MS-98C7

(v1.x) Industrial Computer Board

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- Always read the safety instructions carefully.
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- Lay this equipment on a reliable flat surface before setting it up.
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- Place the power cord such a way that people can not step on it. Do not place anything over the power cord.
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Notice 1

The changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Notice 2

Shielded interface cables and AC power cord, if any, must be used in order to comply with the emission limits.

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1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and
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1 Overview

Thank you for choosing the MS-98C7, an excellent industrial computer board.

Based on the innovative Intel® H81/ Q87 chipset for optimal system efficiency, the MS-98C7 accommodates the Intel® Haswell processor and supports 2 DDR3 1066/1333/1600 SO-DIMM slots to provide the maximum of 16GB memory capacity.

The MS-98C7 is durable under extreme environments and suitable to be applied in every industrial field, such as digital signage, kiosk, gaming, industrial control automation and POS.

Mainboard Specifications

Processor

- Intel Haswell processor (LGA1150)

Chipset

- 010 SKU:
  - Intel Q87 chipset
- 020 SKU:
  - Intel H81 chipset

Memory

- 2 unbuffered non-ECC DDR3 1066/1333/1600 SO-DIMM slots
- Supports the maximum of 16GB

LAN

- 010 SKU:
  - Intel I210-AT Gigabit Fast Ethernet controller (LAN1)
  - Intel I217-LM Gigabit Fast Ethernet controller (LAN2)
- 020 SKU:
  - Intel I211-AT Gigabit Fast Ethernet controller (LAN1)
  - Intel I217-LM Gigabit Fast Ethernet controller (LAN2)

Audio

- Realtek ALC887 audio codec
- 3 audio jacks
- 1 amplifier pinheader
- 1 S/PDIF-Out pinheader

SATA

- 010 SKU:
  - 4 SATA 6Gb/s ports (SATA1, SATA2, SATA3, SATA4)
- 020 SKU:
  - 2 SATA 6Gb/s ports (SATA1, SATA2)
  - 1 SATA 3Gb/s port (SATA4)

Graphics

- Graphics integrated in Intel processor

Rear Panel I/O

- 1 PS/2 mouse/keyboard combo port
- 1 RS-232/422/485 serial port
- 1 VGA port
- 2 DisplayPorts
- 2 Gigabit LAN jacks
- 2 USB 2.0 ports, 4 USB 3.0 ports (010 SKU)
- 4 USB 2.0 ports, 2 USB 3.0 ports (020 SKU)
- 3 flexible audio ports

Onboard Pinheaders/ Connectors/ Jumpers

- 2 USB 2.0 pinheaders (010 SKU)
- 1 USB 2.0 pinheader (020 SKU)
- 4 serial port connectors
- 1 parallel port connector
- 1 front panel pinheader
- 1 LVDS connector
- 1 inverter connector
- 1 GPIO pinheader
- 1 amplifier connector
- 1 S/PDIF-Out pinheader
- 1 TPM pinheader
- 1 CPU fan connector
- 1 system fan connector
- 2 SATA power connectors
- 2 DC power connectors
- 1 chassis intrusion pinheader
- 1 clear CMOS jumper
- 1 LVDS power jumper
- 4 serial port power jumpers
- 1 full-size Mini-PCIe jumper
- 1 AT/ATX select jumper

Slot

- 1 PCIe x16 slot
- 1 half-size Mini-PCIe slot (MINI_PCIE2)
- 1 full-size Mini-PCIe slot (MINI_PCIE1)

Form Factor

- Mini-ITX: 17.0cm x 17.0cm

Environmental

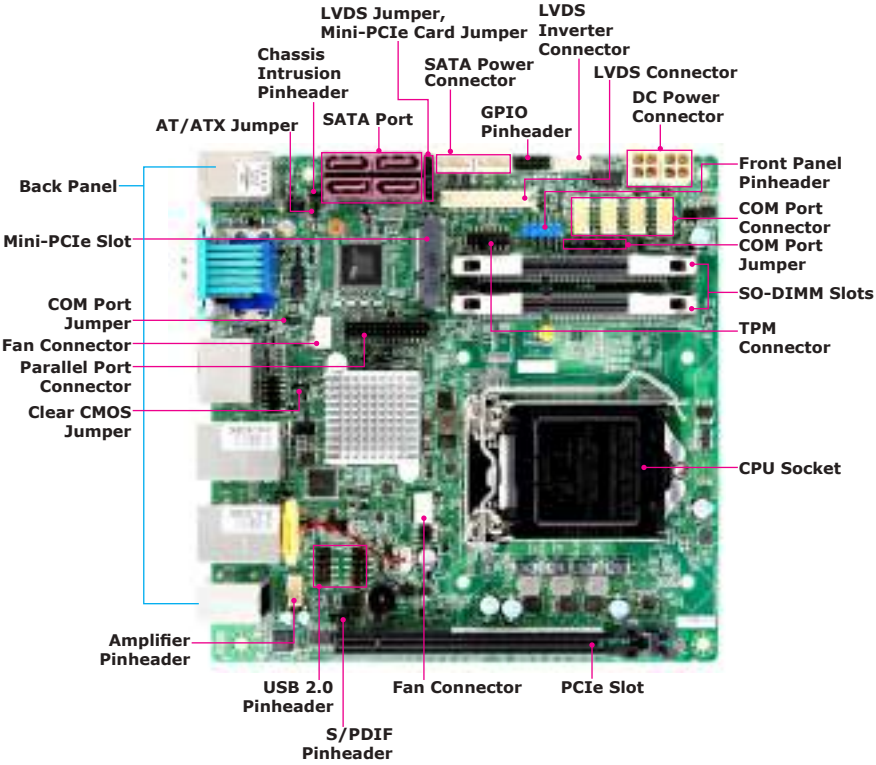
- Operating Temperature: 0ºC ~ 60ºC
- Storage Temperature: -20ºC ~ 80ºC
- Humidity: 5% ~ 90% RH, Non-Condensing

SKU Comparison

SKUs / Features	010	020
PCH	Q87	H81
SATA 6 G/bs qty	4	2
SATA 3 G/bs qty	0	1
Rear panel USB	4 USB 3.0 2 USB 2.0	2 USB 3.0 4 USB 2.0
Onboard USB pinheader	2 USB 2.0	1 USB 2.0

