button (2-pin RESET)

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

4.4 Internal LEDs

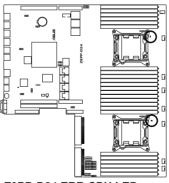
1. Standby Power LED

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



2. CPU warning LED (ERR_CPU1, ERR_CPU2)

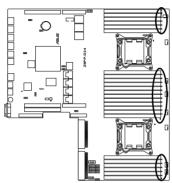
The CPU warning LEDs light up to indicate that an impending failure of the corresponding CPU.



Z9PP-D24 ERR CPU LED

3. DIMM warning LED (ERR_DIMMA1-3, ERR_DIMMB1-3, ERR_DIMMC1-3, ERR_DIMMD1-4, ERR_DIMME1-3, ERR_DIMMF1-3, ERR_DIMMH1-3)

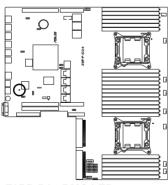
The DIMM warning LEDs light up to indicate that an impending failure of the corresponding DIMM.



Z9PP-D24 ERR DIMM LED

4. BMC LED (BMC LED)

The BMC LED light up to indicate that enabled the on-board BMC.



Z9PP-D24 BMC LED

Chapter 5

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

5.1 Managing and updating your BIOS

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

- ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 (To recover the BIOS using a bootable USB flash disk drive when the BIOS file fails or gets corrupted.)
- 2. **ASUS EZ Flash 2** (Updates the BIOS using a USB flash disk.)
- 3. **BUPDATER utility** (Updates the BIOS in DOS mode using a bootable USB flash disk drive.)

Refer to the corresponding sections for details on these utilities.



Save a copy of the original motherboard BIOS file to a bootable USB flash disk drive in case you need to restore the BIOS in the future. Copy the original motherboard BIOS using the BUPDATER utility.

5.1.1 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 a USB flash drive that contains the updated BIOS file



Prepare a USB flash drive containing the updated motherboard BIOS before using this utility.

Recovering the BIOS from a USB flash drive

To recover the BIOS from a USB flash drive:

- Insert the USB flash drive with the original or updated BIOS file to one USB port on the system.
- 2. The utility will automatically recover the BIOS. It resets the system when the BIOS recovery finished.



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



The recovered BIOS may not be the latest BIOS version for this motherboard. Visit the ASUS website at www.asus.com to download the latest BIOS file.

5.1.2 ASUS EZ Flash 2 Utility

The ASUS EZ Flash 2 Utility feature allows you to update the BIOS without having to use a DOS-based utility.



Before you start using this utility, download the latest BIOS from the ASUS website at www.asus.com.

To update the BIOS using EZ Flash 2 Utility

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



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

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



Ensure to load the BIOS default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Press <F5> and select **Yes** to load the BIOS default settings.

5.1.3 BUPDATER utility



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

The BUPDATER utility allows you to update the BIOS file in DOS environment using a bootable USB flash disk drive with the updated BIOS file.

Updating the BIOS file

To update the BIOS file using the BUPDATER utility:

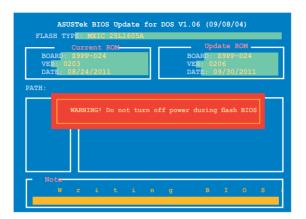
- Visit the ASUS website at www.asus.com and download the latest BIOS file for the motherboard. Save the BIOS file to a bootable USB flash disk drive.
- Copy the BUPDATER utility (BUPDATER.exe) from the ASUS support website at support.asus.com to the bootable USB flash disk drive you created earlier.
- 3. Boot the system in DOS mode, then at the prompt, type:

BUPDATER /i[filename].ROM

where [filename] is the latest or the original BIOS file on the bootable USB flash disk drive, then press <Enter>.

A:\>BUPDATER /i[file name].ROM

The utility verifies the file, then starts updating the BIOS file.





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

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

```
The BIOS update is finished! Please restart your system.

C:\>
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5.2 BIOS setup program

This motherboard supports a programmable firmware 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 firmware chip.

The firmware 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 during the Power-On Self-Test (POST) to enter the Setup utility; otherwise. POST continues with its test routines.

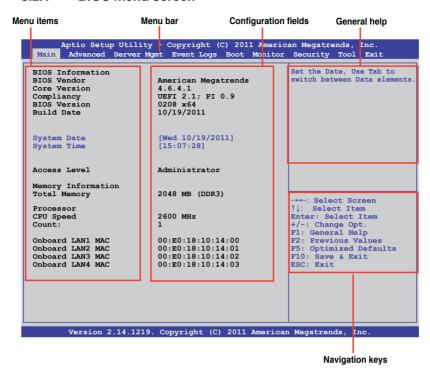
If you wish to enter Setup after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctrl+Alt+Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You can also restart by turning the system off and then back on. Do this last option only if the first two failed.

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.



- 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. Press <F5> and select Yes to load the BIOS
 default settings.
- 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) to download the latest BIOS file for this motherboard.

5.2.1 BIOS menu screen



5.2.2 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
Server Mgmt	For changing the Server Mgmt settings
Event Logs	For changing the event log settings

Monitor For displaying the system temperature, power status, and

changing the fan settings

Security For changing the security settings

Boot For changing the system boot configuration **Tool** For configuring options for special functions

Exit For selecting the exit options

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

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5.2.3 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 (Event Logs, Advanced, Monitor, Boot, Tool, and Exit) on the menu bar have their respective menu items.

5.2.4 Submenu items

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

5.2.5 Navigation keys

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

5.2.6 General help

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

5.2.7 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 and press <Enter> to display a list of options.

5.2.8 Pop-up window

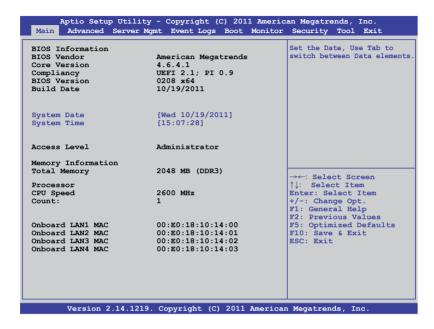
Select a menu item and press <Enter> to display a pop-up window with the configuration options for that item.

5.2.9 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.

5.3 Main menu

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



5.3.1 System Date [Day xx/xx/xxxx]

Allows you to set the system date.

5.3.2 System Time [xx:xx:xx]

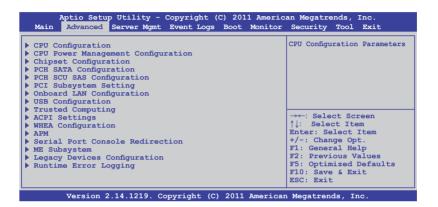
Allows you to set the system time.

5.4 Advanced menu

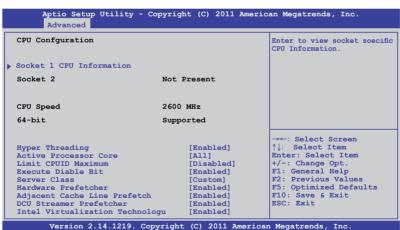
The Advanced menu items allow you to change the settings for the CPU and other system devices.



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



5.4.1 CPU Configuration



Socket 1 CPU Information

Enter to view socket soecific CPU Information.

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Aptio Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 2011 American Megatrends, Inc.
        Advanced
Socket 1 CPU Information
                                                          Enter to view socket specific
                                                          CPU Information.
Genuine Intel(R) CPU @ 2.60GHz
CPU Signature
                                  206d5
Microcode Patch
                                  512
                                 2600 MHz
Max CPU Speed
Min CPU Speed
                                 1200 MHz
Processor Cores
Intel HT Technology
                                Supported
Intel VT-X Technology
                                 Supported
                                                          →←: Select Screen
I.1 Data Cache
                                 32kB x8
                                                          ↑1: Select Item
L1 Code Cache
                                 32kB x8
                                                         Enter: Select Item
L2 Cache
                                 256kB x8
                                                          +/-: Change Opt. F1: General Help
L3 Cache
                                 20480 FB
                                                          F2: Previous Values
                                                          F5: Optimized Defaults
                                                          F10: Save & Exit
ESC: Exit
         Version 2.14.1219. Copyright (C) 2011 American Megatrends, Inc.
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Hyper Threading [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the Intel Hyper-Threading Technology function. When disabled, only one thread per activated core is enabled.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Active Processor Cores [All]

Configuration options: [All] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]

Limit CPUID Maximum [Disabled]

Number of cores to enable in each processor package.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Execute Disable Bit [Enabled]

XP can prevent certain classes of malicious buffer overflow attacks when combined with a supporting OS (Windows Server 2003 SP1, Windows XP SP2, SuSE Linux 9.2, Redhat Enterprise 3 Update 3). Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Server Class [Custom]

Use Intel recommended prefetch settings. Configuration options: [Enterprise] [High Performance(HPC)] [Custom]

Hardware Prefetcher [Enabled]

This Item allows you to turn on/off the mid level cache(L2) streamer prefetcher. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Adjacent Cache Line Prefetch [Enabled]

This Item allows you to turn on/off prefetching of adjacent cache lines.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

DCU Streamer Prefetcher [Enabled]

This Item allows you to enabled/disabled L1 data prefetcher.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Intel Virtualization Technology [Enabled]

When enabled this item, a VMM can utilize the additional hardware capabilities provided by Vanderpool Technology.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

5.4.2 CPU Power Management Configuration



Power Technology [Custom]

This item allows you to enabled power management features. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Energy Efficient] [Custom]

EIST [Enabled]

This item allows you to enabled/disabled Intel SpeedStep.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Turbo Mode [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

P-STATE Coordination [HW ALL]

This item allows you to enabled/disabled Intel SpeedStep. Configuration options: [HW_ALL] [SW_ALL] [SW_ANY]

CPU C3 Report [Disabled]

This item allows you to enabled/disabled CPU C3(ACPI C2) report. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

CPU C6 Report [Enabled]

This item allows you to enabled/disabled CPU C6(ACPI C3) report. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

CPU C7 Report [Disabled]

This item allows you to enabled/disabled CPU C7(ACPI C3) report. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Package C State limit [C6]

This item allows you to set package C State limit. Configuration options: [C0] [C2] [C6] [C7] [No Limit]

Energy Performance [Balanced Performance]

Optimize between performance and power savings. Windows 2008 and later OSes overrides this value according to this power plan.

Configuration options: [Performance] [Balanced Performance] [Energy Efficient]

Factory long duratiion power limit 115 Watts

Long duation power limit 0

Allows you to set long duration power limit in watts. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value.

Factory long duratiion maintained 1000 ms Long duation power limit 0

Allows you to set time window which the long duration power is maintained. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value.

Recommended short duration power1 1.25 * Long Duraton

Short duation power limit 0

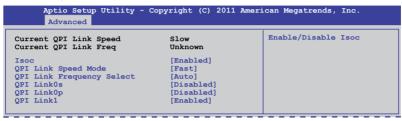
Allows you to set short duration power limit in watts. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value.

5.4.3 Chipset Configuration

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Advanced

QPI Configuration
Memory Configuration
CPU IIO Bridge Configuration
PCH Configuration
Intel(R) VT for Directed I/O Configuration
```

QPI Configuration



Isoc [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

QPI Link Speed Mode [Fast]

This item allows you to select the QPI link speed as either the fast mode or slow mode.

Configuration options: [Slow] [Fast]

QPI Link Frequency Select [Auto]

This item allows for selecting the QPI link frequency

Configuration options: [Auto] [6.4 GT/s] [7.2 GT/s (Fast Mode Only)] [8.0 GT/s

(Fast Mode Only)]

QPI Link0s [Disabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

QPI Link0p [Disabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

QPI Link1 [Enabled]

Memory Configuration



Scroll down to display the following items:



Compatibility RID [Enabled]

Support for compatibility revision ID (CRID) functionality mentioned in Sandybridge BIOS spec. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Memory Mode [Independent]

Select the mode for memory initializaton.

