

**P5N64 WS  
Professional**

**ASUS®**

**Motherboard**

E3685

First Edition

March 2008

**Copyright © 2008 ASUSTeK COMPUTER INC. All Rights Reserved.**

No part of this manual, including the products and software described in it, may be reproduced, transmitted, transcribed, stored in a retrieval system, or translated into any language in any form or by any means, except documentation kept by the purchaser for backup purposes, without the express written permission of ASUSTeK COMPUTER INC. ("ASUS").

Product warranty or service will not be extended if: (1) the product is repaired, modified or altered, unless such repair, modification or alteration is authorized in writing by ASUS; or (2) the serial number of the product is defaced or missing.

ASUS PROVIDES THIS MANUAL "AS IS" WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. IN NO EVENT SHALL ASUS, ITS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS BE LIABLE FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING DAMAGES FOR LOSS OF PROFITS, LOSS OF BUSINESS, LOSS OF USE OR DATA, INTERRUPTION OF BUSINESS AND THE LIKE), EVEN IF ASUS HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES ARISING FROM ANY DEFECT OR ERROR IN THIS MANUAL OR PRODUCT.

SPECIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS MANUAL ARE FURNISHED FOR INFORMATIONAL USE ONLY, AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME WITHOUT NOTICE, AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS A COMMITMENT BY ASUS. ASUS ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR ANY ERRORS OR INACCURACIES THAT MAY APPEAR IN THIS MANUAL, INCLUDING THE PRODUCTS AND SOFTWARE DESCRIBED IN IT.

Products and corporate names appearing in this manual may or may not be registered trademarks or copyrights of their respective companies, and are used only for identification or explanation and to the owners' benefit, without intent to infringe.

# Contents

Contents .....	iii
Notices.....	viii
Safety information .....	ix
About this guide .....	x
P5N64 WS Professional specifications .....	xii
<b>Chapter 1: Product introduction</b>	
1.1 Welcome! .....	1-1
1.2 Package contents.....	1-1
1.3 Special features.....	1-2
1.3.1 Product highlights .....	1-2
1.3.2 ASUS special features .....	1-5
1.3.3 ASUS Intelligent Overclocking features .....	1-8
<b>Chapter 2: Hardware information</b>	
2.1 Before you proceed .....	2-1
2.2 Motherboard overview.....	2-2
2.2.1 Placement direction .....	2-2
2.2.2 Screw holes .....	2-2
2.2.3 Motherboard layout.....	2-3
2.2.4 Layout contents.....	2-4
2.3 Central Processing Unit (CPU) .....	2-6
2.3.1 Installing the CPU .....	2-7
2.3.2 Installing the CPU heatsink and fan .....	2-9
2.3.3 Uninstalling the CPU heatsink and fan .....	2-11
2.4 System memory .....	2-13
2.4.1 Overview .....	2-13
2.4.2 Memory configurations.....	2-14
2.4.3 Installing a DIMM .....	2-15
2.4.4 Removing a DIMM .....	2-15
2.5 Expansion slots.....	2-16
2.5.1 Installing an expansion card .....	2-16
2.5.2 Configuring an expansion card .....	2-16
2.5.3 Interrupt assignments .....	2-17
2.5.4 PCI slots.....	2-18
2.5.5 PCI Express x1 slot.....	2-18

# Contents

- 2.5.6 PCI Express 2.0 x16 slots (blue)..... 2-18
- 2.5.7 Universal PCI Express x16 slots (black and white)..... 2-18
- 2.6 Jumper ..... 2-20**
- 2.7 Connectors ..... 2-21**
  - 2.7.1 Rear panel connectors..... 2-21
  - 2.7.2 Internal connectors ..... 2-24
- 2.8 G.P. Diagnosis card installation..... 2-35**
  - 2.8.1 G.P. Diagnosis card layout..... 2-35
  - 2.8.2 Installing G.P. Diagnosis card ..... 2-35
  - 2.8.3 G.P. Diagnosis card check codes..... 2-36
  
- Chapter 3: Powering up**
- 3.1 Starting up for the first time..... 3-1**
- 3.2 Turning off the computer..... 3-2**
  - 3.2.1 Using the OS shut down function..... 3-2
  - 3.2.2 Using the dual function power switch..... 3-2
  
- Chapter 4: BIOS setup**
- 4.1 Managing and updating your BIOS ..... 4-1**
  - 4.1.1 ASUS Update utility ..... 4-1
  - 4.1.2 Creating a bootable floppy disk..... 4-4
  - 4.1.3 ASUS EZ Flash 2 utility..... 4-5
  - 4.1.4 AFUDOS utility..... 4-6
  - 4.1.5 ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 utility ..... 4-8
- 4.2 BIOS setup program ..... 4-9**
  - 4.2.1 BIOS menu screen..... 4-10
  - 4.2.2 Menu bar..... 4-10
  - 4.2.3 Navigation keys..... 4-10
  - 4.2.4 Menu items ..... 4-11
  - 4.2.5 Sub-menu items..... 4-11
  - 4.2.6 Configuration fields ..... 4-11
  - 4.2.7 Pop-up window ..... 4-11
  - 4.2.8 Scroll bar..... 4-11
  - 4.2.9 General help ..... 4-11
- 4.3 Main menu ..... 4-12**
  - 4.3.1 System Time ..... 4-12

# Contents

4.3.2	System Date .....	4-12
4.3.3	Legacy Diskette A .....	4-12
4.3.4	Language .....	4-12
4.3.5	Primary IDE Master/Slave.....	4-13
4.3.6	SATA 1~6 .....	4-14
4.3.7	IDE Configuration.....	4-15
4.3.8	System Information .....	4-16
<b>4.4</b>	<b>Ai Tweaker menu.....</b>	<b>4-17</b>
<b>4.5</b>	<b>Advanced menu .....</b>	<b>4-21</b>
4.5.1	USB Configuration .....	4-21
4.5.2	CPU Configuration .....	4-22
4.5.3	Chipset.....	4-23
4.5.4	Onboard Devices Configuration.....	4-24
4.5.5	PCI PnP .....	4-25
<b>4.6</b>	<b>Power menu.....</b>	<b>4-26</b>
4.6.1	Suspend Mode .....	4-26
4.6.2	Repost Video on S3 Resume.....	4-26
4.6.3	ACPI 2.0 Support .....	4-26
4.6.4	ACPI APIC Support.....	4-26
4.6.5	APM Configuration.....	4-27
4.6.6	Hardware Monitor .....	4-28
<b>4.7</b>	<b>Boot menu .....</b>	<b>4-30</b>
4.7.1	Boot Device Priority .....	4-30
4.7.2	Boot Settings Configuration .....	4-31
4.7.3	Security .....	4-32
<b>4.8</b>	<b>Tools menu .....</b>	<b>4-34</b>
4.8.1	ASUS EZ Flash 2.....	4-34
4.8.2	Express Gate .....	4-35
4.8.3	ASUS O.C. Profile.....	4-35
4.8.4	Ai Net 2 .....	4-37
<b>4.9</b>	<b>Exit menu.....</b>	<b>4-38</b>
 <b>Chapter 5: Software support</b>		
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Installing an operating system .....</b>	<b>5-1</b>
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Support DVD information .....</b>	<b>5-1</b>
5.2.1	Running the support DVD .....	5-1

# Contents

- 5.2.2 Drivers menu..... 5-2
- 5.2.3 Utilities menu ..... 5-3
- 5.2.4 Make Disk menu ..... 5-5
- 5.2.5 Manual menu ..... 5-6
- 5.2.6 ASUS Contact information ..... 5-6
- 5.2.7 Other information ..... 5-7
- 5.3 Software information ..... 5-9**
  - 5.3.1 ASUS MyLogo2™ ..... 5-9
  - 5.3.2 ASUS PC Probe II..... 5-11
  - 5.3.3 ASUS AI Suite..... 5-17
  - 5.3.4 ASUS EPU Utility -- AI Gear 3+ ..... 5-19
  - 5.3.5 ASUS AI Nap ..... 5-21
  - 5.3.6 ASUS Q-Fan 2..... 5-22
  - 5.3.7 ASUS AI Booster..... 5-23
  - 5.3.8 AI Audio 2 (SoundMAX® High Definition Audio utility) ... 5-24
  - 5.3.9 ASUS Express Gate ..... 5-33
- 5.4 RAID configurations ..... 5-40**
  - 5.4.1 RAID definitions ..... 5-40
  - 5.4.2 NVIDIA® RAID configurations..... 5-41
  - 5.4.3 Marvell® eSATA RAID configurations ..... 5-48
  - 5.4.4 Marvell® SAS RAID configurations..... 5-54
- 5.5 Creating a RAID driver disk..... 5-63**
  - 5.5.1 Creating a RAID driver disk without entering the OS.... 5-63
  - 5.5.2 Creating a SATA RAID driver disk in Windows® ..... 5-63
- Chapter 6: NVIDIA® SLI™ technology support**
  - 6.1 Overview ..... 6-1**
    - Requirements..... 6-1
  - 6.2 Graphics card setup ..... 6-2**
    - 6.2.1 Installing three SLI-ready graphics cards..... 6-2
    - 6.2.2 Installing two SLI-ready graphics cards ..... 6-5
    - 6.2.3 Installing the device drivers..... 6-6
    - 6.2.4 Enabling the NVIDIA® SLI™ technology in Windows® .... 6-6
- Appendix: CPU features**
  - A.1 Intel® EM64T.....A-1**

# Contents

- Using the Intel® EM64T feature ..... A-1
- A.2 Enhanced Intel SpeedStep® Technology (EIST) ..... A-1**
  - A.2.1 System requirements ..... A-1
  - A.2.2 Using the EIST ..... A-2
- A.3 Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology ..... A-3**
  - Using the Hyper-Threading Technology ..... A-3

# Notices

## Federal Communications Commission Statement

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- This device must accept any interference received including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.



---

The use of shielded cables for connection of the monitor to the graphics card is required to assure compliance with FCC regulations. Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

---

## Canadian Department of Communications Statement

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

This class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.



# Safety information

## Electrical safety

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

## Operation safety

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



---

This symbol of the crossed out wheeled bin indicates that the product (electrical, electronic equipment and mercury-containing button cell battery) should not be placed in municipal waste. Check local regulations for disposal of electronic products.

---

# About this guide

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

## How this guide is organized

This guide contains the following parts:

- **Chapter 1: Product introduction**  
This chapter describes the features of the motherboard and the new technology it supports.
- **Chapter 2: Hardware information**  
This chapter lists the hardware setup procedures that you have to perform when installing system components. It includes description of the jumpers and connectors on the motherboard.
- **Chapter 3: Powering up**  
This chapter describes the power up sequence, the vocal POST messages, and ways of shutting down the system.
- **Chapter 4: BIOS setup**  
This chapter tells how to change system settings through the BIOS Setup menus. Detailed descriptions of the BIOS parameters are also provided.
- **Chapter 5: Software support**  
This chapter describes the contents of the support DVD that comes with the motherboard package.
- **Chapter 6: NVIDIA SLI™ technology support**  
This chapter tells how to set up NVIDIA® SLI™ graphics cards to avail of NVIDIA's Multi-Video Processing technology.
- **Appendix: CPU features**  
The Appendix describes the CPU features and technologies that the motherboard supports.

## Where to find more information

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

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

## Conventions used in this guide

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



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



**CAUTION:** Information to prevent damage to the components when trying to complete a task.



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



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

## Typography

**Bold text**

Indicates a menu or an item to select.

*Italics*

Used to emphasize a word or a phrase.

<Key>

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

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

<Key1>+<Key2>+<Key3>

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

Example: <Ctrl>+<Alt>+<D>

**Command**

Means that you must type the command exactly as shown.

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

```
a fudos /iP5N64WP.ROM
```

# P5N64 WS Professional specifications

<b>CPU</b>	LGA775 socket for Intel® Core™ 2 / Pentium® D / Pentium® 4 / Celeron® processor Supports Intel® 45nm, Core™ 2 Extreme / Core™ 2 Quad / Core™ 2 Duo processor Intel® EM64T / EIST / Hyper-Threading Technology * Refer to <a href="http://www.asus.com">www.asus.com</a> for Intel® CPU support list
<b>Chipset</b>	NVIDIA® nForce® 790i Ultra SLI™
<b>System bus</b>	1600 / 1333 / 1066 / 800 MHz
<b>Memory</b>	Dual-channel memory architecture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 x 240-pin DIMM sockets support non-ECC unbuffered DDR3 2000 (O.C.) / 1800 (O.C.) / 1600 (O.C.) / 1333 / 1066 / 800 MHz memory modules</li> <li>- Supports up to 8 GB system memory</li> </ul>
<b>Expansion slots</b>	2 x PCI Express™ 2.0 x16 slots (blue @ x16, 16 link) 2 x Universal PCI Express™ x16 slots (black @ x16 link, white @ x8 link) 1 x PCI Express™ x1 slot 2 x PCI 2.2 slots
<b>Scalable Link Interface (SLI™)</b>	Supports NVIDIA® 3-Way SLI graphics cards (Triple at x16 mode)
<b>Storage</b>	<b>NVIDIA® nForce® 790i Ultra SLI™</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 6 x Serial ATA 3.0 Gb/s ports</li> <li>- NVIDIA® MediaShield™ RAID supports RAID 0, 1, 10, 5 and JBOD configuration across SATA drives</li> <li>- 1 x UltraDMA 133/100 for up to 2 PATA devices</li> </ul> <b>Marvell® 88SE6121 controller</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 x External SATA 3.0 Gb/s ports with RAID 0, 1, 10 and 5 configuration</li> </ul> <b>Marvell® 88SE6320 controller</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 x SAS ports with RAID 0, 1, and 10 configuration</li> </ul>
<b>LAN</b>	2 x Marvell® 88E1116 Dual Gigabit LAN controllers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supports teaming function</li> </ul>
<b>Wireless LAN</b>	ASUS WiFi-AP @n <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 300 Mbps* IEEE 802.11n (Draft) and backwards compatible with IEEE 802.11b/g</li> <li>- Software Access Point mode</li> </ul> <p>* The maximum wireless signal rate is IEEE 802.11n Draft specifications. Actual throughput will vary depending on the wireless environment and other parameters.</p>
<b>High Definition audio</b>	AD® 1988B 8-channel High-Definition Audio CODEC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supports Jack-Sensing, Multi-Streaming, and Jack-Retasking Technology</li> <li>- Coaxial / Optical S/PDIF out ports at back I/O</li> <li>- ASUS AI Audio 2</li> <li>- ASUS Noise Filter</li> </ul>

(continued on the next page)

# P5N64 WS Professional specifications

<b>IEEE 1394</b>	VIA VT6308S 1394a controller supports 2 x IEEE 1394a ports (one at midboard; one at back panel)
<b>USB</b>	8 x USB 2.0 ports (2 ports at mid-board, 6 ports at back panel)
<b>AI Lifestyle Unique Features</b>	<p><b>ASUS Power Saving solution:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ASUS HE95</li> <li>- ASUS 3rd Generation 8-Phase Power Design</li> <li>- ASUS EPU (Energy Processing Unit) with AI Gear 3+ utility</li> <li>- ASUS AI Nap</li> </ul> <p><b>ASUS Workstation Features:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- G.P. Diagnosis card</li> <li>- Onboard SAS interface</li> <li>- ASUS SASsaby cards support</li> </ul> <p><b>ASUS Quiet Thermal Solution:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ASUS Fanless Design: Pure Copper Heat-pipe solution</li> <li>- ASUS Q-Fan 2</li> <li>- ASUS Stack Cool 2</li> </ul> <p><b>ASUS EZ DIY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ASUS Q-Connector</li> <li>- ASUS O.C. Profile</li> <li>- ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3</li> <li>- ASUS EZ Flash 2</li> </ul>
<b>Other Features</b>	ASUS MyLogo 2 Multi-language BIOS
<b>ASUS Exclusive Overclocking Features</b>	<p><b>Intelligent overclocking tools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ASUS AI Booster utility</li> </ul> <p><b>Precision Tweaker 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- vCore: Adjustable CPU voltage at 0.00625V increment</li> <li>- vDIMM: 40-step DRAM voltage control</li> <li>- vChipset (N.B.): 25-step DRAM voltage control</li> <li>- vFSB Termination: 15-step DRAM voltage control</li> <li>- vCPU PLL: 64-step Chipset voltage control</li> </ul> <p><b>SFS (Stepless Frequency Selection)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FSB tuning from 200MHz up to 800MHz at 1MHz increment</li> <li>- Memory tuning from 800MHz up to 3200MHz</li> <li>- PCI Express frequency tuning from 100MHz up to 150MHz at 1MHz increment</li> </ul> <p><b>Overclocking Protection:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ASUS C.P.R. (CPU Parameter Recall)</li> </ul>

*(continued on the next page)*

# P5N64 WS Professional specifications

<b>Internal connectors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 x USB connector supports two additional USB ports</li> <li>1 x Floppy disk drive connector</li> <li>1 x IDE connector</li> <li>6 x Serial ATA connectors</li> <li>2 x SAS ports</li> <li>1 x CPU fan connector with PWM control</li> <li>3 x Chassis fan connectors (CHA_FAN1/2 with Q-fan 2 control)</li> <li>1 x Power fan connector</li> <li>1 x IEEE1394a connector</li> <li>1 x COM connector</li> <li>1 x TPM connector</li> <li>1 x Chassis intrusion connector</li> <li>1 x Front panel audio connector</li> <li>1 x CD audio in connector</li> <li>1 x 24-pin ATX power connector</li> <li>1 x 8-pin ATX +12 V power connector</li> <li>1 x 20-pin panel connector</li> </ul>
<b>Rear panel connectors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 x PS/2 keyboard port</li> <li>2 x External Serial ATA port</li> <li>1 x Coaxial S/PDIF Out port</li> <li>1 x Optical S/PDIF Out port</li> <li>1 x IEEE1394a</li> <li>2 x LAN (RJ-45) ports</li> <li>6 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports</li> <li>8-channel audio ports</li> </ul>
<b>BIOS features</b>	<p>8 Mb Flash ROM, AMI BIOS, PnP, DMI 2.0, WfM2.0, SMBIOS 2.3, ACPI 2.0a, ASUS EZ Flash 2, ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3</p>
<b>Manageability</b>	<p>WOL by PME, WOR by PME, PXE, AI NET 2, Chassis Intrusion, BIOS flash utility under DOS</p>
<b>Support DVD contents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drivers</li> <li>ASUS PC Probe II</li> <li>ASUS AI Suite</li> <li>Anti-virus software</li> <li>Adobe Acrobat Reader ver 7.0</li> <li>Microsoft Direct X ver 9.0C</li> </ul>
<b>Form factor</b>	<p>ATX form factor: 12 in x 9.6 in (30.5 cm x 24.5 cm)</p>

\*Specifications are subject to change without notice.

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

# 1 Product introduction

# Chapter summary



- 1.1 Welcome! ..... 1-1
- 1.2 Package contents..... 1-1
- 1.3 Special features..... 1-2



## 1.1 Welcome!

Thank you for buying an ASUS® P5N64 WS Professional motherboard!

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

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

## 1.2 Package contents

Check your motherboard package for the following items.

Motherboard	ASUS P5N64 WS Professional
I/O modules	1 x 2-port USB + 1-port IEEE 1394a module 1 x COM port module
Cables	Serial ATA signal cable for 6 devices Serial ATA power cable for 2 devices 2 x SAS + PWR cable 1 x Ultra DMA 133/100 cable 1 x Floppy disk drive cable
Accessories	I/O shield ASUS SLI bridge 3-Way SLI bridge 1 x ASUS Q-Connector Kit (USB, 1394, system panel; Retail version only) G.P. Diagnosis card (Retail version only) 2 x WiFi-AP @n omni-directional antennae
Application DVD	ASUS motherboard support DVD
Documentation	User guide ASUS WiFi-AP @n manual



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

## 1.3 Special features

### 1.3.1 Product highlights

#### Green ASUS



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

#### Intel® Core™2 Extreme / Core™ 2 Quad / Core™2 Duo Processor Support



This motherboard supports the latest Intel® Core™ 2 Extreme / Core™ 2 Quad / Core™ 2 Duo processors in the LGA775 package. It is excellent for multi-tasking, multi-media and enthusiastic gamers with 1600 / 1333 / 1066 / 800 MHz FSB. The Intel® Core™ 2 series processor is one of the most powerful CPUs in the world. This motherboard also supports Intel® CPUs in the new 45nm manufacturing process.

#### NVIDIA® nForce® 790i Ultra SLI chipset



The NVIDIA® nForce 790i Ultra SLI chipset supports the NVIDIA® Scalable Link Interface (SLI™) technology that allows three graphics processing units (GPUs) in a single system. It's designed for enthusiast, extreme overclocking capability, ultimate gaming performance with SLI technology support. It's definitely one of the fastest platform in the world. The NVIDIA® nForce 790i Ultra SLI chipset also supports six (6) Serial ATA 3 Gb/s devices, three PCI Express™ x16 slots with NVIDIA® SLI™ support at full x16, x16, x16 mode, and up to 8 USB 2.0 ports.

#### NVIDIA® Scalable Link Interface (SLI™)



NVIDIA SLI™ (Scalable Link Interface) takes advantage of the increased bandwidth of the PCI Express bus architecture and features intelligent hardware and software that allows two GPUs to efficiently work together to deliver earth-shattering, scalable performance.

#### NVIDIA® 3-Way SLI™ (Scalable Link Interface)



NVIDIA 3-Way SLI™ (Scalable Link Interface) takes advantage of the increased bandwidth of the PCI Express 2.0 bus architecture and features intelligent hardware and software that allows three GPUs to efficiently work together to deliver earth-shattering, scalable performance. For some applications nearly triple performance! See Chapter 6 for details.

## ASUS Express Gate



With only 5 seconds boot-up time, the ASUS Express Gate allows you to instantly surf the Internet without entering Windows or the Hard Disk. You can now enjoy Skype, IM, YouTube, webmail and internet file downloads and sharing whenever and wherever you want! See page 5-33 for details.

## WiFi-AP @n



With spec 300 Mbps transfer rates, WiFi-AP @n supports the latest WiFi specifications, 802.11n (draft), for better signal coverage, stronger signals and faster data transmissions in comparison to previous 802.11b/g standards. With two antennas, you will not suffer from signal loss like before. You can also enjoy the choice to set the device in AP-Mode or Client Mode. Refer to the bundled ASUS WiFi-AP @n manual for more details.

## PCIe 2.0



This motherboard supports the latest PCIe 2.0 device for twice the current speed and bandwidth. This enhances system performance while still providing backward compatibility to PCIe 1.0 devices. See page page 2-18 for details.

## Dual-channel DDR3 memory support



The motherboard supports DDR3 memory that features data transfer rates of 1333/1066/800 MHz to meet the higher bandwidth requirements of the latest 3D graphics, multimedia, and Internet applications. The dual-channel DDR3 architecture doubles the bandwidth of your system memory to boost system performance. See page 2-13 for details.

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



This motherboard supports the next-generation hard drives based on the Serial ATA (SATA) 3Gb/s storage specification, delivering enhanced scalability and doubling the bus bandwidth for high-speed data retrieval and saves. The external SATA port located at the back I/O provides smart setup and hot-plug functions. Easily backup photos, videos and other entertainment contents to external devices. See page 2-22 and 2-26 for details.

### Triple RAID solution



The NVIDIA® nForce 790i Ultra SLI chipset incorporates six Serial ATA connectors with high performance RAID 0, 1, 10 and 5 functions, the Marvell® 88SE6121 controller provides two external Serial ATA connectors for RAID 0, 1, 10 and 5 functions, and the Marvell® 88SE6320 controller provides two internal SAS connectors for RAID 0 and 1 functions, making this motherboard an ideal solution to enhance hard disk performance and data back up protection without the cost of add-on cards. See page 2-22, 2-26 and 2-27 for details

### IEEE 1394a support



The IEEE 1394a interface provides high speed digital interface for audio/video appliances such as digital television, digital video camcorders, storage peripherals & other PC portable devices. See page 2-21 and 2-28 for details.

### S/PDIF digital sound ready



This motherboard provides convenient connectivity to external home theater audio systems via coaxial and optical S/PDIF-out (SONY-PHILIPS Digital Interface) jacks. It allows to transfer digital audio without converting to analog format and keeps the best signal quality. See page 2-21 and 2-23 for details.

### Dual Gigabit LAN solution



The integrated dual Gigabit LAN design allows a PC to serve as a network gateway for managing traffic between two separate networks. This capability ensures rapid transfer of data from WAN to LAN without any added arbitration or latency. See page 2-21 for details.

### High Definition Audio



Enjoy high-end sound quality on your PC! The onboard 8-channel HD audio (High Definition Audio, previously codenamed Azalia) CODEC enables high-quality 192KHz/24-bit audio output, jack-sensing feature, retasking functions and multi-streaming technology that simultaneously sends different audio streams to different destinations. You can now talk to your partners on the headphone while playing multi-channel network games. See page 2-21 to 2-22 for details.

## 1.3.2 ASUS special features

### ASUS Power Saving Solution

ASUS Power Saving solution intelligently and automatically provides balanced computing power and energy consumption.



With the whole new high power efficiency design – HE 95, this motherboard is able to achieve 95%+ power efficiency in light loading mode and 90%+ in full/heavy loading mode. No software or driver required, the hardware-based HE 95 automatically saves power for users.



#### *Longer Life & Higher Efficiency!*

With power efficiency so important to operating temperatures, ASUS' 3rd generation 8-phase VRm design leads the industry with its 95% power efficiency. High quality power components such as low RDS (on) MOSFETs for minimum switching loss & lower temperatures, Ferrite core chokes with lower hysteresis loss, and high quality Japanese-made conductive polymer capacitors all add up to ensure longer component life and lower power loss - creating more energy efficiency.



The ASUS EPU utilizes innovative technology to digitally monitor and tune the CPU power supply with improved VR responses in heavy or light loadings. It automatically provides power for higher performance or improve efficiency by 7% when the PC is running low intensity applications. Working together with AI Gear 3+, this can help you attain the best possible power efficiency and energy savings up to 58.6% to help save the environment. See page 5-19 for details.



With AI Nap, the system can continue running at minimum power and noise when you are temporarily away. To wake the system and return to the OS environment, simply click the mouse or press a key. See page 5-21 for details.

## ASUS Workstation Features

ASUS Workstation features provide complete support to system maintenance and storage technology.



### Onboard SAS interface

P5N64 WS Professional provides users with two onboard SAS (Serial Attached SCSI) ports with RAID 0 and RAID 1 support, providing more flexibility for storage expansion and upgrade needs. See page 2-27 for details.



### G.P. Diagnosis card

Bundled with P5N64 WS Professional motherboard (retail version), the G.P. Diagnosis card assists users in system checking by effortlessly and quickly providing precise system checks right after they switch on their PCs. See page 2-35 for details.



### ASUS SASsaby cards support

This motherboard is fully compatible with ASUS SASsaby cards (optional). Faster, safer and more stable, SAS will provide users with a better choice for storage expansion and upgrade needs. See page 2-19 for details.

