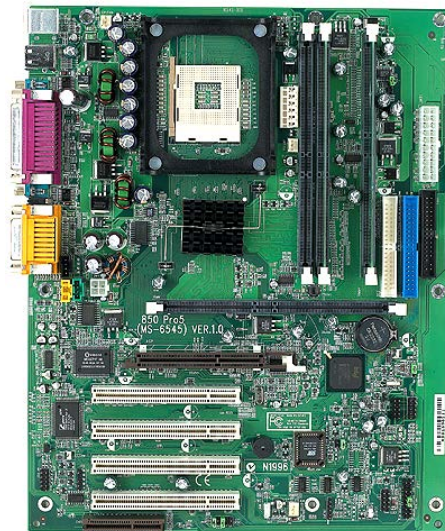


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MICRO-STAR INTERNATIONAL  
**MS-6545 (v1.X) ATX Mainboard**



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**FCC-B Radio Frequency Interference Statement**

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference, in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

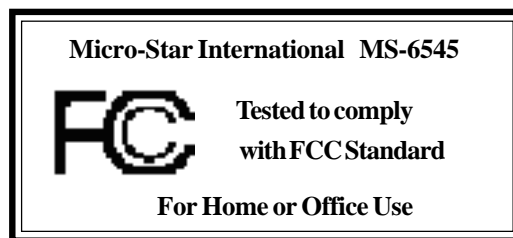
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The changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

**Notice 2**

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

**VOIR LA NOTICE D'INSTALLATION AVANT DE RACCORDER AU RESEAU.**



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## Safety Instructions

1. Always read the safety instructions carefully.
2. Keep this User's Manual for future reference.
3. Keep this equipment away from humidity.
4. Lay this equipment on a reliable flat surface before setting it up.
5. The openings on the enclosure are for air convection hence protects the equipment from overheating. **DO NOT COVER THE OPENINGS.**
6. Make sure the voltage of the power source and adjust properly 110/220V before connecting the equipment to the power inlet.
7. Place the power cord such a way that people can not step on it. Do not place anything over the power cord.
8. Always Unplug the Power Cord before inserting any add-on card or module.
9. All cautions and warnings on the equipment should be noted.
10. Never pour any liquid into the opening that could damage or cause electrical shock.
11. If any of the following situations arises, get the equipment checked by a service personnel:
  - The power cord or plug is damaged
  - Liquid has penetrated into the equipment
  - The equipment has been exposed to moisture
  - The equipment has not work well or you can not get it work according to User's Manual.
  - The equipment has dropped and damaged
  - If the equipment has obvious sign of breakage
12. **DO NOT LEAVE THIS EQUIPMENT IN AN ENVIRONMENT UNCONDITIONED, STORAGE TEMPERATURE ABOVE 60°C (140°F), IT MAY DAMAGE THE EQUIPMENT.**



**CAUTION:** Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer.

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# ***Introduction***

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The 850 Pro5 (MS-6545 v1.X) ATX mainboard is a high-performance computer mainboard based on Intel® 82850 chipset. It is optimized to support Intel® Pentium® 4 processors for high-end business/personal desktop markets.

The Intel® 850 chipset supports 64-byte cache line size and a 32-bit host addressing, allowing the processor to access the chipset's memory address space. It also provides 4x AGP data transfers and AGP Fast Write capability.

The Intel® 850 chipset features a dual channel Direct RDRAM memory operating in lock-step using RSL technology. It is a highly-flexible chipset which is designed to extend the basic graphics/multimedia PC platform up to the mainstream performance desktop platform.

The Intel® 82801BA (ICH2) chipset is a highly integrated multifunctional I/O Controller Hub that provides the interface to the PCI Bus and integrates many of the functions needed in today's PC platforms. It communicates with the host controller over a dedicated hub interface and provides added flexibility in designing cost-effective system solutions.

This chapter includes the following topics:

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### Mainboard Specification

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#### CPU

- Supports Intel® Pentium® 4 processor in the 478 pin package.
- Supports 1.5GHz, 1.6GHz, 1.7GHz, 1.8GHz, 1.9GHz, 2GHz and up.

