GA-Z97X-UD5H-BK

User's Manual
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Identifying Your Motherboard Revision
The revision number on your motherboard looks like this: "REV: X.X." For example, "REV: 1.0" means the revision of the motherboard is 1.0. Check your motherboard revision before updating motherboard BIOS, drivers, or when looking for technical information.

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Box Contents

- GA-Z97X-UD5H-BK motherboard
- Motherboard driver disk
- User’s Manual
- Quick Installation Guide
- Four SATA cables
- I/O Shield
- One 2-Way SLI bridge connector

Optional Items

- 2-port USB 2.0 bracket (Part No. 12CR1-1UB030-6*R)
- eSATA bracket (Part No. 12CF1-3SATPW-4*R)
- 3.5” Front Panel with 2 USB 3.0/2.0 ports (Part No. 12CR1-FPX582-2*R)
- HDMI-to-DVI adapter (Part No. 12CT2-HDMI01-1*R)
- COM port cable (Part No. 12CF1-1CM001-3*R)

The box contents above are for reference only and the actual items shall depend on the product package you obtain. The box contents are subject to change without notice.
(Note) For debug code information, please refer to Chapter 6.
GA-Z97X-UD5H-BK Motherboard Block Diagram

For detailed product information/limitation(s), refer to "1-2 Product Specifications."
Chapter 1  Hardware Installation

1-1  Installation Precautions
The motherboard contains numerous delicate electronic circuits and components which can become damaged as a result of electrostatic discharge (ESD). Prior to installation, carefully read the user's manual and follow these procedures:

• Prior to installation, make sure the chassis is suitable for the motherboard.
• Prior to installation, do not remove or break motherboard S/N (Serial Number) sticker or warranty sticker provided by your dealer. These stickers are required for warranty validation.
• Always remove the AC power by unplugging the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing the motherboard or other hardware components.
• When connecting hardware components to the internal connectors on the motherboard, make sure they are connected tightly and securely.
• When handling the motherboard, avoid touching any metal leads or connectors.
• It is best to wear an electrostatic discharge (ESD) wrist strap when handling electronic components such as a motherboard, CPU or memory. If you do not have an ESD wrist strap, keep your hands dry and first touch a metal object to eliminate static electricity.
• Prior to installing the motherboard, please have it on top of an antistatic pad or within an electrostatic shielding container.
• Before unplugging the power supply cable from the motherboard, make sure the power supply has been turned off.
• Before turning on the power, make sure the power supply voltage has been set according to the local voltage standard.
• Before using the product, please verify that all cables and power connectors of your hardware components are connected.
• To prevent damage to the motherboard, do not allow screws to come in contact with the motherboard circuit or its components.
• Make sure there are no leftover screws or metal components placed on the motherboard or within the computer casing.
• Do not place the computer system on an uneven surface.
• Do not place the computer system in a high-temperature environment.
• Turning on the computer power during the installation process can lead to damage to system components as well as physical harm to the user.
• If you are uncertain about any installation steps or have a problem related to the use of the product, please consult a certified computer technician.
## 1-2 Product Specifications

### CPU
- Support for Intel® Core™ i7 processors/Intel® Core™ i5 processors/Intel® Core™ i3 processors/Intel® Pentium® processors/Intel® Celeron® processors in the LGA1150 package
  (Go to GIGABYTE’s website for the latest CPU support list.)
- L3 cache varies with CPU

### Chipset
- Intel® Z97 Express Chipset

### Memory
- 4 x DDR3 DIMM sockets supporting up to 32 GB of system memory
  - Due to a Windows 32-bit operating system limitation, when more than 4 GB of physical memory is installed, the actual memory size displayed will be less than the size of the physical memory installed.
- Dual channel memory architecture
- Support for DDR3 1600/1333 MHz memory modules
- Support for non-ECC memory modules
- Support for Extreme Memory Profile (XMP) memory modules
  (Go to GIGABYTE’s website for the latest supported memory speeds and memory modules.)

### Onboard Graphics
- Integrated Graphics Processor:
  - 1 x D-Sub port, supporting a maximum resolution of 1920x1200@60Hz
  - 1 x DVI-D port, supporting a maximum resolution of 1920x1200@60Hz
    - The DVI-D port does not support D-Sub connection by adapter.
  - 1 x HDMI port, supporting a maximum resolution of 4096x2160@24Hz or 2560x1600@60Hz
    - Support for HDMI 1.4a version.
  - Support for up to 3 displays at the same time
  - Maximum shared memory of 1 GB

### Audio
- Realtek® ALC1150 codec
- High Definition Audio
- 2/4/5.1/7.1-channel
- Support for S/PDIF Out

### LAN
- 1 x Qualcomm Atheros Killer E2201 LAN chip (10/100/1000 Mbit) (LAN1)
- 1 x Intel® GbE LAN phy (10/100/1000 Mbit) (LAN2)
  - Teaming is not supported.

### Expansion Slots
- 1 x PCI Express x16 slot, running at x16 (PCIEX16)
  - For optimum performance, if only one PCI Express graphics card is to be installed, be sure to install it in the PCIEX16 slot.
- 1 x PCI Express x16 slot, running at x8 (PCIEX8)
  - The PCIEX8 slot shares bandwidth with the PCIEX16 slot. When the PCIEX8 slot is populated, the PCIEX16 slot will operate at up to x8 mode.
- 1 x PCI Express x16 slot, running at x4 (PCIEX4)
  - The PCIEX4 slot shares bandwidth with the PCIEX8 and PCIEX16 slots. When the PCIEX4 slot is populated, the PCIEX16 slot will operate at up to x8 mode and the PCIEX8 will operate at up to x4 mode.
  - When installing a x8 or above card in the PCIEX4 slot, make sure to set PCIE Slot Configuration in BIOS Setup to x4. (Refer to Chapter 2, "BIOS Setup," "Peripherals," for more information.)
  (The PCIEX16, PCIEX8 and PCIEX4 slots conform to PCI Express 3.0 standard.)
- 2 x PCI Express x1 slots
  (The PCI Express x1 slots conform to PCI Express 2.0 standard.)
Expansion Slots
- 2 x PCI slots

Multi-Graphics Technology
- Support for 3-Way/2-Way AMD CrossFire™ and 2-Way NVIDIA® SLI™ Technology

Storage Interface
- Chipset:
  - 1 x M.2 PCIe connector
  - 1 x SATA Express connector
  - 6 x SATA 6Gb/s connectors (SATA3 0~5)
    (M.2, SATA Express, and SATA3 4/5 connectors can only be used one at a time. The SATA3 4/5 connectors will become unavailable when an M.2 SSD is installed.)
  - Support for RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, and RAID 10
- Marvell® 88SE9172 chip:
  - 2 x SATA 6Gb/s connectors (GSATA3 6~7)
  - Support for RAID 0 and RAID 1

USB
- Chipset:
  - 4 USB 3.0/2.0 ports (2 ports on the back panel, 2 ports available through the internal USB header)
  - 6 USB 2.0/1.1 ports (2 ports on the back panel, 4 ports available through the internal USB headers)
- Chipset + Renesas® uPD720210 USB 3.0 Hub:
  - 4 USB 3.0/2.0 ports on the back panel

Internal Connectors
- 1 x 24-pin ATX main power connector
- 1 x 8-pin ATX 12V power connector
- 1 x PCIe power connector
- 1 x M.2 PCIe connector
- 1 x SATA Express connector
- 8 x SATA 6Gb/s connectors
- 1 x CPU fan header
- 1 x water cooling fan header (CPU_OPT)
- 4 x system fan headers
- 1 x front panel header
- 1 x front panel audio header
- 1 x S/PDIF Out header
- 1 x USB 3.0/2.0 header
- 2 x USB 2.0/1.1 headers
- 1 x serial port header
- 1 x Clear CMOS jumper
- 1 x Trusted Platform Module (TPM) header
- 1 x power button
- 1 x reset button
- 1 x Clear CMOS button
- 2 x BIOS switches
- Voltage Measurement Points

Back Panel Connectors
- 1 x PS/2 keyboard/mouse port
- 1 x optical S/PDIF Out connector
- 1 x D-Sub port
- 1 x DVI-D port
### Back Panel Connectors
- 1 x HDMI port
- 6 x USB 3.0/2.0 ports
- 2 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports
- 2 x RJ-45 ports
- 5 x audio jacks (Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out, Rear Speaker Out, Line In, Line Out, Mic In)

### I/O Controller
- iTE® I/O Controller Chip

### Hardware Monitor
- System voltage detection
- CPU/System/Chipset temperature detection
- CPU/CPU OPT/System fan speed detection
- CPU/System overheating warning
- CPU/CPU OPT/System fan fail warning
- CPU/CPU OPT/System fan speed control
  * Whether the fan speed control function is supported will depend on the cooler you install.

### BIOS
- 2 x 128 Mbit flash
- Use of licensed AMI UEFI BIOS
- Support for DualBIOS™
- PnP 1.0a, DMI 2.7, SM BIOS 2.7, ACPI 2.0

### Unique Features
- Support for APP Center
  * Available applications in APP Center may differ by motherboard model. Supported functions of each application may also differ depending on motherboard specifications.
    - @BIOS
    - EasyTune
    - EZ Setup
    - Fast Boot
    - ON/OFF Charge
    - Smart TimeLock
    - Smart Recovery 2
    - System Information Viewer
    - USB Blocker
- Support for Q-Flash
- Support for Smart Switch
- Support for Xpress Install

### Bundled Software
- Norton® Internet Security (OEM version)
- Intel® Rapid Start Technology
- Intel® Smart Connect Technology
- Intel® Smart Response Technology

### Operating System
- Support for Windows 8.1/8/7

### Form Factor
- ATX Form Factor; 30.5cm x 24.4cm

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* Please visit the Support & Downloads Utility page on GIGABYTE's website to check the supported operating system(s) for the software listed in the "Unique Features" and "Bundled Software" columns.
1-3 Installing the CPU and CPU Cooler

Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the CPU:

- Make sure that the motherboard supports the CPU.
  (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest CPU support list.)
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing the CPU to prevent hardware damage.
- Locate the pin one of the CPU. The CPU cannot be inserted if oriented incorrectly. (Or you may locate the notches on both sides of the CPU and alignment keys on the CPU socket.)
- Apply an even and thin layer of thermal grease on the surface of the CPU.
- Do not turn on the computer if the CPU cooler is not installed, otherwise overheating and damage of the CPU may occur.
- Set the CPU host frequency in accordance with the CPU specifications. It is not recommended that the system bus frequency be set beyond hardware specifications since it does not meet the standard requirements for the peripherals. If you wish to set the frequency beyond the standard specifications, please do so according to your hardware specifications including the CPU, graphics card, memory, hard drive, etc.

1-3-1 Installing the CPU

A. Locate the alignment keys on the motherboard CPU socket and the notches on the CPU.
B. Follow the steps below to correctly install the CPU into the motherboard CPU socket.

- **Before installing the CPU, make sure to turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the CPU.**
- **To protect the socket contacts, do not remove the protective plastic cover unless the CPU is inserted into the CPU socket. Save the cover properly and replace it if the CPU is removed.**

**Step 1:**
Gently press the CPU socket lever handle down and away from the socket with your finger. Then completely lift the CPU socket lever and the metal load plate/plastic cover will be lifted as well.

**Step 2:**
Hold the CPU with your thumb and index fingers. Align the CPU pin one marking (triangle) with the pin one corner of the CPU socket (or you may align the CPU notches with the socket alignment keys) and gently insert the CPU into position.

**Step 3:**
Once the CPU is properly inserted, carefully replace the load plate. When replacing the load plate, make sure the front end of the load plate is under the shoulder screw. Then press the CPU socket lever. The protective plastic cover may pop off from the load plate during the process of engaging the lever. Remove the cover. (Save the cover properly and always replace it when the CPU is not installed.)

**Step 4:**
Finally, secure the lever under its retention tab to complete the installation of the CPU.

**NOTE:**
Hold the CPU socket lever by the handle, not the lever base portion.
1-3-2 Installing the CPU Cooler

Follow the steps below to correctly install the CPU cooler on the motherboard. (The following procedure uses Intel® boxed cooler as the example cooler.)

**Step 1:**
Apply an even and thin layer of thermal grease on the surface of the installed CPU.

**Step 2:**
Before installing the cooler, note the direction of the arrow sign on the male push pin. (Turning the push pin along the direction of arrow is to remove the cooler, on the contrary, is to install.)

**Step 3:**
Place the cooler atop the CPU, aligning the four push pins through the pin holes on the motherboard. Push down on the push pins diagonally.

**Step 4:**
You should hear a "click" when pushing down each push pin. Check that the Male and Female push pins are joined closely. (Refer to your CPU cooler installation manual for instructions on installing the cooler.)

**Step 5:**
After the installation, check the back of the motherboard. If the push pin is inserted as the picture above shows, the installation is complete.

**Step 6:**
Finally, attach the power connector of the CPU cooler to the CPU fan header (CPU_FAN) on the motherboard.

Use extreme care when removing the CPU cooler because the thermal grease/tape between the CPU cooler and CPU may adhere to the CPU. Inadequately removing the CPU cooler may damage the CPU.
1-4 Installing the Memory

Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the memory:
- Make sure that the motherboard supports the memory. It is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used. (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest supported memory speeds and memory modules.)
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing the memory to prevent hardware damage.
- Memory modules have a foolproof design. A memory module can be installed in only one direction. If you are unable to insert the memory, switch the direction.

1-4-1 Dual Channel Memory Configuration

This motherboard provides four DDR3 memory sockets and supports Dual Channel Technology. After the memory is installed, the BIOS will automatically detect the specifications and capacity of the memory. Enabling Dual Channel memory mode will double the original memory bandwidth.

The four DDR3 memory sockets are divided into two channels and each channel has two memory sockets as following:
- Channel A: DDR3_2, DDR3_4
- Channel B: DDR3_1, DDR3_3

Due to CPU limitations, read the following guidelines before installing the memory in Dual Channel mode.
1. Dual Channel mode cannot be enabled if only one DDR3 memory module is installed.
2. When enabling Dual Channel mode with two or four memory modules, it is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used and installed in the same colored DDR3 sockets. For optimum performance, when enabling Dual Channel mode with two memory modules, we recommend that you install them in the DDR3_1 and DDR3_2 sockets.
1-4-2 Installing a Memory

Before installing a memory module, make sure to turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the memory module. DDR3 and DDR2 DIMMs are not compatible to each other or DDR DIMMs. Be sure to install DDR3 DIMMs on this motherboard.

A DDR3 memory module has a notch, so it can only fit in one direction. Follow the steps below to correctly install your memory modules in the memory sockets.

Step 1:
Note the orientation of the memory module. Spread the retaining clips at both ends of the memory socket. Place the memory module on the socket. As indicated in the picture on the left, place your fingers on the top edge of the memory, push down on the memory and insert it vertically into the memory socket.

Step 2:
The clips at both ends of the socket will snap into place when the memory module is securely inserted.
1-5 Installing an Expansion Card

Read the following guidelines before you begin to install an expansion card:

- Make sure the motherboard supports the expansion card. Carefully read the manual that came with your expansion card.
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing an expansion card to prevent hardware damage.

Follow the steps below to correctly install your expansion card in the expansion slot.
1. Locate an expansion slot that supports your card. Remove the metal slot cover from the chassis back panel.
2. Align the card with the slot, and press down on the card until it is fully seated in the slot.
3. Make sure the metal contacts on the card are completely inserted into the slot.
4. Secure the card’s metal bracket to the chassis back panel with a screw.
5. After installing all expansion cards, replace the chassis cover(s).
6. Turn on your computer. If necessary, go to BIOS Setup to make any required BIOS changes for your expansion card(s).
7. Install the driver provided with the expansion card in your operating system.

