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Safety information

Electrical safety

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

Operation safety

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

About this guide

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

How this guide is organized

This guide contains the following parts:

Chapter 1: Product introduction

This chapter describes the features of the motherboard and the new technology it supports. It includes descriptions of the switches, jumpers, and connectors on the motherboard.

Chapter 2: BIOS information

This chapter discusses changing system settings through the BIOS Setup menus. Detailed descriptions for the BIOS parameters are also provided.

Where to find more information

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

1. ASUS websites

The ASUS website provides updated information on ASUS hardware and software products. Refer to the ASUS contact information.

2. Optional documentation

Your product package may include optional documentation, such as warranty flyers, that may have been added by your dealer. These documents are not part of the standard package.

Conventions used in this guide

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



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



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



IMPORTANT: Instructions that you MUST follow to complete a task



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

Typography

Bold text	Indicates a menu or an item to select.
Italics	Used to emphasize a word or a phrase.
<key></key>	Keys enclosed in the less-than and greater-than sign means that you must press the enclosed key.
	Example: <enter> means that you must press the Enter or Return key.</enter>
<key1> + <key2> + <key3></key3></key2></key1>	If you must press two or more keys simultaneously, the key

names are linked with a plus sign (+).

Package contents

Check your motherboard package for the following items.

Motherboard ASUS PRIME Z270-K motherboard	
Cables 2 x Serial ATA 6.0 Gb/s cables	
A	1 x ASUS Q-Shield
Accessories	2 x M.2 screws
Application DVD	Support DVD
Documentation	User Guide



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

PRIME Z270-K specifications summary

	Specifications
СРИ	LGA1151 socket for Intel® 7th/6th Generation Core™ i7 / i5 / i3, Pentium®, and Celeron® processors Supports Intel® 14nm CPU Supports Intel® Turbo Boost Technology 2.0* * The Intel® Turbo Boost Technology 2.0 support depends on the CPU types. *** Refer to www.asus.com for Intel® CPU support list.
Chipset	Intel® Z270 Chipset
	4 x DIMMs, max. 64GB, DDR4 3866(O.C.)*/ 3733(O.C.)*/ 3600(O.C.)*/ 3466(O.C.)*/ 3400(O.C.)*/ 3333(O.C.)*/ 3300(O.C.)*/ 3200(O.C.)*/ 3000(O.C.)*/ 2800(O.C.)*/ 2666(O.C.)*/ 2400(O.C.)*/ 2133 MHz, non-ECC, un-buffered memory
Memory	Dual-channel memory architecture
	Supports Intel® Extreme Memory Profile (XMP)
	 The maximum memory frequency supported varies by processor. Refer to <u>www.asus.com</u> for the latest Memory QVL (Qualified Vendors List).
	1 x PCI Express 3.0/2.0 x16 slot (at x16 mode)
Expansion slots	1 x PCI Express 3.0/2.0 x16 slot (max. at x4 mode, compatible with PCIe x1, x2 and x4 devices)
SIOIS	2 x PCI Express 3.0/2.0 x1 slots
	2 x PCI slots
Multi-GPU Support	Supports AMD® Quad-GPU CrossFireX™ Technology
	Integrated graphics processor - Intel® HD Graphics support
Graphics	Multi-VGA output support: HDMI, DVI-D, RGB ports - Supports HDMI 1.4b with maximum resolution of 4096 x 2160 @ 24Hz / 2560 x 1600@60Hz - Supports DVI-D with maximum resolution of 1920 x 1200 @ 60Hz - Supports RGB with maximum resolution of 1920 x 1200 @ 60Hz
	Supports Intel® InTru™ 3D, Quick Sync Video, Intel® Clear Video HD Technology, and Intel® Insider™
	Maximum shared memory of 1024 MB (for iGPU exclusively)
	Supports up to three displays simultaneously

	Specifications
	Intel® Z270 Chipset with RAID 0, 1, 5, 10 and Intel Rapid Storage Technology 15
	support - 1 x M.2 Socket 3 with M Key, type 2242/2260/2280/22110 storage devices
	support (both SATA & x4 PCIE mode)*
	 1 x M.2 Socket 3 with M Key, type 2242/2260/2280 storage devices support (both SATA & x4 PCIE mode)**
	- 6 x SATA 6.0 Gb/s ports (gray)
Storage	- Ready for Intel® Optane Memory*** - Supports Intel® Smart Response Technology****
	* When a device in SATA mode is installed on the M.2_1 socket, SATA_1 port cannot be
	used. ** When a device is installed on the M.2_2 socket, SATA_5/6 ports cannot be used.
	*** Intel® Optane Technology is only supported when using 7th Generation Intel® processors. Before using Intel® Optane memory modules, ensure that you have updated your motherboard drivers and BIOS to the latest version from ASUS support website.
	**** This function will work depending on the CPU installed.
	Intel® I219-V Gigabit LAN
LAN	Dual interconnection between the integrated Media Access Controller (MAC) and physical layer (PHY)
	Realtek® ALC887 8-channel High Definition Audio CODEC
	 LED-illuminated design: Brighten up your build with the gorgeous illuminated audio trace path
Accellin	 Audio Shielding: Ensures precision analog/digital separation and greatly reduced multi-lateral interference
Audio	 Dedicated audio PCB layers: Separate layers for left and right channels to guard the quality of the sensitive audio signals
	 Premium Japanese audio capacitors: Provide warm, natural and immersive sound with exceptional clarity and fidelity
	- Supports jack-detection, and front panel jack-retasking
	ASMedia USB 3.1 controllers
	- 2 x 10Gb/s USB 3.1/3.0/2.0 port at rear panel (teal blue, Type A)
USB	Intel® Z270 Chipset
	- 1 x 5Gb/s USB Type C port (@back panel) support 3A power output
	- 6 x USB 3.0/2.0 ports (4 ports @mid-board; 2 ports @ back panel, blue, Type A) - 6 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports (4 ports @mid-board; 2 ports @ back panel)
	ASUS 5X PROTECTION III
	- ASUS SafeSlot Core - Fortified PCIe Slot prevents damage
	ASUS LANGuard - Protects against LAN surges, lightning strikes and static-
	electricity discharges
	- ASUS Overvoltage Protection - World-class circuit-protecting power design
ASUS	- ASUS Stainless Steel Back I/O - 3X corrosion-resistance for greater durability
unique	- ASUS DIGI+ VRM - 7 Phase digital power design
features	Superb Performance
	M.2 onboard
	- The latest transfer technologies with up to 32Gb/s data transfer speeds
	ASUS Fan Xpert 4 Core
	- Advanced fan and liquid controls for ultimate cooling and quietness

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	Specifications
	ASUS EPU
	- EPU
	UEFI BIOS
	- Most advanced options with fast response time
	Gaming Scenario
	Audio Features
	- Audio that roars on the battlefield
	ASUS Exclusive Features
ASUS unique	- ASUS AI Charger - ASUS AI Suite 3
features	
	EZ DIY
	UEFI BIOS EZ Mode - Featuring friendly graphics user interface
	- ASUS O.C. Tuner
	- ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3
	- ASUS EZ Flash 3
	Q-Design
	- ASUS Q-Shield ASUS Q-DIMM
	- ASUS Q-Slot
ASUS quiet	Quiet Thermal Design
thermal solution	- ASUS Fan Xpert 4 Core
Solution	- Stylish Fanless Design: PCH heatsink and MOS heatsink solution
	Precision Tweaker 2: - vCore: Adjustable CPU Core voltage at 0.005V increment
	- vCore. Adjustable CPU Graphics voltage at 0.005V increment
	vCCIO: Adjustable Analog and Digital I/O voltage at 0.005V increment
ASUS	- vCCSA: Adjustable CPU System Agent voltage at 0.1V increment
Exclusive	- vDRAM Bus: 160-step Memory voltage control
Overclocking Features	- vPCH: 3-step Chipset voltage control
	SFS (Stepless Frequency Selection)
	- BCLK/PCIE frequency tuning from 98MHz up to 538MHz at 0.1MHz increment
	Overclocking Protection
	- ASUS C.P.R.(CPU Parameter Recall)

	Specifications
	1 x PS/2 keyboard/mouse combo port
	1 x HDMI port
	1 x DVI-D port
	1 x RGB port
	1 x LAN (RJ-45) port
Rear panel I/O	2 x 10Gb/s USB 3.1/3.0/2.0 ports (teal blue, Type A)
ports	1 x 5Gb/s USB Type C port
	2 x USB 3.0/2.0 ports (blue, type A)
	2 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports
	3 x Audio jacks support 8-channel audio output*
	Use a chassis with HD audio module in the front panel to support a 8-channel audio output.
	2 x USB 3.0 / 2.0 connector support additional 4 USB 3.0 / 2.0 ports (19-pin)
	2 x USB 2.0 / 1.1 connectors support additional 4 USB 2.0 / 1.1 ports
	6 x SATA 6.0 Gb/s connectors (gray)
	2 x M.2 Socket 3 (for M Key)
	1 x 4-pin CPU Fan connector for both 3-pin (DC mode) and 4-pin (PWM mode) CPU coolers control*
	2 x 4-pin Chassis Fan connectors for 3-pin (DC mode) and 4-pin (PWM mode) coolers control*
Internal	1 x AIO Pump Fan header
connectors	1 x Front panel audio connector (AAFP)
	1 x System panel connector
	1 x S/PDIF out header
	1 x 24-pin EATX power connector
	1 x 8-pin EATX 12V power connector
	1 x COM connector
	1 x Clear CMOS header
	* By default, the CPU/Chassis Q-Fan control setting is set to Auto mode, which detects the CPU and chassis fans installed and changes the control mode automatically.
BIOS features	128 Mb Flash ROM, UEFI AMI BIOS, PnP, DMI3.0, WfM2.0, SM BIOS 3.0, ACPI 6.0, Multi-language BIOS, ASUS EZ Flash 3, CrashFree BIOS 3, F11 EZ Tuning Wizard, F6 Qfan Control, F3 My Favorites, Last Modified log, F12 PrintScreen and ASUS DRAM SPD (Serial Presence Detect) memory information
Manageability	WfM 2.0, DMI 3.0, WOL by PME, PXE

	Specifications
	Drivers
Commant DVD	ASUS utilities
Support DVD	EZ Update
	Anti-virus software (OEM version)
	Windows® 10 (64-bit)
	Windows® 8.1 (64-bit)*
OS support	Windows® 7 (64-bit/32-bit)*
	* Windows® 8.1 64-bit and Windows® 7 32/64-bit are only supported when using 6th Generation Intel® processors.
Form factor	ATX form factor: 12.0 in. x 8.9 in. (30.5 cm x 22.6cm)



Specifications are subject to change without notice.