#### Chipset

- Intel® 82850 MCH (615 OLGA)
  - Supports Direct RDRAM up to 2GB maximum memory.
  - Supports 400 MHz system bus.
  - 1.5V AGP interface with 4x data transfer and 4x fast write capability.
- Intel® 82801BA ICH (360 EBGA)
  - Upstream hub interface for access to the Intel MCH.
  - 2-channel Ultra ATA/100 Bus Master IDE controller.
  - USB controller 1.1 (expanded capabilities for 4 ports).
  - I/O APIC.
  - SMBus controller.
  - FWH interface.
  - LPC interface.
  - AC'97 2.1 interface.
  - PCI 2.2 interface.
  - Integrated system management controller.

#### Main Memory

- Supports four 184-pin gold-lead RIMM sockets.
- Supports a maximum memory size of 2GB.

#### Slots

- One AGP (Accelerated Graphics Port) 4x slot.
- Four PCI 2.2 32-bit PCI bus slots (support 3.3v/5v PCI bus interface).
- One CNR (Communication Network Riser) slot.

#### On-Board IDE

- An IDE controller on the ICH2 chipset provides IDE HDD/CD-ROM with PIO, Bus Master and Ultra DMA100 operation modes.
- Can connect up to four IDE devices.

#### On-Board Peripherals

- On-Board Peripherals include:

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- 1 floppy port supports 2 FDDs with 360K, 720K, 1.2M, 1.44M and 2.88Mbytes.
- 2 serial ports (COM A + COM B).
- 1 parallel port supports SPP/EPP/ECP mode.
- 1 IrDA connector for SIR.
- 1 audio/game port.

### **USB Interface**

- The mainboard comes with two optional USB interfaces:
  - 6 USB 1.1 ports (Rear \* 2/ Front \* 4, two with Intel spec & two with MSI spec).
  - 4 USB 1.1 ports (Rear \* 2/ Front \* 2, one regular USB 1.1 port and the other with USB PC to PC networking function).

### **Audio**

- C-Media CMI8738 / PCI-6ch supports 2/4/6 ch speaker
  - 6CH DAC for AC3® 5.1CH purpose.
  - HRTF-based 3D positional audio, supporting DirectSound™ 3D and A3D™ interface.
  - Supports 4.1/5.1 speakers, C3DX positional audio in 4/6 CH speaker mode.
  - Legacy audio SBPRO™ compatible.
  - DLS-based wavetable music synthesizer.

### **BIOS**

- The mainboard BIOS provides “Plug & Play” BIOS which detects the peripheral devices and expansion cards of the board automatically.
- IDE drive auto configure, Advanced Power Management (APM) 1.2, ACPI 1.0, DMI 2.0, ECC/Parity support, LS120 support, auto enabled onboard SCSI terminator.

### **Dimension**

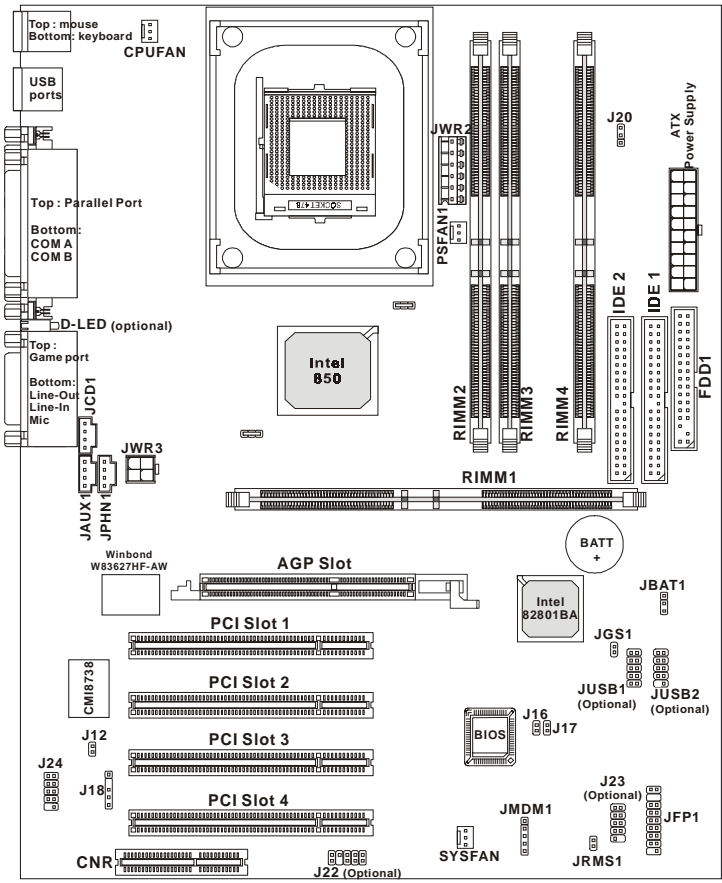
- ATX Form Factor: 30.4cm(L) x 24.3cm(W) x 4 layers PCB.