Example: Installing and Removing a PCI Express Graphics Card:

- Installing a Graphics Card:
  Gently push down on the top edge of the card until it is fully inserted into the PCI Express slot. Make sure the card is securely seated in the slot and does not rock.

- Removing the Card:
  Gently push back on the lever on the slot and then lift the card straight out from the slot.
1-6 Setting up AMD CrossFire™/NVIDIA® SLI™ Configuration

A. System Requirements
- Windows 8.1/8/7 operating system
- A CrossFire/SLI-supported motherboard with two or more PCI Express x16 slots and correct driver
- CrossFire/SLI-ready graphics cards of identical brand and chip and correct driver
  (Current GPUs that support 3-Way CrossFire technology include the ATI Radeon™ HD 3800, HD 4800, HD 5800 series, and AMD Radeon™ HD 6800, HD 6900, HD 7800, and HD 7900 series. For the latest GPU support information, please refer to the AMD website.)
- CrossFire™/SLI bridge connectors
- A power supply with sufficient power is recommended (Refer to the manual of your graphics cards for the power requirement)

B. Connecting the Graphics Cards
Step 1:
Observe the steps in "1-5 Installing an Expansion Card" and install CrossFire/SLI graphics cards on the PCI Express x16 slots. (To set up a 2-Way configuration, we recommend installing the graphics cards on the PCIEX16 and PCIEX8 slots.)

Step 2:
Insert the CrossFire™/SLI bridge connectors in the CrossFire/SLI gold edge connectors on top of the cards.

Step 3:
Plug the display cable into the graphics card on the PCIEX16 slot.

C. Configuring the Graphics Card Driver
C-1. To Enable CrossFire Function
After installing the graphics card driver in the operating system, go to the AMD Catalyst Control Center. Browse to Performance|AMD CrossFireX™ and ensure the Enable AMD CrossFireX check box is selected. If your system have more than two CrossFire cards, select the GPU combination you want to use and click Apply. (Available combination options are dependent on the number of graphics cards.)

C-2. To Enable SLI Function
After installing the graphics card driver in the operating system, go to the NVIDIA Control Panel. Browse to the Configure SLI, Surround, Physx screen and ensure Maximize 3D performance is enabled.

(Note) The bridge connector(s) may be needed or not depending on your graphics cards.

- Procedure and driver screen for enabling CrossFire/SLI technology may differ by graphics cards and driver version. Refer to the manual that came with your graphics cards for more information about enabling CrossFire/SLI technology.
- When two or more graphics cards are installed, we recommend that you connect the SATA power cable from the power supply to the ATX4P connector to ensure system stability.
1-7 Back Panel Connectors

- **USB 2.0/1.1 Port**
The USB port supports the USB 2.0/1.1 specification. Use this port for USB devices such as a USB keyboard/mouse, USB printer, USB flash drive and etc.

- **PS/2 Keyboard/Mouse Port**
Use this port to connect a PS/2 mouse or keyboard.

- **D-Sub Port**
The D-Sub port supports a 15-pin D-Sub connector and supports a maximum resolution of 1920x1200@60Hz (the actual resolutions supported depend on the monitor being used). Connect a monitor that supports D-Sub connection to this port.

- **DVI-D Port (Note)**
The DVI-D port conforms to the DVI-D specification and supports a maximum resolution of 1920x1200@60Hz (the actual resolutions supported depend on the monitor being used). Connect a monitor that supports DVI-D connection to this port.

- **USB 3.0/2.0 Port**
The USB 3.0 port supports the USB 3.0 specification and is compatible to the USB 2.0/1.1 specification. Use this port for USB devices such as a USB keyboard/mouse, USB printer, USB flash drive and etc.

- **HDMI Port**
The HDMI port is HDCP compliant and supports Dolby True HD and DTS HD Master Audio formats. It also supports up to 192KHz/24bit 8-channel LPCM audio output. You can use this port to connect your HDMI-supported monitor. The maximum supported resolution is 4096x2160@24Hz or 2560x1600@60Hz, but the actual resolutions supported are dependent on the monitor being used.

   After installing the HDMI device, make sure to set the default sound playback device to HDMI. (The item name may differ depending on your operating system. The screenshot below is from Windows 8.1.)

   ![Screenshot of Sound settings in Windows 8.1](image)

   In Windows 8.1, select Apps>Control Panel>Hardware and Sound>Sound>Playback, set Intel(R) Display Audio to the default playback device.

(Note) The DVI-D port does not support D-Sub connection by adapter.
Triple-Display Configurations for the Onboard Graphics:
Triple-display configurations are supported after you install motherboard drivers in OS. Only dual-display configurations are supported during the BIOS Setup or POST process.

**RJ-45 LAN Port (LAN2)**
The Gigabit Ethernet LAN port provides Internet connection at up to 1 Gbps data rate. The following describes the states of the LAN port LEDs.

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<td>100 Mbps data rate</td>
<td>On</td>
<td>No data transmission or receiving is occurring</td>
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<td>Off</td>
<td>10 Mbps data rate</td>
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**RJ-45 LAN Port (LAN1)**
The Gigabit Ethernet LAN port provides Internet connection at up to 1 Gbps data rate. The following describes the states of the LAN port LEDs.

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**Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out Jack (Orange)**
Use this audio jack to connect center/subwoofer speakers in a 5.1/7.1-channel audio configuration.

**Rear Speaker Out Jack (Black)**
This jack can be used to connect front speakers in a 4/5.1/7.1-channel audio configuration.

**Optical S/PDIF Out Connector**
This connector provides digital audio out to an external audio system that supports digital optical audio. Before using this feature, ensure that your audio system provides an optical digital audio in connector.

**Line In Jack (Blue)**
The line in jack. Use this audio jack for line in devices such as an optical drive, walkman, etc.

**Line Out Jack (Green)**
The line out jack. This jack supports audio amplifying function. For better sound quality, it is recommended that you connect your headphone/speaker to this jack (actual effects may vary by the device being used). Use this audio jack for a headphone or 2-channel speaker. This jack can be used to connect front speakers in a 4/5.1/7.1-channel audio configuration.

**Mic In Jack (Pink)**
The Mic in jack. Microphones must be connected to this jack.

The audio jacks can be reconfigured to perform different functions via the audio software (supported functions may vary based on hardware specification). If you install a Side Speaker, you need to retask other audio jack to be Side Speaker out. Only microphones still MUST be connected to the default Mic in jack. Refer to the instructions on setting up a 2/4/5.1/7.1-channel audio configuration in Chapter 6, "Configuring 2/4/5.1/7.1-Channel Audio."

- When removing the cable connected to a back panel connector, first remove the cable from your device and then remove it from the motherboard.
- When removing the cable, pull it straight out from the connector. Do not rock it side to side to prevent an electrical short inside the cable connector.
1-8 Onboard Buttons, Switches and LEDs

**BIOS Switch and BIOS LED Indicators**
The BIOS switch (BIOS_SW) allows users to easily select a different BIOS for boot up or overclocking, helping to reduce BIOS failure during overclocking. The SB switch allows enabling or disabling of the Dual BIOS function. The LED indicator (MBIOS_LED/BBIOS_LED) shows which BIOS is active.

**Quick Buttons**
This motherboard has 3 quick buttons: power button, reset button and clear CMOS button. The power button and reset button allow users to quickly turn on/off or reset the computer in an open-case environment when they want to change hardware components or conduct hardware testing. Use this button to clear the BIOS configuration and reset the CMOS values to factory defaults when needed.

- Always turn off your computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before using the clear CMOS button.
- Do not use the clear CMOS button when the system is on, or the system may shutdown and data loss or damage may occur.
- After system restart, go to BIOS Setup to load factory defaults (select Load Optimized Defaults) or manually configure the BIOS settings (refer to Chapter 2, "BIOS Setup," for BIOS configurations).
Voltage Measurement Points
Users can use a multimeter to measure component voltages, including VRIN, VIAO, VSA, VAXG, VRING, VIO, VDIMM, and VCORE. You can employ following way to measure component voltages.

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Steps:
Connect the red lead of the multimeter to the pin 1 (Power) of a voltage measurement point and the black lead to the pin 2 (ground).
1-9 Internal Connectors

Read the following guidelines before connecting external devices:

- First make sure your devices are compliant with the connectors you wish to connect.
- Before installing the devices, be sure to turn off the devices and your computer. Unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the devices.
- After installing the device and before turning on the computer, make sure the device cable has been securely attached to the connector on the motherboard.
1/2) ATX_12V_2X4/ATX (2x4 12V Power Connector and 2x12 Main Power Connector)

With the use of the power connector, the power supply can supply enough stable power to all the components on the motherboard. Before connecting the power connector, first make sure the power supply is turned off and all devices are properly installed. The power connector possesses a foolproof design. Connect the power supply cable to the power connector in the correct orientation. The 12V power connector mainly supplies power to the CPU. If the 12V power connector is not connected, the computer will not start.

To meet expansion requirements, it is recommended that a power supply that can withstand high power consumption be used (500W or greater). If a power supply is used that does not provide the required power, the result can lead to an unstable or unbootable system.

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3) **ATX4P (PCIe Power Connector)**

The power connector provide auxiliary power to the onboard PCI Express x16 slots. When two or more graphics cards are installed, we recommend that you connect the SATA power cable(s) from the power supply to the ATX4P connector to ensure system stability.

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4/5) **CPU_FAN/SYS_FAN1/SYS_FAN2/SYS_FAN3/SYS_FAN4 (Fan Headers)**

The motherboard has a 4-pin CPU fan header (CPU_FAN), three 4-pin (SYS_FAN1~SYS_FAN3) and a 3-pin (SYS_FAN4) system fan headers. Most fan headers possess a foolproof insertion design. When connecting a fan cable, be sure to connect it in the correct orientation (the black connector wire is the ground wire). The motherboard supports CPU fan speed control, which requires the use of a CPU fan with fan speed control design. For optimum heat dissipation, it is recommended that a system fan be installed inside the chassis.

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- Be sure to connect fan cables to the fan headers to prevent your CPU and system from overheating. Overheating may result in damage to the CPU or the system may hang.
- These fan headers are not configuration jumper blocks. Do not place a jumper cap on the headers.
6) CPU_OPT (Water Cooling CPU Fan Header)
The fan header is 4-pin and possesses a foolproof insertion design. When connecting a fan cable, be sure
to connect it in the correct orientation (the black connector wire is the ground wire). The speed control
function requires the use of a fan with fan speed control design.

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7) SATA_EXPRESS (SATA Express Connector)
The SATA Express connector supports a single SATA Express device.

M.2, SATA Express, and SATA3 4/5 connectors can only be used one at a time. The SATA3 4/5
connectors will become unavailable when an M.2 SSD is installed.
8) SATA3 0/1/2/3/4/5 (SATA 6Gb/s Connectors, Controlled by Intel® Z97 Chipset)
The SATA connectors conform to SATA 6Gb/s standard and are compatible with SATA 3Gb/s and SATA 1.5Gb/s standard. Each SATA connector supports a single SATA device. The Intel® Chipset supports RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, and RAID 10. Refer to Chapter 3, "Configuring SATA Hard Drive(s)," for instructions on configuring a RAID array.

9) GSATA3 6/7 (SATA 6Gb/s Connectors, Controlled by Marvell® 88SE9172 Chips)
The SATA connectors conform to SATA 6Gb/s standard and are compatible with SATA 3Gb/s and SATA 1.5Gb/s standard. Each SATA connector supports a single SATA device. The Marvell® chip supports RAID 0 and RAID 1. Refer to Chapter 4, "Configuring SATA Hard Drive(s)," for instructions on configuring a RAID array.

- A RAID 0 or RAID 1 configuration requires at least two hard drives. If more than two hard drives are to be used, the total number of hard drives must be an even number.
- A RAID 5 configuration requires at least three hard drives. (The total number of hard drives does not have to be an even number.)
- A RAID 10 configuration requires four hard drives.
- To enable hot-plugging for the SATA ports, refer to Chapter 2, "BIOS Setup," "Peripherals\SATA Configuration," for more information.
- M.2, SATA Express, and SATA3 4/5 connectors can only be used one at a time. The SATA3 4/5 connectors will become unavailable when an M.2 SSD is installed.
10) M.2 (M.2 Connector)

You can insert an M.2 SSD into this connector.

Follow the steps below to correctly install an M.2 SSD in the M.2 connector.

Step 1:
Use a screw driver to unfasten the screw and nut from the motherboard. Locate the proper mounting hole for the M.2 SSD to be installed and then screw the nut first.

Step 2:
Slide the M.2 SSD into the connector at an oblique angle.

Step 3:
Press the M.2 SSD down and then secure it with the screw.

Step 4:
The installation is completed, as shown in the picture above.

- On the motherboard there are three length adjustment holes for the M.2 SSD. Select the proper hole for the M.2 SSD to be installed and refasten the screw and nut.
- M.2, SATA Express, and SATA3 4/5 connectors can only be used one at a time. The SATA3 4/5 connectors will become unavailable when an M.2 SSD is installed.
11) F_PANEL (Front Panel Header)
Connect the power switch, reset switch, speaker, chassis intrusion switch/sensor and system status indicator on the chassis to this header according to the pin assignments below. Note the positive and negative pins before connecting the cables.

- **PLED/PWR_LED** (Power LED, Yellow/Purple):
  Connects to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the system is operating. The LED is off when the system is in S3/S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).

- **PW** (Power Switch, Red):
  Connects to the power switch on the chassis front panel. You may configure the way to turn off your system using the power switch (refer to Chapter 2, "BIOS Setup," "Power Management," for more information).

- **SPEAK** (Speaker, Orange):
  Connects to the speaker on the chassis front panel. The system reports system startup status by issuing a beep code. One single short beep will be heard if no problem is detected at system startup. If a problem is detected, the BIOS may issue beeps in different patterns to indicate the problem.

- **HD** (Hard Drive Activity LED, Blue):
  Connects to the hard drive activity LED on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the hard drive is reading or writing data.

- **RES** (Reset Switch, Green):
  Connects to the reset switch on the chassis front panel. Press the reset switch to restart the computer if the computer freezes and fails to perform a normal restart.

- **CI** (Chassis Intrusion Header, Gray):
  Connects to the chassis intrusion switch/sensor on the chassis that can detect if the chassis cover has been removed. This function requires a chassis with a chassis intrusion switch/sensor.

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The front panel design may differ by chassis. A front panel module mainly consists of power switch, reset switch, power LED, hard drive activity LED, speaker and etc. When connecting your chassis front panel module to this header, make sure the wire assignments and the pin assignments are matched correctly.
12) F_AUDIO (Front Panel Audio Header)
The front panel audio header supports Intel High Definition audio (HD) and AC’97 audio. You may connect your chassis front panel audio module to this header. Make sure the wire assignments of the module connector match the pin assignments of the motherboard header. Incorrect connection between the module connector and the motherboard header will make the device unable to work or even damage it.

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- The front panel audio header supports HD audio by default. If your chassis provides an AC’97 front panel audio module, refer to the instructions on how to activate AC’97 functionality via the audio software in Chapter 6, "Configuring 2/4/5.1/7.1-Channel Audio."
- Audio signals will be present on both of the front and back panel audio connections simultaneously. If you want to mute the back panel audio (only supported when using an HD front panel audio module), refer to Chapter 6, "Configuring 2/4/5.1/7.1-Channel Audio."
- Some chassis provide a front panel audio module that has separated connectors on each wire instead of a single plug. For information about connecting the front panel audio module that has different wire assignments, please contact the chassis manufacturer.