## ASUS Quiet Thermal Solution

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



### Q-Fan 2

ASUS Q-Fan 2 technology intelligently adjusts both CPU fan and chassis fan speeds according to system loading to ensure quiet, cool and efficient operation. See page 4-29 and 5-22 for details.



### ASUS Stack Cool 2

Stack Cool 2 is a fan-less and zero-noise cooling solution offered exclusively by ASUS. It effectively transfers heat generated by the critical components to the other side of the specially designed PCB (printed circuit board) for effective heat dissipation.

## Fanless Design - Heat-pipe



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



DO NOT uninstall the heat-pipe by yourself. Doing so may bend the tubing and affect the heat dissipation performance.

## ASUS Crystal Sound

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

### AI Audio 2



AI Audio 2 creates a virtual center channel that expands the overall sound field without introducing a picket fencing effect. Preserving the dialogue or solo performances with downmixing from multichannels will allow you to experience true-to-life high quality audio. See page 5-24 to 5-32 for details.

### Noise Filter



This feature detects repetitive and stationary noises (non-voice signals) like computer fans, air conditioners, and other background noises then eliminates it in the incoming audio stream while recording. See page 5-27 and 5-32 for details.

## ASUS EZ DIY

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

### ASUS Q-Connector



ASUS Q-Connector allows you to easily connect or disconnect the chassis front panel cables to the motherboard. This unique module eliminates the trouble of connecting the system panel cables one at a time and avoiding wrong cable connections. See page 2-34 for details.

### ASUS O.C. Profile



The motherboard features the ASUS O.C. Profile that allows users to conveniently store or load multiple BIOS settings. The BIOS settings can be stored in the CMOS or a separate file, giving users freedom to share and distribute their favorite settings. See page 4-35 for details.

### ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3



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

### ASUS EZ Flash 2



EZ Flash 2 is a user-friendly BIOS update utility. Simply press the predefined hotkey to launch the utility and update the BIOS without entering the OS. Update your BIOS easily without preparing a bootable diskette or using an OS-based flash utility. See page 4-5 and 4-34 for details.

### ASUS MyLogo2™



This feature allows you to convert your favorite photo into a 256-color boot logo for a more colorful and vivid image on your screen. See page 4-31 for details.

## 1.3.3 ASUS Intelligent Overclocking features

### Precision Tweaker 2



Allows the user to adjust the North Bridge Voltage, FSB Termination Voltage, and the DRAM Voltage in 0.02v steps to finetune voltages to achieve the most precise setting for the ultimate customized overclocking configuration. See page 4-19 to 4-20 for details.

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



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



---

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

---



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

# Hardware 2 information

2.1	Before you proceed .....	2-1
2.2	Motherboard overview.....	2-2
2.3	Central Processing Unit (CPU) .....	2-6
2.4	System memory .....	2-13
2.5	Expansion slots.....	2-16
2.6	Jumper .....	2-20
2.7	Connectors .....	2-21
2.8	G.P. Diagnosis card installation.....	2-35

## 2.1 Before you proceed

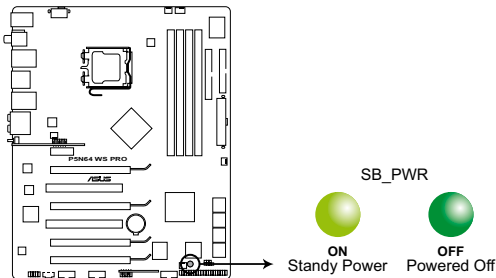
Take note of the following precautions before you install motherboard components or change any motherboard settings.



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

### Onboard LED

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



**P5N64 WS Professional Onboard LED**

## 2.2 Motherboard overview

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



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

### 2.2.1 Placement direction

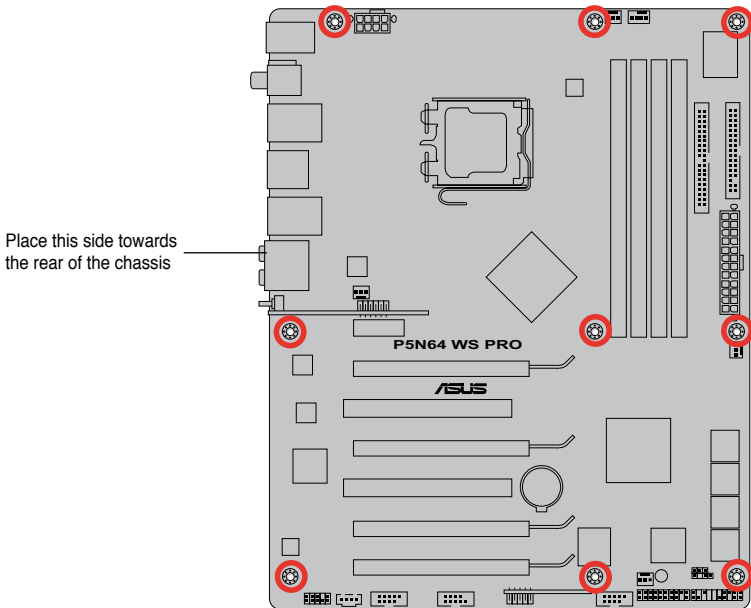
When installing the motherboard, make sure that you place it into the chassis in the correct orientation. The edge with external ports goes to the rear part of the chassis as indicated in the image below.

### 2.2.2 Screw holes

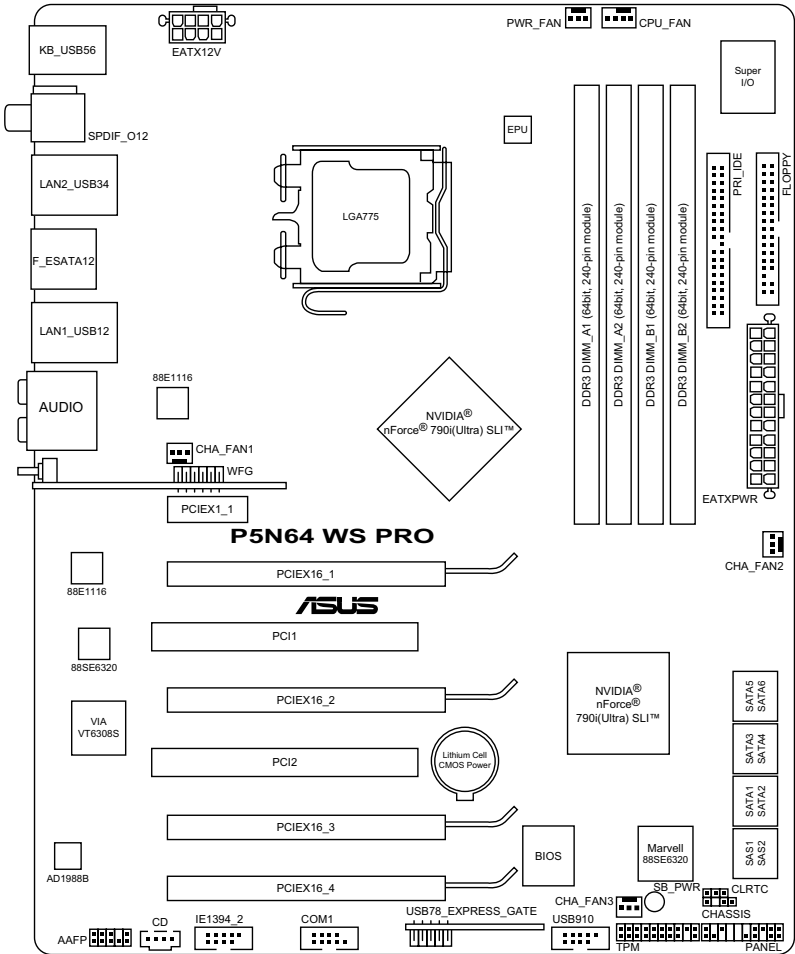
Place nine (9) screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.



Do not overtighten the screws! Doing so can damage the motherboard.



## 2.2.3 Motherboard layout



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

## 2.2.4 Layout contents

Slots	Page
1. DDR3 DIMM slots	2-13
2. PCI slots	2-18
3. PCI Express x1 slot	2-18
4. PCI Express 2.0 x16 slots (blue)	2-18
5. Universal PCI Express x16 slots (black and white)	2-18

Jumper	Page
Clear RTC RAM (3-pin CLRRTC)	2-20

Rear panel connectors	Page
1. PS/2 keyboard port (purple)	2-21
2. Coaxial S/PDIF Out port	2-21
3. LAN 1 (RJ-45) port	2-21
4. IEEE 1394a port	2-21
5. LAN 2 (RJ-45) port	2-21
6. Center/Subwoofer port (orange)	2-21
7. Rear Speaker Out port (black)	2-21
8. Line In port (light blue)	2-21
9. Line Out port (lime)	2-21
10. Wireless LAN ports	2-22
11. Wireless LAN Activity LED	2-22
12. Microphone port (pink)	2-22
13. Side Speaker Out port (gray)	2-22
14. USB 2.0 ports 1 and 2	2-22
15. External SATA ports	2-22
16. USB 2.0 ports 3 and 4	2-23
17. Optical S/PDIF Out port	2-23
18. USB 2.0 ports 5 and 6	2-23

Internal connectors		Page
1.	Floppy disk drive connector (34-1 pin FLOPPY)	2-24
2.	IDE connector (40-1 pin PRI_IDE)	2-25
3.	nForce® 790i Ultra SLI™ Serial ATA connectors [red] (7-pin SATA1-6)	2-26
4.	Marvell® 88SE6320 SAS RAID connectors [yellow] (7-pin SAS1-2)	2-27
5.	USB connector (10-1 pin USB910)	2-28
6.	IEEE 1394a port connector (10-1 pin IE1394_1)	2-28
7.	Optical audio drive connector (4-pin CD)	2-29
8.	Serial port connector (10-1 pin COM1)	2-29
9.	CPU, chassis, and power fan connectors (4-pin CPU_FAN, 3-pin CHA_FAN1-3, 3-pin PWR_FAN)	2-30
10.	Chassis intrusion connector (4-1 pin CHASSIS)	2-30
11.	Front panel audio connector (10-1 pin AAFP)	2-31
12.	TPM connector (20-1 pin TPM) [Optional]	2-31
13.	ATX power connectors (24-pin EATXPWR, 8-pin EATX12V)	2-32
14.	System panel connector (20-8 pin PANEL)	2-33
15.	ASUS Q-connector (system panel)	2-34

## 2.3 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

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



- 
- Make sure that all power cables are unplugged before installing the CPU.
  - Connect the chassis fan cable to the CHA\_FAN1 connector to ensure system stability.
- 



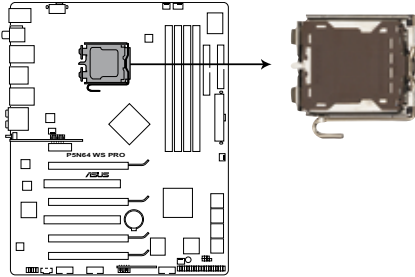
- 
- Upon purchase of the motherboard, make sure that the PnP cap is on the socket and the socket contacts are not bent. Contact your retailer immediately if the PnP cap is missing, or if you see any damage to the PnP cap/socket contacts/motherboard components. ASUS will shoulder the cost of repair only if the damage is shipment/transit-related.
  - Keep the cap after installing the motherboard. ASUS will process Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) requests only if the motherboard comes with the cap on the LGA775 socket.
  - The product warranty does not cover damage to the socket contacts resulting from incorrect CPU installation/removal, or misplacement/loss/incorrect removal of the PnP cap.
-



### 2.3.1 Installing the CPU

To install a CPU:

1. Locate the CPU socket on the motherboard.

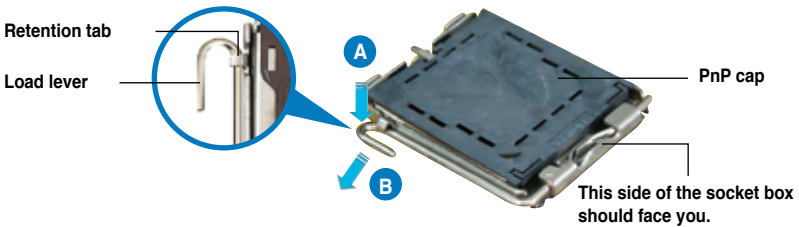


**P5N64 WS Professional CPU socket 775**



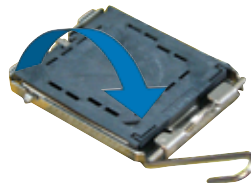
Before installing the CPU, make sure that the socket box is facing towards you and the load lever is on your left.

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

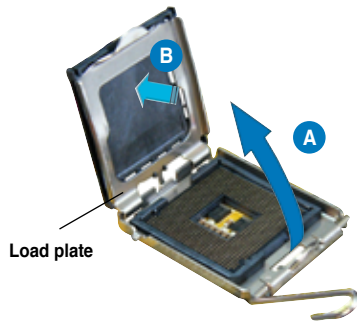


To prevent damage to the socket pins, do not remove the PnP cap unless you are installing a CPU.

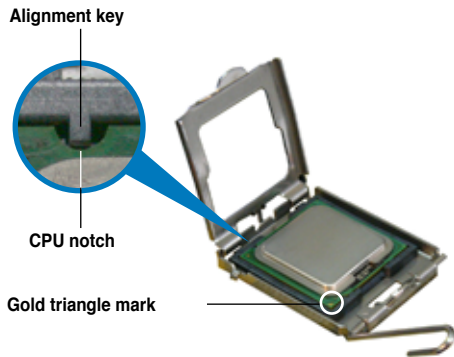
3. Lift the load lever in the direction of the arrow to a 135° angle.



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



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



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

- Close the load plate (A), then push the load lever (B) until it snaps into the retention tab.
- If installing a dual-core CPU, connect the chassis fan cable to the CHA\_FAN2 connector to ensure system stability.



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

## 2.3.2 Installing the CPU heatsink and fan

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



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



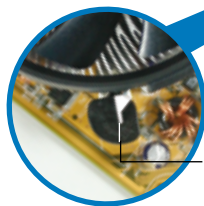
Make sure that you have installed the motherboard to the chassis before you install the CPU fan and heatsink assembly.

To install the CPU heatsink and fan:

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



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



Narrow end of the groove



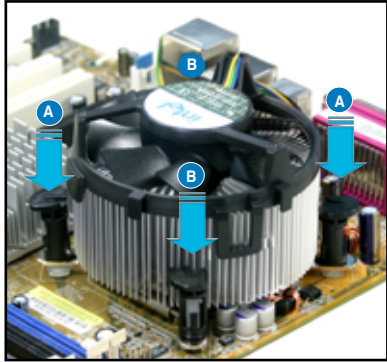
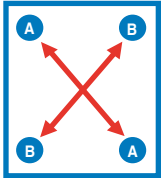
Motherboard hole

Fastener

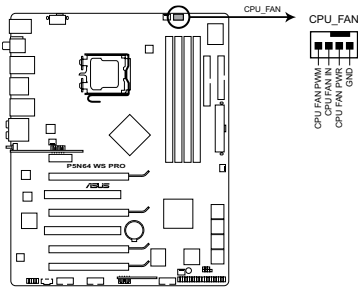


Make sure to orient each fastener with the narrow end of the groove pointing outward. (The photo shows the groove shaded for emphasis.)

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



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



**P5N64 WS Professional CPU fan connector**

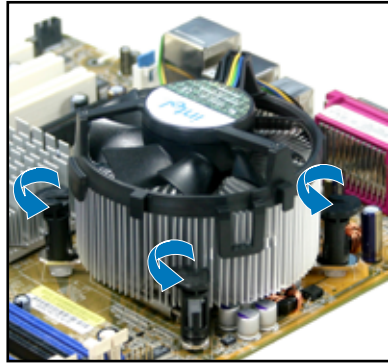


Do not forget to connect the CPU fan connector! Hardware monitoring errors can occur if you fail to plug this connector.

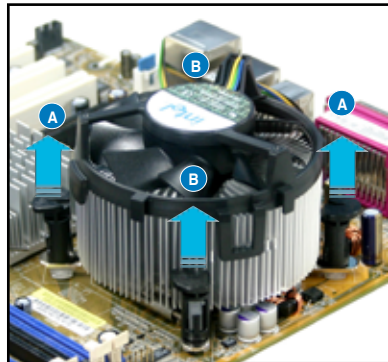
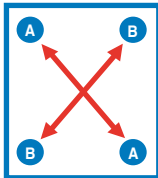
### 2.3.3 Uninstalling the CPU heatsink and fan

To uninstall the CPU heatsink and fan:

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



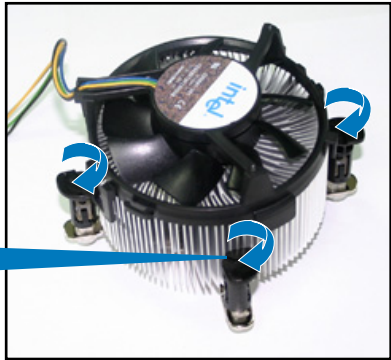
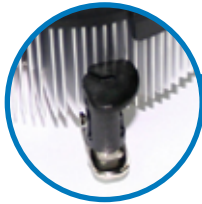
3. Pull up two fasteners at a time in a diagonal sequence to disengage the heatsink and fan assembly from the motherboard.



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



5. Rotate each fastener clockwise to ensure correct orientation when reinstalling.



**Narrow end of the groove**



---

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

---



---

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

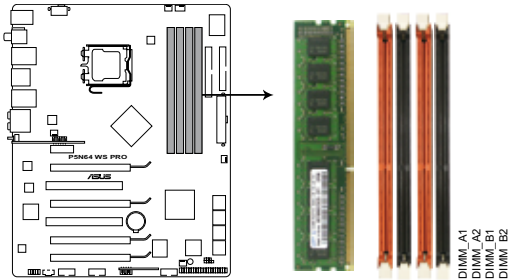
---

## 2.4 System memory

### 2.4.1 Overview

The motherboard comes with four Double Data Rate 3 (DDR3) Dual Inline Memory Modules (DIMM) sockets. DDR3 modules are developed for better performance with less power consumption.

The figure illustrates the location of the DDR3 DIMM sockets:



**P5N64 WS Professional 240-pin DDR3 DIMM sockets**

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

## 2.4.2 Memory configurations

You may install 512 MB, 1 GB, and 2 GB unbuffered DDR3 DIMMs into the DIMM sockets.

### Recommended Memory Configurations

Mode	Sockets			
	DIMM_A1	DIMM_A2	DIMM_B1	DIMM_B2
Single-Channel	Populated	—	—	—
	—	—	Populated	—
Dual-channel (1)	Populated	—	Populated	—
Dual-channel (2)	Populated	Populated	Populated	Populated



- You may install varying memory sizes in Channel A and Channel B. The system maps the total size of the lower-sized channel for the dual-channel configuration. Any excess memory from the higher-sized channel is then mapped for single-channel operation.
- Always install DIMMs with the same CAS latency. For optimum compatibility, it is recommended that you obtain memory modules from the same vendor.
- If you install four 1GB memory modules, the system may only recognize less than 3GB of total memory because of address space allocation for other critical functions. This limitation appears on Windows® Vista 32-bit / Windows® XP 32-bit operation systems since it does not support Physical Address Extension (PAE) mode.
- If you install Windows® Vista 32-bit / Windows® XP 32-bit operation system, a total memory of less than 3GB is recommended.
- This motherboard does not support memory modules made up of 128 Mb chips or double sided x16 memory modules.



Due to OS limitation, this motherboard can only support up to 8 GB on the operating systems listed below. You may install a maximum of 2 GB DIMMs on each slot.

64-bit
Windows® XP Professional x64 Edition Windows® Vista x64 Edition



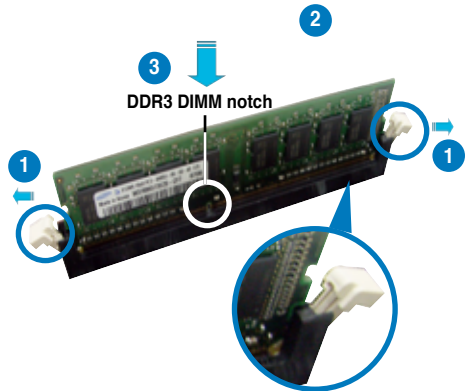
### 2.4.3 Installing a DIMM



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

To install a DIMM:

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



Unlocked retaining clip



- A DDR3 DIMM is keyed with a notch so that it fits in only one direction. DO NOT force a DIMM into a socket to avoid damaging the DIMM.
- The DDR3 DIMM sockets do not support DDR and DDR2 DIMMs. DO NOT install DDR or DDR2 DIMMs to the DDR3 DIMM sockets.

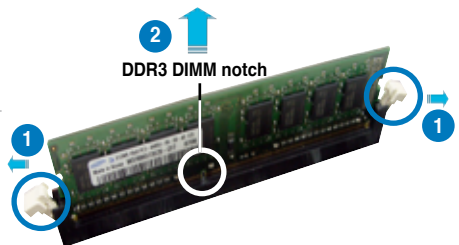
### 2.4.4 Removing a DIMM

To remove a DIMM:

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



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



2. Remove the DIMM from the socket.

## 2.5 Expansion slots

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



---

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

---

### 2.5.1 Installing an expansion card

To install an expansion card:

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

### 2.5.2 Configuring an expansion card

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

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



---

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

---

## 2.5.3 Interrupt assignments

IRQ	Priority	Standard function
0	1	System timer
1	2	Keyboard controller
2	–	Re-direct to IRQ#9
3	11	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
4	12	Communications port (COM1)*
5	13	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
6	14	Floppy disk controller
7	15	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
8	3	System CMOS/Real Time Clock
9	4	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
10	5	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
11	6	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
12	7	PS/2 compatible mouse port*
13	8	Numeric data processor
14	9	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
15	10	IRQ holder for PCI steering*

\* These IRQs are usually available for PCI devices.

### IRQ assignments for this motherboard

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
PCI 1	shared	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
PCI 2	–	shared	–	–	–	–	–	–
1394	–	–	–	shared	–	–	–	–
LAN 1	–	–	shared	–	–	–	–	–
LAN 2	–	–	–	shared	–	–	–	–
Marvell 6121	–	–	–	shared	–	–	–	–
Marvell 6320	shared	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
PCIe x16 1	shared	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
PCIe x16 2	shared	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
PCIe x16 3	–	–	shared	–	–	–	–	–
PCIe x16 4	–	shared	–	–	–	–	–	–
PCIe x1	–	shared	–	–	–	–	–	–
Azalia	shared	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
USB controller 1	–	shared	–	–	–	–	–	–
USB controller 2	–	shared	–	–	–	–	–	–
SATA controller 0	shared	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
SATA controller 1	shared	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
SATA controller 2	shared	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

### 2.5.4 PCI slots

The PCI slots support cards such as a LAN card, SCSI card, USB card, and other cards that comply with PCI specifications. Refer to the figure below for the location of the slots.

### 2.5.5 PCI Express x1 slot

This motherboard supports PCI Express x1 network cards, SCSI cards and other cards that comply with the PCI Express specifications. Refer to the figure below for the location of the slot.



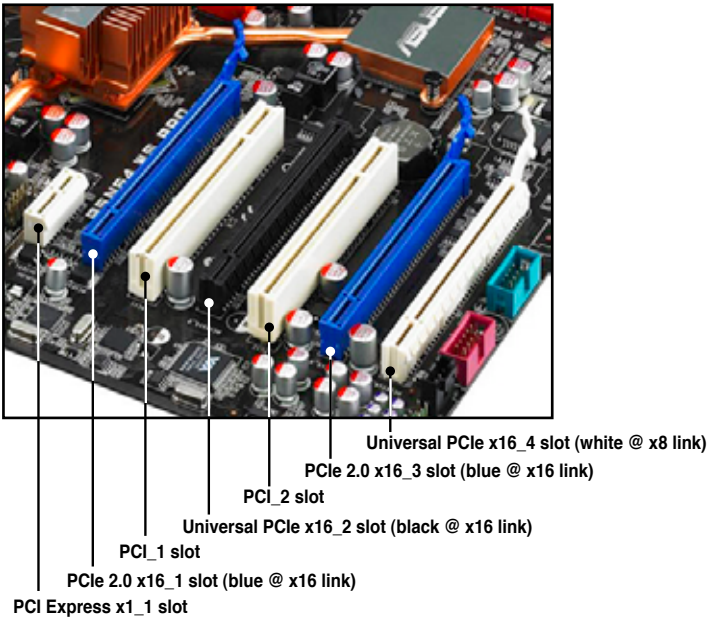
Install a PCIe x1 device to a PCIe x1 slot prior to a PCIe x16 slot.

### 2.5.6 PCI Express 2.0 x16 slots (blue)

This motherboard has two PCI Express 2.0 x16 slots that support PCI Express 2.0 x16 graphics cards complying with the PCI Express specifications. Refer to the figure below for the location of the slots.

### 2.5.7 Universal PCI Express x16 slots (black and white)

This motherboard also has two Universal PCI Express x16 slots with a maximum speed of x16 (black) and x8 (white) link. Refer to the figure below for the location of the slots.





- 
- In single VGA card mode, use any of the PCIe 2.0 slots (blue) for a PCI Express x16 graphics card to get better performance.
  - In SLI™ mode, use the PCIe 2.0 slots (blue) for PCI Express x16 graphics cards to get better performance.
  - Use the two PCIe 2.0 slots (blue) and the black Universal PCIe x16 slot for 3-Way SLI™ mode.
  - We recommend that you provide sufficient power when running SLI™ mode. See page 2-32 for details.
  - Connect a chassis fan to the motherboard connector labeled CHA\_FAN1/2/3 when using multiple graphics cards for better thermal environment. See page 2-30 for details.
  - This motherboard supports the ASUS SASsaby cards (optional) for SAS hard disk drive expansion. For SASsaby M, install the card to any of the PCIe x16 slots (blue, black or white). For SASsaby 1064E, install the card to the white Universal PCIe x16 slot only.
-

## 2.6 Jumper

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

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

To erase the RTC RAM:

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



---

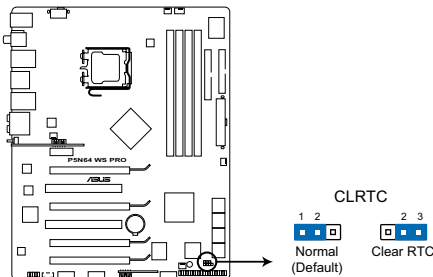
Except when clearing the RTC RAM, never remove the cap on CLRTC jumper default position. Removing the cap will cause system boot failure!

