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Chapter 1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock Rack **EPC621D8A** motherboard, a reliable motherboard produced under ASRock Rack's consistently stringent quality control. It delivers excellent performance with robust design conforming to ASRock Rack's commitment to quality and endurance.

In this manual, chapter 1 and 2 contains introduction of the motherboard and step-by-step guide to the hardware installation. Chapter 3 and 4 contains the configuration guide to BIOS setup and information of the Support CD.



Because the motherboard specifications and the BIOS software might be updated, the content of this manual will be subject to change without notice. In case any modifications of this manual occur, the updated version will be available on ASRock Rack website without further notice. You may find the latest memory and CPU support lists on ASRock Rack website as well. ASRock Rack's Website: www.ASRockRack.com

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<http://www.asrockrack.com/support/>*

1.1 Package Contents

- ASRock Rack EPC621D8A Motherboard
(ATX Form Factor: 12.0-in x 9.6-in, 30.5 cm x 24.4 cm)
- Support CD
- User Manual
- 4 x SATA3 cables (50cm)
- 2 x SATA3 cables (60cm)
- 1 x Mini SAS HD to 4 SATA Cable (6G)
- 2 x Screws for M.2 Sockets
- 1 x I/O Shield
- 1 x CPU Non-Fabric Carrier



If any items are missing or appear damaged, contact your authorized dealer.

1.2 Specifications

| EPC621D8A | |
|---------------------------|---|
| MB Physical Status | |
| Form Factor | ATX |
| Dimension | 12" x 9.6" (30.5 cm x 24.4 cm) |
| Processor System | |
| CPU | Intel® Xeon® Scalable Processors (Max 205W) |
| Socket | Single Socket P (3647) |
| Chipset | Intel® C621 |
| System Memory | |
| Capacity | 8 DIMM slots |
| Type | - Six Channel Memory Technology - Support DDR4 2666/2400 RDIMM & LR DIMM |
| Voltage | 1.2V |
| Expansion Slot | |
| PCIe 3.0 x 16 | 2 slots (Slot4: share with slot3, x16/x8, Slot6: share with Slot5, x16/x8) |
| PCIe 3.0 x 8 | 3 slots (Slot2: x8, Slot3: share with Slot3, x0/x8, Slot5: share with slot6, x0/x8) |
| PCIe 3.0 x 4 | 1 slot |
| Storage | |
| SATA Controller | Intel® C621 : 13x SATA3 (including 1 SATA DOM port and 2 M.2 ports) |
| Ethernet | |
| Interface | 1000 Mbps |
| LAN Controller | 4 x RJ45 by Marvell 88E1543 for 4 ports GbE |
| Management | |
| BMC Controller | ASPEED AST2500 |
| IPMI Dedicated GLAN | 1 x Realtek RTL8211E for dedicated management GLAN |
| Features | - Watch Dog - NMI |
| Graphics | |
| Controller | ASPEED AST2500 |
| VRAM | DDR4 256MB |
| Audio | |
| Audio code | Realtek ALC1150 |

| Rear Panel I/O | |
|------------------------|---|
| VGA Port | 1 x D-Sub |
| Serial Port | 1 x COM port |
| USB 3.0 Port | 4 |
| LAN Port | - 4+1(IPMI) RJ45 Gigabit Ethernet LAN port - LAN Ports with LED (ACT/LINK LED and SPEED LED) |
| Audio Jack | 3 hole |
| Internal Connector | |
| Auxiliary Panel Header | 1 (includes chassis intrusion, location button & LED, front LAN LED) |
| TPM Header | 1 |
| IPMB Header | 1 |
| Fan Header | 1x CPU Fan, 4x System Fans (3 front, 1 rear) |
| ATX Power | 1 (24-pin) + 1 (8-pin) |
| USB 3.0 Header | 2 (support 4 ports USB 3.0) |
| M.2 | 2 (up to 2280, SATA and PCIe x1) |
| Type A USB 3.0 Port | 1 |
| SATA DOM | 1 |
| System BIOS | |
| BIOS Type | 32MB AMI UEFI Legal BIOS |
| BIOS Features | - Plug and Play (PnP) - ACPI 2.0 Compliance Wake Up Events - SMBIOS 2.8 Support - ASRock Rack Instant Flash |
| Hardware Monitor | |
| Temperature | - CPU Temperature Sensing - System Temperature Sensing |
| Fan | - CPU/Rear/Front Fan Tachometer - CPU Quiet Fan (Allow Chassis Fan Speed Auto-Adjust by CPU Temperature) - CPU/Rear/Front Fan Multi-Speed Control |
| Voltage | Voltage Monitoring: +12V, +5V, +3.3V, CPU Vcore, DRAM, 1.05V_PCH, +BAT, 3VSB, 5VSB |

| Support OS | |
|-------------|--|
| OS | <p>Microsoft® Windows®</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Windows 10 (64 bit) - Server 2012 R2 (64 bit) - Server 2016 (64 bit) <p>Linux®</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CentOS 6.8 (64 bit) / 7.2 (64 bit) - SUSE Enterprise Linux Server 11 SP4 (64 bit) / 12 SP1 (64 bit) - FreeBSD 11 (64 bit) - Fedora Core 24 (64 bit) - Ubuntu 16.04/15.10 (64 bit) - RedHat Enterprise Linux Server 6.8 (64 bit) / 7.2 (64 bit) <p>Virtual:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VMWare ESXi 6.0 <p>* Please refer to our website for the latest OS support list.</p> |
| Environment | |
| Temperature | <p>Operation temperature: 10°C ~ 35°C / Non operation temperature: -40°C ~ 70°C</p> |

NOTE: Please refer to our website for the latest specifications.



This motherboard supports Wake from on Board LAN. To use this function, please make sure that the "Wake on Magic Packet from power off state" is enabled in Device Manager > Intel® Ethernet Connection > Power Management. And the "PCI Devices Power On" is enabled in UEFI SETUP UTILITY > Advanced > ACPI Configuration. After that, onboard LAN1&2 can wake up S5 under OS.



If you install Intel® LAN utility or Marvell SATA utility, this motherboard may fail Windows® Hardware Quality Lab (WHQL) certification tests. If you install the drivers only, it will pass the WHQL tests.

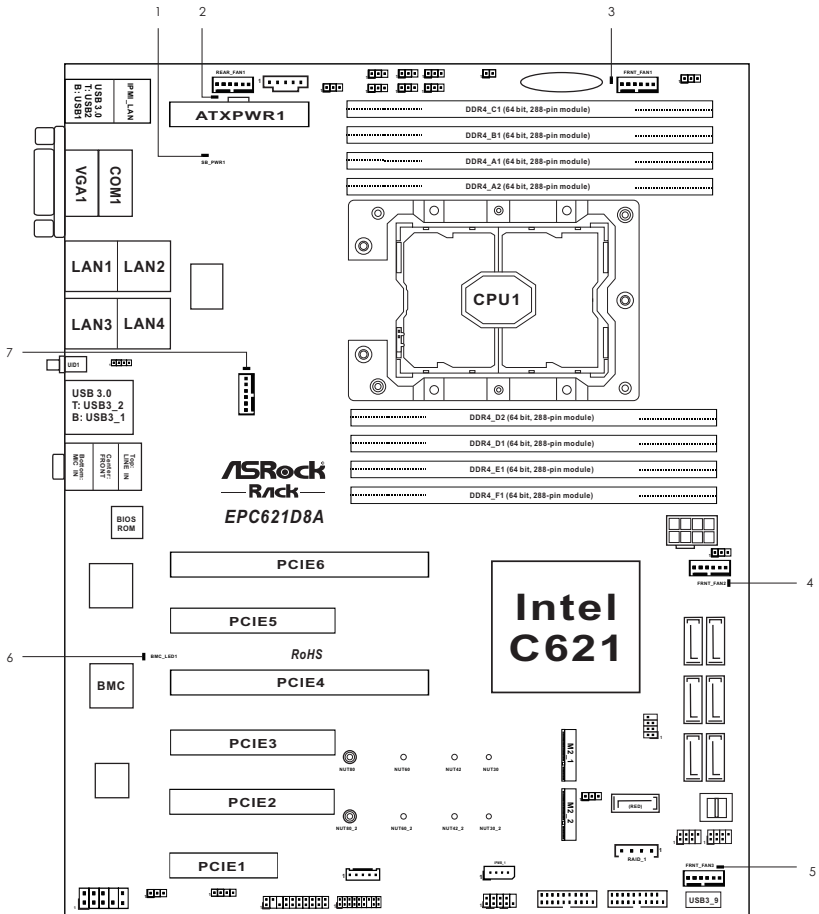
1.3 Unique Features

ASRock Instant Flash is a BIOS flash utility embedded in Flash ROM. This convenient BIOS update tool allows you to update system BIOS without entering operating systems first like Windows[®]. With this utility, you can press the <F6> key during the POST or the <F2> key to enter into the BIOS setup menu to access ASRock Rack Instant Flash. Just launch this tool and save the new BIOS file to your USB flash drive, floppy disk or hard drive, then you can update your BIOS only in a few clicks without preparing an additional floppy diskette or other complicated flash utility. Please be noted that the USB flash drive or hard drive must use FAT32/16/12 file system.

| No. | Description |
|-----|---|
| 1 | ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1) |
| 2 | Rear Fan Connector (REAR_FAN1) |
| 3 | PSU SMBus (PSU_SMB1) |
| 4 | CPU PECI Jumper (PECI1) |
| 5 | PMBUS Mode Jumper (PMBUS_SEL_ALT1) |
| 6 | Chassis ID0 Jumper (CHASSIS_ID0) |
| 7 | Chassis ID1 Jumper (CHASSIS_ID1) |
| 8 | Chassis ID2 Jumper (CHASSIS_ID2) |
| 9 | PMBUS Mode Jumper (PMBUS_SEL_CLK1) |
| 10 | Non Maskable Interrupt Button (NMI_BTN1) |
| 11 | Front Fan Connector (FRNT_FAN1) |
| 12 | Support NVDIMM Jumer (AEP_1) |
| 13 | 3 x 288-pin DDR4 DIMM Slots (DDR4_A1, DDR4_B1, DDR4_C1, Blue) |
| 14 | 1 x 288-pin DDR4 DIMM Slot (DDR4_A2, White) |
| 15 | 1 x 288-pin DDR4 DIMM Slot (DDR4_D2, White) |
| 16 | 3 x 288-pin DDR4 DIMM Slots (DDR4_D1, DDR4_E1, DDR4_F1, Blue) |
| 17 | ATX 12V Power Connector (ATX12V1) |
| 18 | Support NVDIMM Jumer (AEP_2) |
| 19 | Front Fan Connector (FRNT_FAN2) |
| 20 | SATA SGPIO Connector (SSATA_SGPIO1) |
| 21 | SATA2 Connector (SSATA_1) |
| 22 | SATA2 Connector (SSATA_0) |
| 23 | SATA2 Connector (SSATA_3) |
| 24 | SATA2 Connector (SSATA_2) |
| 25 | SATA2 Connector (SSATA_5) |
| 26 | SATA2 Connector (SSATA_4) |
| 27 | SATA DOM Power Jumper (SATAPWR1) |
| 28 | MINI-SAS HD Connector (SATA_0_3) |
| 29 | SATA SGPIO Connector (SATA_SGPIO1) |
| 30 | SATA SGPIO Connector (SATA_SGPIO2) |
| 31 | Front Fan Connector (FRNT_FAN3) |
| 32 | Vertical Type A USB 3.0 (USB3_9) |
| 33 | SATA3 DOM Connector (SATA_4), Red |

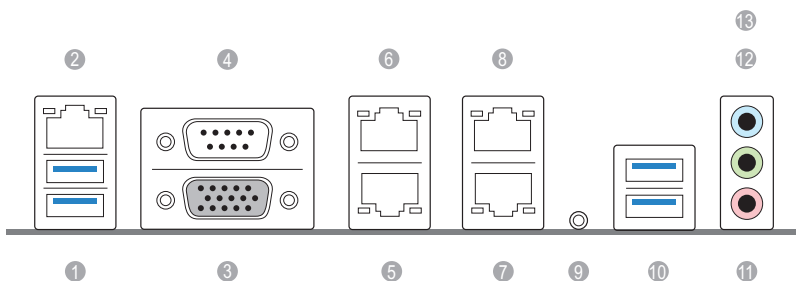
| No. | Description |
|-----|---|
| 34 | USB 3.0 Header (USB3_5_6) |
| 35 | USB 3.0 Header (USB3_7_8) |
| 36 | System Panel Header (PANEL1) |
| 37 | Intelligent Platform Management Bus header (IPMB_1) |
| 38 | BMC SMBus Header (BMC_SMB_1) |
| 39 | TPM Header (TPM1) |
| 40 | Auxiliary Panel Header (AUX_PANEL1) |
| 41 | Speaker Header (SPEAKER1) |
| 42 | Thermal Sensor header (TR1) |
| 43 | Front Panel Audio Header (HD_AUDIO1) |
| 44 | Virtual RAID On CPU Header (RAID_1) |
| 45 | CPU Fan Connector (CPU1_FAN1) |
| 46 | Front LAN LED Connector (FRONT_LED_LAN34) |
| 47 | PMBUS Mode Jumper (PMBUS_SEL_DAT1) |

1.5 Onboard LED Indicators



| No. | Status | Description |
|-----|--------|-------------------|
| 1 | Green | STB PWR ready |
| 2 | Amber | REAR_FAN1 failed |
| 3 | Amber | FRNT_FAN1 failed |
| 4 | Amber | FRNT_FAN2 failed |
| 5 | Amber | FRNT_FAN3 failed |
| 6 | Green | BMC heartbeat LED |
| 7 | Amber | CPU1_FAN1 failed |

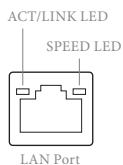
1.6 I/O Panel



| No. | Description | No. | Description |
|-----|-----------------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| 1 | LAN RJ-45 Port (IPMI_LAN)** | 8 | LAN RJ-45 Port (LAN4)* |
| 2 | USB 3.0 Ports (USB3_1_2) | 9 | UID Switch (UID1) |
| 3 | VGA Port (VGA1) | 10 | USB 3.0 Ports (USB3_3_4) |
| 4 | Serial Port (COM1) | 11 | Line In (Light Blue) |
| 5 | LAN RJ-45 Port (LAN1)* | 12 | Front Speaker (Lime) |
| 6 | LAN RJ-45 Port (LAN2)* | 13 | Microphone (Pink) |
| 7 | LAN RJ-45 Port (LAN3)* | | |

LAN Port LED Indications

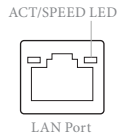
*There are two LED next to the LAN port. Please refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.