13) SPDIF_O (S/PDIF Out Header)
This header supports digital S/PDIF Out and connects a S/PDIF digital audio cable (provided by expansion cards) for digital audio output from your motherboard to certain expansion cards like graphics cards and sound cards. For example, some graphics cards may require you to use a S/PDIF digital audio cable for digital audio output from your motherboard to your graphics card if you wish to connect an HDMI display to the graphics card and have digital audio output from the HDMI display at the same time. For information about connecting the S/PDIF digital audio cable, carefully read the manual for your expansion card.

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14) **F_USB30 (USB 3.0/2.0 Header)**

The header conforms to USB 3.0/2.0 specification and can provide two USB ports. For purchasing the optional 3.5” front panel that provides two USB 3.0/2.0 ports, please contact the local dealer.

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- Do not plug the IEEE 1394 bracket (2x5-pin) cable into the USB 2.0/1.1 header.
- Prior to installing the USB bracket, be sure to turn off your computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the USB bracket.

15) **F_USB1/F_USB2 (USB 2.0/1.1 Headers)**

The headers conform to USB 2.0/1.1 specification. Each USB header can provide two USB ports via an optional USB bracket. For purchasing the optional USB bracket, please contact the local dealer.

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16) COMA (Serial Port Header)
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17) TPM (Trusted Platform Module Header)
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18) BAT (Battery)
The battery provides power to keep the values (such as BIOS configurations, date, and time information) in the CMOS when the computer is turned off. Replace the battery when the battery voltage drops to a low level, or the CMOS values may not be accurate or may be lost.

- Always turn off your computer and unplug the power cord before replacing the battery.
- Replace the battery with an equivalent one. Danger of explosion if the battery is replaced with an incorrect model.
- Contact the place of purchase or local dealer if you are not able to replace the battery by yourself or uncertain about the battery model.
- When installing the battery, note the orientation of the positive side (+) and the negative side (-) of the battery (the positive side should face up).
- Used batteries must be handled in accordance with local environmental regulations.

19) CLR_CMOS (Clear CMOS Jumper)
Use this jumper to clear the BIOS configuration and reset the CMOS values to factory defaults. To clear the CMOS values, use a metal object like a screwdriver to touch the two pins for a few seconds.

- Always turn off your computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before clearing the CMOS values.
- After system restart, go to BIOS Setup to load factory defaults (select Load Optimized Defaults) or manually configure the BIOS settings (refer to Chapter 2, "BIOS Setup," for BIOS configurations).
Chapter 2  BIOS Setup

BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) records hardware parameters of the system in the CMOS on the motherboard. Its major functions include conducting the Power-On Self-Test (POST) during system startup, saving system parameters and loading operating system, etc. BIOS includes a BIOS Setup program that allows the user to modify basic system configuration settings or to activate certain system features.

When the power is turned off, the battery on the motherboard supplies the necessary power to the CMOS to keep the configuration values in the CMOS.

To access the BIOS Setup program, press the <Delete> key during the POST when the power is turned on.

To upgrade the BIOS, use either the GIGABYTE Q-Flash or @BIOS utility.
- Q-Flash allows the user to quickly and easily upgrade or back up BIOS without entering the operating system.
- @BIOS is a Windows-based utility that searches and downloads the latest version of BIOS from the Internet and updates the BIOS.

Because BIOS flashing is potentially risky, if you do not encounter problems using the current version of BIOS, it is recommended that you do not flash the BIOS. To flash the BIOS, do it with caution. Inadequate BIOS flashing may result in system malfunction.
- It is recommended that you not alter the default settings (unless you need to) to prevent system instability or other unexpected results. Inadequately altering the settings may result in system’s failure to boot. If this occurs, try to clear the CMOS values and reset the board to default values. (Refer to the "Load Optimized Defaults" section in this chapter or introductions of the battery/clear CMOS jumper/button in Chapter 1 for how to clear the CMOS values.)
2-1 Startup Screen
The following startup Logo screen will appear when the computer boots.

Function Keys:
<DEL>: BIOS SETUP/Q-FLASH
Press the <Delete> key to enter BIOS Setup or to access the Q-Flash utility in BIOS Setup.

<F9>: SYSTEM INFORMATION
Press the <F9> key to display your system information.

<F12>: BOOT MENU
Boot Menu allows you to set the first boot device without entering BIOS Setup. In Boot Menu, use the up arrow key <↑> or the down arrow key <↓> to select the first boot device, then press <Enter> to accept. The system will boot from the device immediately.
Note: The setting in Boot Menu is effective for one time only. After system restart, the device boot order will still be based on BIOS Setup settings.

<END>: Q-FLASH
Press the <End> key to access the Q-Flash utility directly without having to enter BIOS Setup first.
2-2 The Main Menu

A. Startup Guide (Default)

The Startup Guide screen simplifies conventional complicated BIOS setup menus and presents only the most frequently used options in the easy-to-use interface. It helps first-time users to perform basic system setups more quickly and easily.

B. ST Mode (Smart Tweak Mode)

Differing from traditional UEFI interface, the ST Mode provides a fancy and user-friendly BIOS environment where users can easily point and click through various settings and make adjustments for optimum performance. In ST Mode, you can use your mouse to move through the option menus for quick configuration or press <F2> to switch to the traditional BIOS Setup screen.

- When the system is not stable as usual, select the **Load Optimized Defaults** item to set your system to its defaults.
- The BIOS Setup menus described in this chapter are for reference only and may differ by BIOS version.
C. Classic Setup

Classic Setup is the conventional BIOS Setup interface where you can press the arrow keys on your keyboard to move among the items and press <Enter> to accept or enter a sub-menu. Or you can use your mouse to select the item you want.

(Sample BIOS Version: F1)
BIOS Setup Menus

- **M.I.T.**
  Use this menu to configure the clock, frequency, and voltages of your CPU and memory, etc. Or check the system/CPU temperatures, voltages, and fan speeds.

- **System Information**
  Use this menu to configure the default language used by the BIOS and system time and date.

- **BIOS Features**
  Use this menu to configure the device boot order and advanced features available on the CPU.

- **Peripherals**
  Use this menu to configure all peripheral devices, such as SATA, USB, integrated audio, and integrated LAN, etc.

- **Power Management**
  Use this menu to configure all the power-saving functions.

- **Save & Exit**
  Save all the changes made in the BIOS Setup program to the CMOS and exit BIOS Setup. You can save the current BIOS settings to a profile or load optimized defaults for optimal-performance system operations.
Whether the system will work stably with the overclock/overvoltage settings you made is dependent on your overall system configurations. Incorrectly doing overclock/overvoltage may result in damage to CPU, chipset, or memory and reduce the useful life of these components. This page is for advanced users only and we recommend you not to alter the default settings to prevent system instability or other unexpected results. (Inadequately altering the settings may result in system's failure to boot. If this occurs, clear the CMOS values and reset the board to default values.)

This section provides information on the BIOS version, CPU base clock, CPU frequency, memory frequency, total memory size, CPU temperature, Vcore, and memory voltage.
M.I.T. Current Status
This screen provides information on CPU/memory frequencies/parameters.

Advanced Frequency Settings

- **Performance Upgrade** *(Note)*
  Provides you with five different overclocking configurations. Options are: 20% Upgrade, 40% Upgrade, 60% Upgrade, 80% Upgrade, 100% Upgrade. (Default: Auto)

- **CPU Base Clock**
  Allows you to manually set the CPU base clock in 0.01 MHz increments. (Default: Auto)
  **Important:** It is highly recommended that the CPU frequency be set in accordance with the CPU specifications.

- **Host/PCIe Clock Frequency** *(Note)*
  Allows you to manually set the host clock frequency (which controls CPU, PCIe, and memory frequencies) in 0.01 MHz increments.
  This item is configurable only when **CPU Base Clock** is set to **Manual**.

- **Processor Base Clock (Gear Ratio)** *(Note)*
  Allows you to configure the Processor Base Clock by multiplying the **Host/PCIe Clock Frequency** by several preset host clock multipliers. This item is configurable only when **CPU Base Clock** is set to **Manual**.

- **Spread Spectrum Control** *(Note)*
  Enables or disables CPU/PCIe Spread Spectrum. (Default: Auto)

- **Host Clock Value**
  This value is determined by multiplying the **Host/PCIe Clock Frequency** value by the **Processor Base Clock (Gear Ratio)** value.

- **Processor Graphics Clock**
  Allows you to set the onboard graphics clock. The adjustable range is from 400 MHz to 4000 MHz. (Default: Auto)

  *(Note)* This item is present only when you install a CPU that supports this feature. For more information about Intel® CPUs’ unique features, please visit Intel’s website.
CPU Upgrade *(Note)*
Allows you to set the CPU frequency. Options may vary depending on the CPU being used. (Default: Auto)

CPU Clock Ratio
Allows you to alter the clock ratio for the installed CPU. The adjustable range is dependent on the CPU being installed.

CPU Frequency
Displays the current operating CPU frequency.

Advanced CPU Core Settings

- **CPU Clock Ratio, CPU Frequency**
  The settings above are synchronous to those under the same items on the Advanced Frequency Settings menu.

- **K OC *(Note)***
  Allows for increased performance by using certain CPUs. (Default: Auto)

- **CPU PLL Selection**
  Allows you to set the CPU PLL. Auto lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

- **Filter PLL Level**
  Allows you to set the Filter PLL. Auto lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

- **Uncore Ratio**
  Allows you to set the CPU Uncore ratio. The adjustable range is dependent on the CPU being used.

- **Uncore Frequency**
  Displays the current CPU Uncore frequency.

- **Intel(R) Turbo Boost Technology *(Note)***
  Allows you to determine whether to enable the Intel CPU Turbo Boost technology. Auto lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

*(Note)* This item is present only when you install a CPU that supports this feature. For more information about Intel® CPUs' unique features, please visit Intel's website.
- Turbo Ratio (1-Core Active~4-Core Active) (Note)
  Allows you to set the CPU Turbo ratios for different number of active cores. Auto sets the CPU Turbo ratios according to the CPU specifications. (Default: Auto)

- Turbo Power Limit (Watts)
  Allows you to set a power limit for CPU Turbo mode. When the CPU power consumption exceeds the specified power limit, the CPU will automatically reduce the core frequency in order to reduce the power. Auto sets the power limit according to the CPU specifications. (Default: Auto)

- Core Current Limit (Amps)
  Allows you to set a current limit for CPU Turbo mode. When the CPU current exceeds the specified current limit, the CPU will automatically reduce the core frequency in order to reduce the current. Auto sets the power limit according to the CPU specifications. (Default: Auto)

- No. of CPU Cores Enabled (Note)
  Allows you to select the number of CPU cores to enable in an Intel® multi-core CPU (the number of CPU cores may vary by CPU). Auto lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

- Hyper-Threading Technology (Note)
  Allows you to determine whether to enable multi-threading technology when using an Intel® CPU that supports this function. This feature only works for operating systems that support multi-processor mode. Auto lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

- CPU Enhanced Halt (C1E) (Note)
  Enables or disables Intel® CPU Enhanced Halt (C1E) function, a CPU power-saving function in system halt state. When enabled, the CPU core frequency and voltage will be reduced during system halt state to decrease power consumption. Auto lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

- C3 State Support (Note)
  Allows you to determine whether to let the CPU enter C3 mode in system halt state. When enabled, the CPU core frequency and voltage will be reduced during system halt state to decrease power consumption. The C3 state is a more enhanced power-saving state than C1. Auto lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

- C6/C7 State Support (Note)
  Allows you to determine whether to let the CPU enter C6/C7 mode in system halt state. When enabled, the CPU core frequency and voltage will be reduced during system halt state to decrease power consumption. The C6/C7 state is a more enhanced power-saving state than C3. Auto lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

- CPU Thermal Monitor (Note)
  Enables or disables Intel® Thermal Monitor function, a CPU overheating protection function. When enabled, the CPU core frequency and voltage will be reduced when the CPU is overheated. Auto lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

- CPU EIST Function (Note)
  Enables or disables Enhanced Intel® Speed Step Technology (EIST). Depending on CPU loading, Intel EIST technology can dynamically and effectively lower the CPU voltage and core frequency to decrease average power consumption and heat production. Auto lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

(Note) This item is present only when you install a CPU that supports this feature. For more information about Intel® CPUs' unique features, please visit Intel's website.
**Extreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.)** *(Note)*
Allows the BIOS to read the SPD data on XMP memory module(s) to enhance memory performance when enabled.

- **Disabled** Disables this function. (Default)
- **Profile1** Uses Profile 1 settings.
- **Profile2 (Note)** Uses Profile 2 settings.

**System Memory Multiplier**
Allows you to set the system memory multiplier. **Auto** sets memory multiplier according to memory SPD data. (Default: Auto)

**Memory Frequency (MHz)**
The first memory frequency value is the normal operating frequency of the memory being used; the second is the memory frequency that is automatically adjusted according to the System Memory Multiplier settings.

**Advanced Memory Settings**

![GIGABYTE - UEFI DualBIOS](image)

- **Extreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.)** *(Note), System Memory Multiplier, Memory Frequency (MHz)*
The settings above are synchronous to those under the same items on the Advanced Frequency Settings menu.

- **Memory Overclocking Profiles** *(Note)*
Allows you to set the memory frequency. Options may vary depending on the memory being used. (Default: Disabled)

- **Memory Boot Mode**
Provides memory detection and training methods.

  - **Auto** Lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default)
  - **Enable Fast Boot** Skip memory detection and training in some specific criteria for faster memory boot.
  - **Disable Fast Boot** Detect and train memory at every single boot.

*(Note)* This item is present only when you install a CPU and a memory module that support this feature.
Memory Enhancement Settings
Provides three different memory performance enhancement settings: Normal (basic performance), Enhanced Stability, and Enhanced Performance. (Default: Normal)

Memory Timing Mode
Manual and Advanced Manual allows the Channel Interleaving, Rank Interleaving, and memory timing settings below to be configurable. Options are: Auto (default), Manual, Advanced Manual.

Profile DDR Voltage
When using a non-XMP memory module or Extreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.) is set to Disabled, the value is displayed according to your memory specification. When Extreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.) is set to Profile1 or Profile2, the value is displayed according to the SPD data on the XMP memory.

Channel Interleaving
Enables or disables memory channel interleaving. Enabled allows the system to simultaneously access different channels of the memory to increase memory performance and stability. Auto lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

Rank Interleaving
Enables or disables memory rank interleaving. Enabled allows the system to simultaneously access different ranks of the memory to increase memory performance and stability. Auto lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

Channel A/B Memory Sub Timings

This sub-menu provides memory timing settings for each channel of memory. The respective timing setting screens are configurable only when Memory Timing Mode is set to Manual or Advanced Manual. Note: Your system may become unstable or fail to boot after you make changes on the memory timings. If this occurs, please reset the board to default values by loading optimized defaults or clearing the CMOS values.
Advanced Voltage Settings

**CPU VRIN Loadline Calibration**

Allows you to set the Load-Line Calibration level for the CPU VRIN. The levels are (from highest to lowest): Extreme, Turbo, High, Medium, Low, and Standard. Selecting a higher level keeps the Vcore more consistent with what is set in BIOS under heavy load. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting and sets the voltage following Intel's specifications. (Default: Auto)
CPU VRIN Protection
Allows you to set the voltage limit on the CPU VRIN voltage for over-voltage protection. The adjustable range is from 150.0mV to 500.0mV. *Auto* lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: *Auto*)

DDR CH(A/B) Voltage Protection
Allows you to set the voltage limit on Channel A and Channel B memory voltage for over-voltage protection. The adjustable range is from 150.0mV to 300.0mV. *Auto* lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: *Auto*)

CPU VRIN Current Protection
Allows you to set the over-current protection level for the CPU VRIN voltage.
- **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default)
- **Standard~Extreme** Selects Standard, Low, Medium, High, Turbo, or Extreme which represents different level of over-current protection for the Vcore.