---



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

---



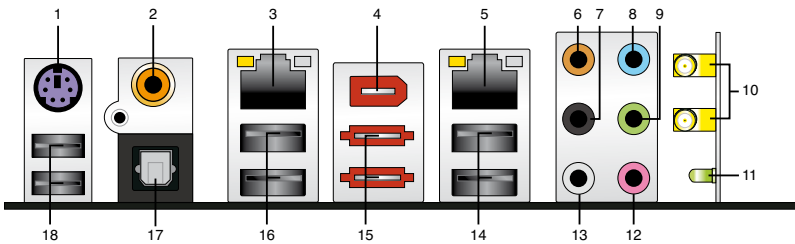
**P5N64 WS Professional Clear RTC RAM**



- You do not need to clear the RTC when the system hangs due to overclocking. For system failure due to overclocking, use the C.P.R. (CPU Parameter Recall) feature. Shut down and reboot the system so the BIOS can automatically reset parameter settings to default values.
  - Due to the chipset limitation, AC power off is required prior using C.P.R. function. You must turn off and on the power supply or unplug and plug the power cord before reboot the system.
-

## 2.7 Connectors

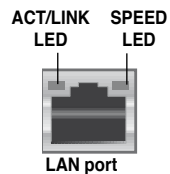
### 2.7.1 Rear panel connectors



1. **PS/2 keyboard port (purple).** This port is for a PS/2 keyboard.
2. **Coaxial S/PDIF Out port.** This port connects an external audio output device via a coaxial S/PDIF cable.
3. **LAN1 (RJ-45) port.** Supported by Marvell® Gigabit LAN controller, this port allows Gigabit connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub. Refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.
4. **IEEE1394a port.** This 6-pin IEEE 1394a port provides high-speed connectivity for audio/video devices, storage peripherals, PCs, or portable devices.
5. **LAN2 (RJ-45) port.** Supported by Marvell® Gigabit LAN controller, this port allows Gigabit connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub. Refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.

#### LAN port LED indications

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



6. **Center/Subwoofer port (orange).** This port connects the center/subwoofer speakers.
7. **Rear Speaker Out port (black).** This port connects the rear speakers in a 4-channel, 6-channel, or 8-channel audio configuration.
8. **Line In port (light blue).** This port connects the tape, CD, DVD player, or other audio sources.
9. **Line Out port (lime).** This port connects a headphone or a speaker. In 4-channel, 6-channel, and 8-channel configuration, the function of this port becomes Front Speaker Out.

- 10. **Wireless LAN ports.** These ports are on the onboard wireless LAN module that allow you to set up a wireless network and exchange information with other wireless devices without tagging cables and wires. Connect the moveable omni-directional antennas to these ports.
- 11. **Wireless LAN Activity LED.** The wireless module comes with an activity LED.
- 12. **Microphone port (pink).** This port connects a microphone.
- 13. **Side Speaker Out port (gray).** This port connects the side speakers in an 8-channel audio configuration.



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

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

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

- 14. **USB 2.0 ports 1 and 2.** These two 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are available for connecting USB 2.0 devices.
- 15. **External SATA ports.** These ports connect to external Serial ATA hard disk drives. To configure a RAID 0, 1, 5 or 10 set, install two external Serial ATA hard disk drives or the port-multiplier device to these ports.



- Before creating a RAID set using external Serial ATA hard disks, make sure that you have connected the external Serial ATA signal cables and installed external Serial ATA hard disk drives; otherwise, you cannot enter the Marvell RAID utility during POST.
- If you intend to create a RAID set using the external SATA ports, set the **Marvell 6121/eSATA** item in the BIOS to [RAID Mode]. See section **4.5.4 OnBoard Device Configuration** and **5.4.3 Marvell® eSATA RAID configurations** for details.



- DO NOT insert different connectors to these ports.
- DO NOT unplug the external Serial ATA drives when a RAID set is configured.

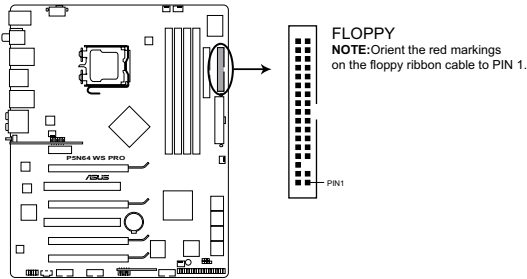


16. **USB 2.0 ports 3 and 4** . These two 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are available for connecting USB 2.0 devices.
17. **Optical S/PDIF Out port**. This port connects an external audio output device via an optical S/PDIF cable.
18. **USB 2.0 ports 5 and 6**. These two 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are available for connecting USB 2.0 devices.

## 2.7.2 Internal connectors

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

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



**P5N64 WS Professional Floppy disk drive connector**



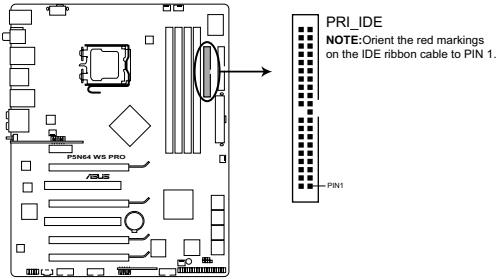
---

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

---

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

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



**P5N64 WS Professional IDE connector**

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



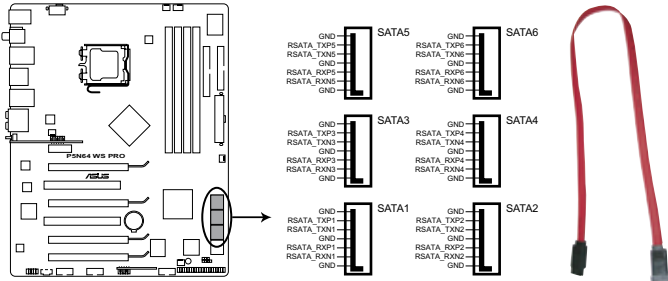
- Pin 20 on the IDE connector is removed to match the covered hole on the Ultra DMA cable connector. This prevents incorrect insertion when you connect the IDE cable.
- Use the 80-conductor IDE cable for Ultra DMA 133/100 IDE devices.



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

### 3. nForce® 790i Ultra SLI™ Serial ATA connectors [red] (7-pin SATA1-6)

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



**P5N64 WS Professional SATA connectors**



- Refer to the table below for the recommended SATA hard disk drive connections.
- These connectors are set to Standard IDE mode by default. In Standard IDE mode, you can connect Serial ATA boot/data hard drives to these connectors. If you intend to create a Serial ATA RAID set using these connectors, set the **nVIDIA RAID Function** item in the BIOS to [Enabled]. See section **4.3.7 IDE Configuration** for details.
- Before creating a RAID set, refer to **5.4.2 NVIDIA® RAID configurations** or the manual bundled in the motherboard support DVD.

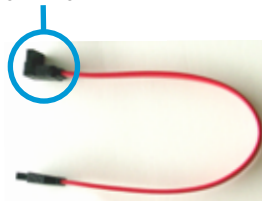
### Serial ATA hard disk drive connection

Connector	Color	Setting	Use
SATA 1/2	Red	Master	Boot disk
SATA 3/4	Red	Master	Boot disk
SATA 5/6	Red	Master	Boot disk



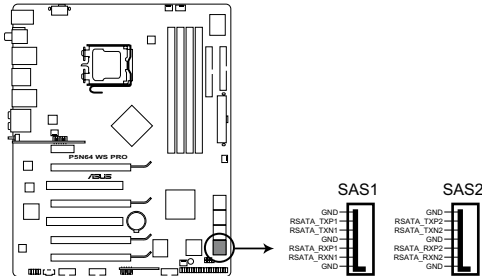
Connect the right-angle side of SATA signal cable to SATA device. Or you may connect the right-angle side of SATA cable to the onboard SATA port to avoid mechanical conflict with huge graphics cards.

right angle side



#### 4. Marvell® 88SE6320 SAS RAID connectors [yellow] (7-pin SAS1-2)

These connectors are for SAS (Serial Attached SCSI) signal cables that support SAS hard disk drives. To configure RAID 0 or RAID 1, install two SAS hard disk drives to these two connectors.



**P5N64 WS Professional SAS connectors**



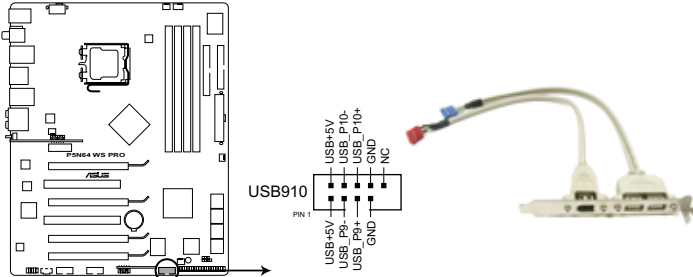
- Please install the Marvell® Controller driver before using the yellow SAS RAID connectors (SAS1-2). Refer to **5.2.4 Make Disk menu** for details.
- Before creating a RAID set, refer to **5.4.4 Marvell® SAS RAID configurations** or the manual bundled in the motherboard support DVD.



Before creating a RAID set using SAS hard disk drives, make sure that you have connected the SAS signal cables and installed SAS hard disk drives; otherwise, you cannot enter the Marvell RAID utility and SAS BIOS setup during POST.

### 5. USB connector (10-1 pin USB 910)

This connector is for USB 2.0 ports. Connect the USB module cable to this connector, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis. This USB connector complies with USB 2.0 specification that supports up to 480 Mbps connection speed.



**P5N64 WS Professional USB2.0 connector**



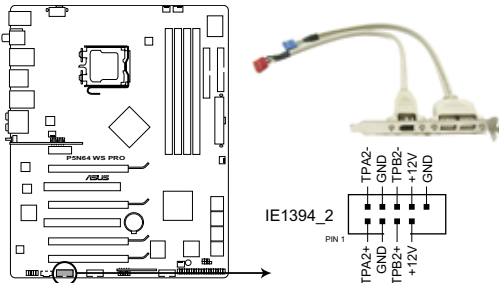
Never connect a 1394 cable to the USB connector. Doing so will damage the motherboard!



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

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

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



**P5N64 WS Professional IEEE 1394 connector**



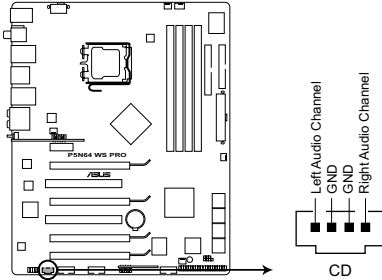
Never connect a USB cable to the IEEE 1394a connector. Doing so will damage the motherboard!



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

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

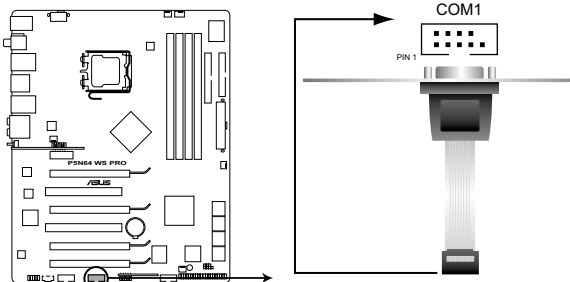
These connectors allow you to receive stereo audio input from sound sources such as a CD-ROM, TV tuner, or MPEG card.



**P5N64 WS Professional Internal audio connector**

## 8. Serial port connector (10-1 pin COM1)

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



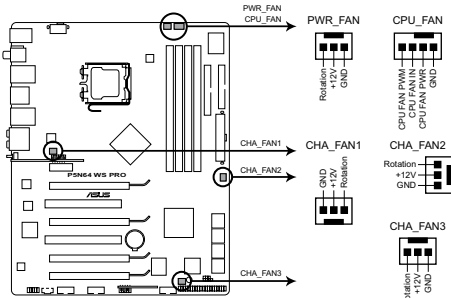
**P5N64 WS Professional Serial port2(COM1) connector**

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

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



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



**P5N64 WS Professional Fan connectors**

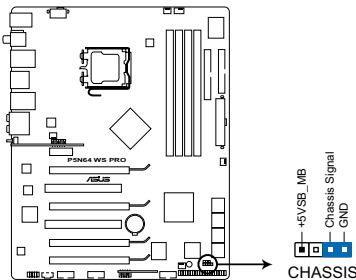


Only the CPU-FAN and CHA-FAN 1-2 connectors support the ASUS Q-FAN 2 feature.

**10. Chassis intrusion connector (4-1 pin CHASSIS)**

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

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

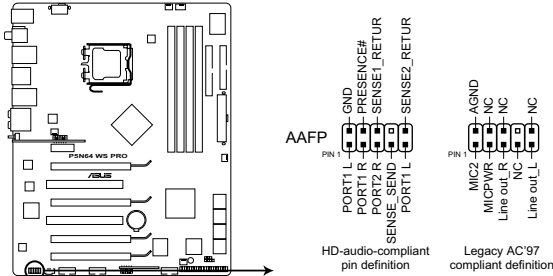


**P5N64 WS Professional Chassis intrusion connector**



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

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



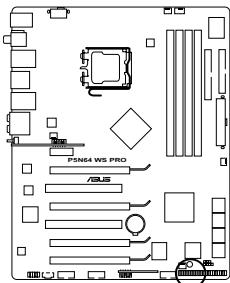
**P5N64 WS Professional Analog front panel connector**



We recommend that you connect a high-definition front panel audio module to this connector to avail of the motherboard's high-definition audio capability.

## 12. TPM connector (20-1 pin TPM) [Optional]

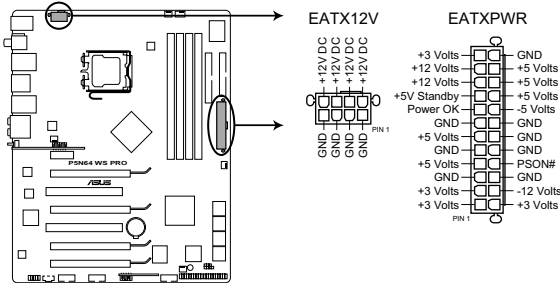
This connector supports a Trusted Platform Module (TPM) system, which can securely store keys, digital certificates, passwords, and data. A TPM system also helps enhance network security, protects digital identities, and ensures platform integrity.



**P5N64 WS Professional TPM connector**

### 13. ATX power connectors (24-pin EATXPWR, 8-pin EATX12V)

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



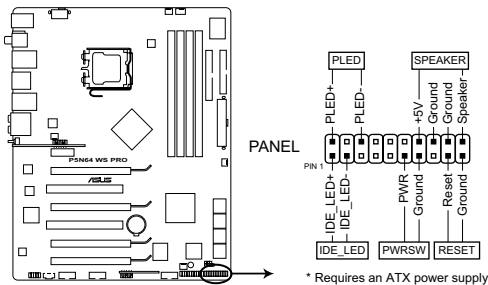
#### P5N64 WS Professional ATX power connectors



- For a fully configured system, we recommend that you use a power supply unit (PSU) that complies with ATX 12 V Specification 2.0 (or later version) and provides a minimum power of 400 W.
- Do not forget to connect the 8-pin EATX12V power plug; otherwise, the system will not boot.
- Use of a PSU with a higher power output is recommended when configuring a system with more power-consuming devices. The system may become unstable or may not boot up if the power is inadequate.
- If you want to use two high-end PCI Express x16 cards, use a PSU with 500W to 600W power or above to ensure the system stability.
- If you are uncertain about the minimum power supply requirement for your system, refer to the **Recommended Power Supply Wattage Calculator** at <http://support.asus.com/PowerSupplyCalculator/PSCalculator.aspx?SLanguage=en-us> for details.

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

This connector supports several chassis-mounted functions.



**P5N64 WS Professional System panel connector**

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

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

- **Hard disk drive activity LED (2-pin IDE\_LED)**

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

- **System warning speaker (4-pin SPEAKER)**

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

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

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

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

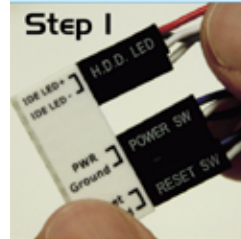
This 2-pin connector is for the chassis-mounted reset button for system reboot without turning off the system power.

## 15. Q-Connector (system panel)

You can use ASUS Q-Connector to connect / disconnect chassis front panel cables by only a few steps. Directions below shows how to install ASUS Q-Connector.

### Step1.

Connect correct front panel to ASUS Q-Connector first. You can refer to the marking on Q-Connector itself to know the detail pin definition.



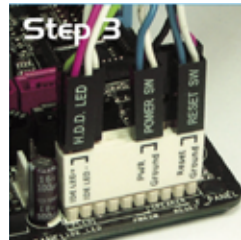
### Step2.

Properly install the ASUS Q-Connector to the System panel connector.



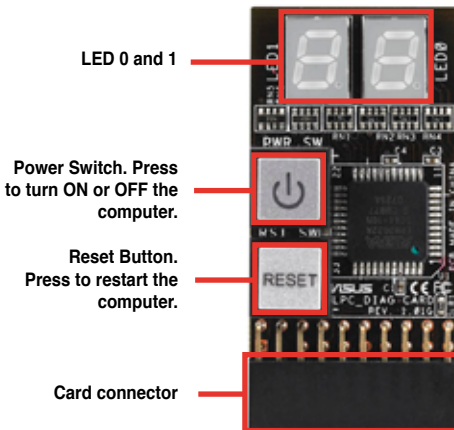
### Step3.

Front panel functions are enabled.



## 2.8 G.P. Diagnosis card installation

### 2.8.1 G.P. Diagnosis card layout

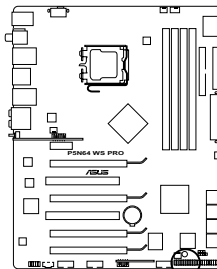


### 2.8.2 Installing G.P. Diagnosis card



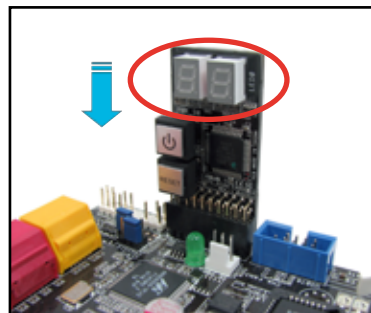
Make sure to turn off the power supply unit before installing the diagnosis card to avoid electrical shock hazard.

1. Locate the **TPM connector (20-pin TPM)** on the motherboard.

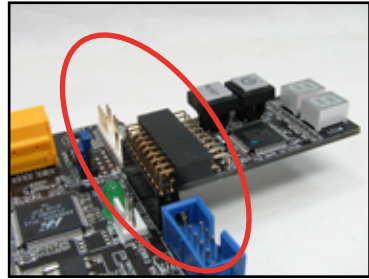


**P5N64 WS Professional TPM connector**

2. With the LEDs of the diagnosis card facing to the DIMM sockets, align the card connector with the TPM connector and press firmly until the card sits on the connector completely.



3. You may also install the G.P. Diagnosis card via a bundled 90-degree TPM adaptor for a more flexible application.



### 2.8.3 G.P. Diagnosis card check codes

<b>D0</b>	Initiate chip	<b>75</b>	Detect IDE
<b>D1</b>	Enable IO device for bootlock	<b>78</b>	Initiate option ROM
<b>D2</b>	Check and wake up system	<b>85</b>	Show post error
<b>D3</b>	Prepare system for memory detection and sizing	<b>87</b>	Enter BIOS setup
		<b>A4</b>	BIOS boot menu
<b>D4</b>	Memory test	<b>AC</b>	OS in PIC mode
<b>D5</b>	Copy BIOS from ROM to RAM	<b>AA</b>	OS in APIC mode
<b>C0</b>	Early CPU initiation	<b>01</b>	S1
<b>C5</b>	Wake up AP	<b>03</b>	S3
<b>0A</b>	Initiate KBC8042	<b>04</b>	S4
<b>0B</b>	Detect PS2 mouse	<b>05</b>	S5
<b>0C</b>	Detect PS2 keyboard	<b>10</b>	Resume from S1
<b>38</b>	USB initiation	<b>30</b>	Resume from S3
<b>52</b>	Display USB devices	<b>40</b>	Resume from S4
<b>2A</b>	Initiate VGA BIOS	<b>00</b>	Leave BIOS and pass control to OS

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

# Powering up **3**

# Chapter summary

# 3

- 3.1 Starting up for the first time..... 3-1
- 3.2 Turning off the computer..... 3-2



## 3.1 Starting up for the first time

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

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

### AMI BIOS beep codes

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

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

## 3.2 Turning off the computer

### 3.2.1 Using the OS shut down function

If you are using Windows® XP or later version:

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

If you are using Windows® Vista:

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

### 3.2.2 Using the dual function power switch

While the system is ON, pressing the power switch for less than four seconds puts the system to sleep mode or to soft-off mode, depending on the BIOS setting. Pressing the power switch for more than four seconds lets the system enter the soft-off mode regardless of the BIOS setting. Refer to section **4.6 Power Menu** in Chapter 4 for details.

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

# BIOS setup **4**

4.1	Managing and updating your BIOS .....	4-1
4.2	BIOS setup program .....	4-9
4.3	Main menu .....	4-12
4.4	Ai Tweaker menu .....	4-17
4.5	Advanced menu .....	4-21
4.6	Power menu .....	4-26
4.7	Boot menu .....	4-30
4.8	Tools menu .....	4-34
4.9	Exit menu .....	4-38

## 4.1 Managing and updating your BIOS

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

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

Refer to the corresponding sections for details on these utilities.



---

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

---

### 4.1.1 ASUS Update utility

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

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

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



---

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

---

### Installing ASUS Update

To install ASUS Update:

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

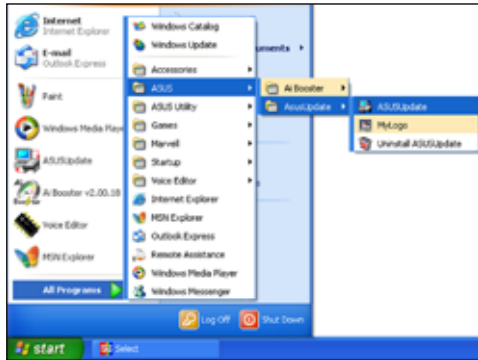


Quit all Windows® applications before you update the BIOS using this utility.

## Updating the BIOS through the Internet

To update the BIOS through the Internet:

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



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

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



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



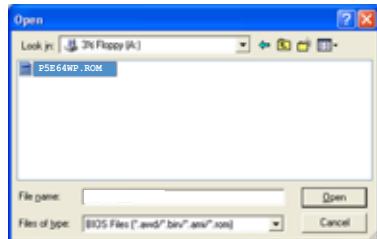
### Updating the BIOS through a BIOS file

To update the BIOS through a BIOS file:

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



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



## 4.1.2 Creating a bootable floppy disk

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


### DOS environment

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

### Windows® XP environment

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

### Windows® Vista environment

- a. Insert a formatted, high density 1.44 MB floppy disk to the floppy disk drive.
  - b. Click  from the Windows® desktop, then select **Computer**.
  - c. Right-click **Floppy Disk Drive** then click **Format** to display the **Format 3 1/2 Floppy** dialog box .
  - d. Select the **Create an MS-DOS startup disk** check box.
  - e. Click **Start**.
2. Copy the original or the latest motherboard BIOS file to the bootable floppy disk.

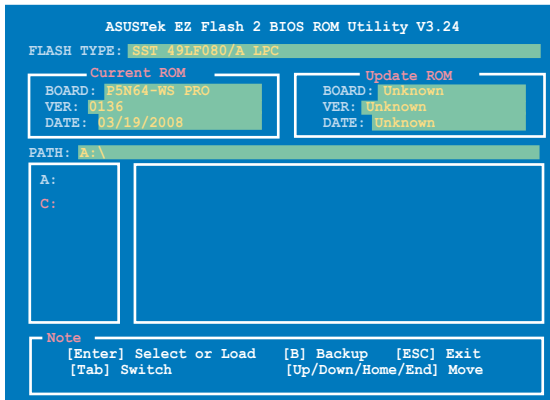


### 4.1.3 ASUS EZ Flash 2 utility

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

To update the BIOS using EZ Flash 2:

1. Visit the ASUS website (www.asus.com) to download the latest BIOS file for the motherboard.
2. Save the BIOS file to a floppy disk or a USB flash disk, then restart the system.
3. You can launch the EZ Flash 2 by two methods.
  - (1) Insert the floppy disk / USB flash disk that contains the BIOS file to the floppy disk drive or the USB port.  
Press <Alt> + <F2> during POST to display the following.



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



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

## 4.1.4 AFUDOS utility

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

### Copying the current BIOS

To copy the current BIOS file using the AFUDOS utility:



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

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

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

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

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

Main filename      Extension name

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

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

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

### Updating the BIOS file

To update the BIOS file using the AFUDOS utility:

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



---

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

---

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

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

```
A:\>afudos /iP5N64WP.ROM
```

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

```
A:\>afudos /iP5N64WP.ROM
AMI Firmware Update Utility - Version 1.19 (ASUS V2.07 (03.11.24BB))
Copyright (C) 2002 American Megatrends, Inc. All rights reserved.

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

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



---

Do not shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!

---

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

```
A:\>afudos /iP5N64WP.ROM
AMI Firmware Update Utility - Version 1.19 (ASUS V2.07 (03.11.24BB))
Copyright (C) 2002 American Megatrends, Inc. All rights reserved.

