

**P11C-X**

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**Motherboard**

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# Safety information

## Electrical safety

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

## Operation safety

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



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**DO NOT** throw the motherboard in municipal waste. This product has been designed to enable proper reuse of parts and recycling. This symbol of the crossed out wheeled bin indicates that the product (electrical and electronic equipment) should not be placed in municipal waste. Check local regulations for disposal of electronic products.

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**DO NOT** throw the mercury-containing button cell battery in municipal waste. This symbol of the crossed out wheeled bin indicates that the battery should not be placed in municipal waste.

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# About this guide

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

## How this guide is organized

This user guide contains the following parts:

- **Chapter 1: Product Introduction**  
This chapter describes the features of the motherboard and the new technologies it supports.
- **Chapter 2: Hardware Information**  
This chapter lists the hardware setup procedures that you have to perform when installing system components. It includes description of the switches, jumpers, and connectors on the motherboard.
- **Chapter 3: Powering Up**  
This chapter describes the power up sequence and ways of shutting down the system.
- **Chapter 4: BIOS Setup**  
This chapter tells how to change system settings through the BIOS Setup menus. Detailed descriptions of the BIOS parameters are also provided.
- **Chapter 5: RAID Configuration**  
This chapter provides instructions for setting up, creating, and configuring RAID sets using the available utilities.
- **Chapter 6: Driver Installation**  
This chapter provides instructions for installing the necessary drivers for different system components.
- **Appendix: Reference Information**  
This appendix includes additional information that you may refer to when configuring the motherboard.

## Where to find more information

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

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



## Conventions used in this guide

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



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



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



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



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

## Typography

### **Bold text**

Indicates a menu or an item to select.

### *Italics*

Used to emphasize a word or a phrase.

### <Key>

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

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

### <Key1> + <Key2> + <Key3>

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

Example: <Ctrl> + <Alt> + <Del>

### **Command**

Means that you must type the command exactly as shown, then supply the required item or value enclosed in brackets.

Example: At DOS prompt, type the command line:

**format A: /S**

## P11C-X specifications summary

| Model Name                                   |   | P11C-X  |
|--|---|---|
| Processor Support / System Bus               |   | 1 x Socket LGA1151  |
|  |   | Intel® Xeon® Processor E Family (Coffee Lake)                                 |
|  |   | Intel® 8th Generation Core™ Processors<br>Intel® Pentium™/Celeron™ Processors |
| Core Logic                                   |   | Intel® C242 Chipset   |
| Form Factor                                  |   | ATX, 12" x 9.6"   |
| ASUS Features                                | Fan Speed Control                       | ✓   |
|  | Rack Ready (Rack and Pedestal dual use) | ✓   |
|  | ASUS Control Center                     | ✓   |
| Memory                                       | Total Slots                             | 4 (2 Channels)  |
|  | Voltage                                 | 1.2 V   |
|  | Capacity                                | Maximum up to 64GB  |
|  | Memory Type                             | DDR4 2666 / 2400 ECC / non-ECC UDIMM  |
|  | Memory Size                             | 16GB, 8GB, 4GB  |
| Expansion Slots (follow SSI Location number) | Total PCI/ PCI-X / PCI-E Slots          | 4   |
|  | Slot Location 1                         | -   |
|  | Slot Location 2                         | -   |
|  | Slot Location 3                         | PCI-E x8 slot, x4 Gen3 Link, from PCH   |
|  | Slot Location 4                         | PCI 32bit/33 MHz  |
|  | Slot Location 5                         | PCI 32bit/33 MHz  |
|  | Slot Location 6                         | PCI-E x16 slot, x16 Gen3 Link   |
|  | Slot Location 7                         | -   |
|  | Additional Slot 1                       | -   |
| Additional Slot 2                            | -                                       |   |
| Networking                                   | LAN                                     | 1 x Intel® I210-AT Gigabit LAN + 1 x Intel® I219-LM Gigabit LAN               |
| Graphic                                      | VGA                                     | Aspeed AST2510 64MB   |

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## P11C-X specifications summary

| Model Name             |                        | P11C-X  |
|------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Storage                | SATA Controller        | <b>Intel® C242:</b><br>- 6 x SATA 6Gb/s ports with 2 x M.2 (NGFF 22110 / 2280 / 2260 / 2242, gray SATA port will be disabled when M.2 is in SATA mode)*<br>- Intel® RSTe (Windows & Linux)<br>(Supports software RAID 0, 1, 10 & 5)<br><br>* One supports both SATA 6Gb/s & PCI-E Gen3 x2 link, the other is SATA 6Gb/s only. |
|                        | SAS Controller         | Optional kits:<br>ASUS PIKE II 3008-8i 8-port SAS 12G RAID card<br>ASUS PIKE II 3108-8i 8-port SAS 12G HW RAID card   |
| Onboard I/O Connectors | TPM Header             | 1   |
|                        | PSU Connector          | 24-pin ATX power connector + 8-pin ATX 12V power connector  |
|                        | USB Connector / Header | 1 x USB 3.0 pin header (up to 2 devices)  |
|                        |                        | 2 x USB 2.0 pin header (up to 3 devices)  |
|                        | Fan Header             | 6 x 4 pin   |
|                        | Chassis Intruder       | 1   |
|                        | Front LAN LED          | 2   |
|                        | LPT                    | 1   |
| M.2 Connector          | 2 (NGFF Type 22110)    |   |
| Rear I/O Connectors    | External Serial Port   | 1   |
|                        | External USB Port      | 2 x USB 3.1   |
|                        |                        | 2 x USB 3.0   |
|                        |                        | 2 x USB 2.0   |
|                        | VGA Port               | 1   |
| RJ-45                  | 2 x GbE LAN            |   |
| PS/2 KB/Mouse          | 1                      |   |
| Management Solution    | Software               | ASUS Control Center   |
| Monitoring             | CPU Temperature        | ✓   |
|                        | FAN RPM                | ✓   |
| Environment            |                        | <b>Operating temperature:</b> 10°C ~ 35°C<br><b>Non operating temperature:</b> -40°C ~ 70°C<br><b>Non operating humidity:</b> 20% ~ 90% (Non condensing)  |

\* Specifications are subject to change without notice.



# Product Introduction

# 1

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

# 1.1 Welcome!

Congratulations and thank you for buying an ASUS® P11C-X motherboard!

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

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

# 1.2 Package contents

Check your motherboard package for the following items.

| Items          |                         | Standard Gift Box Pack | Standard Bulk Pack |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| I/O Shield     |                         | 1                      | 1                  |
| Cables         | SATA 6G cable           | 6                      | --                 |
|                | COM port cable          | 1                      | --                 |
| Application CD | Support DVD             | 1                      | 1 pc per carton    |
| Accessory      | M.2 screw package       | 1 (for M.2 x 2)        | 1 (for M.2 x 2)    |
|                | Metal Plate for LGA1151 | 1*                     | 1*                 |
| Packaging Qty. |                         | 1 pc per carton        | 10 pcs per carton  |

\* Availability varies per region.



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

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## 1.3 Serial number label

Before requesting support from the ASUS Technical Support team, you must take note of the motherboard's serial number containing 12 characters xxS2xxxxxxx shown in the figure below. With the correct serial number of the product, ASUS Technical Support team members can then offer a quicker and satisfying solution to your problems.



## 1.4 Special features

### 1.4.1 Product highlights

#### Latest processor technology

This motherboard supports the latest Intel® Xeon® Processor E-21XXX/ Core™ i3 series in LGA1151 package, which has memory and PCI Express controller integrated to support 2-channel (4 DIMMs) DDR4 memory and 16 PCI Express 3.0 lanes. The Intel® Xeon® E-21XXX has improved CPU performance and integrated voltage regulators making it one of the most powerful and energy efficient CPU in the world.

#### Intel® Turbo Boost

Intel® Turbo Boost automatically allows the processor to run faster than the marked frequency if the processor is operating below its power, current, and temperature specification limits. This technology increases performance of both multi-threaded and single-threaded workloads.

#### Intel® Hyper Threading

The thread-level parallelism on each processor makes more efficient use of the processor resources, higher processing throughput and improved performance on today's multithreaded software.

#### DDR4 memory support

The motherboard supports DDR4 memory that features faster clock frequencies and higher data transfer rates of 2400 MT/s to 2666 MT/s (million transfers per second). DDR4 offers a lower voltage standard of 1.2V that reduces memory power demand and provides improved performance.

#### Dual M.2 Support

Dual M.2 sockets provide the flexibility to enable top-flight performance (RAID 0) or data redundancy (RAID 1) via SATA mode. It is a perfect choice for the operating system or application drive.

## **PCI Express 3.0**

PCI Express 3.0 (PCIe 3.0) is the PCI Express bus standard that provides twice the performance and speed of PCIe 2.0. It provides an optimal graphics performance, unprecedented data speed, and seamless transition with its complete backward compatibility to PCIe 1.0/2.0 devices.

## **Intel® I210AT LAN Solution**

The motherboard comes with a Gigabit LAN controller and port which provides a total solution for your networking needs. The onboard Intel® I210AT Gigabit LAN controllers use the PCI Express interface and could achieve network throughput close to Gigabit bandwidth.

## **Intel® I219LM LAN Solution**

The Intel® Ethernet Connection I219 provides compact, single port integrated physical layer devices that connect to the CPU and follow on chipsets. The advanced interrupt-handling features can reduce overhead, and energy savings thanks to the addition of platform low power management support.

## **Serial ATA III technology**

The motherboard supports the Serial ATA III 6 Gb/s technology through the Serial ATA interface and Intel® C242 chipset. Get enhanced scalability, faster data retrieval, double the bandwidth of current bus systems with up to 6 Gb/s data transfer rates.

## **Integrated USB 3.1 Gen2 (10Gbps) Support**

The motherboard implements the USB 3.1 connectivity built in for the very fastest USB data transfers - that's up to 10Gb/s, or twice as fast as USB 3.0. The next-generation standard is completely backward-compatible with your existing USB devices, and you'll be all set for USB 3.1's breakneck speeds.

## **Temperature, fan, and voltage monitoring**

The CPU temperature is monitored to prevent overheating and damage. The system fan rotations per minute (RPM) is monitored for timely failure detection. The chip monitors the voltage levels to ensure stable supply of current for critical components.

## **ASUS Fan Speed technology**

The ASUS Fan Speed technology smartly adjusts the fan speeds according to the system loading to ensure quiet, cool, and efficient operation.



# Hardware Information

# 2

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

## 2.1 Before you proceed

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



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

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

To optimize the features of your motherboard, we highly recommend that you install it in an ATX 2.2 compliant chassis.



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

### 2.2.1 Placement direction

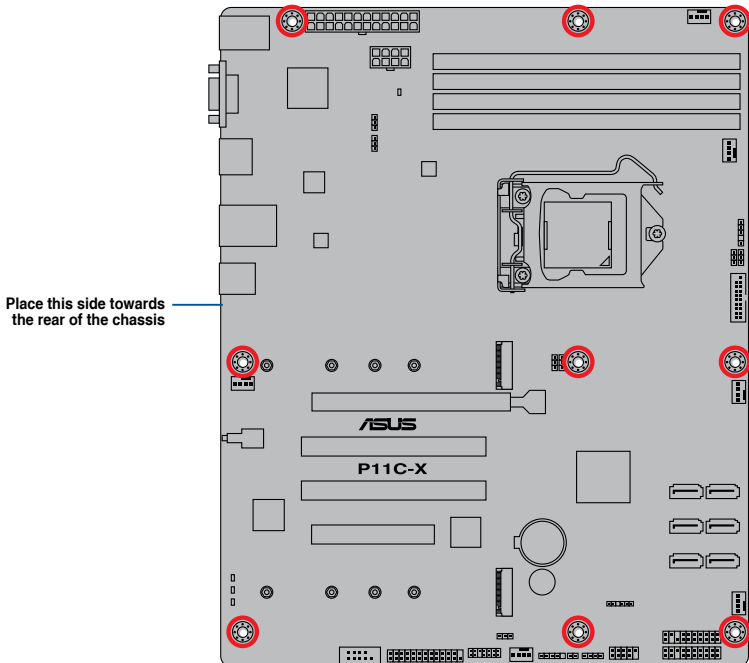
When installing the motherboard, ensure that you place it into the chassis in the correct orientation. The edge with external ports goes to the rear part of the chassis as indicated in the image below.

### 2.2.2 Screw holes

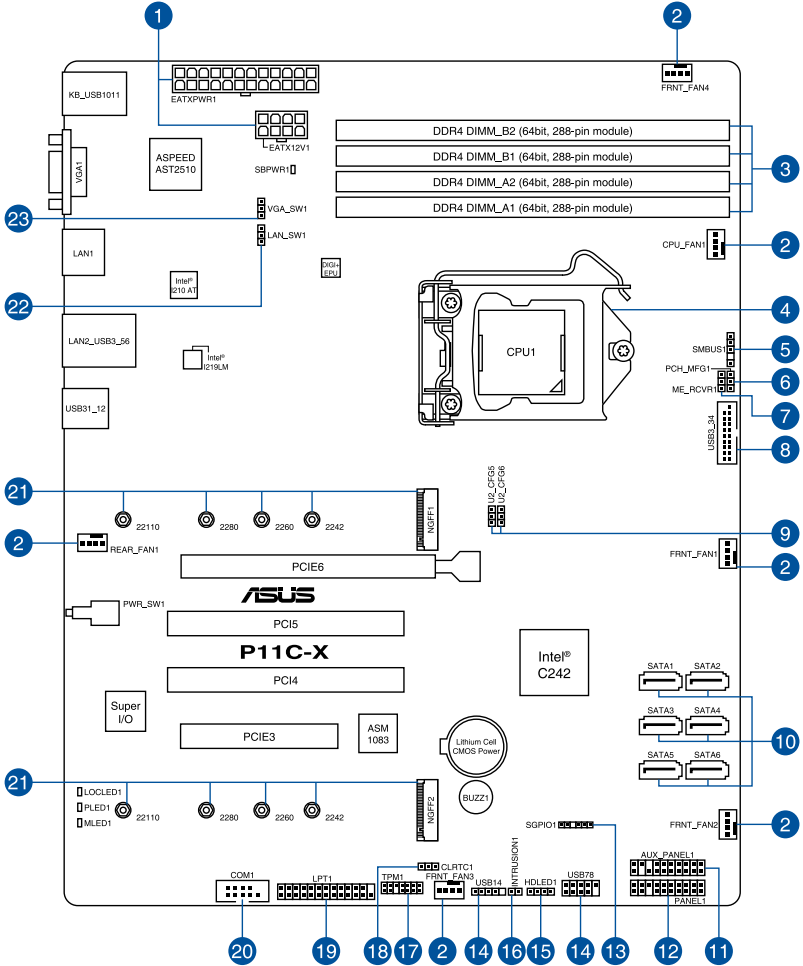
Place nine (9) screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.



DO NOT overtighten the screws! Doing so can damage the motherboard.



## 2.2.3 Motherboard layout



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## 2.3 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

The motherboard comes with a surface mount LGA1151 socket designed for the Intel® Xeon® Processor E Family (Coffee Lake) and Intel® 8th Generation Core™ Processors.

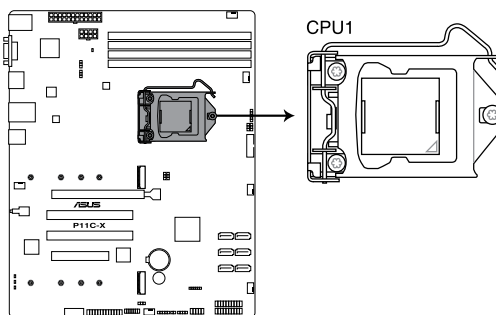


- Upon purchase of the motherboard, ensure that the PnP cap is on the socket and the socket contacts are not bent. Contact your retailer immediately if the PnP cap is missing, or if you see any damage to the PnP cap/socket contacts/motherboard components. ASUS will shoulder the cost of repair only if the damage is shipment/transit-related.
- The product warranty does not cover damage to the socket contacts resulting from incorrect CPU installation/removal, or misplacement/loss/incorrect removal of the PnP cap.

### 2.3.1 Installing the CPU

To install the CPU:

1. Locate the CPU socket on the motherboard.



**P11C-X CPU LGA1151**

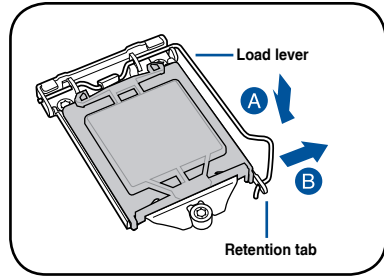


Before installing the CPU, ensure that the socket box is facing toward you and the load lever is on your right.

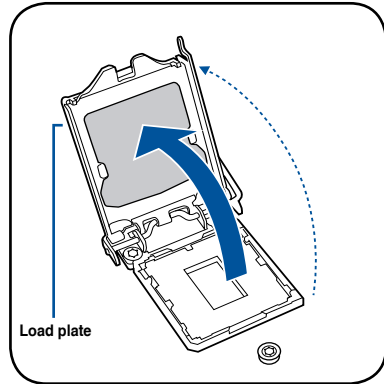
2. Press the load lever with your thumb (A), then move it to the right (B) until it is released from the retention tab.



Do not remove the PnP cap yet from the CPU socket. Doing so may bend the pins of the socket.



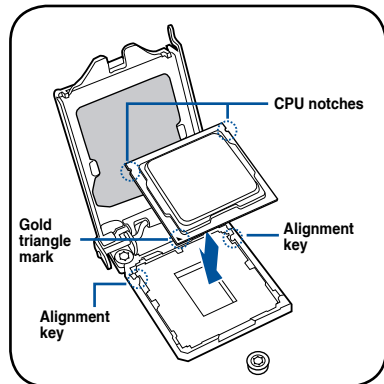
3. Lift the load lever until the load plate is completely lifted.



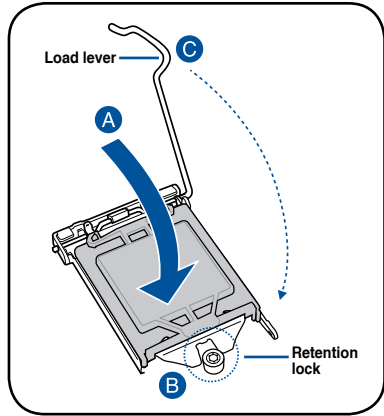
4. Position the CPU above the socket, ensuring that the gold triangle mark is on the bottom-left corner of the socket, then fit the CPU notches to the socket's alignment keys.



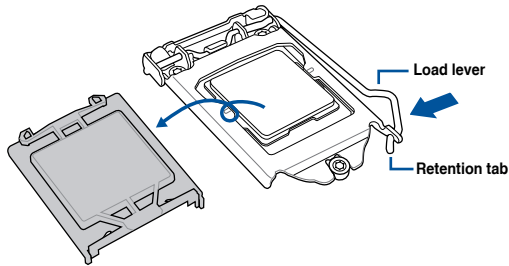
The CPU fits in only one orientation. DO NOT force the CPU into the socket to prevent bending the pins on the socket and damaging the CPU.



5. Close the load plate (A), ensuring that the front edge of the load plate slides under the retention lock (B) then push down the load lever (C).



6. Insert the load lever under the retention tab to remove the PnP cap from the CPU socket.



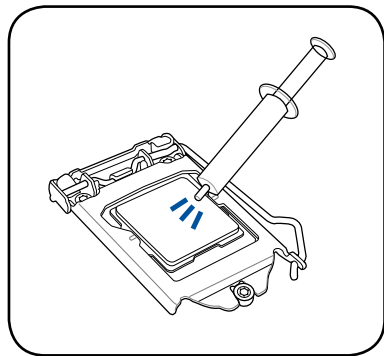
7. Apply some Thermal Interface Material to the exposed area of the CPU that the heatsink will be in contact with, ensuring that it is evenly spread in a thin layer.