DDR CH(A/B) Current Protection
Allows you to set the over-current protection level for the memory voltage.
- **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default)
- **Standard~Extreme** Selects Standard, Low, Medium, High, Turbo, or Extreme which represents different level of over-current protection for the memory voltage.

CPU VRIN PWM Thermal Protection
Displays the PWM thermal protection threshold for the CPU VRIN area.

DDR CH(A/B) PWM Thermal Protection
Displays the PWM thermal protection threshold for the Channel A and Channel B memory area.

CPU VRIN PWM Switch Rate
Displays the CPU VRIN PWM frequency.

DDR CH(A/B) PWM Switch Rate
Displays the current operating PWM frequency for Channel A and Channel B memory.

PWM Phase Control
Allows you to automatically change the PWM phase according to the CPU load. The power-saving levels are (from lowest to highest): eXm Perf (Extreme Performance), High Perf (High Performance), Perf (Performance), Balanced, Mid PWR (Mid Power), and Lite PWR (Light Power). *Auto* lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: *Auto*)

CPU Core Voltage Control
This section provides CPU voltage control options.

Chipset Voltage Control
This section provides Chipset voltage control options.

DRAM Voltage Control
This section provides memory voltage control options.
**PC Health Status**

- **Reset Case Open Status**
  - Disabled: Keeps or clears the record of previous chassis intrusion status. (Default)
  - Enabled: Clears the record of previous chassis intrusion status and the **Case Open** field will show "Close" at next boot.

- **Case Open**
  Displays the detection status of the chassis intrusion detection device attached to the motherboard CI header. If the system chassis cover is removed, this field will show "Yes", otherwise it will show "No". To clear the chassis intrusion status record, set **Reset Case Open Status** to **Enabled**, save the settings to the CMOS, and then restart your system.
CPU Vcore/CPU VRIN/DRAM Voltage/+3.3V/+5V/+12V/CPU VAXG
Displays the current system voltages.

CPU/System/PCH Temperature
Displays current CPU/System/Chipset temperature.

CPU/CPU OPT/System Fan Speed
Displays current CPU/CPU_OPT/system fan speeds.

CPU/System Temperature Warning
Sets the warning threshold for CPU/system temperature. When temperature exceeds the threshold, BIOS will emit warning sound. Options are: Disabled (default), 60°C/140°F, 70°C/158°F, 80°C/176°F, 90°C/194°F.

CPU/CPU OPT/System Fan Fail Warning
Allows the system to emit warning sound if the fan is not connected or fails. Check the fan condition or fan connection when this occurs. (Default: Disabled)

CPU Fan Speed Control (CPU_FAN Connector)
Allows you to determine whether to enable the fan speed control function and adjust the fan speed.

- Normal: Allows the fan to run at different speeds according to the CPU temperature. You can adjust the fan speed with EasyTune based on your system requirements. (Default)
- Silent: Allows the fan to run at slow speeds.
- Manual: Allows you to control the fan speed under the Fan Speed Percentage item.
- Full Speed: Allows the fan to run at full speeds.

Fan Speed Percentage
Allows you to control the fan speed. This item is configurable only when CPU Fan Speed Control is set to Manual. Options are: 0.75 PWM value °C ~ 2.50 PWM value °C.

CPU OPT Fan Speed Control (CPU_OPT Connector)
Allows you to determine whether to enable the fan speed control function and adjust the fan speed.

- Normal: Allows the fan to run at different speeds according to the CPU temperature. You can adjust the fan speed with EasyTune based on your system requirements. (Default)
- Silent: Allows the fan to run at slow speeds.
- Manual: Allows you to control the fan speed under the Fan Speed Percentage item.
- Full Speed: Allows the fan to run at full speeds.

Fan Speed Percentage
Allows you to control the fan speed. This item is configurable only when CPU OPT Fan Speed Control is set to Manual. Options are: 0.75 PWM value °C ~ 2.50 PWM value °C.

1st System Fan Speed Control (SYS_FAN1 Connector)
Allows you to determine whether to enable the fan speed control function and adjust the fan speed.

- Normal: Allows the fan to run at different speeds according to the system temperature. You can adjust the fan speed with EasyTune based on your system requirements. (Default)
- Silent: Allows the fan to run at slow speeds.
- Manual: Allows you to control the fan speed under the Fan Speed Percentage item.
- Full Speed: Allows the fan to run at full speeds.

Fan Speed Percentage
Allows you to control the fan speed. This item is configurable only when 1st System Fan Speed Control is set to Manual. Options are: 0.75 PWM value °C ~ 2.50 PWM value °C.
2nd System Fan Speed Control (SYS_FAN2 Connector)
Allows you to determine whether to enable the fan speed control function and adjust the fan speed.
- Normal: Allows the fan to run at different speeds according to the system temperature. You can adjust the fan speed with EasyTune based on your system requirements. (Default)
- Silent: Allows the fan to run at slow speeds.
- Manual: Allows you to control the fan speed under the Fan Speed Percentage item.
- Full Speed: Allows the fan to run at full speeds.

Fan Speed Percentage
Allows you to control the fan speed. This item is configurable only when 2nd System Fan Speed Control is set to Manual. Options are: 0.75 PWM value /°C ~ 2.50 PWM value /°C.

3rd System Fan Speed Control (SYS_FAN3 Connector)
Allows you to determine whether to enable the fan speed control function and adjust the fan speed.
- Normal: Allows the fan to run at different speeds according to the system temperature. You can adjust the fan speed with EasyTune based on your system requirements. (Default)
- Silent: Allows the fan to run at slow speeds.
- Manual: Allows you to control the fan speed under the Fan Speed Percentage item.
- Full Speed: Allows the fan to run at full speeds.

Fan Speed Percentage
Allows you to control the fan speed. This item is configurable only when 3rd System Fan Speed Control is set to Manual. Options are: 0.75 PWM value /°C ~ 2.50 PWM value /°C.
**Miscellaneous Settings**

- **PCle Slot Configuration**
  
  Allows you to set the operation mode of the PCI Express slots to Gen 1, Gen 2, or Gen 3. Actual operation mode is subject to the hardware specification of each slot. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

- **DMI Gen2 Speed**
  
  Allows you to configure the DMI link speed.
  
  - **Auto**
    
    Lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting.

  - **Enabled**
    
    Sets the DMI link speed to Gen 2. (Default)

  - **Disabled**
    
    Sets the DMI link speed to Gen 1.

- **3DMark01 Boost**
  
  Allows you to determine whether to enhance some legacy benchmark performance. (Default: Disabled)
This section provides information on your motherboard model and BIOS version. You can also select the default language used by the BIOS and manually set the system time.

- **System Language**
  Selects the default language used by the BIOS.

- **System Date**
  Sets the system date. The date format is week (read-only), month, date, and year. Use <Enter> to switch between the Month, Date, and Year fields and use the <Page Up> or <Page Down> key to set the desired value.

- **System Time**
  Sets the system time. The time format is hour, minute, and second. For example, 1 p.m. is 13:0:0. Use <Enter> to switch between the Hour, Minute, and Second fields and use the <Page Up> or <Page Down> key to set the desired value.

- **Access Level**
  Displays the current access level depending on the type of password protection used. (If no password is set, the default will display as Administrator.) The Administrator level allows you to make changes to all BIOS settings; the User level only allows you to make changes to certain BIOS settings but not all.
2-5 BIOS Features

- **Boot Option Priorities**
  Specifies the overall boot order from the available devices.
  Removable storage devices that support GPT format will be prefixed with "UEFI:" string on the boot device list. To boot from an operating system that supports GPT partitioning, select the device prefixed with "UEFI:" string.
  Or if you want to install an operating system that supports GPT partitioning such as Windows 7 64-bit, select the optical drive that contains the Windows 7 64-bit installation disk and is prefixed with "UEFI:" string.

- **Bootup NumLock State**
  Enables or disables Numlock feature on the numeric keypad of the keyboard after the POST. (Default: Enabled)
Security Option
Specifies whether a password is required every time the system boots, or only when you enter BIOS Setup. After configuring this item, set the password(s) under the Administrator Password/User Password item.

- Setup A password is only required for entering the BIOS Setup program.
- System A password is required for booting the system and for entering the BIOS Setup program. (Default)

Full Screen LOGO Show
Allows you to determine whether to display the GIGABYTE Logo at system startup. Disabled skips the GIGABYTE Logo when the system starts up. (Default: Enabled)

Fast Boot
Enables or disables Fast Boot to shorten the OS boot process. Ultra Fast provides the fastest bootup speed. (Default: Disabled)

VGA Support
Allows you to select which type of operating system to boot.

- Auto Enables legacy option ROM only.
- EFI Driver Enables EFI option ROM. (Default)
This item is configurable only when Fast Boot is set to Enabled or Ultra Fast.

USB Support

- Disabled All USB devices are disabled before the OS boot process completes.
- Full Initial All USB devices are functional in the operating system and during the POST.
- Partial Initial Part of the USB devices are disabled before the OS boot process completes. (Default)
This item is configurable only when Fast Boot is set to Enabled. This item is disabled when Fast Boot is set to Ultra Fast.

PS2 Devices Support

- Disabled All PS/2 devices are disabled before the OS boot process completes.
- Enabled All PS/2 devices are functional in the operating system and during the POST. (Default)
This item is configurable only when Fast Boot is set to Enabled. This item is disabled when Fast Boot is set to Ultra Fast.

Network Stack Driver Support

- Disabled Disables booting from the network. (Default)
- Enabled Enables booting from the network.
This item is configurable only when Fast Boot is set to Enabled or Ultra Fast.

Next Boot After AC Power Loss

- Normal Boot Enables normal bootup upon the return of the AC power. (Default)
- Fast Boot Keeps the Fast Boot settings upon the return of the AC power.
This item is configurable only when Fast Boot is set to Enabled or Ultra Fast.

Limit CPUID Maximum (Note)
Allows you to determine whether to limit CPUID maximum value. Set this item to Disabled for Windows XP operating system; set this item to Enabled for legacy operating system such as Windows NT4.0. (Default: Disabled)

(Note) This item is present only when you install a CPU that supports this feature. For more information about Intel® CPUs’ unique features, please visit Intel's website.
Execute Disable Bit *(Note)*
Enables or disables Intel® Execute Disable Bit function. This function may enhance protection for the computer, reducing exposure to viruses and malicious buffer overflow attacks when working with its supporting software and system. (Default: Enabled)

Intel Virtualization Technology *(Note)*
Enables or disables Intel® Virtualization Technology. Virtualization enhanced by Intel® Virtualization Technology will allow a platform to run multiple operating systems and applications in independent partitions. With virtualization, one computer system can function as multiple virtual systems. (Default: Enabled)

Intel TXT(LT) Support *(Note)*
Enables or disables Intel® Trusted Execution Technology (Intel® TXT). Intel® Trusted Execution Technology provides a hardware-based security foundation. (Default: Disabled)

Dynamic Storage Accelerator
Enables or disables Intel® Dynamic Storage Accelerator. When enabled, the hard drive I/O performance will be adjusted according to hard drive load. (Default: Disabled)

VT-d *(Note)*
Enables or disables Intel® Virtualization Technology for Directed I/O. (Default: Enabled)

Windows 8 Features
Allows you to select the operating system to be installed. (Default: Other OS)

CSM Support
Enables or disables UEFI CSM (Compatibility Support Module) to support a legacy PC boot process.

- **Always** Enables UEFI CSM. (Default)
- **Never** Disables UEFI CSM and supports UEFI BIOS boot process only.

This item is configurable only when *Windows 8 Features* is set to *Windows 8*.

Boot Mode Selection
Allows you to select which type of operating system to boot.

- **UEFI and Legacy** Allows booting from operating systems that support legacy option ROM or UEFI option ROM. (Default)
- **Legacy Only** Allows booting from operating systems that only support legacy Option ROM.
- **UEFI Only** Allows booting from operating systems that only support UEFI Option ROM.

This item is configurable only when *CSM Support* is set to *Always*.

LAN PXE Boot Option ROM
Allows you to select whether to enable the legacy option ROM for the LAN controller. (Default: Disabled)

This item is configurable only when *CSM Support* is set to *Always*.

Storage Boot Option Control
Allows you to select whether to enable the UEFI or legacy option ROM for the storage device controller.

- **Disabled** Disables option ROM.
- **Legacy only** Enables legacy option ROM only. (Default)
- **UEFI only** Enables UEFI option ROM only.
- **Legacy First** Enables legacy option ROM first.
- **UEFI First** Enables UEFI option ROM first.

This item is configurable only when *CSM Support* is set to *Always*.

*(Note)* This item is present only when you install a CPU that supports this feature. For more information about Intel® CPUs’ unique features, please visit Intel's website.
**Other PCI Device ROM Priority**
Allows you to select whether to enable the UEFI or Legacy option ROM for the PCI device controller other than the LAN, storage device, and graphics controllers.

- **Legacy OpROM**  Enables legacy option ROM only.
- **UEFI OpROM**  Enables UEFI option ROM only. (Default)

This item is configurable only when **CSM Support** is set to **Always**.

**Network stack**
Disables or enables booting from the network to install a GPT format OS, such as installing the OS from the Windows Deployment Services server. (Default: Disabled)

**Ipv4 PXE Support**
Enables or disables IPv4 PXE Support. This item is configurable only when **Network stack** is enabled.

**Ipv6 PXE Support**
Enables or disables IPv6 PXE Support. This item is configurable only when **Network stack** is enabled.

**Administrator Password**
Allows you to configure an administrator password. Press <Enter> on this item, type the password, and then press <Enter>. You will be requested to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>. You must enter the administrator password (or user password) at system startup and when entering BIOS Setup. Differing from the user password, the administrator password allows you to make changes to all BIOS settings.

**User Password**
Allows you to configure a user password. Press <Enter> on this item, type the password, and then press <Enter>. You will be requested to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>. You must enter the administrator password (or user password) at system startup and when entering BIOS Setup. However, the user password only allows you to make changes to certain BIOS settings but not all.

To cancel the password, press <Enter> on the password item and when requested for the password, enter the correct one first. When prompted for a new password, press <Enter> without entering any password. Press <Enter> again when prompted to confirm.
Initial Display Output
Specifies the first initiation of the monitor display from the installed PCI graphics card, PCI Express graphics card or the onboard graphics.

- **IGFX** Sets the onboard graphics as the first display.
- **PCIe 1 Slot** Sets the graphics card on the PCIEX16 slot as the first display. (Default)
- **PCIe 2 Slot** Sets the graphics card on the PCIEX8 slot as the first display.
- **PCIe 3 Slot** Sets the graphics card on the PCIEX4 slot as the first display.
- **PCI** Sets the graphics card on the PCI slot as the first display.
- PCH LAN Controller (Intel® GbE LAN Chip, LAN2)
  Enables or disables the Intel® GbE LAN function. (Default: Enabled)
  If you wish to install a 3rd party add-in network card instead of using the onboard LAN, set this item to Disabled.