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

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

Please restart your computer

A:\>
```

## 4.1.5 ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 utility

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



---

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

---

### Recovering the BIOS from the support DVD

To recover the BIOS from the support DVD:

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

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

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

```
Bad BIOS checksum. Starting BIOS recovery...
Checking for floppy...
Floppy found!
Reading file "P5N64WP.ROM". Completed.
Start flashing...
```

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

### Recovering the BIOS from the USB flash disk

To recover the BIOS from the USB flash disk:

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



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

## 4.2 BIOS setup program

This motherboard supports a programmable firmware chip that you can update using the provided utility described in section 4.1 **Managing and updating your BIOS**.

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

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

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

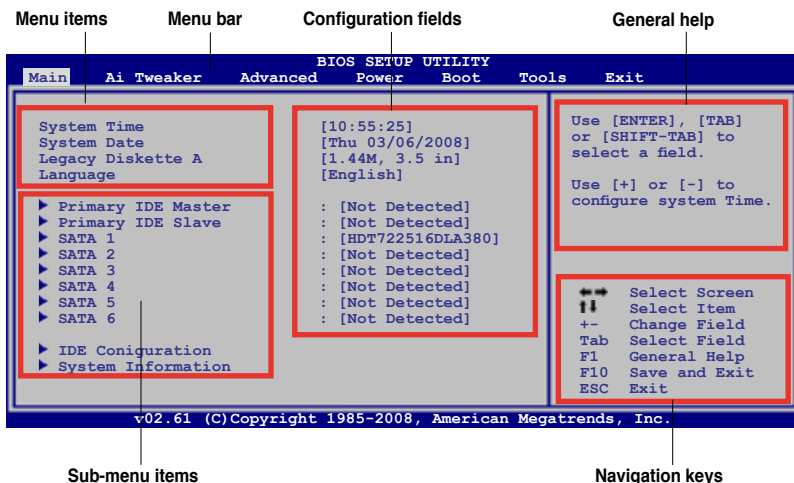
If you wish to enter Setup after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctrl+Alt+Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You can also restart by turning the system off and then back on. Do this last option only if the first two failed.

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



- 
- The default BIOS settings for this motherboard apply for most conditions to ensure optimum performance. If the system becomes unstable after changing any BIOS settings, load the default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the Load Default Settings item under the Exit Menu. See section 4.9 **Exit Menu**.
  - The BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference purposes only, and may not exactly match what you see on your screen.
  - Visit the ASUS website ([www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com)) to download the latest BIOS file for this motherboard.
-

## 4.2.1 BIOS menu screen



## 4.2.2 Menu bar

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

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

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

## 4.2.3 Navigation keys

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

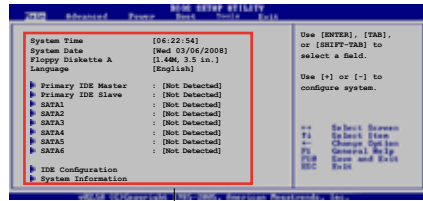


Some of the navigation keys differ from one screen to another.

## 4.2.4 Menu items

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

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



Main menu items

## 4.2.5 Sub-menu items

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

## 4.2.6 Configuration fields

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

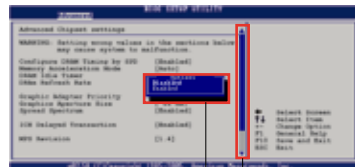
A configurable field is enclosed in brackets, and is highlighted when selected. To change the value of a field, select it then press <Enter> to display a list of options. Refer to 4.2.7 Pop-up window.

## 4.2.7 Pop-up window

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

## 4.2.8 Scroll bar

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



Pop-up window

Scroll bar

## 4.2.9 General help

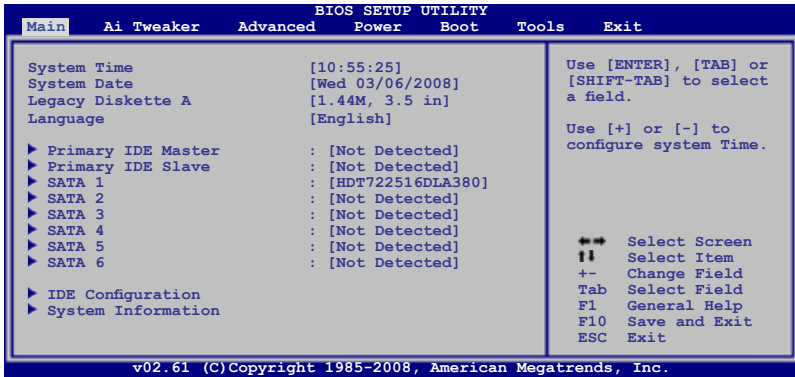
At the top right corner of the menu screen is a brief description of the selected item.

## 4.3 Main menu

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



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



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

Allows you to set the system time.

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

Allows you to set the system date.

### 4.3.3 Legacy Diskette A [1.44M, 3.5 in.]

Sets the type of floppy drive installed.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [720K, 3.5 in.] [1.44M, 3.5 in.]

### 4.3.4 Language [English]

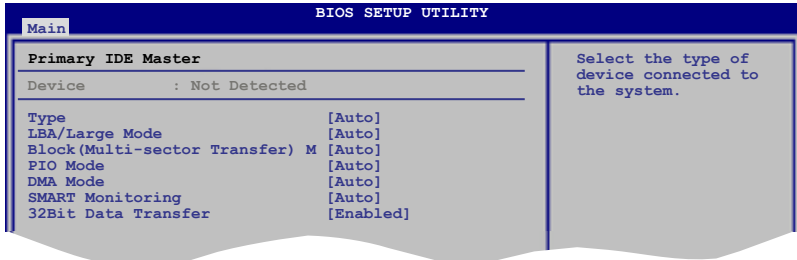
Allows you to choose the BIOS language version from the options.

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



### 4.3.5 Primary IDE Master/Slave

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



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

#### Type [Auto]

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

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

#### LBA/Large Mode [Auto]

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

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

#### Block (Multi-Sector Transfer) [Auto]

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

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

#### PIO Mode [Auto]

Allows you to select the data transfer mode.

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

### DMA Mode [Auto]

Selects the DMA mode.

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

### SMART Monitoring [Auto]

Allows you to enable or disable the HDD Self-Monitoring Analysis and Reporting Technology (SMART) feature.

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

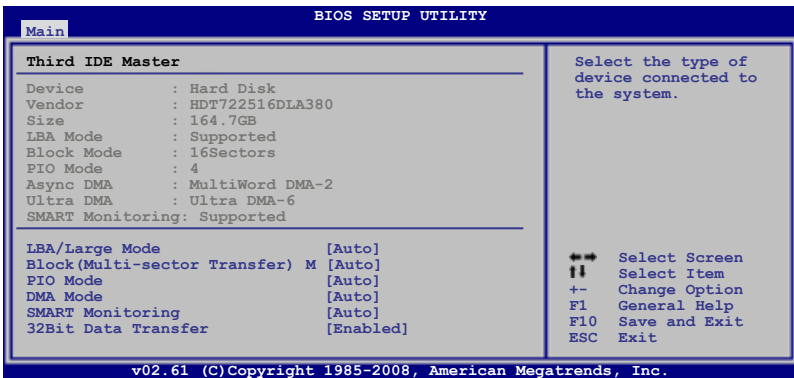
### 32Bit Data Transfer [Enabled]

Enables or disables 32-bit data transfer.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 4.3.6 SATA 1~6

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



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

### LBA/Large Mode [Auto]

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

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

### **Block (Multi-Sector Transfer) [Auto]**

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

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

### **PIO Mode [Auto]**

Allows you to select the data transfer mode.

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

### **DMA Mode [Auto]**

Selects the DMA mode.

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

### **SMART Monitoring [Auto]**

Allows you to enable or disable the HDD Self-Monitoring Analysis and Reporting Technology (SMART) feature.

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

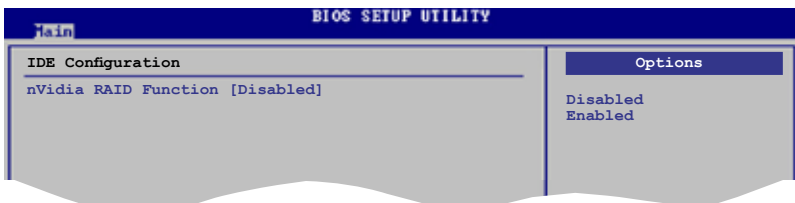
### **32Bit Data Transfer [Enabled]**

Enables or disables 32-bit data transfer.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## **4.3.7 IDE Configuration**

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



### **nVidia RAID Function [Disabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable the NVIDIA RAID function.

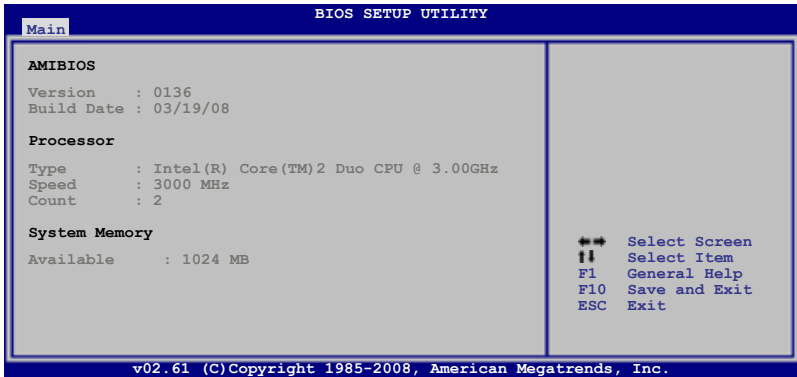
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### SATA1/2/3/4/5/6 [Disabled]

This item appears only when you set the **nVidia RAID Function** item to [Enabled] and allows you to assign the SATA ports used for creating RAID sets.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 4.3.8 System Information

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



### AMIBIOS

Displays the auto-detected BIOS information.

### Processor

Displays the auto-detected CPU specification.

### System Memory

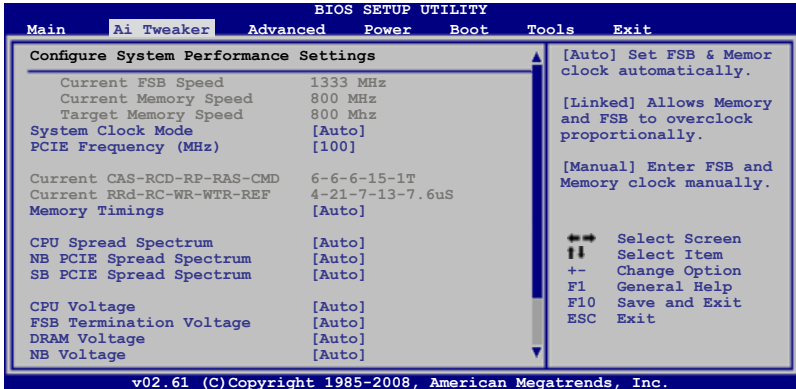
Displays the auto-detected system memory.

## 4.4 Ai Tweaker menu

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



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



Scroll down to display the following items:



The default values of the following items vary depending on the CPU and memory modules you install on the motherboard.

### Current FSB/Memory Speed Target Memory Speed

These items shows the current front side bus (FSB) and memory speed detected by the BIOS and may vary depending on your settings of the **System Clock Mode** item.

### System Clock Mode [Auto]

Selects the system clock mode. Set this item to [Auto] to allow auto-adjustment of FSB and memory clock. Set this item to [Linked] to allow FSB and memory to overclock proportionally. Set this item to [Unlinked] to manually enter FSB and memory clock.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Linked] [Unlinked]

#### *FSB - Memory Ratio [Auto]*

This sub-item appears only when you set the **System Clock Mode** item to [Linked] and allows you to set the ratio between FSB and memory.

Configuration options: [Auto] [1:1] [5:4] [3:2] [Sync Mode]

### FSB Clock (Mhz) [1333]

This sub-item appears only when you set the **System Clock Mode** item to [Linked] or [Unlinked] and allows you to manually enter the desired FSB clock in MHz. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. You can also type the desired value using the numeric keypad. The values range from 400 to 2500. Refer to the table below for the correct FSB and CPU external frequency settings.

### **FSB/CPU External Frequency Synchronization**

<b>Front Side Bus</b>	FSB 1600	FSB 1333	FSB 1066	FSB 800
<b>CPU External Frequency</b>	400 MHz	333 MHz	266 MHz	200 MHz

### Memory Clock (Mhz) [800]

This sub-item appears only when you set the **System Clock Mode** item to [Unlinked] and allows you to manually enter the desired memory clock in MHz. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. You can also type the desired value using the numeric keypad. The values range from 400 to 3000.

### **PCI Express Frequency (MHz) [100]**

Allows you to set the PCI Express frequency. The values range from 100 to 200.

### **Current CAS-RCD-RP-RAS-CMD 6-6-6-15-1T**

### **Current RRD-RC-WR-WTR-REF 4-21-7-13-7.6uS**

These items shows the current memory timings detected by the BIOS and may vary depending on your settings of the **Memory Timings** item.

### **Memory Timings [Auto]**

Allows automatic or manual adjustments of the memory timings.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Manual]



---

The following sub-items appear only when you set the **Memory Timings** item to [Manual].

---

#### tCL (CAS Latency) [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [5] [6] - [17] [18]

#### tRCD [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [1] [2] - [14] [15]

#### tRP [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [1] [2] - [14] [15]

#### tRAS [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [1] [2] - [62] [63]

Command Per Clock (CMD) [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [1T] [2T]

tRRD [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [1] [2] - [14] [15]

tRC [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [1] [2] - [62] [63]

tWR [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [1] [2] - [14] [15]

tWTR [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [1] [2] - [30] [31]

tREF [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [7.8uS] [3.9uS]

tFAW [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [1] [2] - [62] [63]

### **CPU Spread Spectrum [Auto]**

Set to [Disabled] to enhance CPU overclocking ability or [Auto] for EMI control.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

### **NB/SB PCIe Spread Spectrum [Auto]**

Set to [Disabled] to enhance PCIe overclocking ability or [Auto] for EMI control.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled]



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

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

Allows you to set the CPU VCore voltage. The values range from 0.85000V to 1.80000V with a 0.00625V interval.



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

### **FSB Termination Voltage [Auto]**

Allows you to set the front side bus termination voltage. The values range from 1.20V to 2.46V with a 0.02V interval.



The minimum and standard value becomes [1.10V] when you install a 45nm CPU.

### DRAM Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to set the DRAM voltage. The values range from 1.50V to 3.10V with a 0.02V interval.

### NB Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to set the North Bridge voltage. The values range from 1.30V to 2.00V with a 0.02V interval.



- Setting the **FSB Termination Voltage**, **DRAM Voltage** and **NB Voltage** items to a high level may damage the chipset, memory module and CPU permanently. Proceed with caution.
- Some values of the **FSB Termination Voltage**, **DRAM Voltage** and **NB Voltage** items are labeled in different color, indicating the risk levels of high voltage settings. Refer to the table below for details.
- The system may need better cooling system to work stably under high voltage settings.

	Blue	Yellow	Purple	Red
<b>FSB Termination Voltage</b>	1.20V~1.38V	1.40V~2.46V	N/A	N/A
<b>DRAM Voltage</b>	1.50V~1.68V	1.70V~1.90V	1.92V~2.10V	2.12V~3.10V
<b>NB Voltage</b>	1.30V~1.46V	1.48V~1.60V	1.62V~1.78V	1.80V~2.00V*

### SB Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to set the South Bridge voltage. The values range from 1.50V to 1.84V with a 0.15V interval.

### SB 1.5VSB Voltage

Allows you to set the SB 1.5VSB Voltage.

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

### CPU GTL Voltage Reference [Auto]

Allows you to set the CPU GTL voltage reference. Different ratio might enhance CPU overclocking ability.

Configuration options: [Auto] [0.67x] [0.65x] [0.63x] [0.62x]

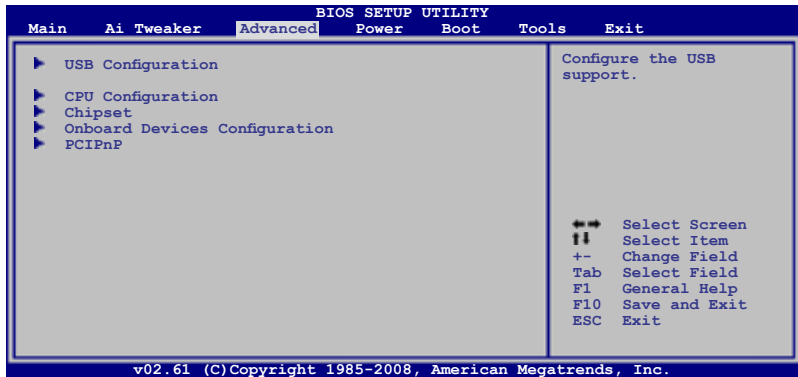


## 4.5 Advanced menu

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

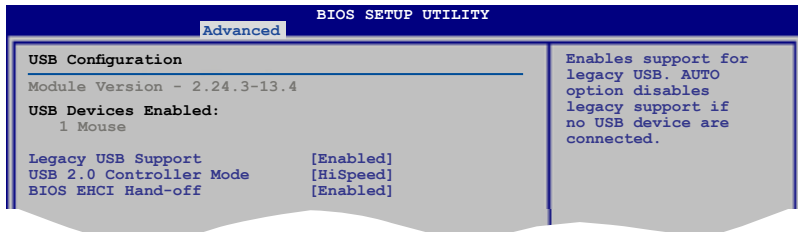


Take caution when changing the settings of the Advanced menu items. Incorrect field values can cause the system to malfunction.



### 4.5.1 USB Configuration

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



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

#### Legacy USB Support [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable support for legacy USB devices. Setting to [Auto] allows the system to detect the presence of USB devices at startup. If detected, the USB controller legacy mode is enabled. If no USB device is detected, the legacy USB support is disabled.

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

### USB 2.0 Controller Mode [HiSpeed]

Allows you to set the USB 2.0 controller mode to HiSpeed (480 Mbps) or FullSpeed (12 Mbps). This item appears only when you set the **Legacy USB Support** item to [Enabled] or [Auto].

Configuration options: [FullSpeed ] [HiSpeed ]

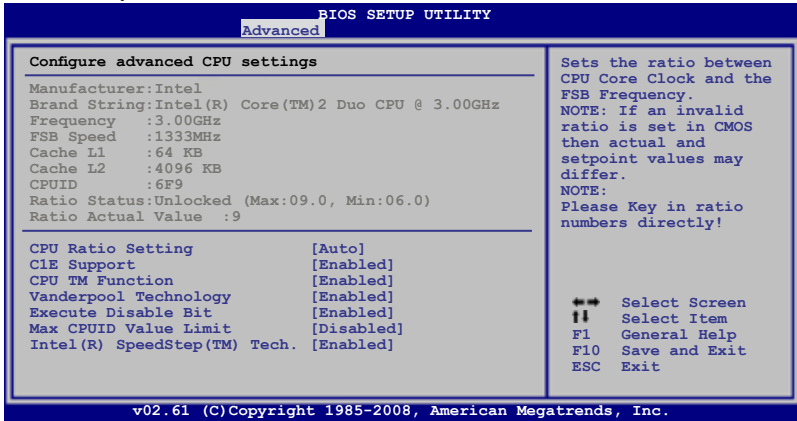
### BIOS EHCI Hand-off [Enabled]

Allows you to enable support for operating systems without an EHCI hand-off feature.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 4.5.2 CPU Configuration

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



### CPU Ratio Setting [Auto]

This item allows you to set the ratio between CPU Core Clock and FSB Frequency. The value is adjusted by typing the desired values using the numeric keypad and press the <Enter> key. You can also use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. To restore the default setting, type [auto] using the keyboard and press the <Enter> key. If an invalid ratio is set in CMOS, then actual and setpoint values may differ.

### C1E Support [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable Enhanced Halt State support.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### CPU TM function [Enabled]

This function enables the overheated CPU to throttle the clock speed to cool down.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## Vanderpool Technology [Enabled]

The Vanderpool Technology allows a hardware platform to run multiple operating systems separately and simultaneously, enabling one system to virtually function as several systems.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## Execute Disable Bit [Enabled]

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

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## Max CPUID Value Limit [Disabled]

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

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



The following item appears only when you set the **CPU Ratio Setting** item to [Auto]

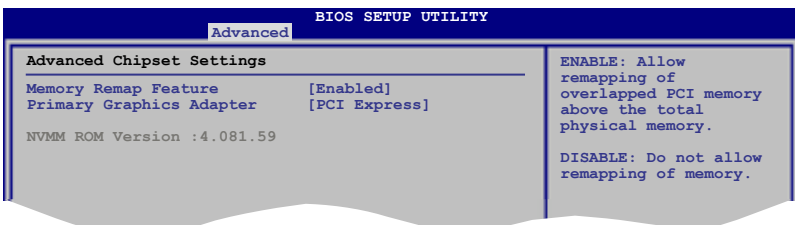
## Intel(R) SpeedStep (TM) Tech. [Enabled]

When set to [Disabled], the CPU runs at its default speed. When set to [Enabled], the CPU speed is controlled by the operating system.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### 4.5.3 Chipset

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



## Memory Remap Feature [Enabled]

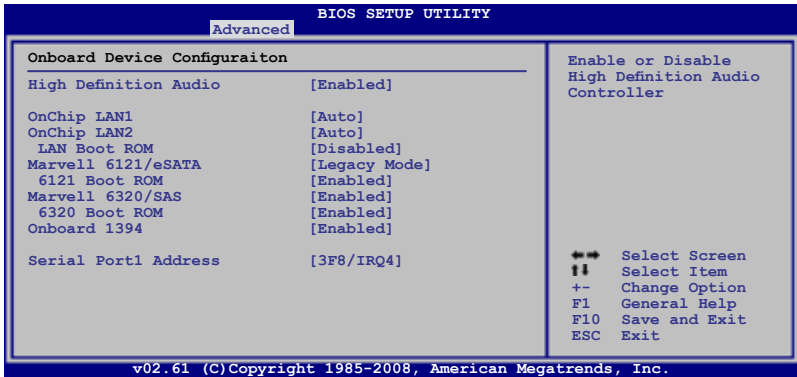
Allows you to enabled or disable the remapping of the overlapped PCI memory above the total physical memory. Enable this option only when you install 64-bit operating system.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## Primary Graphics Adapter [PCI Express]

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

## 4.5.4 Onboard Devices Configuration



### High Definition Audio [Enabled]

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

### OnChip LAN1/2 [Auto]

Allows you to enable or disable the onboard LAN ports.  
Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled]

#### *LAN Boot ROM [Disabled]*

This item appears only when you enable one of the previous items.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Marvell 6121/eSATA [Legacy Mode]

Set this item to [RAID Mode] to create a RAID set using the external SATA ports on the back panel.  
Configuration options: [Legacy Mode] [RAID Mode] [Disabled]

#### *6121 Boot ROM [Enabled]*

This item appears only when you set the previous item to [Legacy Mode] or [RAID Mode].  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Marvell 6320/SAS [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the onboard SAS ports labelled SAS1 and SAS2.  
Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### 6320 Boot ROM [Enabled]

This item appears only when you set the previous item to [Enabled].

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### **Onboard 1394 [Enabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable the onboard IEEE 1394 connectors.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

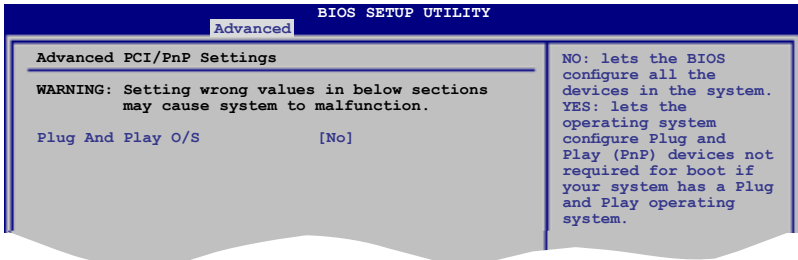
### **Serial Port1 Address [3F8/IRQ4]**

Allows the BIOS to select the Serial Port1 base address.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [3F8/IRQ4] [2F8/IRQ3] [3E8/IRQ4] [2E8/IRQ3]

## **4.5.5 PCI PnP**

The PCI PnP menu item allows you to change the advanced settings for PCI/PnP devices.



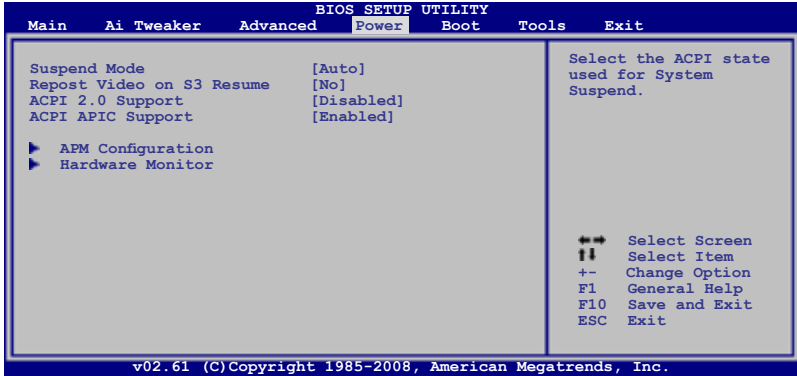
### **Plug And Play O/S [No]**

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

Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

## 4.6 Power menu

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



### 4.6.1 Suspend Mode [Auto]

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

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

### 4.6.2 Repost Video on S3 Resume [No]

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

Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

### 4.6.3 ACPI 2.0 Support [Disabled]

Allows you to add more tables for Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) 2.0 specifications.

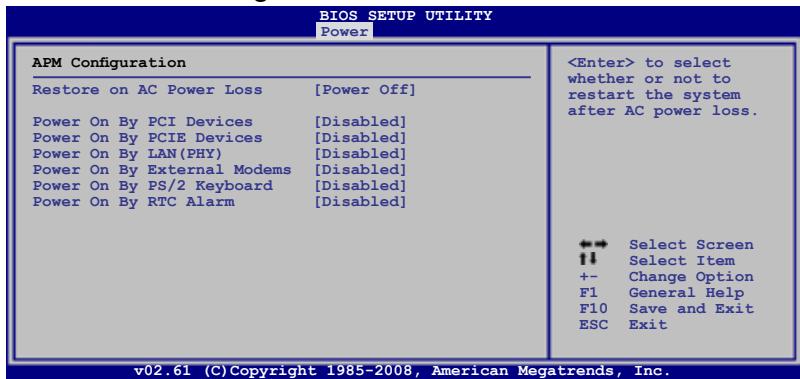
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### 4.6.4 ACPI APIC Support [Enabled]

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

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 4.6.5 APM Configuration



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

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

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

### Power On By PCI Devices [Disabled]

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

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Power On By PCIE Devices [Disabled]

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

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Power On By LAN(PHY) [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the LAN(MAC) devices to generate a wake event.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Power On By External Modems [Disabled]

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

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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

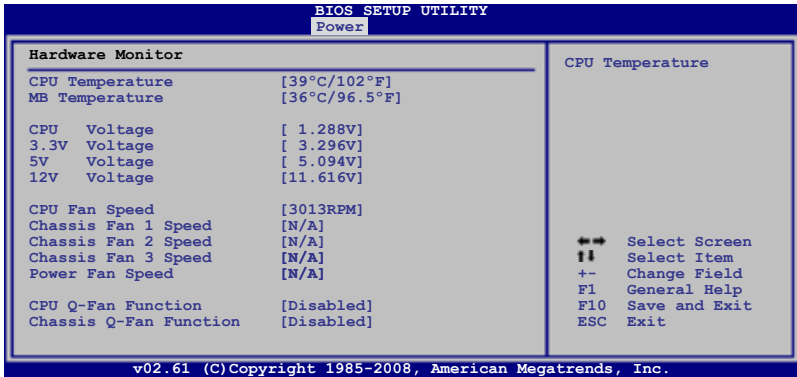
### Power On By PS/2 Keyboard [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the Power On by PS/2 keyboard function. This feature requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the +5VSB lead. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Power On By RTC Alarm [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable RTC to generate a wake event. When this item is set to Enabled, the items **RTC Alarm Date** and **System Time** will become user-configurable with set values. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 4.6.6 Hardware Monitor



### CPU/MB Temperature [xxx°C/xxx°F]

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

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

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

### CPU Fan / Chassis Fan 1 / Chassis Fan 2 / Chassis Fan 3 / Power Fan Speed [xxxxRPM] or [Ignored]

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



### **CPU Q-Fan Function [Disabled]**

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

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### **Smart Fan Mode [Optimal]**

This item appears only when you enable the **CPU Q-Fan Function** item and allows you to set the appropriate performance level of the CPU Q-Fan. When set to [Optimal], the CPU fan automatically adjusts depending on the CPU temperature.

Set this item to [Silent] to minimize fan speed for quiet CPU fan operation, or [Performance] to achieve maximum CPU fan speed.

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

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

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

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



---

The **Chassis Q-Fan Start Voltage** and **Chassis Q-Fan Start Speed Temp** items appear only when you enable the **Chassis Q-Fan Function** feature.

---

### **Chassis Q-Fan Start Voltage [5.0V]**

Allows you to set the minimum voltage requirement to start chassis fan speed auto-adjustment.

Configuration options: [4.0V] [4.5V] [5.0V] [5.5V] [6.0V]

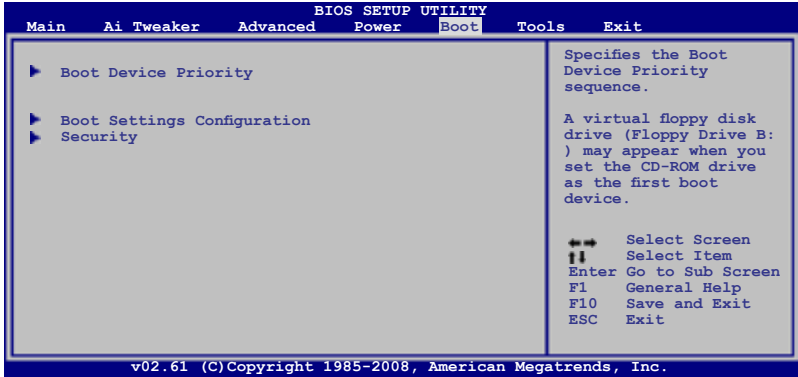
### **Chassis Q-Fan Start Speed Temp [25°C]**

Allows you to set a minimum temperature to start chassis fan speed auto-adjustment.

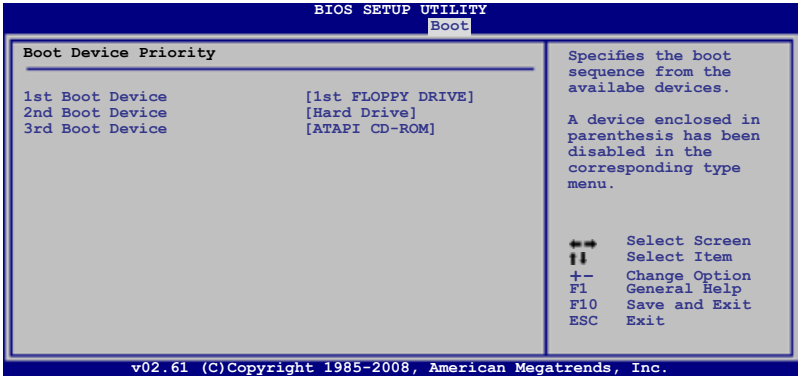
Configuration options: [25°C] [26°C] - [74°C] [75°C]

# 4.7 Boot menu

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



## 4.7.1 Boot Device Priority

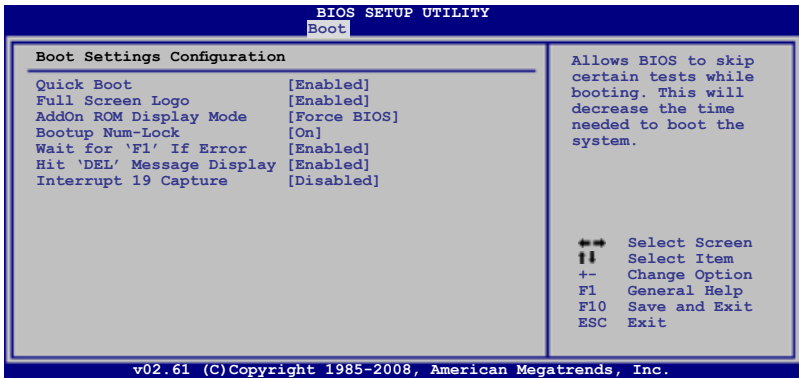