Some heatsinks come with pre-applied Thermal Interface Material. If so, skip this step.



The Thermal Interface Material is toxic and inedible. DO NOT eat it. If it gets into your eyes or touches your skin, wash it off immediately and seek professional medical help.





## 2.3.2 Installing the CPU heatsink

The Intel® LGA1151 processor requires a specially designed CPU heatsink to ensure optimum thermal condition and performance.



- When you buy a boxed Intel® processor, a specially designed CPU heatsink or a CPU heatsink with a CPU fan assembly is included depending on the package. If you buy a CPU separately, ensure that you use only Intel® certified multi-directional CPU heatsink or CPU heatsink with CPU fan.
- Use an LGA1151-compatible CPU heatsink and CPU fan assembly only. The LGA1151 socket is incompatible with the LGA775 and LGA1366 sockets in size and dimension.



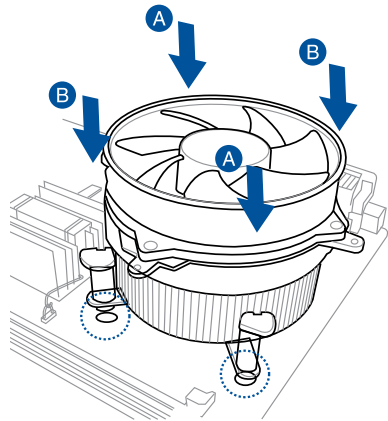
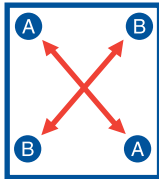
If you purchased a separate CPU heatsink and fan assembly, ensure that the Thermal Interface Material is properly applied to the CPU heatsink or CPU before you install the heatsink and fan assembly.



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

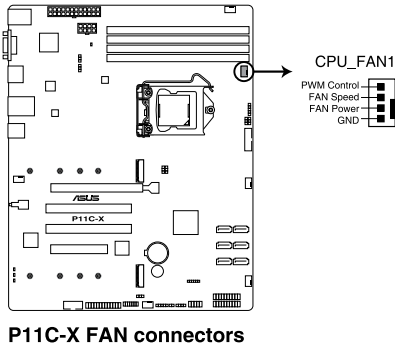
To install the CPU heatsink and fan:

1. Place the heatsink on top of the installed CPU, making sure that the four fasteners match the holes on the motherboard.
2. Push down two fasteners at a time in a diagonal sequence to secure the heatsink and fan assembly in place.



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

3. Connect the CPU fan cable to the connector on the motherboard labeled CPU\_FAN1.

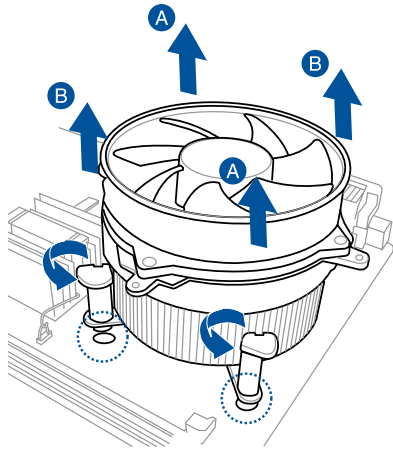
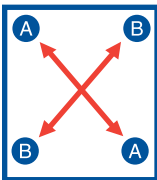


DO NOT forget to connect the CPU fan connector! Hardware monitoring errors can occur if you fail to plug this connector.

### 2.3.3 Uninstalling the CPU heatsink and fan

To uninstall the CPU fan and fan:

1. Disconnect the CPU fan cable from the connector on the motherboard.
2. Rotate each fastener counterclockwise.
3. Pull up two fasteners at a time in a diagonal sequence to disengage the heatsink and fan assembly from the motherboard.



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

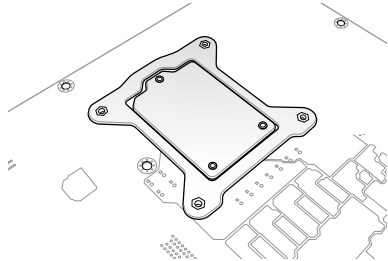
## 2.3.4 Installing the CPU heatsink in rack

The Intel® LGA1151 processor requires a specially designed heatsink to ensure optimum thermal condition and performance.

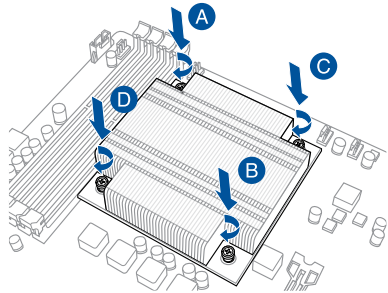
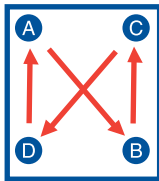


- Ensure that you use qualified heatsink assembly only.
- Ensure that you have applied the thermal interface material to the top of the CPU before installing the heatsink and fan.

1. Peel off the sticker on the heatsink metal plate and affix the plate to the back of the motherboard, matching the standoffs to the heatsink screw holes.



2. Use a Phillips screwdriver to tighten the four heatsink screws using the recommended sequence below.



1. Ensure that the heatsink is not skewed or tilted, otherwise the CPU will overheat.
2. Do not overtighten the screws. Doing so can damage the CPU.

## 2.4 System memory

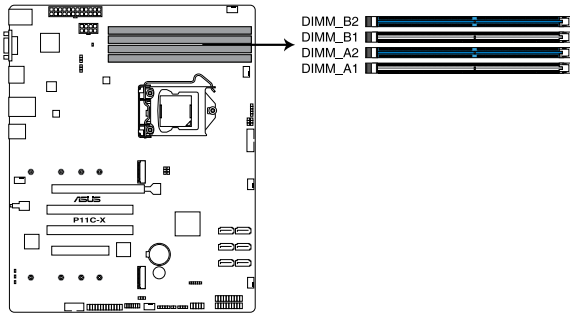
### 2.4.1 Overview

The motherboard comes with four Double Data Rate 4 (DDR4) Dual Inline Memory Modules (DIMM) sockets.



A DDR4 module is notched differently from a DDR, DDR2, or DDR3 module. DO NOT install a DDR, DDR2, or DDR3 memory module to the DDR4 slot.

The figure illustrates the location of the DDR4 DIMM sockets:



**P11C-X 288-pin DDR4 DIMM sockets**

### 2.4.2 Memory configurations

You may install ECC / non-ECC DDR4 DIMMs into the DIMM sockets using the memory configurations in this section.

| UDIMM                 |                            |               |           |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| DIMM Slot Per Channel | DIMM Populated per Channel | DIMM Type     | Speed     |
| 2                     | 1                          | ECC / non-ECC | 2666/2400 |
| 2                     | 2                          | ECC / non-ECC | 2666/2400 |



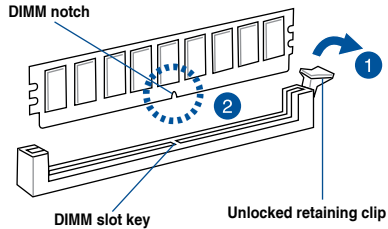
- Always install DIMMs with the same CAS latency. For optimum compatibility, it is recommended that you obtain memory modules from the same vendor.
- Start installing the DIMMs in slots A2 and B2 (Blue).

### 2.4.3 Installing a DIMM on a single clip DIMM socket



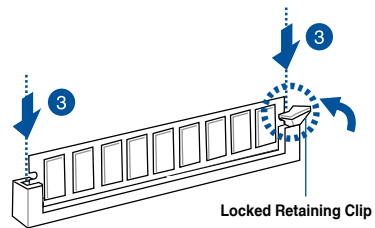
Ensure to unplug the power supply before adding or removing DIMMs or other system components. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to both the motherboard and the components.

1. Unlock a DIMM socket by pressing the retaining clip outward.
2. Align a DIMM on the socket such that the notch on the DIMM matches the DIMM slot key on the socket.



A DIMM is keyed with a notch so that it fits in only one direction. **DO NOT** force a DIMM into a socket in the wrong direction to avoid damaging the DIMM.

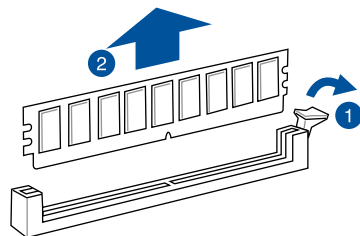
3. Hold the DIMM by both of its ends then insert the DIMM vertically into the socket. Apply force to both ends of the DIMM simultaneously until the retaining clip snaps back into place and the DIMM cannot be pushed in any further to ensure proper sitting of the DIMM.



Always insert the DIMM into the socket vertically to prevent DIMM notch damage.

### Removing a DIMM from a single clip DIMM socket

1. Press the retaining clip outward to unlock the DIMM.
2. Remove the DIMM from the socket.



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

## 2.5 Expansion slots

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



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

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### 2.5.1 Installing an expansion card

To install an expansion card:

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

### 2.5.2 Configuring an expansion card

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

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



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

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## 2.5.3 Interrupt assignments

### Standard Interrupt assignments

| IRQ | Priority | Standard function           |
|-----|----------|-----------------------------|
| 0   | 1        | System Timer                |
| 1   | 2        | Keyboard Controller         |
| 2   | -        | Programmable Interrupt      |
| 3*  |          |                             |
| 4*  | 12       | Communications Port (COM1)  |
| 5*  | 13       | --                          |
| 6   |          |                             |
| 7*  | 15       | --                          |
| 8   | 3        | System CMOS/Real Time Clock |
| 9*  | 4        | ACPI Mode when used         |
| 10* | 5        | IRQ Holder for PCI Steering |
| 11* | 6        | IRQ Holder for PCI Steering |
| 12* | 7        | PS/2 Compatible Mouse Port  |
| 13  | 8        | Numeric Data Processor      |
| 14* |          |                             |
| 15* |          |                             |

\* These IRQs are usually available for ISA or PCI devices.

## 2.5.4 PCI Express x16 slot (x16 Gen3 link)

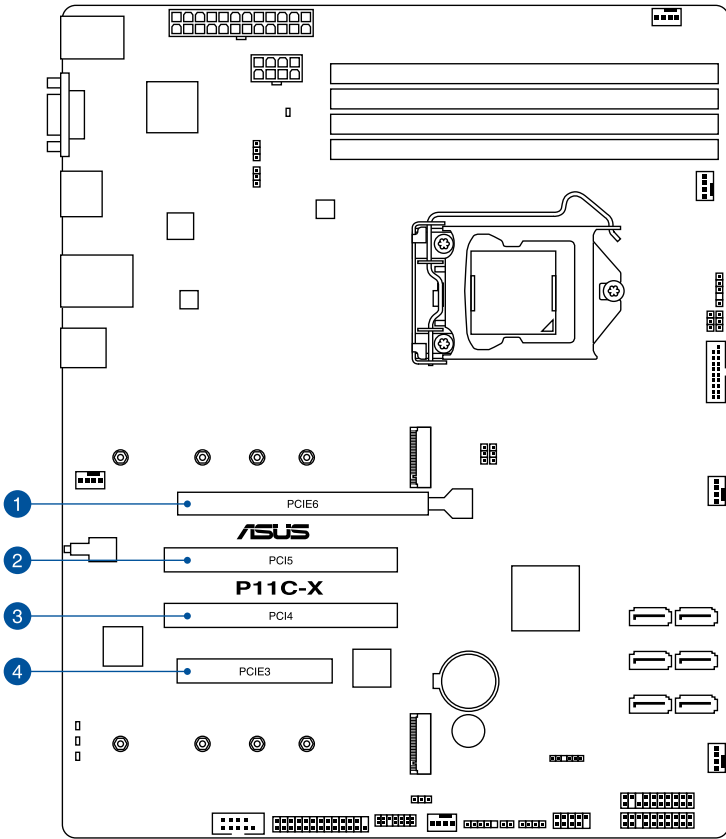
The onboard PCIE6 slot provides one x16 Gen3 link. This slot supports VGA cards and various server class high performance add-on cards.

## 2.5.5 PCI Express x8 slot (x4 Gen3 link)

The onboard PCIE3 slot provides one x4 Gen3 link. This slot supports various server class high performance add-on cards.

## 2.5.6 PCI slot

The PCI4 and PCI5 slots support cards such as LAN, USB, and other cards that comply with PCI specifications.



| No.(Slot location) | Short Description |                           |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 (slot 6)         | PCI6              | PCI-E x16 (x16 Gen3 link) |
| 2 (slot 5)         | PCI5              | PCI 32 bit / 33 MHz       |
| 3 (slot 4)         | PCI4              | PCI 32 bit / 33 MHz       |
| 4 (slot 3)         | PCIE3             | PCI-E x8 (x4 Gen3 link)   |



## 2.6 Jumpers

### 1. Clear RTC RAM (3-pin CLRRTC1)

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

To erase the RTC RAM:

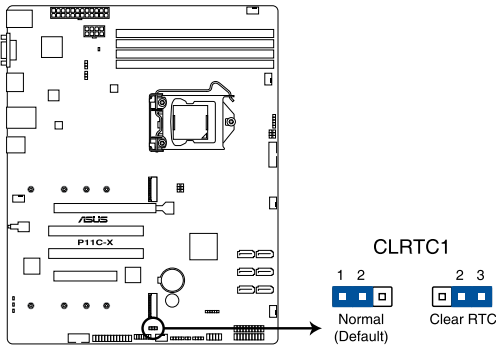
1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Move the jumper cap from the default pins 1–2 to pins 2–3. Keep the cap on pins 2–3 for about 5 to 10 seconds, then move the cap back to pins 1–2.
3. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.
4. Hold down the <Del> key during the boot process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



DO NOT remove the cap on CLRRTC jumper default position except when clearing the RTC RAM. Removing the cap will cause system boot failure!



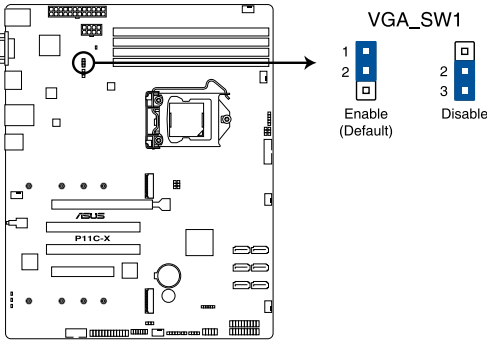
If the steps above do not help, remove the onboard battery and move the jumper again to clear the CMOS RTC RAM data. After the CMOS clearance, reinstall the battery.



**P11C-X Clear RTC RAM**

**2. VGA controller setting (3-pin VGA\_SW1)**

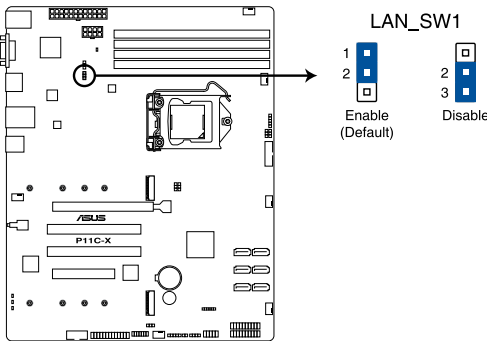
This jumper allows you to enable or disable the onboard VGA controller. Set to pins 1–2 to activate the VGA feature.



**P11C-X VGA setting**

**3. LAN controller setting (3-pin LAN\_SW1)**

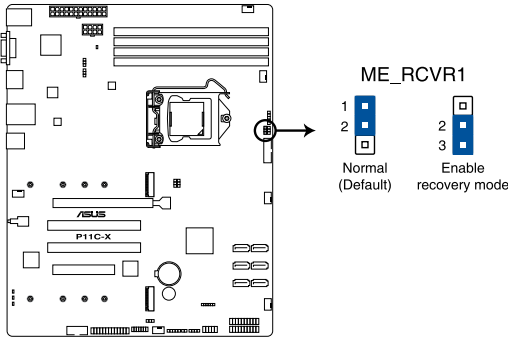
This jumper allows you to enable or disable the onboard LAN\_SW1. Set to pins 1-2 to activate the Gigabit LAN feature.



**P11C-X LAN setting**

#### 4. ME firmware force recovery setting (3-pin ME\_RCVR1)

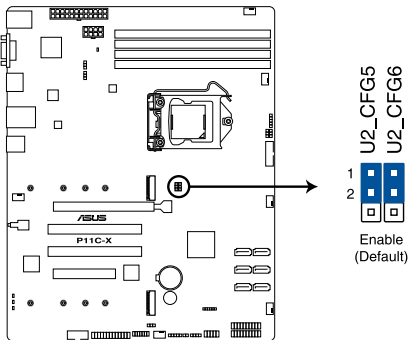
This jumper allows you to force Intel® Management Engine (ME) boot from recovery mode when ME becomes corrupted.



**P11C-X ME recovery setting**

#### 5. CPU PCIE configuration settings (3-pin U2\_CFG5-6)

These jumpers allow you to configure the speed at which PCIE6 will run at. Refer to the table below for the different jumper configurations.

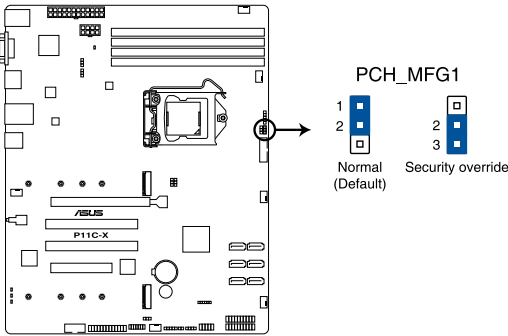


**P11C-X CPU PCIE CFG setting**

| Jumper Setting |         |                          |
|----------------|---------|--------------------------|
| U2_CFG6        | U2_CFG5 | PCIE6 slot configuration |
|                |         | x16 (Default)            |
|                |         | x8, x8                   |
|                |         | x8, x4, x4               |

## 6. PCH\_MFG1 setting (3-pin PCH\_MFG1)

This jumper allows you to update the BIOS ME block.

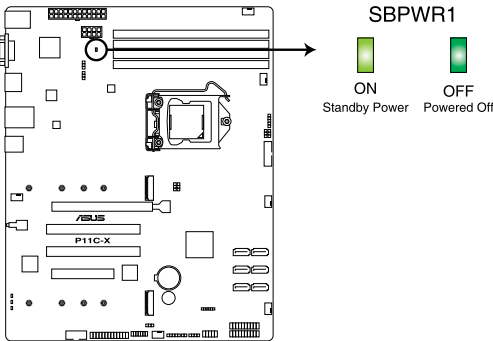


**P11C-X PCH\_MFG1 setting**

## 2.7 Onboard LEDs

### 1. Standby Power LED (SBPWR1)

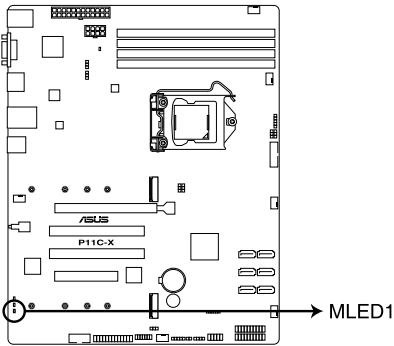
The motherboard comes with a standby power LED. The green LED lights up to indicate that the system is ON, in sleep mode, or in soft-off mode. This is a reminder that you should shut down the system and unplug the power cable before removing or plugging in any motherboard component. The illustration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



**P11C-X Standby Power LED**

## 2. Message LED (MLED1)

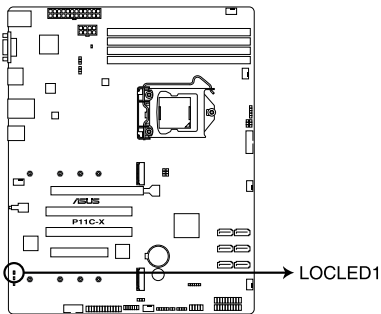
This onboard LED lights up when the SIO detects that the CPU temperature has reached 95°C.