Product introduction

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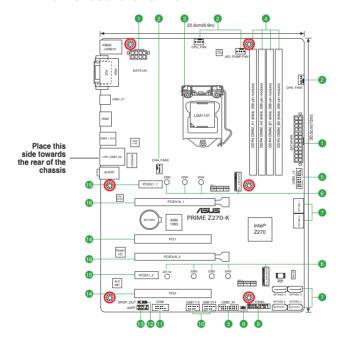
1.1 Before you proceed

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



- Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
- Before handling components, use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safely grounded object or a metal object, such as the power supply case, to avoid damaging them due to static electricity.
- Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the ATX power supply is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, or components.

1.2 Motherboard overview





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

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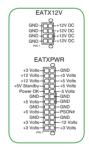
1.2.1 Layout contents

Connectors/Jumpers/Slots/LED			
1.	ATX power connectors (24-pin EATXPWR, 8-pin EATX12V)	1-2	
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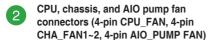
ATX power connectors (24-pin EATXPWR, 8-pin EATX12V)

Correctly orient the ATX power supply plugs into these connectors and push down firmly until the connectors completely fit.

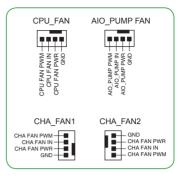




- For a fully configured system, we recommend that you use a power supply unit (PSU) that complies with ATX 12 V Specification 2.0 (or later version) and provides a minimum power of 350 W. This PSU type has 24-pin and 8-pin power plugs.
- We recommend that you use a PSU with higher power output when configuring a system with more power-consuming devices or when you intend to install additional devices. The system may become unstable or may not boot up if the power is inadequate.
- If you are uncertain about the minimum power supply requirement for your system, refer to the Recommended Power Supply Wattage Calculator at http://support.asus.com/PowerSupplyCalculator/PSCalculator.aspx?SLanguage=en-us for details.



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





Do not forget to connect the fan cables to the fan connectors. Insufficient air flow inside the system may damage the motherboard components. These are not jumpers! Do not place jumper caps on the fan connectors! The CPU_FAN connector supports a CPU fan of maximum 1A (12 W) fan power.

Intel® LGA1151 CPU socket

Install Intel® LGA1151 CPU into this surface mount LGA1151 socket, which is designed for 7th/6th Generation Intel® Core™ i7 / i5 / i3, Pentium®, and Celeron® processors.



For more details, refer to Central Processing Unit (CPU).

DDR4 DIMM slots

Install 2 GB, 4 GB, 8 GB, and 16 GB unbuffered non-ECC DDR4 DIMMs into these DIMM sockets.

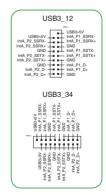


For more details, refer to System memory

Connect a USB 3.0 module to any of these connectors for additional USB 3.0 front or rear panel ports. These connectors comply with USB 3.0 specifications and provides faster data transfer speeds of up to 5 Gbps, faster charging time for USB-chargeable devices, optimized power

efficiency, and backward compatibility with USB 2.0

USB 3.0 connectors (20-1 pin USB3_12, USB3_34)



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M.2 socket 3

These sockets allow you to install M.2 (NGFF) SSD modules.





- M.2_1 socket supports M Key and 2242/2260/2280 storage devices.
- M.2_2 socket supports M Key and 2242/2260/2280/22110 storage devices.
- When using Intel® Desktop Responsiveness technologies with PCle/SATA M.2 device, ensure to set up the Windows® UEFI operating system under RAID mode.
- Intel® Optane Technology only supported when using 7th Generation Intel® processors. Before using Intel® Optane memory modules, ensure that you have updated your motherboard drivers and BIOS to the latest version from ASUS support website.
- The M.2 slots support data transfer speed up to 32Gb/s.
- When a device in SATA mode is installed on the M.2_1 socket, SATA_1 port cannot be used.
- When a device is installed on the M.2_2 socket, SATA_5/6 ports cannot be used



Intel® Z270 Serial ATA 6.0Gb/s connectors (7-pin SATA6G 1~6)

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



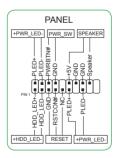


System panel connector (20-5 pin F PANEL)

This connector supports several chassis-mounted functions.

System power LED (4-pin PWR_LED)

This 4-pin connector is for the system power LED. Connect the chassis power LED cable to this connector. The system power LED lights up when you turn on the system power, and blinks when the system is in sleep mode.



Hard disk drive activity LED (2-pin HDD_LED)

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

System warning speaker (4-pin SPEAKER)

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

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

This connector is for the system power button.

• Reset button (2-pin RESET)

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



Clear RTC RAM (2-pin CLRTC)

This header allows you to clear the CMOS RTC RAM data of the system setup information such as date, time, and system passwords.

To erase the RTC RAM:

- 1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
- 2. Use a metal object such as a screwdriver to short the two pins.
- 3. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.
- Hold down the < Del> key during the boot process and enter BIOS setup to re-enter data.

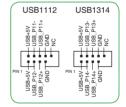


If the steps above do not help, remove the onboard battery and short the two pins again to clear the CMOS RTC RAM data. After clearing the CMOS, reinstall the battery.



USB 2.0 connectors (10-1 pin USB1112, USB1314)

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





Serial port connector (10-1 pin COM)

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.



CL RTC

PIN 1



Digital audio connector (4-1 pin SPDIF_OUT)

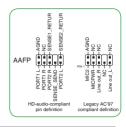
This connector is for an additional Sony/Philips Digital Interface (S/PDIF) port. Connect the S/PDIF Out module cable to this connector, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis.



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





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

PCI slots

The PCI slots support cards such as LAN card, SCSI card, USB card, and other cards that comply with the PCI specifications

PCI Express 3.0/2.0 x1 slots

This motherboard has two PCI Express 3.0/2.0 x1 slots that support PCI Express x1 network cards, SCSI cards, and other cards that comply with the PCI Express specifications.

PCI Express 3.0/2.0 x16 slots

This motherboard supports two PCI Express 3.0/2.0 x16 graphic cards that comply with the PCI Express specifications.

VOA sandimunation	PCI Express operating mode		
VGA configuration	PCle 3.0 x16_1 (gray)	PCle 3.0 x16_2	
Single VGA/PCle card	x16 (Recommended for single VGA card)	N/A	
Dual VGA/PCle cards	x16	x4	



- In single VGA card mode, use the PCle 3.0 x16_1 slot (gray) for a PCl Express x16 graphics card to get better performance.
- We recommend that you provide sufficient power when running CrossFireX[™] mode.
- Connect a chassis fan to the motherboard connector labeled CHA_FAN1/2 when using multiple graphics cards for better thermal environment.

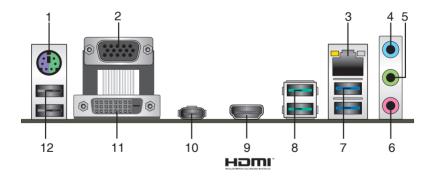
IRQ assignments for this motherboard

	Α	В	С	D
HD Audio Controller	shared	-	_	-
XHCI	shared	-	_	-
SATA Controller	shared	_	_	-
LAN Controller	shared	-	-	-
PCIEx1_1	-	_	shared	-
PCIEx1_2	-	-	-	shared
PCIEx16_1	shared	_	_	-
PCIEx16_2	shared	-	-	-
M.2_1	shared	-	_	-
M.2_2	shared	-	-	-
Asmedia PCIE to PCI Controller	-	-	shared	-
Asmedia USB3.1 Controller	shared	-	-	-



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

1.2.2 Rear panel connectors



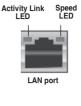
- PS/2 Mouse/Keyboard combo port. This port connects to a PS/2 mouse or PS/2 keyboard.
- Video Graphics Adapter (VGA) port. This 15-pin port is for a VGA monitor or other VGA-compatible devices.

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 LAN (RJ-45) port. This port allows Gigabit connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub.

LAN port LED indications

Activity/Link LED		Speed LED	
Status	Description		Description
Off	No link	OFF	10Mbps connection
Orange	Linked	ORANGE	100Mbps connection
Orange (Blinking)	Data activity	GREEN	1Gbps connection
Orange (Blinking then steady)	Ready to wake up from S5 mode		



- Line In port (light blue). This port connects to the tape, CD, DVD player, or other audio sources.
- Line Out port (lime). This port connects to a headphone or a speaker. In the 4.1, 5.1 and 7.1-channel configurations, the function of this port becomes Front Speaker Out.
- 6. Microphone port (pink). This port connects to a microphone.



Refer to the audio configuration table for the function of the audio ports in 2.1, 4.1, 5.1, or 7.1-channel configuration.

Audio 2.1, 4.1, 5.1, or 7.1-channel configuration

Port	Headset 2.1-channel	4.1-channel	5.1-channel	7.1-channel
Light Blue (Rear panel)	Line In	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out
Lime (Rear panel)	Line Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out
Pink (Rear panel)	Mic In	Mic In	Bass/Center	Bass/Center
Lime (Front panel)	-	-	-	Side Speaker Out



To configure a 7.1-channel audio output:

Use a chassis with HD audio module in the front panel to support a 7.1-channel audio output.

 USB 3.0 ports (blue, Type A). These 9-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are for USB 3.0 devices.



- USB 3.0 devices can only be used for data storage.
- We strongly recommend that you connect USB 3.0 devices to USB 3.0 ports for faster and better performance from your USB 3.0 devices.
- Due to the design of the Intel[®] 200 series chipset, all USB devices connected to the USB 2.0 and USB 3.0 ports are controlled by the xHCl controller. Some legacy USB devices must update their firmware for better compatibility.

8. USB 3.1 ports (teal blue, Type A). These 9-pin Universal Serial Bus 3.1 (USB 3.1) ports are for USB 3.1 devices.



- Due to the limitation of USB 3.1 and USB 3.0 controller, USB 3.1 and USB 3.0 devices can only be used under Windows OS environment and after the USB 3.1 and USB 3.0 driver installation.
- We strongly recommend that you connect USB 3.1 and USB 3.0 devices to USB 3.1 and USB 3.0 ports for faster and better performance from your USB 3.1 and USB 3.0 devices.
- HDMI port. This port is for a High-Definition Multimedia Interface (HDMI) connector, and is HDCP compliant allowing playback of HD DVD, Blu-ray, and other protected content.
- USB 5Gb/s Type C port. This 24-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) port is for USB (Type C) devices.
- 11. DVI-D port. This port is for any DVI-D compatible device.