### 1st ~ xxth Boot Device [xxx Drive]

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

Configuration options: [1st FLOPPY DRIVE] [Hard Drive] [ATAPI CD-ROM] [Disabled]

## 4.7.2 Boot Settings Configuration



### Quick Boot [Enabled]

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

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Full Screen Logo [Enabled]

This allows you to enable or disable the full screen logo display feature.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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

### AddOn ROM Display Mode [Force BIOS]

Sets the display mode for option ROM.

Configuration options: [Force BIOS] [Keep Current]

### Bootup Num-Lock [On]

Allows you to select the power-on state for the NumLock.

Configuration options: [Off] [On]

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

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

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

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

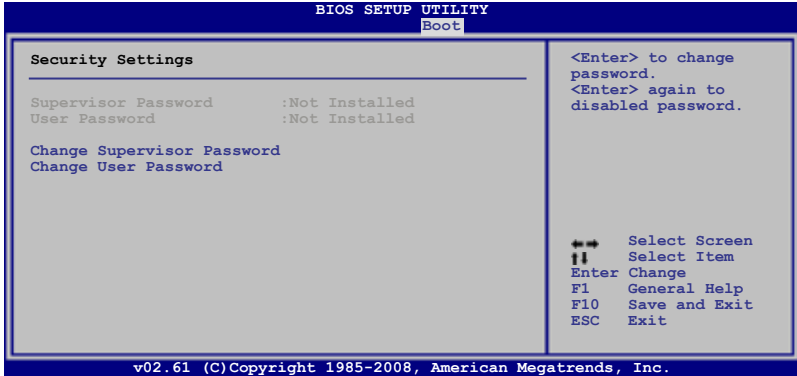
### Interrupt 19 Capture [Disabled]

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

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### 4.7.3 Security

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



#### Change Supervisor Password

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

To set a Supervisor Password:

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

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

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

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

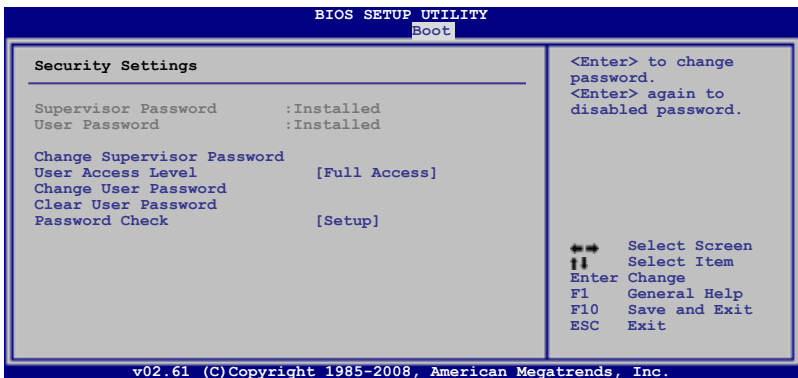


---

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

---

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



### User Access Level [Full Access]

This item allows you to select the access restriction to the Setup items.  
 Configuration options: [No Access] [View Only] [Limited] [Full Access]

**No Access** prevents user access to the Setup utility.

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

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

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

### Change User Password

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

To set a User Password:

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

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

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

### Clear User Password

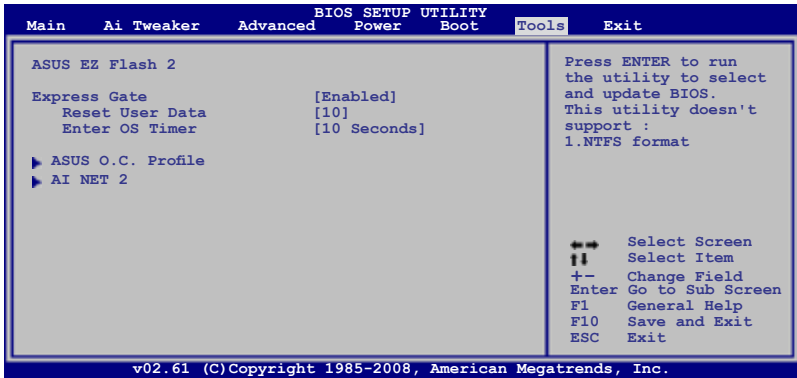
Select this item to clear the user password.

### Password Check [Setup]

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

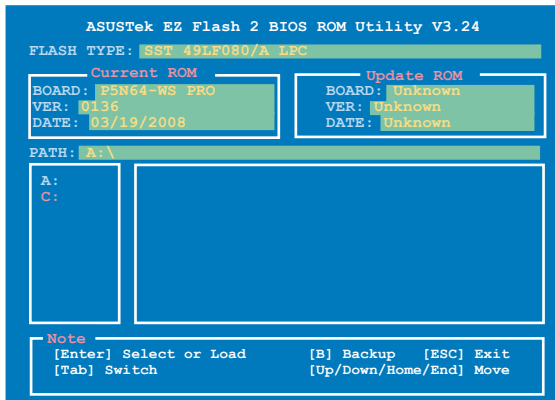
## 4.8 Tools menu

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



### 4.8.1 ASUS EZ Flash 2

Allows you to run ASUS EZ Flash 2. When you press <Enter>, a confirmation message appears. Use the left/right arrow key to select between [Ok] or [Cancel], then press <Enter> to confirm your choice. Please see section 4.1.3 **ASUS EZ Flash 2 utility** for details.



## 4.8.2 Express Gate [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the ASUS Express Gate feature. The ASUS Express Gate feature is a unique instant-on environment that provides quick access to the Internet browser and Skype. Refer to section 5.3.11 for details. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### Reset User Data [No]

Allows you to clear Express Gate's user data. Configuration options: [No] [Reset]

When setting this item to [Reset], make sure to save the setting to the BIOS so that the user data will be cleared the next time you enter the Express Gate. User data includes the Express Gate's settings as well as any personal information stored by the web browser (bookmarks, cookies, browsing history, etc.). This is useful in the rare case where corrupt settings prevent the Express Gate environment from launching properly.



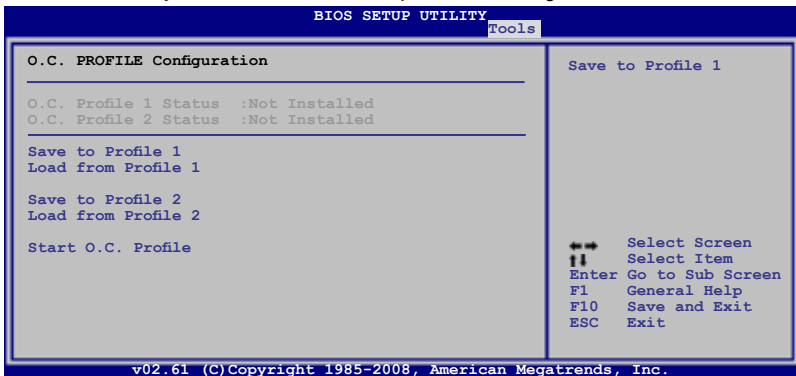
The first time wizard will run again when you enter the Express Gate environment after clearing its settings.

### Enter OS Timer [10 Seconds]

Sets the amount of time the system waits at the Express Gate's first screen before defaulting to starting Windows or other installed OS. Set this item to [Prompt User] to wait indefinitely at the first screen for user action. Configuration options: [Prompt User] [1 Second] [3 Seconds] [5 Seconds] [10 Seconds] [15 Seconds] [20 Seconds] [30 seconds]

## 4.8.3 ASUS O.C. Profile

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



## Save to Profile 1/2

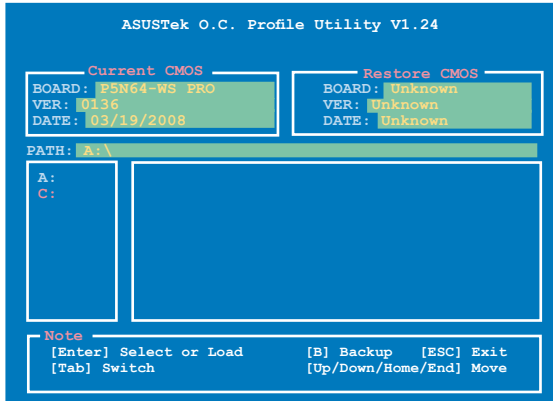
Allows you to save the current BIOS file to the BIOS Flash. Press <Enter> to save the file.

## Load from Profile 1/2

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

## Start O.C. Profile

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

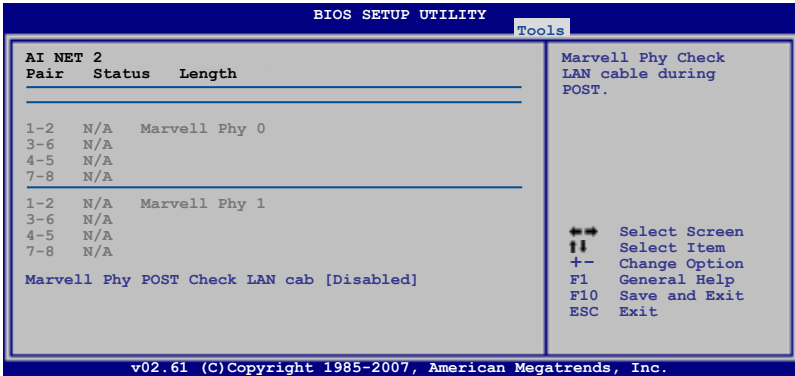


- This function can support devices such as a USB flash disk or a floppy disk with FAT 32/16 format and single partition only.
- DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent the system boot failure!



## 4.8.4 Ai Net 2

This menu displays the status of the Local Area Network (LAN) cables connected to the LAN (RJ-45) ports.



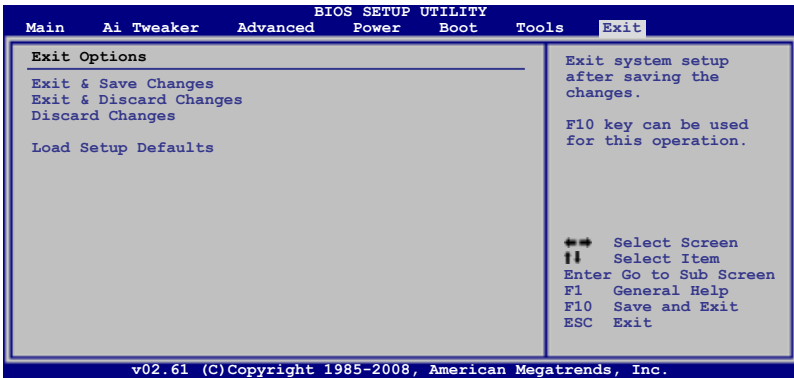
### Marvell Phy POST Check LAN cab [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable LAN cable check during POST. When enabled, the menu reports the cable faults or shorts, and displays the point (length) where the faults or shorts are detected.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 4.9 Exit menu

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



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

### Exit & Save Changes

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



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

### Exit & Discard Changes

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

### Discard Changes

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

### Load Setup Defaults

This option allows you to load the default values for each of the parameters on the Setup menus. When you select this option or if you press <F5>, a confirmation window appears. Select YES to load default values. Select Exit & Save Changes or make other changes before saving the values to the non-volatile RAM.

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

# 5 Software support

- 5.1 Installing an operating system ..... 5-1**
- 5.2 Support DVD information ..... 5-1**
- 5.3 Software information ..... 5-9**
- 5.4 RAID configurations ..... 5-40**
- 5.5 Creating a RAID driver disk..... 5-63**

## 5.1 Installing an operating system

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



- Motherboard settings and hardware options vary. Use the setup procedures presented in this chapter for reference only. Refer to your OS documentation for detailed information.
- Make sure that you install Windows® XP Service Pack 2 or later versions before installing the drivers for better compatibility and system stability.

## 5.2 Support DVD information

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



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

### 5.2.1 Running the support DVD

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



Click an icon to display support DVD/motherboard information

Click an item to install



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

## 5.2.2 Drivers menu

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



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

Installs all of the drivers through the Installation Wizard.

### **NVIDIA Chipset Driver Program**

Installs the NVIDIA® chipset driver program.

### **SoundMAX ADI Audio Driver**

Installs the ADI 1988B audio driver and application.

### **Marvell 61xx SATA RAID Controller Driver**

Installs the Marvell 61xx SATA RAID controller driver and the Marvell Tray RAID Utility.

### **Marvell 64xx/63xx SAS Controller Driver**

Installs the Marvell 64xx/63xx SAS controller driver.

### **ASUS WiFi-AP @n**

Installs the ASUS WiFi-AP @n driver.

## 5.2.3 Utilities menu

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



Click to display the next page



Click to return to the previous page

### ASUS InstAll - Installation Wizard for Utilities

Installs all of the utilities through the Installation Wizard.

### ASUS Update

Allows you to download the latest version of the BIOS from the ASUS website.



Before using the ASUS Update, make sure that you have an Internet connection so you can connect to the ASUS website.

### **ASUS PC Probe II**

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

### **ASUS AI Suite**

Installs the ASUS AI Suite.

### **ASUS Express Gate Updater**

Installs the ASUS Express Gate™ update application.

### **Adobe Reader V7.0**

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

### **Anti-Virus Utility**

The anti-virus application detects and protects your computer from viruses that destroys data.

### **Anti-Virus Utility Download**

Allows you to update your anti-virus utility version from the Internet.

### **InterVideo WinDVD 8 Trial**

Installs the InterVideo DVD WinDVD 8 trial version.

### **Ulead PhotoImpact 12 SE**

Installs the PhotoImpact image editing software.

### **CyberLink PowerBackup**

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

### **Corel Snapfire Plus SE**

Installs Corel Snapfire Plus SE.



## 5.2.4 Make Disk menu

The Make Disk menu contains items to create NVIDIA® nForce® 790i Ultra SLI™ SATA RAID driver disk / Marvell® 61xx eSATA driver disk / Marvell® 63xx SAS controller driver disk.



### **NVIDIA 32/64bit XP SATA RAID Driver**

Allows you to create an NVIDIA® nForce® 790i Ultra SLI™ SATA RAID driver disk for a 32/64-bit Windows® XP OS.

### **NVIDIA 32/64bit 2003 SATA RAID Driver**

Allows you to create an NVIDIA® nForce® 790i Ultra SLI™ SATA RAID driver disk for a 32/64-bit Windows® Server 2003 OS.

### **NVIDIA 32/64bit Vista SATA RAID Driver**

Allows you to create an NVIDIA® nForce® 790i Ultra SLI™ SATA RAID driver disk for a 32/64-bit Windows® Vista OS.

### **Marvell 61xx 32/64bit Driver**

Allows you to create a Marvell® 61xx eSATA RAID driver disk for a 32/64-bit system.

### **Marvell 64xx/63xx SAS Controller Driver**

Allows you to create a Marvell® 63xx SAS controller driver disk for a 32/64-bit system.

## 5.2.5 Manual menu

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

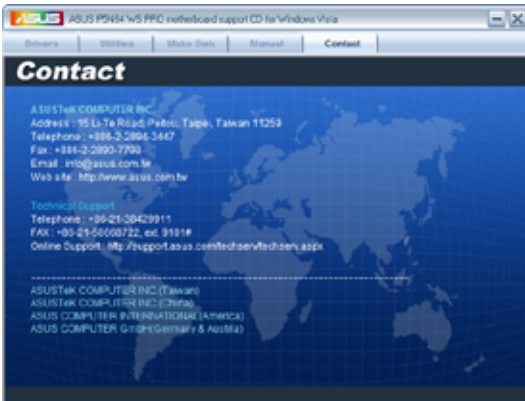


Most user manual files are in Portable Document Format (PDF). Install the Adobe® Acrobat® Reader from the Utilities tab before opening a user manual file.



## 5.2.6 ASUS Contact information

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

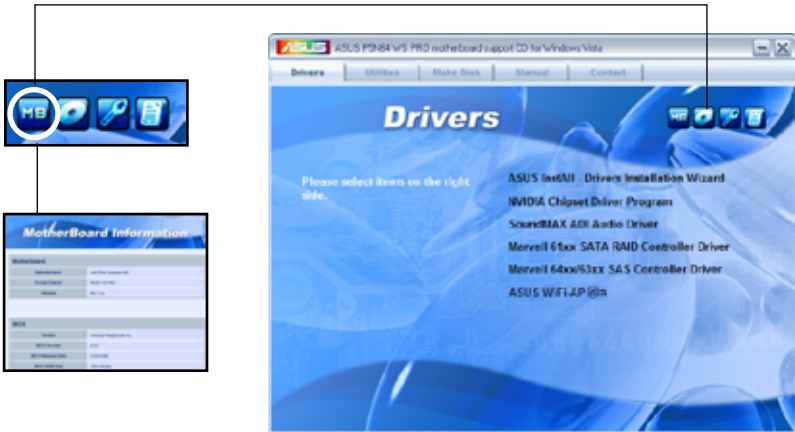


## 5.2.7 Other information

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

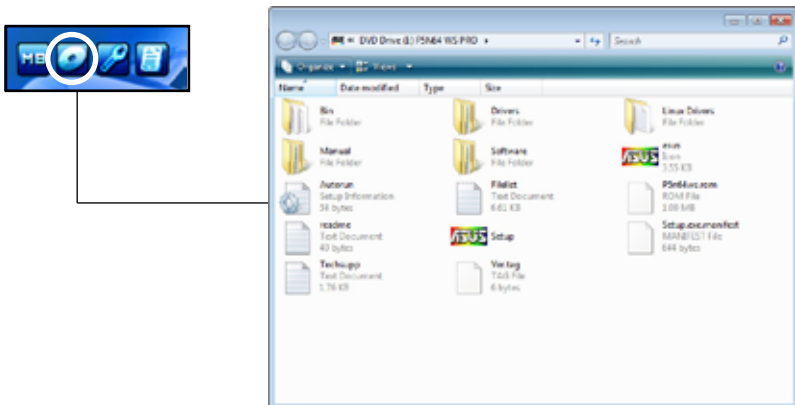
### Motherboard Info

Displays the general specifications of the motherboard.



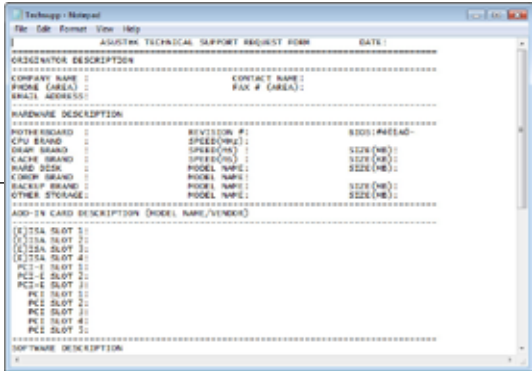
### Browse this DVD

Displays the support DVD contents in graphical format.



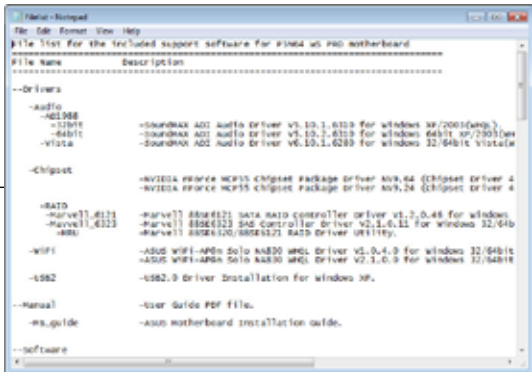
## Technical support Form

Displays the ASUS Technical Support Request Form that you have to fill out when requesting technical support.



## File list

Displays the contents of the support DVD and a brief description of each in text format.



## 5.3 Software information

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

### 5.3.1 ASUS MyLogo2™

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



- Before using the ASUS MyLogo2™, use the AFUDOS utility to make a copy of your original BIOS file, or obtain the latest BIOS version from the ASUS website. See section 4.1.4 AFUDOS utility.
- Make sure that the BIOS item Full Screen Logo is set to [Enabled] if you wish to use ASUS MyLogo2. See section 4.7.2 Boot Settings Configuration.
- You can create your own boot logo image in GIF or BMP file formats.
- The file size should be smaller than 150 K.

To launch the ASUS MyLogo2™:

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



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



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



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

### 5.3.2 ASUS PC Probe II

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

#### Installing PC Probe II

To install PC Probe II on your computer:

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



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

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

#### Launching PC Probe II

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

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

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










#### Using PC Probe II

##### Main window

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



Click to close the Preference panel

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

### Sensor alert

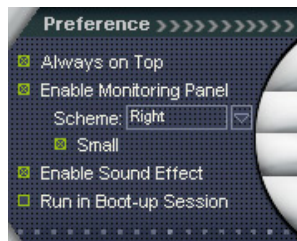
When a system sensor detects a problem, the main window right handle turns red, as the illustrations below show.



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

### Preference

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





## Hardware monitor panels

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

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



Large display



Small display

### Changing the monitor panels position

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





### Moving the monitor panels

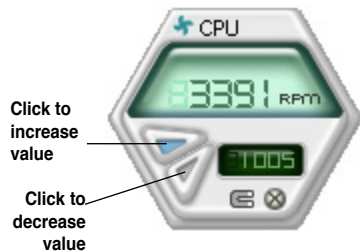
All monitor panels move together using a magnetic effect. If you want to detach a monitor panel from the group, click the horseshoe magnet icon. You can now move or reposition the panel independently.



### Adjusting the sensor threshold value

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

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



### Monitoring sensor alert

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



Large display



Small display

## WMI browser

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



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

## DMI browser

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



## PCI browser

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

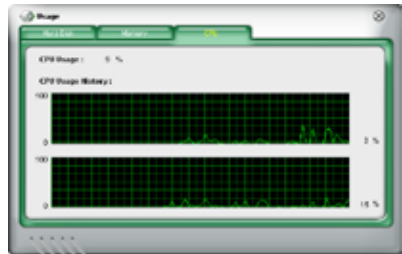


## Usage

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

### CPU usage

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



### Hard disk drive space usage

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



### Memory usage

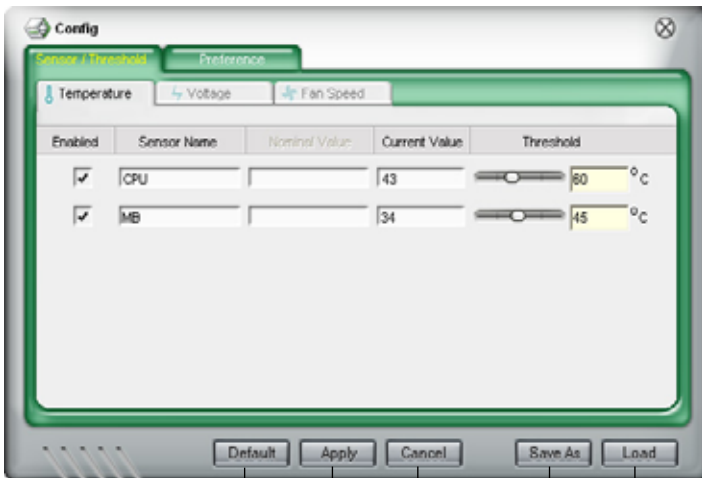
The Memory tab shows both used and available physical memory. The pie chart at the bottom of the window represents the used (blue) and the available physical memory.



## Configuring PC Probe II

Click to view and adjust the sensor threshold values.

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



Loads the default threshold values for each sensor

Applies your changes

Cancels or ignores your changes

Loads your saved configuration  
 Saves your configuration

### 5.3.3 ASUS AI Suite

ASUS AI Suite allows you to launch AI Gear 3+, AI Booster, AI Nap, and Q-Fan 2 utilities easily.



Install the **ASUS EPU + AI Gear 3 Driver** before the ASUS AI Suite utility. Otherwise, ASUS AI Suite will not function properly.

#### Installing AI Suite

To install AI Suite on your computer:

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

#### Launching AI Suite

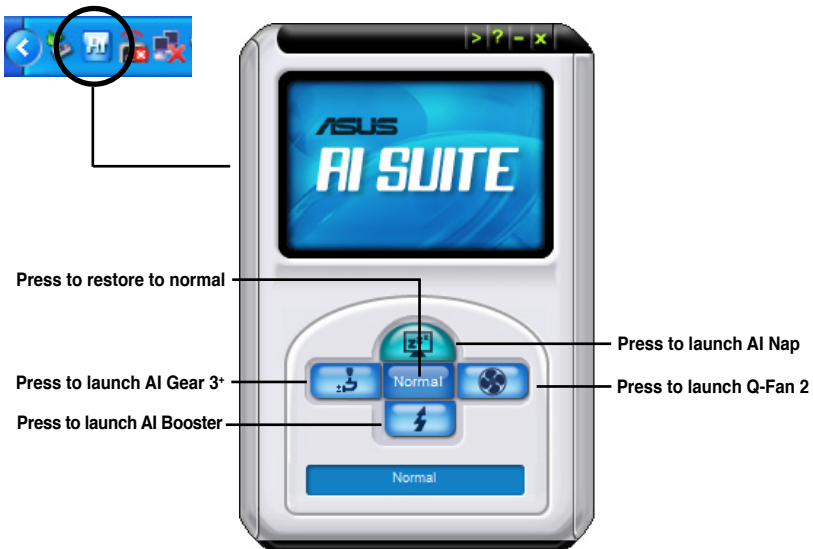
You can launch the AI Suite right after installation or anytime from the Windows® desktop.

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


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

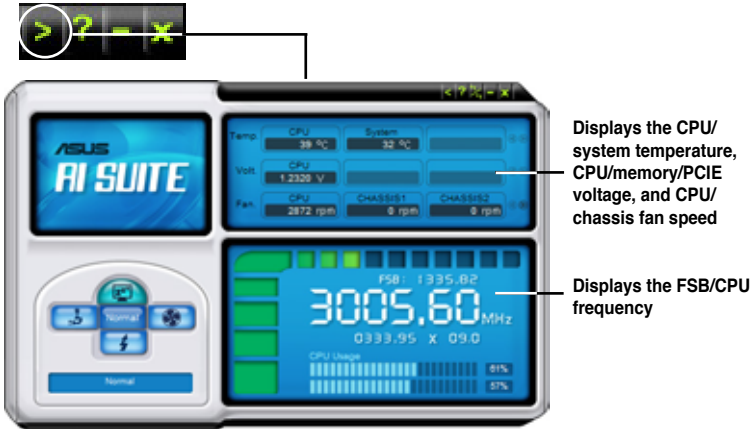
#### Using AI Suite


Click the AI Gear 3+, AI Nap, AI Booster, or Q-Fan 2 icon to launch the utility, or click the Normal icon to restore the system to normal state.



Other feature buttons

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



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



### 5.3.4 ASUS EPU Utility -- AI Gear 3+

ASUS AI Gear 3+ is a utility designed to configure and support all ASUS EPU (Energy Processing Unit) features. This easy-to-use utility provides four system performance profiles that adjust the processor frequency and vCore voltage for different computing needs.

After installing ASUS AI Suite from the bundled support DVD, you can launch ASUS AI Gear 3+ by double-clicking the AI Suite icon on your Windows OS taskbar and then click the AI Gear 3+ button on the AI Suite main window.

Here are some simple ways to use AI Gear 3+:

- Click the four gear mode buttons below, including **Turbo**, **High Performance**, **Medium Power Saving**, and **Max. Power Saving**, or shift the gear to the performance setting that you like.
- Click **Calibration** first, and switch to **Auto** mode to have AI Gear 3+ automatically adjust the system performance according to the CPU loading.
- Under **Auto** mode, click **Settings** to set the time for the system to enter AI Nap mode.
- Click **Energy Saving** to show the total amount of electricity this ASUS EPU-featured motherboard saved.




## Energy Saving Status

The screenshot shows the 'Energy Saving' utility window with the following data:

- Current CPU Power: 15.18 Watts
- Total Electricity Savings:  $3.287226 \times 10^3$  Kilo-watt-hours
- Reduced CO2 Emissions: 2021.644 mg
- Start: 2000 / 01 / 17 10:00

Annotations:

- Displays the current CPU power
- Displays the amount of electricity saved since the system started up
- Displays the time/date the calculator starts counting
- Click to switch to the "Total Electricity Savings" window
- Click to switch to the "Electricity Savings Calculator" window
- Displays the amount of CO2 that has been reduced

Click  to open the **Electricity Savings Calculator** window. You may reset the time for the calculator to start counting.

The screenshot shows the 'Energy Saving' utility window with the 'Electricity Savings Calculator' window open. The data is as follows:

- Current CPU Power: 11.52 Watts
- Electricity Savings Calculator:  $0.635116 \times 10^3$  Kilo-watt-hours
- Reduced CO2 Emissions: 390.596 mg
- Start: 2000 / 01 / 17 17:10

Annotations:

- Click to reset the time the calculator starts
- Displays the electricity saved since the time was reset

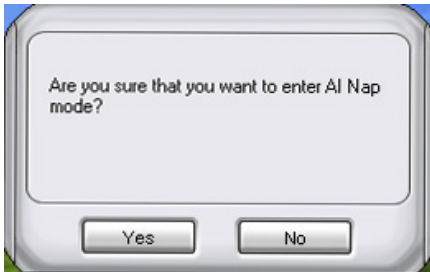


### 5.3.5 ASUS AI Nap

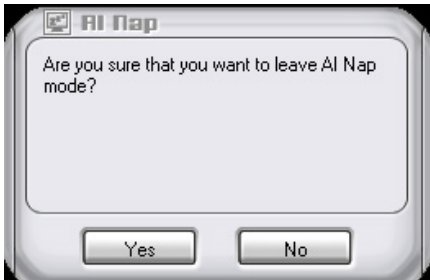
This feature allows you to minimize the power consumption of your computer whenever you are away. Enable this feature for minimum power consumption and a quieter system operation.

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

Click **Yes** on the confirmation screen.



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



---

To switch the power button functions from AI Nap to shutting down, just right click the **AI Suite** icon on the OS taskbar, select **AI Nap** and click **Use power button**. Uncheck the the item to switch the function back.

---

### 5.3.6 ASUS Q-Fan 2

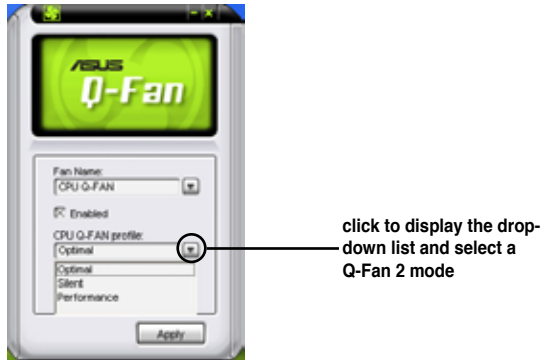
This ASUS Q-Fan 2 Control feature allows you to set the appropriate performance level of the CPU Q-Fan 2 or the Chassis Q-Fan 2 for more efficient system operation. After enabling the Q-Fan 2 function, the fans can be set to automatically adjust depending on the temperature, to decrease fan speed, or to achieve the maximum fan speed.

After installing AI Suite from the bundled Support DVD, you can launch the utility by double-clicking the AI Suite icon on the Windows® OS taskbar and click the Q-Fan 2 button on the AI Suite main window.

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



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

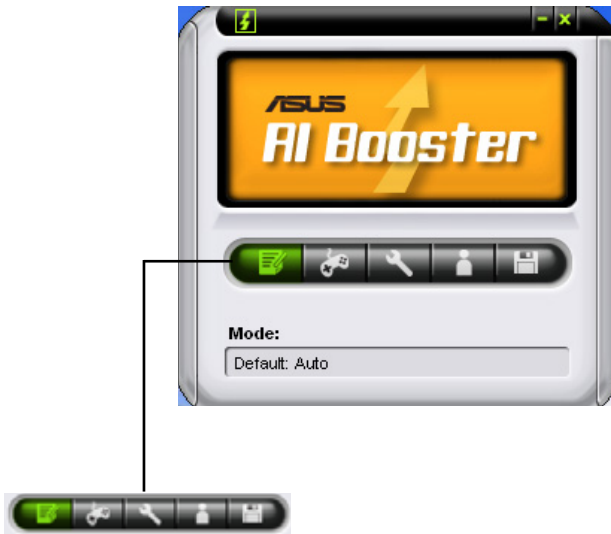


Click **Apply** at the bottom to save the setup.

### 5.3.7 ASUS AI Booster

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

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



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

### 5.3.8 AI Audio 2 (SoundMAX® High Definition Audio utility)

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

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



---

You must use 4-channel, 6-channel or 8-channel speakers for this setup.

---

If the SoundMAX® audio utility is correctly installed, you will find the SoundMAX®/ SoundMAX® BlackHawk icon on the taskbar.




## A. SoundMAX BlackHawk (AI Audio 2)

If you are using Windows Vista™ operating system, from the taskbar, double-click on the SoundMAX® BlackHawk icon to display the SoundMAX® control panel.



### Enabling AI Audio 2

Click the power button  to activate digital signal processing. AI Audio 2, with the new SoundMAX® BlackHawk by Sonic Focus, brings you more multi-media enjoyment.

#### **Fidelity Compensation**

After you click the power button, the utility will compensate for the fidelity lost in the compression process and make the audio output quasi-original when reverting the compressed audio streams back to the uncompressed condition.

#### **Sound Field Expansion**

AI Audio 2 also expands the stereophonic sound field to a multi-channel one with realistic front and rear environment.

#### **Surround Virtualization**

Activating this function virtualizes surround sound with the vocal clarity added for use with stereo speakers or headphones.



---

SoundMAX BlackHawk (AI Audio2) is available only under the Windows® Vista™ operating system.

---

## Playback Settings

To configure the playback settings, click the **Playback** button on the control panel. You can adjust the volume of the **Speakers** and **SPDIF Interface** or mute the audio.

### **Preset settings**

Click and expand the drop-down menu to select your preferred Digital Signal Processing (DSP) preset. Move the sliders to customize the values of **Voice Clarity**, **Dynamics**, **Brilliance**, and **Deep Bass** of each preset. Click **Save** to save the changes to the current preset. Or, click **Reset** to discard the changes and restore the preset to the factory defaults.



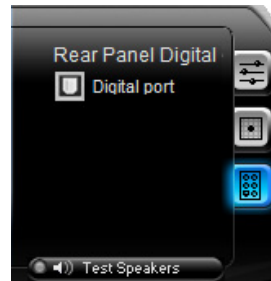
### **Surround settings**

Allows you to change the settings of the stereo speakers. Move the sliders to change the listener position or adjust the center channel volume. Press the **Test Speakers** button to perform speaker test.



### **Port settings**

Click this port settings tab to display the rear panel ports configuration for the speakers or rear panel digital port configuration for the SPDIF interface.

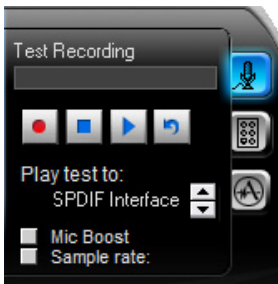