Mainboard Layout

MS-98C7v1.0 010 SKU



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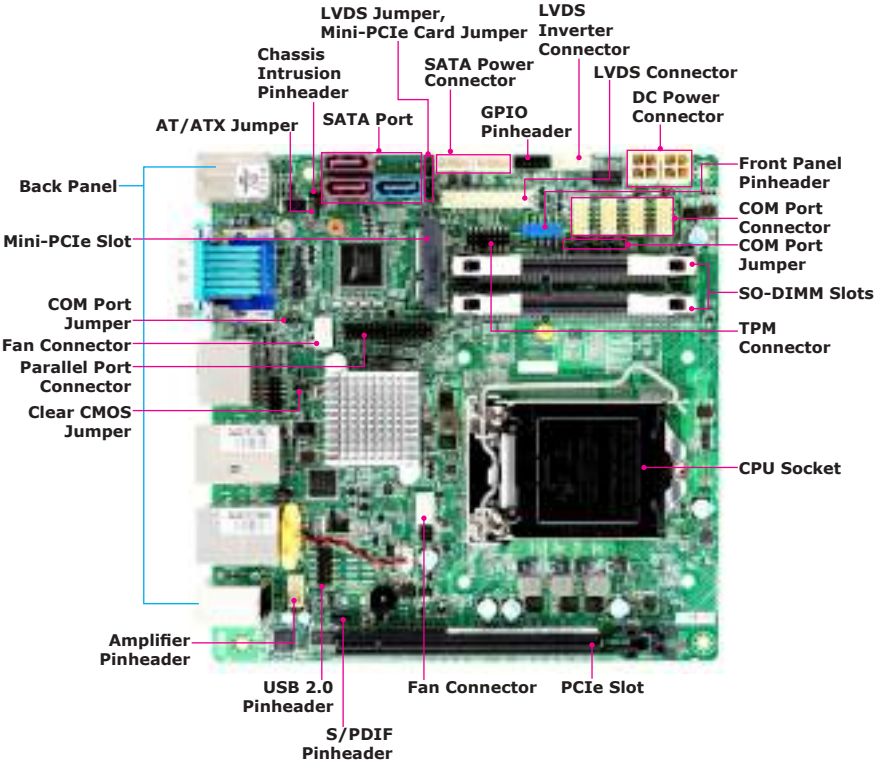
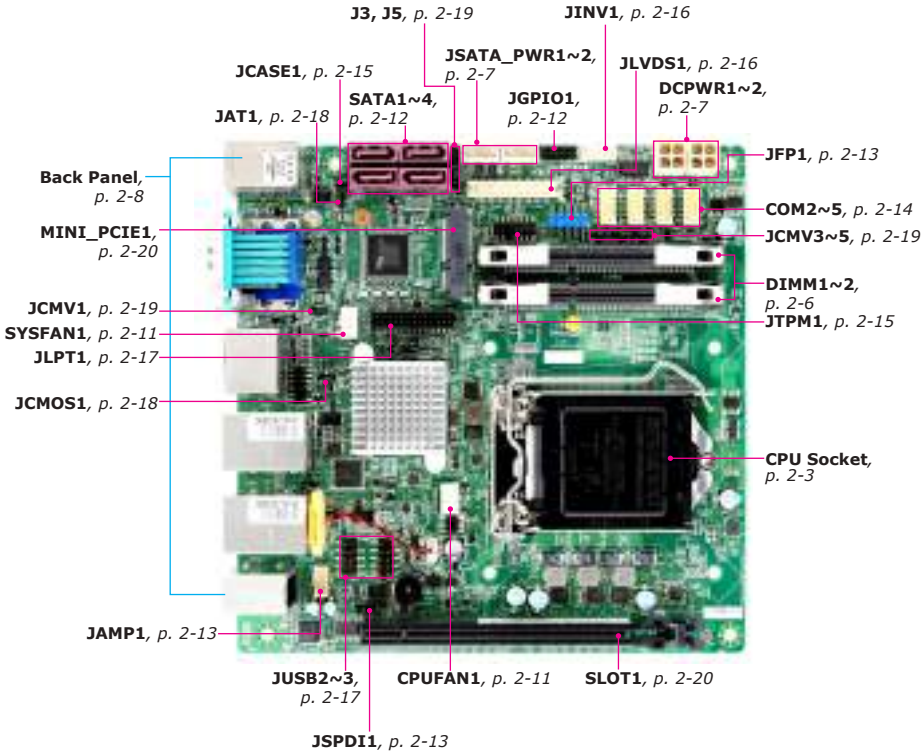


NOTE

2 Hardware Setup

This chapter provides you with the information about hardware setup procedures. While doing the installation, be careful in holding the components and follow the installation procedures. For some components, if you install in the wrong orientation, the components will not work properly.
Use a grounded wrist strap before handling computer components. Static electricity may damage the components.

Quick Component Guide



CPU (Central Processing Unit)

When installing the CPU, make sure that you install the cooler to prevent overheating. If you do not have the CPU cooler, consult your dealer before turning on the computer.

Important

Overheating

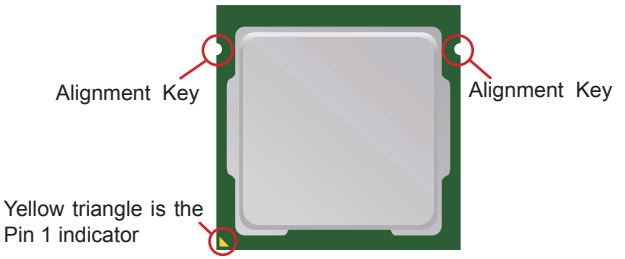
Overheating will seriously damage the CPU and system. Always make sure the cooling fan can work properly to protect the CPU from overheating. Make sure that you apply an even layer of thermal paste (or thermal tape) between the CPU and the heatsink to enhance heat dissipation.

Replacing the CPU

While replacing the CPU, always turn off the power supply or unplug the power supply's power cord from the grounded outlet first to ensure the safety of CPU.

Introduction to LGA 115x CPU

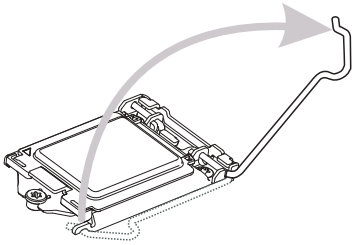
The surface of LGA 115x CPU. Remember to apply some thermal paste on it for better heat dispersion.



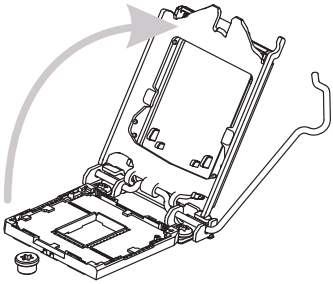
CPU Installation

When you are installing the CPU, **make sure the CPU has a cooler attached on the top to prevent overheating**. Meanwhile, do not forget to apply some thermal paste on CPU before installing the heat sink/cooler fan for better heat dispersion.

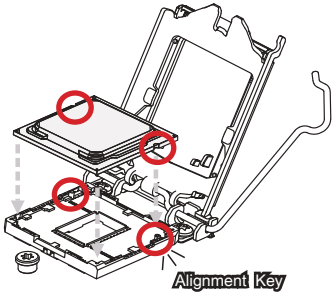
1. Open the load lever and remove the plastic cap.



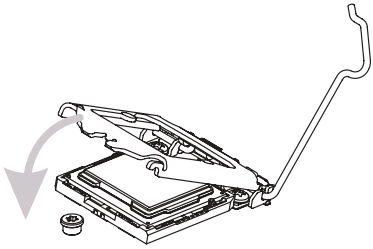
2. Lift the load lever up to fully open position.



3. After confirming the CPU direction for correct mating, put down the CPU in the socket housing frame. Be sure to grasp on the edge of the CPU base. Note that the alignment keys are matched.



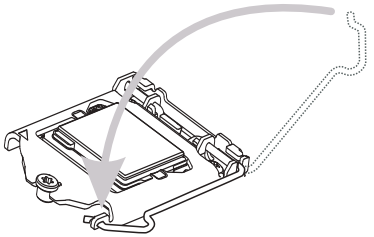
4. Engage the load lever while pressing down lightly onto the load plate.



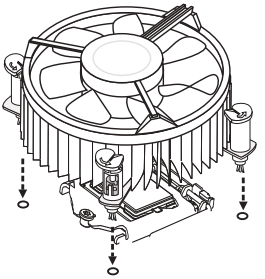
Important

Visually inspect if the CPU is seated well into the socket. If not, take out the CPU with pure vertical motion and reinstall.

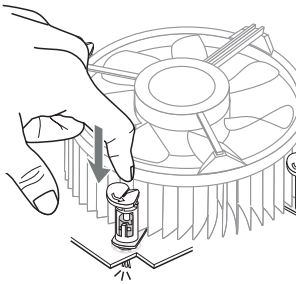
5. Secure the load lever with the hook under the retention tab.



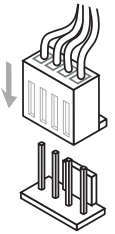
6. Make sure the four hooks are in proper position before you install the cooler. Align the holes on the motherboard with the cooler. Push down the cooler until its four clips get wedged into the holes of the motherboard.



7. Press the four hooks down to fasten the cooler. Turn over the motherboard to confirm that the clip-ends are correctly inserted.