DVI-D can not be converted to output from RGB Signal to CRT and is not compatible with DVI-I.

 USB 2.0 ports. These 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are for USB 2.0/1.1 devices.

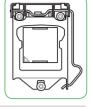
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1.3 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

This motherboard comes with a surface mount LGA1151 socket designed for the 7th/6th Generation Intel® Core™ i7 / Core™ i5 / Core™ i3. Pentium® and Celeron® processors.



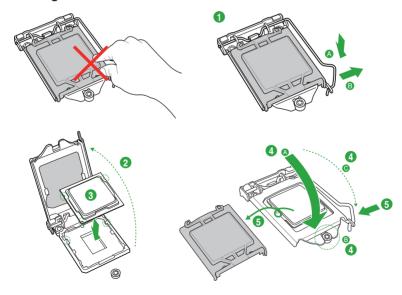
Unplug all power cables before installing the CPU.





- Ensure that you install the correct CPU designed for the LGA1151 socket only. DO NOT install a CPU designed for LGA1150, LGA1155 and LGA1156 sockets on the LGA1151 socket.
- Upon purchase of the motherboard, ensure that the PnP cap is on the socket and the socket contacts are not bent. Contact your retailer immediately if the PnP cap is missing, or if you see any damage to the PnP cap/socket contacts/motherboard components.
- 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 LGA1151 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.

Installing the CPU





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

1.4 System memory

Overview

This motherboard comes with four Double Data Rate 4 (DDR4) Dual Inline Memory Module (DIMM) sockets. The figure illustrates the location of the DDR4 DIMM sockets:



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



- You may install varying memory sizes in Channel A and Channel B. The system
 maps the total size of the lower-sized channel for the dual-channel configuration. Any
 excess memory from the higher-sized channel is then mapped for single-channel
 operation.
- Always install DIMMs with the same CAS latency. For optimal compatibility, we
 recommend that you install memory modules of the same version or date code (D/C)
 from the same vendor. Check with the retailer to get the correct memory modules.
- According to Intel® CPU spec, DIMM voltage below 1.35V is recommended to protect the CPU.
- Due to the memory address limitation on 32-bit Windows® OS, when you install 4GB
 or more memory on the motherboard, the actual usable memory for the OS can be
 about 3GB or less. For effective use of memory, we recommend that you do any of the
 following:
 - Use a maximum of 3GB system memory if you are using a 32-bit Windows® OS.
 - Install a 64-bit Windows® OS if you want to install 4GB or more on the motherboard.
 - For more details, refer to the Microsoft[®] support site at http://support.microsoft.com/kb/929605/en-us.
- Memory modules with memory frequency higher than 2133/2400 MHz and its corresponding timing or the loaded X.M.P. Profile is not the JEDEC memory standard. The stability and compatibility of these memory modules depend on the CPU's capabilities and other installed devices.



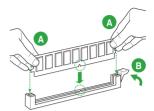
- The default memory operation frequency is dependent on its Serial Presence Detect (SPD), which is the standard way of accessing information from a memory module.
 Under the default state, some memory modules for overclocking may operate at a lower frequency than the vendor-marked value.
- For system stability, use a more efficient memory cooling system to support a full memory load (4 DIMMs).
- Refer to www.asus.com for the latest Memory QVL (Qualified Vendors List)

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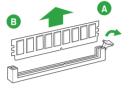
Installing a DIMM







To remove a DIMM



1.5 Software support

1.5.1 Installing an operating system

This motherboard supports Windows® 7 (64-bit)32-bit), Windows® 8.1 (64-bit), and Windows® 10 (64-bit) Operating Systems (OS). Always install the latest OS version and corresponding updates to maximize the features of your hardware.



- Windows® 8.1 64-bit and Windows® 7 32/64-bit are only supported when using 6th Generation Intel® processors.
- Motherboard settings and hardware options vary. Refer to your OS documentation for detailed information.

1.5.2 Support DVD information

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



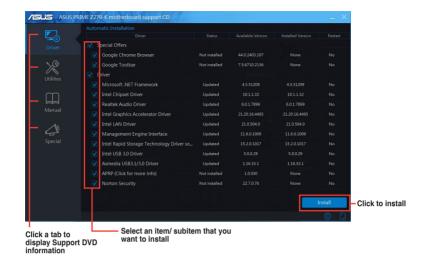
The contents of the Support DVD are subject to change at any time without notice. Visit the ASUS website at www.asus.com for updates.

To run the Support DVD

Place the Support DVD into the optical drive. If Autorun is enabled in your computer, the DVD automatically displays the lists of the unique features of your ASUS motherboard. Click the **Driver, Utilities, Manual,** or **Special** tabs to display their respective menus.



The following screen is for reference only.





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.

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BIOS information



2.1 Managing and updating your BIOS

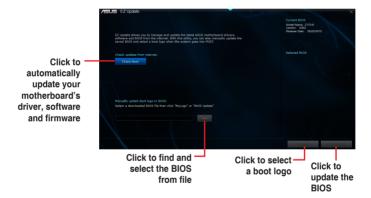


Save a copy of the original motherboard BIOS file to a USB flash disk in case you need to restore the BIOS in the future. Copy the original motherboard BIOS using the ASUS Update utility.

2.1.1 EZ Update

EZ Update is a utility that allows you to automatically update your motherboard's softwares, drivers and the BIOS version easily. With this utility, you can also manually update the saved BIOS and select a boot logo when the system goes into POST.

To launch EZ Update, click **EZ Update** on the Al Suite 3 main menu bar.





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

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2.1.2 ASUS EZ Flash 3

The ASUS EZ Flash 3 feature allows you to update the BIOS without using an OS-based utility.



- Ensure to load the BIOS default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability.
 Select the Load Optimized Defaults item under the Exit menu. See section 2.10 Exit
 Menu for details.
- Check your local Internet connection before updating through the Internet.



To update the BIOS using EZ Flash 3:

- Enter the Advanced Mode of the BIOS setup program. Go to the Tool menu to select ASUS EZ Flash 3 and press <Enter> to enable it.
- 2. Follow the steps below to update the BIOS via USB or Internet.

Via USB

- a) Insert the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS file to the USB port, then select by USB.
- b) Press <Tab> to switch to the **Drive** field.
- c) Press the Up/Down arrow keys to find the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS, and then press <Enter>.
- d) Press <Tab> to switch to the Folder Info field.
- e) Press the Up/Down arrow keys to find the BIOS file, and then press <Enter> to perform the BIOS update process.

Via the Internet

- a) Select by Internet.
- Press the Left/Right arrow keys to select an Internet connection method, and then press <Enter>.
- c) Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the update.
- 3. Reboot the system when the update process is done.



- ASUS EZ Flash 3 supports USB 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!.

2.1.3 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 restore a corrupted BIOS file using the motherboard support DVD or a USB flash drive that contains the updated BIOS file.



- Before using this utility, rename the BIOS file in the removable device into PZ270K.
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- The BIOS file in the support DVD may not be the latest version. Download the latest BIOS file from the ASUS website at <u>www.asus.com</u>.

Recovering the BIOS

To recover the BIOS:

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



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

2.1.4 ASUS BIOS Updater

ASUS BIOS Updater allows you to update the BIOS in DOS environment.



The screen captures used in this section are for reference only and may not be exactly the same as actually shown on your computer screen.

Before updating BIOS

- Prepare the motherboard support DVD and a USB flash drive.
- Download the latest BIOS file and BIOS Updater from http://support.asus.com and save them in your USB flash drive.

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NTFS is not supported under FreeDOS environment. Ensure that your USB flash drive is in single partition and in FAT32/16 format.

- Turn off the computer.
- Ensure that your computer has a DVD optical drive.

Booting the system in DOS environment

To boot the system in DOS:

- 1. Insert the USB flash drive with the latest BIOS file and BIOS Updater to the USB port.
- 2. Boot your computer then press <F8> to launch the select boot device screen.
- When the select boot device screen appears, insert the Support DVD into the optical drive then select the optical drive as the boot device.

```
Please select boot device:

↑ and ↓ to move selection
ENTER to select boot device
ESC to boot using defaults

P2: ST3808110AS (76319MB)
aigo miniking (250MB)
UEFI: (FAT) ASUS DRW-2014L1T(4458MB)
P1: ASUS DRW-2014L1T(4458MB)
UEFI: (FAT) aigo miniking (250MB)
Enter Setup
```