Configuration options: [Independent] [Mirroring] [Lock Step] [Sparing]

DDR Speed [Auto]

Force DDR speed. Configuration options: [Auto] [Force DDR3 800] [Force DDR3 1066] [Force DDR3 1333] [Force DDR3 1600] [Force DDR3 1866]

Channel Interleaving [Auto]

Select different channel interleaving setting.

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

Rank Interleaving [Auto]

Select different rank interleaving setting.

Configuration options: [Auto] [1 Way] [2 Way] [4 Way] [8 Way]

Patrol Scrub [Disabled]

Allows to Enable/Disable Patrol Scrub.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Demand Scrub [Enabled]

Allows to Enabled/Disabled demand scrubing feature. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Data Scrambling [Enabled]

Allows to Enabled/Disabled data scrambling. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Device Tagging [Disabled]

Allows to Enabled/Disabled device tagging. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Thermal Throtting [CLTT]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [OLTT] [CLTT]

OLTT Peak BW % [50]

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 25 to 100.

Enable High Temp [Disabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Allow 2x Refresh [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Altitude [300 M]

The system altitude above the sea level in meters.

Configuration options: [Auto] [300 M] [900 M] [1500 M] [3000 M]

Memory Hot sensor support [Enabled]

DIMM Information

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Aptio Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 2011 American Megatrends, Inc.
       Advanced
CPU1 DIMM Information
Node 0 Ch0 Dimm A1
                                 Present 1024 MB (DDR3)
Node 0 Ch0 Dimm A2
                                 Not Present
Node 0 Ch0 Dimm A3
                                 Not Present
Node 0 Ch1 Dimm B1
                                 Not Present
Node 0 Ch1 Dimm B2
                                 Not Present
Node 0 Ch0 Dimm B3
                                 Not Present
Node 0 Ch2 Dimm C1
                                 Not Present
Node 0 Ch2 Dimm C2
                                 Not Present
Node 0 Ch0 Dimm C3
                                 Not Present
Node 0 Ch3 Dimm D1
                                 Not Present
Node 0 Ch0 Dimm D2
Node 0 Ch3 Dimm D3
                                 Not Present
                                 Not Present
CPU2 DIMM Information
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CPU IIO Bridge Configuration



Intel(R) I/OAT [Disabled]

Allows to Enabled/Disabled Intel I/O accelaration technology. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

DCA Support [Enabled]

Allows to Enabled/Disabled direct cache access support.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

TargetVGA

VGA Priority [offboard]

Allows to decide priority between onboard and 1st offboard video device found. Configuration options: [Onboard] [Offboard]

Gen3 Equalization WA's [Disabled]

Support for Gen3 equalization workarounds mentioned in SMB_BSU Version 0.83. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

IOH Resource Selection Type [Auto]

Allows to select auto/manual. When auto option is selected PCI resource allocation across multiple IOHs is optimized automatically based on the PCI device present. With manual option user can force the PCI resource allocation across multiple IOHs based on the ratio selected. Configuration options: [Auto] [Manual]

IO Ratio Skt0 [3]

This item appears only when you set the **IOH Resource Selection Type** item to [manual]. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 1 to 8 with a one-second interval.

Mmio Ratio Skt0 [6]

This item appears only when you set the **IOH Resource Selection Type** item to [manual]. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 1 to 8 with a one-second interval.

MMIOH Size [64G]

Select number of 1GB contiguous regions to be assigned for MMIOH space. Configuration options: [1G] [2G] [4G] [8G] [16G] [32G] [64G] [128G]

IOH0 PCIe port Bifurcation Control

IOU1 - PCle Port [x4x4]

Configuration options: [x4x4] [x8]

PORT 1A Link Speed [Gen2]

Select target link speed Gen1, Gen2 or Gen3. Configuration options: [Gen1] [Gen2] [Gen3]

PORT 1B Link Speed [Gen2]

Select target link speed Gen1, Gen2 or Gen3. Configuration options: [Gen1] [Gen2] [Gen3]

IOU2 - PCle Port [x16]

Configuration options: [x4x4x4x4] [x4x4x8] [x8x4x4] [x8x8] [x16]

PORT 2A Link Speed [Gen2]

Select target link speed Gen1, Gen2 or Gen3. Configuration options: [Gen1] [Gen2] [Gen3]

IOU3 - PCle Port [x8x8]

Configuration options: [x4x4x4x4] [x4x4x8] [x8x4x4] [x8x8] [x16]

PORT 3A Link Speed [Gen2]

Select target link speed Gen1, Gen2 or Gen3. Configuration options: [Gen1] [Gen2] [Gen3]

PORT 3C Link Speed [Gen2]

Select target link speed Gen1, Gen2 or Gen3. Configuration options: [Gen1] [Gen2] [Gen3]

IOH1 PCle port Bifurcation Control

This item appears only when you installed CPU2 on the motherboard.

PCH Configuration



PCH Compatibility RID [Disabled]

Support for PCH compatibility.

SMBus Controller [Enabled]

Allows to enabled/disabled SMBus controller. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

SLP S4 Assertion Stretch Enable [Enabled]

Allows to enabled/disabled SLP S4# assertion stretch.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

SLP S4 Assertion Stretch Enable [4-5 Seconds]

Select a minimum assertion width of the SLP_S4# signal.

Configuration options: [1-2 Seconds] [2-3 Seconds] [3-4 Seconds] [4-5 Seconds]

Deep Sx [Disabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled in S5 (Battery)] [Enabled in S5] [Enabled in S4 and S5 (Battery)] [Enabled in S4 and S5]



Mobile platforms support deep S4/S5 in DC only and desktop platforms support deep S4/S5 in AC only.

SCU devices [Enabled]

Allows to enabled/disabled Patsburg SCU devices.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Onboard SAS Oprom [Enabled]

Allows to enabled/disabled onboard SAS option rom if Launch Storage Oprom is enabled. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Onboard SATA RAID Oprom [Enabled]

Allows to enabled/disabled onboard SATA RAID option rom if Launch Storage Oprom is enabled. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

High Precision Event Timer Configuration

High Precision Timer [Enabled]

Allows to enabled/disabled High Precision Event Timer.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Thermal Management [Disabled]

Allows to enable/disable thermal management. If enabled will initilaize the PCH Thermal susbsystem davice, D31:F6. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



The following item appears only when you set $\mbox{\bf Thermal Management}$ to [Enabled].

ME SMBus Thermal Peporting [Disabled]

Allows to enable/disable thermal ME SMBus thermal reporting.



The following item appears only when you set **ME SMBus Thermal Peporting** to [Enabled].

PCH Temp Read [Enabled]

Allows to enabled/disabled PCH Temperature Read.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

CPU Energy Read [Enabled]

Allows to enabled/disabled CPU Energy. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

CPU Temp Read [Enabled]

Allows to enabled/disabled CPUTemperature Read.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Alert Enable Lock [Disabled]

Allows to lock all alert enabled settings. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



The following item appears only when you set Alert Enable Lock to [Enabled].

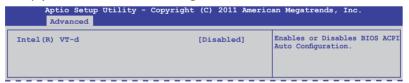
PCH Alert [Disabled]

Allows to enabled/disabled PCH Alert pin. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

DIMM Alert [Disabled]

Allows to enabled/disabled DIMM Alert pin. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Intel(R) VT for Directed I/O Configuration



Intel(R) VT-d [Disabled]

Allows to enabled/disabled High Precision Event Timer.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]



The following item appears only when you set Intel(R) VT-d to [Enabled].

Interrupt Remapping [Enabled]

Allows to enable/disable VT-d Engine Interrupt Remapping support.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Coherency Support [Disabled]

Allows to enable/disable VT-d Engine Coherency support.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

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ATS Support [Disabled]

Allows to enable/disable VT-d Engine address translation services (ATS) support. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Pass-through DMA [Enabled]

Allows to enable/disable VT-d Engine pass through DMA support. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

5.4.4 PCH SATA Configuration

Aptio Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 2011 American Megatrends, Inc. Advanced		
SATA Port1 SATA Port2 SATA Port3 SATA Port4 SATA Port5 SATA Port6	Not Present ASUS DWR ATAPI WDC WD800JD(80.0GB) Not Present Not Present Not Present	(1) IDE Mode. (2) AHCI Mode. (3) RAID Mode.
SATA Mode Serial-ATA Controller 0 Serial-ATA Controller 1 S.M.A.R.T. Status Check	[IDE Mode] [Enhanced] [Enhanced] [Enabled]	

SATA Mode [IDE Mode]

Allows you to set the SATA configuration.

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



- If you want to use the Serial ATA hard disk drives as Parallel ATA physical storage devices, keep the default setting [IDE Mode].
- If you want the Serial ATA hard disk drives to use the Advanced Host Controller Interface (AHCI), set this item to [AHCI Mode]. 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 RAID sets with LSI MegaRAID utility, or Intel[®] Rapid Storage Technology Enterprise from the Serial ATA hard disk drives, set this item to [RAID Mode].

Serial-ATA Controller 0 [Enhanced]

This item appears only when you set the **SATA Mode** item to [IDE Mode]. Set to [Enhanced] to support two SATA 6.0 Gb/s and two SATA 3.0 Gb/s devices. Set to [Compatible] when using Windows 98/NT/2000/MS-DOS. Up to four SATA devices are supported under these operating systems.

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

Serial-ATA Controller 1 [Enhanced]

This item appears only when you set the **SATA Mode** item to [IDE Mode]. Set to [Enhanced] to support two SATA 3.0 Gb/s devices. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enhanced]

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

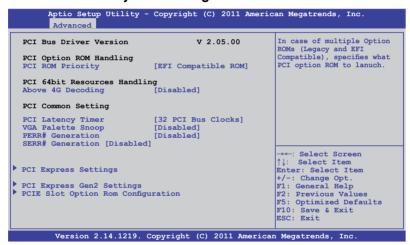
S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) is a monitor system. When read/write of your hard disk errors occur, this feature allows the hard disk to report warning messages during the POST.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

5.4.5 PCH SCU SAS Configuration

The PCH SCU SAS configuration items appears only when you installed the ASRK Module (optional) on the motherboard.

5.4.6 PCI Subsystem Settings



PCI ROM Priority [EFI Compatible ROM]

In case of multiple option roms (Legacy and EFI Compatible), specifies what PCI option rom to lanuch.Configuration options: [Legacy ROM] [EFI Compatible ROM]

Above 4G Decoding [Disabled]

Enables or disables 64bit capable devices to be decode in above 4G address (only if system supports 64bit PCI decoding). Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PCI Latency Timer [32 PCI Bus Clocks]

Value to be programmed into PCI latency timer register Configuration options: [32 PCI Bus Clocks] [64 PCI Bus Clocks] [96 PCI Bus Clocks] [128 PCI Bus Clocks] [160 PCI Bus Clocks] [192 PCI Bus Clocks] [224 PCI Bus Clocks] [248 PCI Bus Clocks]

VGA Palette Snoop [Disabled]

Enables or disables VGA pallette registers snooping.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PERR# Generation [Disabled]

Enables or disables PCI device to generate PERR#.