**P11C-X MLED1**

## 3. Location LED (LOCLED1)

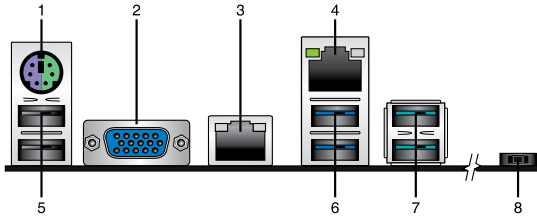
This onboard LED lights up when triggered by a system management software. The Location LED helps visually locate and quickly identify the workstation in error on a rack.



**P11C-X Location LED**

## 2.8 Connectors

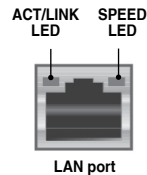
### 2.8.1 Rear panel connectors



1. **PS/2 keyboard/mouse port (purple/green).** This port is for a PS/2 keyboard or mouse.
2. **Video Graphics Adapter port.** This port is for a VGA monitor or other VGA-compatible devices.
3. **RJ-45 port for LAN 1.** This port allows Gigabit connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub. Refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.
4. **RJ-45 port for LAN 2.** This port allows Gigabit connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub. Refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.
5. **USB 2.0 ports 10 and 11.** These two 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are available for connecting USB 2.0 devices.
6. **USB 3.0 ports 5 and 6.** These two 4-pin USB ports are available for connecting USB 3.0 devices.
7. **USB 3.1 ports 1 and 2.** These two 4-pin USB ports are available for connecting USB 3.1 devices.
8. **Power-on Button.** Press this button to turn on the system.

#### LAN port LED indications

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

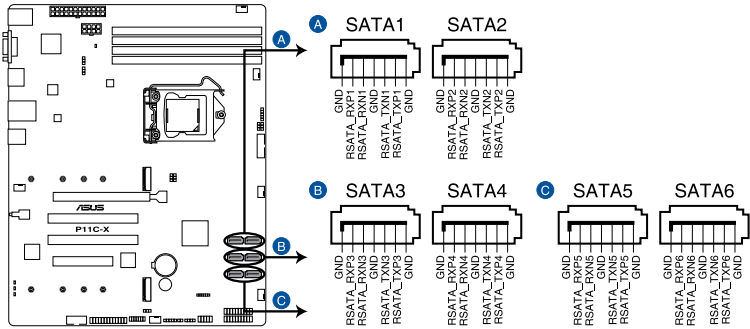


## 2.8.2 Internal connectors

### 1. Serial ATA 6.0Gb/s connectors (7-pin SATA1-6)

Supported by the Intel® C242 chipset, these connectors are for the Serial ATA signal cables for Serial ATA hard disk drives that allows up to 6Gb/s of data transfer rate.

If you installed Serial ATA hard disk drives, you can create a RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10, or RAID 5 configuration.



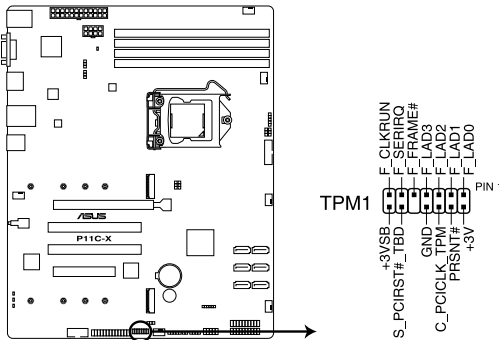
**P11C-X SATA connectors**



- The actual data transfer rate depends on the speed of Serial ATA hard disks installed.
- When the M.2 (NGFF1) is operating in SATA mode, SATA5 will be disabled.
- When the M.2 (NGFF2) is operating in SATA mode, SATA6 will be disabled.

### 2. Trusted Platform Module connector (14-1 pin TPM1)

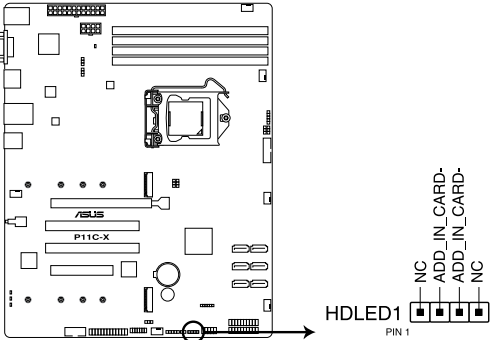
This connector supports a TPM (Trusted Platform Module) system, which can securely store keys, digital certificates, passwords, and data. A TPM system also helps enhance network security, protects digital identities, and ensures platform integrity.



**P11C-X TPM connector**

**3. Hard disk activity LED connector (4-pin HDLED1)**

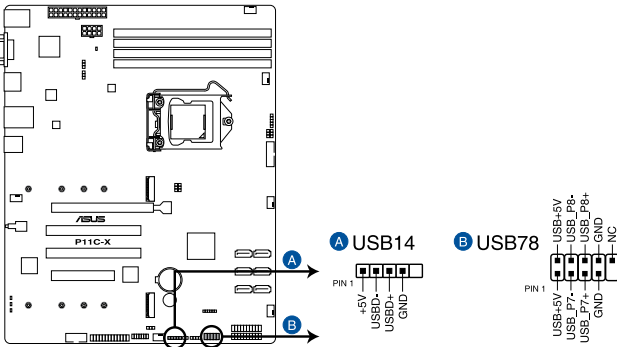
This LED connector is for the storage add-on card cable connected to the SATA or SAS add-on card. The read or write activities of any device connected to the SATA or SAS add-on card causes the front panel LED to light up.



**P11C-X Storage device activity LED connector**

**4. USB 2.0 connectors (5-1 pin USB14; 10-1 USB78)**

These connectors allow you to connect a USB 2.0 module for additional USB 2.0 front or rear panel ports. These USB connectors comply with USB 2.0 specification that supports up to 480 Mbps connection speed.

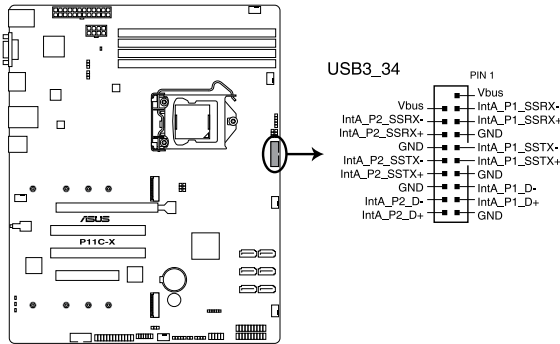


**P11C-X USB 2.0 connectors**



**5. USB 3.0 connector (20-1 pin USB3\_34)**

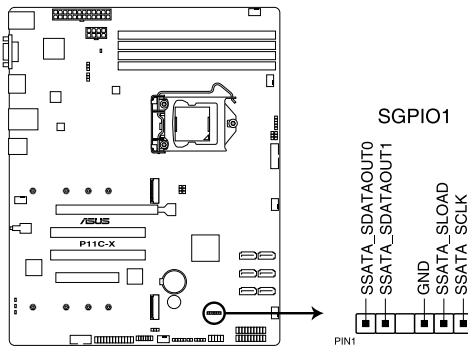
This connector allows you to connect a USB 3.0 module for additional USB 3.0 front or rear panel ports. With an installed USB 3.0 module, you can enjoy all the benefits of USB 3.0 including faster data transfer speeds of up to 5 Gbps, faster charging time for USB-chargeable devices, optimized power efficiency, and backward compatibility with USB 2.0.



**P11C-X USB 3.0 connector**

**6. Serial General Purpose Input/Output connector (6-1 pin SGPIO1)**

The SGPIO 1 connector is used for the Intel Rapid Storage Technology Enterprise SGPIO interface that controls the LED pattern generation, device information, and general purpose data.



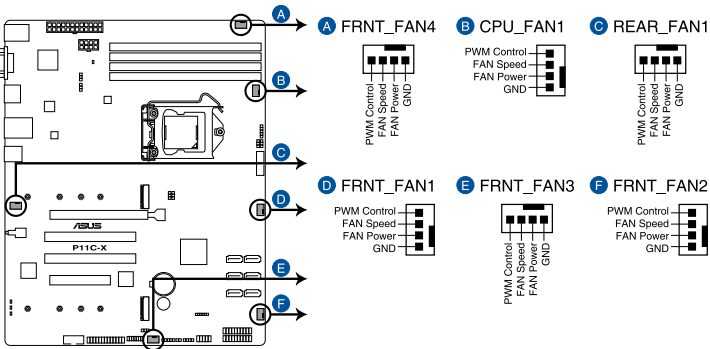
**P11C-X SGPIO1 connector**

**7. CPU, front, and rear fan connectors (4-pin FRNT\_FAN1-4; REAR\_FAN1; CPU\_FAN1)**

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



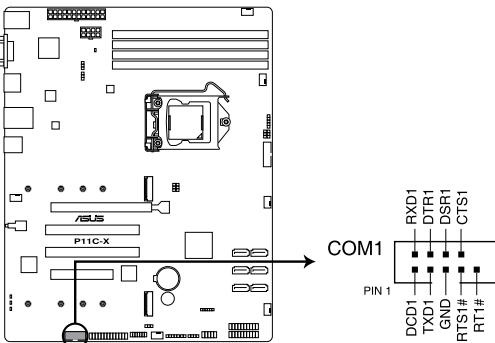
- DO NOT forget to connect the fan cables to the fan connectors. Insufficient air flow inside the system may damage the motherboard components.
- These are not jumpers! DO NOT place jumper caps on the fan connectors!
- All fans feature the ASUS Smart Fan technology.



**P11C-X FAN connectors**

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

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



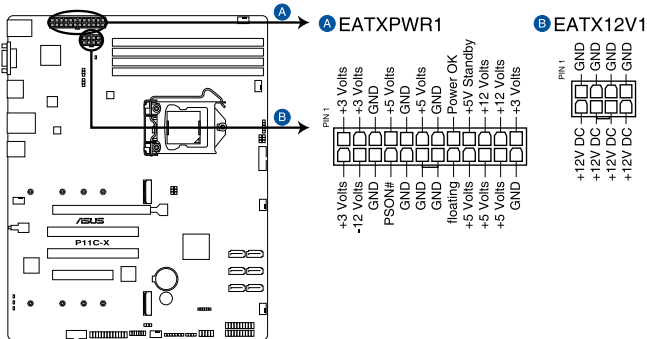
**P11C-X Serial port connector**

## 9. ATX power connectors (24-pin EATXPWR1; 8-pin EATX12V1)

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



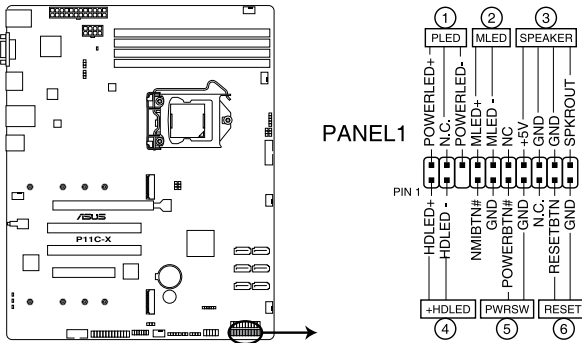
- DO NOT forget to connect the 24-pin and the 8-pin power plugs; otherwise, the system will not boot up.
- Use of a power supply unit (PSU) with a higher power output is recommended when configuring a system with more power-consuming devices. The system may become unstable or may not boot up if the power is inadequate.
- This motherboard supports ATX2.0 PSU or later version.
- Ensure that your PSU can provide at least the minimum power required by your system.



**P11C-X ATX power connectors**

## 10. System panel connector (20-1 pin PANEL1)

This connector supports several chassis-mounted functions.



### P11C-X System panel connector

#### 1. System power LED (3-pin PLED)

This 3-pin connector is for the system power LED. Connect the chassis power LED cable to this connector. The system power LED lights up when you turn on the system power, and blinks when the system is in sleep mode.

#### 2. Message LED (2-pin MLED)

This 2-pin connector is for the message LED cable that connects to the front message LED. The LED lights up when the SIO detects that the CPU temperature has reached 95°C.

#### 3. System warning speaker (4-pin SPEAKER)

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

#### 4. Hard disk drive activity LED (2-pin +HDLED)

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

#### 5. Power button/soft-off button (2-pin PWRSW)

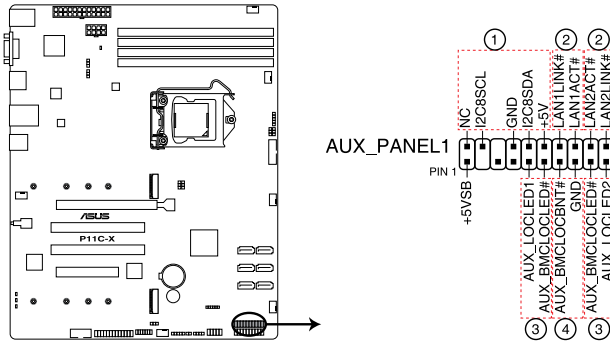
This connector is for the system power button. Pressing the power button turns the system on or puts the system in sleep or soft-off mode depending on the BIOS settings. Pressing the power switch for more than four seconds while the system is ON turns the system OFF.

#### 6. Reset button (2-pin RESET)

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

## 11. Auxiliary panel connector (20-2 pin AUX\_PANEL1)

This connector is for additional front panel features including front panel SMB, locator LED and switch, chassis intrusion, and LAN LEDs.

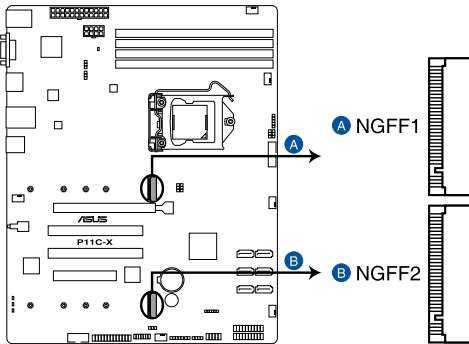


### P11C-X Auxiliary panel connectors

- 1. Front panel SMB (6-1 pin FPSMB)**  
These leads connect the front panel SMBus cable.
- 2. LAN activity LED (2-pin LAN1\_LED, LAN2\_LED)**  
These leads are for the Gigabit LAN activity LEDs on the front panel.
- 3. Locator LED (2-pin LOCATORLED1, LOCATORLED2)**  
These leads are for the locator LED1 and LED2 on the front panel. Connect the Locator LED cables to these 2-pin connector. The LEDs will light up when the Locator button is pressed.
- 4. Locator Button/Switch (2-pin LOCATORBTN)**  
These leads are for the locator button on the front panel. This button queries the state of the system locator.

## 12. M.2 (NGFF) connector (NGFF1-2)

These connectors allow you to install M.2 devices.



### P11C-X NGFF connectors



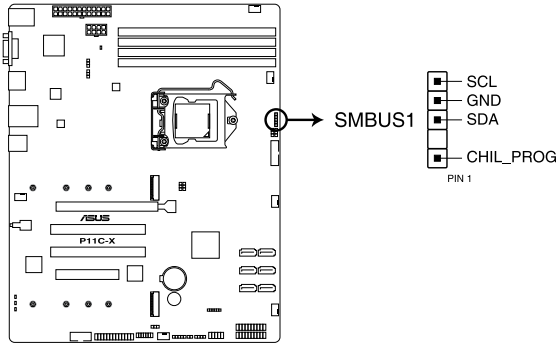
- NGFF1 supports PCIe 3.0 x2 or SATA mode M Key design and type 2242 / 2260 / 2280 / 22110 PCIe and SATA storage devices.
- NGFF2 supports SATA mode M Key design and type 2242 / 2260 / 2280 / 22110 SATA storage devices.
- When the M.2 (NGFF1) is operating in SATA mode, SATA5 will be disabled.
- When the M.2 (NGFF2) is operating in SATA mode, SATA6 will be disabled.



The M.2 (NGFF) device is purchased separately.

### 13. System Management Bus (SMBUS) connector (5-1 pin SMBUS1)

This connector controls the system and power management-related tasks. This connector processes the messages to and from devices rather than tripping the individual control lines.

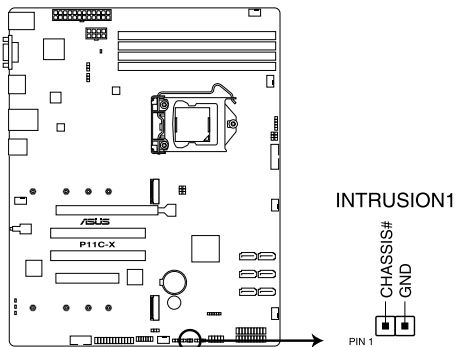


**P11C-X SMBUS connector**

### 14. Chassis intrusion connector (2-pin INTRUSION1)

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

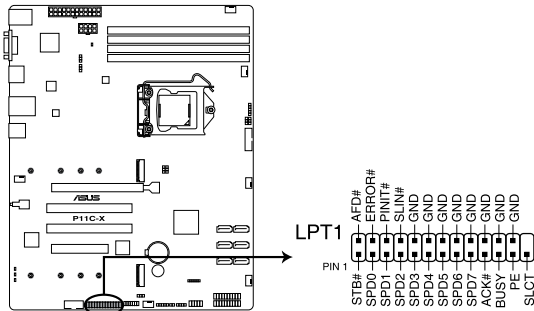
By default, the pin labeled “Chassis Signal” and “Ground” are shorted with a jumper cap. Remove the jumper caps only when you intend to use the chassis intrusion detection feature.



**P11C-X Chassis Intrusion connector**

**15. LPT connector (26-pin LPT1)**

The LPT (Line Printing Terminal) connector supports devices such as a printer. LPT standardizes as IEEE 1284, which is the parallel port interface on IBM PC-compatible computers.



**P11C-X Parallel port connector**



# Powering Up

# 3

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

### 3.1 Starting up for the first time

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

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

The following shows the possible beep codes and its corresponding error condition

| BIOS Beep codes  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Beep             | Error condition  |
| 1 short          | Power supply surges detected during the previous power on. |
| 1 short          | No Keyboard Detected.                                      |
| 1 short, 2 short | No DIMM Detected.  |
| 1 short, 8 short | No VGA Detected.   |
| 2 long           | Chassis Intrusion.   |
| 2 long           | BIOS-image Crash Detected.                                 |

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

## 3.2 Powering off the computer

### 3.2.1 Using the OS shut down function

#### Using Windows® Server 2012 R2:

1. Press <Ctrl>+<Alt>+<Del>.
2. Click on the Power icon on the lower right side of the screen.
3. Select **Shut down**.
4. In the *Shutdown Event Tracker*, select the **Other (Planned)** option in the selection list. Otherwise, select the option that best describes why you want to shut down the computer.
5. Click **Continue**.

#### Using Windows® Server 2016:

1. Press <Alt>+<F4>.
2. In the *What do you want the computer to do?*, select **Shut down**.
3. In the *Shutdown Event Tracker*, select the **Other (Planned)** option in the selection list. Otherwise, select the option that best describes why you want to shut down the computer.
4. Click **OK**.

### 3.2.2 Using the dual function power switch

While the system is ON, press the power switch for less than four seconds to put the system to sleep mode or to soft-off mode, depending on the BIOS setting.



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Pressing the power switch for more than four seconds lets the system enter the soft-off mode regardless of the BIOS setting.

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# **BIOS Setup**

# 4

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

## 4.1 Managing and updating your BIOS

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

### 1. **ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3**

To recover the BIOS using a bootable USB flash disk drive when the BIOS file fails or gets corrupted.

### 2. **ASUS EzFlash**

Updates the BIOS using a USB flash disk.

### 3. **BUPDATER**

Updates the BIOS in DOS mode using a bootable USB flash disk drive.