 When the booting message appears, press <Enter> within five (5) seconds to enter FreeDOS prompt.

```
ISOLINUX 3.20 2006-08-26 Copyright (C) 1994-2005 H. Peter Anvin A Bootable DVD/CD is detected. Press ENTER to boot from the DVD/CD. If no key is pressed within 5 seconds, the system will boot next priority device automatically. boot:
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On the FreeDOS prompt, type d: then press <Enter> to switch the disk from Drive C (optical drive) to Drive D (USB flash drive).

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

Updating the BIOS file

To update the BIOS file:

1. On the FreeDOS prompt, type **bupdater/g** and press <Enter>.

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D:/> bupdater /g
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2. On the BIOS Updater screen, press <Tab> to switch from Files panel to Drives panel then select **D**:.



- Press <Tab> to switch from Drives panel to Files panel then press <Up/Down or Home/ End> keys to select the BIOS file and press <Enter>.
- After the BIOS Updater checks the selected BIOS file, select Yes to confirm the BIOS update.





The BIOS Backup feature is not supported due to security regulations.

5 Press any key to reboot the system to automatically launch EZ Flash 3. Wait until the BIOS update is completed.



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. Select the **Load Optimized Defaults** item under the **Exit** BIOS menu. See section **2.10 Exit Menu** for details.

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2.2 BIOS setup program

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

Entering BIOS Setup at startup

To enter BIOS Setup at startup:

Press <Delete> or <F2> during the Power-On Self Test (POST). If you do not press <Delete> or <F2>, POST continues with its routines.

Entering BIOS Setup after POST

To enter BIOS Setup after POST:

Press <Ctrl>+<Alt>+ simultaneously.

Press the reset button on the system chassis.

Press the power button to turn the system off then back on. Do this option only if you failed to enter BIOS Setup using the first two options.



Using the power button, reset button, or the <Ctrl>+<Alt>+ keys to force reset from a running operating system can cause damage to your data or system. We recommend you always shut down the system properly from the operating system.



- 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 at <u>www.asus.com</u> to download the latest BIOS file for this motherboard.
- Ensure that a USB mouse is connected to your motherboard if you want to use the mouse to control the BIOS setup program.
- If the system becomes unstable after changing any BIOS setting, load the default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the Load Optimized Defaults item under the Exit menu or press hotkey F5. See section 2.10 Exit Menu for details.
- If the system fails to boot after changing any BIOS setting, try to clear the CMOS and reset the motherboard to the default value. See section 1.2 Motherboard overview for information on how to erase the RTC RAM.

BIOS menu screen

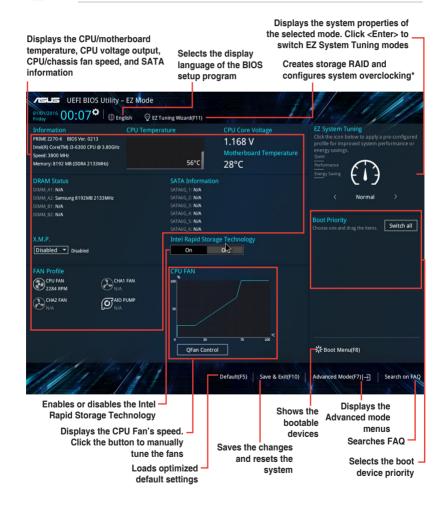
The BIOS setup program can be used under two modes: **EZ Mode** and **Advanced Mode**. Press <F7> to change between the two modes.

2.2.1 EZ Mode

By default, the EZ Mode screen appears when you enter the BIOS setup program. The EZ Mode provides you an overview of the basic system information, and allows you to select the display language, system performance mode, fan profile and boot device priority. To access the Advanced Mode, click **Advanced Mode(F7)** or press <F7>.



The default screen for entering the BIOS setup program can be changed. Refer to the **Setup Mode** item in section **2.8 Boot menu** for details.





The boot device options vary depending on the devices you installed to the system.

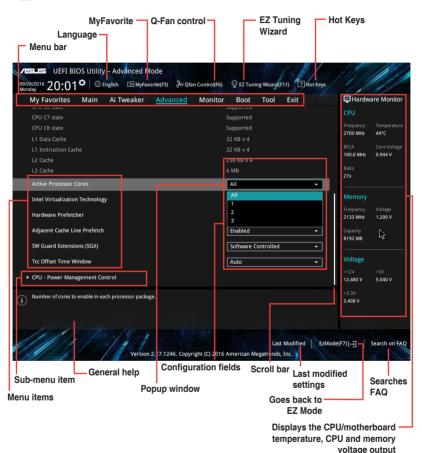
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2.2.2 Advanced Mode

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



To access the EZ Mode, click **EzMode(F7)** or press <F7>.



Menu bar

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

My Favorites	For saving the frequently-used system settings and configuration		
Main	For changing the basic system configuration		
Ai Tweaker	For changing the overclocking settings		
Advanced	For changing the advanced system settings		
Monitor	For displaying the system temperature, power status, and changing the fan settings		
Boot	For changing the system boot configuration		
Tool	For configuring options for special functions		
Exit	For selecting the exit options and loading default settings		

Menu items

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

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

Submenu items

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

Language

This button above the menu bar contains the languages that you can select for your BIOS. Click this button to select the language that you want to display in your BIOS screen.

MyFavorites (F3)

This button above the menu bar shows all BIOS items in a Tree Map setup. Select frequently-used BIOS settings and save it to MyFavorites menu.



Refer to section 2.3 My Favorites for more information.

Q-Fan Control (F6)

This button above the menu bar displays the current settings of your fans. Use this button to manually tweak the fans to your desired settings.



Refer to section 2.2.3 QFan Control for more information.

EZ Tuning Wizard (F11)

This button above the menu bar allows you to view and tweak the overclocking* settings of your system. It also allows you to change the motherboard's SATA mode from AHCI to RAID mode.



Refer to section 2.2.4 EZ Tuning Wizard for more information.

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Hot keys

This button above the menu bar contains the navigation keys for the BIOS setup program. Use the navigation keys to select items in the menu and change the settings.

Search on FAQ

Move your mouse over this button to show a QR code. Scan this QR code with your mobile device to connect to the ASUS BIOS FAQ web page. You can also scan the QR code below.



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.

General help

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

Configuration fields

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

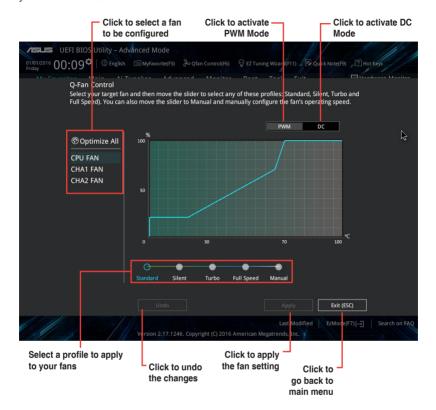
A configurable field is highlighted when selected. To change the value of a field, select it and press <Enter> to display a list of options.

Last Modified button

This button shows the items that you last modified and saved in BIOS Setup.

2.2.3 QFan Control

The QFan Control allows you to set a fan profile or manually configure the operating speed of your CPU and chassis fans.



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Configuring fans manually

Select Manual from the list of profiles to manually configure your fans' operating speed.

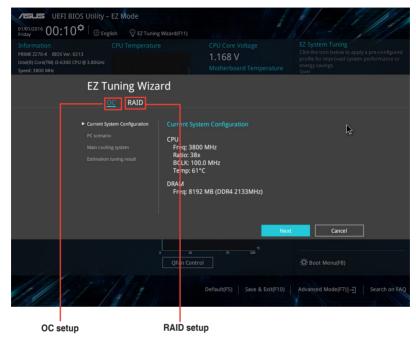


To configure your fans:

- 1. Select the fan that you want to configure and to view its current status.
- 2. Click and drag the speed points to adjust the fans' operating speed.
- 3. Click **Apply** to save the changes then click **Exit (ESC)**.

2.2.4 EZ Tuning Wizard

EZ Tuning Wizard allows you to overclock your CPU and DRAM, computer usage, and CPU fan to their best settings. You can also easily set RAID in your system using this feature.



Tuning your system settings

To tune your settings:

- 2. Select a PC scenario Daily Computing or Gaming/Media Editing, then click Next.
- Select the CPU fan type (Box cooler, Tower cooler, or Water cooler) that you installed then click Next.



If you are not sure of the CPU fan type, click **I'm not sure**. The system automatically detects the CPU fan type.

Click Next then click Yes to confirm auto-tuning.

Creating RAID

To create RAID:

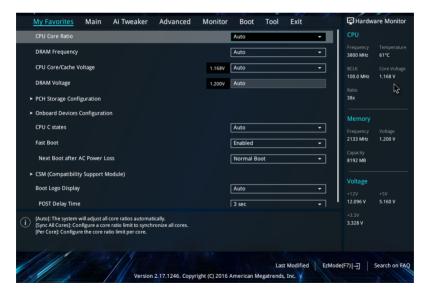
- 2. Click **RAID** then click **Yes** on the confirmation message to enable the RAID mode.



- Ensure that your HDDs have no existing RAID volumes.
- Ensure to connect your HDDs to Intel® SATA or M.2 connectors.
- 3. Select PCIE or SATA for the port you want to set to RAID mode, then click Next.
- 4. Click Next to run the EZ RAID Setup Wizard.
- 5. Follow the onscreen instructions to finish the RAID setup.

2.3 My Favorites

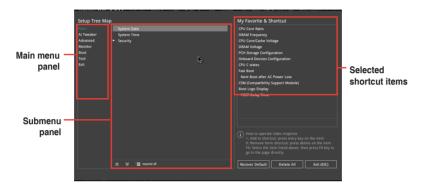
MyFavorites is your personal space where you can easily save and access your favorite BIOS items.



Adding items to My Favorites

To add BIOS items:

- 1. Press <F3> on your keyboard or click Setup Tree Map screen.
- On the Setup Tree Map screen, select the BIOS items that you want to save in MyFavorites screen.



3. Select an item from main menu panel, then click the submenu that you want to save as favorite from the submenu panel and click +.

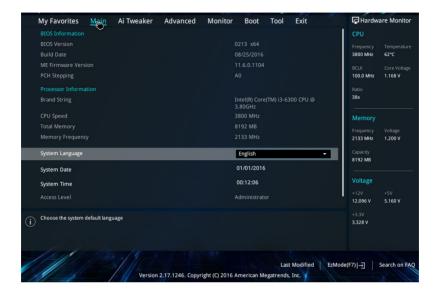


You cannot add the following items to My Favorite items:

- User-managed items such as language and boot order
- 4. Click **Exit (ESC)** or press <esc> key to close Setup Tree Map screen.
- 5. Go to My Favorites menu to view the saved BIOS items.

2.4 Main menu

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



2.4.1 Language [English]

Allows you to choose the BIOS language version from the options. Configuration options: [English] [Français] [Deutsch] [简体中文] [繁體中文] [日本語] [Español] [Pусский] [한국어]

2.4.2 Security

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 1.2 Motherboard overview 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.

To set an administrator password:

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

To change an administrator password:

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

To clear the administrator password, follow the same steps as 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:

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

To change a user password:

- Select the User 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 <Enter>.
- 4. Confirm the password when prompted.

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

2.5 Ai Tweaker menu

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

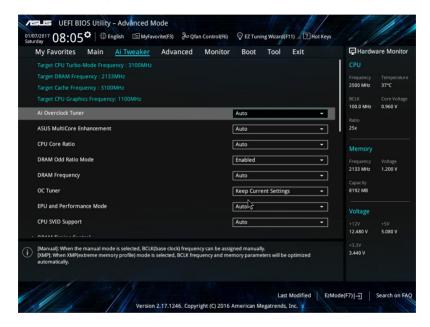


Be cautious when changing the settings of the Ai Tweaker menu items. Incorrect field values can cause the system to malfunction.



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

Scroll down to display other BIOS items.



2.5.1 Ai Overclock Tuner [Auto]

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

[Auto] Loads the optimal settings for the system automatically.

[Manual] Allows you to assign the BCLK (base clock) frequency manually.



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

BCLK Frequency [xxx]

This item allows you to set the BCLK (base clock) frequency to enhance the system performance. Use the <+> or <-> to adjust the value. The values range from 98.00 MHz to 538 MHz.



We recommend you to set the value based on the CPU specification, as high BCLK frequencies may damage the CPU permanently.

BCLK Spread Spectrum [Auto]

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

2.5.2 ASUS MultiCore Enhancement [Auto]

[Auto] This item allows you to maximize the oveclocking performance optimized

by ASUS core ratio settings.

[Disabled] This item allows you to set to default core ratio settings.

2.5.3 CPU Core Ratio [Auto]

This item allows you to set the CPU core ratio limit per core or synchronize automatically to all cores. Configuration options: [Auto] [Sync All Cores] [Per Core]



When the CPU Core Ratio is set to [Sync All Cores] or [Per Core], the following items appear.

1-Core Ratio Limit [Auto]