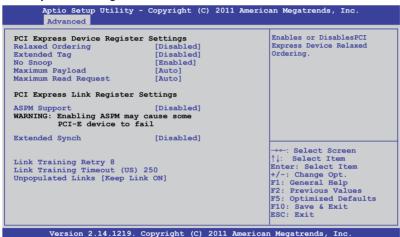
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

SERR# Generation [Disabled]

Enables or disables PCI device to generate SERR#.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PCI Express Settings



Relaxed Ordering [Disabled]

Enables or disables PCI Express device relaxed ordering.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Extended Tag [Disabled]

If Enable allows device is use 8-bit tag field as a requester.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

No Snoop [Enabled]

Enables or disables PCI Express device No snoop option.

Maximum Payload [Auto]

Set Maximum Payload of PCI Express device or allow system BIOS to select the value.

Configuration options: [Auto] [128 Bytes] [256 Bytes] [512 Bytes] [1024 Bytes] [2048 Bytes] [4096 Bytes]

Maximum Read Request [Auto]

Set Maximum Read Request of PCI Express device or allow system BIOS to select the value.

Configuration options: [Auto] [128 Bytes] [256 Bytes] [512 Bytes] [1024 Bytes] [2048 Bytes] [4096 Bytes]

PCI Express Link Register Settings

ASPM Support [Disabled]

Allows to set the ASPM level. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auot] [Force LOs]

[Force L0s] Force all links to L0s state.

[Auto] BIOS auto configure.

[Disabled] Disabled ASPM.

Extended Synch [Disabled]

If Enabled allows generation of Extended synchronization patterns.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Link Training Retry [8]

Defines number od retry attempts software will take to ratrain the link if previous training attempt was unsuccessful. Configuration options: [Disabled] [2] [3] [5] [8]

Link Training Timeout (uS) [250]

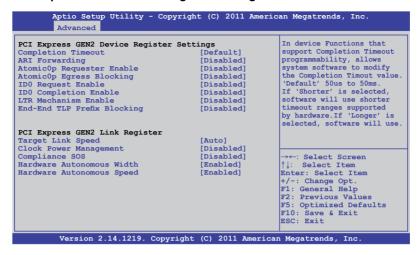
Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 10 to 1000 uS with a 10 interval.

Unpopulated Links [Keep Link ON]

In order to save power, software will disable unpopulated PCI Express links, if this option set to Disabled.

Configuration options: [Keep Link ON] [Disabled]

PCI Express GEN2 Device Register Settings



Completion Timeout [Default]

In device Functions that support Completion Timeout programmability, allows system software to modify the Completion Timout value. 'Default' 50us to 50ms. If 'Shorter' is selected, software will use shorter timeout ranges supported by hardware.If 'Longer' is selected, software will use.

Configuration options: [Default] [Shorter] [Longer] [Disabled]

ARI Forwarding [Disabled]

If supported by hardware and set to 'Enabled', the Downstream Port disables its traditional Device Number field being 0 enforcement when turning a Type 1 Configuration Request into a Type 0 Configuration Request, permitting access to Extended Functions in ab ART Device immediately below the port. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Atomic0p Requester Enable [Disabled]

If supported by hardware and set to 'Enabled', this function initistes Atomc0p Requests only if Bus Master Enable bit is in the Command Register set. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Atomic0p Egress Blocking [Disabled]

If supported by hardware and set to 'Enabled', outbound AtomicOp Requests via Egress Ports will be blocked. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

ID0 Request Enable [Disabled]

If supported by hardware and set to 'Enabled', this permits setting the number of ID-Based Ordering (ID0) bit (Attribute [2]) requests to be initiated. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

ID0 Completion Enable [Disabled]

If supported by hardware and set to 'Enabled', this permits setting the number of ID-Based Ordering (ID0) bit (Attribute [2]) requests to be initiated.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

LTR Mechanism Enable [Disabled]

If supported by hardware and set to 'Enabled', this enables the Latency Tolerance Reporting (LTR) Mechanism. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

End-End TLP Prefix Blocking [Disabled]

If supported by hardware and set to 'Enabled', this function will bolck forwarding of TLPs containing End-End TLP Prefixes.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PCI Express GEN2 Link Register

Target Link Speed [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [Force to 2.5 GT/s] [Force to 5.0 GT/s]

Clock Power Management [Disabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Compliance SOS [Disabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

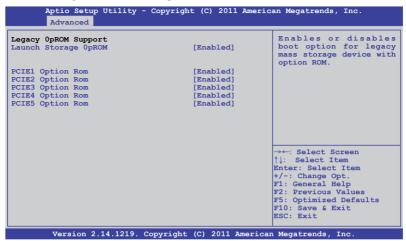
Hardware Autonomous Width [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Hardware Autonomous Speed [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

PCIE Slot Option Rom Configuration



Launch Storage 0pROM [Enabled]

Enables or disables boot option for legacy mass storage device with option ROM.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PCIE1 Option Rom [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PCIE2 Option Rom [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PCIE3 Option Rom [Enabled]

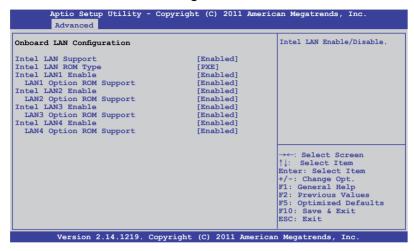
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PCIE4 Option Rom [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PCIE5 Option Rom [Enabled]

5.4.7 Onboard LAN Configuration



Intel LAN Support [Enabled]

Enables or disables Intel LAN function. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Intel LAN ROM Type [PXE]

Configuration options: [PXE] [iSCSI]



The following item appears only when you set Intel LAN Support to [Enabled].

Intel LAN1 Enable [Enabled]

Enables or disables Intel LAN1 function. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

LAN1 Option ROM Support [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Intel LAN2 Enable [Enabled]

Enables or disables Intel LAN2 function. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

LAN2 Option ROM Support [Enabled]

Intel LAN3 Enable [Enabled]

Enables or disables Intel LAN1 function. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

LAN3 Option ROM Support [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

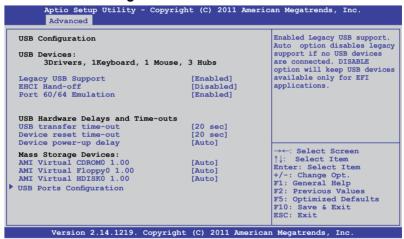
Intel LAN4 Enable [Enabled]

Enables or disables Intel LAN1 function. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

LAN4 Option ROM Support [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

5.4.8 USB Configuration



Legacy USB Support [Enabled]

Enables or disables Legacy USB device support. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled] [Auto]

EHCI Hand-off [Disabled]

This is a workaround for 0ses without EHCl ownership change should be clained by EHCl driver. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Port 60/64 Emulation [Enabled]

Enables I/O port 60h/64h emulation support. This should be enabled for the complete USB keyboard legacy support for non-USB aware 0ses. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

USB Hardware Delays and Time-outs

USB transfer time-out [20 sec]

The time-out value for control, bulk, and interrupt transfer. Configuration options: [1 sec] [5 sec] [10 sec] [20 sec]

Device reset time-out [20 sec]

USB mass storage device start unit command time-out. Configuration options: [10 sec] [20 sec] [30 sec] [40 sec]

Device power-up delay [Auto]

Maximum time the device will take before it property reports itself to the Host Controller. 'Auto' uses default valus: for a Root port it is 100ms, for a Hub port the delay is taken from Hub descriptor. Configuration options: [Auto] [Manual]



The following item appears only when you set **Device power-up delay** to [Manual].

Mass Storage Devices:

AMI Virtual CDROM0 1.00 [Auto]

Mass storage device emulation type 'Auto' enumerates devices are emilated as 'CDROM', drivers with no media will be emulated according to a drive type. Configuration options: [Auto] [Floppy] [Forced FDD] [Hard Disk] [CD-ROM]

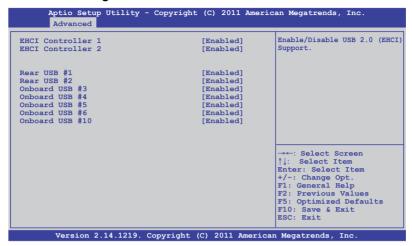
AMI Virtual Floppy0 1.00 [Auto]

Mass storage device emulation type 'Auto' enumerates devices are emilated as 'CDROM', drivers with no media will be emulated according to a drive type. Configuration options: [Auto] [Floppy] [Forced FDD] [Hard Disk] [CD-ROM]

AMI Virtual HDISK0 1.00 [Auto]

Mass storage device emulation type 'Auto' enumerates devices are emilated as 'CDROM', drivers with no media will be emulated according to a drive type. Configuration options: [Auto] [Floppy] [Forced FDD] [Hard Disk] [CD-ROM]

USB Ports Configuration



EHCI Controller 1/2 [Enabled]

Allows to enable or disable USB 2.0 (EHCI) Support. If we disable the EHCI Controller in BIOS > South Bridge > USB configuration, the USB device will all disable in OS.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Rear USB #1 and #2 [Enabled]

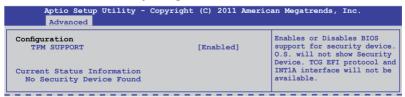
Allows to enable or disable rear USB #1 and #2. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Onboard USB #3/#4/#5/#6/#10 [Enabled]

Allows to enable or disable Onboard USB #3 / #4 / #5 / #6 / #10.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

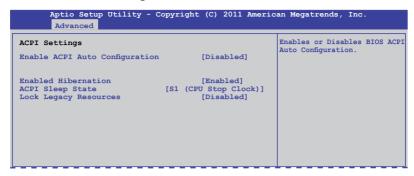
5.4.9 Trusted Computing



TPM Support [Enabled]

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

5.4.10 ACPI Settings



Enable ACPI Auto Configuration [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable BIOS ACPI Auto Configuration. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



The following item appears only when you set **Enabled ACPI Auto Configuration** to [Disabled].

Enable Hibernation [Enabled]

Enables or disables system ability to Hibernate (0S/S4 sleep state). This option may be not effective with some OS.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

ACPI Sleep State [S1 (CPU Stop Clock)]

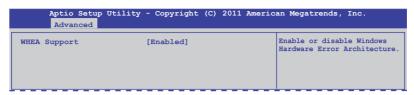
Allows you to set the ACPI Sleep State.

Configuration options: [Suspend Disabled] [S1 (CPU Stop Clock)] [S3 (Suspend to RAM)]

Lock Legacy Resources [Disabled]

Allows to enable or disable Lock Legacy Resources.

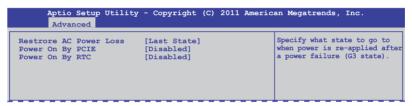
5.4.11 WHEA Configuration



WHEA Support [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the Windows Hardware Error Architecture support. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

5.4.12 APM



Restore AC Power Loss [Last State]

When set to [Power Off], the system goes into off state after an AC power loss. When set to [Power On], the system will reboot 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 PCIE [Disabled]

[Disabled] Disables the PCIE devices to generate a wake event. [Enabled] Enables the PCIE devices to generate a wake event.

Power On By RTC [Disabled]

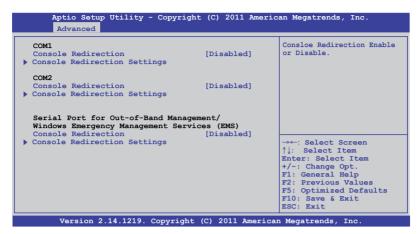
[Disabled] Disables RTC to generate a wake event.

[Enabled] When set to [Eanbled], the items RTC Alarm Date (Days) and

Hour/Minute/Second will become user-configurable with set

values.

5.4.13 Serial Port Console Redirection



COM₁

Console Redirection [Disabled]

Enables or disables the console redirection feature.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



The following item appears only when you set **Consloe Redirection** to [Enabled].