### **Mounting**

- 9 mounting holes.

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Mainboard Layout



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## Quick Components Guide

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| Component        | Function                           | Reference   |
|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| JWR1/2/3         | ATX power connectors               | See p. 2-7  |
| JKBMS1           | Mouse/keyboard connector           | See p. 2-9  |
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### **Key Features**

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- ATX Form Factor
- CPU: Intel® Pentium® 4 processor in the 478 pin package
- Smart Key - the best solution to prevent unauthorized access to your PC (Optional)
- USB PC to PC networking function (Optional)
- Fuzzy Logic 3
- Live BIOS / Live Driver
- CMI8738/PCI-6ch supports 2/4/6 ch. speaker
- PC Alert™ III system hardware monitor
- D-LED/ D-Bracket (Optional)
- Modem (Internal/External) Ring Wake Up Function
- Suspend to RAM/Disk
- PC2001 Compliant

## MSI Special Features

### T.O.P Tech™

The T.O.P Tech™ is an extended sensing device that can 100% accurately detect the CPU's temperature. You can find out the temperature on BIOS setup menu. The PC Alert™ also provides the information.



### CPU temperature on Setup menu

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright(C) 1984-2001 Award Software  
PC Health Status

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| CPU Warning Temperature [Disabled]   | Item Help    |
| Current System Temp.   |              |
| Current CPU Temperature  |              |
| Current Top Tech. III Temp.  |              |
| SYSTEM fan   | Menu Level > |
| POWER fan  |              |
| CPU fan  |              |
| Vcore  |              |
| VTT  |              |
| 3.3V   |              |
| +5V  |              |
| +12V   |              |
| -12V   |              |
| -5V  |              |
| VBAT(V)  |              |
| 5VSB(V)  |              |
| Chassis Intrusion Detect [Disabled]  |              |
| Shutdown Temperature [Disabled]  |              |
| ↑↓→← Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help<br>F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults |              |

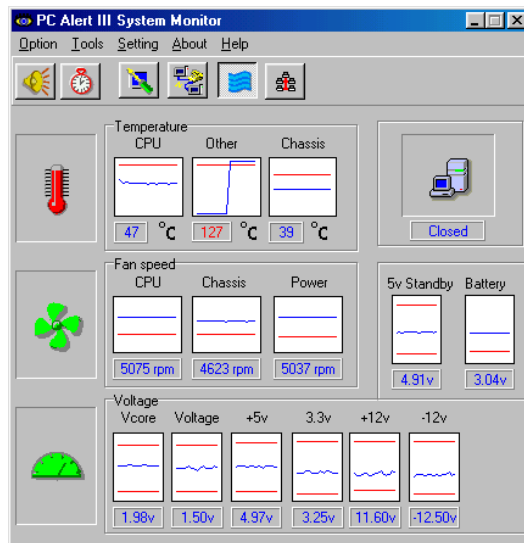
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### PC Alert™ III

The PC Alert™ III is a utility you can find in the CD-ROM disk. The utility is just like your PC doctor that can detect the following PC hardware status during real time operation:

- \* monitor CPU & system temperatures
- \* monitor fan speed(s)
- \* monitor system voltage
- \* monitor chassis intrusion

If one of the items above is abnormal, the program main screen will be immediately shown on the screen, with the abnormal item highlighted in red. This will continue to be shown, until user disables the warning.