Select [Auto] to apply the CPU default Turbo Ratio setting or manually assign a 1-Core Limit value that must be higher than or equal to the 2-Core Ratio Limit.

2-Core Ratio Limit [Auto]

Select [Auto] to apply the CPU default Turbo Ratio setting or manually assign a 2-Core Limit value that must be higher than or equal to the 3-Core Ratio Limit.



If you assign a value for 2-Core Ratio Limit, do not set the 1-Core Ratio Limit to [Auto].

AVX Instruction Core Ratio Negative Offset

Enter the numerical value that will be subtracted from your core ratio to get the ratio at which the AVX applications run.



This item only displays when you install Intel® 7th Generation K series processors.

2.5.4 DRAM Odd Ratio Mode [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the DRAM Odd Ratio Mode, which provides better granularity. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.5.5 DRAM Frequency [Auto]

This item allows you to set the memory operating frequency. The configurable options vary with the BCLK (base clock) frequency setting. Select the auto mode to apply the optimized setting. Configuration options: [DDR4-800MHz] [DDR4-1066MHz] [DDR4-1333MHz] [DDR4-1400MHz] ~ [DDR4-4000MHz] [DDR4-4266MHz]



Selecting a very high memory frequency may cause the system to become unstable! If this happens, revert to the default setting.

2.5.6 OC Tuner [Keep Current Settings]

This item allows you to automatically overclock the CPU and DRAM frequencies and voltage for an enhanced system performance. It also accelerates the CPU graphics performance to the extreme depending on the CPU graphics loading. Configuration options: [Keep Current Settings] [OC Tuner I] [OC Tuner II]



Ensure that you installed an efficient CPU fan for CPU and graphics loading before selecting either [OC Tuner I] or [OC Tuner II]. To keep the current overclocking tuner status, select [Keep Current Settings].

2.5.7 EPU and Performance Mode [Auto]

EPU and Performance Mode lets you configure the power usage to boost or enhance system performance.

[Auto]: Automatically adjusts the power usage based on the

system load.

[Max Power-Saving Mode]: Enables all power-saving settings for maximum energy-

saving condition.

IEPU Model: Lowers the CPU core/cache voltage for the best energy-

saving condition.

[Performance Mode]: Disables all power-saving settings to achieve a high

system performance.

2.5.8 CPU SVID Support [Auto]

Disabling SVID Support stops the processor from communicating with the external voltage regulator. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.5.9 DRAM Timing Control

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



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

2.5.10 DIGI+ VRM

CPU Load-Line Calibration [Auto]

Load-line is defined by Intel VRM specification and affects the CPU power voltage. The CPU working voltage will decrease proportionally depending on the CPU loading. Higher levels of the load-line calibration can get a higher voltage and a better overclocking performance but increases the CPU and VRM thermal. Configuration options: [Auto] [Level 1] [Level 2] ~ [Level 6] [Level 7]



The boosted performance may vary depending on the CPU specification. Do not remove the thermal module.

CPU Current Capability [Auto]

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



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

CPU VRM Switching Frequency [Auto]

This item affects the VRM transient response speed and the component thermal production. Select [Manual] to configure a higher frequency for a quicker transient response speed. Configuration options: [Auto] [Manual]



DO NOT remove the thermal module. The thermal conditions should be monitored.



The following item appears only when you set the CPU VRM Switching Frequency to [Manual].

Fixed CPU VRM Switching Frequency (KHz) [250]

This item allows you to set a higher frequency for a quicker transient response speed. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 250KHz to 300KHz with a 50KHz interval.

CPU Power Duty Control [T.Probe]

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

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

[Extreme] Select to maintain the current VRM balance.

CPU Power Phase Control [Auto]

This item allows you to set the power phase control of the CPU. Configuration options: [Auto] [Standard] [Optimized] [Extreme] [Power Phase Response]



DO NOT remove the thermal module when setting this item to [Power Phase Response]. The thermal conditions should be monitored.



The following item appears only when you set the CPU Power Phase Control to [Power Phase Response].

Power Phase Response [Fast]

This item allows you to set a faster phase response for the CPU to increase system performance or to slower phase response to decrease DRAM power efficiency. Configuration options: [Ultra Fast] [Fast] [Medium] [Regular]

CPU Graphics Load-Line Calibration [Auto]

Load-line is defined by Intel VRM specification and affects the GT power voltage. The GT working voltage will decrease proportionally depending on the GT loading. Higher levels of the load-line calibration can get a higher voltage and a better overclocking performance but increases the GT and VRM thermal. Select from level 1 to 7 to adjust the GT power voltage from 0% to 100%. Configuration options: [Auto] [Level 1] [Level 2] ~ [Level 6] [Level 7]



The boosted performance may vary depending on the GT specification. Do not remove the thermal module.

CPU Graphics Current Capability [Auto]

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



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

CPU Graphics VRM Switching Frequency [Auto]

This item affects the GT transient response speed and the component thermal production. Select [Manual] to configure a higher frequency for a quicker transient response speed. Configuration options: [Auto] [Manual]



DO NOT remove the thermal module. The thermal conditions should be monitored.



The following item appears only when you set the GT VRM Switching Frequency to **[Manual]**.

Fixed CPU Graphics Switching Frequency (KHz) [250]

This item allows you to set a higher frequency for a quicker transient response speed. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 250KHz to 500KHz with a 50KHz interval.

CPU Graphics Power Duty Control [T.Probe]

The CPU Graphics power duty control adjusts the current and thermal conditions of every component's phase.

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

[Extreme] Select to maintain the current VRM balance.



DO NOT remove the thermal module. The thermal conditions should be monitored.

CPU Graphics Power Phase Control [Auto]

This item allows you to set the power phase control of GT. Configuration options: [Auto] [Standard] [Optimized] [Extreme]

2.5.11 Internal CPU Power Management

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

Intel(R) SpeedStep(tm) [Enabled]

This item allows the operating system to dynamically adjust the processor voltage and cores frequency, resulting to a decreased average power consumption and decreased average heat production. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Turbo Mode Parameters

Long Duration Package Power Limit [Auto]

Allows you to limit the Turbo Ratio's time duration that exceeds the TDP (Thermal Design Power) for maximum performance. Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 1 W to 4096 W.

Package Power Time Window [Auto]

Also known as Power Limit 1, this item allows you to maintain the time window for Turbo Ratio over TDP (Thermal Design Power). Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 1 to 127 in seconds.

Short Duration Package Power Limit [Auto]

Also known as Power Limit 2, this item allows you to provide rapid protection when the package power exceeds the Power Limit 1. Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 1 W to 4095 W.

IA AC Load Line [Auto]

This item allows you to set the AC loadline defined in 1/100 mOhms. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. Configuration options: [Auto] [0.01] - [62.49]

IA DC Load Line [Auto]

This item allows you to set the DC loadline defined in 1/100 mOhms. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. Configuration options: [Auto] [0.01] - [62.49]

2.5.12 Tweakers Paradise

FCLK Frequency [Auto]

FCLK Frequency can take the values of 400MHz, 800MHz, and 1GHz. 1GHz is not supported for ULT/ULX SKUs. Configuration options: [Auto] [Normal (800MHz)] [1GHz] [400MHz]

Internal PLL Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to configure the offset for the Core PLL VCC Trim.

2.5.13 CPU Core/Cache Current Limit Max. [Auto]

This item allows you to configure a higher current limit to prevent a frequency or power throttling when overclocking. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. Configuration options: [Auto] [0.00] - [255.50]

2.5.14 CPU Graphics Current Limit Max. [Auto]

This item allows you to configure a higher current limit to prevent a frequency or power throttling when overclocking. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. Configuration options: [Auto] [0.00] - [255.50]

2.5.15 Min. CPU Cache Ratio [Auto]

This item allows you to set the minimum possible CPU cache ratio. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. Configuration options: [Auto] [8] - [83]

2.5.16 Max. CPU Cache Ratio [Auto]

This item allows you to set the maximum possible CPU cache ratio. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. Configuration options: [Auto] [8] - [83]

2.5.17 Max. CPU Graphics Ratio [Auto]

This item allows you to set the maximum possible CPU graphics ratio. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. Configuration options: [Auto] [8] - [83]

2.5.18 CPU Core/Cache Voltage [Auto]

This item allows you to configure the amount of voltage fed to the CPU cores. Increase the voltage when setting a high Core Frequency value. Configuration options: [Auto] [Manual Mode] [Offset Mode]



- The following item appears only when you set the CPU Core Voltage to [Manual Mode].
- [Adaptive Mode] is available for some specific CPU types.

CPU Core Voltage Override [Auto]

Allows you to set the CPU Core Voltage override. Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 0.001V to 0.635V with a 0.001V interval.



The following item appears only when you set the CPU Core Voltage Mode to [Offset ${\bf Mode}$].

Offset Mode Sign [+]

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

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

CPU Graphics Voltage Offset [Auto]

This item allows you to configure the CPU Graphics Voltage Offset. Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 0.001V to 0.999V with a 0.001V interval.

2.5.19 DRAM Voltage [Auto]

This item allows you to set the voltage for the DRAM. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 1.000V to 1.800V with a 0.005 interval.

2.5.20 CPU VCCIO Voltage [Auto]

This item allows you to set the voltage for the CPU VCCIO. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 0.900V to 1.585V with a 0.005V interval.

2.5.21 CPU System Agent Voltage [Auto]

This item allows you to set the voltage for the VCCSA. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 0.700V to 1.685V with a 0.005V interval.

2.5.22 CPU Graphics Voltage Mode [Auto]

This item allows you to configure the mode of voltage fed to the CPU Graphics Voltage. Manual mode allows user-defined values. Offset mode modifies values by SVID. Configuration options: [Auto] [Manual Mode] [Offset Mode]



The following item appears only when you set the CPU Graphics Voltage Mode to [Manual Mode].

CPU Graphics Voltage Override [Auto]

This item allows you to configure the CPU Graphics Voltage Override. Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 0.600V to 1.700V with a 0.005V interval.