Dedicated IPMI LAN Port LED Indications

| Activity / Link LED | | Speed LED | |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Status | Description | Status | Description |
| Off | No Link | Off | 10Mbps connection |
| Blinking | Data Activity | Orange | 100Mbps connection |
| On | 100Mbps connection | Green | 1Gbps connection |

**There are two LEDs on each LAN port. Please refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.

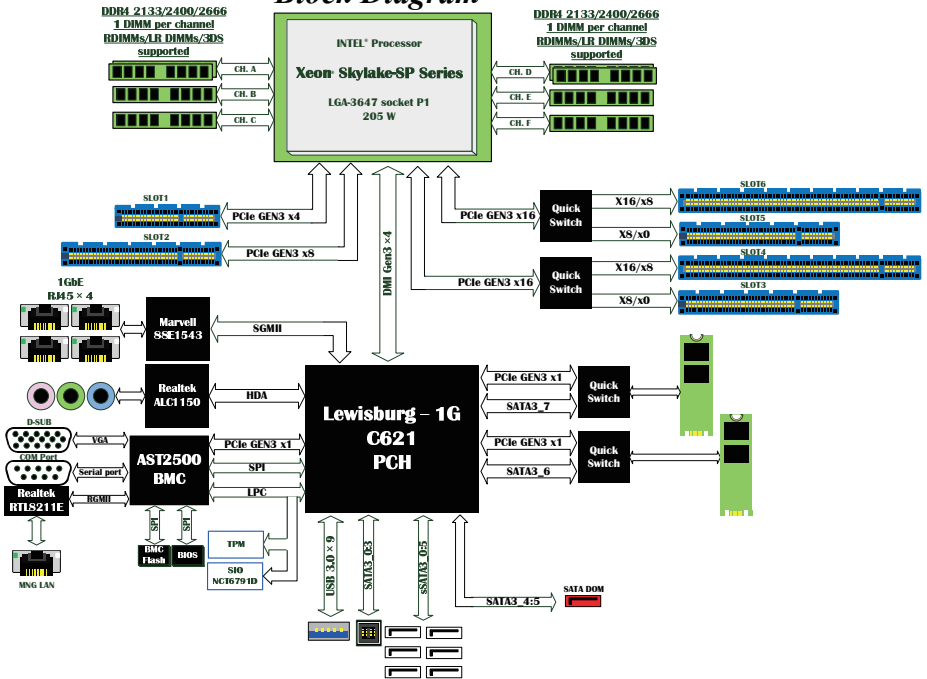


LAN Port (LAN1, LAN2, LAN3, LAN4) LED Indications

| Activity / Speed LED | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Status | Description |
| Off | No Link |
| Solid Green | Link Up (1Gbps connection) |
| Blinking Green | Data Activity |

1.7 Block Diagram

EPC621D8A Block Diagram



Chapter 2 Installation

This is an ATX form factor (12" x 9.6", 30.5 cm x 24.4 cm) motherboard. 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 may cause physical injuries to you and damages to motherboard components.

2.1 Screw Holes

Place screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.

2.2 Pre-installation Precautions

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

1. Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any components.
2. To avoid damaging the motherboard's components due to static electricity, NEVER place your motherboard directly on the carpet or the like. Also remember to use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safety grounded object before you handle the components.
3. Hold components by the edges and do not touch the ICs.
4. Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded anti-static pad or in the bag that comes with the component.
5. When placing screws into the screw holes to secure the motherboard to the chassis, please do not over-tighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.



Do not over-tighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.



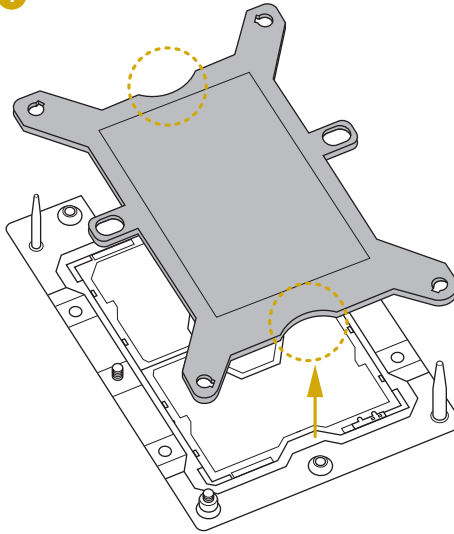
Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the power is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, and/or components.

2.3 Installing the CPU and Heatsink

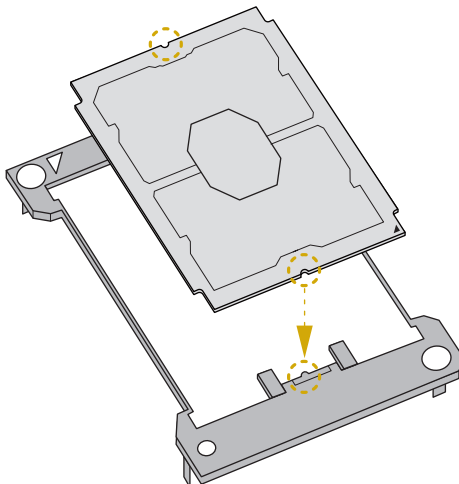


1. Before you insert the CPU into the socket, please check if the PnP cap is on the socket, if the CPU surface is unclean, or if there are any bent pins in the socket. Do not force to insert the CPU into the socket if above situation is found. Otherwise, the CPU will be seriously damaged.
2. Unplug all power cables before installing the CPU.

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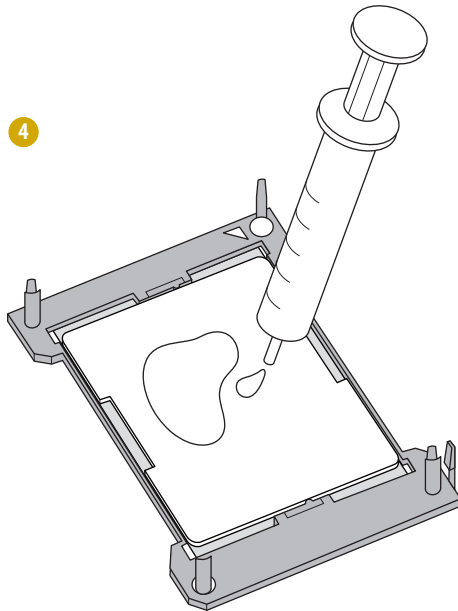
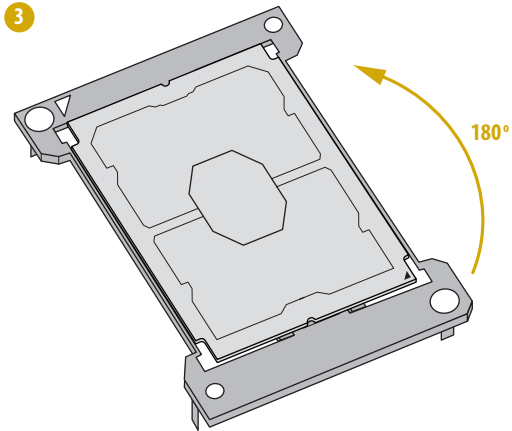


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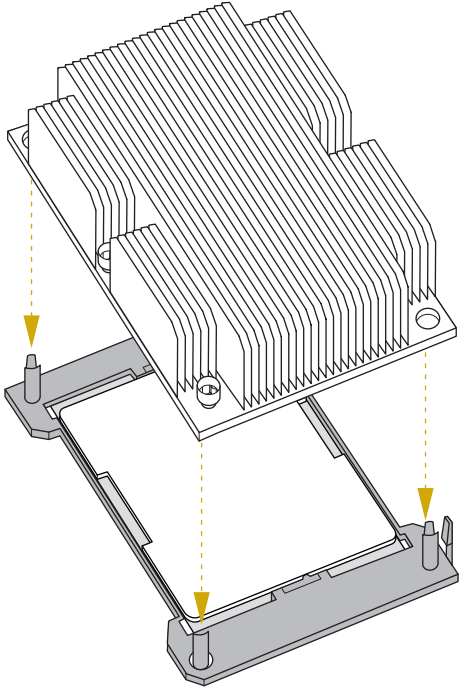


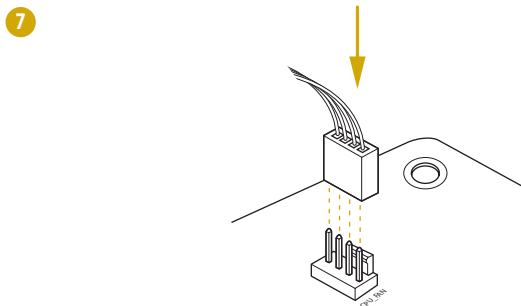
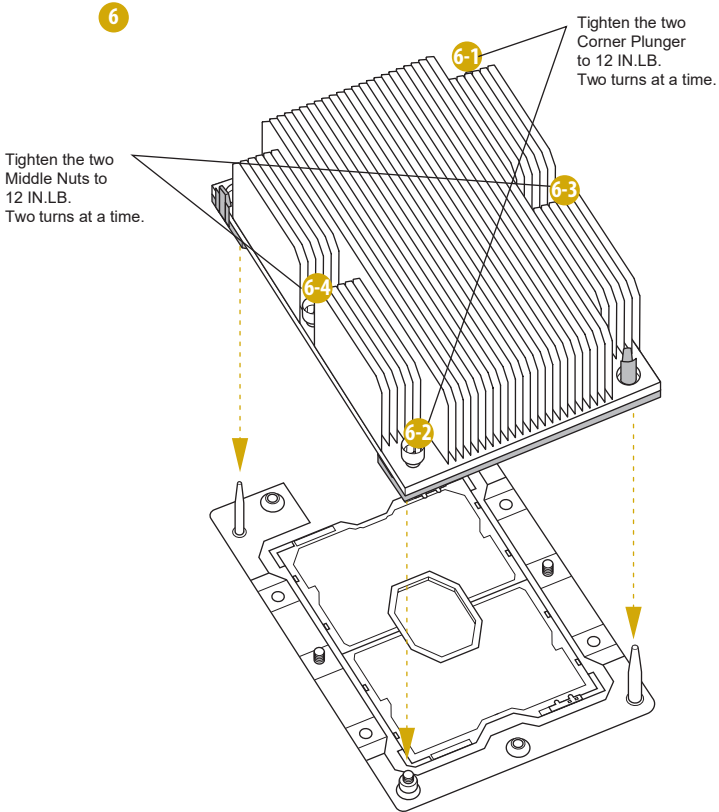


1. Before you installed the heatsink, you need to spray thermal interface material between the CPU and the heatsink to improve heat dissipation.
2. Illustration in this documentation are examples only. Heatsink or fan cooler type may differ.



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2.4 Installation of Memory Modules (DIMM)

This motherboard provides eight 288-pin DDR4 (Double Data Rate 4) DIMM slots in two groups, and supports Six Channel Memory Technology.

A single memory module should be installed in the Blue socket.

| | CPU1 | | | | | | | |
|---------|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | A1 | A2 | B1 | C1 | D1 | D2 | E1 | F1 |
| 1 DIMM | # | | | | | | | |
| 2 DIMMS | # | | | | # | | | |
| 4 DIMMS | # | # | | | # | # | | |
| 8 DIMMS | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # |

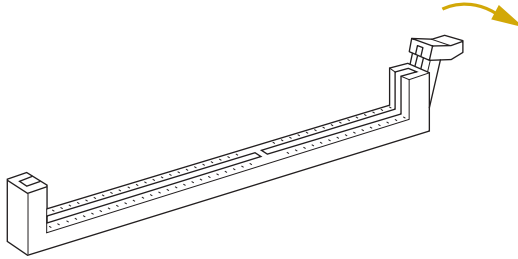
Dual Channel Memory Configuration

| Priority | DDR4_A1 | DDR4_A2 | DDR4_D1 | DDR4_D2 |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Populated | | Populated | |
| 2 | | Populated | | Populated |

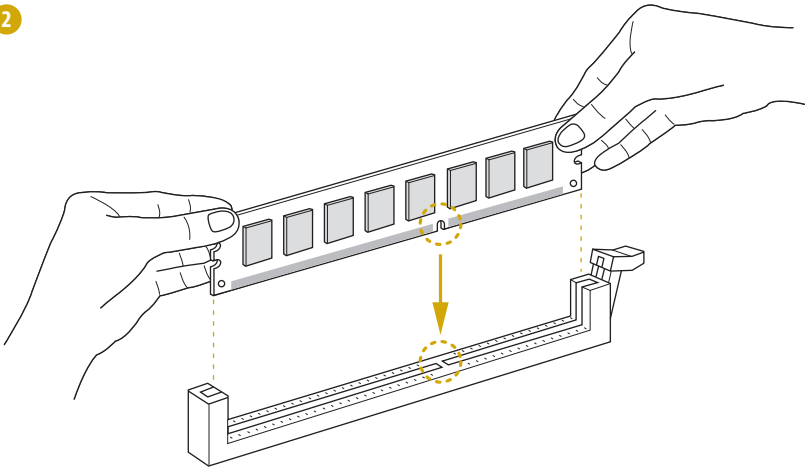


1. It is not allowed to install a DDR, DDR2 or DDR3 memory module into a DDR4 slot; otherwise, this motherboard and DIMM may be damaged.
2. For six channel configuration, you always need to install identical (the same brand, speed, size and chip-type) DDR4 DIMM pairs.
3. Some DDR4 1GB double-sided DIMMs with 16 chips may not work on this motherboard. It is not recommended to install them on this motherboard.