- XHCI Mode
  Allows you to determine the operating mode for the xHCI controller in OS.
  - Smart Auto: This mode is available only when the BIOS supports the xHCI controller in the pre-boot environment. This mode is similar to Auto, but it adds the capability to route the ports to xHCI or EHCI according to setting used in previous boots (for non-G3 boot) in the pre-boot environment. This allows the use of USB 3.0 devices prior to OS boot. xHCI controller enabling and rerouting should follow the steps in Auto, when previous boot routes ports to EHCI. Note: This is the recommended mode when BIOS has xHCI pre-boot support. (Default)
  - Auto: BIOS routes the sharable ports to EHCI controller. Then it uses ACPI protocols to provide an option to enable the xHCI controller and reroute the sharable ports. Note: This is the recommended mode when BIOS does NOT have xHCI pre-boot support.
  - Enabled: All shared ports are eventually routed to the xHCI controller during the BIOS boot process. If BIOS does not have pre-boot support for the xHCI controller, it should initially route the sharable ports to the EHCI controller and then prior to OS boot it should route the ports to xHCI controller. Note: OS has to provide support for the xHCI controller in this mode. If the OS does not provide support, all sharable ports won’t work.
  - Disabled: The USB 3.0 ports are routed to the EHCI controller and the xHCI controller is turned off. All USB 3.0 devices function as High Speed devices regardless of xHCI software support/availability.

- Audio Controller
  Enables or disables the onboard audio function. (Default: Enabled)
  If you wish to install a 3rd party add-in audio card instead of using the onboard audio, set this item to Disabled.

- Intel Processor Graphics
  Enables or disables the onboard graphics function. (Default: Enabled)

- Intel Processor Graphics Memory Allocation
  Allows you to set the onboard graphics memory size. Options are: 32M~1024M. (Default: 64M)

- DVMT Total Memory Size
  Allows you to allocate the DVMT memory size of the onboard graphics. Options are: 128M, 256M, MAX. (Default: MAX)

- Intel(R) Rapid Start Technology
  Enables or disables Intel® Rapid Start Technology. (Default: Disabled)

- Legacy USB Support
  Allows USB keyboard/mouse to be used in MS-DOS. (Default: Enabled)

- XHCI Hand-off
  Determines whether to enable XHCI Hand-off feature for an operating system without XHCI Hand-off support. (Default: Enabled)

- EHCI Hand-off
  Determines whether to enable EHCI Hand-off feature for an operating system without EHCI Hand-off support. (Default: Disabled)
USB Storage Devices
Displays a list of connected USB mass storage devices. This item appears only when a USB storage device is installed.

Two Layer KVM Switch
Set to Enabled to ensure proper device functionality when chaining two KVM switches. (Default: Disabled)

OnBoard LAN Controller (Qualcomm® Atheros Killer E2201 LAN Chip, LAN1)
Enables or disables the Qualcomm® Atheros Killer E2201 LAN function. (Default: Enabled)
If you wish to install a 3rd party add-in network card instead of using the onboard LAN, set this item to Disabled.

PCIE Slot Configuration (CPU)
Specifies the operating bandwidth for the PCIE4 slot.
- **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting depending on the expansion card being installed. (Default)
- **x4** PCIE4 operates at x4 mode.

SATA Configuration

- **Integrated SATA Controller**
  Enables or disables the integrated SATA controllers. (Default: Enabled)

- **SATA Mode Selection**
  Enables or disables RAID for the SATA controllers integrated in the Chipset or configures the SATA controllers to AHCI mode.
  - **IDE** Configures the SATA controller to IDE mode.
  - **RAID** Enables RAID for the SATA controller.
  - **AHCI** Enables RAID for the SATA controller.
    - **AHCI** Configures the SATA controllers to AHCI mode. Advanced Host Controller Interface (AHCI) is an interface specification that allows the storage driver to enable advanced Serial ATA features such as Native Command Queuing and hot plug. (Default)
- M.2 PCIE SSD RAID Mode
  Enables or disables Intel® Rapid Storage Technology for the M.2 PCIe SSD. (Default: Enabled)
  This item is configurable only when SATA Mode Selection is set to RAID.

- SATA Express SRIS capabilities
  Enables or disables SATA Express SRIS (Separate Reference Clocks with Independent SSC) mode.
  (Default: Disabled)

- Serial ATA Port 0/1/2/3/4/5
  Port 0/1/2/3/4/5
  Enables or disables each SATA port. (Default: Enabled)

- Hot plug
  Enables or disable the hot plug capability for each SATA port. (Default: Disabled)

- External SATA
  Enables or disables support for external SATA devices. (Default: Disabled)

- Super IO Configuration
  This section provides information on the super I/O chip and allows you to configure the serial port.

- Serial Port A
  Enables or disables the onboard serial port. (Default: Enabled)

- Intel(R) Smart Connect Technology
  ISCT Support
  Enables or disables Intel® Smart Connect Technology. (Default: Disabled)
Marvell ATA Controller Configuration (Marvell® 88SE9172 Chip, GSATA3 6/7 connectors)

- **GSATA Controller**
  Enables or disables RAID for the SATA controllers integrated in the Marvell® chip or configures the SATA controllers to AHCI mode.
  - **IDE Mode** Disables RAID for the SATA controllers and configures the SATA controllers to IDE mode.
  - **AHCI Mode** Configures the SATA controllers to AHCI mode. Advanced Host Controller Interface (AHCI) is an interface specification that allows the storage driver to enable advanced Serial ATA features such as Native Command Queuing and hot plug. (Default)
  - **RAID Mode** Enables RAID for the SATA controllers.
  - **Disabled** Disables this function.

- **Intel(R) Ethernet Network Connection**
  This sub-menu provides information on LAN configuration.
Power Management

- **Power Loading**
  Enables or disables dummy load. When the power supply is at low load, a self-protection will activate causing it to shutdown or fail. If this occurs, please set to Enabled. Auto lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

- **Resume by Alarm**
  Determines whether to power on the system at a desired time. (Default: Disabled)
  If enabled, set the date and time as following:
  - Wake up day: Turn on the system at a specific time on each day or on a specific day in a month.
  - Wake up hour/minute/second: Set the time at which the system will be powered on automatically.
  Note: When using this function, avoid inadequate shutdown from the operating system or removal of the AC power, or the settings may not be effective.

- **Wake on LAN**
  Enables or disables the wake on LAN function. (Default: Enabled)

- **Soft-Off by PWR-BTTN**
  Configures the way to turn off the computer in MS-DOS mode using the power button.
  - Instant-Off: Press the power button and then the system will be turned off instantly. (Default)
  - Delay 4 Sec.: Press and hold the power button for 4 seconds to turn off the system. If the power button is pressed for less than 4 seconds, the system will enter suspend mode.

- **RC6(Standby)**
  Allows you to determine whether to let the onboard graphics enter standby mode to decrease power consumption. (Default: Enabled)

- **AC BACK**
  Determines the state of the system after the return of power from an AC power loss.
  - Memory: The system returns to its last known awake state upon the return of the AC power.
  - Always On: The system is turned on upon the return of the AC power.
  - Always Off: The system stays off upon the return of the AC power. (Default)
Power On By Keyboard
Allows the system to be turned on by a PS/2 keyboard wake-up event.
Note: To use this function, you need an ATX power supply providing at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.

- Disabled: Disables this function. (Default)
- Password: Set a password with 1~5 characters to turn on the system.
- Keyboard 98: Press POWER button on the Windows 98 keyboard to turn on the system.
- Any Key: Press any key to turn on the system.

Power On Password
Set the password when Power On By Keyboard is set to Password.
Press <Enter> on this item and set a password with up to 5 characters and then press <Enter> to accept.
To turn on the system, enter the password and press <Enter>.
Note: To cancel the password, press <Enter> on this item. When prompted for the password, press <Enter> again without entering the password to clear the password settings.

Power On By Mouse
Allows the system to be turned on by a PS/2 mouse wake-up event.
Note: To use this function, you need an ATX power supply providing at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.

- Disabled: Disables this function. (Default)
- Move: Move the mouse to turn on the system.
- Double Click: Double click on left button on the mouse to turn on the system.

ErP
Determines whether to let the system consume least power in S5 (shutdown) state. (Default: Disabled)
Note: When this item is set to Enabled, the following functions will become unavailable: PME event wake up, power on by mouse, power on by keyboard, and wake on LAN.

Platform Power Management
Enables or disables the Active State Power Management function (ASPM). (Default: Disabled)

PEG ASPM
Allows you to configure the ASPM mode for the device connected to the CPU PEG bus. Auto lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. This item is configurable only when Platform Power Management is set to Enabled. (Default: Auto)

PCIe ASPM
Allows you to configure the ASPM mode for the device connected to Chipset's PCI Express bus. Auto lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. This item is configurable only when Platform Power Management is set to Enabled. (Default: Auto)

CPU DMI Link ASPM Control
Allows you to configure the ASPM mode for the CPU side of the DMI link. Auto lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. This item is configurable only when Platform Power Management is set to Enabled. (Default: L0sL1)

PCH DMI Link ASPM Control
Allows you to configure the ASPM mode for both CPU side and Chipset side of the DMI link. Auto lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. This item is configurable only when Platform Power Management is set to Enabled. (Default: Enabled)
Save & Exit

Press <Enter> on this item and select Yes. This saves the changes to the CMOS and exits the BIOS Setup program. Select No or press <Esc> to return to the BIOS Setup Main Menu.

Exit Without Saving

Press <Enter> on this item and select Yes. This exits the BIOS Setup without saving the changes made in BIOS Setup to the CMOS. Select No or press <Esc> to return to the BIOS Setup Main Menu.

Load Optimized Defaults

Press <Enter> on this item and select Yes to load the optimal BIOS default settings. The BIOS defaults settings help the system to operate in optimum state. Always load the Optimized defaults after updating the BIOS or after clearing the CMOS values.

Boot Override

Allows you to select a device to boot immediately. Press <Enter> on the device you select and select Yes to confirm. Your system will restart automatically and boot from that device.

Save Profiles

This function allows you to save the current BIOS settings to a profile. You can create up to 8 profiles and save as Setup Profile 1~ Setup Profile 8. Press <Enter> to complete. Or you can select Select File in HDD/USB/FDD to save the profile to your storage device.

Load Profiles

If your system becomes unstable and you have loaded the BIOS default settings, you can use this function to load the BIOS settings from a profile created before, without the hassles of reconfiguring the BIOS settings. First select the profile you wish to load and then press <Enter> to complete. You can select Select File in HDD/USB/FDD to input the profile previously created from your storage device or load the profile automatically created by the BIOS, such as reverting the BIOS settings to the last settings that worked properly (last known good record).
Chapter 3  Configuring SATA Hard Drive(s)

RAID Levels

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<td>≥3</td>
<td>≥4</td>
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<td>Number of hard drives * Size of the smallest drive</td>
<td>Size of the smallest drive</td>
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<td>Fault Tolerance</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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To configure SATA hard drive(s), follow the steps below:
A. Install SATA hard drive(s) in your computer.
B. Configure SATA controller mode in BIOS Setup.
C. Configure a RAID array in RAID BIOS. *(Note 1)*
D. Install the SATA RAID/AHCI driver and operating system. *(Note 2)*

Before you begin
Please prepare:
- At least two SATA hard drives (to ensure optimal performance, it is recommended that you use two hard drives with identical model and capacity). If you do not want to create RAID, you may prepare only one hard drive.
- Windows setup disk.
- Motherboard driver disk.
- A USB thumb drive.

3-1  Configuring Intel® Z97 SATA Controllers

A. Installing SATA hard drive(s) in your computer
Attach one end of the SATA signal cable to the rear of the SATA hard drive and the other end to available SATA port on the motherboard. If there is more than one SATA controller on your motherboard, refer to "Chapter 1," "Hardware Installation," to identify the SATA controller for the SATA port. (For example, on this motherboard, the SATA3 0/1/2/3/4/5 ports are supported by the Intel® Z97 Chipset.) Then connect the power connector from your power supply to the hard drive.

(Note 1) Skip this step if you do not want to create RAID array on the SATA controller.
(Note 2) Required when the SATA controller is set to AHCI or RAID mode.
B. Configuring SATA controller mode in BIOS Setup

Make sure to configure the SATA controller mode correctly in system BIOS Setup.

Step 1:
Turn on your computer and press <Delete> to enter BIOS Setup during the POST (Power-On Self-Test). Go to Peripherals\SATA Configuration, make sure Integrated SATA Controller is enabled. To create RAID, set SATA Mode Selection to RAID (Figure 1). If you do not want to create RAID, set this item to IDE or AHCI.

![BIOS Setup Menu](image.png)

**Figure 1**

Step 2:
If you want to configure UEFI RAID, follow the steps in "C-1." To enter the legacy RAID ROM, save the settings and exit BIOS Setup. Refer to "C-2" for more information.

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The BIOS Setup menus described in this section may differ from the exact settings for your motherboard. The actual BIOS Setup menu options you will see shall depend on the motherboard you have and the BIOS version.
C-1. UEFI RAID Configuration

Only Windows 8/8.1 64-bit supports UEFI RAID configuration.

Step 1:
In BIOS Setup, go to BIOS Features and set Windows 8 Features to Windows 8 and CSM Support to Never (Figure 2). Save the changes and exit BIOS Setup.

Step 2:
After the system reboot, enter BIOS Setup again. Then enter the Peripherals/Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology sub-menu (Figure 3).
Step 3:
On the Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology menu, press <Enter> on Create RAID Volume to enter the Create RAID Volume screen. Enter a volume name with 1~16 letters (letters cannot be special characters) under the Name item and press <Enter>. Then, select a RAID level (Figure 4). RAID levels supported include RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10, and RAID 5 (the selections available depend on the number of the hard drives being installed). Next, use the down arrow key to move to Select Disks.

Step 4:
Under Select Disks item, select the hard drives to be included in the RAID array. Press the <Space> key on the hard drives to be selected (selected hard drives are marked with "X"). Then set the stripe block size (Figure 5). The stripe block size can be set from 4 KB to 128 KB. Once you have selected the stripe block size, set the volume capacity.
Step 5:
After setting the capacity, move to **Create Volume** and press <Enter> to begin. (Figure 6)

After completing, you'll be brought back to the **Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology** screen. Under **RAID Volumes** you can see the new RAID volume. To see more detailed information, press <Enter> on the volume to check for information on RAID level, stripe block size, array name, and array capacity, etc. (Figure 7)
Delete RAID Volume

To delete a RAID array, press <Enter> on the volume to be deleted on the Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology screen. After entering the RAID VOLUME INFO screen, press <Enter> on Delete to enter the Delete screen. Press <Enter> on Yes (Figure 8).

![Image of RAID Volume Deletion Process]

Figure 8
C-2. Configuring Legacy RAID ROM

Enter the Intel® legacy RAID BIOS setup utility to configure a RAID array. Skip this step and proceed with the installation of Windows operating system for a non-RAID configuration.

Step 1:
After the POST memory test begins and before the operating system boot begins, look for a message which says "Press <Ctrl-I> to enter Configuration Utility" (Figure 9). Press <Ctrl> + <I> to enter the RAID Configuration Utility.

Step 2:
After you press <Ctrl> + <I>, the MAIN MENU screen will appear (Figure 10).

Create RAID Volume
If you want to create a RAID array, select Create RAID Volume in MAIN MENU and press <Enter>.
Step 3:
After entering the CREATE VOLUME MENU screen, enter a volume name with 1~16 letters (letters cannot be special characters) under the Name item and press <Enter>. Then, select a RAID level (Figure 11). RAID levels supported include RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10, and RAID 5 (the selections available depend on the number of the hard drives being installed). Press <Enter> to proceed.