 **Note:** Items shown on PC Alert III vary depending on your system's status.

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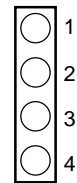
- Network Management
  - Monitoring & remote control
- Basic System Utilities
  - Scandisk & Defragment to maintain your HDD
- 3D Graphics Design
  - Enables a more friendly user interface
- Software Utilities
  - SoftCooler Optimized Cooling



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**D-LED™ & D-Bracket™ (Optional)**

The D-LED™ uses graphic signal display to help users understand their system. Four LEDs embedded in the mainboard provide up to 16 combinations of signals to debug the system. The 4 LEDs can debug all problems that fail the system, such as VGA, RAM or other failures. This special feature is very useful for the overclocking users. These users can use the feature to detect if there are any problems or failures.





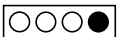









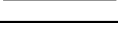

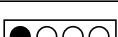





**Diagnostic LED**

The D-Bracket™ which integrates four Diagnostic LEDs is optional. Definitions of the D-Bracket™ LED signals are the same as D-LED™ as shown below.

● Red    ○ Green

| D-LED | D-Bracket | Description  |
|-------|-----------|--|
|       |           | System Power ON<br>- The D-LED will hang here if the processor is damaged or not installed properly.                                   |
|       |           | Early Chipset Initialization   |
|       |           | Memory Detection Test<br>- Testing onboard memory size. The D-LED will hang if the memory module is damaged or not installed properly. |
|       |           | Decompressing BIOS image to RAM for fast booting.  |
|       |           | Initializing Keyboard Controller.  |
|       |           | Testing VGA BIOS<br>- This will start writing VGA sign-on message to the screen.   |

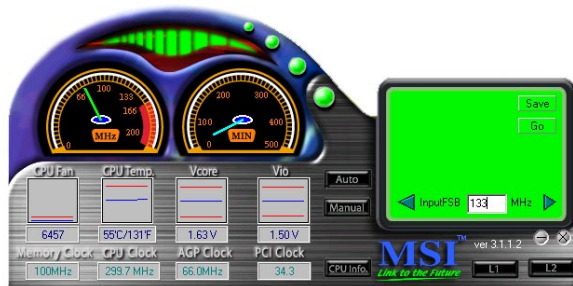
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| D-LED   | D-Bracket   | Description   |
|---|---|---|
|    |    | Processor Initialization<br>- This will show information regarding the processor (like brand name, system bus, etc...)                                |
|    |    | Testing RTC (Real Time Clock)   |
|    |    | Initializing Video Interface<br>- This will start detecting CPU clock, checking type of video onboard. Then, detect and initialize the video adapter. |
|  |  | BIOS Sign On<br>- This will start showing information about logo, processor brand name, etc....   |
|  |  | Testing Base and Extended Memory<br>- Testing base memory from 240K to 640K and extended memory above 1MB using various patterns.                     |
|  |  | Assign Resources to all ISA.  |
|  |  | Initializing Hard Drive Controller<br>- This will initialize IDE drive and controller.  |
|  |  | Initializing Floppy Drive Controller<br>- This will initializing Floppy Drive and controller.   |
|  |  | Boot Attempt<br>- This will set low stack and boot via INT 19h.   |
|  |  | Operating System Booting  |

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### Fuzzy Logic™ III

The Fuzzy Logic™ III utility allows users to overclock the CPU FSB (Front Side Bus) frequency in the Windows environment. Select the CPU frequency you prefer and click *Go* to apply the frequency or click *Save* allowing the system to run at the specified frequency each time when the system is powered on.



#### Features:

- Display Current System Status
  - CPU Fan
  - CPU Temp.
  - Vcore
  - Vio
  - Memory Clock
  - CPU Clock
  - AGP Clock
  - PCI Clock
- Adjust CPU FSB Frequency

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### Live BIOS™/Live Driver™

The Live BIOS™ is a tool used to detect and update your BIOS online so that you don't need to search for the correct BIOS version through the whole web site. To use the function, you need to install the "MSI Live Update Series" application. After installation, the "MSI Live Update Series" icon (as the right view) will appear on the screen.



Double click the "MSI Live Update Series" icon, and the following screen will appear.



Four buttons are placed on the left column of the screen. Click the desired button to start the update process.