### Recording Settings

To change the recording settings, click the **Recording** button on the control panel. You can adjust the speaker delay of **Microphone** or **Line In** by moving the slider rightward or leftward.

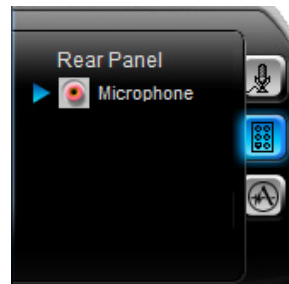
#### **Record testing**

Click the tab to perform test recording and play the test sample through the speakers or the SPDIF interface.



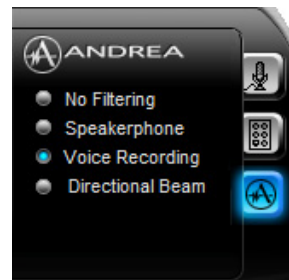
#### **Port settings**

Click the tab to display the rear panel ports for Microphone or Line In.



#### **ANDREA settings**

Allows you to select an enhanced microphone input features, including **No Filtering**, **Speakerphone**, **Voice Recording**, and **Directional Beam**.



### More Settings

Click  for the further configurations.

#### **Equalizer**

Allows you to configure and customize all the DSP presets frequencies.



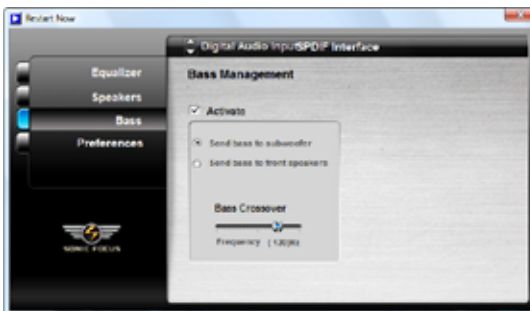
## Speakers

Allows you to adjust the **Speaker Trim** and **Speaker Delay**.



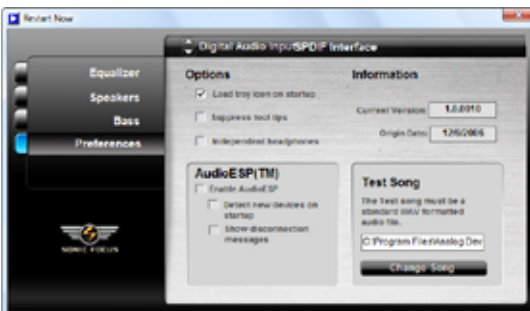
## Bass

Allows you to do the Bass management.



## Preferences

Displays the preference options for this utility, version information, AudioESP, etc.






## B. SoundMAX

If you are using Windows XP operating system, from the taskbar, double-click on the SoundMAX® icon to display the SoundMAX® Control Panel.



## Audio Setup Wizard

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



### Jack configuration

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



### Adjust speaker volume

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




### Adjust microphone volume

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

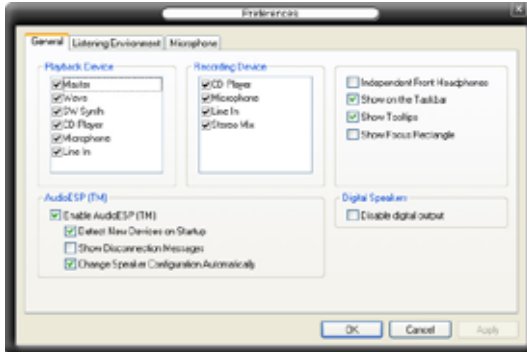


## Audio preferences

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

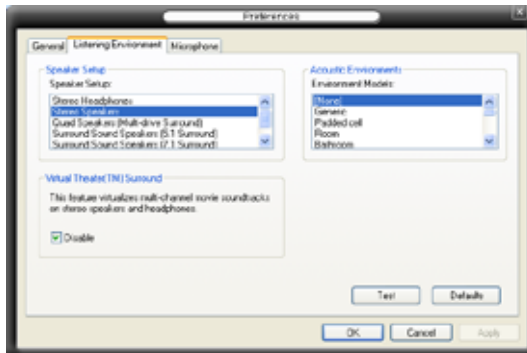
### General options

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



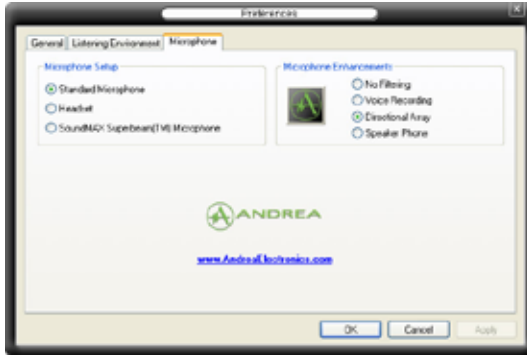
### Listening Environment options

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



## Microphone options

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



## Enhanced Microphone Features

### Voice recording

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

### Directional Array

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

### Speaker Phone

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



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



### 5.3.9 ASUS Express Gate

ASUS Express Gate is an instant-on environment that gives you quick access to web and Skype. Within a few seconds of powering on your computer, you will be at the Express Gate menu where you can start the web browser, Skype, or other Express Gate applications.



Express Gate is entirely self-contained on the motherboard, so you can use it at any time, even without a hard drive attached!

#### The First Screen

Express Gate's first screen appears within a few seconds after you power on. From here, you can immediately start the web browser or Skype.

You can also choose to continue booting normally (e.g. to your installed OS such as Windows), enter BIOS setup, or power off.

If you don't make any selection, Express Gate will automatically exit and boot to your normal OS after a certain amount of time. The timer countdown is shown on-screen inside the "boot to OS" button. As you move the mouse or type a key, the countdown stops and the timer disappears, so you can take your time to make a selection.

#### The Express Gate Environment

The very first time you enter the Express Gate environment (by launching either web or Skype from the first screen), a first time wizard will guide you through basic Express Gate configurations. Basic configurations include language, date and time and screen resolution.

Once inside the Express Gate environment, click on the icons on the LaunchBar, by default at bottom of the screen, to launch or switch between applications. You can re-arrange, re-size and move windows. Bring a window to the foreground by clicking within it or by clicking on its corresponding application icon. Re-size a window by dragging any of its four corners. Move a window by dragging its title bar.

Besides using the LaunchBar, you can also switch between applications by pressing <Alt> +<Tab> on the keyboard. You can also right-click anywhere on the desktop to bring up a menu of applications.

The red triangle on an application icon in the LaunchBar denotes that the application is already running. This means that you can switch to it without any delay. In the rare case where an application stops responding, right-click on its icon to force close it.

## Configuration Panel

Use the configuration panel to change various Express Gate settings.



Click on an icon to open a particular configuration tool. The following tools are available:

**Date and Time:** set current date and time as well as time zone.

**Input Method:** choose your preferred input language and method.

**Language and Keyboard:** choose your language and keyboard preferences.

**LaunchBar Setting:** customize your LaunchBar (where it docks, whether it auto-hides, etc.)

### Network Configuration

Specify how your computer connects to the Internet. Enable all the network ports that you may use (LAN1, LAN2, and/or wireless [optional]). LAN1 and LAN2 refer to the two RJ-45 network ports on your computer.





- The number of the LAN ports may differ from motherboards.
- You can connect the LAN cable to either port, and Express Gate will automatically use the connected port.

Also specify whether each port uses DHCP (most common) or static IP. For PPPoE and wireless (optional), set the login credentials (user name, password, SSID, etc.) as well.

### Reset Express Gate

This function allows you to clear the Express Gate settings, as well as any personal information stored by the web browser (Bookmarks, Cookies, History, etc.). The user data will be reset to the original default configuration.

After you click Restore System, a confirmation dialog box will open. If you click “Yes” in the confirmation dialog box, your system will immediately restart and then re-enter Express Gate, in order to finish clearing the settings. This is also useful in the rare case where settings might become corrupted.



The first-time Wizard will run again when you enter the Express Gate environment after clearing its settings.

### Screen Resolution

Choose the most optimal screen resolution for your display.



### Volume Control

Control the volume for your speaker output, microphone input, etc.

### LaunchBar

The LaunchBar has several system icons that show you various system statuses and let you configure individual Express Gate settings. The LaunchBar can be configured to auto-hide, if you want more screen space for the applications. It can also be configured to dock on any of the four sides of the screen.



This icon tells you whether or not a removable USB device is inserted into the system. If a USB device is detected, the icon contains a green arrow . Click this icon to open the File Manager window, which lets you conveniently access the folders/files in the USB device. If no USB device is detected, then the icon will display as .



click to show network status; click to configure network.



click to show mute status; click to change volume.



click to choose input language and method as well as keyboard shortcuts (Ctrl-Space by default)



click to change LaunchBar options (auto-hide, docking position, etc).



click to show "About Express Gate".



click to open Express Gate Help.

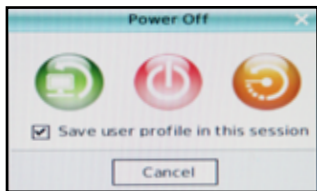


click to bring up power options window to boot to OS, restart or power down.



left-click to set date and time; right-click to choose between 12-hour and 24-hour display formats.

This power option window is also shown when you press Ctrl-Alt-Del on the keyboard.



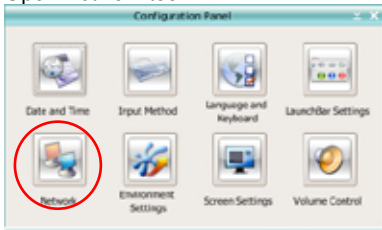
## How Do I Get on to the Internet

If Internet does not work in the Express Gate environment, check the following:

1. Open the Configuration Panel.



2. Open Network tool.





3. Make the proper network configurations in the Network dialog box. Each network interface is enabled immediately when you check the box next to it.



- If you use a network cable connected to a home router (which is then connected to your DSL/cable modem), enable both LAN1 and LAN2. Express Gate will automatically use whichever port (LAN1 or LAN2) is connected.



---

If you plug the network cable into a different port while Express Gate is running (e.g. move the cable from LAN1 to LAN2), you may need to restart Express Gate for it to detect the change.

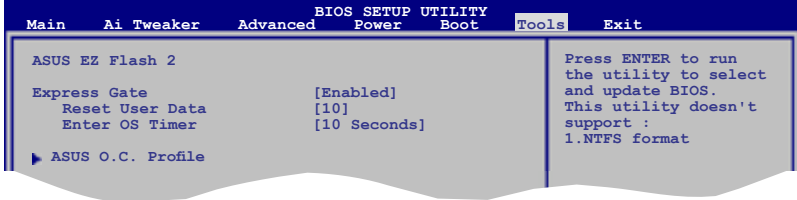
---

- The most common scenario is for your computer to automatically obtain network settings (i.e. DHCP). If this is the case, you don't need to go into "Setup" for any LAN port. If this is not the case, enter "Setup" to configure the static IP settings manually.
- If you use wireless, go into "Setup" for the WiFi option. Under the WiFi tab, enter the SSID (name of your wireless access point). If your wireless access point has security enabled, select the security algorithm from the pull-down menu (e.g. WEP/AUTO) and enter the password. Then enable WiFi to establish the wireless connection.
- If you use a network cable connected directly to your DSL/cable modem (no router in between), go into "Setup" for xDSL/cable dial-up. This method is also referred to as PPPoE. Choose whether the DSL/cable modem is connected to your computer's LAN port. (Refer to the drawing in the Network tool to figure out which is LAN1 or LAN2.) Then enter the username and password for your dial-up account.

Then enable xDSL/cable dial-up to establish the PPPoE connection. When PPPoE is enabled, the LAN port it uses will automatically be unchecked and grayed out.

## Configuring Express Gate in BIOS Setup

Enter BIOS setup by pressing DEL key after powering on or by clicking on the BIOS setup icon on Express Gate's first screen. Express Gate configuration options are under Tools configuration menu page. See page 4-35 for details.

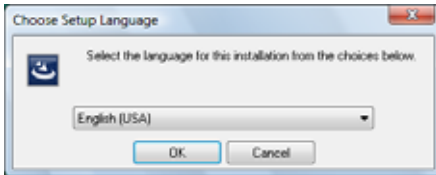


## Express Gate Updater

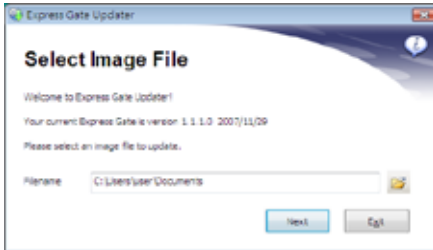
Use the Express Gate Updater to update your existing Express Gate software to new versions or to restore the Express Gate software if it is ever corrupted. You can find Express Gate Updater Installer on the support DVD or download it from the ASUS support website. It runs on Windows.

New versions of the Express Gate software will be released regularly, adding refinements or new applications. You can find original version of the software on the support DVD or download new versions from the ASUS support website. Express Gate software is released as an image file with .DFI extension.

To install the Express Gate Updater, launch the installer and follow on-screen prompts.



To use the Express Gate Updater, launch the application and follow on-screen prompts.

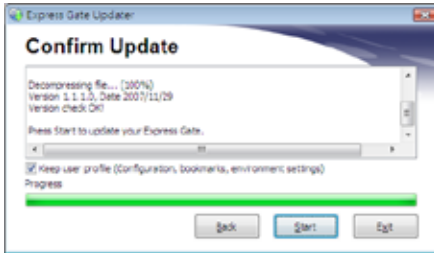


The Updater can preserve your Express Gate settings and personal data (web browser bookmarks, etc.) while doing an update. Use the checkbox “Keep user profile” to decide whether the Updater should do so.

Clearing the user data is useful in the rare case where corrupt settings prevent the Express Gate environment from launching properly.



The first time wizard will run again when you enter the Express Gate environment after clearing its settings.



## 5.4 RAID configurations

The motherboard comes with three RAID controllers that allow you to configure SATA / SAS hard disk drives as RAID sets.

- The **NVIDIA® nForce® 790i Ultra SLI™ SATA RAID** includes a high performance SATA RAID controller that supports RAID 0, 1, 10, and 5 for six independent Serial ATA channels.
- **Marvell® 88SE6121 eSATA RAID**. Enabled by Marvell® 88SE6121 controller, the Marvell® RAID supports RAID 0, 1, 10 and 5 sets and extends the advantages of software RAID beyond internal hard disk drives to external hard disk drives or port-multiplier devices.
- **Marvell® 88SE6320 SAS RAID**. Enabled by Marvell® 88SE6320 controller, the Marvell® SAS RAID supports RAID 0 and 1 for two independent SAS channels.

### 5.4.1 RAID definitions

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

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

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

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



---

If you want to boot the system from a hard disk drive included in a created RAID set, copy first the RAID driver from the support DVD to a floppy disk before you install an operating system to the selected hard disk drive. Refer to section 5.5 **Creating a RAID driver disk** for details.

---

## 5.4.2 NVIDIA® RAID configurations

The motherboard includes a high performance SATA RAID controller integrated in the NVIDIA® nForce® 790i Ultra SLI™ chipset. It supports RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10, and RAID 5 for six independent Serial ATA channels.

### Installing Serial ATA (SATA) hard disks

The motherboard supports Ultra DMA 133/100/66 and Serial ATA hard disk drives. For optimal performance, install identical drives of the same model and capacity when creating a disk array.

To install the SATA hard disks for a RAID configuration:

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



---

Refer to the RAID controllers user manual in the motherboard support DVD for detailed information on RAID configurations. See section **5.2.5 Manuals menu**.

---

### Setting the BIOS RAID items

After installing the hard disk drives, make sure to set the necessary RAID items in the BIOS before setting your RAID configuration.

To set the BIOS RAID items:

1. Boot the system and press <Del> during the Power-On Self-Test (POST) to enter the BIOS Setup Utility.
2. Go to **Main > IDE Configuration** and enable the **nVidia RAID Function** item in the BIOS. See section **4.3.7 IDE Configuration** for details.
3. Enable the **SATA 1/2/3/4/5/6** drive(s) that you want to configure as RAID. See section **4.3.7 IDE Configuration** for details.
4. Save your changes and Exit Setup.



---

Make sure to re-enter your NVRAID settings after the CMOS is cleared; otherwise, the system will not recognize your RAID setup.

---



---

For detailed descriptions on the NVIDIA® RAID configuration, refer to the **NVIDIA RAID User Guide** found in your motherboard support DVD.

---

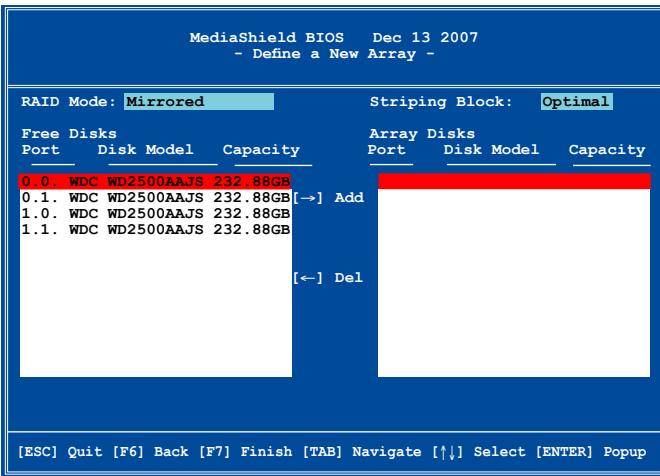
## Entering the NVIDIA® MediaShield BIOS RAID utility

To enter the NVIDIA® MediaShield BIOS RAID utility

1. Boot up your computer.
2. During POST, press <F10> to display the main menu of the utility.



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



At the bottom of the screen are the navigation keys. These keys allow you to move through and select menu options.

## Creating a RAID Volume

To create a RAID volume:

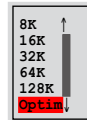
1. From the **Define a New Array** screen, use the <TAB> key to highlight the **RAID Mode** field, and then press <Enter>. The following sub-menu appears.

Use the up or down arrow keys to select a RAID mode, and then press <Enter>.



2. Press <TAB> to highlight the **Stripe Block** field, and then press <Enter>. The following sub-menu appears:

Use the up or down arrow keys to select the stripe size for your RAID array, and then press <Enter>. The available values range from 8 KB to 128 KB. The default selection is Optimal. The stripe value should be chosen based on the planned drive usage.

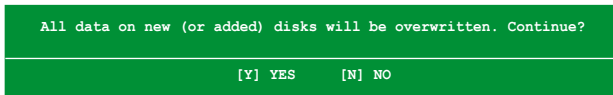


- 8 /16 KB - low disk usage
- 64 KB - typical disk usage
- 128 KB - performance disk usage



- For server systems, we recommend using a lower array block size. For multimedia computer systems used mainly for audio and video editing, we recommend a higher array block size for optimum performance.
- Stripe block size selection is not available for **Mirrored** or **Spanned** RAID arrays.

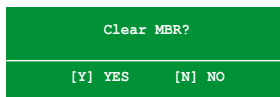
3. Press <TAB> to highlight the **Free Disks** field. Use the left or right arrow keys to assign the array disks.
4. Press <F7> to create RAID set. The following message box appears.



5. Press <Y> to clear the selected disks or <N> to proceed without clearing the disks. The following screen appears.

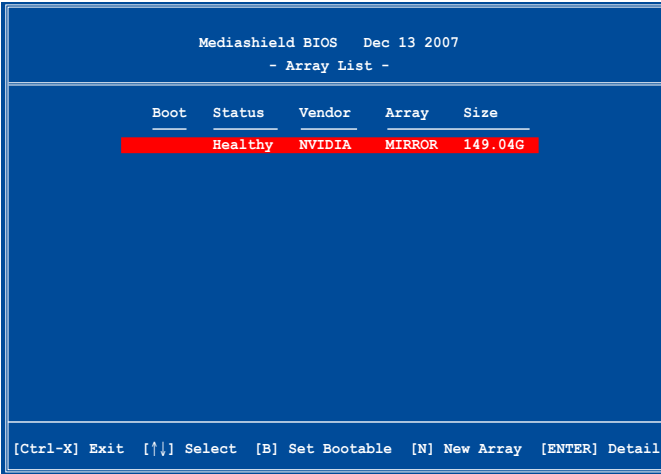


Take caution in using this option. All data on the RAID drives will be lost!



6. Press <Y> to clear the MBR.

The Array List screen appears, where you can review the RAID arrays that you have set up.



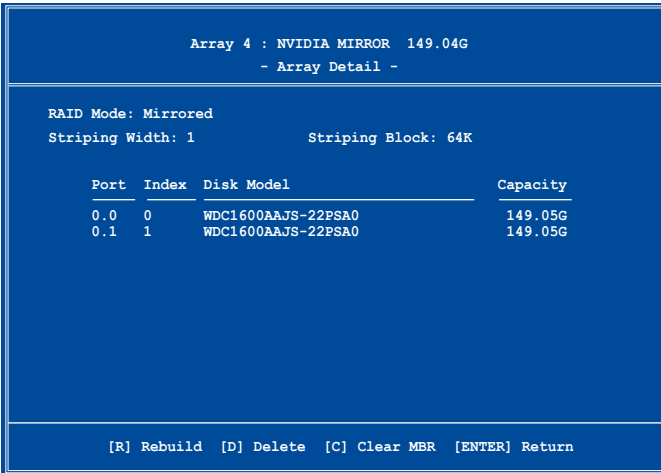
A new set of navigation keys is displayed on the bottom of the screen.

7. Press <Ctrl+X> to save settings and exit.

## Rebuilding a RAID array

To rebuild a RAID array

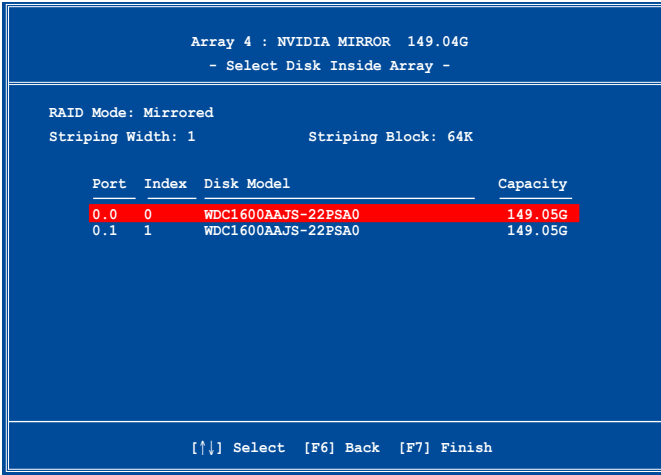
1. From the **Array List** screen, use the up or down arrow keys to select a RAID array, and then press <Enter>. The RAID Array details appear.



A new set of navigation keys is displayed on the bottom of the screen.



2. Press <R> to rebuild a RAID array. The following screen appears.



3. Use the up or down arrow keys to select a RAID array to rebuild, then press <F7>. The following confirmation message appears.



4. Press <Enter> to start rebuilding array or press <Esc> to cancel.
5. After the rebuild process, the Array list menu appears.

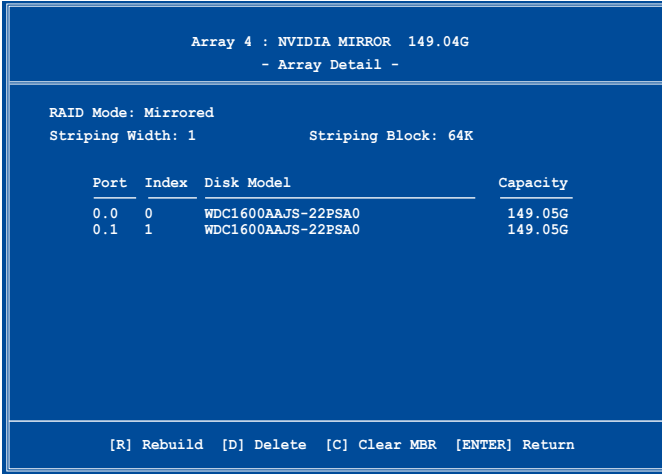


You will need to enter Window® XP/Vista and run the NVIDIA utility in order to complete the rebuilt process.

## Deleting a RAID array

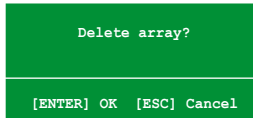
To delete a RAID array

1. From the **Array List** screen, use the up or down arrow keys to select a RAID array, and then press <Enter>. The RAID Array details appear.



A new set of navigation keys is displayed on the bottom of the screen.

2. Press <D> to delete a RAID array. The following confirmation message appears.



3. Press <Y> to delete array or press <N> to cancel.



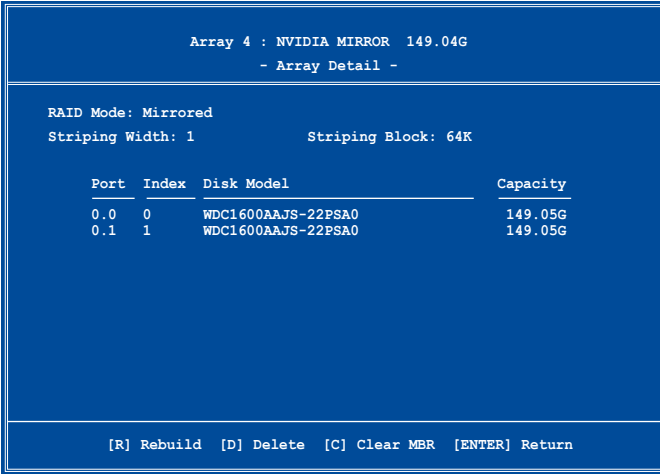
Take caution in using this option. All data on the RAID drives will be lost!

4. If you deleted all existing arrays, the **Define a New Array** screen appears again.

## Clearing a disk MBR

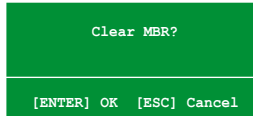
To clear disk MBR

1. From the **Array List** screen, use the up or down arrow keys to select a RAID array, and then press <Enter>. The RAID Array details appear.



A new set of navigation keys is displayed on the bottom of the screen.

2. Press <C> to clear disk MBR. The following confirmation message appears.



3. Press <Y> to clear the disk MBR or press <N> to cancel.



Take caution in using this option. All data on the RAID drives will be lost!

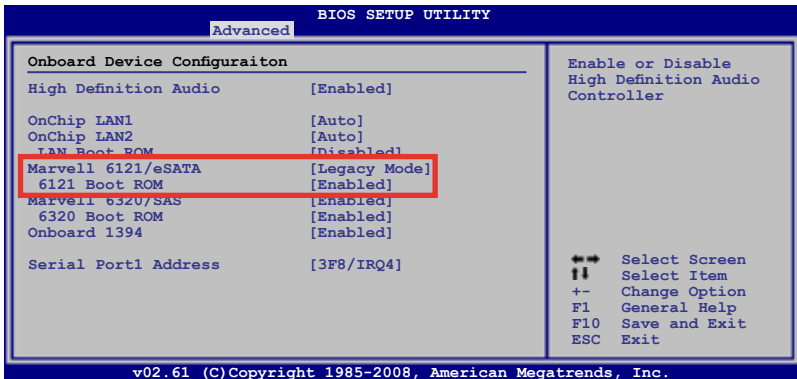
### 5.4.3 Marvell® eSATA RAID configurations

The Marvell® 88SE6121 external SATA controller allows you to configure RAID 0 and RAID 1 sets on the external SATA hard disk drives, or RAID 0, 1, 5 and 10 set(s) on external port-multiplier devices.

#### Setting the RAID item in BIOS

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

1. Install two external Serial ATA hard disk drives to the external SATA ports labeled **ESATA1/2**.
2. Boot up your computer, and press <Del> during POST to enter the BIOS setup.
3. In the **Advanced** menu, go to **Onboard Devices Configuration**, and enable both **Marvell 6121/eSATA** and **6121 Boot ROM**.



4. Set the **Marvell 6121/eSATA** item to [RAID].
5. Press <F10> to save the changes and exit.

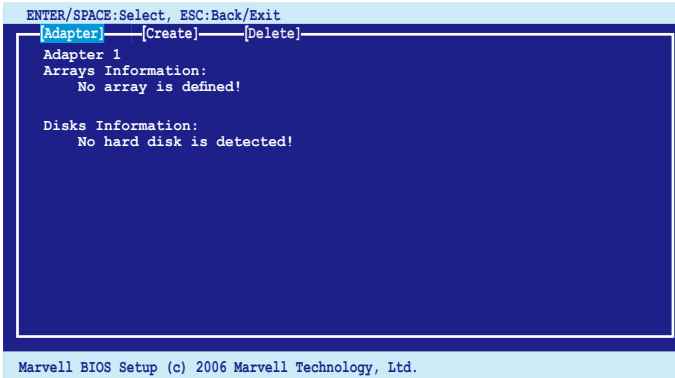


The RAID BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference only, and may not exactly match the items on your screen.

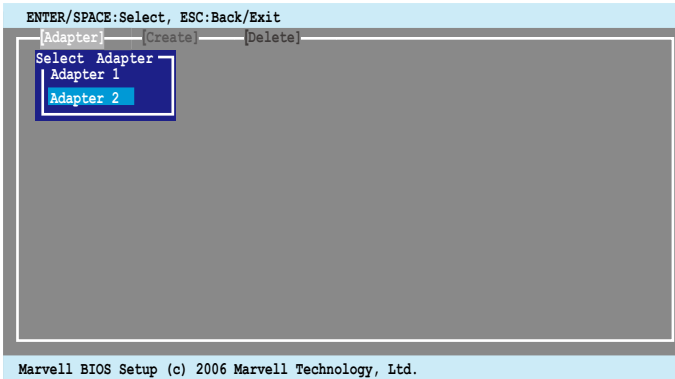
## Marvell® RAID BIOS Configuration utility

To enter the Marvell® RAID BIOS Configuration utility:

1. Boot up your computer.
2. During POST, press <Ctrl> + <M> to enter the utility main menu.



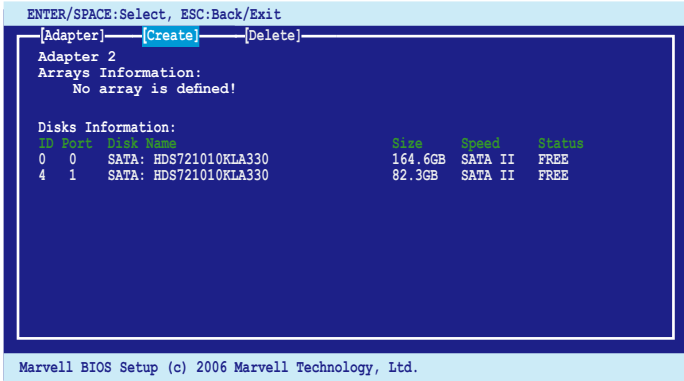
3. Highlight **Adapter** and press <Enter>. Select **Adapter 2** for RAID configuration.



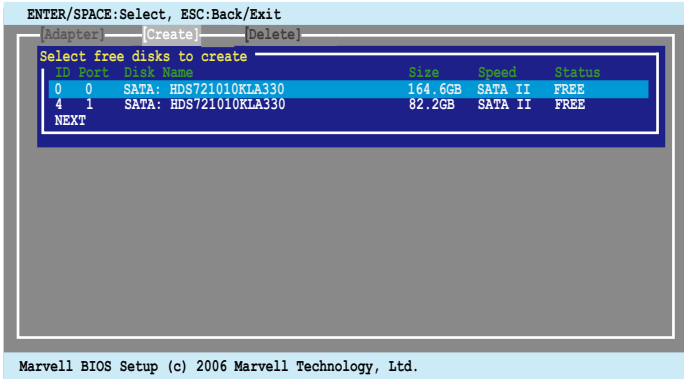
## Creating a RAID 0 or RAID 1 set

To create a RAID set:

1. From the utility menu bar, highlight **Create** on the top.

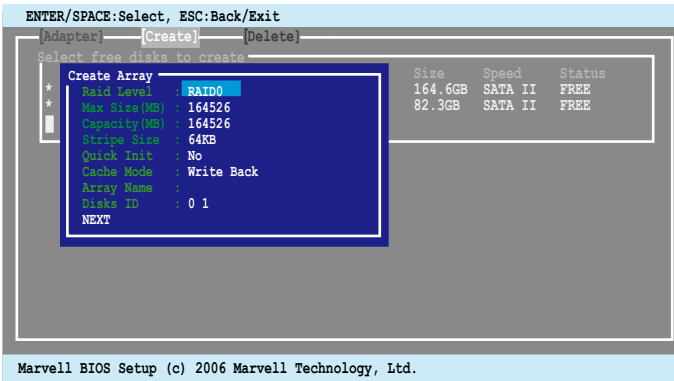


2. Press <Enter>. The screen shows the disks you can add to make up the RAID set. Use the arrow key to select a disk and press <Enter> or <Space> to include this disk in the array.

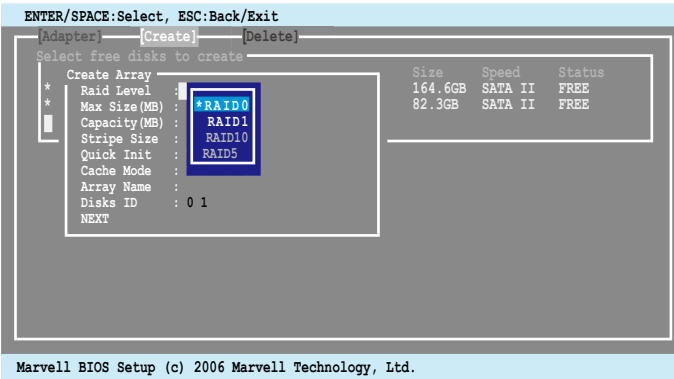


3. After you have selected the desired disks, select **NEXT** to create array.

4. The "Create Array" screen appears.

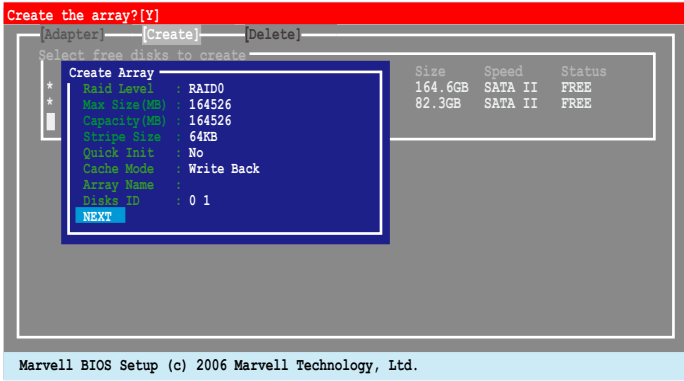


5. Use the arrow key to select the **Raid Level** item and press <Enter> to display the available RAID set. Select a RAID set and press <Enter> to create.

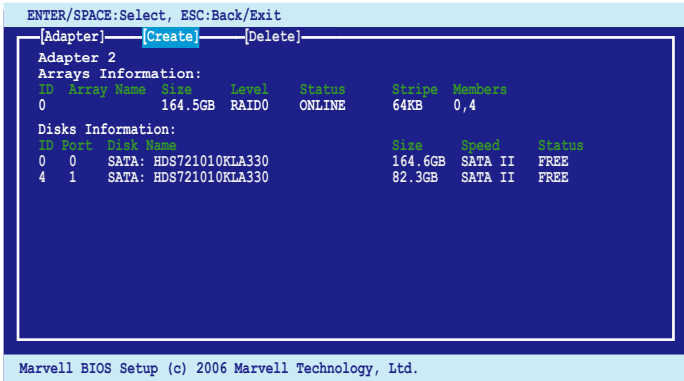


- The available RAID sets vary with the number of disks you select. The RAID sets that you are not allowed to create are grayed out.
- We recommend that you keep the default values of the items other than Raid Level in the Create Array screen.

6. A confirmation screen appears. Press <Y> to confirm the array creation.



7. The newly created array appears in Arrays Information.

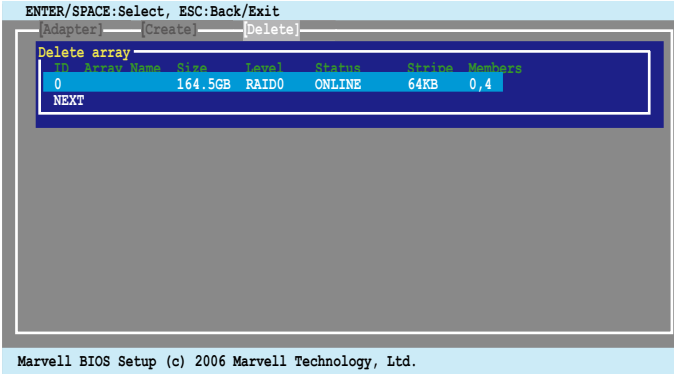




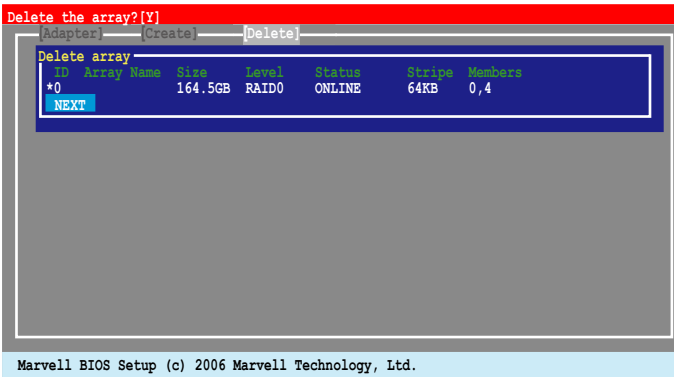
## Deleting an array

To delete a RAID set:

1. From the utility menu bar, select **Delete** on the top and press <Enter>. The "Delete array" screen appears.



2. Select a desired array to delete and select **NEXT**. Press <Y> after the confirmation screen appears.



3. Press <Y> again to confirm and delete the selected array.



You cannot recover lost data if you delete an array. Make sure you back up important data before deleting an array.

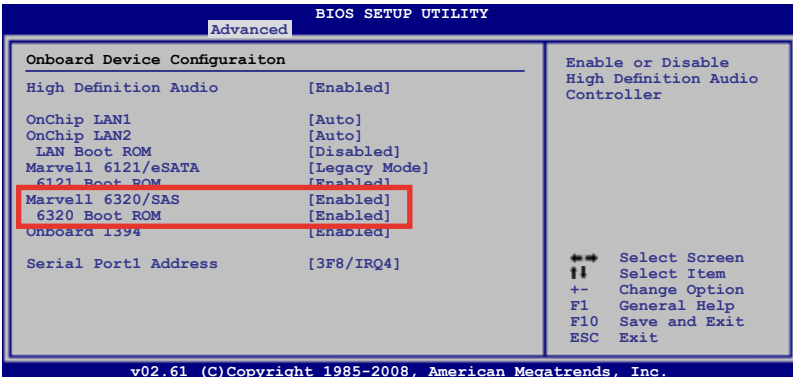
### 5.4.4 Marvell® SAS RAID configurations

The Marvell® 88SE6320 SAS controller allows you to configure RAID 0, RAID 1, and RAID 10 set(s) on the SAS hard disk drives.

#### Setting the RAID item in BIOS

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

1. Install two internal SAS hard disk drives to the SAS connectors labeled **SAS1/2**.
2. Boot up your computer, and press <Del> during POST to enter the BIOS setup.
3. In the **Advanced** menu, go to **Onboard Devices Configuration**, and enable both **Marvell 6320/SAS** and **6320 Boot ROM**.
4. Press <F10> to save the changes and exit.



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

## Marvell® RAID BIOS Configuration utility

To enter the Marvell® RAID BIOS setup utility

1. Boot up your computer.
2. During POST, press <Ctrl> + <M> to enter the utility main menu.