![Figure 11](image1.png)

Step 4:
Under Disks item, select the hard drives to be included in the RAID array. If only two hard drives are installed, they will be automatically assigned to the array. Set the stripe block size (Figure 12) if necessary. The stripe block size can be set from 4 KB to 128 KB. Once you have selected the stripe block size, press <Enter>.

![Figure 12](image2.png)
Step 5:
Enter the array capacity and press <Enter>. Finally press <Enter> on the Create Volume item to begin creating the RAID array. When prompted to confirm whether to create this volume, press <Y> to confirm or <N> to cancel (Figure 13).

When completed, you can see detailed information about the RAID array in the DISK/VOLUME INFORMATION section, including the RAID level, stripe block size, array name, and array capacity, etc. (Figure 14)

To exit the RAID BIOS utility, press <Esc> or select 6. Exit in MAIN MENU.

Now, you can proceed to install the SATA RAID/AHCI driver and operating system.
Recovery Volume Options

Intel® Rapid Recover Technology provides data protection by allowing users to easily restore data and system operation using a designated recovery drive. With the Rapid Recovery Technology, which employs RAID 1 functionality, users can copy the data from the master drive to the recovery drive; if needed, the data on the recovery drive can be restored back to the master drive.

Before you begin:

- The recovery drive must have equal or greater capacity than the master drive.
- A recovery volume can be created with two hard drives only. A recovery volume and a RAID array cannot co-exist in the system at the same time, that is, if you have already created a recovery volume, you are unable to create a RAID array.
- By default, only the master drive can be viewed in the operating system; the recovery drive is hidden.

Step 1:

Select **Create RAID Volume** in **MAIN MENU** and press <Enter> (Figure 15).

Step 2:

After entering the volume name, select **Recovery** under the **RAID Level** item and press <Enter> (Figure 16).
Step 3:
Press <Enter> under the Select Disks item. In the SELECT DISKS box, press <Tab> on the hard drive you want to use for the master drive and press <Space> on the hard drive you want to use for the recovery drive. (Make sure the recovery drive has equal or larger capacity than the master drive.) Then press <Enter> to confirm (Figure 17).

Step 4:
Under Sync, select Continuous or On Request (Figure 18). When set to Continuous, changes made to the data on the master drive will be automatically and continuously copied to the recovery drive when both hard drives are installed in the system. On Request allows users to update data from the master drive to the recovery drive manually using the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology utility in the operating system. On Request also allows users to restore the master drive to a previous state.

Step 5:
Finally press <Enter> on the Create Volume item to begin creating the Recovery Volume and follow the on-screen instructions to complete.
Delete RAID Volume

To delete a RAID array, select **Delete RAID Volume** in **MAIN MENU** and press <Enter>. In the **DELETE VOLUME MENU** section, use the up or down arrow key to select the array to be deleted and press <Delete>. When prompted to confirm your selection (Figure 19), press <Y> to confirm or <N> to abort.

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

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[HELP]
Press 's' to synchronize data from the cache device to the Accelerated Disk/Volume

WARNING: IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU PERFORM A SYNCHRONIZATION BEFORE REMOVING ACCELERATION
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Figure 19

Acceleration Options

This option allows you to view the status of your accelerated drive/volume (Figure 20) created using the Intel® IRST utility. In case you are unable to run the Intel® IRST utility due to an application error or operating system issue, you will need to remove acceleration or manually enable synchronization (Maximized mode only) using this option in the RAID ROM utility.

Steps:
- Select **Acceleration Options** in **MAIN MENU** and press <Enter>.
- To remove the acceleration, select the accelerated drive/volume, press <R>, and press <Y> to confirm.
- To synchronize data from the cache device to the accelerated drive/volume, press <S> and press <Y> to confirm.

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Figure 20
3-2 Configuring Marvell® 88SE9172 SATA Controller

A. Installing SATA hard drive(s) in your computer
Attach one end of the SATA signal cable to the rear of the SATA hard drive and the other end to available SATA port on the motherboard. The Marvell® 88SE9172 SATA controller controls the onboard GSATA3 6/7 connectors. Then connect the power connector from your power supply to the hard drive.

B. Configuring SATA controller and RAID mode in BIOS Setup
Make sure to configure the SATA controller mode correctly in system BIOS Setup.

Step 1:
Turn on your computer and press <Delete> to enter BIOS Setup during the POST. To create RAID, go to Peripherals\Marvell ATA Controller Configuration and make sure GSATA Controller is set to RAID Mode. (Figure 1). If you do not want to create RAID, set this item to IDE Mode or AHCI Mode.

Step 2:
Save changes and exit BIOS Setup.

The BIOS Setup menus described in this section may differ from the exact settings for your motherboard. The actual BIOS Setup menu options you will see shall depend on the motherboard you have and the BIOS version.
C. Configuring a RAID array in RAID BIOS

Enter the RAID BIOS setup utility to configure a RAID array. Skip this step and proceed to the installation of Windows operating system for a non-RAID configuration.

After the POST memory test begins and before the operating system boot begins, look for a message which says "Press <Ctrl>+<M> to enter BIOS Setup or <Space> to continue" (Figure 2). Press <Ctrl> + <M> to enter the RAID setup utility.

![Figure 2](image)

Press <Ctrl>+<M> to enter BIOS Setup or <Space> to continue.

On the main screen of the RAID setup utility (Figure 3), use the left or right arrow key to move through tabs.

![Figure 3](image)
Create a RAID Array:

Step 1: On the main screen, press <Enter> on the RAID tab. Then the RAID Config menu appears (Figure 4). Press <Enter> on the Create VD item.

Step 2: The next screen displays the two hard drives you installed. Press <Enter> or <Space> on the two hard drives respectively to add them into the RAID array. Selected hard drives are marked with an asterisk (Figure 5). Then press <Enter> on NEXT.
Step 3: On the Create VD menu (Figure 6), use the up or down arrow key to move the selection bar to select an item and press <Enter> to display options. Set the required items in sequence and press the down arrow key to proceed to the next item.

Sequence:
1. **RAID Level**: Select a RAID level. Options include RAID 0 (Stripe) and RAID 1 (Mirror).
2. **Stripe Size**: Select the stripe block size. Options include 32 KB, 64 KB, and 128 KB.
3. **Quick Init**: Select whether to quickly erase old data on the hard drives when creating the array.
4. **Cache Mode**: Select write-back or write-through cache.
5. **VD Name**: Enter an array name with 1~10 letters (letters cannot be special characters).

### Figure 6

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ENTER/SPACE: Select, ESC: Back/Exit

### Figure 7

Next: After completing the settings above, move to NEXT and press <Enter> to begin creating the array.

When prompted to confirm, press <Y> to confirm or <N> to cancel (Figure 7).

### Figure 7

Create the VD? [Y]
When completed, the RAID tab will display the new array (Figure 8).

To exit the RAID BIOS utility, press <Esc> on the main screen and press <Y> to confirm.

Now, you can proceed to install the operating system.

Delete the RAID Array:
To deleted the existing array, press <Enter> on the RAID tab and select Delete VD. When the Delete VD menu appears, press <Enter> on the array to select it and then press <Enter> on NEXT. When prompted, press <Y> to confirm (Figure 9). When the message "Do you want to delete the VD's MBR?" appears, press <Y> to clear the MBR or press other keys to ignore.

Use the Marvell® Storage Utility in the Operating System:
With the Marvell® Storage utility, you can set up an array or view the current array status in the operating system.
To install the utility, insert the motherboard driver disk, then go to Application Software\Install Application Software and select Marvell Storage Utility to install. Note: After the installation, you must login the utility with the same account name and password that you use to login the operating system. If you did not set the account password before, click Login to enter the Marvell Storage Utility directly. Please note that if you set the hard drive(s) to IDE or AHCI mode, it is normal that you will not see the hard drive(s) in the Marvell Storage Utility.
3-3 Installing the SATA RAID/AHCI Driver and Operating System

With the correct BIOS settings, you are ready to install the operating system.

A. Installing the Operating System

For the Intel® Z97:
As Windows 7 already include Intel® SATA RAID/AHCI driver, you do not need to install separate RAID/AHCI driver during the Windows installation process. After the operating system is installed, we recommend that you install all required drivers from the motherboard driver disk using "Xpress Install" to ensure system performance and compatibility. To install Windows 8.1/8, refer to the steps below:

Step 1:
Copy the IRST folder under BootDrv in the driver disk to your USB thumb drive.

Step 2:
Boot from the Windows 8.1/8 setup disk and perform standard OS installation steps. When the screen requesting you to load the driver appears, select Browse.

Step 3:
Insert the USB thumb drive and then browse to the location of the driver. The locations of the drivers are as follows:
Windows 32-bit: \IRST\32Bit
Windows 64-bit: \IRST\64Bit

Step 4:
When a screen as shown in Figure 1 appears, select Intel(R) Desktop/Workstation/Server Express Chipset SATA RAID Controller and click Next to load the driver and continue the OS installation.

![Figure 1](image-url)
For the Marvell® 88SE9172:

Step 1:
Copy the Marvell folder under BootDrv in the driver disk to your USB thumb drive.

Step 2:
Boot from the Windows 8.1/8/7 setup disk and perform standard OS installation steps. When the screen requesting you to load the driver appears, select Browse.

Step 3:
Insert the USB thumb drive and then browse to the location of the driver. The locations of the drivers are as follows:
Windows 32-bit: \storport\i386
Windows 64-bit: \storport\amd64

Step 4:
When a screen as shown in Figure 2 appears, select Marvell 91xx SATA 6G RAID Controller and click Next to load the driver and continue the OS installation.

Figure 2
B. Rebuilding an Array

Rebuilding is the process of restoring data to a hard drive from other drives in the array. Rebuilding applies only to fault-tolerant arrays such as RAID 1, RAID 5 or RAID 10 arrays. The procedures below assume a new drive is added to replace a failed drive to rebuild a RAID 1 array. (Note: The new drive must have equal or greater capacity than the old one.)

For the Intel® Z97:

Turn off your computer and replace the failed hard drive with a new one. Restart your computer.

• Enabling Automatic Rebuild

Step 1:

When the message "Press <Ctrl-I> to enter Configuration Utility" appears, press <Ctrl> + <I> to enter the RAID Configuration Utility. The following screen appears after you enter the RAID Configuration Utility.

For the Intel® Z97:

Step 2:

Select the new hard drive to add into the array to be rebuilt and press <Enter>. The following screen appears, indicating that an automatic rebuild will be performed after you enter the operating system. If you do not enable automatic rebuild on this stage, you have to manually rebuild the array in the operating system (see the next page for more details).
• Performing the Rebuild in the Operating System
While in the operating system, make sure the chipset driver has been installed from the motherboard driver disk. Then launch the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology utility from the desktop.

Step 1:
Go to the Manage menu and click Rebuild to another disk in Manage Volume.

The Status item on the left of the screen displays the rebuild progress.

Step 2:
Select a new drive to rebuild the RAID and click Rebuild.

Step 3:
After the RAID 1 volume rebuilding, the Status will display as Normal.
• **Restoring the Master Drive to a Previous State (for Recovery Volume only)**

When two hard drives are set to Recovery Volume in Update on Request mode, you can restore the master drive data to the last backup state when needed. For example, in case the master drive detects a virus, you can restore the recovery drive data to the master drive.

**Step 1:**
Select **4. Recovery Volume Options** in the **MAIN MENU** of the Intel® RAID Configuration Utility. On the **RECOVERY VOLUMES OPTIONS** menu, select **Enable Only Recovery Disk** to show the recovery drive in the operating system. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete and exit the RAID Configuration Utility.

**Step 2:**
Go to the **Manage** menu of the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology utility and click **Recover data in Manage Volume**.

**Step 3:**
Click **Yes** to begin the data recovery.

**Step 4:**
After the recovery volume is completed, the **Status** will display as **Normal**.
For the Marvell® 88SE9172:

Turn off your computer and replace the failed hard drive with a new one. Restart your computer. To enable an automatic rebuild in the operating system, you have to set the new hard drive as a Spare drive in the RAID setup utility first.

- **Enabling Automatic Rebuild**

  **Step 1:**
  When the message "Press <Ctrl>+<M> to enter BIOS Setup or <Space> to continue" appears, press <Ctrl> + <M> to enter the RAID setup utility. On the main screen, press <Enter> on the RAID tab and then press <Enter> on **Spare Management**.

  ![Spare Management Step 1](image1)

  **Step 2:**
  The new hard drive will be displayed on the screen. Press <Enter> or <Space> on the new hard drive to select it and then press <Enter> on **NEXT**. When prompted, press <Y> to confirm. The new hard drive is now set as a Spare drive.

  ![Spare Management Step 2](image2)
Step 3:
Make sure you have installed the Marvell® RAID driver and Marvell® Storage Utility from the motherboard driver disk. While in the operating system, launch the Marvell® Storage Utility from Start\All Programs\Marvell Storage Utility\Marvell Tray, right-click on the icon in the notification area, and select Open MSU. Then login the Marvell Storage Utility.

Under Virtual Disk 0, the Property tab displays the rebuild progress on the right of the Background Activity Progress item, indicating that the RAID volume is being rebuilt. When completed, the status will display as Done.

• Manually Rebuilding RAID 1 in the Operating System
You can manually rebuild a RAID 1 array without setting the new hard drive as a Spare drive in the RAID setup utility first. While in the operating system, open the Marvell® Storage Utility and login.

Step 1:
Under Virtual Disk 0, click the Operation tab and select Rebuild.

Step 2:
The screen will display the new hard drive. Click on the hard drive to select it and click the Submit button to begin the rebuild.
Chapter 4  Drivers Installation

• Before installing the drivers, first install the operating system. (The following instructions use Windows 8.1 as the example operating system.)

• After installing the operating system, insert the motherboard driver disk into your optical drive. Click on the message “Tap to choose what happens with this disc” on the top-right corner of the screen and select “Run Run.exe.” (Or go to My Computer, double-click the optical drive and execute the Run.exe program.)

4-1 Chipset Drivers

"Xpress Install" will automatically scan your system and then list all of the drivers that are recommended to install. You can click the Xpress Install button and "Xpress Install" will install all of the selected drivers. Or click the arrow icon to individually install the drivers you need.

• Please ignore the popup dialog box(es) (e.g. the Found New Hardware Wizard) displayed when "Xpress Install" is installing the drivers. Failure to do so may affect the driver installation.

• Some device drivers will restart your system automatically during the driver installation. After the system restart, "Xpress Install" will continue to install other drivers.
4-2 Application Software
This page displays the apps that GIGABYTE develops and some free software. You can select the apps you want and click the Install icon to begin the installation.

4-3 Information
This page provides detailed information on the drivers on the driver disk. The Contact page provides contact information of the GIGABYTE Taiwan headquarter. You can click the URL on this page to link to the GIGABYTE website to check more information on the GIGABYTE headquarter or worldwide branch offices.
5-1  BIOS Update Utilities

GIGABYTE motherboards provide two unique BIOS update tools, Q-Flash™ and @BIOS™. GIGABYTE Q-Flash and @BIOS are easy-to-use and allow you to update the BIOS without the need to enter MS-DOS mode. Additionally, this motherboard features the DualBIOS™ design, which enhances protection for the safety and stability of your computer by adding one more physical BIOS chip.