8. Finally, attach the CPU Fan cable to the CPU fan connector on the motherboard.



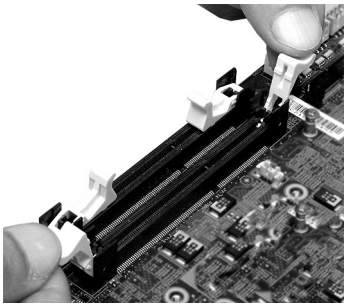
Important

- *Confirm if your CPU cooler is firmly installed before turning on your system.*
- *Do not touch the CPU socket pins to avoid damage.*
- *Whenever CPU is not installed, always protect your CPU socket pins with the plastic cap covered.*
- *Please refer to the documentation in the CPU cooler package for more details about the CPU cooler installation.*
- *Read the CPU status in BIOS.*

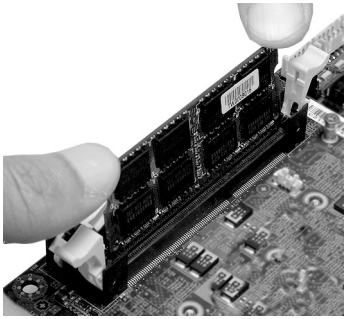
Memory

These DIMM slots are intended for memory modules.

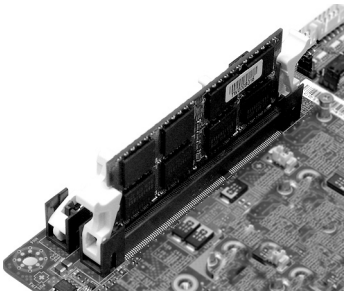
1. Unlock the DIMM slot by flipping open its side clips.



2. Vertically insert the DIMM into the DIMM slot. The DIMM has an off-center notch at the bottom that will only allow it to fit one way into the DIMM slot. Push the DIMM deeply into the DIMM slot. The side clips of the slot will automatically close when the DIMM is properly seated and an audible click should be heard.



3. Manually check if the DIMM has been locked in place by the DIMM slot's side clips.



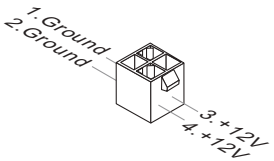
Important

- *Motherboard photos shown in this section are for demonstration only and may differ from the actual look of your motherboard.*
- *You can barely see the golden finger if the DIMM is properly inserted in the DIMM slot.*

Power Supply

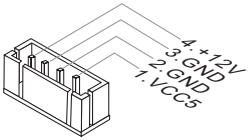
DC Power Connector: DCPWR1, DCPWR2

This connector is used to provide power to the motherboard.



SATA Power Connector: JSATA_PWR1, JSATA_PWR2

This connector is used to provide power to SATA devices.



Important

Make sure that all power connectors are connected to the power supply to ensure stable operation of the motherboard.

Rear Panel I/O

010 SKU

020 SKU

➤ Keyboard / Mouse Combo Port

The standard PS/2® mouse/keyboard DIN connector is for a PS/2® mouse/keyboard.

➤ VGA Port

The DB15-pin female connector is provided for monitor.

➤ DisplayPort ++

DisplayPort is a digital display interface standard. This connector is used to connect a monitor with DisplayPort inputs.

Important

010 SKU supports Triple Independent Displays.

- Option A: 1st DP/ 2nd LVDS/ 3rd VGA
- Option B: 1st DP/ 2nd DP/ 3rd VGA

➤ RS-232/422/485 Serial Port

The serial port is a 16550A high speed communications port that sends/ receives 16 bytes FIFOs. You can attach a serial mouse or other serial devices directly to the connector.

RS-232

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	DCD	Data Carrier Detect
2	RXD	Receive Data
3	TXD	Transmit Data
4	DTR	Data Terminal Ready
5	GND	Signal Ground
6	DSR	Data Set Ready
7	RTS	Request To Send
8	CTS	Clear To Send
9	VCC_COM1	Voltage select setting by jumper

RS-422

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	422 TXD-	Transmit Data, Negative
2	422 RXD+	Receive Data, Positive
3	422 TXD+	Transmit Data, Positive
4	422 RXD-	Receive Data, Negative
5	GND	Signal Ground
6	NC	No Connection
7	NC	No Connection
8	NC	No Connection
9	NC	No Connection

RS-485

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	485 TXD-	Transmit Data, Negative
2	NC	No Connection
3	485 TXD+	Transmit Data, Positive
4	NC	No Connection
5	GND	Signal Ground
6	NC	No Connection
7	NC	No Connection
8	NC	No Connection
9	NC	No Connection

➤ USB 2.0 Port

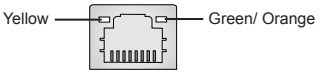
The USB (Universal Serial Bus) port is for attaching USB devices such as keyboard, mouse, or other USB-compatible devices.

➤ USB 3.0 Port

The USB 3.0 port is backward-compatible with USB 2.0 devices and supports data transfer rate up to 5 Gbit/s (SuperSpeed).

➤ LAN Jack

The standard RJ-45 LAN jack is for connection to the Local Area Network (LAN). You can connect a network cable to it.



LED	Color	LED State	Condition
Left	Yellow	Off	LAN link is not established.
		On (steady state)	LAN link is established.
		On (blinking)	The computer is communicating with another computer on the LAN.
Right	Green	Off	10 Mbit/sec data rate is selected.
		On	100 Mbit/sec data rate is selected.
	Orange	On	1000 Mbit/sec data rate is selected.

➤ Audio Ports

These audio connectors are used for audio devices. It is easy to differentiate between audio effects according to the color of audio jacks.

- Line-In (Blue) - Line In, is used for external CD player, tapeplayer or other audio devices.
- Line-Out (Green) - Line Out, is a connector for speakers or headphones.
- Mic (Pink) - Mic, is a connector for microphones.

Connector

Fan Power Connector: CPUFAN1, SYSFAN1

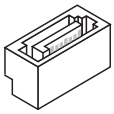
The fan power connectors support system cooling fan with +12V. When connecting the wire to the connectors, always note that the red wire is the positive and should be connected to the +12V; the black wire is Ground and should be connected to GND. If the motherboard has a System Hardware Monitor chipset onboard, you must use a specially designed fan with speed sensor to take advantage of the CPU fan control.

Important

- *Please refer to the recommended CPU fans at processor's official website or consult the vendors for proper CPU cooling fan.*
- *Fan cooler sets with 3- or 4-pin power connector are both available.*

Serial ATA Connector: SATA1 ~ SATA4

This connector is a high-speed Serial ATA interface port. Each connector can connect to one Serial ATA device.



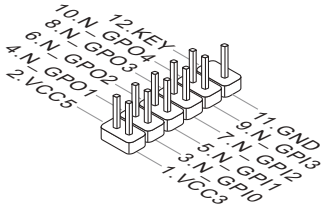
Speed / SKU	SATA 6 Gb/s	SATA 3 Gb/s
010 SKU (Q87)	SATA1, SATA2, SATA3, SATA4	
020 SKU (H81)	SATA1, SATA2	SATA4

Important

Please do not fold the SATA cable into a 90-degree angle. Otherwise, data loss may occur during transmission.

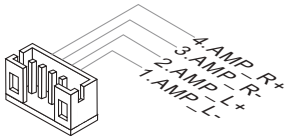
GPIO Pinheader: JGPIO1

This connector is provided for the General-Purpose Input/Output (GPIO) peripheral module.



Audio Amplifier Pinheader: JAMP1

The JAMP1 is used to connect audio amplifiers to enhance audio performance.