Console Redirection Settings

This item becomes configurable only when you enable the **Console Redirection** item. The settings specify how the host computer and the remote computer (which the user is using) will exchange data. Both computers should have the same or compatible settings.

Terminal Type [VT-UTF8]

Allows you to set the terminal type.

[VT100] ASCII char set.

[VT100+] Extends VT100 to support color, function keys, et.

[VT-UTF8] Uses UTF8 encoding to map Unicode chars onto 1 or more bytes

[ANSI] Extended ASCII char set

Bits per second [57600]

Selects serial port transmission speed. The speed must be matched on the other side. Long or noisy lines may require lower speeds.

Configuration options: [9600] [19200] [38400] [57600] [115200]

Data Bits [8]

Configuration options: [7] [8]

Parity [None]

A parity bit can be sent with the data bits to detect some transmission errors. [Mark] and [Space] parity do not allow for error detection.

[Even] parity bit is 0 if the num of 1's in the data bits is even

[Odd] parity bit is 0 if num of 1's in the data bits is odd

[Mark] parity bit is always 1 [Space] parity bit is always 0

Stop Bits [1]

Stop bits indicate the end of a serial data packet. (A start bit indicates the beginning.) The standard setting is 1 stop bit. Communication with slow devices may require more than 1 stop bit. Configuration options: [1] [2]

Flow Control [None]

Flow control can prevent data loss from buffer overflow. When sending data, if the receiving buffers are full, a "stop" signal can be sent to stop the data flow. Once the buffers are empty, a "start" signal can be sent to re-start the flow. Hardware flow control uses two wires to send start/stop signals. Configuration options: [None] [Hardware RTS/CTS]

Recorder Mode [Disabled]

With this mode enabled only text will be sent. This is to capture Terminal data. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Recorder 100x31 [Disabled]

Allows to enable or disable extend terminal resolution.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Legacy OS Redirction Resolution [80x24]

Configures the number of rows and columns supported on legacy OS.

Configuration options: [80x24] [80x25]

COM₂

Console Redirection [Disabled]

Enables or disables the console redirection feature.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Console Redirection Settings

Please refer to the description of the **Console Redirection Settings** item under COM1 for details.

Serial Port for Out-of-Band Management/ Windows Emergency Management Services (EMS) Console Redirection [Disabled]

Enables or disables the console redirection feature. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



The following item appears only when you set **Console Redirection** to [Enabled].

Console Redirection Settings

Out-of-Band Mgmt Port [COM1]

Microsoft Windows Emergency Management Services (EMS) allow for remote management of a Windows Server OS through a serial port. Configuration options: [COM1] [COM2]

Terminal Type [VT-UTF8]

Microsoft Windows Emergency Management Services (EMS) allow for remote management of a Windows Server OS through a serial port. Configuration options: [VT100] [VT100+] [VT-UTF8] [ANSI]

Bits per second [115200]

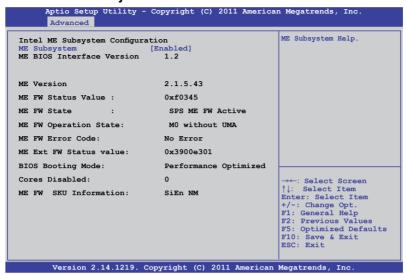
Microsoft Windows Emergency Management Services (EMS) allow for remote management of a Windows Server OS through a serial port. Configuration options: [9600] [19200] [57600] [115200]

Flow Control [None]

Microsoft Windows Emergency Management Services (EMS) allow for remote management of a Windows Server OS through a serial port. Configuration options: [None] [Hardware RTS/CTS] [Software Xon/Xoff]

ASUS RS700-E7/RS4-C

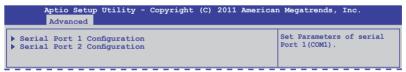
5.4.14 ME Subsystem



ME Subsystem [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

5.4.15 Legacy Devices Configuration



Serial Port 1/2 Configuration



Serial Port [Enabled]

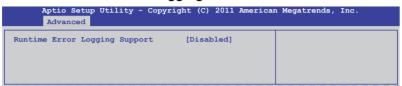
Allows to enables or disables the serial port. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Device Mode [Standard Serial Port Mode]

Allows to change the serial port mode.

Configuration options: [Standard Serial Port Mode]

5.4.16 Runtime Error Logging



Runtime Error Logging Support [Disabled]

This item allows you to enables or disables Runtime Error Logging Support. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



The following item appears only when you set **Runtime Error Logging Support** to [Enabled].

Memory Corr. Error Threshold [10]

Allows you to set the memory correctable error threshould value. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value.

PCI Error Logging Support [Disabled]

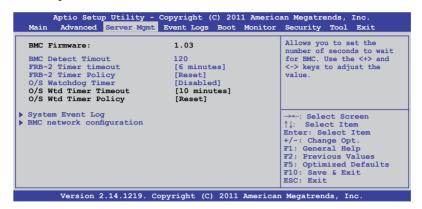
Allows to enables or disables PCI Error Logging. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled].

Posion Support [Disabled]

Allows to enables or disables Posion Support. When posioning is enabled, CPU dose not signal the uncorrectable error via MCERR but may signal CMCI is enabled. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled].

5.5 Server Mgmt menu

The Server Mgmt menu displays the server mgmt status, and allows you to change the settings.



BMC Detect Timout [120]

Allows you to set the number of seconds to wait for BMC. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value.

FRB-2 Timer timeout [6 minutes]

Enter value between 3 to 6 minutes for FRB Timer Expiratin value. Configuration options: [3 minutes] [4 minutes] [5 minutes] [6 minutes]

FRB-2 Timer Policy [Reset]

Allows to configure how the system should respond if the FRB2 Timer exprise. Not available if FRB2 Timer is disabled.

Configuration options: [Do Nothing] [Reset] [Power Down]

O/S Watchdog Timer [Disabled]

If enabled, starts a BIOS timer which can only be shut off by Intel Management Software after the OS loads. Helps determine that the OS successfully loaded or follows the **O/S Boot Watchdog Timer Policy**.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

O/S Wtd Timer Timeout [10 minutes]

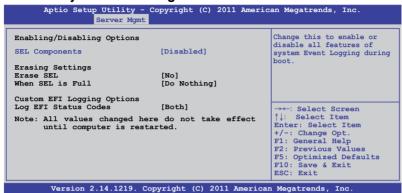
Allows to configure the length of the O/S Boot Watchdog Timer. Not available if **O/S Boot Watchdog Timer** is disabvled.

Configuration options: [5 minutes] [10 minutes] [15 minutes] [20 minutes]

O/S Wtd Timer Policy [Reset]

Allows to configure how the system should respond if the **OS Boot Watchdog Timer** expires. Not available if **O/S Boot Watchdog Timer** is disabled. Configuration options: [Do Nothing] [Reset] [Power Down]

5.5.1 System Event Log



SEL Components [Disabled]

Change this to enable or disable all features of system Event Logging during boot. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



- When you set SEL Components to [Enabled], The following item let you set.
- All values changed here do not take effect until computer is restarted.

Erase SEL [No]

Allows to choose options for erasing SEL.

Configuration options: [No] [Yes, On next reset] [Yes, On every reset]

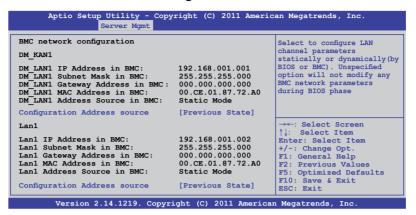
When SEL is Full [Do Nothing]

Allows to choose options for reactions to a full SEL. Configuration options: [Do Nothing] [Erase Immediately]

Custom EFI Logging Options Log EFI Status Codes [Both]

Disable the logging of EFI Status Codes or log only error code or only progress code ot both. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Both] [Error Code] [Progress Code]

5.5.2 BMC network configuration



Configuration Address source [Previous State]

Select to configure LAN channel parameters statically or dynamically(by BIOS or BMC). Unspecified option will not modify any BMC network parameters during BIOS phase.

Configuration options: [Previous State] [Static Mode] [DHCP Mode]



The following items appears only when you set **Configuration Address source** to [Static Mode].

Station IP address [0.0.0.0]

Allows to input Station IP address.

<u>Subnet mask [0.0.0.0]</u>

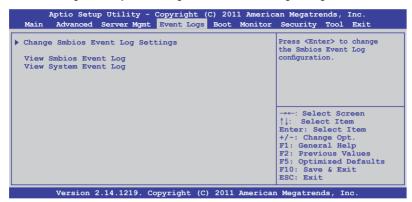
Allows to input Subnet mask.

Gateway IP address [0.0.0.0]

Allows to input Gateway IP address.

5.6 Event Logs menu

The Event Logs allows you to change or view the event log settings.



5.6.1 Change Smbios Event Log Settings

Press <Enter> to change the Smbios Event Log configuration.





All values changed here do not take effect until computer is restarted.

Enabling/Disabling Options

Smbios Event Log [Enabled]

Change this to enable or disable all features of Smbios Event Logging during boot.Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Erasing Settings

Erase Event Log [No]

Choose options for erasing Smbios Event Log. Erasing is done prior to any logging activation during reset.

Configuration options: [No] [Yes, Next reset] [Yes, Every reset]

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When Log is Full [Do Nothing]

Allows to choose options for reactions to a full Smbios Event Log.

Configuration options: [Do Nothing] [Erase Immediately]

Smbios Event Log Standard Settings

Log System Boot Event [Disabled]

Allows to choose options to enable/disable logging of System boot event. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

MECI [1]

Mutiple Event Count Increment (MECI). The number of occurrences of a duplicate event that must pass before the multiplt-event counter associated with the log entry is updated, specified as a numeric value in the range 1 to 255.

METW [60]

Mutiple Event Time Windows (METW). The number of minutes which must pass between duplicate log entries which utilize a multiple-event counter. The value ranges from 0 to 99 minutes.

Custom Option

Log OEM Codes [Enabled]

Enable or disable the logging of EFI Status Codes as OEM Codes (if not already converted to legacy).

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Convert OEM Codes [Disabled]

Enable or disable the converting of EFI Status Codes to Standard Smbios Types (Not all may be translated).

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

View Smbios Event Log

Press <Enter> to view all smbios event logs.

View System Event Log

Press <Enter> to view all system event logs.

5.7 Boot menu

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



Setup Prompt Timeout [xx]

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the number of seconds to wait for setup activation key.

Bootup NumLock State [On]

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

Full Screen Logo [Enabled]

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.

CSM16 Module Version GateA20 Active [Upon Request]

[Upon Request] GA20 can be disabled using BIOS services.

[Always] Do not allow disable GA20; this option is useful when any RT code

is executed above 1MB.

Option ROM Messages [Force BIOS]

Allows you to set the display mode for Options ROM. Configuration options: [Force BIOS] [Keep Current]

Interrupt 19 Capture [Enabled]

Allows Option ROMs to trap interrupt 19. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Boot Device Seeking [Endless PXE]

[Endless PXE] Continuous seek remote boot image until boot image found or user abort (press Ctrl+Alt+Del).

[Normal] Seek remote boot image once then stop.

UEFI Boot [Disabled]

Enables or disables UEFI Boot.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Boot Option Priorities

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



- To select the boot device during system startup, press <F8> when ASUS Logo appears.
- To access Windows OS in Safe Mode, please press <F8> after POST.

Set the booting order of network devices.

Boot Option #1/#2/#3/#4 [SATA P2: ASUS ...]

Configuration options: [SATA P2: ASUS ...] [SATA P3: WDC WD80...]

[AMI Virtual Floppy...] [IBA GE Slot 0700 v...]