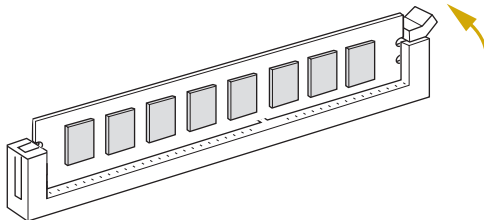
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The DIMM only fits in one correct orientation. It will cause permanent damage to the motherboard and the DIMM if you force the DIMM into the slot at incorrect orientation.

2.5 Expansion Slots (PCI Express Slots)

There are 6 PCI Express slots on this motherboard.

PCIe slot:

PCIe1 (PCIe 2.0 x4, from CPU1) is used for PCI Express x4 lane width graphics cards.

PCIe2, PCIe3 and PCIe5 (PCIe 3.0 x8 slot, from CPU1) are used for PCI Express x8 lane width graphics cards.

PCIe4 and PCIe6 (PCIe 3.0 x16 slot, from CPU1) are used for PCI Express x16 lane width graphics cards.

| Slot | Generation | Mechanical | Electrical | Source |
|--------|------------|------------|------------|--------|
| PCIe 1 | 3.0 | x4 | x4 | CPU1 |
| PCIe 2 | 3.0 | x8 | x8 | CPU1 |
| PCIe 3 | 3.0 | x8 | x8 | CPU1 |
| PCIe 4 | 3.0 | x16 | x16 | CPU1 |
| PCIe 5 | 3.0 | x8 | x8 | CPU1 |
| PCIe 6 | 3.0 | x16 | x16 | CPU1 |

PCI Express Slot Configuration

| No. | PCIe 3 | PCIe 4 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
| Single Graphics Card | | x16 |
| Two Graphics Cards | x8 | x8 |

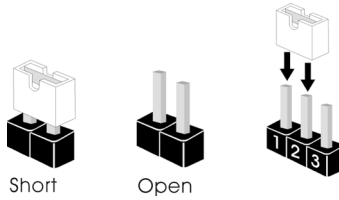
| No. | PCIe 5 | PCIe 6 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
| Single Graphics Card | | x16 |
| Two Graphics Cards | x8 | x8 |

Installing an expansion card

- Step 1. Before installing an expansion card, please make sure that the power supply is switched off or the power cord is unplugged. Please read the documentation of the expansion card and make necessary hardware settings for the card before you start the installation.
- Step 2. Remove the system unit cover (if your motherboard is already installed in a chassis).
- Step 3. Remove the bracket facing the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screws for later use.
- Step 4. Align the card connector with the slot and press firmly until the card is completely seated on the slot.
- Step 5. Fasten the card to the chassis with screws.
- Step 6. Replace the system cover.

2.6 Jumper Setup

The illustration shows how jumpers are setup. When the jumper cap is placed on the pins, the jumper is “Short”. If no jumper cap is placed on the pins, the jumper is “Open”. The illustration shows a 3-pin jumper whose pin1 and pin2 are “Short” when a jumper cap is placed on these 2 pins.



NVDIMM Support Jumpers

(3-pin AEP_1)

(see p.6, No. 12)

(3-pin AEP_2)

(see p.6, No. 18)



Not support NVDIMM



Support NVDIMM

PMBUS Mode Jumper

(3-pin PMBUS_SEL_CLK1)

(see p.6, No. 9)

(3-pin PMBUS_SEL_DAT1)

(see p.6, No. 47)

(3-pin PMBUS_SEL_ALT1)

(see p.6, No. 5)















PMBus connected to BMC







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










PMBus connected to PCH

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chassis ID0 Jumper (3-pin CHASSIS_ID0) (see p.6, No. 6) |  |  |
| Chassis ID1 Jumper (3-pin CHASSIS_ID1) (see p.6, No. 7) |  |  |
| Chassis ID2 Jumper (3-pin CHASSIS_ID2) (see p.6, No. 8) |  |  |
| | Board Level SKU (Default) | Reserved for system level use |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chassis ID0 Jumper (3-pin CHASSIS_ID0) (see p.6, No. 6) |  |  |
| Chassis ID1 Jumper (3-pin CHASSIS_ID1) (see p.6, No. 7) |  |  |
| Chassis ID2 Jumper (3-pin CHASSIS_ID2) (see p.6, No. 8) |  |  |
| | Reserved for system level use | Reserved for system level use |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chassis ID0 Jumper (3-pin CHASSIS_ID0) (see p.6, No. 6) |  |  |
| Chassis ID1 Jumper (3-pin CHASSIS_ID1) (see p.6, No. 7) |  |  |
| Chassis ID2 Jumper (3-pin CHASSIS_ID2) (see p.6, No. 8) |  |  |
| | Reserved for system level use | Reserved for system level use |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chassis ID0 Jumper (3-pin CHASSIS_ID0) (see p.6, No. 6) |  |  |
| Chassis ID1 Jumper (3-pin CHASSIS_ID1) (see p.6, No. 7) |  |  |
| Chassis ID2 Jumper (3-pin CHASSIS_ID2) (see p.6, No. 8) |  |  |
| | Reserved for system level use | Reserved for system level use |

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| CPU PECI Mode Jumper (3-pin PECI1) (see p.6, No. 4) | 1_2  | 2_3  |
| | CPU PECI connect to PCH | CPU PECI connect to BMC (Default) |
| SATA DOM Power Jumper (3-pin SATAPWR1) (see p.6, No. 27) | 1_2  | 2_3  |
| | SATA DOM (SATA_4) requires 5V power supply | SATA DOM (SATA_4) does NOT require 5V power supply (Default) |



Consult the documentation that comes with your SATA DOM and check whether or not Pin 7 requires 5V power supply.

If the connected SATA DOM requires 5V power supply, move the jumper caps placed on the SATA DOM Power Jumper (SATAPWR1/SATAPWR2) from pins 2-3 (default) to pins 1-2.

If the connected SATA DOM does NOT require 5V power supply, connect the SATA DOM power cable to the SATA DOM power header (SATAPWR1) and there is no need to change the default jumper setting of the SATA DOM Power Jumper (pins 2-3).

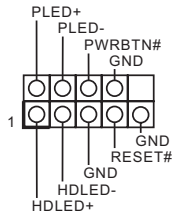
Warning! Incorrect setting of the SATA DOM Power Jumper (SATAPWR1/SATAPWR2) may cause damage to the motherboard or your SATA DOM.

2.7 Onboard Headers and Connectors



Onboard headers and connectors are NOT jumpers. Do NOT place jumper caps over these headers and connectors. Placing jumper caps over the headers and connectors will cause permanent damage to the motherboard.

System Panel Header
(9-pin PANEL1)
(see p.6, No. 36)



Connect the power switch, reset switch and system status indicator on the chassis to this header according to the pin assignments below. Note the positive and negative pins before connecting the cables.



PWRBTN (Power Switch):

Connect to the power switch on the chassis front panel. You may configure the way to turn off your system using the power switch.

RESET (Reset Switch):

Connect to the reset switch on the chassis front panel. Press the reset switch to restart the computer if the computer freezes and fails to perform a normal restart.

PLED (System Power LED):

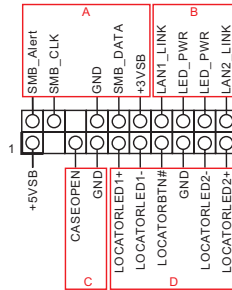
Connect to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the system is operating. The LED keeps blinking when the system is in S1/S3 sleep state. The LED is off when the system is in S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).

HDLED (Hard Drive Activity LED):

Connect to the hard drive activity LED on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the hard drive is reading or writing data.

The front panel design may differ by chassis. A front panel module mainly consists of power switch, reset switch, power LED, hard drive activity LED, speaker and etc. When connecting your chassis front panel module to this header, make sure the wire assignments and the pin assignments are matched correctly.

Auxiliary Panel Header (18-pin AUX PANEL_1) (see p.6, No. 40)



This header supports multiple functions on the front panel, including the front panel SMB, internet status indicator and chassis intrusion pin.



A. Front panel SMBus connecting pin (6-1 pin FPSMB)

This header allows you to connect SMBus (System Management Bus) equipment. It can be used for communication between peripheral equipment in the system, which has slower transmission rates, and power management equipment.

B. Internet status indicator (2-pin LAN1_LED, LAN2_LED)

These two 2-pin headers allow you to use the Gigabit internet indicator cable to connect to the LAN status indicator. When this indicator flickers, it means that the internet is properly connected.

C. Chassis intrusion pin (2-pin CHASSIS)

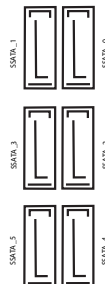
This header is provided for host computer chassis with chassis intrusion detection designs. In addition, it must also work with external detection equipment, such as a chassis intrusion detection sensor or a microswitch. When this function is activated, if any chassis component movement occurs, the sensor will immediately detect it and send a signal to this header, and the system will then record this chassis intrusion event. The default setting is set to the CASEOPEN and GND pin; this function is off.

D. Locator LED (6-pin LOCATOR)

This header is for the locator switch and LED on the front panel.

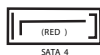
Serial ATA3 Connectors

- (SSATA_0)
(see p.6, No. 22)
- (SSATA_1)
(see p.6, No. 21)
- (SSATA_2)
(see p.6, No. 24)
- (SSATA_3)
(see p.6, No. 23)
- (SSATA_4)
(see p.6, No. 26)
- (SSATA_5)
(see p.6, No. 25)



These four SATA3 connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices with up to 6.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.

Serial ATA3 DOM
Connector
(SATA_4)
(see p.6, No. 33)



The SATA3 DOM connector supports both a SATA DOM (Disk-On-Module) and a SATA data cable for internal storage device.

Mini-SAS HD Connector
(SATA_0_3)
(see p.6, No. 28)

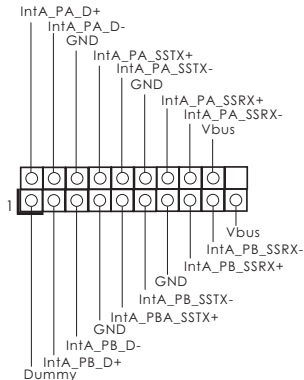


The connector supports MiniSAS-to-SATA data cables for internal storage devices with up to 6.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.

USB 3.0 Connector
(USB3_9)
(see p.6, No. 32)

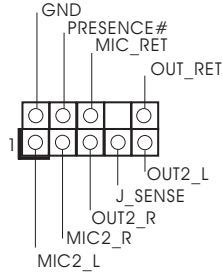


USB 3.0 Headers
(19-pin USB3_5_6)
(see p.6, No. 34)
(19-pin USB3_7_8)
(see p.6, No. 35)



Besides four default USB 3.0 ports on the I/O panel, there is one USB 3.0 header on this motherboard. Each USB 3.0 header can support two USB 3.0 ports.

Front Panel Audio Header
(9-pin HD_AUDIO1)
(see p.6, No. 43)



This is an interface for the front panel audio cable that allows convenient connection and control of audio devices.

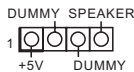


1. High Definition Audio supports Jack Sensing, but the panel wire on the chassis must support HDA to function correctly. Please follow the instruction in our manual and chassis manual to install your system.

2. If you use AC'97 audio panel, please install it to the front panel audio header as below:

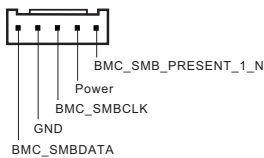
- A. Connect Mic_IN (MIC) to MIC2_L.
- B. Connect Audio_R (RIN) to OUT2_R and Audio_L (LIN) to OUT2_L.
- C. Connect Ground (GND) to Ground (GND).
- D. MIC_RET and OUT_RET are for HD audio panel only. You don't need to connect them for AC'97 audio panel.

Chassis Speaker Header
(4-pin SPEAKER1)
(see p.6, No. 41)



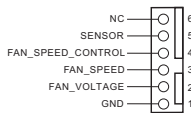
Please connect the chassis speaker to this header.

Baseboard Management
Controller SMBus Header
(5-pin BMC_SMB_1)
(see p.6, No. 38)



The header is used for the SMBUS devices.

CPU Fan Connector
(4-pin CPU1_FAN1)
(see p.6, No. 45)



This motherboard provides a 6-Pin CPU fan (Quiet Fan) connector. If you plan to connect a 3-Pin CPU fan, please connect it to Pin 1-3.

Front and Rear Fan

Connectors

(4-pin FRNT_FAN1)

(see p.6, No. 11)

(4-pin FRNT_FAN2)

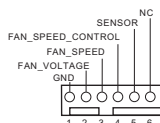
(see p.6, No. 19)

(4-pin FRNT_FAN3)

(see p.6, No. 31)

(4-pin REAR_FAN1)

(see p.6, No. 2)

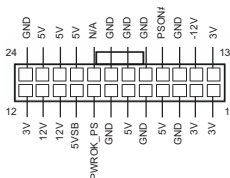


Please connect fan cables to the fan connectors and match the black wire to the ground pin. All fans support Fan Control.

ATX Power Connector

(24-pin ATXPWR1)

(see p.6, No. 1)



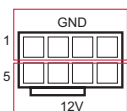
This motherboard provides a 24-pin ATX power connector. To use a 20-pin ATX power supply, please plug it along Pin 1 and Pin 13.

ATX 12V Power

Connector

(8-pin ATX12V1)

(see p.6, No. 17)

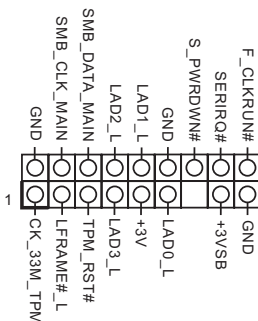


This motherboard provides a 8-pin ATX 12V power connector.

TPM Header

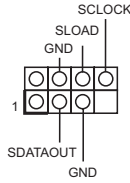
(17-pin TPM1)

(see p.6, No. 39)



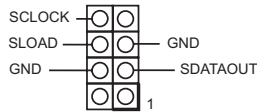
This connector supports Trusted Platform Module (TPM) system, which can securely store keys, digital certificates, passwords, and data. A TPM system also helps enhance network security, protects digital identities, and ensures platform integrity.

Serial General Purpose
Input/Output Headers
(7-pin SATA_SGPIO1)
(see p.6, No. 29)
(7-pin SATA_SGPIO2)
(see p.6, No. 30)

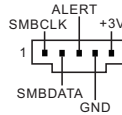


These headers support Serial Link interface for onboard SATA connections.