S/PDIF Pinheader: JSPDI1

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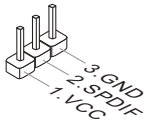
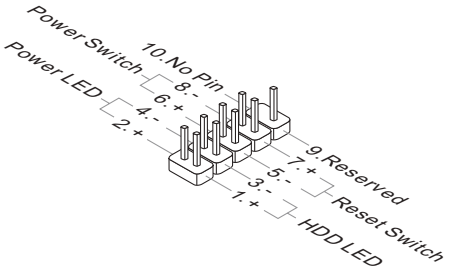


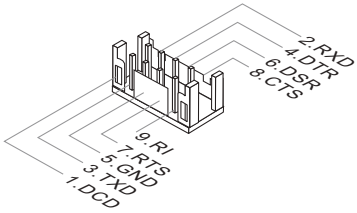
Front Panel Connector: JFP1

This front panel connector is provided for electrical connection to the front panel switches & LEDs and is compliant with Intel Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.



Serial Port Connector: COM2 (RS-232, No Power)

This connector is a 16550A high speed communications port that sends/receives 16 bytes FIFOs. You can attach a serial device to it. **The COM2 supports Wake on Ring.**



PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
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2	RXD	Receive Data
3	TXD	Transmit Data
4	DTR	Data Terminal Ready
5	GND	Signal Ground
6	DSR	Data Set Ready
7	RTS	Request To Send
8	CTS	Clear To Send
9	RI	Ring Indicate

Serial Port Connector: COM3 ~ COM5 (RS-232 Only)

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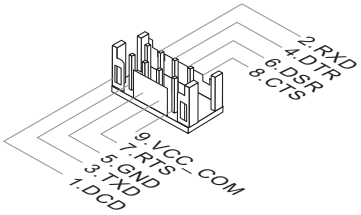

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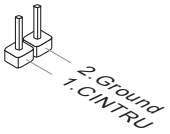
7	RTS	Request To Send
8	CTS	Clear To Send
9	VCC_COM	12V or 5V power output, selected by jumper

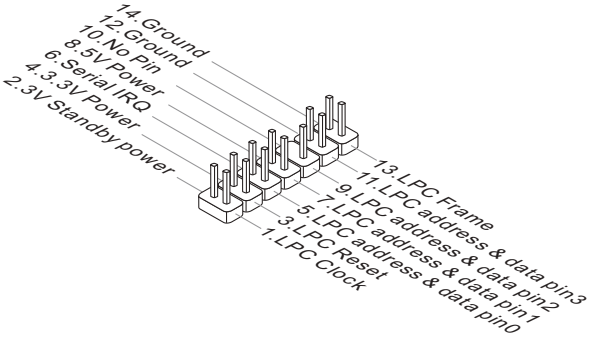
Chassis Intrusion Pinheader: JCASE1

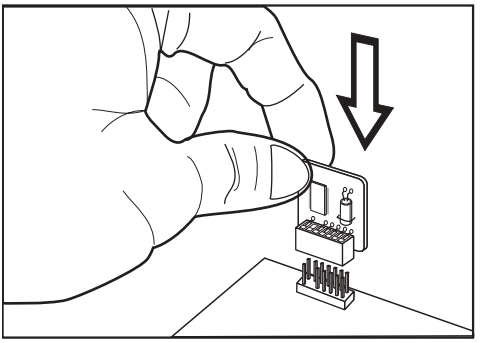
This connector connects to the chassis intrusion switch cable. If the computer case is opened, the chassis intrusion mechanism will be activated. The system will record this intrusion and a warning message will flash on screen. To clear the warning, you must enter the BIOS utility and clear the record.



TPM Module Connector: JTPM1

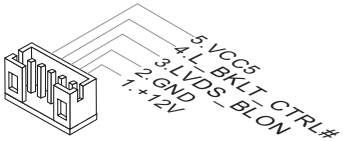
This connector connects to a TPM (Trusted Platform Module) module (optional). Please refer to the TPM security platform manual for more details.





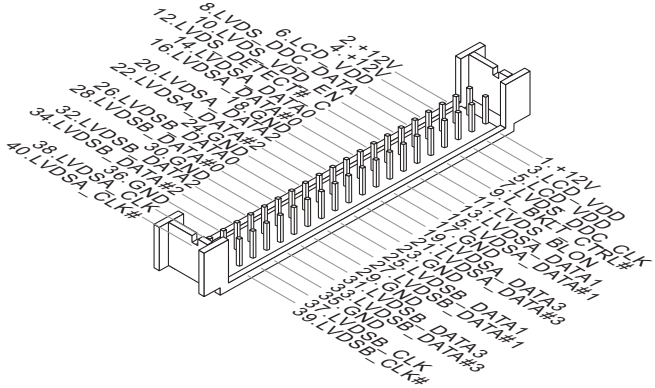
LVDS Inverter Connector: JINV1

The connector is provided for LCD backlight options.



LVDS Connector: JLVDS1

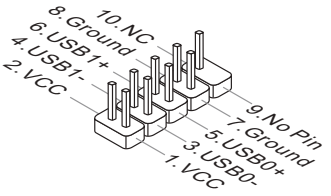
The LVDS (Low Voltage Differential Signal) connector provides a digital interface typically used with flat panels. After connecting an LVDS interface flat panel to the JLVDS1, be sure to check the panel datasheet and set the LVDS jumper to proper power voltage.



Front USB Pinheader: JUSB2, JUSB3 (010 SKU)

Front USB Pinheader: JUSB2 (020 SKU)

This connector, compliant with Intel I/O Connectivity Design Guide, is ideal for connecting high-speed USB interface peripherals such as USB HDD, digital cameras, MP3 players, printers, modems and the like.

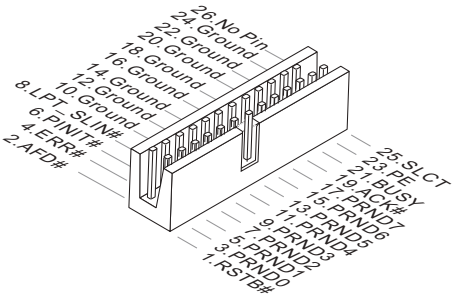


Important

Note that the pins of VCC and GND must be connected correctly to avoid possible damage.

Parallel Port Pinheader: JLPT1

The mainboard provides a 26-pin header for connection to an optional parallel port bracket. The parallel port is a standard printer port that supports Enhanced Parallel Port (EPP) and Extended Capabilities Parallel Port (ECP) mode.



Jumper

Important

Avoid adjusting jumpers when the system is on; it will damage the motherboard.

Clear CMOS Jumper: JCMOS1

There is a CMOS RAM onboard that has a power supply from an external battery to keep the data of system configuration. With the CMOS RAM, the system can automatically boot OS every time it is turned on. If you want to clear the system configuration, set the jumper to clear data.

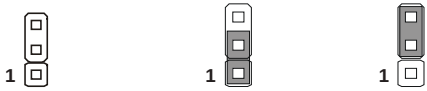
JCMOS1 Normal Clear CMOS

Important

You can clear CMOS by shorting 2-3 pin while the system is off. Then return to 1-2 pin position. Avoid clearing the CMOS while the system is on; it will damage the motherboard.

AT/ATX Select Jumper: JAT1

This jumper allows users to select between AT and ATX power.



JAT1 ATX AT

Serial Port Power Jumper: JCMV1, JCMV3, JCMV4, JCMV5

These jumpers specify the operation voltage of the onboard serial ports.

JCMV1
(for COM1)
JCMV3~5
(for COM3~5)

+5V

+12V

LVDS Power Jumper: J3

Use this jumper to specify the operation voltage of the LVDS interface flat panel.

J3

3V

5V

Full-Size Mini-PCIe Card Jumper: J5

This jumper specifies the operation voltage of the full-size Mini-PCIe card.

J5

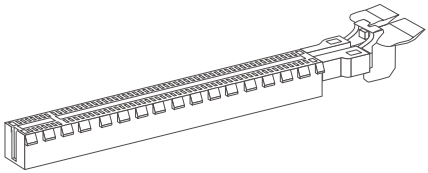
VCC3

3VSB

Slot

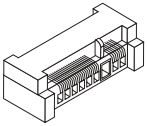
PCIe (Peripheral Component Interconnect Express) Slot

The PCI Express slot supports PCIe interface expansion cards.