What is DualBIOS™?
Motherboards that support DualBIOS have two BIOS onboard, a main BIOS and a backup BIOS. Normally, the system works on the main BIOS. However, if the main BIOS is corrupted or damaged, the backup BIOS will take over on the next system boot and copy the BIOS file to the main BIOS to ensure normal system operation. For the sake of system safety, users cannot update the backup BIOS manually.

What is Q-Flash™?
With Q-Flash you can update the system BIOS without having to enter operating systems like MS-DOS or Windows first. Embedded in the BIOS, the Q-Flash tool frees you from the hassles of going through complicated BIOS flashing process.

What is @BIOS™?
@BIOS allows you to update the system BIOS while in the Windows environment. @BIOS will download the latest BIOS file from the nearest @BIOS server site and update the BIOS.

5-1-1  Updating the BIOS with the Q-Flash Utility

A. Before You Begin
1. From GIGABYTE's website, download the latest compressed BIOS update file that matches your motherboard model.
2. Extract the file and save the new BIOS file (e.g. Z97XUD5HBK.F1) to your USB flash drive, or hard drive. Note: The USB flash drive or hard drive must use FAT32/16/12 file system.
3. Restart the system. During the POST, press the <End> key to enter Q-Flash. Note: You can access Q-Flash by either pressing the <End> key during the POST or pressing the <F8> key in BIOS Setup. However, if the BIOS update file is saved to a hard drive in RAID/AHCI mode or a hard drive attached to an independent SATA controller, use the <End> key during the POST to access Q-Flash.

Because BIOS flashing is potentially risky, please do it with caution. Inadequate BIOS flashing may result in system malfunction.
B. Updating the BIOS
In the main menu of Q-Flash, use the keyboard or mouse to select an item to execute. When updating the BIOS, choose the location where the BIOS file is saved. The following procedure assumes that you save the BIOS file to a USB flash drive.

Step 1:
1. Insert the USB flash drive containing the BIOS file into the computer. In the main menu of Q-Flash, select **Update BIOS From Drive**.
   - The **Save BIOS to Drive** option allows you to save the current BIOS file.
   - Q-Flash only supports USB flash drive or hard drives using FAT32/16/12 file system.
   - If the BIOS update file is saved to a hard drive in RAID/AHCI mode or a hard drive attached to an independent SATA controller, use the <End> key during the POST to access Q-Flash.

2. Select **USB Flash Drive**.

3. Select the BIOS update file.
   - **Make sure the BIOS update file matches your motherboard model.**

Step 2:
The process of the system reading the BIOS file from the USB flash drive is displayed on the screen. When the message "Are you sure to update BIOS?" appears, select **Yes** to begin the BIOS update. The monitor will display the update process.
   - **Do not turn off or restart the system when the system is reading/updating the BIOS.**
   - **Do not remove the USB flash drive or hard drive when the system is updating the BIOS.**

Step 3:
The system will restart after the update process is complete.
Step 4:
During the POST, press <Delete> to enter BIOS Setup. Select **Load Optimized Defaults** on the **Save & Exit** screen and press <Enter> to load BIOS defaults. System will re-detect all peripheral devices after a BIOS update, so we recommend that you reload BIOS defaults.

Step 5:
Select **Save & Exit Setup** and press <Enter>. And then select **Yes** to save settings to CMOS and exit BIOS Setup. The procedure is complete after the system restarts.
5-1-2 Updating the BIOS with the @BIOS Utility

A. Before You Begin
1. In Windows, close all applications and TSR (Terminate and Stay Resident) programs. This helps prevent unexpected failures when performing a BIOS update.
2. If the BIOS is being updated via the Internet, ensure the Internet connection is stable and do NOT interrupt the Internet connection (for example, avoid a power loss or switching off the Internet). Failure to do so may result in a corrupted BIOS or a system that is unable to start.
3. GIGABYTE product warranty does not cover any BIOS damage or system failure resulting from an inadequate BIOS flashing.

B. Using @BIOS
• Make sure that the BIOS file to be flashed matches your motherboard model. Updating the BIOS with an incorrect BIOS file could cause your system not to boot.
• Do not turn off the system or remove the power during the BIOS update process, or the BIOS may corrupt and the system may not boot.

C. After Updating the BIOS
Restart your system after updating the BIOS.
5-2  APP Center

GIGABYTE App Center gives you easy access to a wealth of GIGABYTE apps that help you get the most from your GIGABYTE motherboard (Note). Using a simple, unified user interface, GIGABYTE App Center allows you to easily launch all GIGABYTE apps installed on your system, check related updates online, and download the apps, drivers, and BIOS.

Running the APP Center

Insert the motherboard driver disk. On the Autorun screen, go to Application SoftwareInstall GIGABYTE Utilities to install GIGABYTE App Center and the selected apps. Restart your computer after the installation is complete. In Desktop mode, click the App Center icon in the notification area to launch the App Center utility (Figure 1). On the main menu, you can select an app to run or click Live Update to update an app online.

If the App Center is closed, you can restart it by clicking the App Center icon on the Apps menu (Figure 2).

(Note) Available applications in APP Center may differ by motherboard model. Supported functions of each application may also differ depending on motherboard specifications.
5-2-1 EasyTune

GIGABYTE’s EasyTune is a simple and easy-to-use interface that allows users to fine-tune their system settings or do overclock/overvoltage in Windows environment.

The EasyTune Interface

![EasyTune Interface Image]

Tabs Information

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<td>The <strong>Smart Quick Boost</strong> tab provides you with different levels of CPU frequency to choose to achieve desired system performance. After making changes, be sure to restart your system for these changes to take effect.</td>
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<td><img src="advanced_cpu_oc.png" alt="Advanced CPU OC" /></td>
<td>The <strong>Advanced CPU OC</strong> tab allows you to set CPU base clock, frequency, and voltages, and integrated graphics frequency. You can save the current settings to a profile. You can create up to 2 profiles.</td>
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<td><img src="advanced_ddr_oc.png" alt="Advanced DDR OC" /></td>
<td>The <strong>Advanced DDR OC</strong> tab allows you to set the memory clock.</td>
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<tr>
<td><img src="3d_power.png" alt="3D Power" /></td>
<td>The <strong>3D Power</strong> tab allows you to change power phase, voltage, and frequency settings.</td>
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Available functions in EasyTune may differ by motherboard model. Grayed-out area(s) indicates that the item is not configurable or the function is not supported.

Incorrectly doing overclock/overvoltage may result in damage to the hardware components such as CPU, chipset, and memory and reduce the useful life of these components. Before you do the overclock/overvoltage, make sure that you fully know each function of EasyTune, or system instability or other unexpected results may occur.
5-2-2  System Information Viewer

GIGABYTE System Information Viewer allows you to monitor and adjust the fan speed in the operating system. You can also display the hardware monitor information on the desktop to view the system status at any time.

The System Information Viewer Interface

The speed control function requires the use of a fan with fan speed control design.
5-2-3 EZ Setup

The GIGABYTE EZ Setup utility includes the following 'EZ' setups applications that will offer greatly simplified install and configuration procedures: Disk Mode Switch, EZ Smart Response, EZ Rapid Start, EZ Smart Connect, and XHD.

**Disk Mode Switch**

Disk Mode Switch allows you to switch the operating mode for your hard drive even after it's been installed with an operating system. Supported operating modes include IDE, AHCI, and RAID. You can select a disk mode and restart your computer after the selection.

- Native UEFI mode is not supported.
- Be sure to reinstall the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology utility after you switch the disk mode.
EZ Smart Response

A. System Requirements
1. An Intel® Chipset-based motherboard supporting this feature
2. Intel® Core series processor
3. Intel® SATA controllers set to RAID mode
4. Intel® Rapid Storage Technology utility installed (Note 1)
5. A conventional SATA disk and an SSD (Note 2)
6. Windows 7 with SP1/Windows 8/Windows 8.1 (Note 3)

If you have installed the operating system before configuring the Smart Response Technology, all original data on the SSD will be lost once you enable RAID mode (Note 4). It is recommended that you back up the hard disk before enabling the Smart Response Technology.

B. Using EZ Smart Response
Select EZ Smart Response and click Create. To disable this function, click Delete.

(Note 1) Before start, make sure you have installed the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology utility (version 11.5 or above).
(Note 2) The SSD works as a cache of the hard disk. The maximum cache memory size is 64 GB. If you use an SSD larger than 64 GB, the space beyond 64 GB can still be used for storing your data.
(Note 3) The operating system must be installed to the SATA disk.
(Note 4) Regardless of the BIOS settings, be it IDE or AHCI mode, the system will be forced to RAID mode.
**EZ Rapid Start**

**A. System Requirements**
1. Intel® Rapid Start Technology enabled in BIOS Setup
2. An SSD with size larger than the total system memory
3. Windows 7 with SP1/Windows 8/Windows 8.1
4. AHCI/RAID mode supported please note if the SSD has been assigned as a member of a RAID array, it cannot be used to set up and Intel® Rapid Start store partition); IDE mode not supported

**B. Using EZ Rapid Start**
Select **EZ Rapid Start** and click **Create**. Then install the Intel® Rapid Start Technology utility and restart your computer to complete.
To disable this function, click **Delete**.

- The default compressed space is the system memory size plus 2 GB. For example, if the system memory size is 8 GB, the default compressed space is 8 GB plus 2 GB, so the SSD capacity will decrease by 10 GB. If EZ Rapid Start is disabled, the decreased 10 GB will be returned to the SSD.
- If you want to upgrade your system memory, disable EZ Rapid Start first and re-install it to ensure it can work normally.

*(Note)* If the motherboard Chipset supports RAID, EZ Rapid Start will force the Intel® SATA controllers into RAID mode. If not, the Intel® SATA controllers will be forced into AHCI mode.
EZ Smart Connect

A. System Requirements
1. Intel® Smart Connect Technology enabled in BIOS Setup
2. Windows 7 with SP1/Windows 8/Windows 8.1
3. Intel® Smart Connect Technology utility installed
4. Properly-working network connection
5. Programs added to the White List must be turned on (Note)

B. Using EZ Smart Connect
Select EZ Smart Connect. Under File Name, select the apps to be auto-updated by Smart Connect. Double-click the app to add it to the Application permission list. (Double-click to return to the previous directory.)

(Note) This feature works best with programs designed to work automatically with the Internet to obtain their data such as Outlook®, Windows Live™ Mail, and Seesmic®.
XHD

With GIGABYTE XHD (Note 1), users can quickly configure a RAID-ready system for RAID 0 or RAID 1 when a new SATA drive is added. All with a simple click of a button, XHD helps to enhance your hard drive read/write performance without the need for complex and time-consuming configurations.

A. System Requirements
1. An Intel® Chipset motherboard supporting RAID
2. Intel® SATA controllers set to RAID mode
3. Intel® Rapid Storage Technology utility installed
4. Windows 7 with SP1/Windows 8/Windows 8.1
5. Intel® SATA controller driver installed

B. Using XHD
Select XHD and click Create RAID 0 or Create RAID 1 based on your need (Note 2).

(Note 1) The XHD utility only supports the SATA connectors controlled by the Intel® Chipset.
(Note 2) Except for the operating system drive, all data on other hard drive will be deleted. Back up your data before using the XHD utility.
5-2-4 Fast Boot

Through the simple GIGABYTE Fast Boot (Note 1) interface, you can enable or change the Fast Boot or Next Boot After AC Power Loss setting right in the operating system.

The Fast Boot Interface

Using Fast Boot

• BIOS Fast Boot:
  This option is the same as the Fast Boot option (Note 2) in BIOS Setup. It allows you to enable or disable the fast boot function to shorten OS boot time.

• AC OFF Mode:
  This option is the same as the Next Boot After AC Power Loss option (Note 2) in BIOS Setup. It allows you to select the system bootup mode upon the return of an AC power loss. (This mode is configurable only when BIOS Fast Boot is set to Fast or Ultra Fast.)

After you configure the setting, click Save to save and click Exit. The settings will take effect on next boot. If you click the Enter BIOS Setup Now button, the system will restart and enter BIOS Setup immediately.

(Note 1) This function is supported by Windows 8.1/8 only.
(Note 2) For more details about this function, refer to Chapter 2, "BIOS Features."
5-2-5  Smart TimeLock

GIGABYTE Smart TimeLock allows you to effectively manage computer or Internet usage time with simple rules and options.

The Smart TimeLock Interface

![Smart TimeLock Interface](image)

Using Smart TimeLock

Click the lock icon on the bottom left corner and enter the password. Set the time when a user can or cannot use your computer for weekdays and weekends. The Lock Mode on the bottom right corner allows you to choose to turn off the computer or only close the Internet connection during the specified time period. Click Save to save the settings and click Exit to exit.

An alert will appear 15 minutes and 1 minute prior to the default shutdown time. When the alert appears, you can enter the password to extend the usage time or click Cancel to close the alert. If you respond Cancel, you will be requested to enter the password to extend the usage time again when the default shutdown time arrives, or the computer will shutdown right away.

(Note) You can set the User Password in the system BIOS Setup program to prevent the system time being changed by other users.
5-2-6  Smart Recovery 2

Smart Recovery 2 allows you to back up a partition as an image file every hour. You can use these images to restore your system or files when needed.

The Smart Recovery 2 main menu:

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<td>Settings</td>
<td>Allows you to select the source and destination partition</td>
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<td>Backup Now</td>
<td>Allows you to perform the backup immediately</td>
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<td>File Recovery</td>
<td>Allows you to recover your files from the backup image</td>
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<tr>
<td>System Recovery</td>
<td>Allows you to recover your system from the backup image</td>
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- Smart Recovery 2 only supports NTFS file system.
- You need to select the destination partition in Settings the first time you use Smart Recovery 2.
- The Backup Now button will be available only after you log in Windows for ten minutes.
- Select the Always run on next reboot checkbox to automatically enable Smart Recovery 2 after system reboot.

Creating a backup:

Click the Settings button on the main menu. In the Settings dialog box, select the source partition and destination partition and click OK. The initial backup will start after 10 minutes and regular backup will be performed hourly. Note: By default, all partitions on the system drive are selected as the backup source. The backup destination cannot be on the same partition as the backup source.

Saving the backup to a network location:

If you want to save the backup to a network location, select Browse network location. Make sure your computer and the computer where you want to save the backup are in the same domain. Choose the network location where you want to store the backup and enter the user name and password. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete.

Recovering a file:

Click the File Recovery button on the main menu. Use the time slider on the top of the popped out window to select a previous backup time. The right pane will display the backed-up partitions in the backup destination (in the My Backup folder). Browse to the file you want and copy it.
Recovering your system with Smart Recovery 2:
Steps:
1. Click the System Recovery button on the main menu.
2. Select the location where your backup is saved.
3. Use the time slider to select a time point.
4. Select a partition backup created on the selected time point and click Restore.
5. Confirm whether to restart your system to proceed with the restore immediately or later. Once you respond "Yes" the system will restart to the Windows recovery environment. Follow the onscreen instructions to restore your system.

⚠️ All of your files and programs will be deleted and replaced with those on the selected backup. If needed, be sure to make a copy of your data before the restore.
5-2-7 USB Blocker

GIGABYTE USB Blocker provides you with an easy-to-use interface that allows you to block certain USB device types on your PC. Devices classes that are blocked will be ignored by the operating system.

The USB Blocker Interface

Using USB Blocker
Select the class of USB device that you would like to block or unblocked. Double left-click to change the Blocked or Unblocked status and click OK. Then enter your password and click OK to complete.
5-2-8  Smart Switch

GIGABYTE Smart Switch provides you with the conventional Windows start menu, allowing you to easily access to the apps that you frequently use. You can also select the default screen displayed after you enter Windows.