(7-pin SSATA_SGPIO1)
(see p.6, No. 20)

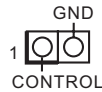


PSU SMBus
(PSU_SMB1)
(see p.6, No. 3)



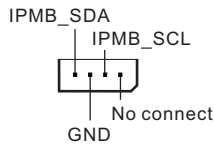
PSU SMBus monitors the status of the power supply, fan and system temperature.

Non Maskable Interrupt
Button Header
(NMI_BTN1)
(see p.6, No. 10)



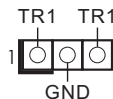
Please connect a NMI device to this header.

Intelligent Platform
Management Bus header
(4-pin IPMB_1)
(see p.6, No. 37)



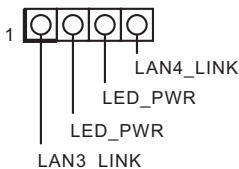
This 4-pin connector is used to provide a cabled base-board or front panel connection for value added features and 3rd-party add-in cards, such as Emergency Management cards, that provide management features using the IPMB.

Thermal Sensor Header
(3-pin TR1)
(see p.6, No. 42)



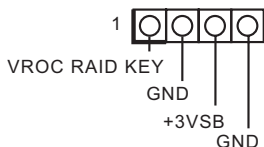
Please connect the thermal sensor cable to either pin 1-2 or pin 2-3 and the other end to the device which you wish to monitor its temperature.

Front LAN LED Header
(FRONT_LED_LAN34)
(see p.6, No. 46)



This 4-pin connector is used for the front LAN status indicator.

Virtual RAID On CPU Header
(4-pin RAID_1)
(see p.6, No. 44)



This connector supports Intel® Virtual RAID on CPU and NVME/AHCI RAID on CPU PCIE.

With the introduction of the Intel VROC product, there are three modes of operation:

| SKU | HW key required | Key features |
|-----------|-----------------|---|
| Pass-thru | Not needed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass-thru only (no RAID) LED Management Hot Plug Support RAID 0 support for Intel Fultondale NVMe SSDs |
| Standard | VROCSTANMOD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass-thru SKU features RAID 0, 1, 10 |
| Premium | VROCPREMMOD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard SKU features RAID 5 |
| ISS | VROCISSDMOD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAID 5 Write Hole Closure |

*Only Intel SSDs are supported.

*For further details on VROC, please refer to the official information released by Intel.

2.8 Unit Identification purpose LED/Switch

With the UID button, You are able to locate the server you're working on from behind a rack of servers.

Unit Identification
purpose LED/Switch
(UID1)



When the UID button on the front or rear panel is pressed, the front/rear UID blue LED indicator will be turned on. Press the UID button again to turn off the indicator.

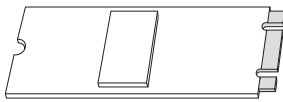
2.9 Driver Installation Guide

To install the drivers to your system, please insert the support CD to your optical drive first. Then, the drivers compatible to your system can be auto-detected and listed on the support CD driver page. Please follow the order from top to bottom to install those required drivers. Therefore, the drivers you install can work properly.

2.10 M.2_SSD (NGFF) Module Installation Guide

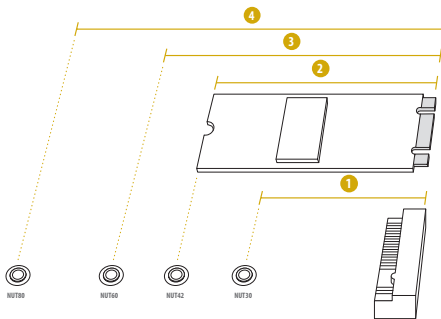
The M.2, also known as the Next Generation Form Factor (NGFF), is a small size and versatile card edge connector that aims to replace mPCIe and mSATA. The Ultra M.2 Socket (M2_1/M2_2) supports a M.2 SATA3 6.0 Gb/s module or a M.2 PCI Express module up to Gen 3 x1 (8Gb/s).

Installing the M.2_SSD (NGFF) Module



Step 1

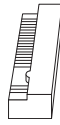
Prepare a M.2_SSD (NGFF) module and the screw.



Step 2

Depending on the PCB type and length of your M.2_SSD (NGFF) module, find the corresponding nut location to be used.

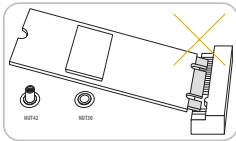
| No. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Nut Location | NUT30 | NUT42 | NUT60 | NUT80 |
| PCB Length | 3cm | 4.2cm | 6cm | 8cm |
| Module Type | Type 2230 | Type 2242 | Type2260 | Type 2280 |

**Step 3**

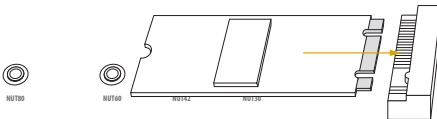
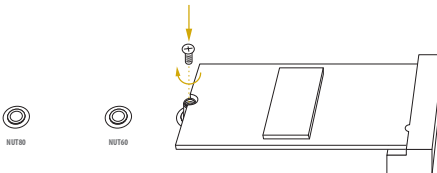
Move the standoff based on the module type and length. The standoff is placed at the nut location D by default. Skip Step 3 and 4 and go straight to Step 5 if you are going to use the default nut. Otherwise, release the standoff by hand.

**Step 4**

Peel off the yellow protective film on the nut to be used. Hand tighten the standoff into the desired nut location on the motherboard.

**Step 5**

Align and gently insert the M.2 (NGFF) SSD module into the M.2 slot. Please be aware that the M.2 (NGFF) SSD module only fits in one orientation.

**Step 6**

Tighten the screw with a screwdriver to secure the module into place. Please do not overtighten the screw as this might damage the module.

Chapter 3 UEFI Setup Utility

3.1 Introduction

This section explains how to use the UEFI SETUP UTILITY to configure your system. The UEFI chip on the motherboard stores the UEFI SETUP UTILITY. You may run the UEFI SETUP UTILITY when you start up the computer. Please press <F2> or during the Power-On-Self-Test (POST) to enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY; otherwise, POST will continue with its test routines.

If you wish to enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctrl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You may also restart by turning the system off and then back on.



Because the UEFI software is constantly being updated, the following UEFI setup screens and descriptions are for reference purpose only, and they may not exactly match what you see on your screen.

3.1.1 UEFI Menu Bar

The top of the screen has a menu bar with the following selections:

| Item | Description |
|-------------|---|
| Main | To set up the system time/date information |
| Advanced | To set up the advanced UEFI features |
| Security | To set up the security features |
| Boot | To set up the default system device to locate and load the Operating System |
| Event Logs | For event log configuration |
| Server Mgmt | To manage the server |
| Exit | To exit the current screen or the UEFI SETUP UTILITY |

Use <←→> key or <→> key to choose among the selections on the menu bar, and then press <Enter> to get into the sub screen.

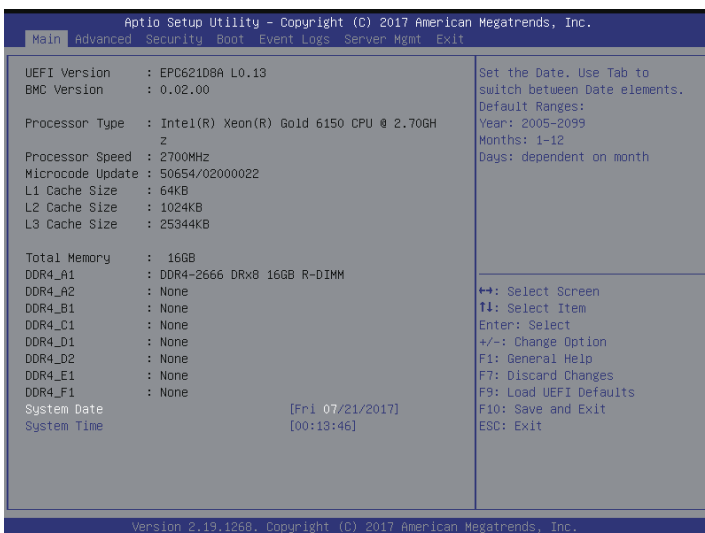
3.1.2 Navigation Keys

Please check the following table for the function description of each navigation key.

| Navigation Key(s) | Function Description |
|-------------------|--|
| ← / → | Moves cursor left or right to select Screens |
| ↑ / ↓ | Moves cursor up or down to select items |
| + / - | To change option for the selected items |
| <Tab> | Switch to next function |
| <Enter> | To bring up the selected screen |
| <PGUP> | Go to the previous page |
| <PGDN> | Go to the next page |
| <HOME> | Go to the top of the screen |
| <END> | Go to the bottom of the screen |
| <F1> | To display the General Help Screen |
| <F7> | Discard changes and exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY |
| <F9> | Load optimal default values for all the settings |
| <F10> | Save changes and exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY |
| <F12> | Print screen |
| <ESC> | Jump to the Exit Screen or exit the current screen |

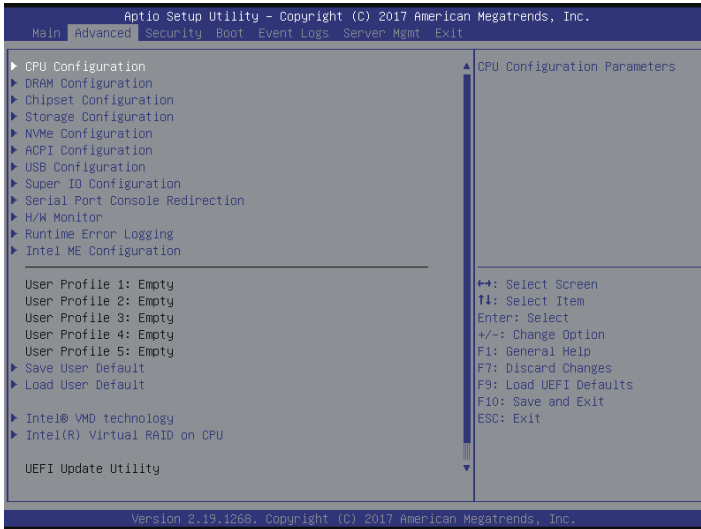
3.2 Main Screen

Once you enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY, the Main screen will appear and display the system overview. The Main screen provides system overview information and allows you to set the system time and date.



3.3 Advanced Screen

In this section, you may set the configurations for the following items: CPU Configuration, DRAM Configuration, Chipset Configuration, Storage Configuration, NVME Configuration, ACPI Configuration, USB Configuration, Super IO Configuration, Serial Port Console Redirection, H/W Monitor, Runtime Error Logging, Intel ME Configuration, Intel® VMD technology, Intel(R) Virtual RAID on CPU and Instant Flash.



Save User Default

Type a profile name and press enter to save your settings as user default.

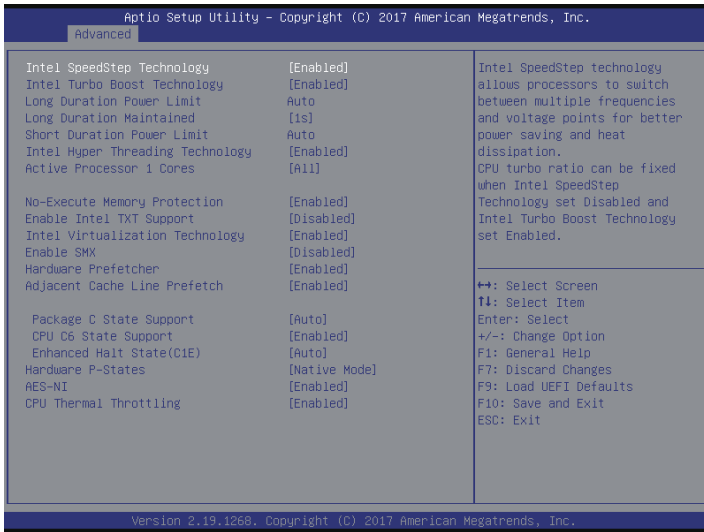
Load User Default

Load previously saved user defaults.



Setting wrong values in this section may cause the system to malfunction.

3.3.1 CPU Configuration



Intel SpeedStep Technology

Intel SpeedStep technology allows processors to switch between multiple frequencies and voltage points for better power saving and heat dissipation. CPU turbo ratio can be fixed when Intel SpeedStep Technology set Disabled and Intel Turbo Boost Technology set Enabled.



Please note that enabling this function may reduce CPU voltage and lead to system stability or compatibility issues with some power supplies. Please set this item to [Disabled] if above issues occur.

Intel Turbo Boost Technology

Intel Turbo Boost Technology enables the processor to run above its base operating frequency when the operating system requests the highest performance state.

Long Duration Power Limit

Configure Package Power Limit 1 in watts. When the limit is exceeded, the CPU ratio will be lowered after a period of time. A lower limit can protect the CPU and save power, while a higher limit may improve performance.

Long Duration Maintained

Configure the period of time until the CPU ratio is lowered when the Long Duration Power

Limit is exceeded.

Short Duration Power Limit

Configure Package Power Limit 2 in watts. When the limit is exceeded, the CPU ratio will be lowered immediately. A lower limit can protect the CPU and save power, while a higher limit may improve performance.

Intel Hyper Threading Technology

Intel Hyper Threading Technology allows multiple threads to run on each core, so that the overall performance on threaded software is improved.

Active Processor 1 Cores

Select the number of cores to enable in each processor package.

No-Execute Memory Protection

Processors with No-Execution Memory Protection Technology may prevent certain classes of malicious buffer overflow attacks.

Enable Intel TXT Support

Enables Intel Trusted Execution Technology Configuration.

Intel Virtualization Technology

Intel Virtualization Technology allows a platform to run multiple operating systems and applications in independent partitions, so that one computer system can function as multiple virtual systems.

Enable SMX

Use this item to enable Safer Mode Extensions.

Hardware Prefetcher

Automatically prefetch data and code for the processor. Enable for better performance.

Adjacent Cache Line Prefetch

Automatically prefetch the subsequent cache line while retrieving the currently requested cache line. Enable for better performance.