Refer to the corresponding sections for details on these utilities.



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

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### 4.1.1 **ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 utility**

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



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Prepare a USB flash drive containing the updated motherboard BIOS before using this utility.

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### **Recovering the BIOS from a USB flash drive**

To recover the BIOS from a USB flash drive:

1. Insert the USB flash drive with the original or updated BIOS file to one USB port on the system.
2. The utility will automatically recover the BIOS. It resets the system when the BIOS recovery finished.



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**DO NOT** shut down or reset the system while recovering the BIOS! Doing so would cause system boot failure!

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The recovered BIOS may not be the latest BIOS version for this motherboard. Visit the ASUS website at [www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com) to download the latest BIOS file.

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## 4.1.2 ASUS EZ Flash Utility

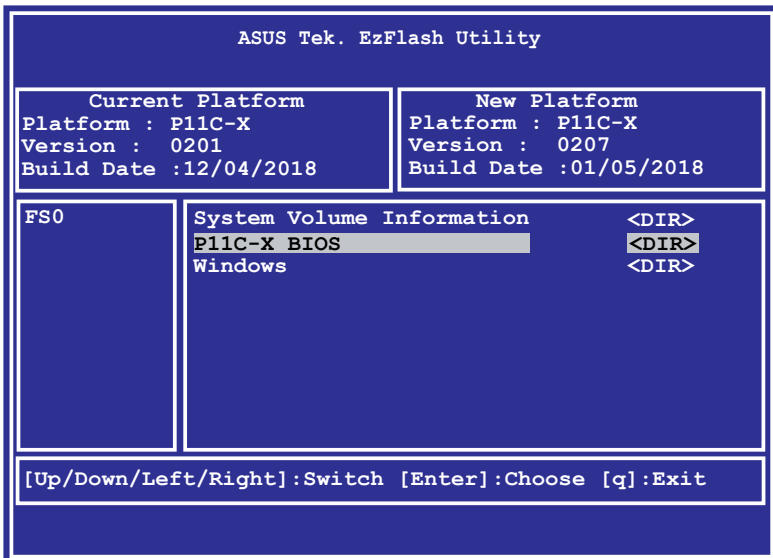
The ASUS EZ Flash Utility feature allows you to update the BIOS without having to use a DOS-based utility.



Before you start using this utility, download the latest BIOS from the ASUS website at [www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com).

To update the BIOS using EZ Flash Utility:

1. Insert the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS file into the USB port.
2. Enter the BIOS setup program. Go to the **Tool** menu then select **ASUS EZ Flash Utility**. Press <Enter>.



3. Press <Tab> to switch to the **Drive** field.
4. Press the Up/Down arrow keys to find the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS, then press <Enter>.
5. Press <Tab> to switch to the **Folder Info** field.

6. Press the Up/Down arrow keys to find the BIOS file, and then press <Enter> to perform the BIOS update process. Reboot the system when the update process is done.



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



Ensure to load the BIOS default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Press <F5> and select **Yes** to load the BIOS default settings.

### 4.1.3 BUPDATER utility



The succeeding BIOS screens are for reference only. The actual BIOS screen displays may not be the same as shown.

The BUPDATER utility allows you to update the BIOS file in the DOS environment using a bootable USB flash disk drive with the updated BIOS file.

#### Updating the BIOS file

To update the BIOS file using the BUPDATER utility:

1. Visit the ASUS website at [www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com) and download the latest BIOS file for the motherboard. Save the BIOS file to a bootable USB flash disk drive.
2. Copy the BUPDATER utility (BUPDATER.exe) from the ASUS support website at <https://www.asus.com/support> to the bootable USB flash disk drive you created earlier.
3. Boot the system in DOS mode, then at the prompt, type:

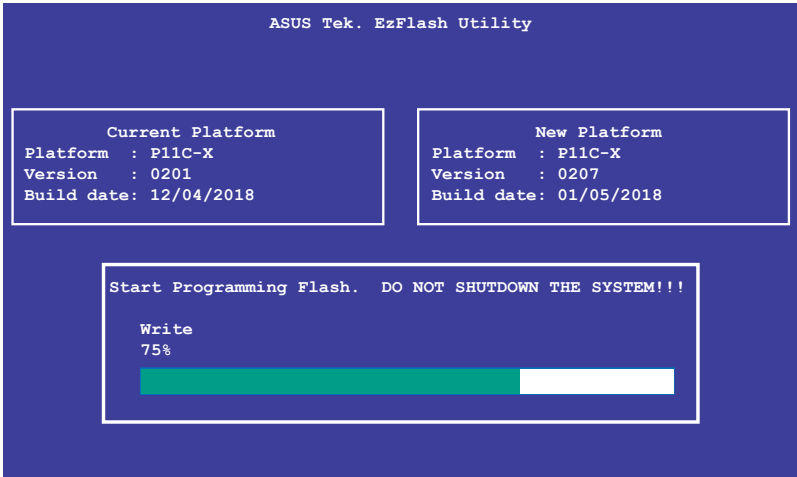
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BUPDATER /i [filename] .CAP
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where [filename] is the latest or the original BIOS file on the bootable USB flash disk drive, then press <Enter>.

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A:\>BUPDATER /i[file name].CAP
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- The utility verifies the file, then starts updating the BIOS file.

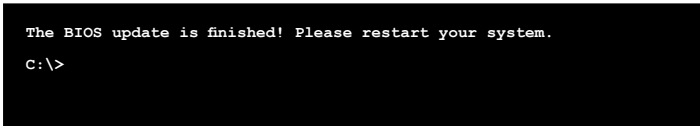


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DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!

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



## 4.2 BIOS setup program

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

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

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

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

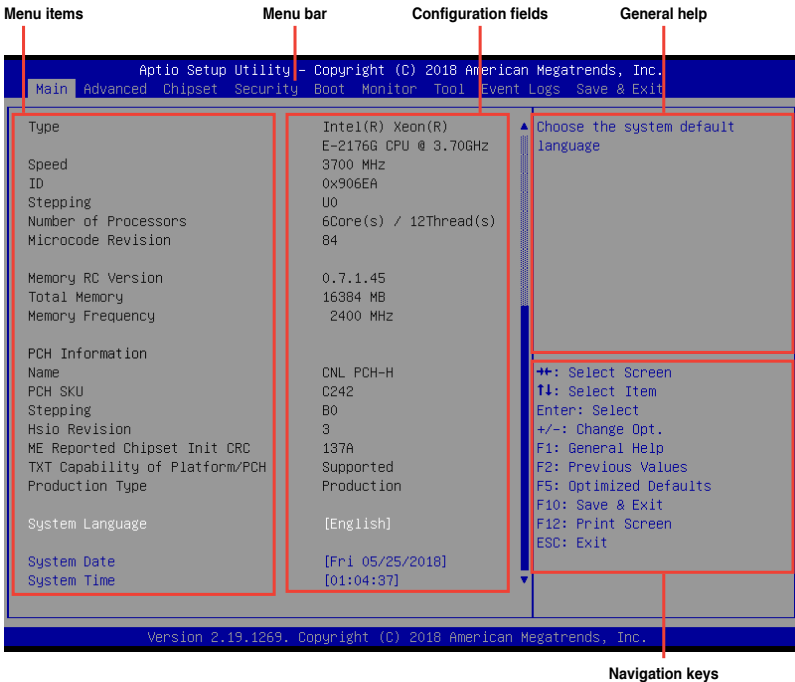
If you wish to enter Setup after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctrl+Alt+Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You can also restart by turning the system off and then back on. Do this last option only if the first two failed.

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



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- The default BIOS settings for this motherboard apply for most conditions to ensure optimum performance. If the system becomes unstable after changing any BIOS settings, load the default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Press <F5> and select Yes to load the BIOS default settings.
  - The BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference purposes only, and may not exactly match what you see on your screen.
  - Visit the ASUS website ([www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com)) to download the latest BIOS file for this motherboard.
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## 4.2.1 BIOS menu screen



Navigation keys

## 4.2.2 Menu bar

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

- Main** For changing the basic system configuration
- Advanced** For changing the advanced system settings
- Chipset** For changing the chipset settings
- Security** For changing the security settings
- Boot** For changing the system boot configuration
- Monitor** For displaying the system temperature, power status, and changing the fan settings
- Tool** For configuring options for special functions
- Event Logs** For changing the event log settings
- Save & Exit** For selecting the save & exit options

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

### **4.2.3 Menu items**

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

The other items (Advanced, Chipset, Security, Boot, Monitor, Tool, Event Logs, and Save & Exit) on the menu bar have their respective menu items.

### **4.2.4 Submenu items**

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

### **4.2.5 Navigation keys**

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

### **4.2.6 General help**

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

### **4.2.7 Configuration fields**

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

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

### **4.2.8 Pop-up window**

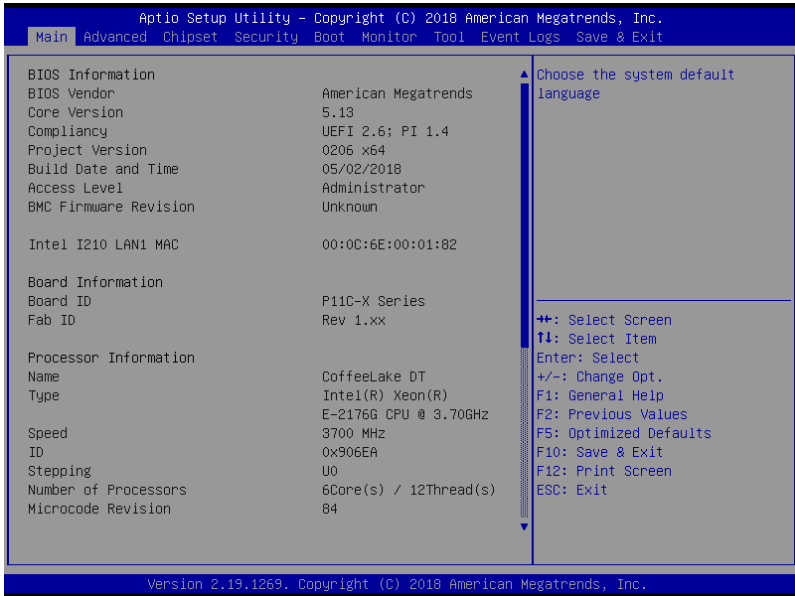
Select a menu item and press <Enter> to display a pop-up window with the configuration options for that item.

### **4.2.9 Scroll bar**

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

## 4.3 Main menu

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



### System Date [Day MM/DD/YYYY]

Allows you to set the system date.

### System Time [HH:MM:SS]

Allows you to set the system time.

# 4.4 Advanced menu

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



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

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Main  Advanced  Chipset  Security  Boot  Monitor  Tool  Event Logs  Save & Exit

▶ CPU Configuration
▶ Power & Performance
▶ Server ME Configuration
▶ Trusted Computing
▶ APM Configuration
▶ Runtime Error Logging Settings
▶ Onboard LAN Configuration
▶ Serial Port Console Redirection
▶ Intel TXT Information
▶ PCI Subsystem Settings
▶ USB Configuration
▶ Network Stack Configuration
▶ CSM Configuration
▶ NVMe Configuration
▶ WHEA Configuration

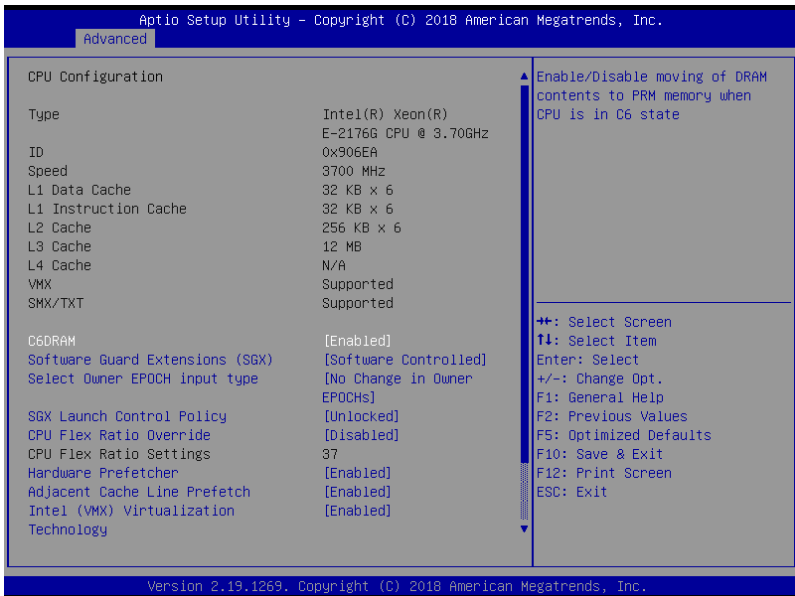
▶ iSCSI Configuration
▶ Tls Auth Configuration

CPU Configuration Parameters

++: Select Screen
F1: Select Item
Enter: Select
+/-: Change Opt.
F1: General Help
F2: Previous Values
F5: Optimized Defaults
F10: Save & Exit
F12: Print Screen
ESC: Exit

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## 4.4.1 CPU Configuration



The screenshot shows the Aptio Setup Utility interface with the 'Advanced' tab selected. The 'CPU Configuration' section is expanded, displaying various settings. The 'C6DRAM' setting is highlighted in blue and is currently set to '[Enabled]'. A legend on the right side of the screen lists navigation keys: F1 for General Help, F2 for Previous Values, F5 for Optimized Defaults, F10 for Save & Exit, and F12 for Print Screen. The ESC key is used for Exit. The bottom of the screen displays the version number 'Version 2.19.1269' and the copyright information 'Copyright (C) 2018 American Megatrends, Inc.'

| Setting                               | Value                                     |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Type                                  | Intel(R) Xeon(R)<br>E-2176G CPU @ 3.70GHz |
| ID                                    | 0x906EA                                   |
| Speed                                 | 3700 MHz                                  |
| L1 Data Cache                         | 32 KB x 6                                 |
| L1 Instruction Cache                  | 32 KB x 6                                 |
| L2 Cache                              | 256 KB x 6                                |
| L3 Cache                              | 12 MB                                     |
| L4 Cache                              | N/A                                       |
| VMX                                   | Supported                                 |
| SMX/TXT                               | Supported                                 |
| C6DRAM                                | [Enabled]                                 |
| Software Guard Extensions (SGX)       | [Software Controlled]                     |
| Select Owner EPOCH input type         | [No Change in Owner EPOCHS]               |
| SGX Launch Control Policy             | [Unlocked]                                |
| CPU Flex Ratio Override               | [Disabled]                                |
| CPU Flex Ratio Settings               | 37  |
| Hardware Prefetcher                   | [Enabled]                                 |
| Adjacent Cache Line Prefetch          | [Enabled]                                 |
| Intel (VMX) Virtualization Technology | [Enabled]                                 |

### C6DRAM [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable moving of DRAM contents to PRM memory when the CPU is in C6 state.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Software Guard Extensions (SGX) [Software Controlled]

Allows you to select the behavior of Software Guard Extensions (SGX).

Configuration options: [Software Controlled] [Disabled] [Enabled]



The following item appears only when you set **Software Guard Extensions (SGX)** to **[Enabled]** or **[Software Controlled]**.

### Select Owner EPOCH input type [No change in Owner EPOCHS]

Allows you to select the behavior of EPOCH input type.

Configuration options: [No change in Owner EPOCHS] [Change to New Random EPOCHS] [Manual User Defined Owner EPOCHS]

### SGX Launch Control Policy [Unlocked]

Allows you to select the behavior of SGX Launch Control Policy.

Configuration options: [Intel Locked] [Unlocked] [Locked]

### **CPU Flex Ratio Override [Disabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable CPU Flex Ratio Override.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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The following item appears only when you set **CPU Flex Ratio Override** to **[Enabled]**.

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### **CPU Flex Ratio Settings [37]**

Allows you to set the CPU Flex Ratio.

This value must be between the Max Efficiency Ratio (LFM) and the Maximum non-turbo ratio set by the Hardware (HFW).

### **Hardware Prefetcher [Enabled]**

This Item allows you to turn on/off the MLC streamer prefetcher.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### **Adjacent Cache Prefetch [Enabled]**

This Item allows you to turn on/off prefetching of adjacent cache lines.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### **Intel (VMX) Virtualization Technology [Enabled]**

Enable this item to allow a VMM to utilize the additional hardware capabilities provided by Vanderpool Technology.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### **Active Processor Cores [ALL]**

This item allows you to set the number of cores to enable in each processor package.

Configuration options: [All] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

### **Hyper-Threading [Enabled]**

Enable this option of Windows XP and Linux (OS optimized for Hyper-Threading Technology).

Disable this item for other OS (OS not optimized for Hyper-Threading Technology).

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### **BIST [Disabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable BIST (Built-In Self Test) on reset.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### **AES [Enabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable AES (Advanced Encryption Standard).

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

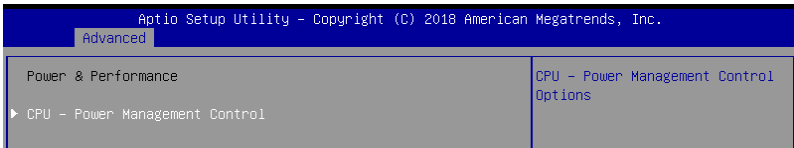
### **Intel Trusted Execution Technology [Disabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable utilization of additional hardware capabilities provided by Intel(R) Trusted Execution Technology. Changes require a full power cycle to take effect.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



## 4.4.2 Power & Performance



### CPU - Power Management Control

#### Boot performance mode [Max Non-Turbo Performance]

This item allows you to select the performance state that the BIOS will set starting from reset vector.

Configuration options: [Max Battery] [Max Non-Turbo Performance] [Turbo Performance]

#### Intel(R) SpeedStep(tm) [Enabled]

Allows more than two frequency ranges to be supported.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

#### Race To Halt (RTH) [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable Race To Halt feature. RTH will dynamically increase CPU frequency in order to enter pkg C-State faster to reduce overall power. RTH is controlled through MSR 1FC bit 20.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

#### Intel(R) Speed Shift Technology [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable Intel(R) Speed Shift Technology support. Enabling will expose the CPPC v2 interface to allow for hardware controlled P-states.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

#### HDC Control [Enabled]

[Disabled]      Disable HDC.

[Enabled]      Can be enable by OS if OS native support available.

#### Turbo Mode [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable processor turbo mode if EMTTM is also enabled.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

#### C-States [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable CPU power management, this allows the CPU to enter C-state when not it is not 100 % utilized.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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The following items appears only when you set **C-States** to [Enabled].