CD/DVD ROM Drive BBS Priorities

Hard Drive BBS Priorities

Floppy Drive BBS Priorities

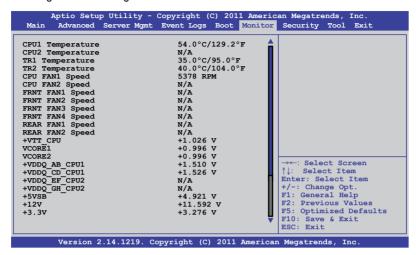
Network Device BBS Priorities

These items appear only when you connect SATA ODD or hard drive to the

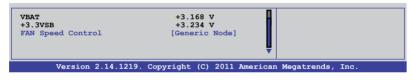
SATA ports and allow you to set the booting order of the SATA devices.

5.8 Monitor menu

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



Scroll down to display the following items:



CPU 1/2; TR1 1/2 Temperature [xxx°C/xxx°F]

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

CPU FAN1/2 Speed; FRNT FAN1-4 Speed; REAR FAN1/2 Speed [xxxx RPM] or [Ignore] / [N/A]

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

+VTT_CPU Voltage, VCORE1/2 Voltage, +VDDQ_AB_CPU1 Voltage, +VDDQ_CD_CPU1 Voltage, +VDDQ_EF_CPU2 Voltage, +VDDQ_GH_CPU2 Voltage, +5VSB Voltage, +5V Voltage, +12V Voltage, +3.3V Voltage, VBAT Voltage, +3.3VSB Voltage

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects the voltage output through the onboard voltage regulators.

FAN Speed Control [Generic Mode]

Allows you to configure the ASUS Smart Fan feature that smartly adjusts the fan speeds for more efficient system operation.

Configuration options: [Generic Mode] [High Speed Mode] [Full Speed Mode]

5.9 Security menu

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





- If you have forgotten your BIOS password, erase the CMOS Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM to clear the BIOS password. See section 2.6 Jumpers for information on how to erase the RTC RAM.
- The Administrator or User Password items on top of the screen show the default Not Installed. After you set a password, these items show Installed.

Administrator Password

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

To set an administrator password:

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

To change an administrator password:

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

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

User Password

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

To set a user password:

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

To change a user password:

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

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

5.10 Tool menu

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

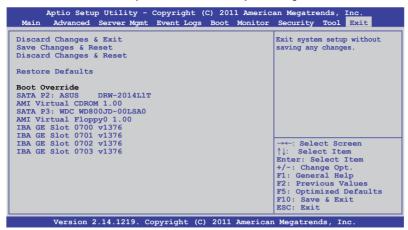


ASUS EZ Flash 2 Utility

Allows you to run ASUS EZ Flash BIOS ROM Utility when you press <Enter>. Check section **5.1.2 ASUS EZ Flash 2 Utility** for details.

5.11 Exit menu

The Exit menu items allow you to 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.

Discard Changes & Exit

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

Save Changes & Reset

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

Discard Changes & Reset

This option allows you to reset the Setup program without saving your changes. When you select this option, a confirmation window appears. Select **Yes** to discard changes and reset.

Restore Defaults

This option allows you to restore/load defaults values for all the setup options. When you select this option, a confirmation window appears. Select **Yes** to load optimized defaults.

Chapter 6

This chapter provides instructions for setting up, creating and configuring RAID sets using the available utilities.

RAID

6.1 Setting up RAID

The motherboard comes with the Intel® C602 chipset that supports the following SATA BAID solutions:

- LSI MegaRAID software RAID Configuration Utility (default) with RAID 0, RAID 1, and RAID 10 support (for both Linux and Windows OS).
- Intel[®] Rapid Storage Technology Enterprise SCU / SATA Option ROM
 Utility with RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10, and RAID 5 support (for Windows OS only).

6.1.1 RAID definitions

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

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

RAID 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.

6.1.2 Installing hard disk drives

The motherboard supports SATA hard disk drives for RAID set configuration. For optimal performance, install identical drives of the same model and capacity when creating a disk array.

6.1.3 RAID controller selection

You can choose either the LSI Software RAID Configuration Utility or the Intel Matrix Storage Manager as the default utility to create RAID set(s). See **5. RAID configuration utility selection** on page 4-6 for details.

6.1.4 Setting the RAID item in BIOS

You must enable the RAID function in the BIOS Setup before creating RAID set(s) using SATA HDDs. To do this:

- 1. Enter the BIOS Setup during POST.
- 2. Go to the **Advanced** Menu > **SATA Configuration**, then press <Enter>.
- 3. Set **SATA Mode** to [RAID Mode]
- 4. Press <F10> to save your changes and exit the BIOS Setup.



Refer to Chapter 5 for details on entering and navigating through the BIOS Setup.

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6.2 LSI Software RAID Configuration Utility

The LSI MegaRAID software RAID configuration utility allows you to create RAID 0, RAID 1, or RAID 10 set(s) from SATA hard disk drives connected to the SATA connectors supported by the motherboard southbridge chip.