Package C State Support

Enable CPU, PCIe, Memory, Graphics C State Support for power saving.

CPU C6 State Support

Enable C6 deep sleep state for lower power consumption.

Enhanced Halt State(C1E)

Enable Enhanced Halt State (C1E) for lower power consumption.

Hardware P-States

Disable: Hardware chooses a P-state based on OS Request (Legacy P-States)

Native Mode: Hardware chooses a P-state based on OS guidance

Out of Band Mode: Hardware autonomously chooses a P-state (no OS guidance)

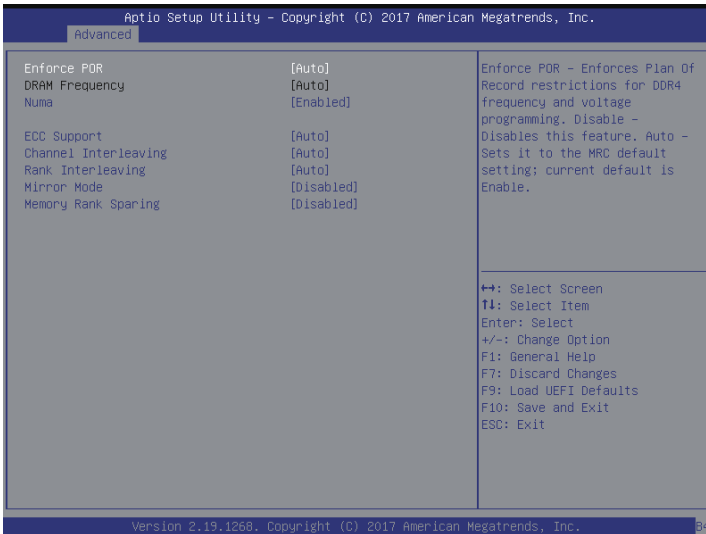
AES-NI

Use this item to enable or disable AES-NI support.

CPU Thermal Throttling

Enable CPU internal thermal control mechanisms to keep the CPU from overheating.

3.3.2 DRAM Configuration



Enforce POR

Enable to enforce POR restrictions for DDR4 frequency and voltage programming.

DRAM Frequency

If [Auto] is selected, the motherboard will detect the memory module(s) inserted and assign the appropriate frequency automatically.

Numa

Use this item to enable or disable Non Uniform Memory Access (NUMA).

ECC Support

Use this item to enable or disable DDR ECC Support.

Channel Interleaving

Select to configure Channel Interleaving settings.

Rank Interleaving

Select to configure Rank Interleaving settings.

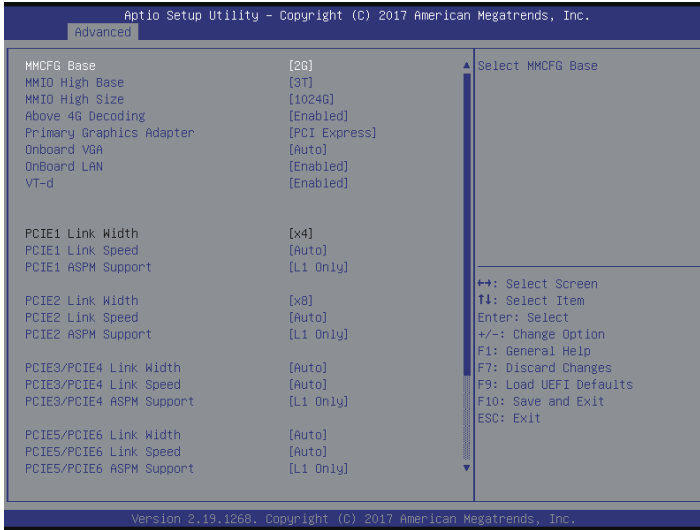
Mirror Mode

Mirror Mode will set entire 1LM/2LM memory in system to be mirrored, consequently reducing the memory capacity by half. Mirror Enable will disable XPT Prefetch.

Memory Rank Sparing

Enable or disable Memory Rank Sparing.

3.3.3 Chipset Configuration



MMCFG Base

Use this item to select MMCFG Base.

MMIO High Base

Use this item to select MMIO High Base.

MMIO High Size

Use this item to select MMIO High Size.

Above 4G Decoding

Enable or disable 64bit capable Devices to be decoded in Above 4G Address Space (only if the system supports 64 bit PCI decoding).

Primary Graphics Adapter

If PCI Express graphics card is installed on the motherboard, you may use this option to select PCI Express or Onboard VGA as the primary graphics adapter.

**If no PCI Express graphics card is installed, [Onboard VGA] is the default graphics adapter. There is no screen on monitor even if a HDMI display is connected. Select [Onboard Hdmi] instead to use HDMI as output source.*

Onboard VGA

Use this to enable or disable the Onboard VGA function. The default value is [Auto].

**This item is not available when the Primary Graphic Adapter is set to [Onboard VGA] or [Onboard Hdmi].*

Onboard LAN

This allows you to enable or disable the Onboard LAN feature.

VT-d

Intel Virtualization Technology for Directed I/O helps your virtual machine monitor better utilize hardware by improving application compatibility and reliability, and providing additional levels of manageability, security, isolation, and I/O performance.

PCIE1 Link Width

This allows you to select PCIE1 Link Width. The default value is [x4].

PCIE1 Link Speed

This allows you to select PCIE1 Link Speed. The default value is [Auto].

PCIE1 ASPM Support

This option enables or disables the ASPM support for all CPU downstream devices.

PCIE2 Link Width

This allows you to select PCIE2 Link Width. The default value is [x8].

PCIE2 Link Speed

This allows you to select PCIE2 Link Speed. The default value is [Auto].

PCIE2 ASPM Support

This option enables or disables the ASPM support for all CPU downstream devices.

PCIE3/PCIE4 Link Width

This allows you to select PCIE3/PCIE4 Link Width. The default value is [Auto].

PCIE3/PCIE4 Link Speed

This allows you to select PCIE3/PCIE4 Link Speed. The default value is [Auto].

PCIE3/PCIE4 ASPM Support

This option enables or disables the ASPM support for all CPU downstream devices.

PCIE5/PCIE6 Link Width

This allows you to select PCIE5/PCIE6 Link Width. The default value is [Auto].

PCIE5/PCIE6 Link Speed

This allows you to select PCIE5/PCIE6 Link Speed. The default value is [Auto].

PCIE5/PCIE6 ASPM Support

This option enables or disables the ASPM support for all CPU downstream devices.

SR-IOV Support

If system has SR-IOV capable PCIe Devices, this option Enables or Disables Single Root IO Virtualization Support.

Restore on AC/Power Loss

Select the power state after a power failure. If [Power Off] is selected, the power will remain off when the power recovers. If [Power On] is selected, the system will start to boot up when the power recovers.

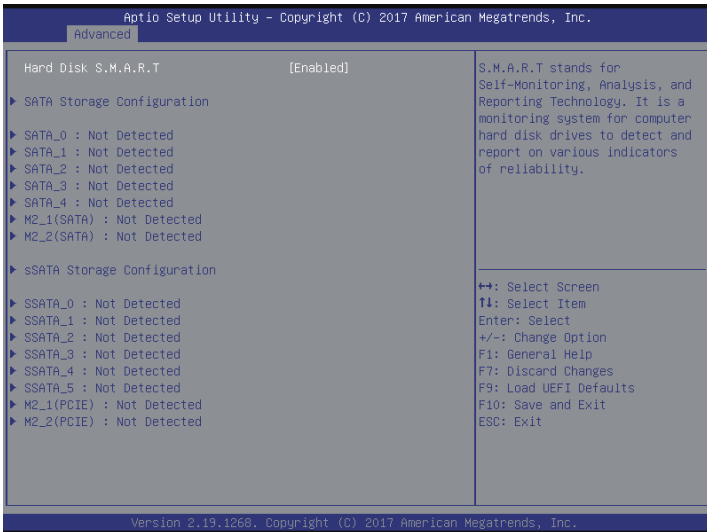
Onboard HD Audio

This allows you to enable or disable the Onboard HD Audio feature.

Front Panel

This allows you to select the front panel type.

3.3.4 Storage Configuration



Hard Disk S.M.A.R.T.

Use this item to enable or disable the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology) feature. Configuration options: [Disabled] and [Enabled].

SATA Storage Configuration

SATA Controller

Use this item to enable or disable SATA Controllers.

SATA Mode Selection

Identify the SATA/M.2_SATA port is connected to Solid State Drive or Hard Disk Drive. Press <Ctrl+I> to enter RAID ROM during UEFI POST process.

SATA Aggressive Link Power Management

Use this item to enable or disable SALP.

SSATA Storage Configuration

SSATA Controller

Use this item to enable or disable SATA Controllers.

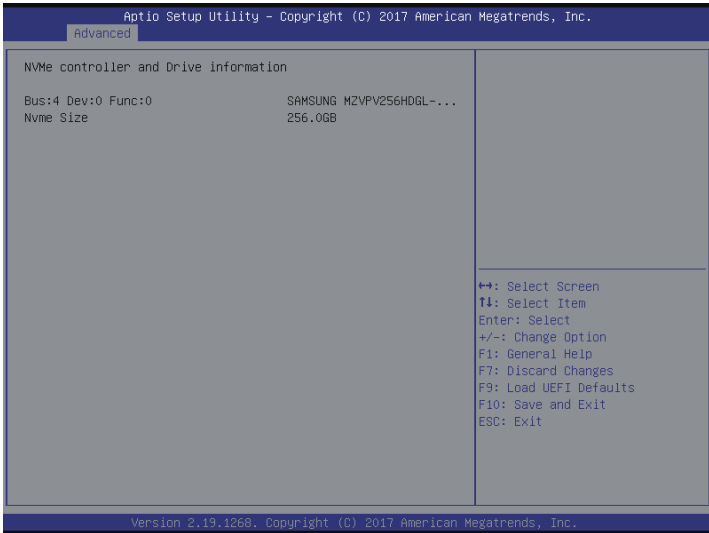
SSATA Mode Selection

Identify the sSATA port is connected to Solid State Drive or Hard Disk Drive. Press <Ctrl+I> to enter RAID ROM during UEFI POST process.

SSATA Aggressive Link Power Management

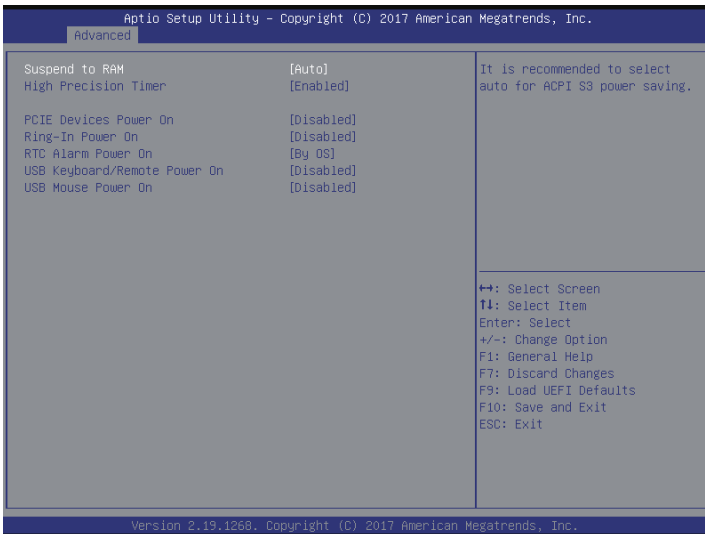
Use this item to enable or disable SALP.

3.3.5 NVME Configuration



The NVMe Configuration displays the NVMe controller and Drive information.

3.3.6 ACPI Configuration



Suspend to RAM

Select disable for ACPI suspend type S1. It is recommended to select auto for ACPI S3 power saving.

High Precision Timer

Use this item to enable or disable the High Precision Event Timer.

PCIE Devices Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PCIE devices to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

Ring-In Power On

Use this item to enable or disable Ring-In signals to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

RTC Alarm Power On

Use this item to enable or disable RTC (Real Time Clock) to power on the system.

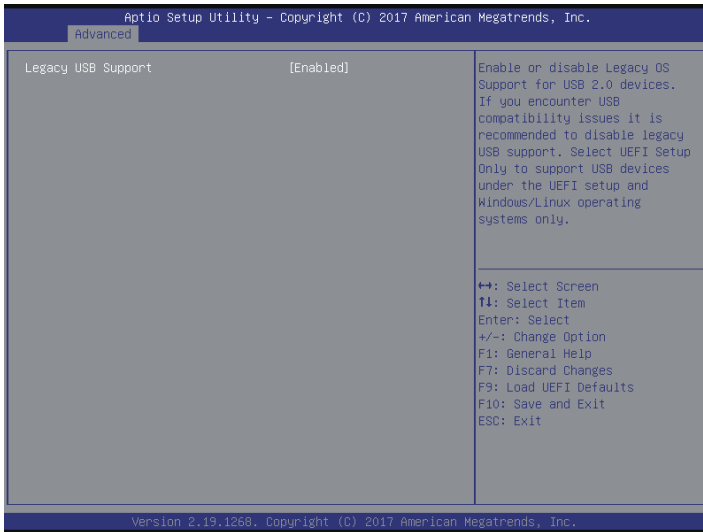
USB Keyboard/Remote Power On

Allow the system to be waked up by an USB keyboard or remote controller.

USB Mouse Power On

Allow the system to be waked up by an USB mouse.

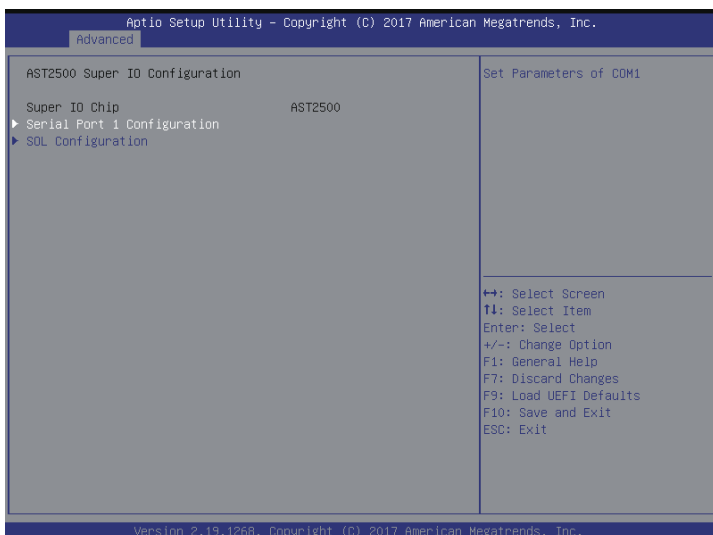
3.3.7 USB Configuration



Legacy USB Support

Use this option to enable or disable legacy support for USB devices. The default value is [Enabled].