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#### Enhanced C-States [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable C11E. Enable this item to allow the CPU to switch to minimum speed when all cores enter C-State.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### C-State Auto Demotion [C1 and C3]

This item allows you to configure the C-state auto demotion.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [C1] [C3] [C1 and C3]

### C-State Un-demotion [C1 and C3]

This item allows you to configure the C-state Un-demotion.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [C1] [C3] [C1 and C3]

### Package C-State Demotion [C1 and C3]

This item allows you to configure the Package C-State Demotion.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [C1] [C3] [C1 and C3]

### Package C-State Un-demotion [C1 and C3]

This item allows you to configure the Package C-state Un-demotion.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [C1] [C3] [C1 and C3]

### Package C-state Limit [Auto]

This item allows you to select the maximum package C-state limit setting.  
Configuration options: [C0/C1] [C2] [C3] [C6] [C7] [C7S] [C8] [C9] [C10] [CPU Default] [Auto]

## Thermal Monitor [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable Thermal Monitoring.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 4.4.3 Server ME Configuration

| Aptio Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 2018 American Megatrends, Inc. |                          |   |
|--|--------------------------|---|
| Advanced   |                          |   |
| Server ME Configuration  |                          | Selects TPM device: PTT or dTPM. PTT - Enables PTT in SkuMgr dTPM 1.2 - Disables PTT in SkuMgr Warning ! PTT/dTPM will be disabled and all data saved on it will be lost. |
| Operational Firmware Version                                       | 11:5.0.2.17              |   |
| Backup Firmware Version  | N/A                      |   |
| Recovery Firmware Version  | 11:5.0.2.17              |   |
| ME Firmware Features   | SiEn                     |   |
|  | PECIProxy                |   |
|  | ICC                      |   |
|  | MeStorageServices        |   |
|  | BootGuard                |   |
|  | PTT                      |   |
|  | PmBusProxy               |   |
|  | SocThermalReporting      |   |
|  | HSIO                     |   |
|  | PECIOverDMI              | ++: Select Screen   |
|  | PCHDebug                 | T1: Select Item   |
|  | PCHThermalSensorInit     | Enter: Select   |
|  | DirectMeUpdate           | +/-: Change Opt.  |
|  | TelemetryHub             | F1: General Help  |
|  | WarmResetNotificationSub | F2: Previous Values   |
|  | Flow                     | F5: Optimized Defaults  |
| ME Firmware Status #1  | 0x100F0255               | F10: Save & Exit  |
| ME Firmware Status #2  | 0x8911E006               | F12: Print Screen   |
| Current State  | Operational              | ESC: Exit   |
| Error Code   | No Error                 |   |
| TPM Device Selection   | [PTT]                    |   |

### TPM Device Selection [PTT]

Allows you to select the TPM device.  
Configuration options: [PTT] [dTPM]

## 4.4.4 Trusted Computing

| Aptio Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 2018 American Megatrends, Inc. |              |   |
|--|--------------|---|
| Advanced   |              |   |
| TPM20 Device Found   |              | Enables or Disables BIOS support for security device.   |
| Firmware Version:  | 401.2        | O.S. will not show Security Device. TCG EFI protocol and INT1A interface will not be available. |
| Vendor:  | INTC         |   |
| Security Device Support  | [Enabled]    |   |
| Active PCR banks   | SHA-1,SHA256 |   |
| Available PCR banks  | SHA-1,SHA256 |   |

### Security Device Support [Enabled]

This item allows you to enable or disable Security Device Support.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 4.4.5 APM Configuration

| Aptio Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 2018 American Megatrends, Inc. |              |                          |
|--|--------------|--------------------------|
| Advanced   |              |                          |
| Restore AC Power Loss  | [Last State] | Restore On AC Power Loss |
| Power On By PCI-E/PCI  | [Disabled]   |                          |
| Power On By RTC  | [Disabled]   |                          |

### Restore AC Power Loss [Last State]

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

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

### Power On By PCI-E/PCI [Disabled]

[Disabled] Disables the PCI or PCIE devices to generate a wake event.

[Enabled] Enables the PCI or PCIE devices to generate a wake event.

### Power On By RTC [Disabled]

[Disabled] Disables RTC to generate a wake event.

[Enabled] When set to [Enabled], the items **RTC Alarm Date (Days)** and **Hour/Minute/Second** will become user-configurable with set values.

## 4.4.6 Runtime Error Logging Settings

| Aptio Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 2018 American Megatrends, Inc. |   |
|--|---|
| Advanced   |   |
| Runtime Error Logging Settings                                     | Runtime Error Logging System Enable/Disable |
| Runtime Error Logging System [Enabled]                             |   |
| Enabling   |   |

### Runtime Error Logging System Enabling [Enabled]

This item allows you to enable or disable Runtime Error Logging System.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 4.4.7 Onboard LAN Configuration

| Aptio Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 2018 American Megatrends, Inc. |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Advanced   |                                 |
| ▶ Onboard I210 LAN Configuration                                   | Onboard I210 LAN Enable/Disable |

### Onboard I210 LAN Configuration

#### Intel I210 LAN1

#### LAN Enable [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the Intel LAN.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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The following item appears only when you set **LAN Enable** to **[Enabled]**.

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#### Intel LAN ROM Type [PXE]

Allows you to select the Intel LAN ROM type.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [PXE] [iSCSI]

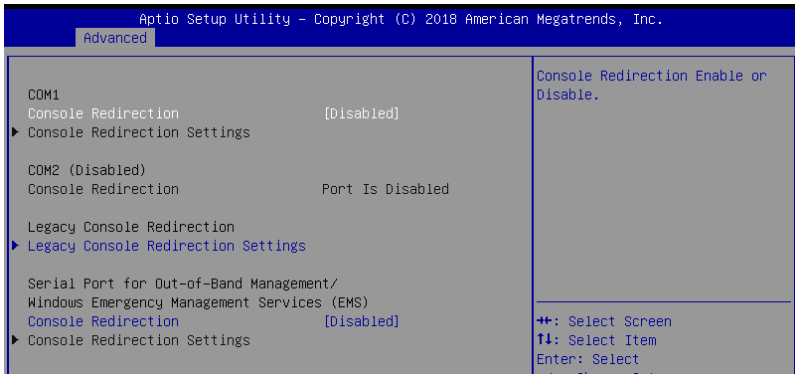


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Due to Intel® limitations, both Intel LAN ROM Type options should be the same when **[PXE]** or **[iSCSI]** is selected.

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## 4.4.8 Serial Port Console Redirection



### COM1

#### Console Redirection [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the console redirection feature.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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The following item appears only when you set **Console Redirection** to **[Enabled]**.

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#### Console Redirection Settings

These items become configurable only when you enable the **Console Redirection** item. The settings specify how the host computer and the remote computer (which the user is using) will exchange data. Both computers should have the same or compatible settings.

#### Terminal Type [VT-UTF8]

Allows you to set the terminal type.

[VT100] ASCII char set.

[VT100+] Extends VT100 to support color, function keys, etc.

[VT-UTF8] Uses UTF8 encoding to map Unicode chars onto 1 or more bytes.

[ANSI] Extended ASCII char set.

#### Bits per second [57600]

Selects serial port transmission speed. The speed must be matched on the other side. Long or noisy lines may require lower speeds.

Configuration options: [9600] [19200] [38400] [57600] [115200]

#### Data Bits [8]

Configuration options: [7] [8]

**Parity [None]**

A parity bit can be sent with the data bits to detect some transmission errors. [Mark] and [Space] parity do not allow for error detection.

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| [None]  | None   |
| [Even]  | parity bit is 0 if the num of 1's in the data bits is even |
| [Odd]   | parity bit is 0 if num of 1's in the data bits is odd      |
| [Mark]  | parity bit is always 1                                     |
| [Space] | parity bit is always 0                                     |

**Stop Bits [1]**

Stop bits indicate the end of a serial data packet. (A start bit indicates the beginning.) The standard setting is 1 stop bit. Communication with slow devices may require more than 1 stop bit.

Configuration options: [1] [2]

**Flow Control [Hardware RTS/CTS]**

Flow control can 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 re-start the flow. Hardware flow control uses two wires to send start/stop signals.

Configuration options: [None] [Hardware RTS/CTS]

**VT -UTF8 Combo Key Support [Enabled]**

This allows you to enable the VT -UTF8 Combination Key Support for ANSI/VT100 terminals.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

**Recorder Mode [Disabled]**

With this mode enabled only text will be sent. This is to capture Terminal data.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

**Legacy OS Redirection Resolution [80x24]**

This allows you to set the number of rows and columns supported on the Legacy OS.

Configuration options: [80x24] [80x25]

**Putty Keypad [VT100]**

This allows you to select the FunctionKey and Keypad on Putty.

Configuration options: [VT100] [LINUX] [XTERMR6] [SCO] [ESCN] [VT400]

**Legacy Console Redirection Settings****Legacy Console Redirection Port [COM1]**

Allows you to select a COM port to display redirection of Legacy OS and Legacy OPROM Messages.

Configuration options: [COM1]

**Resolution [80x24]**

Allows you to select a the number of rows and columns in supported redirection.

Configuration options: [80x24] [80x25]

**Redirect After POST [Always Enable]**

Allows you to select the redirection after POST.

Configuration options: [Always Enable] [BootLoader]

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

### Console Redirection [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the console redirection feature.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



The following item appears only when you set **Console Redirection** to [Enabled].

### Console Redirection Settings

#### Out-of-Band Mgmt Port [COM1]

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

Configuration options: [COM1]

#### Terminal Type [VT-UTF8]

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

Configuration options: [VT100] [VT100+] [VT-UTF8] [ANSI]

#### Bits per second [115200]

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

Configuration options: [9600] [19200] [57600] [115200]

#### Flow Control [None]

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

Configuration options: [None] [Hardware RTS/CTS] [Software Xon/Xoff]

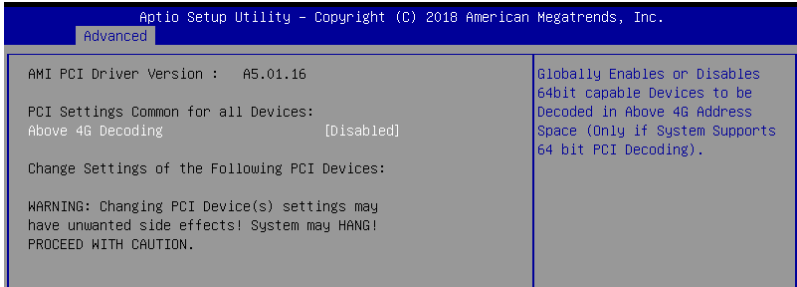
## 4.4.9 Intel TXT Information

You may view the Intel TXT information in this menu.



### 4.4.10 PCI Subsystem Settings

Allows you to configure PCI, PCI-X, and PCI Express Settings.

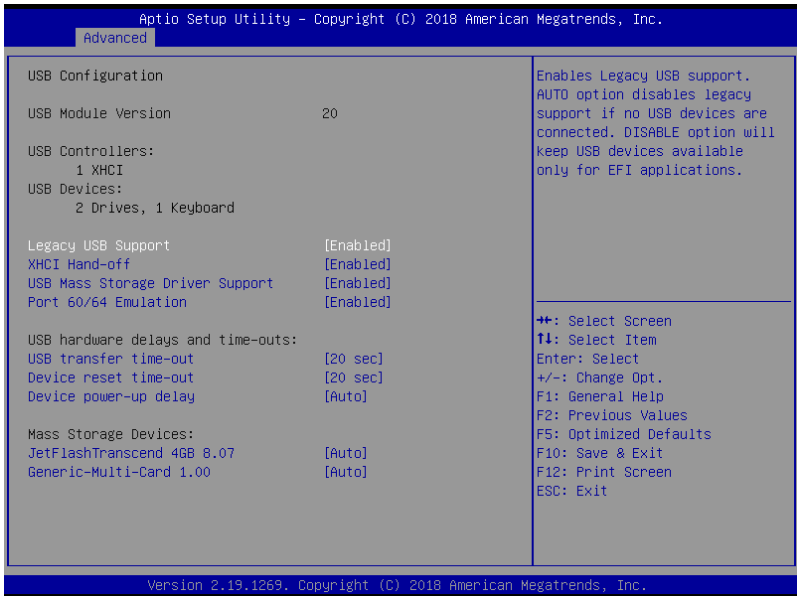


#### Above 4G Decoding [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable 64-bit capable devices to be decoded in above 4G address space. It only works if the system supports 64-bit PCI decoding.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### 4.4.11 USB Configuration





### **Legacy USB Support [Enabled]**

[Disabled] The USB devices can be used only for the BIOS setup program. It cannot be recognized in boot devices list.

[Enabled] Enables the support for USB devices on legacy operating systems (OS).

[Auto] Allows the system to detect the presence of USB devices at startup. If detected, the USB controller legacy mode is enabled. If no USB device is detected, the legacy USB support is disabled.

### **XHCI Hand-off [Enabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable workaround for OS(s) without XHCI hand-off support.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### **USB Mass Storage Driver Support [Enabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable USB Mass Storage driver support.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### **Port 60/64 Emulation [Enabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable Port 60/64 Emulation.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### **USB transfer time-out [20 sec]**

Allows you to set the USB transfer time-out value.

Configuration options: [1 sec] [5 sec] [1 sec] [20 sec]

### **Device reset time-out [20 sec]**

Allows you to set the device reset time-out value.

Configuration options: [10 sec] [20 sec] [30 sec] [40 sec]

### **Device power-up delay [Auto]**

Allows you to set the maximum time the device takes before the device reports itself to the host controller properly.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Manual]



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The following item appears only when you set **Console Redirection** to [Manual].

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### **Device power-up delay in seconds [5]**

Allows you to set the device power-up delay in seconds. Use the <+> or <-> to adjust the value. The values range from 1 to 40.

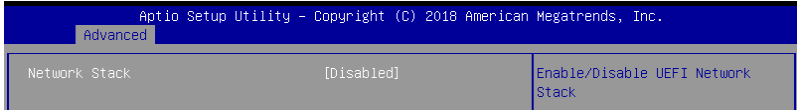
### **Mass Storage Devices**

Allows you to select the mass storage device emulation type for devices connected.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Floppy] [Forced FDD] [Hard Disk] [CD-ROM]

## 4.4.12 Network Stack Configuration

Allows you to configure the network stack configuration.



### Network Stack [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable UEFI Network Stack.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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The following items appear only when you set the **Network Stack** to **[Enabled]**.

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#### **Ipv4 PXE Support [Disabled]**

Enables or disables the Ipv4 PXE Boot Support. If disabled, Ipv4 PXE boot option will not be created.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

#### **Ipv4 HTTP Support [Disabled]**

Enables or disables the Ipv4 HTTP Boot Support. If disabled, Ipv4 PXE boot option will not be created.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

#### **Ipv6 PXE Support [Disabled]**

Enables or disables the Ipv6 PXE Boot Support. If disabled, Ipv6 PXE boot option will not be created.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

#### **Ipv6 HTTP Support [Disabled]**

Enables or disables the Ipv6 HTTP Boot Support. If disabled, Ipv6 PXE boot option will not be created.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

#### **IPSEC Certificate [Enabled]**

Enables or disables support for IPSEC Certificate.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

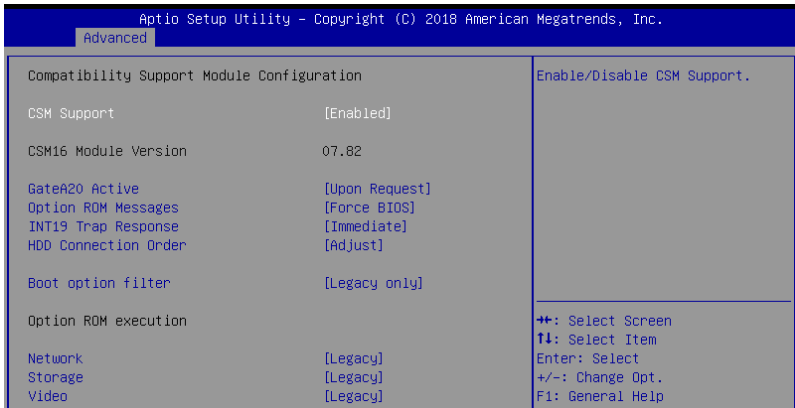
#### **PXE boot wait time [0]**

Set the wait time to press ESC key to abort the PXE boot. Use the <+> or <-> to adjust the value. The values range from 0 to 5.

#### **Media detect count [1]**

Set the number of times presence of media will be checked. Use the <+> or <-> to adjust the value. The values range from 1 to 50.

## 4.4.13 CSM Configuration



### CSM Support [Enabled]

This option allows you to enable or disable CSM Support.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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The following items appear only when you set the **CSM Support** to **[Enabled]**.

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#### GateA20 Active [Upon Request]

This allows you to set the GA20 option.

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| [Upon Request] | GA20 can be disabled using BIOS services.  |
| [Always]       | Do not allow disabling GA20; this option is useful when any RT code is executed above 1MB. |

#### Option ROM Messages [Force BIOS]

This allows you to set the display mode for option ROM.

Configuration options: [Force BIOS] [Keep Current]

#### INT19 Trap Response [Immediate]

This option allows you to control the BIOS reaction on INT19 trapping by Option ROM.

- |             |  |
|-------------|--|
| [Immediate] | Execute the trap right away.                 |
| [Postponed] | Execute the trap during legacy boot.         |
| [Auto]      | Allow the system to determine automatically. |

#### HDD Connection Order [Adjust]

This option allows you to select the HDD Connection Order. Some OS require HDD handles to be adjusted.

Configuration options: [Adjust] [Keep]

#### Boot Option filter [Legacy only]

This option allows you to control the Legacy/UEFI ROMs priority.

Configuration options: [UEFI and Legacy] [Legacy only] [UEFI only]

### Network / Storage / Video [Legacy]

This option allows you to control the execution of UEFI and Legacy PXE/ Storage/ Video OpROM.

Configuration options: [UEFI ] [Legacy]

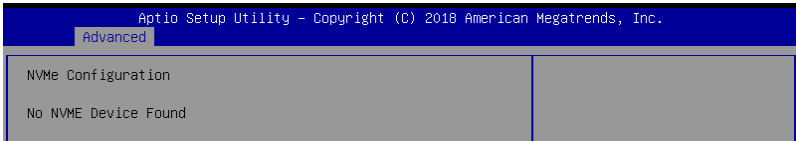
### Other PCI devices [Legacy]

This item determines the OpROM execution policy for devices other than Network, Storage, or Video.

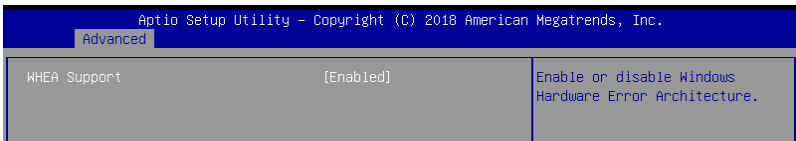
Configuration options: [UEFI ] [Legacy]

## 4.4.14 NVMe Configuration

You may view the NVMe controller and Drive information if an NVMe device is connected.



## 4.4.15 WHEA Configuration



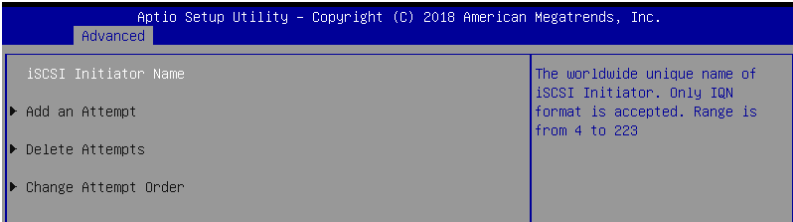
### Whea Support [Enabled]

This item allows you to enable or disable the WHEA support.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

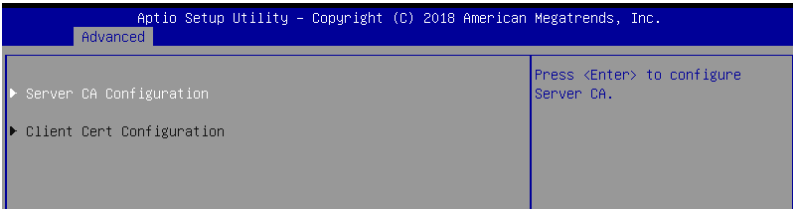
## 4.4.16 iSCSI Configuration

Allows you to configure the iSCSI parameters.



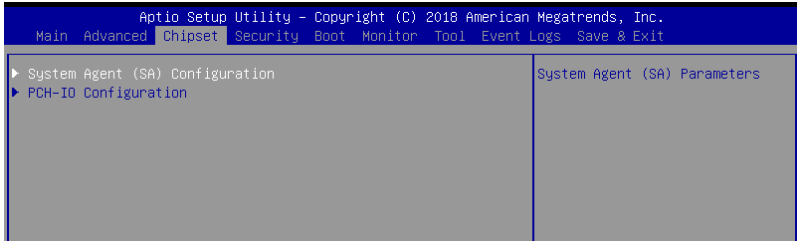
## 4.4.17 Tls Auth Configuration

Allows you to configure the Tls Auth.