To enter the LSI MegaRAID software RAID configuration utility

- 1. Turn on the system after installing all the SATA hard disk drives.
- During POST, the LSI MegaRAID software RAID configuration utility automatically detects the installed SATA hard disk drives and displays any existing RAID set(s). Press <Ctrl> + <M> to enter the utility.

```
LSI MegaRAID Software RAID BIOS Version A.08 09161344R
LSI SATA RAID Found at PCI Bus No: Dev No:1F
Device present at Port 0 ST3160812AS 152114MB
Device present at Port 1 ST3160812AS 152114MB
Device present at Port 2 ST3160812AS 152114MB
Device present at Port 3 ST3160812AS 152114MB
Press Ctrl-M or Enter to run LSI Software RAID Setup Utility.
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- The LSI MegaRAID software RAID configuration utility automatically configures to RAID 1 when the SATA to RAID Mode is enabled.
- The RAID setup screens shown in this section are for reference only and may not exactly match the items on your screen due to the controller version difference.
- When you create RAID sets with the LSI MegaRAID software RAID configuration utility, the boot priority of the SATA optical drive has to be manually adjusted. Otherwise, the system will not boot from the connected SATA ODD.
- The utility main window appears. Use the arrow keys to select an option from the Management Menu and then press <Enter>. Refer to the Management Menu descriptions on the next page.

At the bottom of the screen is the legend box. The keys on the legend box allow you to navigate through the setup menu options or execute commands. The keys on the legend box vary according to the menu level.



Menu	Description		
Configure	Allows you to create RAID 0, RAID 1 or RAID 10 set using the Easy Configuration or the New Configuration command. This menu also allows you to view, add, or clear RAID configurations or select the boot drive		
Initialize	Allows you to initialize the virtual drives of a created RAID set		
Objects	Allows you to initialize virtual drives or change the virtual drive parameters		
Rebuild	Allows you to rebuild failed drives		
Check Consistency	Allows you to check the data consistency of the virtual drives of a created RAID set		

6.2.1 Creating a RAID set

The LSI Software RAID Configuration Utility allows you to create a RAID 0, RAID 1, or RAID 10 set using two types of configurations: **Easy** and **New**.

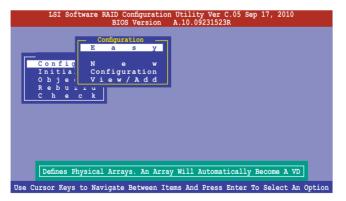
In **Easy Configuration**, the virtual drive parameters are set automatically.

In **New Configuration**, you manually set the virtual drive parameters.

Using Easy Configuration

To create a RAID set using the **Easy Configuration** option

1. From the **Management Menu**, select **Configure > Easy Configuration**, and then press <Enter>.

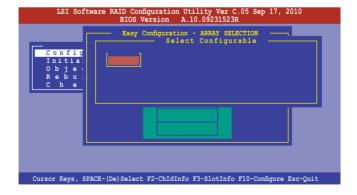


 The ARRAY SELECTION MENU displays the available drives connected to the SATA ports. Use the up/down arrow key to select the drives you want to include in the RAID set, and then press <Space>. When selected, the drive indicator changes from READY to ONLIN A[X]-[Y], where X is the array number, and Y is the drive number.

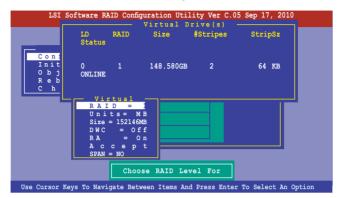




- The information of the selected hard disk drive displays at the bottom of the screen.
- · You need at least two identical hard disk drives when creating a RAID 1 set.
- You need at least four identical hard disk drives when creating a RAID 10 set.
- 3. Select all the drives required for the RAID set, and then press <F10> to configure array setting.
- 4. Press <Space> to select the configurable array.



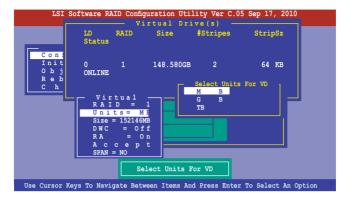
 Press <F10> again, the virtual drive information appears including a Virtual Drive menu that allows you to change the virtual drive parameters.



- 6. Select **RAID** from the **Virtual Drive** sub-menu, and then press <Enter>.
- 7. Select the **RAID** level from the menu, and then press <Enter>.



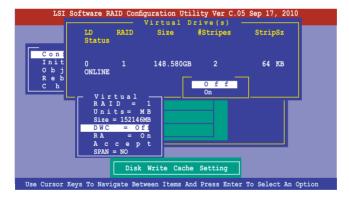
- 8. Select **Units** from the **Virtual Drive** sub-menu, and then press <Enter>.
- 9. Select the units for virtual drive size from the menu, and then press <Enter>.



10. When creating a **RAID 1** or a **RAID 10** set, select **DWC** from the **Virtual Drive** menu, and then press <Enter>.

When creating a RAID 0 set, proceed to step 12.

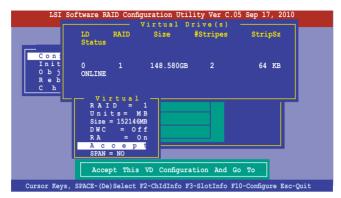
11. Select **On** to enable the **Disk Write Cache** setting, and then press <Enter>.





Enabling DWC can improve the performance, but with the risk of data loss.

12. When finished setting the selected virtual drive configuration, select **Accept** from the menu, and then press <Enter>.



- 13. Follow step 2 to 12 to configure additional virtual drives.
- 14. Press <Esc> to finish RAID configuration. When prompted to save configuration, select **Yes** from the menu, and then press <Enter>.



Using New Configuration



When a RAID set already exists, using the **New Configuration** command erases the existing RAID configuration data. If you do not want to delete the existing RAID set, use the **View/Add Configuration** command to view or create another RAID configuration.

To create a RAID set using the New Configuration option

 From the Management Menu, select Configure > New Configuration, and then press <Enter>.



- 2. Follow step 2 to 9 of the previous section: **Using Easy Configuration**.
- 3. Select **Size** from the **Virtual Drive** menu, and then press <Enter>.
- 4. Key-in the desired virtual drive size, and then press <Enter>.



Follow step 10 to 14 of the previous section: Using Easy Configuration to create the RAID set.

6.2.2 Adding or viewing a RAID configuration

You can add a new RAID configuration or view an existing configuration using the **View/Add Configuration** command.

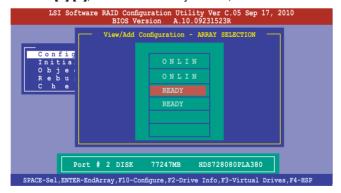
Adding a new RAID configuration

To add a new RAID configuration:

 From the Management Menu, select Configure > View/Add Configuration, and then press <Enter>.



 The ARRAY SELECTION MENU displays the available drives connected to the SATA ports. Select the drive(s) you want to include in the RAID set, then press <Space>. When selected, the drive indicator changes from READY to ONLIN A[X]-[Y], where X is the array number, and Y is the drive number.





The information of the selected hard disk drive displays at the bottom of the screen.

 Follow step 3 to 12 of section 5.2.1 Creating a RAID set: Using Easy Configuration to add a new RAID set.

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6.2.3 Initializing the virtual drives

After creating the RAID set(s), you must initialize the virtual drives. You may initialize the virtual drives of a RAID set(s) using the **Initialize** or **Objects** command on the **Management Menu**.

Using the Initialize command

To initialize the virtual drive using the Initialize command

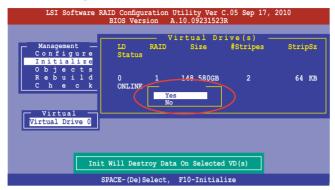
1. From the Management Menu, select Initialize, and then press <Enter>.



 The screen displays the available RAID set(s) and prompts you to select the virtual drive to initialize. Use the arrow keys to select the virtual drive from the Virtual Drive selection, and then press <Space>.



 Press <F10> to start initialization. When prompted, select Yes from the Initialize? dialog box, and then press <Enter>.





Initializing a virtual drive erases all data on the drive.

4. A progress bar appears on screen. If desired, press <Esc> to abort initialization. When initialization is completed, press <Esc>.



Using the Objects command

To initialize the virtual drives using the **Objects** command

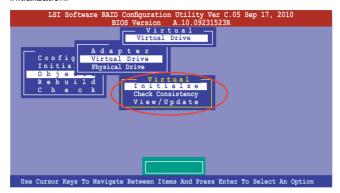
 From the Management Menu, select Objects > Virtual Drive, and then press <Enter>.



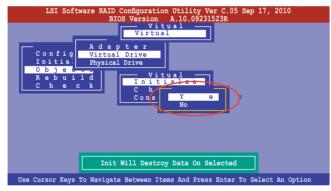
2. Select the virtual drive to initialize from the **Virtual Drives** sub-menu, and then press <Enter>.



Select Initialize from the pop-up menu, and then press <Enter> to start initialization.



4. When prompted, press the <Space> to select **Yes** from the **Initialize?** dialog box, and then press <Enter>.



5. A progress bar appears on screen. If desired, press <Esc> to abort initialization. When initialization is completed, press <Esc>.

6.2.4 Rebuilding failed drives

You can manually rebuild failed hard disk drives using the **Rebuild** command in the **Management Menu**.

To rebuild a failed hard disk drive

1. From the Management Menu, select Rebuild, and then press <Enter>.



 The PHYSICAL DRIVES SELECTION MENU displays the available drives connected to the SATA ports. Select the drive you want to rebuild, and then press <Space>.



After selecting the drive to rebuild, press <F10>. When prompted, press <Y>
to rebuild the drive.



4. When rebuild is complete, press any key to continue.

6.2.5 Checking the drives for data consistency

You can check and verify the accuracy of data redundancy in the selected virtual drive. The utility can automatically detect and/or detect and correct any differences in data redundancy depending on the selected option in the **Objects > Adapter** menu



The **Check Consistency** command is available only for virtual drives included in a RAID 1 or RAID 10 set.

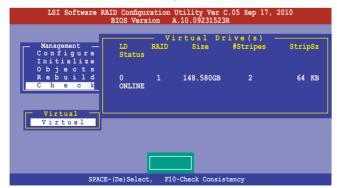
Using the Check Consistency Command

To check data consistency using the **Check Consistency** command

 From the Management Menu, select Check Consistency, and then press <Fnter>



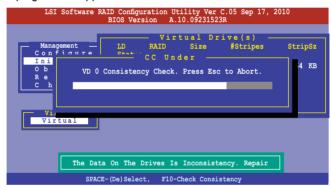
 The screen displays the available RAID set(s) and prompts you to select the virtual drive to check. Press <Space> to select the virtual drive from the Virtual Drive sub-menu, and then press <F10>.



3. When prompted, use the arrow keys to select **Yes** from the **Consistency Check?** dialog box, and then press <Enter>.



A progress bar appears on screen.



- While checking the disk consistency, press <Esc> to display the following options.
 - Stop Stops the consistency check. The utility stores the
 percentage of disk checked, and when you restart checking,
 it continues from the last percentage completed rather than
 from zero percent.
 - Continue Continues the consistency check.
 - Abort Aborts the consistency check. When you restart checking, it continues from zero percent.
- 5. When checking is complete, press any key to continue.

Using the Objects command

To check data consistency using the **Objects** command

- From the Management Menu, select Objects, and then select Virtual Drive from the sub-menu.
- Use the arrow keys to select the virtual drive you want to check, and then press <Enter>.
- 3. Select **Check Consistency** from the pop-up menu, and then press <Enter>.
- When prompted, use the arrow keys to select Yes from the dialog box to check the drive.
- 5. When checking is complete, press any key to continue.

6.2.6 Deleting a RAID configuration

To delete a RAID configuration

 From the Management Menu, select Configure > Clear Configuration, and then press <Enter>.



When prompted, use the arrow keys to select Yes from the Clear Configuration? dialog box, and then press <Enter>.



The utility clears all the current array(s).

3. Press any key to continue.

6.2.7 Selecting the boot drive from a RAID set

You must have created a new RAID configuration before you can select the boot drive from a RAID set. See section **5.2.1 Creating a RAID set: Using New Configuration** for details.

To select the boot drive from a RAID set

 From the Management Menu, select Configure > Select Boot Drive, and then press <Enter>.



2. When prompted, use the arrow keys to select the bootable virtual drive from the list, then press <Enter>.



3. The virtual drive is selected as boot drive. Press any key to continue.

6.2.8 Enabling WriteCache

You may manually enable the RAID controller's WriteCache option after creating a RAID set to improve the data transmission performance.



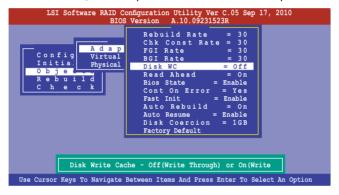
When you enable WriteCache, you may lose data when a power interruption occurs while transmitting or exchanging data among the drives.



The WriteCache function is recommended for RAID 1 and RAID 10 sets.

To enable WriteCache

- From the Management Menu, select Objects > Adapter, select an existing adapter, and then press <Enter> to display the adapter properties.
- 2. Select **Disk WC**, and then press <Enter> to turn on the option.



- From the Management Menu, select Objects > Virtual Drive, select an existing adapter and press <Enter>. Select View/Update Parameters and press <Enter> to display the adapter properties.
- 4. Select **Disk WC**, and then press <Enter> to turn on the option.



5. When finished, press any key to continue.

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6.3 Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise SCU/SATA Option ROM Utility

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

You can create RAID mode by use of onboard AHCI SATA ports. Also, when installed optional ASRK module, you can use onboard scu SAS ports to create RAID mode

To use onboard SATA ports:

- 1. Install all the Serial ATA hard disk drives.
- Turning on the system. During POST, press,Del. to enter BIOS. Go to Advanced Menu > PCH SATA Configuration > SATA Mode, then press <Enter>.
- 3. Set **SATA Mode** to **RAID Mode** and save, then reboot system.
- 4. During POST, press <Ctrl+l> to display the utility main menu.

To use SCU SAS/SATA ports:

- Install all the SAS hard disk drives.
- Turning on the system. During POST, press to enter BIOS. Go to Advanced Menu > PCH SCU SAS Configuration, then press <Enter>.
- Confirm all the SAS hard disk drives you installed are correctly displayed, then reboot system.
- 4. During POST, press <Ctrl+l> to display the utility main menu.

ASRK support table

	SCU ports	Protocol Enabled	Intel RSTe SAS RAID 5
W/O ASRK	4 (ISAS 1)	SATA (3Gb/s)	SATA RAID 5
ASRK #1	4 (ISAS 1)	SATA/SAS (3Gb/s)	No
ASRK #2	4 (ISAS 1)	SATA/SAS (3Gb/s)	Yes

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

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

```
MAIN
    1. Create RAID Volume
                             3. Reset Disks to Non-RAID
     2. Delete RAID Volume
                             4. Exit
                   DISK/VOLUME
  RAID Volumes:
  None defined.
  Physical Disks:
                                   Size Type/Status(Vol ID)
     Drive Model
                Serial #
     ST3300656SS
               HWAS0000991753TR
                                 279.3GB Non-RAID Disk
    [↑↓]-Select
                      [ESC]-Exit
                                     [ENTER]-Select Menu
```

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



- If you want to use SAS HDD for RAID create, be sure you've already correctly installed the optional Intel ASRK module on the motherboard.
- The RAID BIOS setup screThe RAID BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference only and may not exactly match the items on your screen.



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

6.3.1 Creating a RAID set

To create a RAID set

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



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



Use the up/down arrow key to select a drive, and then press <Space>
to select. A small triangle marks the selected drive. Press <Enter> after
completing your selection.

6. Use the up/down arrow keys to select the stripe size for the RAID array (for RAID 0, 1 and 5 only), and then press <Enter>. The available stripe size values range from 4 KB to 128 KB. The following are typical values:

RAID 0: 128KB RAID 10: 64KB RAID 5: 64KB



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.

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

```
WARNING: ALL DATA ON SELECTED DISKS WILL BE LOST.

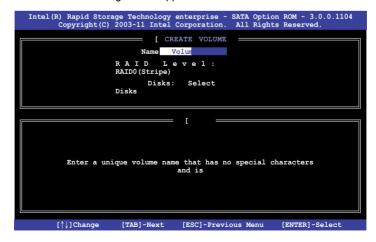
Are you sure you want to create this volume? (Y/N):
```

 Press <Y> to create the RAID volume and return to the main menu, or <N> to go back to the CREATE VOLUME menu.

6.3.2 Creating a Recovery set

To create a recovery set:

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



- 2. Enter a name for the recovery set and press <Enter>.
- When the RAID Level item is selected, press the up/down arrow keys to select Recovery, and then press <Enter>.
- When the **Disks** item is selected, press <Enter> to select the hard disk drives you want to include in the recovery set. The **SELECT DISKS** screen appears.



- Use the up/down arrow keys to select a drive, press <TAB> to select a Master disk, and then press <SPACE> to select a Recovery disk. A small triangle marks the selected drive. Press <Enter> after completing your selection.
- 6. When the **Sync** item is selected, use the up/down arrow keys to select a sync option that you want and press <Enter>.
- 7. When the **Create Volume** item is selected, press <Enter>. The following warning message appears.

```
WARNING: ALL DATA ON SELECTED DISKS WILL BE LOST.

Are you sure you want to create this volume? (Y/N):
```

8. Press <Y> to create the recovery set and return to the main menu, or <N> to go back to the **CREATE VOLUME** menu.



If a recovery set is created, you cannot add more RAID sets even when you have more non-RAID disks installed in your system.

6.3.3 Deleting a RAID set



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

To delete a RAID set:

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

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

```
[ DELETE VOLUME

ALL DATA IN THE VOLUME WILL BE LOST!