The following item appears only when you set the CPU Graphics Voltage Mode to [Offset Mode].

Offset Mode Sign [+]

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

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

CPU Graphics Voltage Offset [Auto]

This item allows you to configure the CPU Graphics Voltage Offset. Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 0.001V to 0.999V with a 0.001V interval.

2.5.23 PCH Core Voltage [Auto]

This item allows you to set the PCH core voltage. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 1.000V to 1.15V with a 0.05V interval.

2.5.24 DRAM REF Voltage Control [Auto]

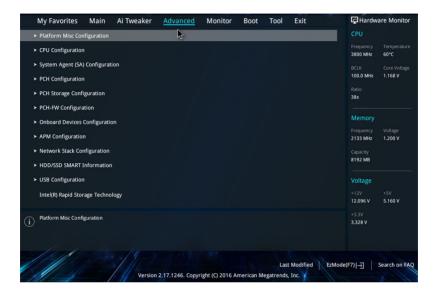
The subitems in this menu allows you to set the DRAM reference voltage on the control lines from the memory bus. You can use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the value.

2.6 Advanced menu

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



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



2.6.1 Platform Misc Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to configure the platform-related features.

PCI Express Native Power Management [Disabled]

This item allows you to enhance the power saving feature of PCI Express and perform ASPM operations in the operating system. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



The following item appears only when you set the PCI Express Native Power Management to [Enabled].

Native ASPM [Disabled]

[Enabled] Windows® Vista OS controls the ASPM (active state power

management) support for devices.

[Disabled] BIOS controls the ASPM support for the device.

PCH - PCI Express options

PCH DMI ASPM [Disabled]

This item allows you to enable/disable the PCH DMI ASPM settings. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

ASPM [Disabled]

This item allows you to select the ASPM state for energy-saving conditions. Configuration options: [Disabled] [L0s] [L1] [L0sL1] [Auto]

SA - PCI Express options

DMI Link ASPM Control [Disabled]

This item allows you to control the Active State Power Management on both CPU and PCH (platform controller hub) Both DMI link ASPM control items of the CPU and PCH sides must be enabled for the ASPM to take effect. Configuration options: [Disabled] [L1]

PEG ASPM [Disabled]

This item allows you to select the ASPM state for energy-saving conditions, or use the ASUS optimized energy saving profile. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto] [ASPM L0s] [ASPM L1] [ASPM L0sL1]

2.6.2 CPU Configuration

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



The items shown in submenu may be different due to the CPU you installed.

Hyper-threading [Enabled]

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

[Enabled] Two threads per activated core are enabled.

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

Active Processor Cores [All]

This item allows you to select the number of CPU cores to activate in each processor package. Configuration options: [AllI [1] [2] [3]



For some CPU types, only [AII] and [1] appear.

Intel Virtualization Technology [Disabled]

When set to **[Enabled]**, a VMM can utilize the additional hardware capabilities provided by Vanderpool Technology. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Hardware Prefetcher [Enabled]

This item allows the CPU to prefetch commands and data in the L2 cache, reduces the DRAM loading time and improves the system performance. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Adjacent Cache Line Prefetch [Enabled]

This item allows the mid level cache (L2) to prefetch adjacent cache lines, reducing the DRAM loading time and improves the system performance. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

SW Guard Extensions [Disabled]

This item enables/disables the Software Guard Extensions (SGX). Configuration options: [Disabled] [Software Controlled]

Tcc Offset Time Window [Auto]

This item allows you to specify the time window for the Running Average Temperature Limit (RATL) feature. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [5 ms] [10 ms] [55 ms] [156 ms] [375 ms] [500 ms] [750 ms] [1 sec]

CPU Power Management Control

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

Intel(R) SpeedStep(tm) [Auto]

This item allows your system to support more than two frequency ranges. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]

Turbo Mode [Enabled]

This item allows you to enable your core processor's speed to run faster than the base operating frequency when it is below operating power, current and temperature specification limit. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

CPU C-States [Auto]

This item allows you to set the power saving of the CPU states. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]



The following items appear only when you set the CPU C-States to [Enabled].

Enhanced C-States [Enabled]

This item allows your CPU to reduce power consumption when the system is in idle mode. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

CPU C3 Report [Enabled]

This item allows you to disable or enable the CPU C3 report to the operating system. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

CPU C6 Report [Enabled]

This item allows you to disable or enable the CPU C6 report to the operating system. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

CPU C7 Report [Enabled]

This item allows you to disable or enable the CPU C7 report to the operating system. Configuration options: [Disabled] [CPU C7] [CPU C7s]

CPU C8 Report [Enabled]

This item allows you to disable or enable the CPU C8 report to the operating system. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Package C State limit [Auto]

This item allows you to set the a C-state support for the CPU package. Configuration options: [C0/C1] [C2] [C3] [C6] [C7] [C7] [C8] [Auto] [Enabled]

CFG lock [Disabled]

This item allows you to enable or disable the CFG lock. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.6.3 System Agent (SA) Configuration

VT-d [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable VT-d function on MCH. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Graphics Configuration

Allows you to select a primary display from CPU, PCIE and PCI graphical devices.

Primary Display [Auto]

Allows you to select the primary display from CPU, PCIE and PCI graphics devices. Configuration options: [Auto] [CPU Graphics] [PCIE] [PCI]

iGPU Multi-Monitor [Disabled]

This item allows you to empower both integrated and discrete graphics devices for the multi-monitor output. The CPU graphics shared system memory size is fixed at 64 MB. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

RC6(Render Standby) [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable render standby support. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

DVMT Pre-Allocated [64M]

Allows you to select the DVMT 5.0 pre-allocated (fixed) graphics memory size used by the internal graphics device. Configuration options: [32M] [64M] [96M] [128M] [160M] [192M] [224M] [256M] [288M] [320M] [352][384][416][448][480][512][1024]

DMI/OPI Configuration

This item allows you to control various DMI (direct media interface) to run at PCI-E 3.0 speed.

DMI Max Link Speed [Auto]

Allows you to configure the DMI speed. Configuration options: [Auto] [Gen1] [Gen2] [Gen3]

PEG Port Configuration

Allows you to configure the PEG Port settings.

PCIEx16 1 Link Speed [Auto]

Allows you to configure the PCIEx16 speed for slot 1. Configuration options: [Auto] [Gen1] [Gen2] [Gen3]

Memory Configuration

Allows you to configure the memory configuration parameters.

Memory Remap [Enabled]

Set this item to [Enabled] to support DRAM address remapping for 64-bit operating systems. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

2.6.4 PCH Configuration

PCI Express Configuration

This item allows you to configure the PCI Express slots.

PCI-E Speed [Auto]

This item allows your system to automatically select the PCI Express port speed. When set to [Gen1], the PCI-E port runs at PCI-E 1.0 speed. When set to [Gen2], the PCI-E port runs at PCI-E 2.0 speed. Configuration options: [Auto] [Gen1] [Gen2]

IOAPIC 24-119 Entries [Enabled]

This item allows you to enable/disable the IOAPIC 24-119 Entries. IRQ24-119 may be used by PCH devices. Disabling those interrupts may cause certain devices to fail. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

2.6.5 PCH Storage Configuration

While entering Setup, the BIOS automatically detects the presence of SATA devices. The SATA Port items show Empty if no SATA device is installed to the corresponding SATA port.

Hyper Kit Mode [Disabled]

Disable this option for M.2 devices. Enable this option for ASUS Hyper Kit card. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

SATA Controller(s) [Enabled]

This item allows you to enable or disable the SATA device. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

SATA Mode Selection [AHCI]

Allows you to set the SATA configuration.

[AHCI]

Set to [AHCI] when you want the SATA hard disk drives to use the AHCI (Advanced Host Controller Interface). The AHCI allows the onboard storage driver to enable advanced Serial ATA features that increases storage performance on random workloads by allowing the drive to internally optimize the order of commands.

Intel® RST Premium With Intel Optane System Acceleration (RAID)*

Set to [Intel® RST Premium With Intel Optane System Acceleration (RAID)] when you want to the SATA hard disk drives to use Intel® RST Premium interface or you want to create a RAID configuration from the SATA hard disk device.



When you install a 7th Generation CPU, this item appears as [Intel® RST Premium With Intel Optane System Acceleration (RAID)]. When you install 6th Generation CPU, this item appears as [RAID].

Aggressive LPM Support [Disabled]

This item appears only when you set the previous item to [AHCI] or [RAID] and allows you to enable or disable PCH entering link power state aggressively. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

SMART Self Test [On]

SMART (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) is a monitoring system that shows a warning message during POST (Power-on Self Test) when an error occurs in the hard disks. Configuration options: [On] [Off]

Hot Plug [Disabled] (SATA6G_1 (Gray) ~ SATA6G_6(Gray))

These items allow you to enable/disable SATA Hot Plug Support. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.6.6 PCH-FW Configuration

Intel Platform Trust Technology [Disabled]

This item allows you to enable or disable the Intel Platform Trust Technology (PTT). Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

2.6.7 Onboard Devices Configuration

HD Audio Controller [Enabled]

This item allows you to use the Azalia High Definition Audio Controller. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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

Front Panel Type [HD Audio]

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

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

audio.

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

SPDIF Out Type [SPDIF]

[SPDIF] Sets to an SPDIF audio output.

[HDMI] Sets to an HDMI audio output.

DVI Port Audio [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the DVI port audio function. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

LED Lighting [Breathing Mode]

Allows you to set the behavior of the LED. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Still Mode] [Breathing Mode]

M.2_1 Mode Configuration [Auto]

M.2 1 shares SATA mode with SATA6G 1.

[Auto] Auto-detects the M.2 device mode. If a SATA device is detected,

SATA6G_1 will be disabled.