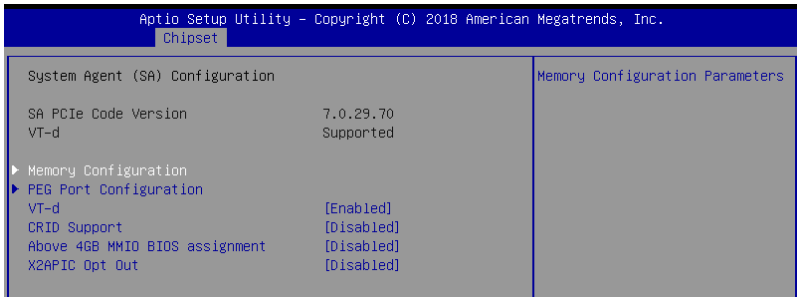
## 4.5 Chipset menu

The Chipset menu allow you to change the platform settings.



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

### 4.5.1 System Agent (SA) Configuration



#### Memory Configuration

##### Maximum Memory Frequency [Auto]

Allows you to select the maximum memory frequency setting.  
Configuration options: [Auto] [2133] [2400] [2667]

##### ECC Support [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the ECC support.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

##### Memory Scrambler [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable Memory Scrambler.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

##### Fast Boot [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable Fast Boot.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## PEG Port Configuration

### PEG 0:1:0

#### Max Link Speed [Auto]

Allows you to set the Max Link Speed.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Gen1] [Gen2] [Gen3]

#### PEG0 Slot Power Limit Value [75]

Set the upper limit on power supplied by slot. Use the <+> or <-> to adjust the value. The values range from 0 to 255.

#### PEG0 Slot Power Limit Scale [1.0x]

Allows you to select the scale for the Slot Power Limit Value.

Configuration options: [1.0x] [0.1x] [0.01x] [0.001x]

#### PEG0 Physical Slot Number [1]

Allows you to set the physical slot number attached to this Port. The number has to be globally unique within the chassis. Use the <+> or <-> to adjust the value. The values range from 0 to 8191.

### PEG 0:1:1

#### Max Link Speed [Auto]

Allows you to set the Max Link Speed.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Gen1] [Gen2] [Gen3]

#### PEG1 Slot Power Limit Value [75]

Set the upper limit on power supplied by slot. Use the <+> or <-> to adjust the value. The values range from 0 to 255.

#### PEG1 Slot Power Limit Scale [1.0x]

Allows you to select the scale for the Slot Power Limit Value.

Configuration options: [1.0x] [0.1x] [0.01x] [0.001x]

#### PEG1 Physical Slot Number [2]

Allows you to set the physical slot number attached to this Port. The number has to be globally unique within the chassis. Use the <+> or <-> to adjust the value. The values range from 0 to 8191.

### PEG 0:1:2

#### Max Link Speed [Auto]

Allows you to set the Max Link Speed.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Gen1] [Gen2] [Gen3]

#### PEG2 Slot Power Limit Value [75]

Set the upper limit on power supplied by slot. Use the <+> or <-> to adjust the value. The values range from 0 to 255.

**PEG2 Slot Power Limit Scale [1.0x]**

Allows you to select the scale for the Slot Power Limit Value.  
Configuration options: [1.0x] [0.1x] [0.01x] [0.001x]

**PEG2 Physical Slot Number [3]**

Allows you to set the physical slot number attached to this Port. The number has to be globally unique within the chassis. Use the <+> or <-> to adjust the value. The values range from 0 to 8191.

**PEG 0:1:3****PEG3 Slot Power Limit Value [75]**

Set the upper limit on power supplied by slot. Use the <+> or <-> to adjust the value. The values range from 0 to 255.

**PEG3 Slot Power Limit Scale [1.0x]**

Allows you to select the scale for the Slot Power Limit Value.  
Configuration options: [1.0x] [0.1x] [0.01x] [0.001x]

**PEG3 Physical Slot Number [3]**

Allows you to set the physical slot number attached to this Port. The number has to be globally unique within the chassis. Use the <+> or <-> to adjust the value. The values range from 0 to 8191.

**VT-d [Enabled]**

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

**CRID Support [Disabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable CRID control for Intel SIPP.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

**Above 4GB MMIO BIOS Assignment [Disabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable above 4 GB memory mapped IO BIOS assignment. This is enabled automatically if the aperture size is set to 2048MB.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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The following item appears only when you set the **VT-d** to **[Enabled]**.

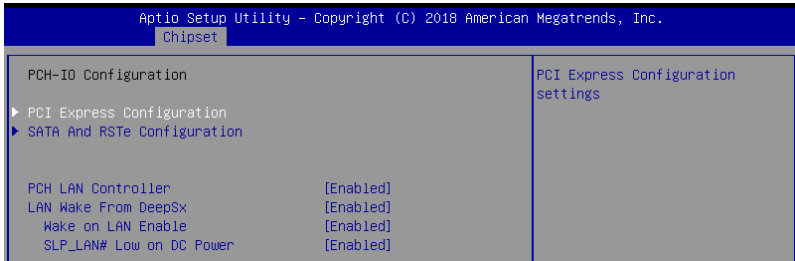
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**X2APIC Opt Out [Disabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable X2APIC Opt Out.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



## 4.5.2 PCH-IO Configuration



### PCI Express Configuration

#### **PCI Express Clock Gating [Enabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable PCI Express clock gating for each root port.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

#### **DMI Link ASPM Control [Enabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable control of active state power management of DMI link.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

#### **Port8xh Decode [Disabled]**

Allows you to enable or PCI express port 8xh decode.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### SATA And RSTe Configuration

#### **SATA Controller(s) [Enabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable the SATA Controller.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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The following item appears only when you set the **SATA Controller(s)** to **[Enabled]**.

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#### **SATA Mode Selection [AHCI]**

Allows you to select the SATA controllers operation.  
Configuration options: [AHCI] [RAID]

#### **Serial ATA Port 0-7**

##### **Port 0-7 [Enabled]**

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

##### **Hot Plug [Enabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable this port as hot pluggable.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

##### **Spin Up Device [Disabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable Spin Up Device.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

##### **SATA Device Type [Hard Disk Drive]**

Allows you to identify the SATA port is connected to a solid state drive or a hard disk drive  
Configuration options: [Hard Disk Drive] [Solid State Drive]

## **PCH LAN Controller [Enabled]**

This option allows you to enable or disable onboard NIC.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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The following items appear only when you set the **PCH LAN Controller** to **[Enabled]**.

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### **LAN Wake From DeepSx [Enabled]**

This option allows you to enable or disable wake from DeepSx by the assertion of LAN\_WAKE# pin.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### **Wake on LAN Enable [Enabled]**

This option allows you to enable or disable integrated LAN to wake the system.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

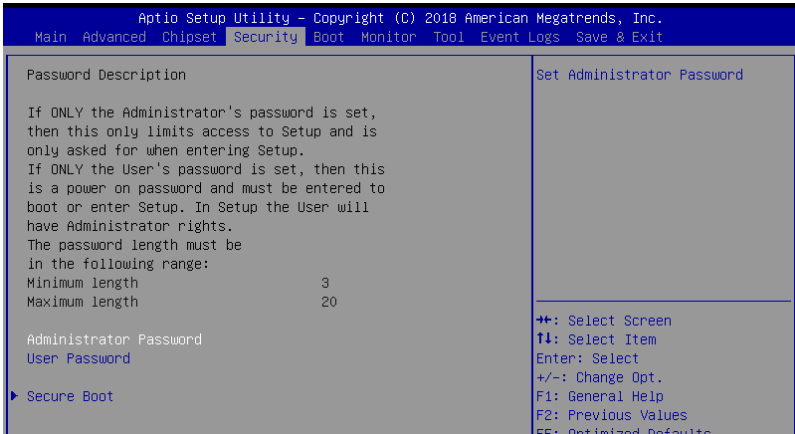
### **SLP\_LAN# Low on DC Power[Enabled]**

This option allows you to enable or disable SLP\_LAN# Low on DC Power.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 4.6 Security menu

This menu allows a new password to be created or a current password to be changed. The menu also enables or disables the Secure Boot state and lets the user configure the System Mode state.



### Administrator Password

To set an administrator password:

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

To change an administrator password:

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



To clear the administrator password, follow the same steps as in changing an administrator password, but press <Enter> when prompted to create/confirm the password.

## User Password

To set a user password:

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

To change a user password:

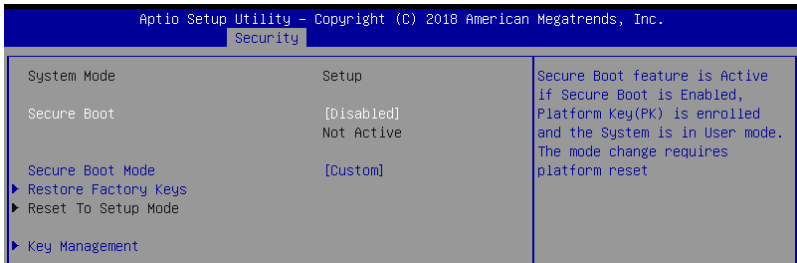
1. Select the User Password item and press <Enter>.
2. From the Enter Current Password box, key in the current password, then press <Enter>.
3. From the Create New Password box, key in a new password, then press <Enter>.
4. Confirm the password when prompted.

To clear a user password:

1. Select the Clear User Password item and press <Enter>.
2. Select Yes from the Warning message window then press <Enter>.

## Secure Boot

This item allows you to customize the Secure Boot settings.



### Secure Boot [Disabled]

Secure Boot can be enabled if the system is running in User mode with enrolled platform Key (EPK) or if the CSM function is disabled.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

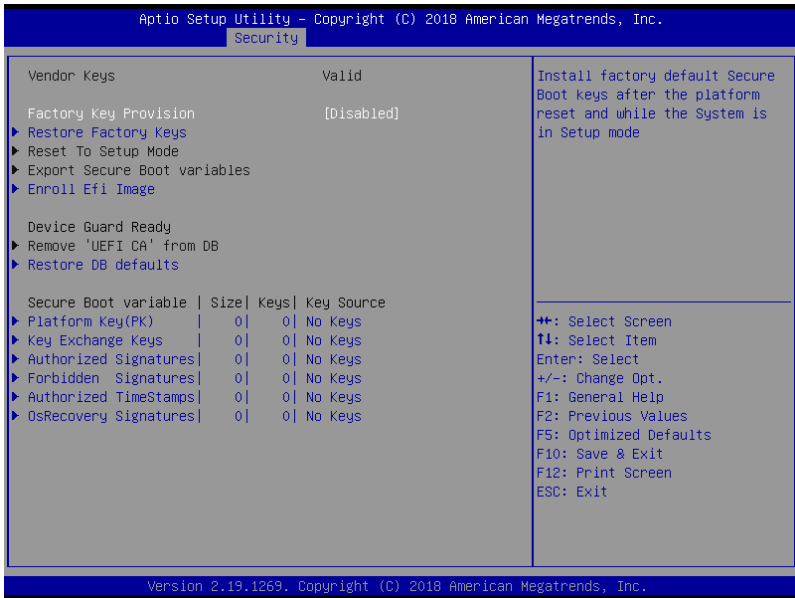
### Secure Boot Mode [Custom]

Allows you to set the Secure Boot selector.

Configuration options: [Custom] [Standard]

## Key Management

This item only appears when the item Secure Boot Mode is set to [Custom]. The Key Management item allows you to modify Secure Boot variables and set Key Management page.



### Factory Key Provision [Disabled]

Allows you to provision factory default Secure Boot keys when the system is in Setup Mode.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Restore Factory keys

This item will install all Factory Default keys.

### Reset to Setup Mode

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

### Export Secure Boot Variables

This item will ask you if you want to save all secure boot variables. Select Yes if you want to save all secure boot variables, otherwise select No.

### Enroll Efi Image

This item will allow the image to run in Secure Boot mode.

Configuration options: [Set New] [Append]

## Device Guard Ready

### Remove 'UEFI CA' from DB

Remove Microsoft UEFI CA from Secure Boot DB.

### Restore DB defaults

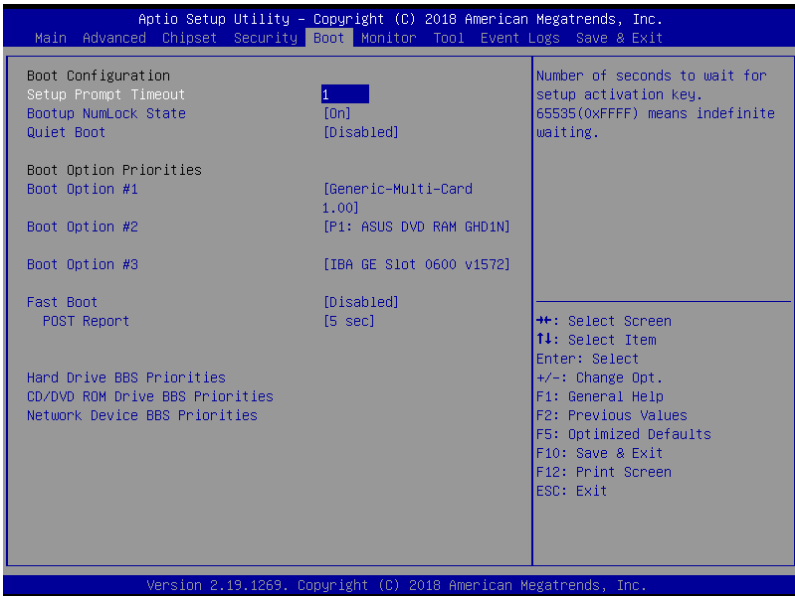
Restore DB variable to factory defaults.

## Platform Key (PK) / Key Exchange Keys (KEK) / Authorized Signatures (DB) / Forbidden Signatures (DBX) / Authorized TimeStamps (DBT) / OsRecovery Signatures

Configuration options: [Erase] [Set New] [Save to File]

## 4.7 Boot menu

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



## Setup Prompt Timeout [1]

Allows you to set the number of seconds that the firmware waits before initiating the original default boot selection. 65535(0xFFFF) means indefinite waiting. Use the <+> or <-> to adjust the value.

## Bootup NumLock State [On]

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

Configuration options: [Off] [On]

## Quiet Boot [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable Quiet Boot option.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## Boot Option Priorities

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



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- To select the boot device during system startup, press <F8> when ASUS Logo appears.
  - To access Windows OS in Safe Mode, please press <F8> after POST.
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## Fast Boot [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable boot with initialization of a minimal set of devices required to launch active boot option. This has no effect for BBS boot options.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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The following item appears only when you set the **Quiet Boot** to **[Disabled]**.

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## POST Report [5 sec]

Allows you to set the desired POST Report waiting time from 1 to 10 seconds.

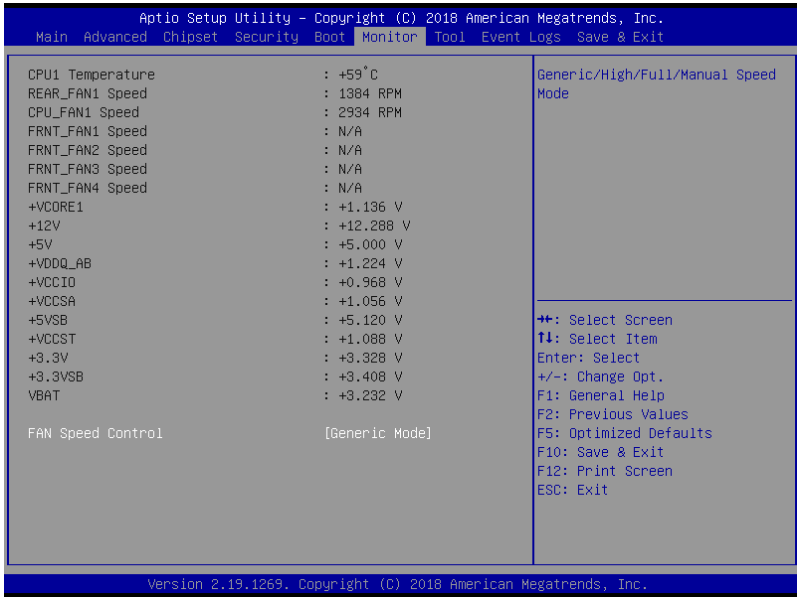
Configuration options: [1 sec] - [10 sec] [Until Press ESC]

## Hard Drive / CD / DVD ROM Drive BBS Priorities / Network Device BBS Priorities

These items allow you to set the booting order of the devices.

## 4.8 Monitor menu

This menu displays the system temperature, fan speed, and power status. You can also change the fan settings in this menu.



### Fan Speed Control [Generic Mode]

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

Configuration options: [Generic Mode] [High Speed Mode] [Full Speed Mode] [Manual Speed Mode]



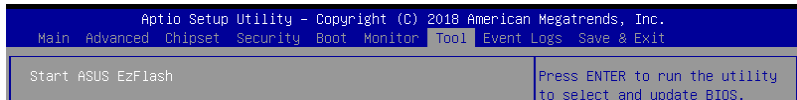
The following item appears only when you set the **Fan Speed Control** to **[Manual Speed Mode]**.

### REAR\_FAN1 / CPU\_FAN1 / FRNT\_FAN1-3 Duty [50]

Allows you to set the desired POST Report waiting time from 1 to 10 seconds. Use the <+> or <-> to adjust the value. The values range from 10 to 100.



## 4.9 Tool menu

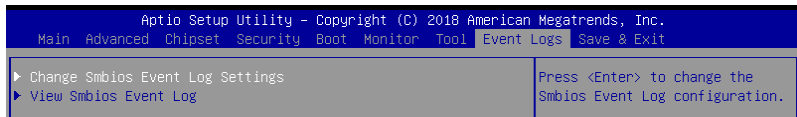


### ASUS EZ Flash

Allows you to run ASUS EZ Flash BIOS ROM Utility when you press <Enter>. Refer to the ASUS EZ Flash Utility section for details.

## 4.10 Event Logs menu

The Event Logs menu items allow you to change the event log settings and view the system event logs.



### 4.10.1 Change Smbios Event Log Settings

Press <Enter> to change the Smbios Event Log configuration.



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

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### Enabling/Disabling Options

#### Smbios Event Log [Enabled]

Change this to enable or disable all features of Smbios Event Logging during boot.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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The following item appears only when you set the **Smbios Event Log** to [Enabled].

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### Erasing Settings

#### Erase Event Log [No]

Choose options for erasing Smbios Event Log. Erasing is done prior to any logging activation during reset.

Configuration options: [No] [Yes, Next reset] [Yes, Every reset]

#### When Log is Full [Do Nothing]

Choose options for reacting to a full Smbios Event Log.  
Configuration options: [Do Nothing] [Erase Immediately]

### Smbios Event Log Standard Settings

#### Log System Boot Event [Enabled]

This option allows you to enable or disable logging System boot event.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

**MECI [1]**

This option allows you to set the number of occurrences of a duplicate event that must pass before the multiple-event counter of log entry is updated. Use the <+> or <-> to adjust the value. The values range from 1 to 255.

**METW [60]**

This option allows you to set the number of minutes which must pass between duplicate log entries which utilize a multiple-event counter. Use the <+> or <-> to adjust the value. The values range from 0 to 99.

**Custom Options****Log EFI Status Code [Disabled]**

This option allows you to enable or disable logging of the EFI Status Codes.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

**Convert EFI Status Codes to Standard Smbios Type [Disabled]**

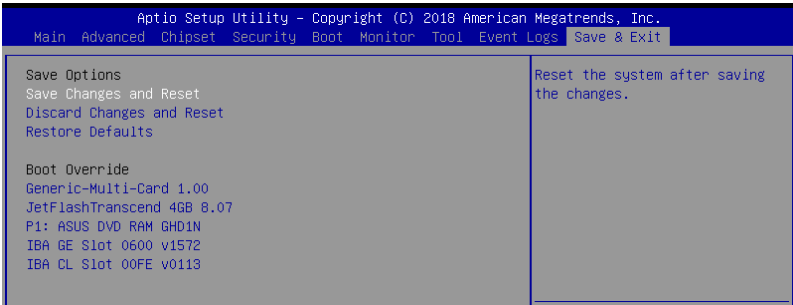
This option allows you to enable or disable converting of EFI Status Codes to Standard Smbios Type (Not all may be translated).  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

**4.10.2 View Smbios Event Log**

Press <Enter> to view all smbios event logs.