- **Live BIOS** – Updates the BIOS online. If your motherboard does not support the function, the "sorry" message is displayed.
- **Live Driver** – Updates the drivers online. If your motherboard does not support the function, the "sorry" message is displayed.
- **Live VGA BIOS** – Updates the VGA BIOS online. If your VGA device does not support the function, the "sorry" message appears.
- **Live VGA Driver** – Updates the VGA driver online. If your VGA device does not support the function, the "sorry" message is displayed.

For more information on the update instructions, insert the companion CD and refer to the "Live Update Series Guide" under the "Manual" tab.

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# Hardware Setup **2**

This chapter provides you with the information about hardware setup procedures. While doing the installation, be careful in holding the components and follow the installation procedures. For some components, if you install in the wrong orientation, the components will not work properly.

Use a grounded wrist strap before handling computer components. Static electricity may damage the components.

This chapter contains the following topics:

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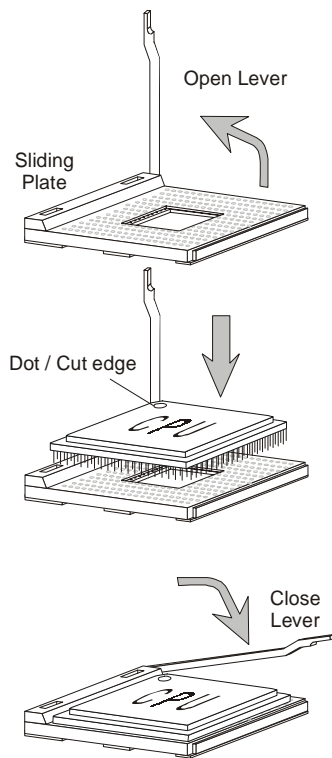
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### Central Processing Unit: CPU

The mainboard supports Intel® Pentium® 4 processor in the 478 pin package. The mainboard uses a CPU socket called PGA478 for easy CPU installation. When you are installing the CPU, **make sure the CPU has a heat sink and a cooling fan attached on the top to prevent overheating.** If you do not find the heat sink and cooling fan, contact your dealer to purchase and install them before turning on the computer.

#### CPU Installation Procedures

1. Pull the lever sideways away from the socket. Then, raise the lever up to a 90-degree angle.
2. Look for the dot/cut edge. The dot/cut edge should point towards the lever pivot. The CPU will only fit in the correct orientation.
3. Hold the CPU down firmly, and then close the lever to complete the installation.



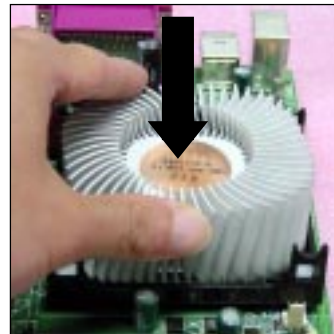
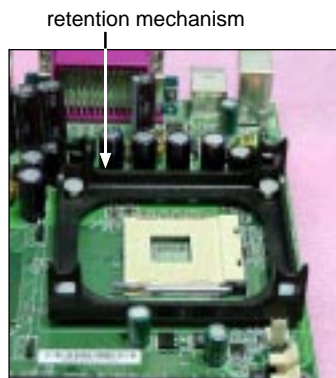
**WARNING!**

*Overheating will seriously damage the CPU and system, always make sure the cooling fan can work properly to protect the CPU from overheating.*

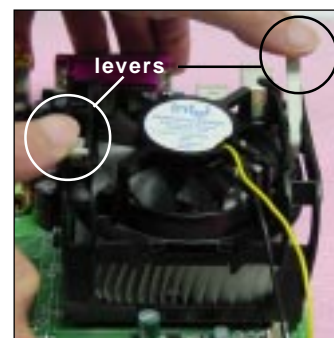
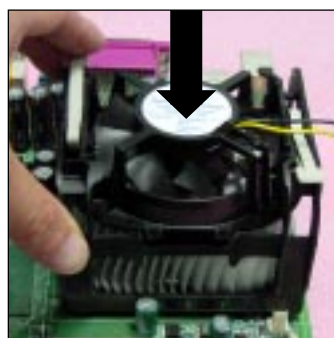
### **Installing the CPU Fan**

As processor technology pushes to faster speeds and higher performance, thermal management becomes increasingly important. To dissipate heat, you need to attach the CPU cooling fan and heatsink on top of the CPU. Follow the instructions below to install the Heatsink/Fan:

- 1.** Locate the CPU and its retention mechanism on the motherboard.
- 2.** Position the heatsink onto the retention mechanism.