[SATA mode] Only supports M.2 SATA devices. SATA6G_1 cannot be used in this mode.

[PCIE mode] Only supports M.2 PCIE devices.

Asmedia USB 3.1 Controller [Enabled]

This item allows you to enable or disable the Asmedia USB 3.1 function. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Intel LAN Controller [Enabled]

This item allows you to enable or disable the Intel LAN controller. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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

Intel LAN PXE Option ROM [Off]

Allows you to enable or disable the PXE OptionRom of the Intel LAN controller. Configuration options: [On] [Off]

Charging USB devices in Power State S5 [Enabled]

This item allows you to charge USB devices even when the system is in Power State S5. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

USB Type C Power Switch [Auto]

This item allows you to turn on/off the Type C power function, if the device supports it. Configuration options: [Auto] [Enabled]

Serial Port Configuration

The sub-items in this menu allow you to set the serial port configuration.

Serial Port [On]

Allows you to enable or disable the serial port (COM). Configuration options: [On] [Off]

Change Settings [IO=3F8h; IRQ=4]

This item appears only when you set the **Serial Port** to [Enabled] and allows you to select the Serial Port base address. Configuration options: [IO=3F8h; IRQ=4] [IO=2F8h; IRQ=3] [IO=3E8h; IRQ=4] [IO=2E8h; IRQ=3]

2.6.8 APM

ErP Ready [Disabled]

Allows BIOS to switch off some power at S5 to get the system ready for ErP requirement. When set to [Enabled], all other PME options will be switched off. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Restore AC Power Loss [Power Off]

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

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

Power On By PCI-E/PCI [Disabled]

This item allows you to enable or disable the Wake-on-LAN function of the onboard LAN controller or other installed PCIe/PCI LAN cards. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Power On By Ring [Disabled]

[Disabled] Disables Ring to generate a wake event.

[Enabled] Enables Ring to generate a wake event.

Power On By RTC [Disabled]

This item allows you to enable or disable the RTC (Real-Time Clock) to generate a wake event and configure the RTC alarm date. When enabled, you can set the days, hours, minutes, or seconds to schedule an RTC alarm date. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.6.9 Network Stack Configuration

Network Stack [Disabled]

This item allows user to disable or enable the UEFI network stack. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



The following two items appear only when you set the previous item to [Enabled].

Ipv4 / Ipv6 PXE Support [Enabled]

This item allows you to enable or disable the Ipv4/Ipv6 PXE wake event. Configuration options: [Disable Link] [Enabled]

2.6.10 HDD/SSD SMART Information

This menu displays the SMART information of the connected devices.

2.6.11 USB Configuration

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



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

Legacy USB Support [Enabled]

[Enabled] Your system supports the USB devices in legacy operating systems.

[Disabled] Your USB devices can be used for BIOS setup only and cannot be

recognized in the boot devices list.

[Auto] Your system automatically detects the presence of USB devices at startup.

If any USB devices are detected, the legacy USB support is enabled.

XHCI Hand-off [Disabled]

[Enabled] Enables the support for operating systems without an XHCI hand-off

feature.

[Disabled] Disables the XHCI Hand-off support.

USB Single Port Control

This item allows you to enable or disable the individual USB ports.



Refer to section 1.2.1 Motherboard layout for the location of the USB ports.

2.6.12 Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology

Create RAID Volume

The sub-items in this menu allows you to configure RAID volumes.

Name [Volume1]

Selects a RAID volume. Configuration options: [Volume1] [Volume2] ~ [Volume4]

RAID Level [RAID0(Stripe)]

Selects a RAID level. Configuration options: [RAID0(Stripe)] [RAID1(Mirror)] [RAID5] [RAID10]

Select Disks

Selects a disk to create RAID volume.

Strip Size [32KB]

Selects a strip size for the RAID volume. Configuration options: [32KB] [64KB] \sim [128KB]

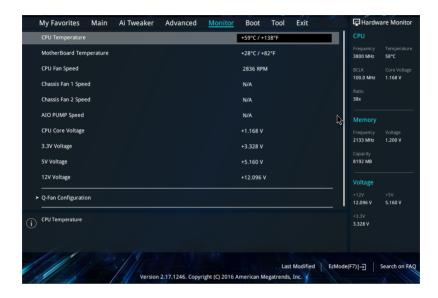
Capacity (MB) [0]

This item allows you to set the capacity of RAID volume. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value.

2.7 Monitor menu

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

Scroll down to display the other BIOS items.



2.7.1 CPU/ MB Temperature [xxx°C/xxx°F]/ [Ignore]

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

2.7.2 CPU Fan/ Chassis Fan 1/2 Speed [xxxx RPM]/ [Ignore]/ [N/A]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the CPU and chassis fan 1/2 speeds in rotations per minute (RPM). If the fan is not connected to the motherboard, the field shows N/A. Select [Ignore] if you do not wish to display the detected speed.

2.7.3 AIO PUMP FAN Speed [xxxx rpm]/[Ignore]/[N/A]

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

2.7.4 CPU Core Voltage, 3.3V Voltage, 5V Voltage, 12V Voltage

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

2.7.5 Q-Fan Configuration

The subitems in this menu allows you to configure the Q-Fan features.

Q-Fan Tuning

Click [OK] button to detect the lowest speed and configure the minimum duty circle for each fan. Do not shut down or reset your system during the tuning progress. Configuration options: [Ok] [Cancel]

CPU Q-Fan Control [PWM Mode]

[Auto] Detect the type of CPU fan installed and automatically switch the control

modes.

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

[DC Mode] Enable the CPU Q-Fan control in DC mode for the 3-pin CPU fan.[PWM Mode] Enable the CPU Q-Fan control in PWM mode for the 4-pin CPU fan.

CPU Fan Speed Lower Limit [200 RPM]

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

CPU Fan Profile [Standard]

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

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

the CPU temperature.

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

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

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



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

CPU Upper Temperature [70]

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the upper limit of the CPU temperature. The values range from 25° C to 75° C.

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

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

CPU Middle Temperature [25]

Use the <+> or <-> keys to set the value for CPU Middle Temperature. The range of the values depends on the CPU installed.

CPU Fan Middle Duty Cycle(%) [20]

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

CPU Lower Temperature [20]

Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the CPU fan's lower temperature. The values range from 0°C to 75°C .

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

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the minimum CPU fan duty cycle. The values range from 20% to 100%. When the CPU temperature is under the lower limit, the CPU fan operates at the minimum duty cycle.

2.7.6 Chassis Fan(s) Configuration

The subitems in this menu allows you to configure the chassis Q-Fan features.

Chassis Fan 1/2 Q-Fan Control [Auto]

[Auto] Detect the type of chassis fan installed and automatically switch the control

modes.

[PWM mode] Enables the chassis Q-Fan control in PWM mode for the 4-pin chassis fan.

[DC model Enables the chassis Q-Fan control in DC mode for the 3-pin chassis fan.

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



The following items appear only when you set the Chassis Fan 1/2 Q-Fan Control to [Auto], [PWM Mode], or [DC Mode].

Chassis Fan 1/2 Q-Fan Source [CPU]

This item controls the assigned fan according to the selected temperature source. Configuration options: [CPU] [Motherboard]

Chassis Fan 1/2 Speed Low Limit [200 RPM]

This item allows you to disable or set the chassis fan warning speed. Configuration options: [Ignore] [200RPM] [300 RPM] [400 RPM] [500 RPM] [600 RPM]

Chassis Fan 1/2 Profile [Standard]

This item allows you to set the appropriate performance level of the chassis fan.

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

on the chassis temperature.

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

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

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



The following four items appear only when you set Chassis Fan 1/2 Profile to [Manual].

Chassis Fan 1/2 Upper Temperature [70]

Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the upper limit of the CPU temperature. The values range from 0°C to 75°C.

Chassis Fan 1/2 Max. Duty Cycle(%) [100]

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

Chassis Fan 1/2 Middle Temperature [45]

Use the <+> or <-> keys to set the value for Chassis Fan Middle Temperature.

Chassis Fan 1/2 Middle Duty Cycle(%) [60]

Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the chassis fan middle duty cycle. The values range from 60% to 100%.

Chassis Fan 1/2 Lower Temperature [40]

Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the chassis fans' lower temperature. The values range from 0°C to 75°C.

Chassis Fan 1/2 Min. Duty Cycle(%) [60]

Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the minimum chassis fan duty cycle. The values range from 60% to 100%. When the CPU temperature is under the lower limit, the chassis fan operates at the minimum duty cycle.

2.7.7 AIO PUMP Control [Disabled]

The subitems in this menu allows you to configure the AIO PUMP Control settings.

[PWM mode] Enables the Q-Fan control feature in PWM mode for the 4-pin AIO pump

fan

[DC mode] Enables the Q-Fan control feature in DC mode for the 3-pin AlO pump fan.

[Disabled] Disables the Q-Fan control feature.



The following items appear only when you set the AIO PUMP Control to **[PWM Mode]** or **[DC Mode]**.

AIO PUMP Upper Temperature [70]

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the upper limit of the AIO pump fan temperature. The values range from 25° C to 75° C.

AIO PUMP Max. Duty Cycle(%) [100]

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

AIO PUMP Middle Temperature [25]

Use the <+> or <-> keys to set the value for AIO pump fan's middle temperature. The range of the values depends on the AIO pump installed.

AIO PUMP Middle Duty Cycle(%) [20]

Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the AIO pump fan middle duty cycle. The values range from 20% to 100%. When the AIO pump temperature reaches the upper limit, the AIO pump fan operates at the maximum duty cycle.

AIO PUMP Lower Temperature [20]

Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the AIO pump fan's lower temperature. The values range from 20° C to 75° C.

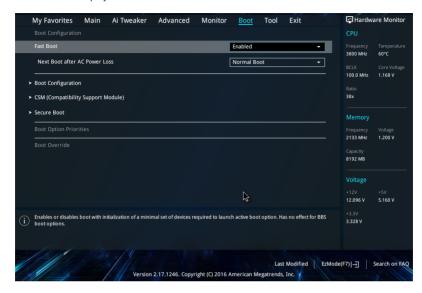
AIO PUMP Min. Duty Cycle(%) [20]

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the minimum AIO pump fan duty cycle. The values range from 20% to 100%. When the AIO pump fan temperature is under the lower limit, the AIO pump fan operates at the minimum duty cycle.

2.8 Boot menu

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

Scroll down to display the other BIOS items.



2.8.1 Fast Boot [Enabled]

[Enabled] Select to accelerate the boot speed.

[Disabled] Select to go back to normal boot speed.



The following item appears only when you set Fast Boot to [Enabled].

Next Boot after AC Power Loss [Normal Boot]

[Normal Boot] Returns to normal boot on the next boot after AC power loss.