## 4.11 Save & Exit menu

The Exit menu items allow you to save or discard your changes to the BIOS items.



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

### Save Changes and Reset

Exit System setup after saving the changes.

### Discard Changes and Exit

Exit System setup without saving any changes.

### Restore Defaults

Restore/load default values for all the setup options.

### Boot Override

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



# **RAID Configuration**

# 5

This chapter provides instructions for setting up, creating, and configuring RAID sets using the available utilities.

## 5.1 Setting up RAID

The motherboard supports the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise Option ROM Utility with RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10, and RAID 5 support.

### 5.1.1 RAID definitions

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

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

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

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



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

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## 5.1.2 Installing hard disk drives

The motherboard supports Serial ATA for RAID set configuration. For optimal performance, install identical drives of the same model and capacity when creating a disk array.

To install the SATA hard disks for RAID configuration:

1. Install the SATA hard disks into the drive bays following the instructions in the system user guide.
2. Connect a SATA signal cable to the signal connector at the back of each drive and to the SATA connector on the motherboard.
3. Connect a SATA power cable to the power connector on each drive.

## 5.1.3 Setting the RAID item in BIOS

You must set the RAID item in the BIOS Setup before you can create a RAID set from SATA hard disk drives attached to the SATA connectors supported by Intel® C242 chipset.

To do this:

1. Enter the BIOS Setup during POST.
2. Go to the **Chipset Menu > PCH-IO Configuration > SATA And RSTe Configuration**, then press <Enter>.
3. Set **SATA Mode** to **[RAID]**.
4. Press <F10> to save your changes and exit the BIOS Setup.



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Refer to Chapter 4 for details on entering and navigating through the BIOS Setup.

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## 5.2 Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise SATA Option ROM Utility

The Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise SATA Option ROM utility allows you to create RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10 (RAID 1+0), and RAID 5 set from Serial ATA hard disk drives that are connected to the Serial ATA connectors supported by the Southbridge.



Before you proceed, ensure that you have installed the Serial ATA hard disk drives, and have set the correct SATA mode in the BIOS setup.

To launch the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise SATA Option ROM utility:

1. Turn on the system.
2. During POST, press <Ctrl>+<I> to display the utility main menu.

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[ MAIN MENU ]
1. Create RAID Volume
2. Delete RAID Volume
3. Reset Disks to Non-RAID
4. Exit

[ DISK/VOLUME INFORMATION ]

RAID Volumes:
None defined.

Physical Disks:
ID Drive Model Serial # Size Type/Status (Vol ID)
0 ST3300656SS HWAS0000991753TR 279.3GB Non-RAID Disk
1 ST3300656SS 37VN00009846RAJ1 279.3GB Non-RAID Disk
2 ST3300656SS 397600009846UEDY 279.3GB Non-RAID Disk
3 ST3300656SS GWC50000991756G6 279.3GB Non-RAID Disk

[↑↓]-Select [ESC]-Exit [ENTER]-Select Menu
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The navigation keys at the bottom of the screen allow you to move through the menus and select the menu options.



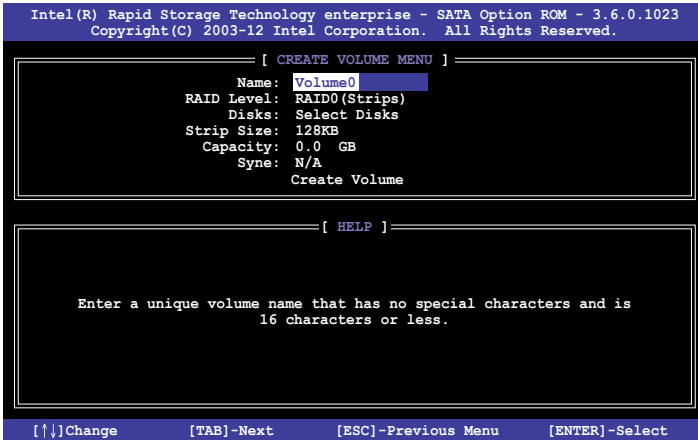
The RAID BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference only and may not exactly match the items on your screen.



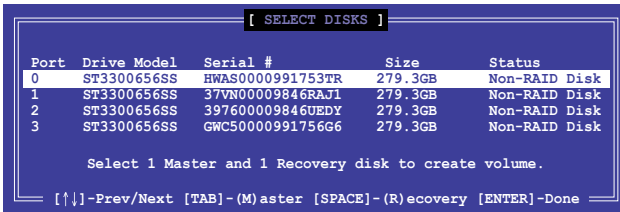
## 5.2.1 Creating a RAID set

To create a RAID set:

1. From the utility main menu, select **1. Create RAID Volume** and press <Enter>.
2. Key in a name for the RAID set and press <Enter>.



3. Press the up/down arrow keys to select a RAID Level that you wish to create then press <Enter>.
4. From the **Disks** item field, press <Enter> to select the hard disk drives that you want to include in the RAID set.



5. Use the up/down arrow keys to move the selection bar then press <Space> to select a disk. A small triangle before the Port number marks the selected drive. Press <Enter> when you are done.

- Use the up/down arrow keys to select the stripe size for the RAID array (for RAID 0, 10 and 5 only) then press <Enter>. The available stripe size values range from 4 KB to 128 KB. The following are typical values:  
RAID 0: 128KB  
RAID 10: 64KB  
RAID 5: 64KB

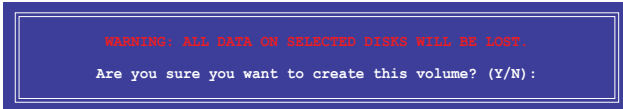


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We recommend a lower stripe size for server systems, and a higher stripe size for multimedia computer systems used mainly for audio and video editing.

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- In the **Capacity** field item, key in the RAID volume capacity that you want to use and press <Enter>. The default value field indicates the maximum allowed capacity.
- Press <Enter> to start creating the RAID volume.
- From the following warning message, press <Y> to create the RAID volume and return to the main menu, or press <N> to go back to the **CREATE VOLUME** menu.



## 5.2.2 Deleting a RAID set



Take caution when deleting a RAID set. You will lose all data on the hard disk drives when you delete a RAID set.

To delete a RAID set:

1. From the utility main menu, select **2. Delete RAID Volume** and press <Enter>.
2. From the Delete Volume Menu, press the up/down arrow keys to select the RAID set you want to delete then press <Del>.

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[ DELETE VOLUME MENU ]

Name      Level      Drives   Capacity  Status   Bootable
Volume0   RAID0 (Stripe)  2        298.0GB  Normal   Yes

[ HELP ]