3.3.8 Super IO Configuration



Serial Port 1 Configuration

Use this item to set parameters of Serial Port 1 (COM1).

Serial Port

Use this item to enable or disable the serial port.

Change Settings

Use this item to select an optimal setting for Super IO device.

SOL Configuration

Use this item to set SOL configuration.

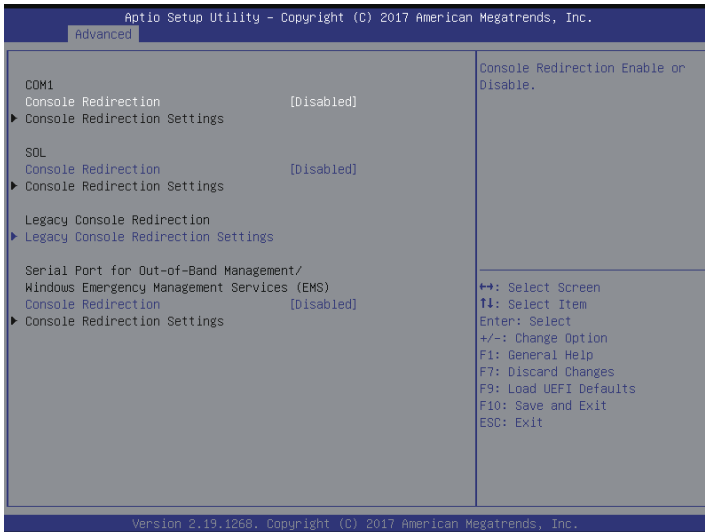
SOL Port

Use this item to enable or disable the SOL port.

Change Settings

Use this item to select an optimal setting for Super IO device.

3.3.9 Serial Port Console Redirection



COM1

Console Redirection

Use this option to enable or disable Console Redirection. If this item is set to Enabled, you can select a COM Port to be used for Console Redirection.

Console Redirection Settings

Use this option to configure Console Redirection Settings, and specify how your computer and the host computer to which you are connected exchange information. Both computers should have the same or compatible settings.

Terminal Type

Use this item to select the preferred terminal emulation type for out-of-band management. It is recommended to select [VT-UTF8].

| Option | Description |
|---------|---|
| VT100 | ASCII character set |
| VT100+ | Extended VT100 that supports color and function keys |
| VT-UTF8 | UTF8 encoding is used to map Unicode chars onto 1 or more bytes |
| ANSI | Extended ASCII character set |

Bits Per Second

Use this item to select the serial port transmission speed. The speed used in the host computer and the client computer must be the same. Long or noisy lines may require lower transmission speed. The options include [9600], [19200], [38400], [57600] and [115200].

Data Bits

Use this item to set the data transmission size. The options include [7] and [8] (Bits).

Parity

Use this item to select the parity bit. The options include [None], [Even], [Odd], [Mark] and [Space].

Stop Bits

The item indicates the end of a serial data packet. The standard setting is [1] Stop Bit. Select [2] Stop Bits for slower devices.

Flow Control

Use this item to set the flow control to prevent data loss from buffer overflow. When sending data, if the receiving buffers are full, a "stop" signal can be sent to stop the data flow. Once the buffers are empty, a "start" signal can be sent to restart the flow. Hardware flow uses two wires to send start/stop signals. The options include [None] and [Hardware RTS/CTS].

VT-UTF8 Combo Key Support

Use this item to enable or disable the VT-UTF8 Combo Key Support for ANSI/VT100 terminals.

Recorder Mode

Use this item to enable or disable Recorder Mode to capture terminal data and send it as text messages.

Resolution 100x31

Use this item to enable or disable extended terminal resolution support.

Legacy OS Redirection Resolution

Use this item to select the number of rows and columns used in legacy OS redirection.

Putty Keypad

Use this item to select Function Key and Keypad on Putty.

Redirection After BIOS POST

If the [LoadBooster] is selected, legacy console redirection is disabled before booting to legacy OS. If [Always Enabled] is selected, legacy console redirection is enabled for legacy OS. The default value is [Always Enabled].

Legacy Console Redirection

Legacy Console Redirection Settings

Use this option to configure Legacy Console Redirection Settings, and specify how your

computer and the host computer to which you are connected exchange information.

Legacy Serial Redirection Port

Use this item to select a COM port to display redirection of Legacy OS and Legacy OPROM Messages.

Serial Port for Out-of-Band Management/Windows Emergency Management Services (EMS)

Console Redirection

Use this option to enable or disable Console Redirection. If this item is set to Enabled, you can select a COM Port to be used for Console Redirection.

Console Redirection Settings

Use this option to configure Console Redirection Settings, and specify how your computer and the host computer to which you are connected exchange information.

Out-of-Band Mgmt Port

Microsoft Windows Emergency Management Services (EMS) allows for remote management of a Windows Server OS through a serial port.

Terminal Type

Use this item to select the preferred terminal emulation type for out-of-band management. It is recommended to select [VT-UTF8].

| Option | Description |
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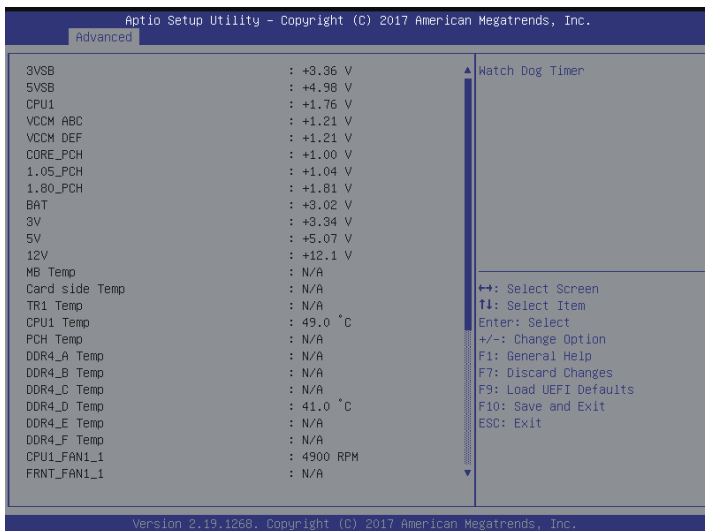
Data Bits

Parity

Stop Bits

3.3.10 H/W Monitor

In this section, it allows you to monitor the status of the hardware on your system, including the parameters of the CPU temperature, motherboard temperature, CPU fan speed, chassis fan speed, and the critical voltage.



Fan Control

If [Auto] is selected, the fan speed will be controlled by BMC.

If [Manual] is selected, configure the items below.

CPU1_FAN1

This allows you to set the CPU fan 1's speed. The default value is [Smart Fan].

REAR_FAN 1

This allows you to set the rear fan 1's speed. The default value is [Smart Fan].

FRNT_FAN 1

This allows you to set the front fan 1's speed. The default value is [Smart Fan].

FRNT_FAN 2

This allows you to set the front fan 2's speed. The default value is [Smart Fan].

FRNT_FAN 3

This allows you to set the front fan 3's speed. The default value is [Smart Fan].

Smart Fan Control

This allows you to set the Smart fan's level speed.

Smart Fan Duty Control

Smart Fan Duty x (x means 1 to 11 stage)

This allows you to set duty cycle for each stage.

Smart Fan Temp Control

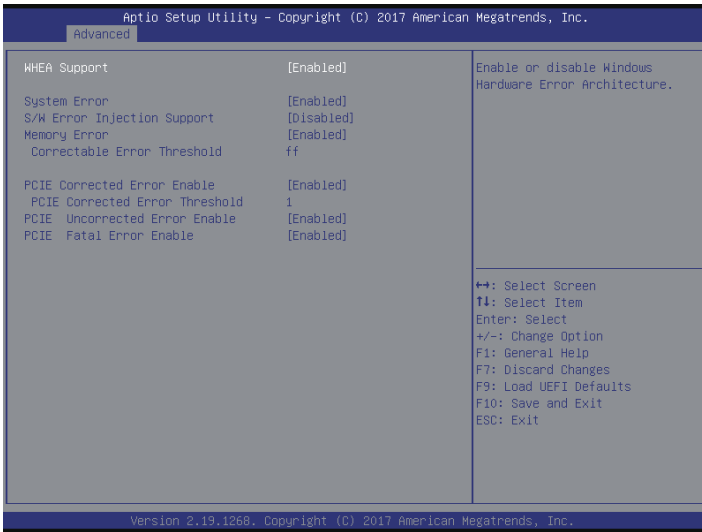
Smart Fan Temp x (x means 1 to 11 stage)

This allows you to set temperature for each stage.

Watch Dog Timer

This allows you to enable or disable the Watch Dog Timer. The default value is [Disabled].

3.3.11 Runtime Error Logging



WHEA Support

Use this item to enable or disable Windows Hardware Error Architecture.

System Error

Use this item to enable or disable System Error feature. When it is set to [Enabled], you can configure Memory Error and PCIE Error log features.

S/W Error Injection Support

When it is set to [Enabled], S/W Error Injection is supported by unlocking MSR Ox790.

Memory Error

Memory enabling and logging setup option.

Correctable Error Threshold

Correctable Error Threshold (0 - 0x7FFF) used for sparing, tagging, and leaky bucket.

PCIE Corrected Error Enable

Use this item to enable or disable PCIE Correctable errors.

PCIE Corrected Error Threshold

PCIE Correctable Error Threshold (0x01-0xFF) used for sparing, tagging, and leaky bucket.

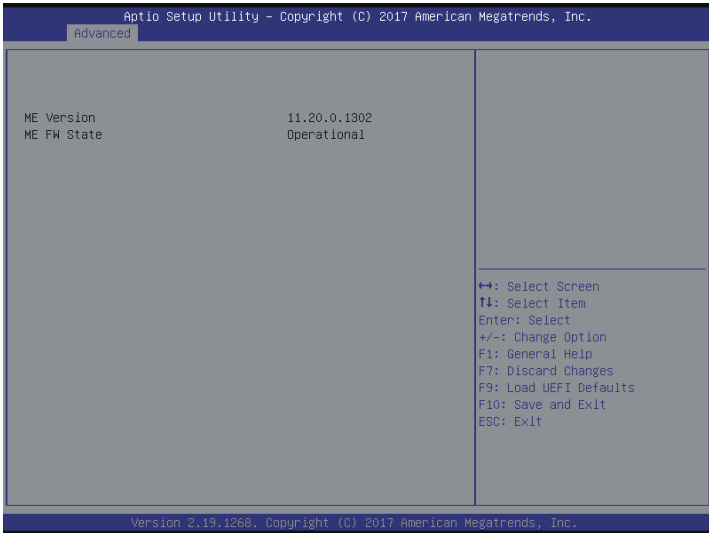
PCIE Uncorrected Error Enable

Use this item to enable or disable PCIe Uncorrectable errors.

PCIE Fatal Error Enable

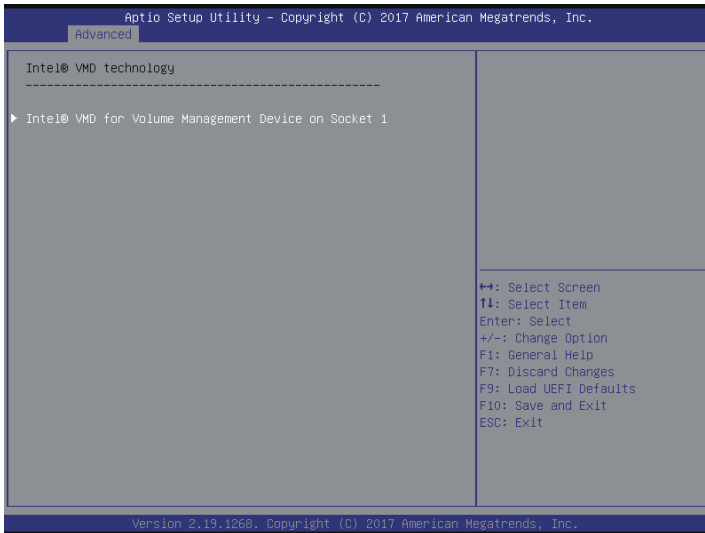
Use this item to enable or disable PCIe Ftal errors.

3.3.12 Intel ME Configuration



ME Subsystem screen displays the Intel ME Subsystem Configuration information, such as Operational Firmware Version and Firmware State.

3.3.13 Intel® VMD technology



Press <Enter> to bring up the Intel(R) VMD for Volume Management Device Configuration menu.

Intel(R) VMD for Volume Management Device on Socket 1

Intel(R) VMD for Volume Management Device Technology

Use this item to enable or disable Intel(R) Volume Management Device Technology in this Stack.

When [Enabled], users are allowed to configure the options below.

VMD port 1A

Use this item to enable or disable Intel(R) Volume Management Device Technology on specific root port.

VMD port 1C

Use this item to enable or disable Intel(R) Volume Management Device Technology on specific root port.

VMD port 1D

Use this item to enable or disable Intel(R) Volume Management Device Technology on specific root port.

Hot Plug Capable

Enable/Disable Hot Plug for PCIe Root Ports 1A-1D.

Intel(R) VMD for Volume Management Device Technology

Use this item to enable or disable Intel(R) Volume Management Device Technology in this Stack.

When [Enabled], users are allowed to configure the options below.

VMD port 2A

Use this item to enable or disable Intel(R) Volume Management Device Technology on specific root port.

VMD port 2B

Use this item to enable or disable Intel(R) Volume Management Device Technology on specific root port.

VMD port 2C

Use this item to enable or disable Intel(R) Volume Management Device Technology on specific root port.

VMD port 2D

Use this item to enable or disable Intel(R) Volume Management Device Technology on specific root port.