Mini-PCIe (Peripheral Component Interconnect Express) Slot

The Mini-PCIe slot is provided for wireless LAN card, TV tuner card, Robson NAND Flash card and mSATA devices.



- MINI_PCIE1 supports mSATA function.
- MINI_PCIE2 supports wireless LAN card, TV tuner card, Robson NAND Flash card.

Important

When adding or removing expansion cards, make sure that you unplug the power supply first. Meanwhile, read the documentation for the expansion card to configure any necessary hardware or software settings for the expansion card, such as jumpers, switches or BIOS configuration.

3 BIOS Setup

This chapter provides information on the BIOS Setup program and allows users to configure the system for optimal use.

Users may need to run the Setup program when:

- An error message appears on the screen at system startup and requests users to run SETUP.
- Users want to change the default settings for customized features.

Important

Please note that BIOS update assumes technician-level experience.

Entering Setup

Power on the computer and the system will start POST (Power On Self Test) process. When the message below appears on the screen, press <DEL> or <F2> key to enter Setup.

Press <DEL> or <F2> to enter SETUP

If the message disappears before you respond and you still wish to enter Setup, restart the system by turning it OFF and On or pressing the RESET button. You may also restart the system by simultaneously pressing <Ctrl>, <Alt>, and <Delete> keys.

Important

The items under each BIOS category described in this chapter are under continuous update for better system performance. Therefore, the description may be slightly different from the latest BIOS and should be held for reference only.

Control Keys

← →	Select Screen
↑ ↓	Select Item
Enter	Select
+ -	Change Option
F1	General Help
F7	Previous Values
F9	Optimized Defaults
F10	Save & Exit
Esc	Exit

Getting Help

After entering the Setup menu, the first menu you will see is the Main Menu.

Main Menu

The main menu lists the setup functions you can make changes to. You can use the arrow keys (↑↓) to select the item. The on-line description of the highlighted setup function is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

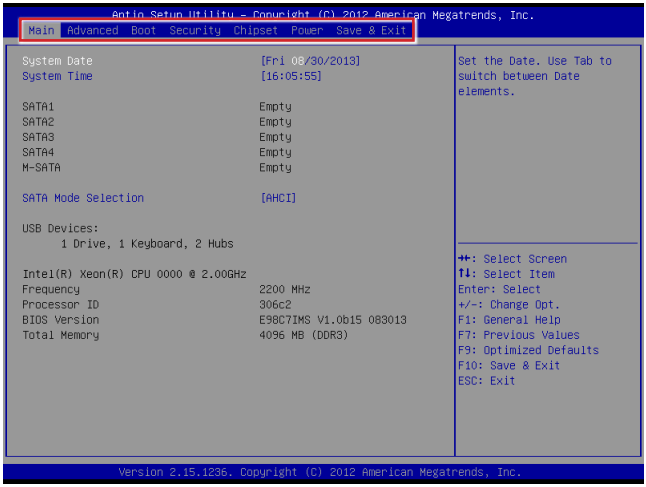
Sub-Menu

If you find a right pointer symbol appears to the left of certain fields that means a sub-menu can be launched from this field. A sub-menu contains additional options for a field parameter. You can use arrow keys (↑↓) to highlight the field and press <Enter> to call up the sub-menu. Then you can use the control keys to enter values and move from field to field within a sub-menu. If you want to return to the main menu, just press the <Esc >.

General Help <F1>

The BIOS setup program provides a General Help screen. You can call up this screen from any menu by simply pressing <F1>. The Help screen lists the appropriate keys to use and the possible selections for the highlighted item. Press <Esc> to exit the Help screen.

The Menu Bar



▸ **Main**

Use this menu for basic system configurations, such as time, date, etc.

▸ **Advanced**

Use this menu to set up the items of special enhanced features.

▸ **Boot**

Use this menu to specify the priority of boot devices.

▸ **Security**

Use this menu to set supervisor and user passwords.

▸ **Chipset**

This menu controls the advanced features of the onboard chipsets.

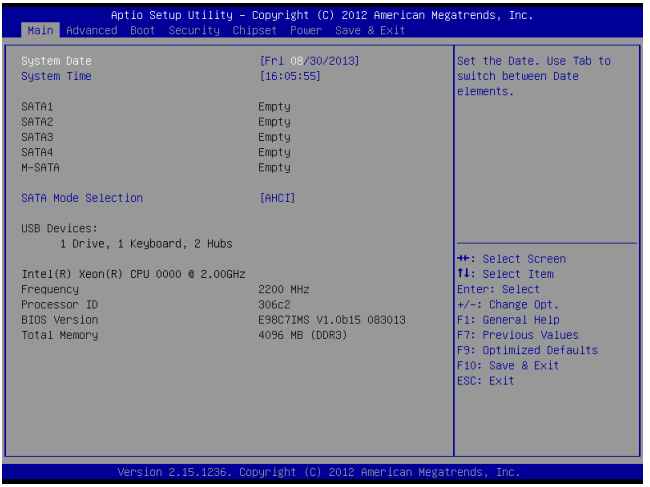
▸ **Power**

Use this menu to specify your settings for power management.

▸ **Save & Exit**

This menu allows you to load the BIOS default values or factory default settings into the BIOS and exit the BIOS setup utility with or without changes.

Main



▸System Date

This setting allows you to set the system date. The date format is <Day>, <Month> <Date> <Year>.

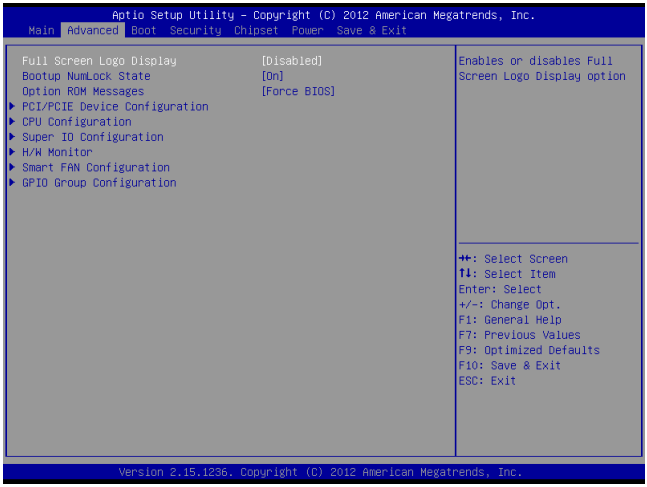
▸System Time

This setting allows you to set the system time. The time format is <Hour> <Minute> <Second>.

▸SATA Mode Selection

This setting specifies the SATA controller mode.

Advanced



▸Full Screen Logo Display

This BIOS feature determines if the BIOS should hide the normal POST messages with the motherboard or system manufacturer's full-screen logo.

When it is enabled, the BIOS will display the full-screen logo during the boot-up sequence, hiding normal POST messages.

When it is disabled, the BIOS will display the normal POST messages, instead of the full-screen logo.

Please note that enabling this BIOS feature often adds 2-3 seconds of delay to the booting sequence. This delay ensures that the logo is displayed for a sufficient amount of time. Therefore, it is recommended that you disable this BIOS feature for a faster boot-up time.

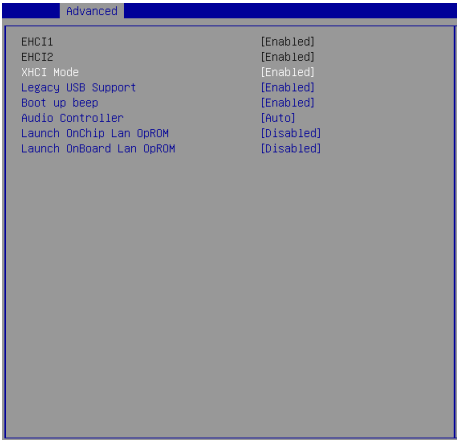
▸Bootup NumLock State

This setting is to set the Num Lock status when the system is powered on. Setting to [On] will turn on the Num Lock key when the system is powered on. Setting to [Off] will allow users to use the arrow keys on the numeric keypad.