Deleting a volume will reset the disks to non-RAID

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

[↑,↓]-Select      [ESC]-Previous Menu      [DEL]-Delete Volume
```

3. Press <Y> to confirm deletion of the selected RAID set and return to the utility main menu, or press <N> to return to the **DELETE VOLUME** menu.

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[ DELETE VOLUME VERIFICATION ]

ALL DATA IN THE VOLUME WILL BE LOST!
(This does not apply to Recovery volumes)

Are you sure you want to delete volume "Volume0"? (Y/N):
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### 5.2.3 Resetting disks to Non-RAID



Take caution before you reset a RAID volume hard disk drive to non-RAID. Resetting a RAID volume hard disk drive deletes all internal RAID structure on the drive.

To reset a RAID set:

1. From the utility main menu, select **3. Reset Disks to Non-RAID** and press <Enter>.
2. Press the up/down arrow keys to select the drive(s) or disks of the RAID set you want to reset, then press <Space>. A small triangle before the Port number marks the selected drive. Press <Enter> when you are done.

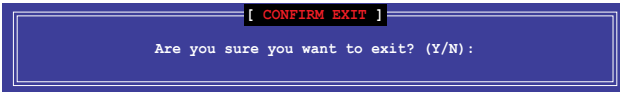
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[ RESET RAID DATA ]
Resetting RAID disk will remove its RAID structures
and revert it to a non-RAID disk.
WARNING: Resetting a disk causes all data on the disk to be lost.
(This does not apply to Recovery volumes)
Port  Drive Model  Serial #      Size      Status
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0     ST3300656SS   HWAS0000991753TR  279.3GB  Member Disk
1     ST3300656SS   37VN00009846RAJ1  279.3GB  Member Disk
Select the disks that should be reset.
[↑↓]-Previous/Next [SPACE]-Selects [ENTER]-Selection Complete
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3. Press <Y> in the confirmation window to reset the drive(s) or press <N> to return to the utility main menu.

## 5.2.4 Exiting the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise SATA Option ROM utility

To exit the utility:

1. From the utility main menu, select **4. Exit** then press <Enter>.
2. Press <Y> to exit or press <N> to return to the utility main menu.



## 5.2.5 Rebuilding the RAID



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This option is only for the RAID 1 set.

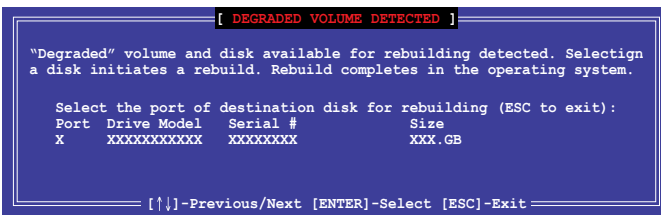
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### Rebuilding the RAID with other non-RAID disk

If any of the SATA hard disk drives included in the RAID 1 array failed, the system displays the status of the RAID volume as **"Degraded"** during POST. You can rebuild the RAID array with other installed non-RAID disks.

To rebuild the RAID with other non-RAID disk:

1. During POST, press <Ctrl>+<I> at the prompt to enter the Intel Rapid Storage Technology option ROM utility.
2. If there is a non-RAID SATA Hard Disk available, the utility will prompt you to rebuild the RAID. Press the up/down arrow keys to select the destination disk then Press <Enter> to start the rebuilding process, or press <ESC> to exit.



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Select a destination disk with the same size as the original hard disk.

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- The utility immediately starts rebuilding after the disk is selected. When done, the status of the degraded RAID volume is changed to **“Rebuild”**.

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[ MAIN MENU ]
1. Create RAID Volume          3. Reset Disks to Non-RAID
2. Delete RAID Volume         4. Exit

[ DISK/VOLUME INFORMATION ]

RAID Volumes:
ID Name      Levell      Strip      Size      *Data is Encrypted
1  Volume0   RAID1(Mirror) N/A       149.0GB   Status      Bootable
                                     Rebuild    Yes

Physical Devices:
Port Drive Model Serial #      Size      Type/Status(Vol ID)
1    ST3160812AS 9LS0F4HL    149.0GB   Member Disk(0)
2    ST3160812AS 3LS0JYL8    149.0GB   Member Disk(0)

Volumes with "Rebuild" status will be rebuilt within the operating system.

[↑↓]-Select      [ESC]-Exit      [ENTER]-Select Menu

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- Press <Esc> to exit Intel Rapid Storage Technology and reboot the system.
- Select **Start > Programs > Intel Rapid Storage > Intel Rapid Storage Console** or click the **Intel Rapid Storage Technology** tray icon to load the Intel Rapid Storage Manager utility.
- From the **View** menu, select **Advanced Mode** to display the details of the Intel Rapid Storage Console.
- From the **Volumes view** option, select **RAID volume** to view the rebuilding status. When finished, the status is changed to **“Normal”**.

### Rebuilding the RAID with a new hard disk

If any of the SATA hard disk drives included in the RAID array failed, the system displays the status of the RAID volume as **“Degraded”** during POST. You may replace the disk drive and rebuild the RAID array.

To rebuild the RAID with a new hard disk:

- Remove the failed SATA hard disk and install a new SATA hard disk of the same specification into the same SATA Port.




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Select a destination disk with the same size as the original hard disk.

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- Reboot the system then follow the steps in section **Rebuilding the RAID with other non-RAID disk**.

## 5.2.6 Setting the Boot array in the BIOS Setup Utility

You can set the boot priority sequence in the BIOS for your RAID arrays when creating multi-RAID using the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise SATA Option ROM utility.

To set the boot array in the BIOS:



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Set at least one of the arrays bootable to boot from the hard disk.

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1. Reboot the system and press <Del> to enter the BIOS setup utility during POST.
2. Go to the **Boot** menu and select the boot option priority.
3. Use up/down arrow keys to select the boot priority and press <Enter>. See the **Boot menu** section of Chapter 4 for more details.
4. From the **Exit** menu, select **Save Changes & Exit**, then press <Enter>.
5. When the confirmation window appears, select **Yes**, then press <Enter>.

## 5.3 Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise (Windows)

The Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise allows you to create RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10 (RAID 1+0), and RAID 5 set(s) from Serial ATA hard disk drives that are connected to the Serial ATA connectors supported by the Southbridge.

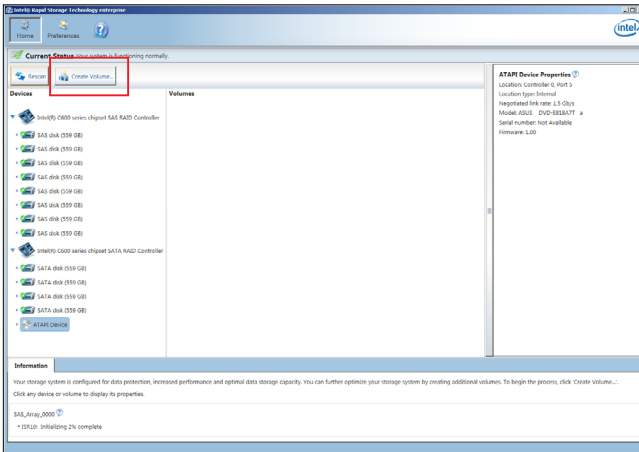


You need to manually install the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise utility on a Windows® operating system. Please refer to the installation instructions in Chapter 6.

To enter the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise utility under Windows operating system:

1. Turn on the system and go to the windows desktop.
2. Click the **Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise** icon to display the main menu.

Your storage system is configured for data protection, increased performance and optimal data storage capacity. You can create additional volumes to further optimize your storage system.



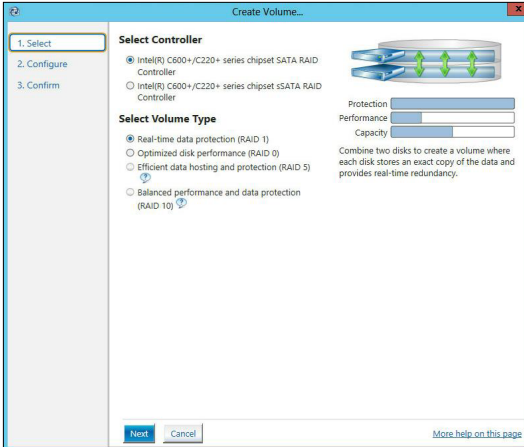
You can click **Rescan** to re-scan any attached hard disks.



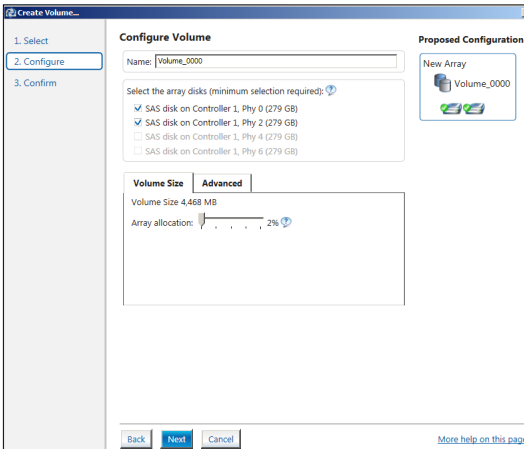
## 5.3.1 Creating a RAID set

To create a RAID set:

1. From the utility main menu, select **Create Volume** and select volume type.
2. Click **Next**.



3. Enter a name for the RAID set, then select the array disks.
4. Select **Volume Size** tab, you can drag the bar to decide the volume size.
5. Click **Next**.

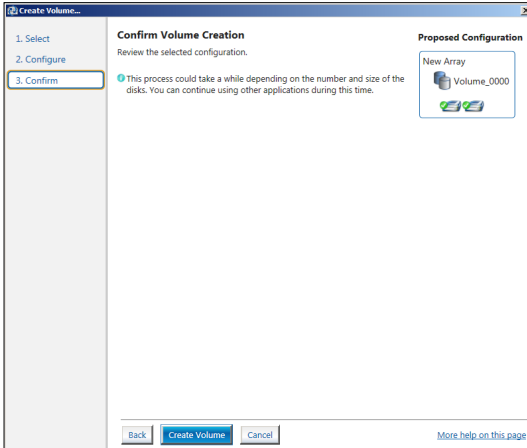


- If you do not want to keep the data on one of the selected disks, select **NO** when prompted.
- If you want to **Enable volume write-back cache** or **Initialize volume**, click **Advanced**.

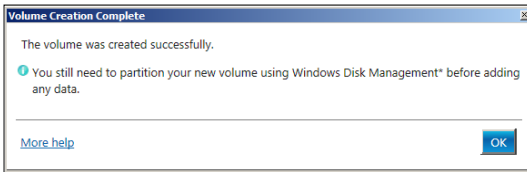
6. Confirm the volume creation, then click **Create Volume** to continue.



This process could take a while depending on the number and size of the disks. You can continue using other applications during this time.

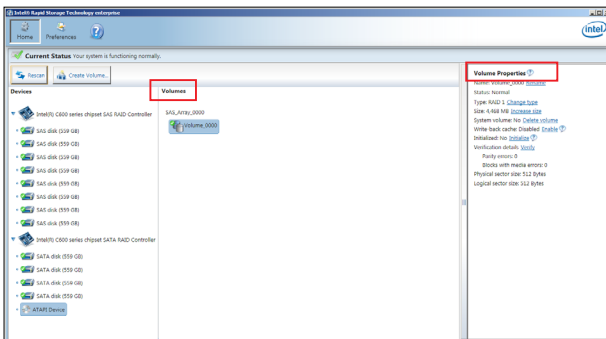


7. Wait until the process is completed, then click **OK** when prompted.



You still need to partition your new volume using Windows Disk Management before adding any data.

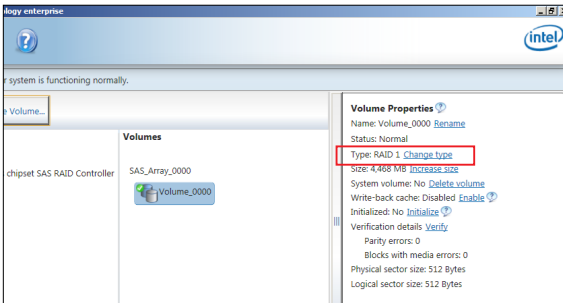
The RAID set is displayed in the **Volumes** list and you can change the settings in **Volume Properties**.



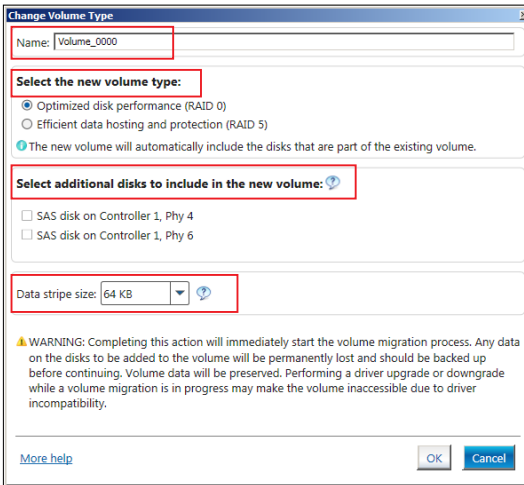
## 5.3.2 Changing a Volume Type

To change the volume type in **Volume Properties**:

1. Click the SATA array items you want to change in **Volumes** field.
2. From the **Volume Properties** field, select **Type:RAID 1 Change type**.



3. You can change the **Name**, **Select the new volume type**, and **Select additional disks to include in the new volume** if needed.
4. Select the **Data stripe size** for the RAID array (for RAID 0, 10 and 5 only), and click **OK**. The available stripe size values range from 4 KB to 128 KB. The following are typical values:  
RAID 0: 128KB  
RAID 10: 64KB  
RAID 5: 64KB



We recommend a lower stripe size for server systems, and a higher stripe size for multimedia computer systems used mainly for audio and video editing.

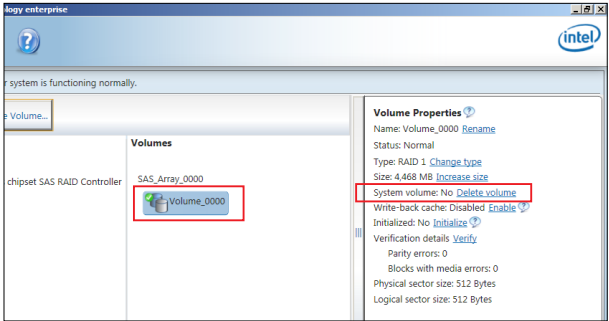
### 5.3.3 Deleting a volume



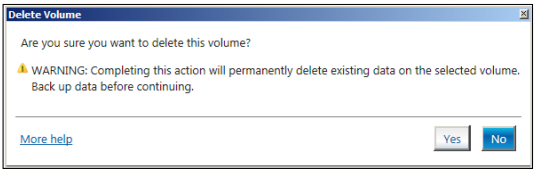
Be cautious when deleting a volume. You will lose all data on the hard disk drives. Before you proceed, ensure that you back up all your important data from your hard drives.

To delete a volume:

1. From the utility main menu, select the volume (exp. Volume\_0000) in **Volumes** field you want to delete.



2. Select **Delete volume** in **Volume Properties** field. The following screen appears.

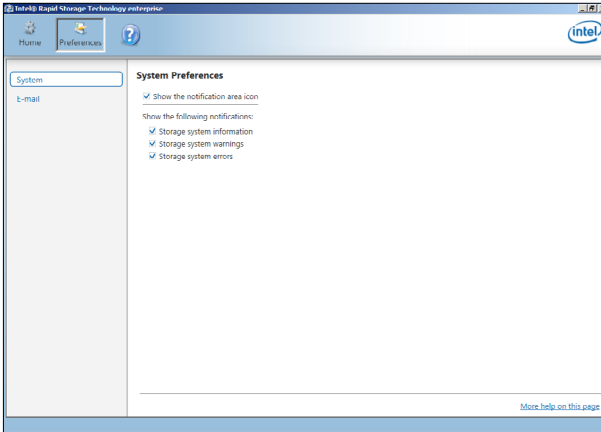


3. Click **Yes** to delete the volume and return to the utility main menu, or click **No** to return to the main menu.

## 5.3.4 Preferences

### System Preferences

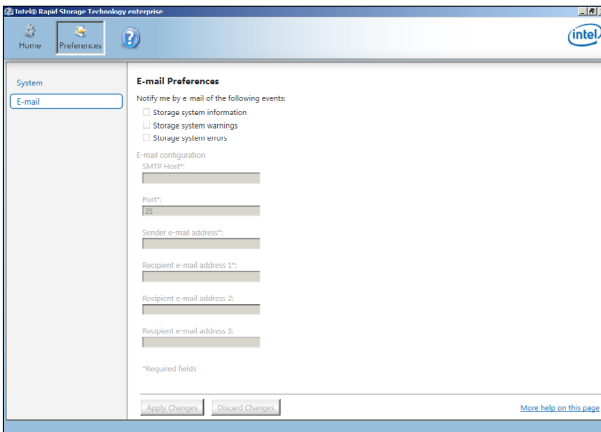
Allow you to set to show the notification area icon and show system information, warning, or errors here.



### E-Mail Preferences

Allow you to set to sent e-mail of the following events:

- Storage system information
- Storage system warnings
- Storage system errors





# Driver Installation

# 6

This chapter provides the instructions for installing the necessary drivers for different system components in both Linux<sup>®</sup> and Windows<sup>®</sup> Operating Systems.

## 6.1 RAID driver installation

After creating the RAID sets for your server system, you are now ready to install an operating system to the independent hard disk drive or bootable array. This part provides the instructions on how to install the RAID controller drivers during OS installation.

### 6.1.1 Creating a USB flash drive with RAID drive

When installing Windows® Server OS, you can load the RAID driver from a USB flash drive. You can create a USB flash drive with RAID driver in Windows by copying the files from the support DVD to the USB flash drive.

To copy the RAID driver to a USB flash drive in Windows environment:

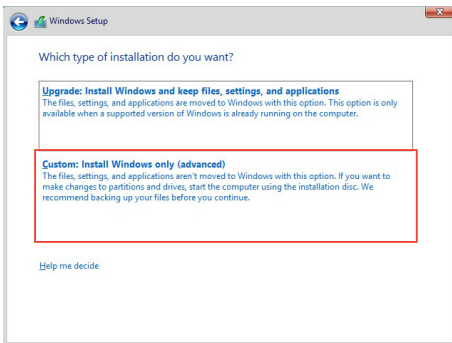
1. Place the motherboard support DVD in the optical drive.
2. Connect a USB flash drive to your system.
3. Click on the optical drive to browse the contents of the support DVD.
4. Click **Drivers > C24x INTEL RAID > Driver > Windows** and then copy the RAID driver folder to the USB flash drive.

### 6.1.2 Installing the RAID controller driver

#### During Windows® Server 2012 R2 or 2016 OS installation

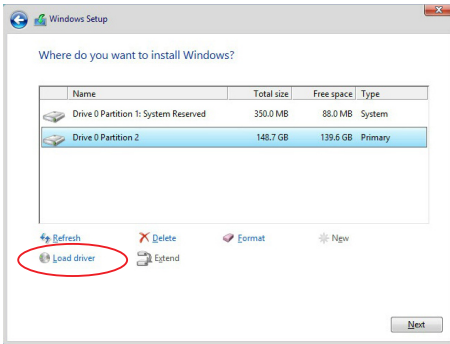
To install the RAID controller driver when installing Windows® Server OS:

1. Boot the computer using the Windows® Server installation disc. Follow the onscreen instructions to start installing Windows® Server.
2. When prompted to choose a type of installation, click **Custom: Install Windows only (advanced)**.



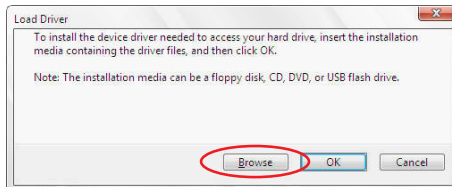


3. Click **Load Driver**.



4. A message appears reminding you to insert the installation media containing the driver of the RAID controller driver (the installation media can be a CD, DVD, or USB flash drive).
- If you have only one optical drive installed in your system, eject the Windows OS installation disc and replace with the motherboard Support DVD into the optical drive.
  - Or you may connect a USB flash drive containing the RAID controller driver.

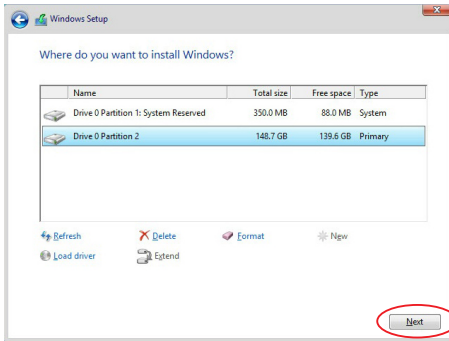
Click **Browse** to continue.



5. Locate the driver in the corresponding folder of the Support DVD or USB flash drive and then click **OK** to continue.
6. Select the RAID controller driver you need from the list and click **Next**.

7. When the system finishes loading the RAID driver,
  - Replace the motherboard Support DVD with the Windows Server installation disc.
  - Remove the USB flash drive.

Select the drive to install Windows and click **Next**.



8. Setup then proceeds with the OS installation. Follow the onscreen instructions to continue.

## 6.2 Management applications and utilities installation

The support DVD that is bundled with your motherboard contains drivers, management applications, and utilities that you can install to maximize the features of your motherboard.



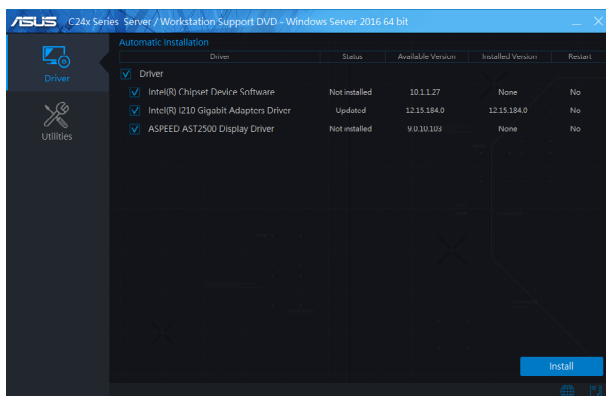
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- The support DVD is supported on Windows® Server 2012 R2 and Windows® Server 2016.

## 6.3 Running the Support DVD

When you place the support DVD into the optical drive, the DVD automatically displays the main screen if Autorun is enabled in your computer. By default, the Drivers tab is displayed.



If Autorun is NOT enabled in your computer, browse the contents of the support DVD to locate the file **Setup.exe**. Double-click the **Setup.exe** to run the support DVD.



Onscreen display and content vary depending on the motherboard and chipset. The screenshots are provided for reference only.

## 6.4 Installing the system drivers

This section provides the instructions on how to install the system drivers. You will need to manually install the system drivers on a Windows® operating system.

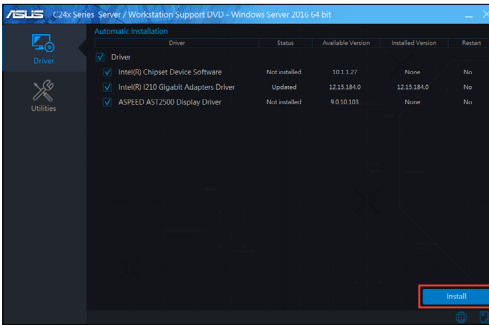
To install the system drivers:

1. Restart the computer, and then log on with **Administrator** privileges.
2. Insert the support DVD into the optical drive. The support DVD automatically displays the **Driver** menu if Autorun is enabled in your computer.

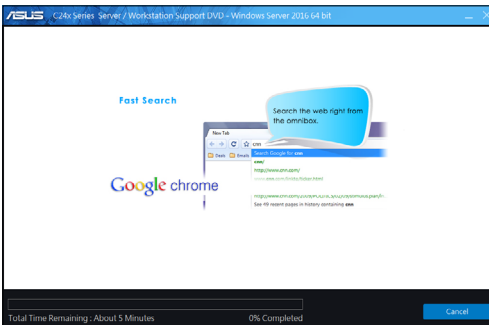


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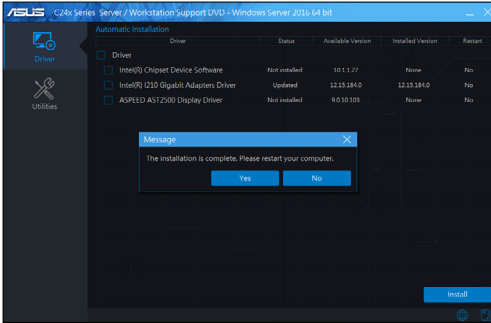
3. Check the drivers that you would like to install, then select **Install**.



4. The installation window appears.



5. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the installation.



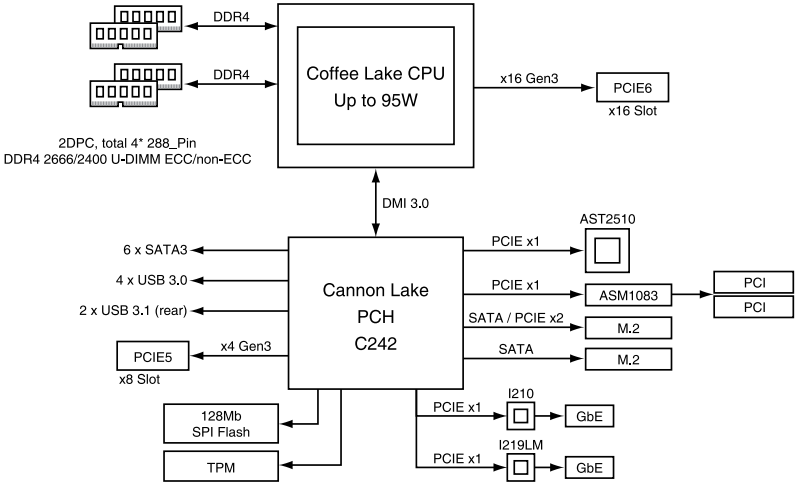


# Appendix



This appendix includes additional information that you may refer to when configuring the motherboard.

# P11C-X block diagram





## Q-Code table

| Code    | Description   |
|---------|---|
| 00      | Not used  |
| 02      | microcode   |
| 03      | CACHE_ENABLED   |
| 04      | PCH initialization  |
| 06      | CPU_EARLY_INIT  |
| 10      | PEI Core is started   |
| 11 – 14 | Pre-memory CPU initialization is started                                      |
| 15 – 18 | Pre-memory System Agent initialization is started                             |
| 19 – 1C | Pre-memory PCH initialization is started                                      |
| 2B – 2F | Memory initialization   |
| 30      | Reserved for ASL (see ASL Status Codes section below)                         |
| 31      | Memory Installed  |
| 32 – 36 | CPU post-memory initialization  |
| 37 – 3A | Post-Memory System Agent initialization is started                            |
| 3B – 3E | Post-Memory PCH initialization is started                                     |
| 4F      | DXE IPL is started  |
| 50 – 53 | Memory initialization error. Invalid memory type or incompatible memory speed |
| 4F      | DXE IPL is started  |
| 54      | Unspecified memory initialization error                                       |
| 55      | Memory not installed  |
| 56      | Invalid CPU type or Speed   |
| 57      | CPU mismatch  |
| 58      | CPU self test failed or possible CPU cache error                              |
| 59      | CPU micro-code is not found or micro-code update is failed                    |
| 5A      | Internal CPU error  |
| 5B      | Reset PPI is not available  |
| 5C – 5F | Reserved for future AMI error codes   |
| E0      | S3 Resume is started (S3 Resume PPI is called by the DXE IPL)                 |
| E1      | S3 Boot Script execution  |
| E2      | Video repost  |
| E3      | OS S3 wake vector call  |
| E4 – E7 | Reserved for future AMI progress codes  |
| E8      | S3 Resume Failed  |
| E9      | S3 Resume PPI not Found   |
| EA      | S3 Resume Boot Script Error   |
| EB      | S3 OS Wake Error  |
| EC – EF | Reserved for future AMI error codes   |
| F0      | Recovery condition triggered by firmware (Auto recovery)                      |
| F1      | Recovery condition triggered by user (Forced recovery)                        |
| F2      | Recovery process started  |
| F3      | Recovery firmware image is found  |
| F4      | Recovery firmware image is loaded   |
| F5 – F7 | Reserved for future AMI progress codes  |
| F8      | Recovery PPI is not available   |
| F9      | Recovery capsule is not found   |

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| Code    | Description  |
|---------|--|
| FA      | Invalid recovery capsule                                       |
| FB – FF | Reserved for future AMI error codes                            |
| 60      | DXE Core is started  |
| 61      | NVRAM initialization   |
| 62      | Installation of the PCH Runtime Services                       |
| 63 – 67 | CPU DXE initialization is started                              |
| 68      | PCI host bridge initialization                                 |
| 69      | System Agent DXE initialization is started                     |
| 6A      | System Agent DXE SMM initialization is started                 |
| 6B – 6F | System Agent DXE initialization (System Agent module specific) |
| 70      | PCH DXE initialization is started                              |
| 71      | PCH DXE SMM initialization is started                          |
| 72      | PCH devices initialization                                     |
| 73 – 77 | PCH DXE Initialization (PCH module specific)                   |
| 78      | ACPI module initialization                                     |
| 79      | CSM initialization   |
| 7A – 7F | Reserved for future AMI DXE codes                              |
| 90      | Boot Device Selection (BDS) phase is started                   |
| 91      | Driver connecting is started                                   |
| 92      | PCI Bus initialization is started                              |
| 93      | PCI Bus Hot Plug Controller Initialization                     |
| 94      | PCI Bus Enumeration  |
| 95      | PCI Bus Request Resources                                      |
| 96      | PCI Bus Assign Resources                                       |
| 97      | Console Output devices connect                                 |
| 98      | Console input devices connect                                  |
| 99      | Super IO Initialization  |
| 9A      | USB initialization is started                                  |
| 9B      | USB Reset  |
| 9C      | USB Detect   |
| 9D      | USB Enable   |
| 9E – 9F | Reserved for future AMI codes                                  |
| A0      | IDE initialization is started                                  |
| A1      | IDE Reset  |
| A2      | IDE Detect   |
| A3      | IDE Enable   |
| A4      | SCSI initialization is started                                 |
| A5      | SCSI Reset   |
| A6      | SCSI Detect  |
| A7      | SCSI Enable  |
| A8      | Setup Verifying Password                                       |
| A9      | Start of Setup   |
| AA      | Reserved for ASL (see ASL Status Codes section below)          |
| AB      | Setup Input Wait   |

*(continued on the next page)*

| Code   | Description   |
|--------|---|
| AC     | Reserved for ASL (see ASL Status Codes section below) |
| AD     | Ready To Boot event                                   |
| AE     | Legacy Boot event                                     |
| AF     | Exit Boot Services event                              |
| B0     | Runtime Set Virtual Address MAP Begin                 |
| B1     | Runtime Set Virtual Address MAP End                   |
| B2     | Legacy Option ROM Initialization                      |
| B3     | System Reset  |
| B4     | USB hot plug  |
| B5     | PCI bus hot plug                                      |
| B6     | Clean-up of NVRAM                                     |
| B7     | Configuration Reset (reset of NVRAM settings)         |
| B8– BF | Reserved for future AMI codes                         |
| D0     | CPU initialization error                              |
| D1     | System Agent initialization error                     |
| D2     | PCH initialization error                              |
| D3     | Some of the Architectural Protocols are not available |
| D4     | PCI resource allocation error. Out of Resources       |
| D5     | No Space for Legacy Option ROM                        |
| D6     | No Console Output Devices are found                   |
| D7     | No Console Input Devices are found                    |
| D8     | Invalid password                                      |
| D9     | Error loading Boot Option (LoadImage returned error)  |
| DA     | Boot Option is failed (StartImage returned error)     |
| DB     | Flash update is failed                                |
| DC     | Reset protocol is not available                       |

#### ACPI/ASL Checkpoints (under OS)

| Code | Description   |
|------|---|
| 03   | System is entering S3 sleep state   |
| 04   | System is entering S4 sleep state   |
| 05   | System is entering S5 sleep state   |
| 30   | System is waking up from the S3 sleep state                                   |
| 40   | System is waking up from the S4 sleep state                                   |
| AC   | System has transitioned into ACPI mode. Interrupt controller is in PIC mode.  |
| AA   | System has transitioned into ACPI mode. Interrupt controller is in APIC mode. |

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## **FCC COMPLIANCE INFORMATION**

Per FCC Part 2 Section 2.1077



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**hereby declares that the product**

**Product Name :** Motherboard  
**Model Number :** P11C-X

**compliance statement:**

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

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