(This does not apply to Recovery volumes)
```

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

6.3.4 Resetting disks to Non-RAID



Take caution before you reset a RAID volume hard disk drive to non-RAID. Resetting a RAID volume hard disk drive deletes all internal RAID structure on the drive

To reset a RAID set hard disk drive:

 From the utility main menu, select 3. Reset Disks to Non-RAID and press <Enter>. The following screen appears.



- Use the up/down arrow keys to select the RAID set drive(s) you want to reset, and then press <Space> to select.
- Press <Enter> to reset the RAID set drive(s). A confirmation message appears.
- Press <Y> to reset the drive(s) or press <N> to return to the utility main menu.

6.3.5 Exiting the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology utility

To exit the utility:

 From the utility main menu, select 4. Exit, and then press <Enter>. The following warning message appears.



2. Press <Y> to exit or press <N> to return to the utility main menu.

6.3.6 Rebuilding the RAID



This option is only for the RAID 1 set.

Rebuilding the RAID with other non-RAID disk

If any of the SATA hard disk drives included in the RAID 1 array failed, the system displays the status of the RAID volume as "**Degraded**" during POST. You can rebuild the RAID array with other installed non-RAID disks.

To rebuild the RAID with other non-RAID disk:

- At the prompt, press <Ctrl> + <l> to enter the Intel Rapid Storage Technology option ROM utility.
- 2. If there is a non-RAID SATA Hard Disk available, the utility will prompt to rebuild the RAID. Press <Enter>, and then use up/down arrow keys to select the destination disk or press <ESC> to exit.



Select a destination disk with the same size as the original hard disk.

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3. The utility immediately starts rebuilding after the disk is selected. The status of the degraded RAID volume is changed to "**Rebuild**".

```
MAIN
      1. Create RAID Volume
                                  3. Reset Disks to Non-RAID
                                  4. Exit
        2. Delete RAID Volume
                    DISK/VOLUME
  RAID Volumes:
                                        * = Data is Encrypted
  ID
     Name
                           Strip
                                    Size
                                         Status
                                                   Bootable
     Volume0
              RAID1 (Mirror)
                           N/A
                                 149.0GB
                                                   Yes
  Physical Devices:
  Port Drive Model
                 Serial #
                                     Size
                                          Type/Status(Vol ID)
     ST3160812AS
                 91.S0F4HT.
                                  149.0GB
                                          Member Disk(0)
     ST3160812AS
                 3LS0JYL8
                                  149.0GB
                                          Member Disk(0)
                                      [ENTER]-Select Menu
    [↑↓]-Select
                       [ESC]-Exit
```

- 4. Exit Intel Rapid Storage Technology and reboot the system.
- Under Microsoft® Windows OS, select Start > Programs > Intel Rapid Storage > Intel Rapid Storage Console or click the Intel Rapid Storage Technology tray icon to load the Intel Rapid Storage Manager utility.
- From the View menu, select Advanced Mode to display the details of the Intel Rapid Storage Console.
- From the Volumes view option, select RAID volume to view the rebuilding status. When finished, the status is changed to "Normal".

Rebuilding the RAID with a new hard disk

If any of the SATA hard disk drives included in the RAID array failed, the system displays the status of the RAID volume as "**Degraded**" during POST. You may replace the disk drive and rebuild the RAID array.

To rebuild the RAID with a new hard disk:

 Remove the failed SATA hard disk and install a new SATA hard disk of the same specification into the same SATA Port.



Select a destination disk with the same size as the original hard disk.

Reboot the system and then follow the steps in section Rebuilding the RAID with other non-RAID disk.

6.3.7 Setting the Boot array in the BIOS Setup Utility

You can set the boot priority sequence in the BIOS for your RAID arrays when creating multi-RAID using the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology.

To set the boot array in the BIOS:



Set at least one of the arrays bootable to boot from the hard disk.

- Reboot the system and press to enter the BIOS setup utility during POST.
- 2. Go to the **Boot** menu and select the boot option priority.
- 3. Use up/down arrow keys to select the boot priority and press <Enter>. See section 5.7 Boot menu for details.
- 4. From the **Exit** menu, select **Save Changes & Exit**, then press <Enter>.
- 5. When the confirmation window appears, select **Yes**, then press <Enter>.

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6.4 Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise Utility (Windows)

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

Before you using Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise utility, you need to change BIOS setting first:

- 1. Enter the BIOS Setup during POST.
- Go to the Advanced Menu > Chipset Configuration > PCH Configuration
 Onboard SAS Oprom, then press <Enter>.
- 3. Set Onboard SAS Oprom to [Enabled].
- 4. Press <F10> to save your changes and exit the BIOS Setup.

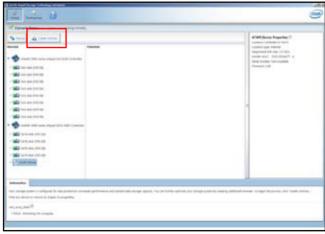


You need to manually install the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise utility on a Windows® operating system. Please refer to the installation instructions in Chapter 6.

To enter the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise utility under Windows operating system:

- Turn on the system to windows desktop.
- Click the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise icon to display the main menu.

Your storage system is configured for data protection, increased performance and optimal data storage capacity. You can further optimize your storage system by creating additional volumes.



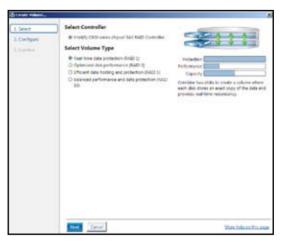


You can click **Rescan** to re-scan any attached hard disks.

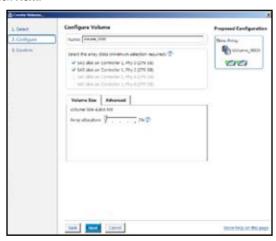
6.4.1 Creating a RAID set

To create a RAID set

- 1. From the utility main menu, select **Create Volume** and select volume type.
- 2. Then click Next.



- 3. Enter a name for the RAID set, then select the array disks.
- 4. Select **Volume Size** tab, you can drag the bar to decide the volume size.
- 5. Then click Next.





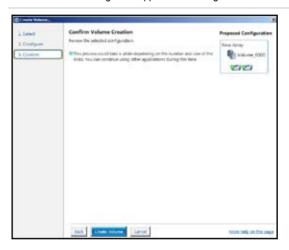
- If you hard disk with existing data and you don't want to keep data from one
 of the selected disks, choose NO in next column (If displayed).
- If you want to Enable volume write-back cache or Initialize volume, you can click Advanced tab to slelect.

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6. Confirm volume creation, than click **Create Volume** to continue.



This process could take a while depending on the number and size of the disks. You can continue using other applications during this time.



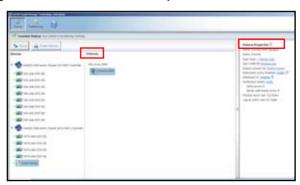
When display Volume Ceation Complete message, you can click OK to finish.





You still need to partition your new volume using Windows Disk Management before adding any data.

When you are finished, you will see the following screen in **Volumes** field and you can change related items in the **Volume Properties** field.

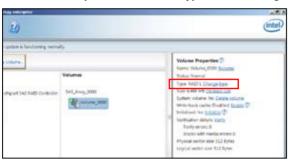


6.4.2 Change Volume Type

When you are finished to create a RAID set, you can view or change related items in the **Volume Properties** field.

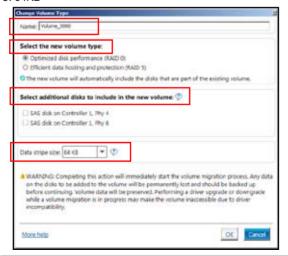
According to the following steps to change the type in **Volume Properties**:

- 1. Click the SAS array items you want to change in Volumes field.
- 2 From the Volume Properties field, select Type:RAID 1 Change type.



- You can change the Name, Select the new volume type, and Select additional disks to include in the new volume if needed
- 4. Then select the **Data stripe size** for the RAID array (for RAID 0, 10 and 5 only), and then click **OK**. The available stripe size values range from 4 KB to 128 KB. The following are typical values:

RAID 0: 128KB RAID 10: 64KB RAID 5: 64KB





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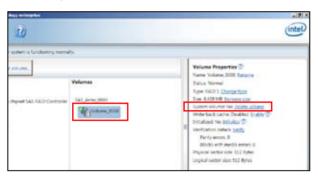
6.4.3 Delete volume



Take caution when deleting a volume. You will lose all data on the hard disk drives.Back up data before continuing.

To delete a volume:

 From the utility main menu, select the volume (exp. Volume_0000) in Volumes field you want to delete.



Then select **Delete volume** in **Volume Properties** field. The following screen appears.

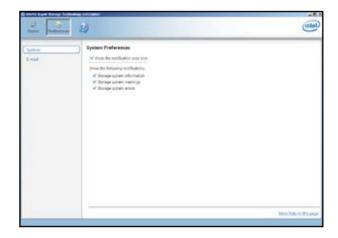


 Click Yes to delete the volume and return to the utility main menu, or click No to return to the main menu.

6.4.4 Preferences

System Preferences

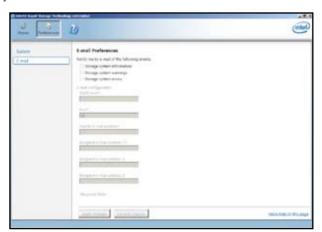
Allow you set to show the notification area icon and show system information, warning, or errors here.



E-Mail Preferences

Allow you set to sent e-mail of the following events:

Storage system information Storage system warnings Storage system errors



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Chapter 7

This chapter provides instructions for installing the necessary drivers for different system components.

7.1 RAID driver installation

After creating the RAID sets for your server system, you are now ready to install an operating system to the independent hard disk drive or bootable array. This part provides instructions on how to install the RAID controller drivers during OS installation.

7.1.1 Creating a RAID driver disk



The system does not include a floppy drive. You have to use a USB floppy drive when creating a SATA RAID driver disk.

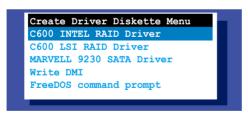


If you have created RAID sets with the LSI Software RAID configuration utility, the boot priority of the SATA optical disk drive has to be manually adjusted. Otherwise, the system will not boot from the connected SATA ODD.

A floppy disk with the RAID driver is required when installing Windows® or Red Hat® Enterprise operating system on a hard disk drive that is included in a RAID set. You can create a RAID driver disk in DOS (using the Makedisk application in the support DVD).

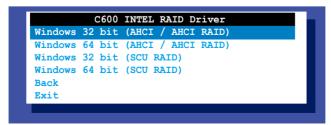
To create a RAID driver disk in DOS environment

- 1. Place the motherboard support DVD in the optical drive.
- 2. Restart the computer, and then enter the BIOS Setup.
- Select the optical drive as the first boot priority to boot from the support DVD. Save your changes, and then exit the BIOS Setup.
- 4. Restart the computer. The Makedisk menu appears.

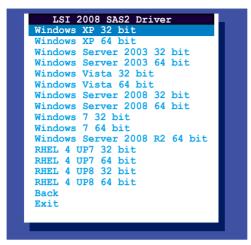


5. Use the arrow keys to select the type of RAID driver disk you want to create and press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

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- Locate the RAID driver and place a blank, high-density floppy disk to the floppy disk drive.
- 7. Press <Enter>.
- 8. Follow screen instructions to create the driver disk.

To create a RAID driver disk in Windows® environment

- 1. Start Windows[®].
- 2. Place the motherboard support DVD into the optical drive.
- Go to the **Make disk** menu, and then select the type of RAID driver disk you want to create.
- 4. Insert a floppy disk into the USB floppy disk drive.
- 5. Follow succeeding screen instructions to complete the process.



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

To create a RAID driver disk in Red Hat® Enterprise Linux server environment

- 1. Insert a blank formatted high-density floppy disk to the USB floppy disk drive.
- Type dd if=XXX.img of=/dev/fd0 to decompress the file into the floppy disk from the following path in the support DVD:

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\Drivers\C600 LSI RAID\Driver\makedisk\Linux

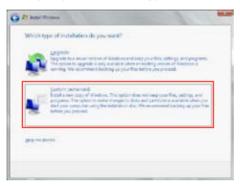
3. Eject the floppy disk.

7.1.2 Installing the RAID controller driver

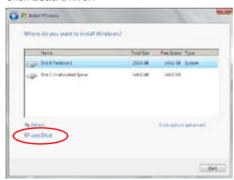
During Windows® Server 2008 OS installation

To install the RAID controller driver when installing Windows® Server 2008 OS

- Boot the computer using the Windows® Server 2008 OS installation disc. Follow the screen instructions to start installing Windows Server 2008.
- 2. When prompted to choose a type of installation, click Custom (advanced).



3. Click Load Driver.

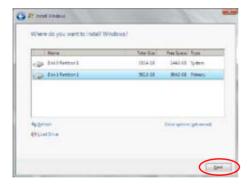


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4. A message appears, reminding you to insert the installation media containing the driver of the RAID controller driver. If you have only one optical drive installed in your system, eject the Windows OS installation disc and replace with the motherboard Support DVD into the optical drive. Click **Browse** to continue.



- Locate the driver in the corresponding folder of the Support DVD, and then click **OK** to continue.
- 6. Select the RAID controller driver you need from the list and click **Next**.
- When the system finishes loading the RAID driver, replace the motherboard Support DVD with the Windows Server installation disc. Select the drive to install Windows and click Next



8. Setup then proceeds with the OS installation. Follow screen instructions to continue

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To install the LSI MegaRAID controller driver when installing Red Hat® Enterprise OS:

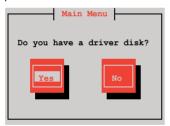
- 1. Boot the system from the Red Hat® OS installation CD.
- At the boot:, type linux dd noprobe=ata1 noprobe=ata2..., then press <Enter>.



The number of ata varies with the hard disk drive number you have when building a RAID set. For example, if you want to build a RAID set with 6 hard disk drives, type command line: linux dd noprobe=ata1 noprobe=ata2 noprobe=ata3 noprobe=ata4 noprobe=ata5 noprobe=ata6.