Hot Plug Capable

Enable/Disable Hot Plug for PCIe Root Ports 2A-2D.

Intel(R) VMD for Volume Management Device Technology

Use this item to enable or disable Intel(R) Volume Management Device Technology in this Stack.

When [Enabled], users are allowed to configure the options below.

VMD port 3A

Use this item to enable or disable Intel(R) Volume Management Device Technology on specific root port.

VMD port 3B

Use this item to enable or disable Intel(R) Volume Management Device Technology on specific root port.

VMD port 3C

Use this item to enable or disable Intel(R) Volume Management Device Technology on specific root port.

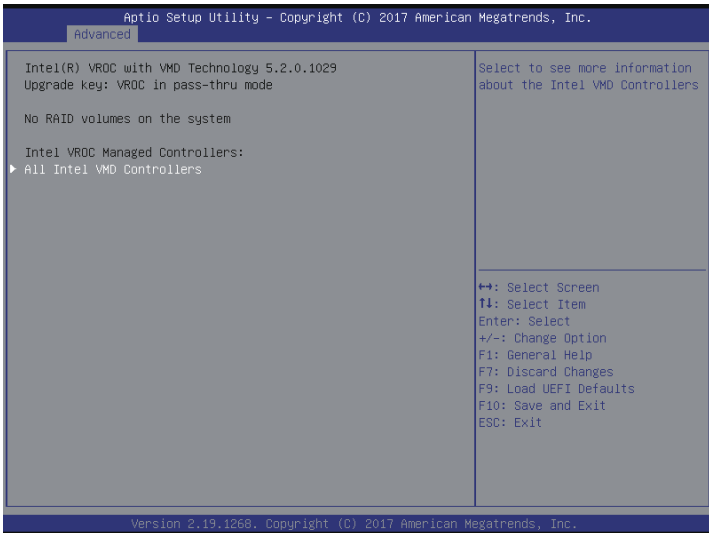
VMD port 3D

Use this item to enable or disable Intel(R) Volume Management Device Technology on specific root port.

Hot Plug Capable

Use this item to enable or disable Hot Plug for PCIe Root Ports 3A-3D.

3.3.14 Intel® Virtual RAID on CPU

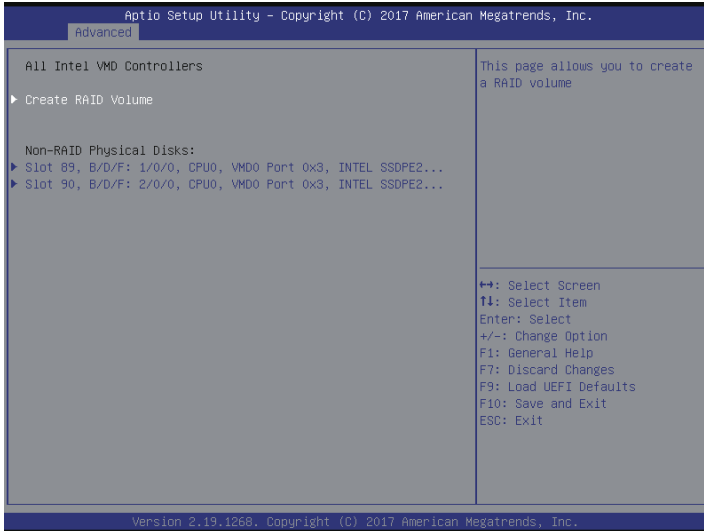


Intel VROC Managed Volumes (Available after the RAID has been created.)

Select to see more information about the RAID Volume.

All Intel VMD Controllers

Select to see more information about the Intel VMD Controllers.



Create RAID Volume

This page allows you to create a RAID volume.

Non-RAID Physical Disks (Available when no RAID is created.)

Select to see more information about the disk.

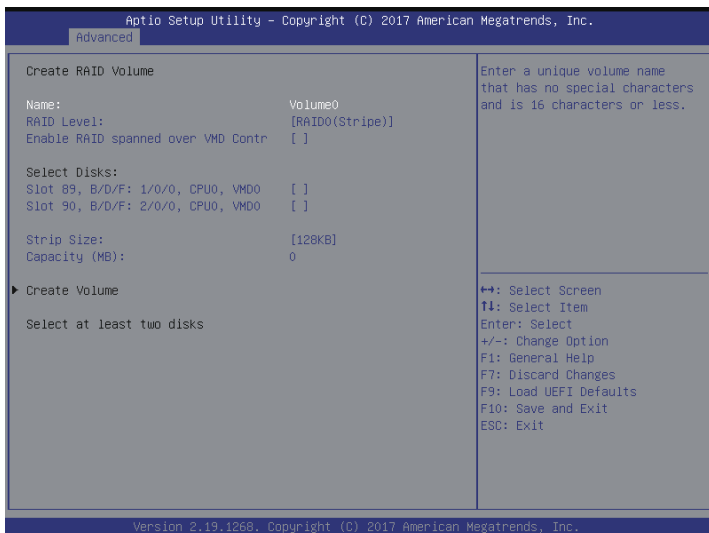
RAID Volumes (Available after the RAID has been created.)

Select to see more information about the RAID Volume.

Volume Actions

Delete

Select to delete the created RAID.



Name

Enter an unique volume name that has no special characters and is 16 charaters or less.

RAID Level

Select RAID Level.

Enable RAID spanned over VMD Controllers

Select [X] to enable RAID spanned over VMD Controllers.

Select Disks

Select [X] to select disks.

Strip Size

Select strip size.

Capacity (MB)

Determine the capacity in MB.

Create Volume

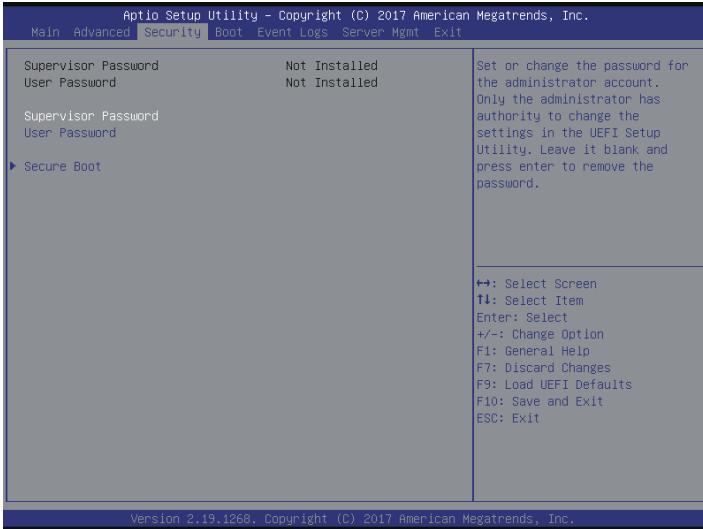
Select to start creating RAID immediately. (Available after selecting at least two disks.)

3.3.15 Instant Flash

Instant Flash is a UEFI flash utility embedded in Flash ROM. This convenient UEFI update tool allows you to update system UEFI without entering operating systems first like MS-DOS or Windows[®]. Just save the new UEFI file to your USB flash drive, floppy disk or hard drive and launch this tool, then you can update your UEFI only in a few clicks without preparing an additional floppy diskette or other complicated flash utility. Please be noted that the USB flash drive or hard drive must use FAT32/16/12 file system. If you execute Instant Flash utility, the utility will show the UEFI files and their respective information. Select the proper UEFI file to update your UEFI, and reboot your system after the UEFI update process is completed.

3.4 Security

In this section, you may set or change the supervisor/user password for the system. For the user password, you may also clear it.



Supervisor Password

Set or change the password for the administrator account. Only the administrator has authority to change the settings in the UEFI Setup Utility. Leave it blank and press enter to remove the password.

User Password

Set or change the password for the user account. Users are unable to change the settings in the UEFI Setup Utility. Leave it blank and press enter to remove the password.

Secure Boot

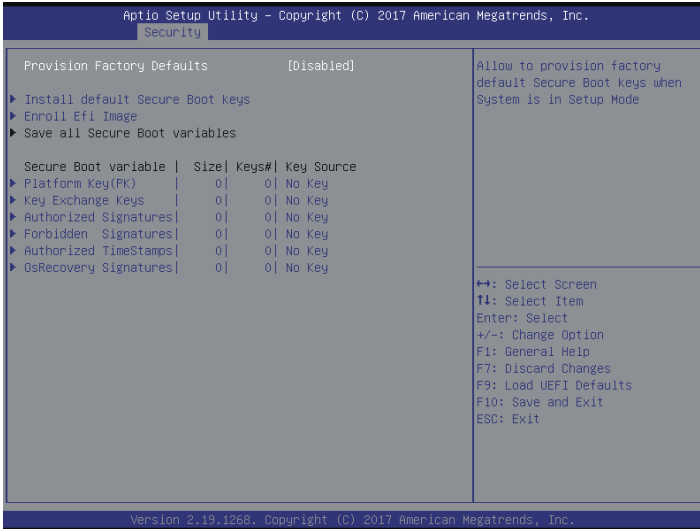
Use this to enable or disable Secure Boot Control. The default value is [Disabled].

Secure Boot Mode

Enable to support Windows 8 or later versions Secure Boot.

3.4.1 Key Management

In this section, expert users can modify Secure Boot Policy variables without full authentication.



Provision Factory Defaults

Allow to provision factory default Secure Boot keys when System is in Setup Mode.

Install Default Secure Boot Keys

Please install default secure boot keys if it's the first time you use secure boot.

Enroll Efi Image

Allow the image to run in Secure Boot mode. Enroll SHA256 hash of the binary into Authorized Signature Database (db).

Platform Key(PK)

Enroll Factory Defaults or load certificates from a file:

1. Public Key Certificate in:

- a) EFI_SIGNATURE_LIST
- b) EFI_CERT_X509 (DER encoded)
- c) EFI_CERT_RSA2048 (bin)

d) EFI_CERT_SHA256, 384, 512

2. Authenticated UEFI Variable

3. EFI PE/COFF Image(SHA256)

Key Source: Default, External, Mixed, Test

Key Exchange Keys

Enroll Factory Defaults or load certificates from a file:

1. Public Key Certificate in:

a) EFI_SIGNATURE_LIST

b) EFI_CERT_X509 (DER encoded)

c) EFI_CERT_RSA2048 (bin)

d) EFI_CERT_SHA256, 384, 512

2. Authenticated UEFI Variable

3. EFI PE/COFF Image(SHA256)

Key Source: Default, External, Mixed, Test

Authorized Signatures

Enroll Factory Defaults or load certificates from a file:

1. Public Key Certificate in:

a) EFI_SIGNATURE_LIST

b) EFI_CERT_X509 (DER encoded)

c) EFI_CERT_RSA2048 (bin)

d) EFI_CERT_SHA256, 384, 512

2. Authenticated UEFI Variable

3. EFI PE/COFF Image(SHA256)

Key Source: Default, External, Mixed, Test

Forbidden Signatures

Enroll Factory Defaults or load certificates from a file:

1. Public Key Certificate in:

- a) EFI_SIGNATURE_LIST
 - b) EFI_CERT_X509 (DER encoded)
 - c) EFI_CERT_RSA2048 (bin)
 - d) EFI_CERT_SHA256, 384, 512
2. Authenticated UEFI Variable
 3. EFI PE/COFF Image(SHA256)

Key Source: Default, External, Mixed, Test

Authorized TimeStamps

Enroll Factory Defaults or load certificates from a file:

1. Public Key Certificate in:
 - a) EFI_SIGNATURE_LIST
 - b) EFI_CERT_X509 (DER encoded)
 - c) EFI_CERT_RSA2048 (bin)
 - d) EFI_CERT_SHA256, 384, 512
2. Authenticated UEFI Variable
3. EFI PE/COFF Image(SHA256)

Key Source: Default, External, Mixed, Test

OsRecovery Signatures

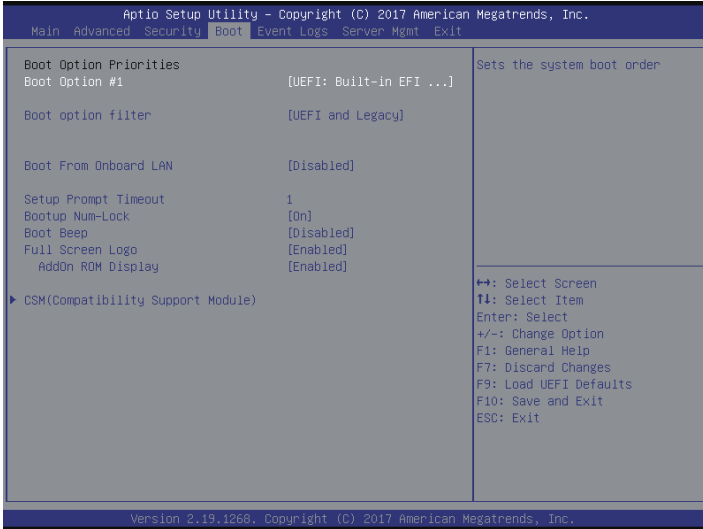
Enroll Factory Defaults or load certificates from a file:

1. Public Key Certificate in:
 - a) EFI_SIGNATURE_LIST
 - b) EFI_CERT_X509 (DER encoded)
 - c) EFI_CERT_RSA2048 (bin)
 - d) EFI_CERT_SHA256, 384, 512
2. Authenticated UEFI Variable
3. EFI PE/COFF Image(SHA256)

Key Source: Default, External, Mixed, Test

3.5 Boot Screen

In this section, it will display the available devices on your system for you to configure the boot settings and the boot priority.



Boot Option #1

Use this item to set the system boot order.

Boot Option Filter

This option controls Legacy/UEFI ROMs priority.

Boot From Onboard LAN

Use this item to enable or disable the Boot From Onboard LAN feature.

Setup Prompt Timeout

Configure the number of seconds to wait for the UEFI setup utility.

Bootup Num-Lock

If this item is set to [On], it will automatically activate the Numeric Lock function after boot-up.

Boot Beep

Select whether the Boot Beep should be turned on or off when the system boots up. Please note that a buzzer is needed.