[Fast Boot] Accelerates the boot speed on the next boot after AC power loss.

2.8.2 Boot Configuration

Boot Logo Display [Auto]

[Auto] Adjusts logo automatically based on Windows® display requrements.

[Full Screen] Maximize the boot logo size. [Disabled] Hide the logo during POST.

POST Delay Time [3 sec]

This item appears only when you set Boot Logo Display to [Auto] and [Full Screen]. This item allows you to select the desired additional POST waiting time to easily enter the BIOS setup. You can only execute the POST delay time during Normal Boot. The values range from 0 to 10 seconds.



This feature will only work under normal boot.

Post Report [5 sec]

This item appears only when you set Boot Logo Display to [Disabled]. This item allows you to select a desired post report waiting time. Configuration options: $[1 \text{ sec}] \sim [10 \text{ sec}]$ [Until Press ESC].

Bootup NumLock State [Enabled]

This item allows you to enable or disable power-on state of the NumLock. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Wait for 'F1' If Error [Enabled]

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

Option ROM Messages [Force BIOS]

[Force BIOS] The third-party ROM messages will be forced to display during the boot

sequence.

[Keep Current] The third-party ROM messages will be displayed only if the third-party

manufacturer had set the add-on device to do so.

Interrupt 19 Capture [Disabled]

This item allows you to trap Interrupt 19 by the option ROMs. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Setup Mode [EZ Mode]

[Advanced Mode] This item allows you to go to Advanced Mode of the BIOS after POST.

[EZ Mode] This item allows you to go to EZ Mode of the BIOS after POST.

2.8.3 CSM (Compatibility Support Module)

Allows you to configure the CSM (Compatibility Support Module) items to fully support the various VGA, bootable devices and add-on devices for better compatibility.

Launch CSM [Enabled]

[Auto] The system automatically detects the bootable devices and the add-on

devices.

[Enabled] For better compatibility, enable the CSM to fully support the non-UEFI

driver add-on devices or the Windows® UEFI mode.

[Disabled] Disable the CSM to fully support the Windows® Security Update and

Security Boot.



The following four items appear when you set Launch CSM to [Enabled].

Boot Device Control [UEFI and Legacy OPROM]

Allows you to select the type of devices that you want to boot up. Configuration options: [UEFI and Legacy OPROM] [Legacy OPROM only] [UEFI only]

Boot from Network Devices [Legacy only]

Allows you to select the type of network devices that you want to launch. Configuration options: [Ignore] [Legacy only] [UEFI driver first]

Boot from Storage Devices [Legacy Only]

Allows you to select the type of storage devices that you want to launch. Configuration options: [Ignore] [Legacy only] [UEFI driver first]

Boot from PCI-E Expansion Devices [Legacy Only]

Allows you to select the type of PCI-E expansion devices that you want to launch. Configuration options: [Legacy only] [UEFI driver first]

2.8.4 Secure Boot

Allows you to configure the Windows® Secure Boot settings and manage its keys to protect the system from unauthorized access and malwares during POST.

OS Type [Other OS]

Allows you to select your installed operating system.

[Windows UEFI mode] This item allows you to select your installed operating system.

Execute the Microsoft® Secure Boot check. Only select this option when booting on Windows® UEFI mode or other Microsoft®

Secure Boot compliant OS.

[Other OS] Get the optimized function when booting on Windows® non-UEFI

mode. Microsoft® Secure Boot only supports Windows® UEFI

mode.

Key Management

This allows you to manage the Secure Boot keys.

Clear Secure Boot keys

This item appears only when you load the default Secure Boot keys. This item allows you to clear all the previously applied Secure Boot keys.

Save Secure Boot variables

This item allows you to save all the Secure Boot keys to a USB storage device.

PK Management

The Platform Key (PK) locks and secures the firmware from any non-permissible changes. The system verifies the PK before your system enters the OS.

Save to File

This item allows you to save the downloaded PK to a USB storage device.

Set New Key

This item allows you to load the downloaded PK from a USB storage device.



The PK file must be formatted as a UEFI variable structure with time-based authenticated variable.

Delete Key

This item allows you to delete the PK from your system. Once the PK is deleted, all the system's Secure Boot keys will not be active.

KEK Management

The KEK (Key-exchange Key or Key Enrollment Key) manages the Signature database (db) and Revoked Signature database (dbx).



Key-exchange Key (KEK) refers to Microsoft® Secure Boot Key-Enrollment Key (KEK).

Save to File

Allows you to save the downloaded KEK to a USB storage device.

Set New Key

Allows you to load the downloaded KEK from a USB storage device.

Append Kev

Allows you to load the additional KEK from a storage device for an additional db and dbx loaded management.



The KEK file must be formatted as a public key certificate or UEFI variable structure with time-based authenticated variable.

Delete kev

Allows you to delete the Key from your system. Configuration options: [Yes] [No]

DB Management

The db (Authorized Signature database) lists the signers or images of UEFI applications, operating system loaders, and UEFI drivers that you can load on the single computer.

Save to File

Allows you to save the downloaded db to a USB storage device.

Set New Kev

Allows you to load the downloaded db from a USB storage device.

Append Key

Allows you to load the additional KEK from a storage device for an additional db and dbx loaded management.



The db file must be formatted as a UEFI variable structure with time-based authenticated variable. DBX Management

Delete Key

Allows you to delete the db file from your system.

Configuration options: [Yes] [No]

DBX Management

The DBX (Revoked Signature database) lists the forbidden images of db items that are no longer trusted and cannot be loaded.

Save to File

Allows you to load the downloaded dbx to a USB storage device.

Set New Key

Allows you to load the downloaded dbx from a USB storage device.

Append Key

Allows you to load the additional KEK from a storage device for an additional db and dbx loaded management.



The dbx file must be formatted as a UEFI variable structure with time-based authenticated variable

Delete key

Allows you to delete the Key from your system. Configuration options: [Yes] [No]

2.8.5 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.



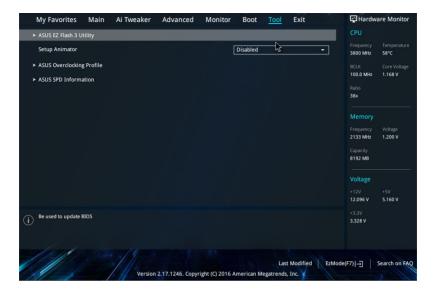
To select the boot device during system startup, press <F8> when ASUS Logo appears.

2.8.6 Boot Override

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

2.9 Tool menu

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



2.9.1 ASUS EZ Flash 3 Utility

Allows you to run ASUS EZ Flash 3. Press [Enter] to launch the ASUS EZ Flash 3 screen.



For more details, see section 2.1.2 ASUS EZ Flash 3.

2.9.2 Setup Animator [Disabled]

Enables or disables the Setup animator. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.9.3 ASUS Overclocking Profile

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



The Overclocking Profile items show Not assigned if no profile is created.

Load from Profile

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



- DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent the system boot failure!
- We recommend that you update the BIOS file only coming from the same memory/ CPU configuration and BIOS version.

Profile Name

Allows you to create a name for the profile you want to save.

Save to Profile

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

Load/Save Profile from/to USB Drive

This item allows you to load or save profile from your USB drive, load and save profile to your USB drive.

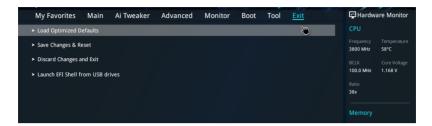
2.9.4 ASUS SPD Information

DIMM Slot number [DIMM_A1]

Displays the Serial Presence Detect (SPD) information of the DIMM module installed on the selected slot. Configuration options: [DIMM_A1] [DIMM_B1] [DIMM_B2] [DIMM_B2]

2.10 Exit menu

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



Load Optimized Defaults

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

Save Changes & Reset

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

Discard Changes & Exit

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

Launch EFI Shell from USB drives

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

Appendix

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Português A ASUSTEK Computer Inc. declara que este dispositivo está em conformidade com os requisitos essenciais e outras disposições relevantes das Diretivas relacionadas. Texto integral da declaração da UE disponível em: www.asus.com/suoport

Română ASUSTEK Computer Inc. declară că acest dispozitiv se conformează cerințelor esențiale și altor prevederi relevante ale directivelor conexe. Textul complet al declarației de conformitate a Uniunii Europene se găsește la: www.asus.com/support

Srpski ASUSTeK Computer Inc. ovim izjavljuje da je ovaj uređaj u saglasnosti sa osnovnim zahtevima i drugim relevantnim odredbama povezanih Direktiva. Pun tekst EU deklaracije o usaglašenosti je dostupan da adresi: www.asus.com/support

Slovensky Spoločnosť ASUSTEK Computer Inc. týmto vyhlasuje, že toto zariadenie vyhovuje základným požiaďavkám a ostatým príslušným ustanoveniam príslušných smerníc. Celý text vyhlásenia o zhode pre štáty EÚ je dostupný na adrese: www.asus.com/support

Slovenščina ASUSTeK Computer Inc. izjavlja, da je ta naprava skladna z bistvenimi zahtevami in drugimi ustreznimi določbami povezanih direktiv. Celotno besedilo EU-izjave o skladnosti je na voljo na spletnem mestu: www.asus.com/support

Español Por la presente, ASUSTEK Computer Inc. declara que este dispositivo cumple los requisitos básicos y otras disposiciones pertinentes de las directivas relacionadas. El texto completo de la declaración de la UE de conformidad está disponible en: www.sus.com/support

Svenska ASUSTeK Computer Inc. förklarar härmed att denna enhet överensstämmer med de grundläggande kraven och andra relevanta föreskrifter i relaterade direktiv. Fulltext av EU-försäkran om överensstämmelse finns på: www.asus.com/support

Українська ASUSTeK Computer Inc. заявляє, що цей пристрій відповідає основним вимогам та іншим відповідним положенням відповідних Директив. Повний текст декларації відповідності стандартам ЄС доступний на: www.asus.com/support

Türkçe AsusTek Computer Inc., bu aygıtın temel gereksinimlerle ve ilişkili Yönergelerin diğer ilgili koşullarıyla uyumlu olduğunu beyan eder. AB uygunluk bildiriminin tam metni şu adreste bulunabilir: www.asus.com/support

Bosanski ASUSTeK Computer Inc. ovim izjavljuje da je ovaj uređaj usklađen sa bitnim zahtjevima i ostalim odgovarajućim odredbama vezanih direktiva. Cijeli tekst EU izjave o usklađenosti dostupan je na: <u>www.asus.com/support</u>

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DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

Per FCC Part 2 Section 2. 1077(a)



Responsible Party Name: Asus Computer International

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hereby declares that the product

Product Name: Motherboard

Model Number: PRIME Z270-K

Conforms to the following specifications:

Supplementary Information:

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Representative Person's Name : Steve Chang / President

Signature:

Date : Oct. 10, 2016

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