▸Option ROM Messages

This item is used to determine the display mode when an optional ROM is initialized during POST. When set to [Force BIOS], the display mode used by AMI BIOS is used. Select [Keep Current] if you want to use the display mode of optional ROM.

▸PCI/PCIE Device Configuration



▸EHCI1, EHCI2

This setting disables/enables the USB EHCI controller. The Enhanced Host Controller Interface (EHCI) specification describes the register-level interface for a Host Controller for the Universal Serial Bus (USB) Revision 2.0.

▸XHCI Mode

This setting disables/enables the USB XHCI controller. The eXtensible Host Controller Interface (XHCI) is a computer interface specification that defines a register-level description of a Host Controller for Universal Serial bus (USB), which is capable of interfacing to USB 1.0, 2.0, and 3.0 compatible devices. The specification is also referred to as the USB 3.0 Host Controller specification.

▸Legacy USB Support

Set to [Enabled] if you need to use any USB 1.1/2.0 device in the operating system that does not support or have any USB 1.1/2.0 driver installed, such as DOS and SCO Unix.

▸Boot Up Beep

This setting enables/disables the system beep whenever a USB device is detected.

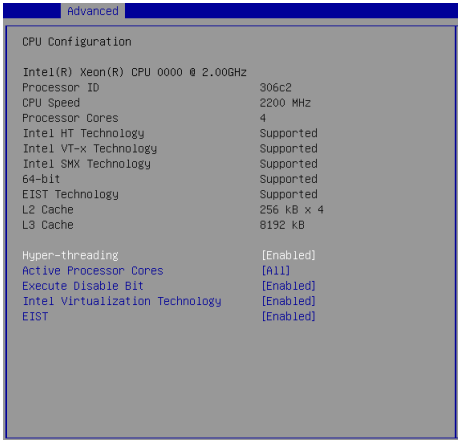
▸Audio Controller

This setting enables/disables the onboard audio controller.

▸Launch OnChip/OnBoard LAN OpROM

These settings enable/disable the initialization of the onboard/onchip LAN Boot ROM during bootup. Selecting [Disabled] will speed up the boot process.

▸CPU Configuration



▸Hyper-Threading

The processor uses Hyper-Threading technology to increase transaction rates and reduces end-user response times. The technology treats the two cores inside the processor as two logical processors that can execute instructions simultaneously. In this way, the system performance is highly improved. If you disable the function, the processor will use only one core to execute the instructions. Please disable this item if your operating system doesn't support HT Function, or unreliability and instability may occur.

▸Active Processor Cores

This setting specifies the number of active processor cores.

▸Execute Disable Bit

Intel's Execute Disable Bit functionality can prevent certain classes of malicious "buffer overflow" attacks when combined with a supporting operating system. This functionality allows the processor to classify areas in memory by where application code can execute and where it cannot. When a malicious worm attempts to insert code in the buffer, the processor disables code execution, preventing damage or worm propagation.

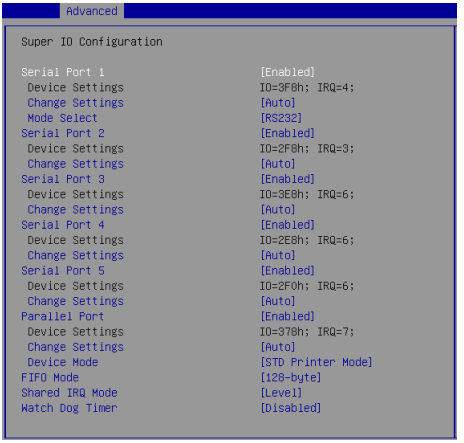
▸Intel Virtualization Technology

Virtualization enhanced by Intel Virtualization Technology will allow a platform to run multiple operating systems and applications in independent partitions. With virtualization, one computer system can function as multiple "Virtual" systems.

▸EIST

EIST (Enhanced Intel SpeedStep Technology) allows the system to dynamically adjust processor voltage and core frequency, which can result in decreased average power consumption and decreased average heat production. When disabled, the processor will return the actual maximum CPUID input value of the processor when queried.

▸Super IO Configuration



▸Serial Port 1/ 2/ 3/ 4/ 5

This setting enables/disables the specified serial port.

▸Change Settings

This setting is used to change the address & IRQ settings of the specified serial port.

▸Mode Select

Select an operation mode for the serial port 1.

▸Parallel Port

This setting enables/disables the parallel port.

▸Change Settings

This setting is used to change the address & IRQ settings of the parallel port.

▸Device Mode

Select an operation mode for the parallel port.

▸FIFO Mode

This setting controls the FIFO data transfer mode.

▸Shared IRQ Mode

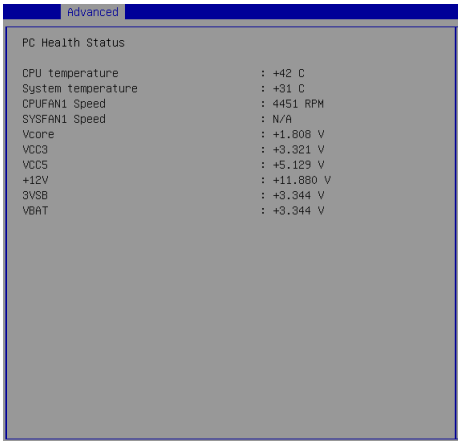
This setting provides the system with the ability to share interrupts among its serial ports.

▸ Watch Dog Timer

You can enable the system watch-dog timer, a hardware timer that generates a reset when the software that it monitors does not respond as expected each time the watch dog polls it.

▸H/W Monitor

These items display the current status of all monitored hardware devices/ components such as voltages, temperatures and all fans' speeds.

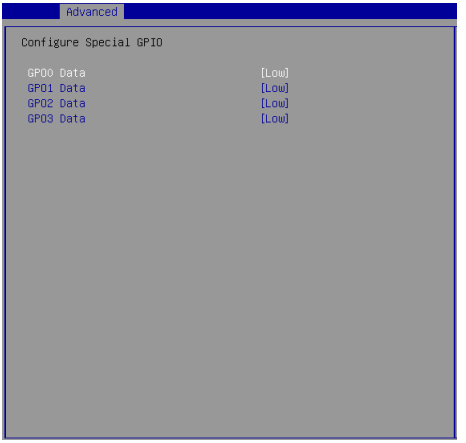


▸Smart Fan Configuration

▸Smart CPUFAN1/ SYSFAN1 Target

These settings enable/disable the Smart Fan function. Smart Fan is an excellent feature which will adjust the CPU/system fan speed automatically depending on the current CPU/system temperature, avoiding the overheating to damage your system.

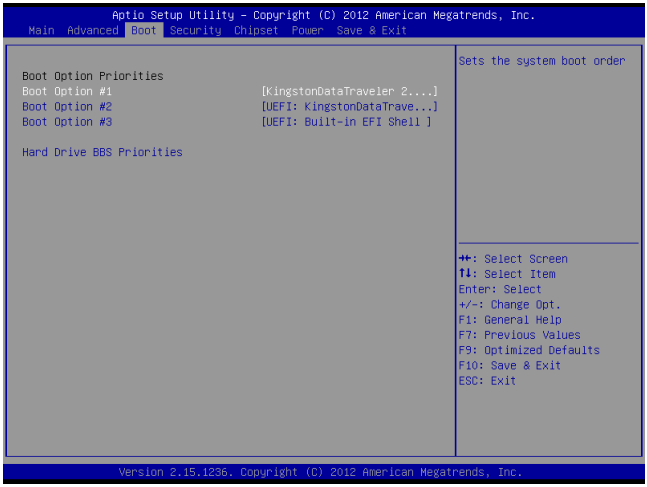
▸GPIO Group Configuration



▸GPO0 ~ GPO3 Data

These settings control the operation mode of the specified GPIO.