```
Marvell BIOS Setup (c) 2007 Marvell Technology Group Ltd.
[Selection] [Controller] [ Devices ] [ RAID ]
Adapter 1

VendorID:DeviceID:          11AB:6320
BIOS Version:                2.1.0.09
PCI Slot:                    00
Adapter Serial Number:      FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF
IRQ Number:                  0A
Port 0 SAS Address:         500E018000000000
Port 1 SAS Address:         5005018000000001
Port 2 SAS Address:         5005043011AB0000
Port 3 SAS Address:         5005043011AB0000

ENTER/SPACE>Select, ESC:Back/Exit
```

3. Press <Enter> and select a desired adapter for RAID configuration.

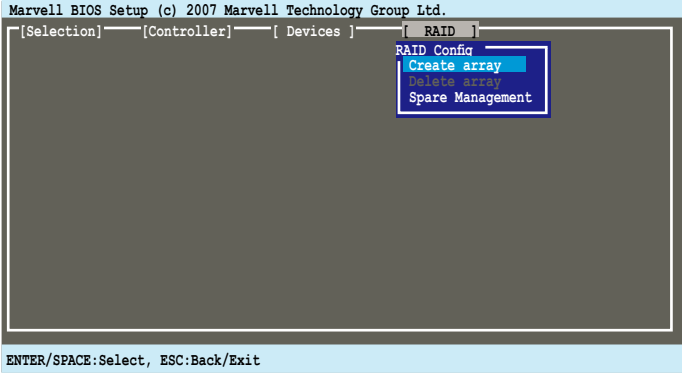
```
Marvell BIOS Setup (c) 2007 Marvell Technology Group Ltd.
[Selection] [Controller] [ Devices ] [ RAID ]
Select Adapter
Adapter 1