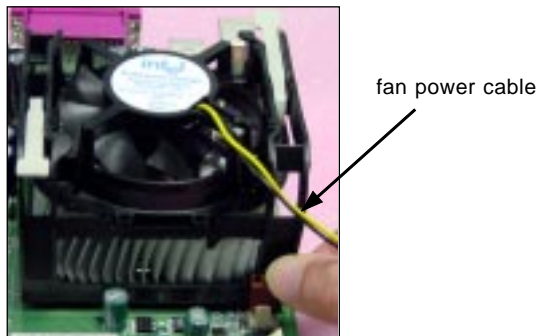


- 3.** Mount the fan on top of the heatsink. Press down the fan until its four clips get wedged in the holes of the retention mechanism.
- 4.** Press the two levers down to fasten the fan. Each lever can be pressed down in only ONE direction.



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5. Connect the fan power cable from the mounted fan to the 3-pin fan power connector on the board.



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### CPU Core Speed Derivation Procedure

**If** CPU Clock = 100MHz  
Core/Bus ratio = 14  
**then** CPU core speed = Host Clock x Core/Bus ratio  
= 100MHz x 14  
= 1.4GHz



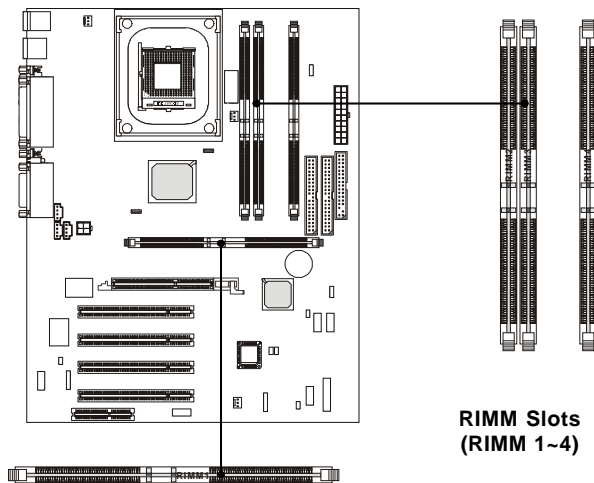
#### ***Overclocking***

*This motherboard is designed to support overclocking. However, please make sure your components are able to tolerate such abnormal setting, while doing overclocking. Any attempt to operate beyond product specifications is not recommended. We do not guarantee the damages or risks caused by inadequate operation or beyond product specifications.*




## Memory Installation

The mainboard provides 4 gold-lead sockets for 184-pin RIMM modules. To operate properly, at least two RIMM modules must be installed. The mainboard supports the memory size up to 2 GB.



### Memory Population Rules

- Support RIMM only.
- To operate properly, make sure that the RIMM banks are using the same type and equal size density memory.
- Support FSB 100MHz: PC600/PC800 RIMM.  
 *Note: PC700 will run at PC600 specification.*
- Support up to 32 Direct Rambus Device.
- Support ECC Single bit Correction and Multiple bit error detection (Setting in BIOS).
- Install two RIMM modules either on “RIMM 1 and RIMM 2” or on “RIMM3 and RIMM4” slots.



#### **About RIMM Module**


RIMM module is a module integrated with RDRAM chips. It is similar to a DIMM package but uses different pin settings. Rambus trademarked the term RIMM as an entire word for a module using Rambus technology.