The Smart Switch Interface

![Smart Switch Interface]

Using Smart Switch

The Smart Switch icon 🡀 will appear on the bottom left corner of the traditional Windows desktop screen after Smart Switch is installed. Left-click the icon to see the screen as that shown above and you can set the default screen displayed after you enter Windows.
Chapter 6  Appendix

6-1  Qualcomm® Atheros Killer Network Manager

The Killer Network Manager allows you to view your network connection status and Internet bandwidth and to configure your network settings. After installing the LAN driver, you can access the Qualcomm® Atheros Killer Network Manager in Apps>Qualcomm Atheros or click on the icon in the notification area.

Applications Page
On the Applications Page configuration screen, you can set the priority for an application or online game to use the bandwidth to access the Internet. To change the priority, use the drop-down menu below the application's/game's icon to select a priority level. You can change the upload and download bandwidth for each application as well. Drag the gray square on the right end of an application to change the bandwidth.

System Performance
This page allows you to view application traffic of your system.

Network Settings
This page allows you to configure your wired network connection and Internet provider speed.

Killer Ethernet
This page allows you to check the current status of your network connection.
6-2 Configuring Audio Input and Output

6-2-1 Configuring 2/4/5.1/7.1-Channel Audio

The motherboard provides five audio jacks on the back panel which support 2/4/5.1/7.1-channel audio. The picture to the right shows the default audio jack assignments.

The integrated HD (High Definition) audio provides jack retasking capability that allows the user to change the function for each jack through the audio driver. (Supported functions for each jack may vary based on hardware specification.)

- To install a microphone, connect your microphone to the Mic in jack and manually configure the jack for microphone functionality.
- To configure 4/5.1/7.1-channel audio, you have to retask one of the audio jacks to be Side speaker out through the audio driver.
- Audio signals will be present on both of the front and back panel audio connections simultaneously.

If you want to mute the back panel audio (only supported when using an HD front panel audio module), refer to instructions on the next page.

High Definition Audio (HD Audio)

HD Audio includes multiple high quality digital-to-analog converters (DACs) and features multistreaming capabilities that allow multiple audio streams (in and out) to be simultaneously processed. For example, users can listen to MP3 music, have an Internet chat, make a telephone call over the Internet, and etc. all at the same time.

A. Configuring Speakers

(The following instructions use Windows 8.1/8 as the example operating system.)

Step 1:
After installing the audio driver, restart your computer. Then switch to Windows desktop mode. The HD Audio Manager icon will appear in the notification area. Double-click the icon to access the HD Audio Manager.

(Note) 2/4/5.1/7.1-Channel Audio Configurations:
Refer to the following for multi-channel speaker configurations.
• 2-channel audio: Headphone or Line out.
• 4-channel audio: Front speaker out and Rear speaker out.
• 5.1-channel audio: Front speaker out, Rear speaker out, and Center/Subwoofer speaker out.
• 7.1-channel audio: Front speaker out, Rear speaker out, Center/Subwoofer speaker out, and Side speaker out.
Step 2: Connect an audio device to an audio jack. The The current connected device is dialog box appears. Select the device according to the type of device you connect. Then click OK.

Step 3: On the Speakers screen, click the Speaker Configuration tab. In the Speaker Configuration list, select Stereo, Quadraphonic, 5.1 Speaker, or 7.1 Speaker according to the type of speaker configuration you wish to set up. Then the speaker setup is completed.

B. Configuring Sound Effect You may configure an audio environment on the Sound Effects tab.

C. Activating an AC’97 Front Panel Audio Module If your chassis provides an AC’97 front panel audio module, to activate the AC’97 functionality, click the tool icon on the Speaker Configuration tab. On the Connector Settings dialog box, select the Disable front panel jack detection check box. Click OK to complete.

D. Muting the Back Panel Audio (For HD Audio Only) Click Device advanced settings on the top right corner on the Speaker Configuration tab to open the Device advanced settings dialog box. Select the Mute the rear output device, when a front headphone plugged in check box. Click OK to complete.
6-2-2 Configuring S/PDIF Out

The S/PDIF Out jack can transmit audio signals to an external decoder for decoding to get the best audio quality.

1. Connecting a S/PDIF Out Cable:
Connect a S/PDIF optical cable to an external decoder for transmitting the S/PDIF digital audio signals.

2. Configuring S/PDIF Out:
On the Digital Output(Optical) screen (Note), click the Default Format tab and then select the sample rate and bit depth. Click OK to complete.

(Note) Enter the Digital Output(Optical) screen to configure further settings if you use the S/PDIF Out connector(s) on the back panel for digital audio output or enter the Digital Output screen if you use the internal S/PDIF Out connector (SPDIF_O) for digital audio output.
6-2-3 Configuring Microphone Recording

Step 1:
Switch to Windows desktop mode. The **HD Audio Manager** icon will appear in the notification area. Double-click the icon to access the **HD Audio Manager**.

Step 2:
Connect your microphone to the Mic in jack (pink) on the back panel or the Mic in jack (pink) on the front panel. Then configure the jack for microphone functionality.
Note: The microphone functions on the front panel and back panel cannot be used at the same time.

Step 3:
Go to the **Microphone** screen. Do not mute the recording volume, or you’ll not be able to record the sound. To hear the sound being recorded during the recording process, do not mute the playback volume. It is recommended that you set the volumes at a middle level.

Step 4:
To raise the recording and playback volume for the microphone, click the **Microphone Boost** icon on the right of the **Recording Volume** slider and set the Microphone Boost level.
Step 5:
To open the **Sounder Recorder**, move the mouse cursor to the bottom left corner of the screen, click the **Start** icon to switch to the **Start** screen (or press the Windows button on the keyboard). Click the **Apps** icon on the bottom left corner of the screen to access the **Apps** screen.

Step 6:
On this screen, click **Sound Recorder** for audio recording.

* **Enabling Stereo Mix**
If the HD Audio Manager does not display the recording device you wish to use, refer to the steps below. The following steps explain how to enable Stereo Mix (which may be needed when you want to record sound from your computer).

Step 1:
Switch to Windows desktop mode. Locate the **Volume** icon in the notification area and right-click on this icon. Select **Recording Devices**.
Step 2:
On the Recording tab, right-click on an empty space and select Show Disabled Devices.

Step 3:
When the Stereo Mix item appears, right-click on this item and select Enable. Then set it as the default device.

Step 4:
Now you can access the HD Audio Manager to configure Stereo Mix and use Sound Recorder to record the sound.

6-2-4 Using the Sound Recorder

A. Recording Sound
1. Make sure you have connected the sound input device (e.g. microphone) to the computer.
2. To record the audio, click the Start Recording button.
3. To stop recording audio, click the Stop Recording button.

Be sure to save the recorded audio file upon completion.

B. Playing the Recorded Sound
You can play your recording in a digital media player program that supports your audio file format.
6-3 Troubleshooting

6-3-1 Frequently Asked Questions
To read more FAQs for your motherboard, please go to the Support & Downloads\FAQ page on GIGABYTE's website.

Q: Why is the light of my keyboard/optical mouse still on after the computer shuts down?
A: Some motherboards provide a small amount of standby power after the computer shuts down and that's why the light is still on.

Q: How do I clear the CMOS values?
A: For motherboards that have a Clear CMOS button, press this button to clear the CMOS values (before doing this, please turn off the computer and unplug the power cord). For motherboards that have a Clear CMOS jumper, refer to the instructions in Chapter 1 to short the jumper to clear the CMOS values. If your board doesn't have this jumper/button, refer to the instructions on the motherboard battery in Chapter 1. You can temporarily remove the battery from the battery holder to stop supplying power to the CMOS, which will clear the CMOS values after about one minute.

Q: Why do I still get a weak sound even though I have turned my speaker to the maximum volume?
A: Make sure your speaker is equipped with an internal amplifier. If not, try a speaker with power/amplifier.
6-3-2 Troubleshooting Procedure

If you encounter any troubles during system startup, follow the troubleshooting procedure below to solve the problem.

START

Turn off the power. Remove all peripherals, connecting cables, and power cord etc.

Make sure the motherboard does not short-circuit with the chassis or other metal objects.

Yes

Isolate the short circuit.

No

The problem is verified and solved.

Check if the CPU cooler is attached to the CPU securely. Is the power connector of the CPU cooler connected to the CPU_FAN header properly?

Yes

The problem is verified and solved.

No

Secure the CPU cooler on the CPU. Connect the CPU cooler power cable to the motherboard.

Check if the memory is installed properly on the memory slot.

Yes

The problem is verified and solved.

No

Correctly insert the memory into the memory socket.

Insert the graphics card. Connect the ATX main power cable and the 12V power cable. Turn on the power to start the computer.

Make sure the graphics card is securely seated in the expansion slot and power connectors are firmly attached.

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If the procedure above is unable to solve your problem, contact the place of purchase or local dealer for help. Or go to the Support & Downloads/Technical Support page to submit your question. Our customer service staff will reply you as soon as possible.
# 6-4 Debug LED Codes

## Regular Boot

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<td>11</td>
<td>Pre-memory CPU initialization is started.</td>
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<td>12~14</td>
<td>Reserved.</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td>Pre-memory North-Bridge initialization is started.</td>
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<td>16~18</td>
<td>Reserved.</td>
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<td>19</td>
<td>Pre-memory South-Bridge initialization is started.</td>
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<td>1A~2A</td>
<td>Reserved.</td>
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<td>2B~2F</td>
<td>Memory initialization.</td>
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<td>31</td>
<td>Memory installed.</td>
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<td>32~36</td>
<td>CPU PEI initialization.</td>
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<td>37~3A</td>
<td>IOH PEI initialization.</td>
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<td>3B~3E</td>
<td>PCH PEI initialization.</td>
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<td>3F~4F</td>
<td>Reserved.</td>
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<td>60</td>
<td>DXE Core is started.</td>
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<td>61</td>
<td>NVRAM initialization.</td>
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<td>62</td>
<td>Installation of the PCH runtime services.</td>
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<td>63~67</td>
<td>CPU DXE initialization is started.</td>
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<td>68</td>
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<td>69</td>
<td>IOH DXE initialization.</td>
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<td>6A</td>
<td>IOH SMM initialization.</td>
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<td>6B~6F</td>
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<td>PCH DXE initialization.</td>
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<td>PCH SMM initialization.</td>
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<td>72</td>
<td>PCH devices initialization.</td>
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<td>PCH DXE initialization (PCH module specific).</td>
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<td>78</td>
<td>ACPI Core initialization.</td>
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<td>CSM initialization is started.</td>
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<td>Reserved for AMI use.</td>
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<td>Reserved for OEM use (OEM DXE initialization codes).</td>
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<td>90</td>
<td>Phase transfer to BDS (Boot Device Selection) from DXE.</td>
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<td>91</td>
<td>Issue event to connect drivers.</td>
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<td>PCI Bus initialization is started.</td>
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<td>94</td>
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<td>96</td>
<td>Assign PCI device resources.</td>
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<td>97</td>
<td>Console Output devices connect (ex. Monitor is lighted).</td>
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<td>98</td>
<td>Console input devices connect (ex. PS2/USB keyboard/mouse are activated).</td>
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<td>99</td>
<td>Super IO initialization.</td>
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<td>9A</td>
<td>USB initialization is started.</td>
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<td>9B</td>
<td>Issue reset during USB initialization process.</td>
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<td>9C</td>
<td>Detect and install all currently connected USB devices.</td>
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<td>9D</td>
<td>Activated all currently connected USB devices.</td>
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<td>IDE initialization is started.</td>
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<td>A1</td>
<td>Issue reset during IDE initialization process.</td>
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<td>A2</td>
<td>Detect and install all currently connected IDE devices.</td>
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<td>A3</td>
<td>Activated all currently connected IDE devices.</td>
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<td>A4</td>
<td>SCSI initialization is started.</td>
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<td>A5</td>
<td>Issue reset during SCSI initialization process.</td>
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<td>A6</td>
<td>Detect and install all currently connected SCSI devices.</td>
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<td>A7</td>
<td>Activated all currently connected SCSI devices.</td>
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<td>A8</td>
<td>Verify password if needed.</td>
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<td>A9</td>
<td>BIOS Setup is started.</td>
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<td>AA</td>
<td>Reserved.</td>
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<td>AB</td>
<td>Wait user command in BIOS Setup.</td>
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<td>AC</td>
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<td>AE</td>
<td>Boot to Legacy OS.</td>
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<td>AF</td>
<td>Exit Boot Services.</td>
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<td>B0</td>
<td>Runtime AP installation begins.</td>
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<td>B1</td>
<td>Runtime AP installation ends.</td>
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<td>B2</td>
<td>Legacy Option ROM initialization.</td>
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<td>B6</td>
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<td>B7</td>
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<td>B8–BF</td>
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<td>C0–CF</td>
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### S3 Resume

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<td>E1</td>
<td>Fill boot script data for S3 resume.</td>
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<tr>
<td>E2</td>
<td>Initializes VGA for S3 resume.</td>
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<td>E3</td>
<td>OS S3 wake vector call.</td>
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### Recovery

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<td>F0</td>
<td>Recovery mode will be triggered due to invalid firmware volume detection.</td>
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<tr>
<td>F1</td>
<td>Recovery mode will be triggered by user decision.</td>
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<tr>
<td>F2</td>
<td>Recovery is started.</td>
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<tr>
<td>F3</td>
<td>Recovery firmware image is found.</td>
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<td>F4</td>
<td>Recovery firmware image is loaded.</td>
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<td>F5–F7</td>
<td>Reserved for future AMI progress codes.</td>
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<td>Memory initialization error occurs.</td>
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<td>56</td>
<td>Invalid CPU type or speed.</td>
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<td>57</td>
<td>CPU mismatch.</td>
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<td>58</td>
<td>CPU self test failed or possible CPU cache error.</td>
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<td>59</td>
<td>CPU micro-code is not found or micro-code update is failed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>5A</td>
<td>Internal CPU error.</td>
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<tr>
<td>5B</td>
<td>Reset PPI is failed.</td>
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<td>5C–5F</td>
<td>Reserved.</td>
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<td>D0</td>
<td>CPU initialization error.</td>
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<td>IOH initialization error.</td>
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<td>D2</td>
<td>PCH initialization error.</td>
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<td>D3</td>
<td>Some of the Architectural Protocols are not available.</td>
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<td>D4</td>
<td>PCI resource allocation error. Out of Resources.</td>
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<td>D5</td>
<td>No Space for Legacy Option ROM initialization.</td>
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<td>D6</td>
<td>No Console Output Devices are found.</td>
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<td>D7</td>
<td>No Console Input Devices are found.</td>
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<td>D8</td>
<td>It is an invalid password.</td>
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<td>D9–DA</td>
<td>Can't load Boot Option.</td>
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<td>DB</td>
<td>Flash update is failed.</td>
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<td>DC</td>
<td>Reset protocol is failed.</td>
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<td>DE–DF</td>
<td>Reserved.</td>
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<td>E8</td>
<td>S3 resume is failed.</td>
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<td>E9</td>
<td>S3 Resume PPI is not found.</td>
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<td>EA</td>
<td>S3 Resume Boot Script is invalid.</td>
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<td>EB</td>
<td>S3 OS Wake call is failed.</td>
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<td>EC–EF</td>
<td>Reserved.</td>
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<td>F8</td>
<td>Recovery PPI is invalid.</td>
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<td>F9</td>
<td>Recovery capsule is not found.</td>
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<td>FA</td>
<td>Invalid recovery capsule.</td>
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<td>FB–FF</td>
<td>Reserved.</td>
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