Boot



▸Boot Option Priorities

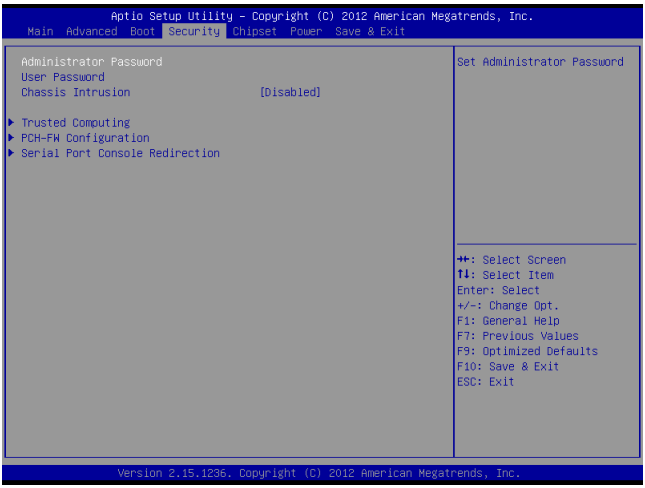
This setting allows users to set the sequence of boot devices where BIOS attempts to load the disk operating system.

▸Hard Drive BBS Priorities

This setting allows users to set the priority of the specified devices. First press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu. Then you may use the arrow keys (↑↓) to select the desired device, then press <+>, <-> or <PageUp>, <PageDown> key to move it up/down in the priority list.

Security

020 SKU (H81)



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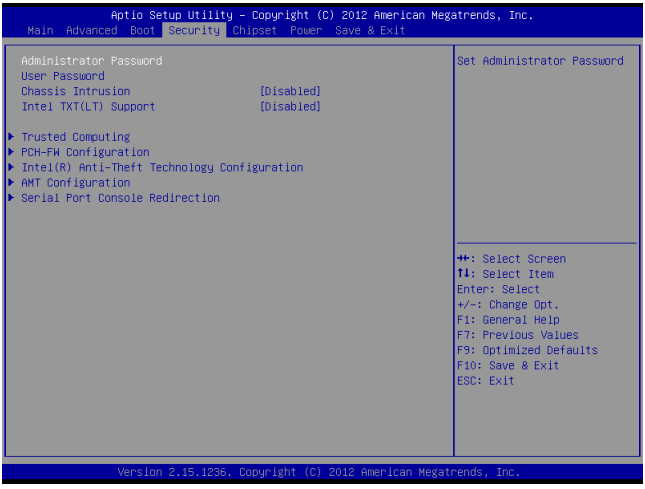


▸Administrator Password

Administrator Password controls access to the BIOS Setup utility.

▸**User Password**

User Password controls access to the system at boot and to the BIOS Setup utility.

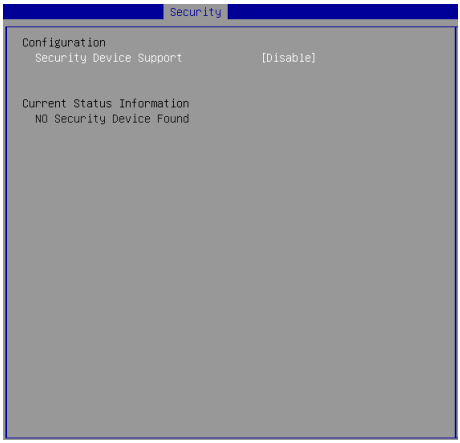
▸**Chassis Intrusion**

The field enables or disables the feature of recording the chassis intrusion status and issuing a warning message if the chassis is once opened.

▸**Intel TXT(LT) Support *(010 SKU only)***

Intel TXT (Trusted Execution Technology) can only be enabled/disabled if SMX is enabled. VT and VT-d support must also be enabled prior to TXT.

▸**Trusted Computing**



▸**Security Device Support**

This setting enables/disables BIOS support for security device. When set to [Disable], the OS will not show security device. TCG EFI protocol and INT1A interface will not be available.

▸**PCH-FW Configuration**

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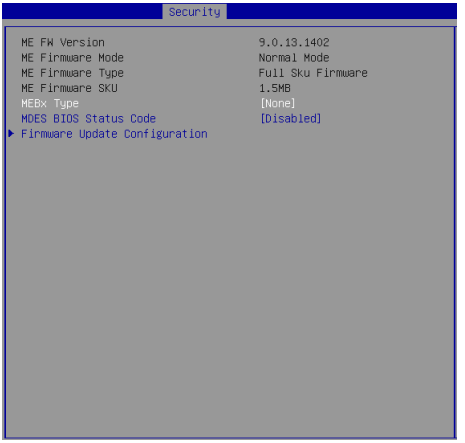

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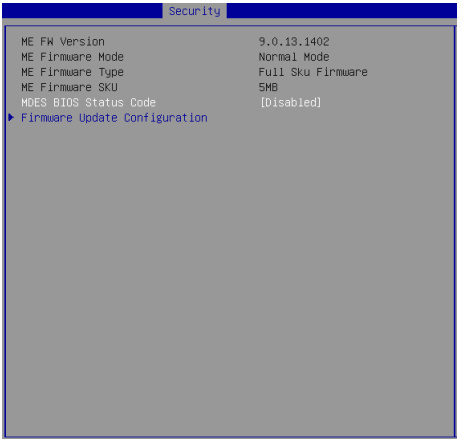


▸**ME FW Version, ME Firmware Mode/ Type/ SKU**

These settings show the firmware information of the Intel ME (Management Engine).

▸**MEBx Type *(020 SKU only)***

This setting specifies the Intel Management Engine BIOS Extension (MEBx) type.

▸**MDES BIOS Status Code**

This setting enables/disables the MDES BIOS status code.

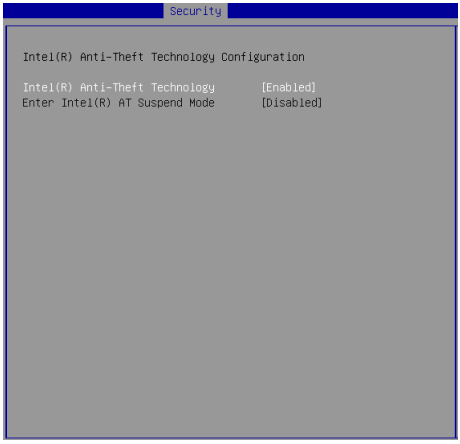
▸Firmware Update Configuration

▸ME FW Image Re-Flash

This setting enables/disables the ME FW image reflash.

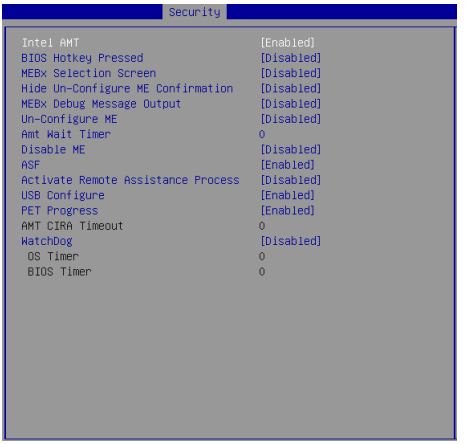
▸Intel(R) Anti-Theft Technology Configuration *(010 SKU only)*

Intel Anti-Theft Technology is hardware-based technology that can lock a lost or stolen system so that personal confidential information is protected and inaccessible by unauthorized users.

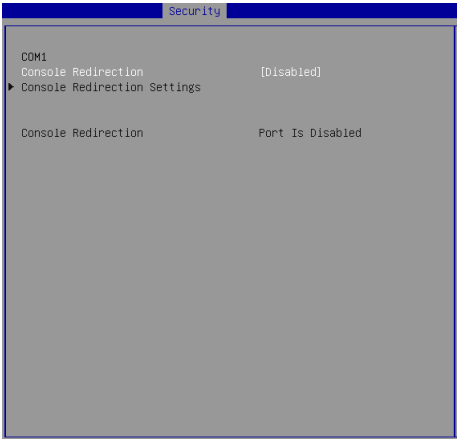


▸AMT Configuration *(010 SKU only)*

Intel Active Management Technology (AMT) is hardware-based technology for remotely managing and securing PCs out-of-band.