ENTER/SPACE>Select, ESC:Back/Exit
```

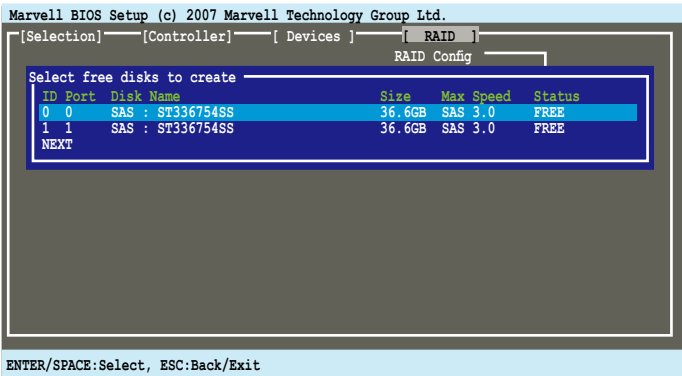
## Creating a RAID 0 or RAID 1 set

To create a RAID set:

1. From the utility menu bar, select **RAID > Create array**.

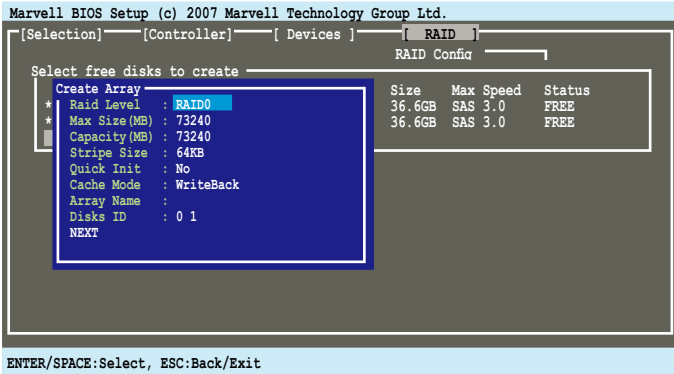


2. Press <Enter>. The screen shows the disks you can add to make up the RAID set. Use the arrow key to select a disk and press <Enter> or <Space> to include this disk in the array.

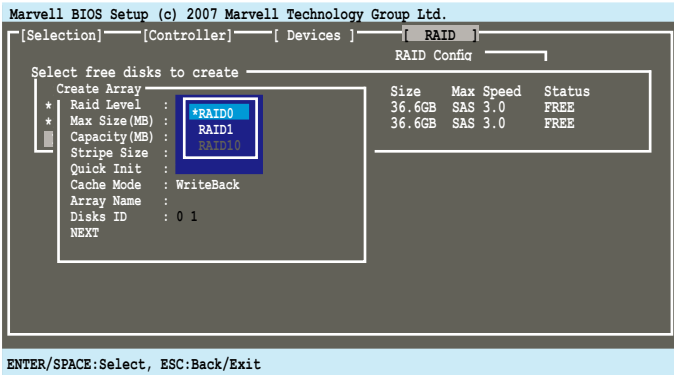


3. After you have selected the desired disks, select **NEXT** to create array.

4. The **Create Array** screen appears.

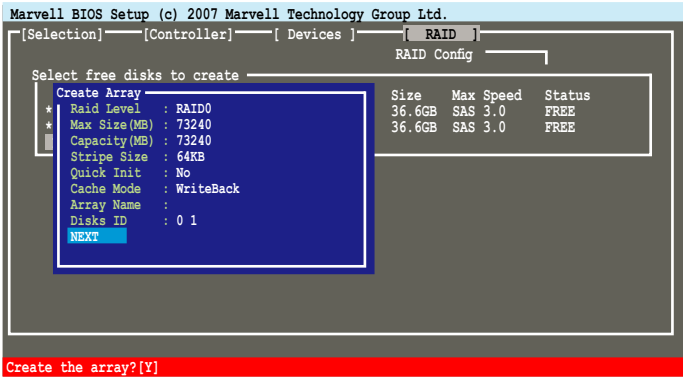


5. Use the arrow key to select the **RAID Level** item and press <Enter> to display the available RAID set. Select a RAID set and press <Enter>. After you have selected the desired RAID set, select **Next** to create array.

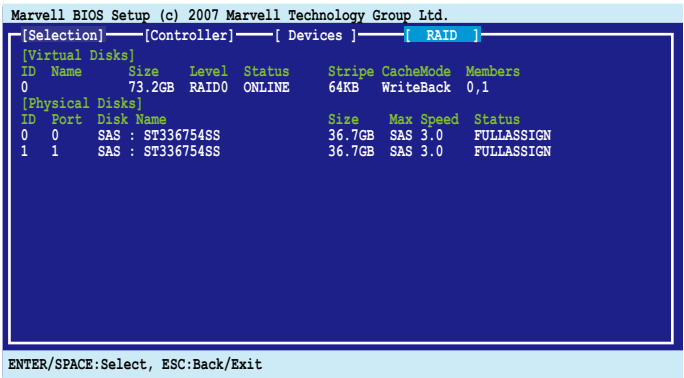


- The available RAID sets vary with the number of disks you select. The RAID sets that you are not allowed to create are grayed out.
- Except for the **RAID Level** item, we recommend you keep the default values for the other items in **Create Array** screen.

- A confirmation screen appears. Press <Y> to confirm the array creation.



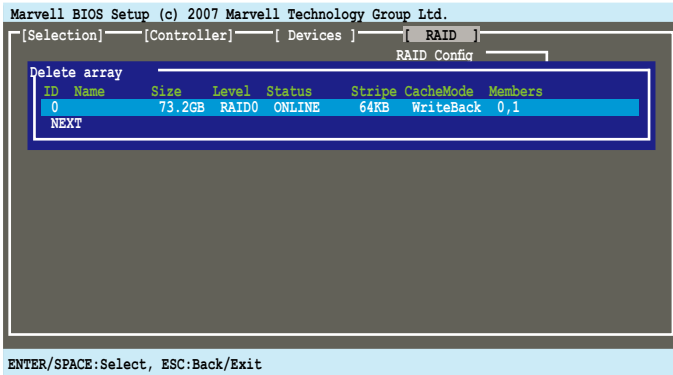
- The newly created array appears in the RAID menu.



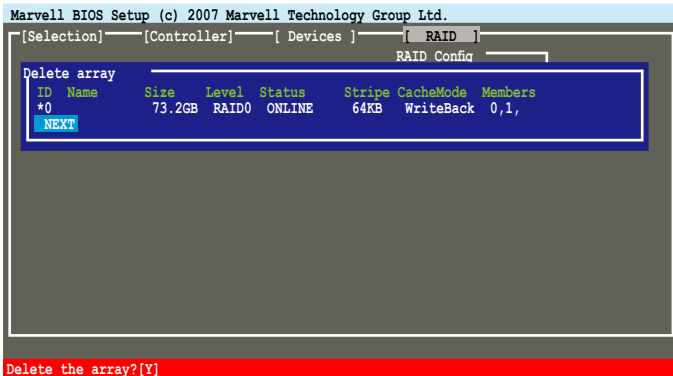
## Deleting an array

To delete a RAID set

1. From the utility menu bar, select **RAID > Delete array**, and then press <Enter>. The **Delete array** screen appears.



2. Select a desired array to delete and select **NEXT**. Press <Y> after the confirmation screen appears.



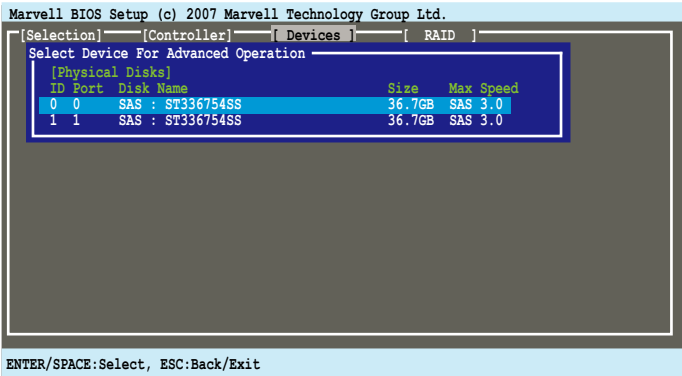
3. Press <Y> again to confirm and delete the selected array.



You cannot recover lost data if you delete an array. Make sure you back up important data before deleting an array.

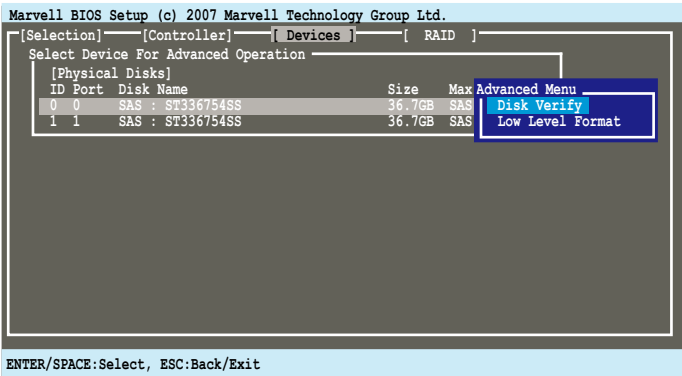
## Advanced Operation

From the utility menu bar, select **Devices**, and then press <Enter>. The **Advanced Operation** screen appears. You can run **Disk Verify** and **Low Level Format** in the Advanced Operation screen.



To run Disk Verify

1. In the Advanced Operation screen, use the arrow key to select a disk and press <Enter> or <Space>. The **Advanced Menu** appears. Select **Disk Verify** and press <Enter>.

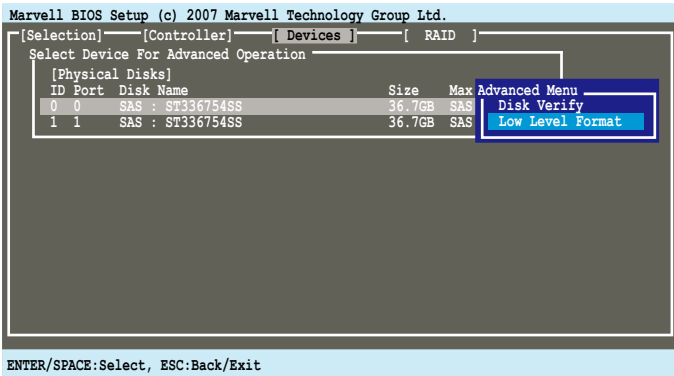


2. Press <Y> after the confirmation screen appears.
3. The utility verifies the selected disk. When completed, press <ESC> to return to the Advanced Operation screen.



To run Low Level Format

1. In the Advanced Operation screen, use the arrow key to select a disk and press <Enter> or <Space>. The **Advanced Menu** appears. Select **Low Level Format** and press <Enter>.



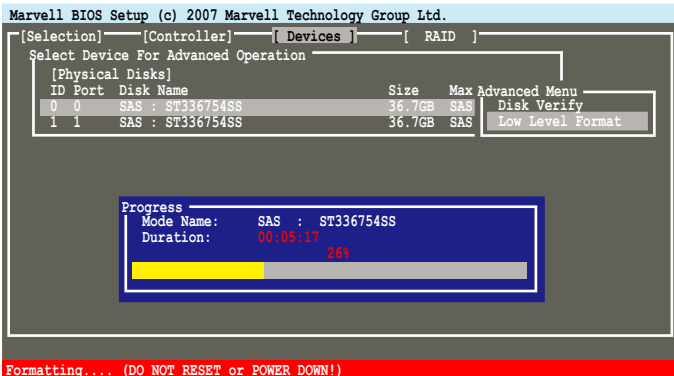
The Low Level Format feature supports SAS HDDs only.

2. Press <Y> after the confirmation screen appears.



You cannot recover lost data if you run low level format on the selected disk. Make sure you back up important data before running low level format.

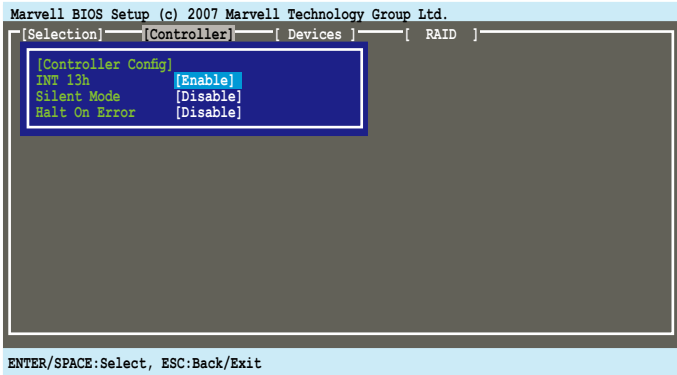
3. The utility runs low level format on the selected disk. **DO NOT** reset the computer or shut down the power during the operation.



4. When completed, press <ESC> to return to the Advanced Operation screen.

## Controller Configuration

From the utility menu bar, select **Controller**, and then press <Enter>. The **Controller Config** screen appears and allows you to change controller settings.



### INT 13h [Enable]

Allows you to enable or disable the Interrupt 13h support. Set this item to [Enable] if you want to use the device(s) connected to Marvell® 88SE6320 SAS controller as boot device. Set this item to [Disable] if you want to use the device(s) connected to Marvell® 88SE6320 SAS controller as data device.

Configuration options: [Disable] [Enable]

### Silent Mode [Disable]

Allows you to enable or disable the BIOS POST silent mode. When enabled, the information of the drives connected to SASsaby M will be hidden during system POST.

Configuration options: [Disable] [Enable]

### Halt On Error [Disable]

Allows you to enable or disable the Halt On Error function. When enabled, the BIOS POST will halt when an error (such as virtual drive status changes) occurs and require user's confirmation to continue.

Configuration options: [Disable] [Enable]

## 5.5 Creating a RAID driver disk

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

### 5.5.1 Creating a RAID driver disk without entering the OS

To create a RAID/SATA driver disk without entering the OS:

1. Boot your computer.
2. Press <Del> during POST to enter the BIOS setup utility.
3. Set the optical drive as the primary boot device.
4. Insert the support DVD into the optical drive.
5. Save changes and exit BIOS.
6. Press any key when the system prompts "Press any key to boot from the optical drive."
7. When the menu appears, press <1> to create a RAID driver disk.
8. Insert a formatted floppy disk into the floppy drive then press <Enter>.
9. Follow succeeding screen instructions to complete the process.

### 5.5.2 Creating a SATA RAID driver disk in Windows®

To create a RAID driver disk in Windows® environment:

1. Start Windows®.
2. Place the motherboard support DVD into the optical drive.
3. Go to the **Make Disk** menu, then select the RAID driver disk you wish to create:
  - Click **NVIDIA 32/64bit XP SATA RAID Driver** to create an NVIDIA® nForce® 790i Ultra SLI™ SATA RAID driver disk for a 32/64-bit Windows® XP OS.
  - Click **NVIDIA 32/64bit Vista SATA RAID Driver** to create an NVIDIA® nForce® 790i Ultra SLI™ SATA RAID driver disk for a 32/64-bit Windows® Vista OS.
4. Insert a floppy disk into the floppy disk drive.
5. Follow succeeding screen instructions to complete the process.



---

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

---

To install the RAID driver in Windows® XP:

1. During the OS installation, the system prompts you to press the F6 key to install third-party SCSI or RAID driver.
2. Press <F6> then insert the floppy disk with RAID driver into the floppy disk drive.
3. Follow the succeeding screen instructions to complete the installation.

To install the RAID driver in Windows® Vista:

1. Insert the floppy disk with the RAID driver into the floppy disk drive.
2. During the OS installation, select **NVIDIA nForce Serial ATA Controller**.
3. Follow the succeeding screen instructions to complete the installation.

This chapter tells how to set up NVIDIA® SLI™ graphics cards to avail of NVIDIA's Multi-Video Processing technology.

# NVIDIA® SLI™ technology support



# Chapter summary

- 6.1 Overview ..... 6-1
- 6.2 Graphics card setup ..... 6-2

## 6.1 Overview

The motherboard supports the NVIDIA® SLI™ (Scalable Link Interface) technology that allows you to install up to three identical PCI Express™ x16 graphics cards. Follow the installation procedures in this section.

### Requirements

- In Dual SLI mode, you should have two identical SLI-ready graphics cards that are NVIDIA® certified.
- In 3-way SLI mode, you should have three identical SLI-ready graphics cards that are NVIDIA® certified.
- Make sure that your graphics card driver supports the NVIDIA SLI technology. Download the latest driver from the NVIDIA website ([www.nvidia.com](http://www.nvidia.com)).
- Make sure that your power supply unit (PSU) can provide at least the minimum power required by your system. See page 2-32 for details.



- 
- The NVIDIA 3-way SLI technology is supported by Windows® Vista™ operating system only.
  - Visit the NVIDIA zone website (<http://www.nzone.com>) for the latest certified graphics card and supported 3D application list.
-

## 6.2 Graphics card setup

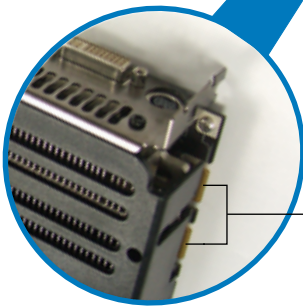
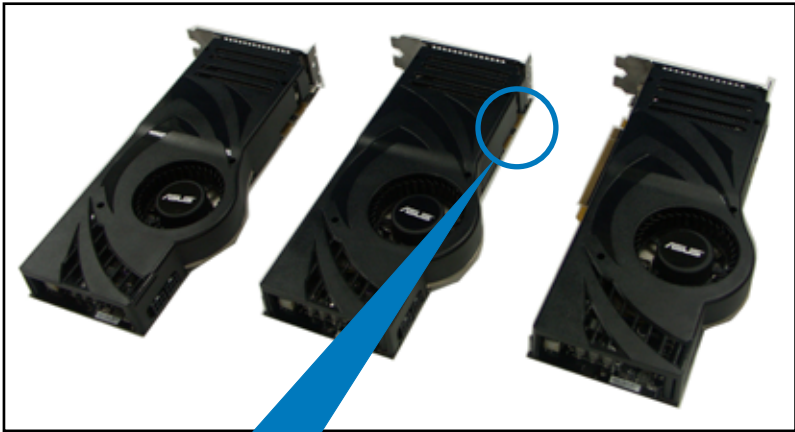
### 6.2.1 Installing three SLI-ready graphics cards



Install only identical SLI-ready graphics cards that are NVIDIA®-certified. Different types of graphics cards will not work together properly.

To install the graphics cards:

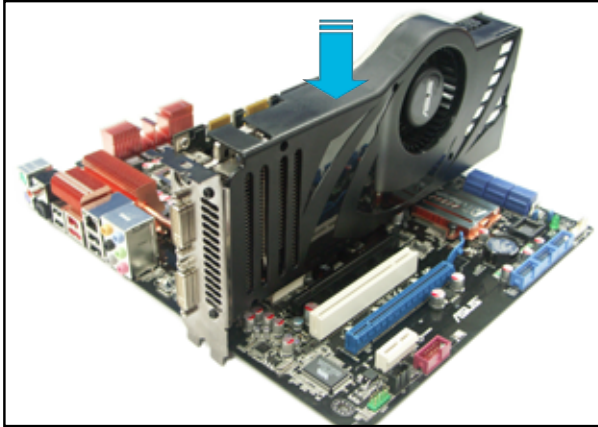
1. Prepare three graphics cards. Each graphics card should have goldfingers for the 3-way SLI connector.



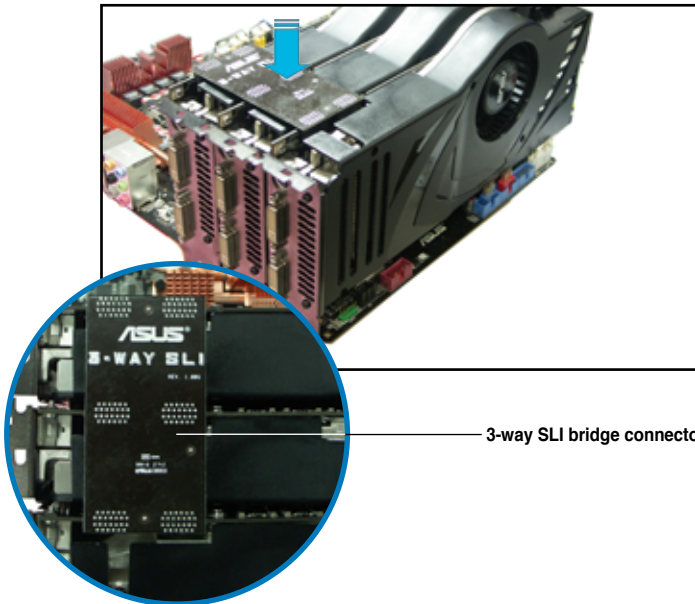
Goldfingers



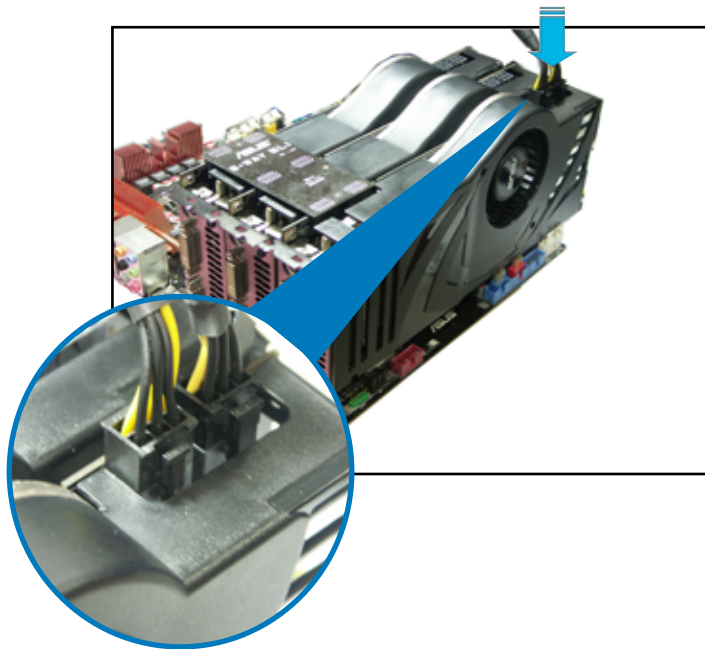
2. Insert the first graphics card into the PCIEX16\_1 slot (blue), the second into the PCIEX16\_3 slot (white), and the third into the PCIEX16\_2 slot (blue). Make sure that the cards are properly seated on the slots.



3. Align and firmly insert the 3-way SLI bridge connector to the goldfingers on each graphics card. Make sure that the connector is firmly in place.



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



5. Connect a VGA or a DVI-I cable to the graphics card/s.



---

We recommend that you install an additional chassis fan for better thermal environment.

---

## 6.2.2 Installing two SLI-ready graphics cards

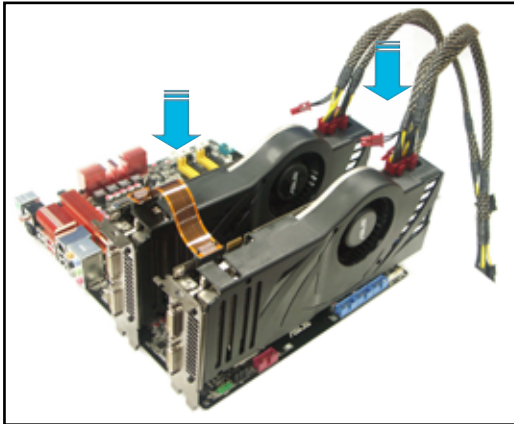
1. Insert one graphics card into the PCIEX16\_1 slot (blue) and the other into the PCIEX16\_2 slot (blue). Make sure that the cards are properly seated on the slots.
2. Align and insert the SLI connector to the goldfingers on each graphics card. Make sure that the connector is firmly in place.
3. Connect auxiliary power source from the power supply to the two graphics cards separately.
4. Connect a VGA or a DVI-I cable to the graphics card/s.



---

We recommend that you install an additional chassis fan for better thermal environment.

---



### 6.2.3 Installing the device drivers

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



- Make sure that your PCI Express graphics card driver supports the NVIDIA® SLI™ technology. Download the latest driver from the NVIDIA website ([www.nvidia.com](http://www.nvidia.com)).
- If you are using a 3-way SLI system, make sure to install the 3-way SLI driver under Windows® Vista™ OS. The NVIDIA 3-way SLI technology is supported by Windows® Vista™ only.

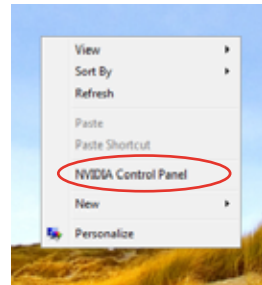
### 6.2.4 Enabling the NVIDIA® SLI™ technology in Windows®

After installing your graphics cards and the device drivers, enable the SLI feature in NVIDIA® Control Panel under the Windows® Vista™ operating system.

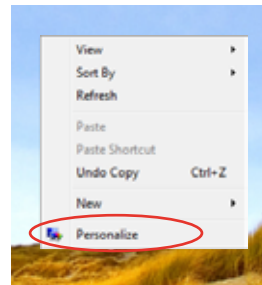
#### Launching the NVIDIA Control Panel

You can launch the NVIDIA Control Panel by the following two methods.

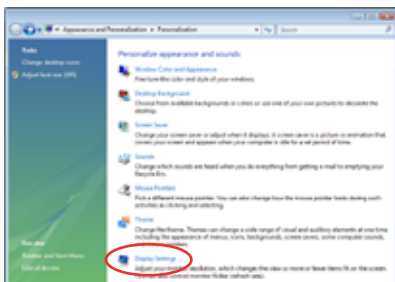
- (a) Right click on the empty space of the Windows® desktop and select **NVIDIA Control Panel**.



- (b) If you cannot see the NVIDIA Control Panel item in step (a), select **Personalize**.



From the **Personalization** window, select **Display Settings**.



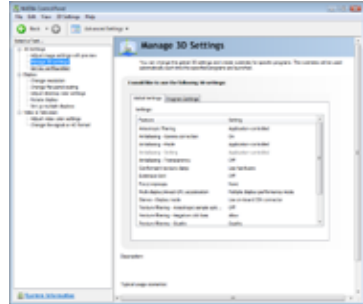
From the Display Settings dialog box, click **Advanced Settings**.



Select the NVIDIA GeForce tab, and then click **Start the NVIDIA Control Panel**.



The NVIDIA Control Panel window appears.



### Enabling SLI configuration

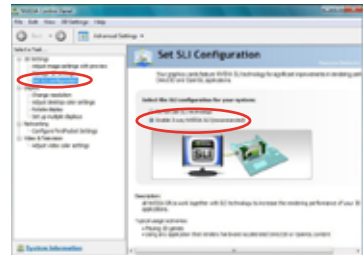
**When installing two graphics cards:**

From the NVIDIA Control Panel window, select **Set SLI Configuration**. Click **Enable SLI** and set the display for viewing SLI rendered content. When done, click **Apply**.



**When installing three graphics cards:**

1. From the NVIDIA Control Panel window, select **Set SLI Configuration**, and then click **Enable 3-way NVIDIA SLI**. When done, click **Apply**.
2. Select the **3D Settings** tab and enable the **Show SLI Visual Indicators** item.



When this item is enabled, a green bar appears on the left side of the screen while 3D demonstrations are rendered, indicating the 3-way SLI status.



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

# CPU features

A large, light gray, sans-serif letter 'A' is positioned behind the text 'CPU features', partially overlapping it.

## Chapter summary



A.1	Intel® EM64T.....	A-1
A.2	Enhanced Intel SpeedStep® Technology (EIST).....	A-1
A.3	Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology .....	A-3



## A.1 Intel® EM64T



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

### Using the Intel® EM64T feature

To use the Intel® EM64T feature:

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



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

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



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

### A.2.1 System requirements

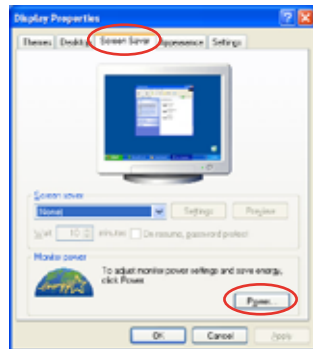
Before using EIST, check your system if it meets the following requirements:


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

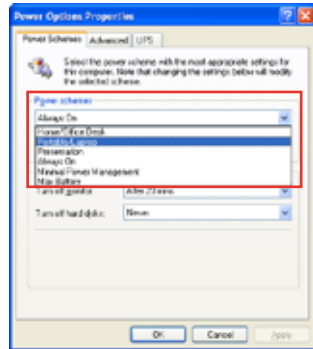
## A.2.2 Using the EIST

To use the EIST feature:

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



8. On the Power schemes section, click , then select any option except Home/Office Desktop or Always On.
9. Click Apply, then click OK.
10. Close the Display Properties window.  
After you adjust the power scheme, the CPU internal frequency slightly decreases when the CPU loading is low.



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

## A.3 Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology

---



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

### Using the Hyper-Threading Technology

---

To use the Hyper-Threading Technology:

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