```
    To install or upgrade in graphical mode, press the <ENTER> key.
    To install or upgrade in text mode, type: linux text <ENTER>.
    Use the function keys listed below for more information.
    [F1-Main] [F2-Options] [F3-General] [F4-Kernel] [F5-Rescue]
    boot: linux dd noprobe=atal noprobe=ata2
```

Select Yes using the <Tab> key when asked if you have the driver disk, then
press <Enter>.



 Insert the Red Hat[®] Enterprise RAID driver disk to the USB floppy disk drive, select **OK**, then press <Enter>.



The drivers for the RAID card are installed to the system.

5. When asked if you will load additional RAID controller drivers, select **No**, then press <Enter>.



- 6. Follow the onscreen instructions to finish the OS installation.
- When the installation is completed, DO NOT click Reboot. Press <Ctrl>
 + <Alt> + <F2> to switch to the command-line interface from graphic user interface.
- 8. Type the following commands when using a Legacy floppy.

```
mkdir /mnt/driver
mount /dev/fd0 /mnt/driver
cd /mnt/driver
sh replace_ahci.sh
reboot
```

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To install the LSI MegaRAID controller driver when installing Red Hat® Enterprise OS:

- 1. Boot the system from the Red Hat® OS installation CD.
- 2. Press <Tab> to edit options.

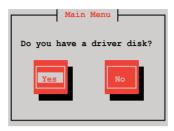


 Entering the following command at the boot: linux dd blacklist=isci blacklist=ahci nodmraid, then press <Enter>.

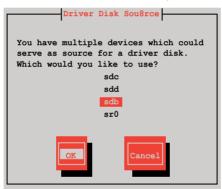


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4. Select **Yes** using the <Tab> key when asked if you have the driver disk, then press <Enter>.



5. You have multiple devices which could serve as source for a driver disk. Choose one you like to use and select **OK**, then press <Enter>.

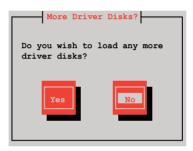


 Insert the Red Hat[®] Enterprise RAID driver disk to the USB floppy disk drive, select **OK**, then press <Enter>.



The drivers for the RAID card are installed to the system.

7. When asked if you will load additional RAID controller drivers, select **No**, then press <Enter>.



8. Follow the onscreen instructions to finish the OS installation.

Preparing the Linux Driver

Ensure that there is another computer with a Linux-based OS to create the RAID driver. When creating the RAID driver, you may refer to the examples below which uses a 64bit SUSE Linux system to create a 64bit RAID driver for SUSE11 sp1.

1. Copy the image file into the Linux system.

Example: megasr-15.00.0120.2012-1-sles11-ga-x86 64.img

2. Create a folder.

Example: image

3. Mount the image file into the image folder using this command format:

mount -o loop [image file name] image

Example: mount -o loop megasr-15-15.00.0120.2012-1-sles11qa-x86 64.img image



 Copy the contents of the image directory, labeled as 01, into a FAT32 USB drive.



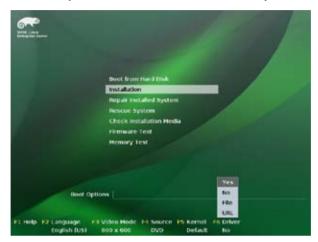
5. Rename the **01** folder to **CD Image**.



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To install the LSI MegaRAID controller driver when installing SUSE Linux Enterprise Server OS:

- 1. Boot the system from the SUSE OS installation CD.
- 2. Use the arrow keys to select **Installation** from the **Boot Options** menu.



3. Press <F6>, then select **Yes** from the menu. Press <Enter>.



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Use the USB drive to provide the third-party driver during the OS installation.
 Type the command brokenmodules=ahci in Boot Options field, and press <Enter>.



 When below screen appears, select the USB floppy disk drive (sda) as the driver update medium. Select **OK**, then press <Enter>.



6. Select **Back** and follow the onscreen instructions to finish the installation.

7.2 Intel[®] chipset device software installation

This section provides the instructions on how to install the Intel® chipset device software on the system.

You need to manually install the Intel® chipset device software on a Windows operating system.

To install the Intel® chipset device software:

- 1. Restart the computer, and then log on with **Administrator** privileges.
- Insert the motherboard/system support DVD to the optical drive. The support DVD automatically displays the **Drivers** menu if Autorun is enabled in your computer.



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 support DVD.

3. Click the item Intel Chipset Device Software from the menu.



 The Intel(R) Chipset Device Software window appears. Click Next to start installation.



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Select Yes to accept the terms of the License Agreement and continue the process.



 Read the Readme File Information and press Next to continue the installation.



7. After completing the installation, click **Next** to complete the setup process.



8. Select **Yes, I want to restart my computer now** and click **Finish** to restart your computer before using the program.



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7.3 Intel[®] Network Connections Software installation

This section provides the instructions on how to install the Intel® Network Connections Software on the system.

You need to manually install the Intel® Network Connections Software on a Windows® operating system. To install the Intel® Network Connections Software:

- 1. Restart the computer, and then log on with **Administrator** privileges.
- Insert the motherboard/system support DVD to the optical drive. The support DVD automatically displays the **Drivers** menu if Autorun is enabled in your computer.



- Windows® automatically detects the LAN controllers and displays a New Hardware Found window. Click Cancel to close this window.
- 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. Doubleclick the ASSETUP.EXE to run the DVD.
- 3. Click the Intel® Network Connections Software to begin installation.



4. Click Install Drivers and Software option to begin installation.



 Click Next when the Intel(R) Network Connections–InstallShield Wizard window appears.



6. Select **Modify** and then click **Next** to continue.



 Click the Intel(R) PROSet for Windows Device Manager box, and then click Next to start the installation.



8. Follow the screen instructions to complete installation.



9. When finished, press Finish to continue.



7.4 VGA driver installation

This section provides the instructions on how to install the ASPEED Video Graphics Adapter (VGA) driver.

You need to manually install the ASPEED VGA driver on a Windows® operating system.

To install the ASPEED VGA driver:

- 1. Restart the computer, and then log on with **Administrator** privileges.
- Insert the motherboard/system support DVD to the optical drive. The support DVD automatically displays the **Drivers** menu if Autorun is enabled in your computer.



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 support DVD.

3. Click the **ASPEED AST2300 Display Driver** to begin installation.

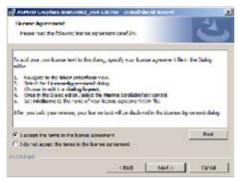


Click Next to start the installation.



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 Toggle I accept the terms in the license agreement and click Next to continue.



6. Enter the user information and click **Next** to continue.



7. Select a setup type and click **Next** to continue.



8. Click Install to start driver installation.



9. When the installation completes, click **Finish** to restart your computer before using the program.



7.5 Intel® C600 Series Chipset SCU SATA RAID Drivers

This section provides the instructions on how to install the Intel® C600 Series Chipset SCU SATA RAID Drivers on the system.

You need to manually install the Intel® C600 Series Chipset SCU SATA RAID Drivers on a Windows operating system.

To install the drivers:

- 1. Restart the computer, and then log on with **Administrator** privileges.
- Insert the motherboard/system support DVD to the optical drive. The support DVD automatically displays the **Drivers** menu if Autorun is enabled in your computer.



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 support DVD.

 Click the item Intel® C600 Series Chipset SCU SATA RAID Drivers from the menu, and then follow the onscreen instructions to complete the installation.



7.6 Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise 3.0 installation

This section provides the instructions on how to install the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise 3.0 on the system.

You need to manually install the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise 3.0 utility on a Windows® operating system.

To install the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise 3.0 utility:

- 1. Restart the computer, and then log on with **Administrator** privileges.
- Insert the motherboard/system support DVD to the optical drive. The support DVD automatically displays the **Drivers** menu if Autorun is enabled in your computer.



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 support DVD.

 Click the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise 3.0 to begin installation.



 When the Welcome to the Setup Program appears, click Next to start the installation.



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5. Read the Warning message and click Next to continue.



6. Read the License Agreement and click Yes to continue.



7. Read the **Readme File Information** and click **Next** to continue.



8. After completing the installation, click **Next** to complete the setup process.



 Select Yes, I want to restart my computer now and click Finish to restart your computer before using the program.



7.7 Intel® WG82574L Gigabit Adapters Driver installation

This section provides the instructions on how to install Intel® WG82574L Gigabit Adapters Driver.

To install the Intel® WG82574L Gigabit Adapters Driver on a Windows® OS:

- 1. Restart the computer, and then log on with **Administrator** privileges.
- Insert the motherboard/system support DVD to the optical drive. The DVD automatically displays the **Drivers** menu if Autorun is enabled in your computer.



If **Autorun** is NOT enabled in your computer, browse the contents of the support DVD to locate the file **AUTORUN.EXE** and double-click the **AUTORUN.EXE** and follow step 4 to run the installation.

3. Click Intel® WG82574L Gigabit Adapters Driver.



4. When the Intel® PRO Network Connections – InstallShield Wizard window appears, click Next to start the installation.



5. Select **Modify** and then click **Next** to continue.



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6. Select the programs you want to install and click Next to continue.



7. Click **Install** to start the installation.



8. The programs you select are being installed.



9. Click **Finish** to finish the installation.



Restart your computer before using the program.



7.8 Management applications and utilities installation

The support DVD that came with the motherboard package contains the drivers, management 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) for updates.

7.8.1 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.



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.

7.8.2 Drivers menu

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



The screen display and driver options vary under different operating system versions.



7.8.3 Utilities menu

The Utilities menu displays the software applications and utilities that the motherboard supports. Click an item to install.



7.8.4 Make disk menu

The Make disk menu contains items to create the Intel Rapid Storage Technology and LSI MegaRAID driver disks.



7.8.5 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.



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