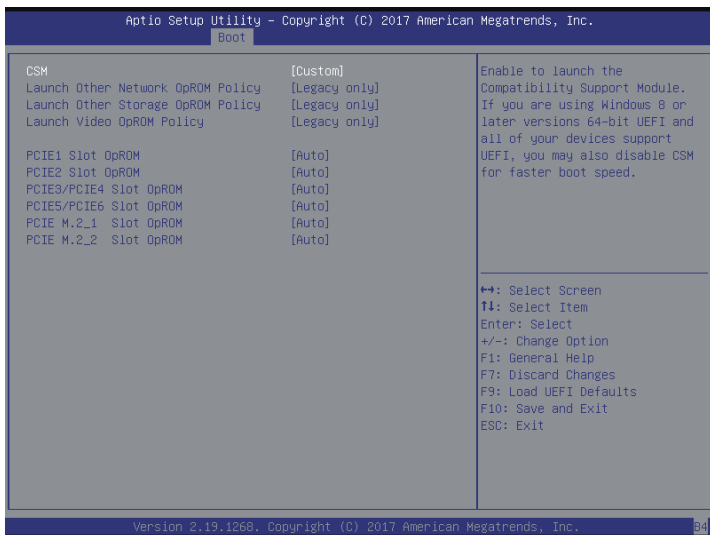
Full Screen Logo

Use this item to enable or disable OEM Logo. The default value is [Enabled].

AddOn ROM Display

Use this option to adjust AddOn ROM Display. If you enable the option “Full Screen Logo” but you want to see the AddOn ROM information when the system boots, please select [Enabled]. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled]. The default value is [Enabled].

3.5.1 CSM Parameters



CSM

Enable to launch the Compatibility Support Module. Please do not disable unless you're running a WHCK test. If you are using Windows 10 64-bit and all of your devices support UEFI, you may also disable CSM for faster boot speed.

Launch PXE OpROM Policy

Select UEFI only to run those that support UEFI option ROM only. Select Legacy only to run those that support legacy option ROM only. Select Do not launch to not execute both legacy and UEFI option ROM.

Launch Storage OpROM Policy

Select UEFI only to run those that support UEFI option ROM only. Select Legacy only to run those that support legacy option ROM only. Select Do not launch to not execute both legacy and UEFI option ROM.

Launch Video OpROM Policy

Select UEFI only to run those that support UEFI option ROM only. Select Legacy only to run those that support legacy option ROM only. Select Do not launch to not execute both legacy and UEFI option ROM.

Launch Other Network OpROM Policy

Select UEFI only to run those that support UEFI option ROM only. Select Legacy only to run those that support legacy option ROM only. Select Do not launch to not execute both legacy and UEFI option ROM.

Launch Other Storage OpROM Policy

Select UEFI only to run those that support UEFI option ROM only. Select Legacy only to run those that support legacy option ROM only. Select Do not launch to not execute both legacy and UEFI option ROM.

PCIE1 Slot OpROM

This option controls Legacy/UEFI ROMs priority.

PCIE2 Slot OpROM

This option controls Legacy/UEFI ROMs priority.

PCIE3/PCIE4 Slot OpROM

This option controls Legacy/UEFI ROMs priority.

PCIE5/PCIE6 Slot OpROM

This option controls Legacy/UEFI ROMs priority.

PCIE M.2_1 Slot OpROM

This option controls Legacy/UEFI ROMs priority.

PCIE M.2_2 Slot OpROM

This option controls Legacy/UEFI ROMs priority.

3.6 Event Logs



Change Smbios Event Log Settings

This allows you to configure the Smbios Event Log Settings.

When entering the item, you will see the followings:

Smbios Event Log

Use this item to enable or disable all features of the SMBIOS Event Logging during system boot.

Erase Event Log

The options include [No], [Yes, Next reset] and [Yes, Every reset]. If Yes is selected, all logged events will be erased.

When Log is Full

Use this item to choose options for reactions to a full Smbios Event Log. The options include [Do Nothing] and [Erase Immediately].

Log System Boot Event

Choose option to enable/disable logging of System boot event.

MECI (Multiple Event Count Increment)

Use this item to enter the increment value for the multiple event counter. The valid range is from 1 to 255.

METW (Multiple Event Time Window)

Use this item to specify the number of minutes which must pass between duplicate log

entries which utilize a multiple-event counter. The value ranges from 0 to 99 minutes.

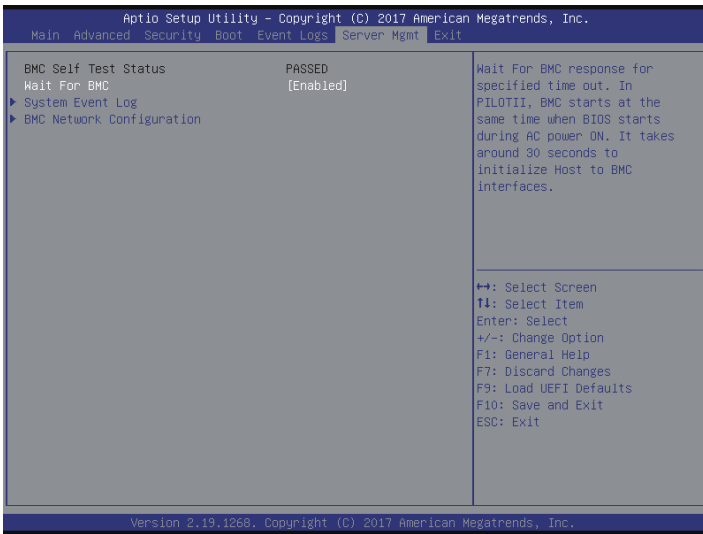
View Smbios Event Log

Press <Enter> to view the Smbios Event Log records.



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

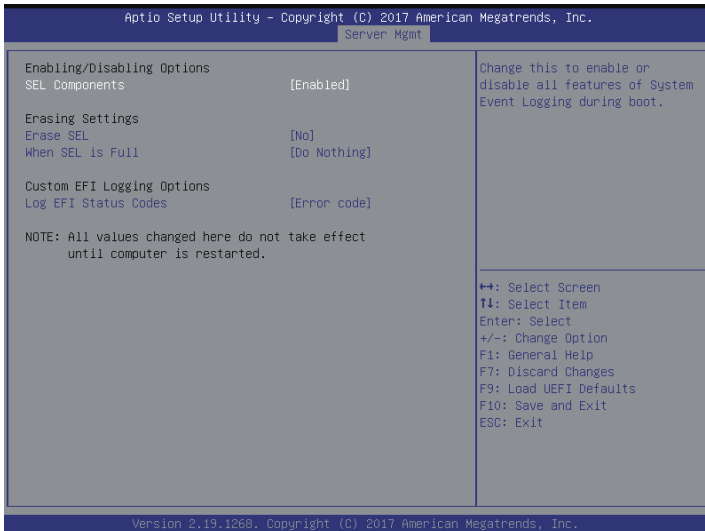
3.7 Server Mgmt



Wait For BMC

Wait For BMC response for specified time out. In PILOTII, BMC starts at the same time when BIOS starts during AC power ON. It takes around 30 seconds to initialize Host to BMC interfaces.

3.7.1 System Event Log



SEL Components

Change this to enable or disable all features of System Event Logging during boot.

Erase SEL

Use this to choose options for erasing SEL.

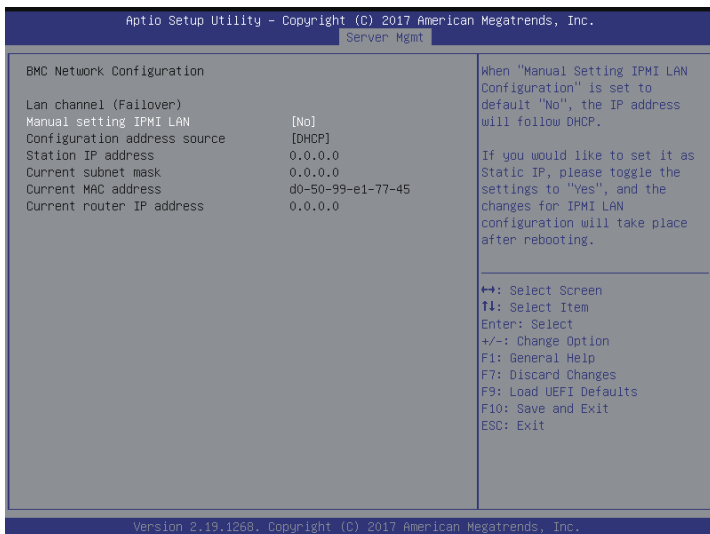
When SEL is Full

Use this to choose options for reactions to a full SEL.

Log EFI Status Codes

Use this item to disable the logging of EFI Status Codes or log only error code or only progress or both.

3.7.2 BMC Network Configuration



Lan Channel (Failover)

Manual Setting IPMI LAN

If [No] is selected, the IP address is assigned by DHCP. If you prefer using a static IP address, toggle to [Yes], and the changes take effect after the system reboots. The default value is [No].

Configuration Address Source

Select to configure BMC network parameters statically or dynamically (by BIOS or BMC). Configuration options: [Static] and [DHCP].

Static: Manually enter the IP Address, Subnet Mask and Gateway Address in the BIOS for BMC LAN channel configuration.

DHCP: IP address, Subnet Mask and Gateway Address are automatically assigned by the network's DHCP server.



When [DHCP] or [Static] is selected, do NOT modify the BMC network settings on the IPMI web page.



The default login information for the IPMI web interface is:

Username: admin

Password: admin

For more instructions on how to set up remote control environment and use the IPMI management platform, please refer to the IPMI Configuration User Guide or go to the Support website at: <http://www.asrockrack.com/support/ipmi.asp>

3.8 Exit Screen



Save Changes and Exit

When you select this option, the following message “Save configuration changes and exit setup?” will pop-out. Press <F10> key or select [Yes] to save the changes and exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY.

Discard Changes and Exit

When you select this option, the following message “Discard changes and exit setup?” will pop-out. Press <ESC> key or select [Yes] to exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY without saving any changes.

Discard Changes

When you select this option, the following message “Discard changes?” will pop-out. Press <F7> key or select [Yes] to discard all changes.

Load UEFI Defaults

Load UEFI default values for all the setup questions. F9 key can be used for this operation.

Boot Override

These items displays the available devices. Select an item to start booting from the selected device.

Chapter 4 Software Support

4.1 Install Operating System

This motherboard supports various Microsoft® Windows® 10 / Server 2012 R2 / Server 2016 / Linux compliant. Because motherboard settings and hardware options vary, use the setup procedures in this chapter for general reference only. Refer to your OS documentation for more information.

**Please download the Intel® SATA Floppy Image driver from the ASRock Rack's website (www.asrockrack.com) to your USB drive or simply install the SATA driver from the Support CD while installing OS in SATA RAID mode.*

4.2 Support CD Information

The Support CD that came with the motherboard contains necessary drivers and useful utilities that enhance the motherboard's features.

4.2.1 Running The Support CD

To begin using the support CD, insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive. The CD automatically displays the Main Menu if "AUTORUN" is enabled in your computer. If the Main Menu does not appear automatically, locate and double click on the file "ASRSetup.exe" from the root folder in the Support CD to display the menu.

4.2.2 Drivers Menu

The Drivers Menu shows the available device's drivers if the system detects installed devices. Please install the necessary drivers to activate the devices.

4.2.3 Utilities Menu

The Utilities Menu shows the application softwares that the motherboard supports. Click on a specific item then follow the installation wizard to install it.

4.2.4 Contact Information

If you need to contact ASRock Rack or want to know more about ASRock Rack, welcome to visit ASRock Rack's website at <http://www.ASRockRack.com>; or you may contact your dealer for further information.

Chapter 5 Troubleshooting

5.1 Troubleshooting Procedures

Follow the procedures below to troubleshoot your system.



Always unplug the power cord before adding, removing or changing any hardware components. Failure to do so may cause physical injuries to you and damages to motherboard components.

1. Disconnect the power cable and check whether the PWR LED is off.
2. Unplug all cables, connectors and remove all add-on cards from the motherboard. Make sure that the jumpers are set to default settings.
3. Confirm that there are no short circuits between the motherboard and the chassis.
4. Install a CPU and fan on the motherboard, then connect the chassis speaker and power LED.

If there is no power...

1. Confirm that there are no short circuits between the motherboard and the chassis.
2. Make sure that the jumpers are set to default settings.
3. Check the settings of the 115V/230V switch on the power supply.
4. Verify if the battery on the motherboard provides ~3VDC. Install a new battery if it does not.

If there is no video...

1. Try replugging the monitor cables and power cord.
2. Check for memory errors.

If there are memory errors...

1. Verify that the DIMM modules are properly seated in the slots.
2. Use recommended DDR3 1600/1333/1066 non ECC, unbuffered DIMMs.
3. If you have installed more than one DIMM modules, they should be identical with the same brand, speed, size and chip-type.
4. Try inserting different DIMM modules into different slots to identify faulty ones.
5. Check the settings of the 115V/230V switch on the power supply.

Unable to save system setup configurations...

1. Verify if the battery on the motherboard provides ~3VDC. Install a new battery if it does not.
2. Confirm whether your power supply provides adequate and stable power.

Other problems...

1. Try searching keywords related to your problem on ASRock Rack's FAQ page:
<http://www.asrockrack.com/support>

5.2 Technical Support Procedures

If you have tried the troubleshooting procedures mentioned above and the problems are still unsolved, please contact ASRock Rack's technical support with the following information:

1. Your contact information
2. Model name, BIOS version and problem type.
3. System configuration.
4. Problem description.

You may contact ASRock Rack's technical support at:
<http://www.asrockrack.com/support/>

5.3 Returning Merchandise for Service

For warranty service, the receipt or a copy of your invoice marked with the date of purchase is required. By calling your vendor or going to our RMA website (<http://event.asrockrack.com/tsd.asp>) you may obtain a Returned Merchandise Authorization (RMA) number.

The RMA number should be displayed on the outside of the shipping carton which is mailed prepaid or hand-carried when you return the motherboard to the manufacturer. Shipping and handling charges will be applied for all orders that must be mailed when service is complete.

This warranty does not cover damages incurred in shipping or from failure due to alteration, misuse, abuse or improper maintenance of products.

Contact your distributor first for any product related problems during the warranty period.