▸Serial Port Console Redirection



▸Console Redirection

Console Redirection operates in host systems that do not have a monitor and keyboard attached. This setting enables/disables the operation of console redirection. When set to [Enabled], BIOS redirects and sends all contents that should be displayed on the screen to the serial COM port for display on the terminal screen. Besides, all data received from the serial port is interpreted as keystrokes from a local keyboard.

▸Console Redirection Settings

▸Terminal Type

To operate the system's console redirection, you need a terminal supporting ANSI terminal protocol and a RS-232 null modem cable connected between the host system and terminal(s). This setting specifies the type of terminal device for console redirection.

▸ Bits per second, Data Bits, Parity, Stop Bits

This setting specifies the transfer rate (bits per second, data bits, parity, stop bits) of Console Redirection.

▸Flow Control

Flow control is the process of managing the rate of data transmission between two nodes. It's the process of adjusting the flow of data from one device to another to ensure that the receiving device can handle all of the incoming data. This is particularly important where the sending device is capable of sending data much faster than the receiving device can receive it.

▸VT-UTF8 Combo Key Support

This setting enables/disables the VT-UTF8 combination key support for ANSI/VT100 terminals.

▸Recorder Mode, Resolution 100x31

These settings enable/disable the recorder mode and the resolution 100x31.

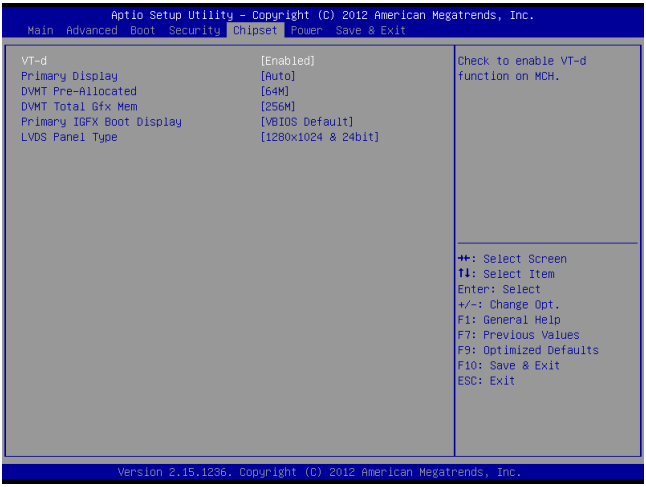
▸ Legacy OS Redirection Resolution

This setting specifies the redirection resolution of legacy OS.

▸Putty Keypad

PuTTY is a terminal emulator for Windows. This setting controls the numeric keypad for use in PuTTY.

Chipset



▸VT-d

Intel Virtualization Technology for Directed I/O (Intel VT-d) provides the capability to ensure improved isolation of I/O resources for greater reliability, security, and availability.

▸Primary Display

This setting specifies which is your primary graphics adapter.

▸DVMT Pre-Allocated

This setting defines the DVMT pre-allocated memory. Pre-allocated memory is the small amount of system memory made available at boot time by the system BIOS for video. Pre-allocated memory is also known as locked memory. This is because it is "locked" for video use only and as such, is invisible and unable to be used by the operating system.

▸DVMT Total Gfx Mem

This setting specifies the memory size for DVMT.

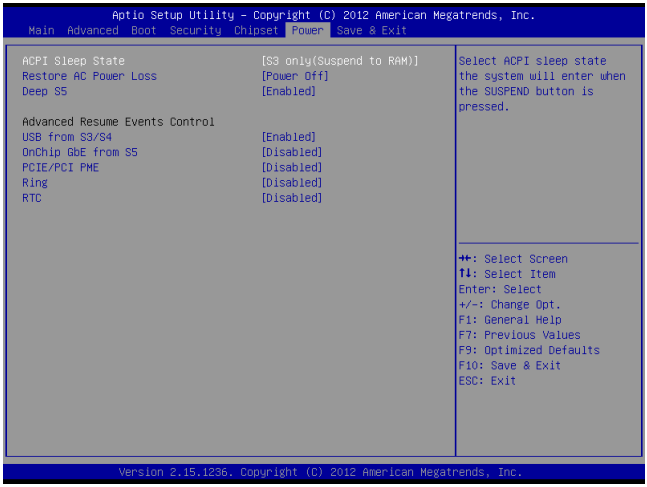
▸Primary IGFX Boot Display

Use the field to select the type of device you want to use as the display(s) of the system.

▸LVDS Panel Type

This setting allows you to set your preferences for the boot display device.

Power



▸ACPI Sleep State

This item specifies the power saving modes for ACPI function. If your operating system supports ACPI, you can choose to enter the Standby mode in S1 (POS) or S3 (STR) fashion through the setting of this field.

▸Restore AC Power Loss

This setting specifies whether your system will reboot after a power failure or interrupt occurs. Available settings are:

[Power Off]	Leaves the computer in the power off state.
[Power On]	Leaves the computer in the power on state.
[Last State]	Restores the system to the previous status before power failure or interrupt occurred.

▸Deep S5

The setting enables/disables the Deep S5 power saving mode. S5 is almost the same as G3 Mechanical Off, except that the PSU still supplies power, at a minimum, to the power button to allow return to S0. A full reboot is required. No previous content is retained. Other components may remain powered so the computer can “wake” on input from the keyboard, clock, modem, LAN, or USB device.

**** Advanced Resume Events Control ****

▸USB from S3/S4

The item allows the activity of the USB device to wake up the system from S3/S4 sleep state.

▸OnChip GbE from S5

This field specifies whether the system will be awakened from power saving modes when activity or input signal of onchip LAN is detected.

▸PCIE/PCI PME

This field specifies whether the system will be awakened from power saving modes when activity or input signal of onboard PCIE/PCI PME is detected.

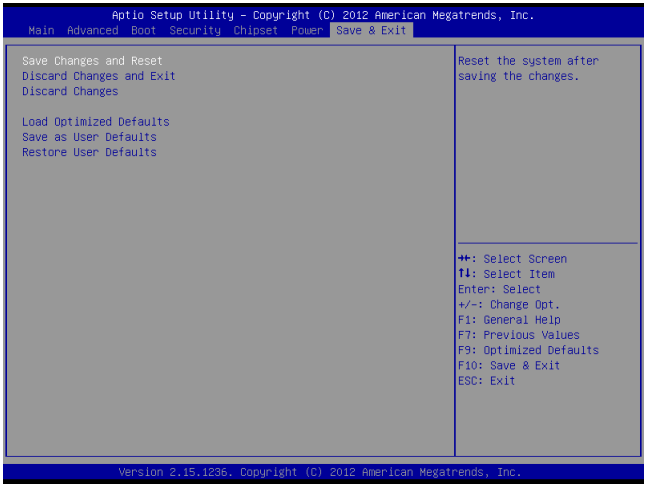
▸Ring

An input signal on the serial Ring Indicator (RI) line (in other words, an incoming call on the modem) awakens the system from a soft off state.

▸RTC

When [Enabled], your can set the date and time at which the RTC (real-time clock) alarm awakens the system from suspend mode.

Save & Exit



▸Save Changes and Reset

Save changes to CMOS and reset the system.

▸Discard Changes and Exit

Abandon all changes and exit the Setup Utility.

▸Discard Changes

Abandon all changes.

▸Load Optimized Defaults

Use this menu to load the default values set by the motherboard manufacturer specifically for optimal performance of the motherboard.

▸Save as User Defaults

Save changes as the user's default profile.

▸Restore User Defaults

Restore the user's default profile.