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### Installing RIMM Modules

You can install two or four RIMM modules in the following combination:

| DIMM Socket                   | Memory Module                      | Total Memory |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Socket 1<br>(Bank 0 & Bank 1) | 32MB, 64MB, 128MB,<br>256MB, 512MB | 32MB ~ 512MB |
| Socket 2<br>(Bank 2 & Bank 3) | 32MB, 64MB, 128MB,<br>256MB, 512MB | 32MB ~ 512MB |
| Socket 3<br>(Bank 4 & Bank 5) | 32MB, 64MB, 128MB,<br>256MB, 512MB | 32MB ~ 512MB |
| Socket 4<br>(Bank 6 & Bank 7) | 32MB, 64MB, 128MB,<br>256MB, 512MB | 32MB ~ 512MB |
| <b>Total System Memory</b>    |                                    | 64MB ~ 2GB   |

 **Note:** If only two RIMM slots are populated, you must install C-RIMM (Continuity RIMM) modules on the other unused RIMM slots. A C-RIMM module is a dummy module for continuing the signal connection.



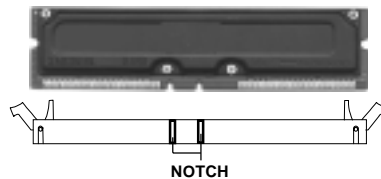
**C-RIMM Module**

**1.** The RIMM slot has 2 Notch Keys, so the RIMM memory module can only fit in one orientation.



**RIMM Module**

**2.** Insert the RIMM memory module vertically into the RIMM slot. Then push it in.



**3.** The plastic clips at sides of the RIMM slot will automatically close.

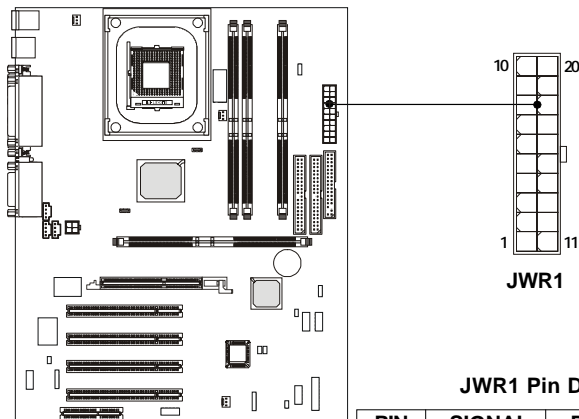
**4.** If you won't insert any RIMM modules on the other two RIMM slots, you must install C-RIMM modules on the empty slots.

## Power Supply

The mainboard supports ATX power supply for the power system. Before inserting the power supply connector, always make sure that all components are installed properly to ensure that no damage will be caused.

### ATX 20-Pin Power Connector: JWR1

This connector allows you to connect to an ATX power supply. To connect to the ATX power supply, make sure the plugs of the power supply is inserted in the proper orientation and the pins are aligned. Then push down the power supply firmly into the connector. The power connector supports **instant power on** function which means that system will boot up immediately when the power supply connector is inserted on the board.



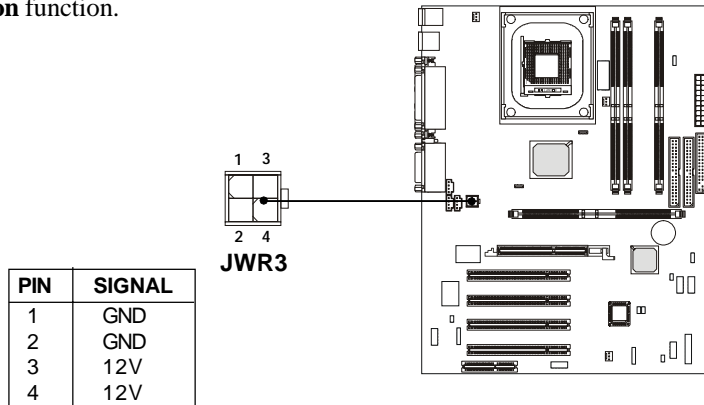
JWR1 Pin Definition

| PIN | SIGNAL | PIN | SIGNAL |
|-----|--------|-----|--------|
| 1   | 3.3V   | 11  | 3.3V   |
| 2   | 3.3V   | 12  | -12V   |
| 3   | GND    | 13  | GND    |
| 4   | 5V     | 14  | PS_ON  |
| 5   | GND    | 15  | GND    |
| 6   | 5V     | 16  | GND    |
| 7   | GND    | 17  | GND    |
| 8   | PW_OK  | 18  | -5V    |
| 9   | 5V_SB  | 19  | 5V     |
| 10  | 12V    | 20  | 5V     |

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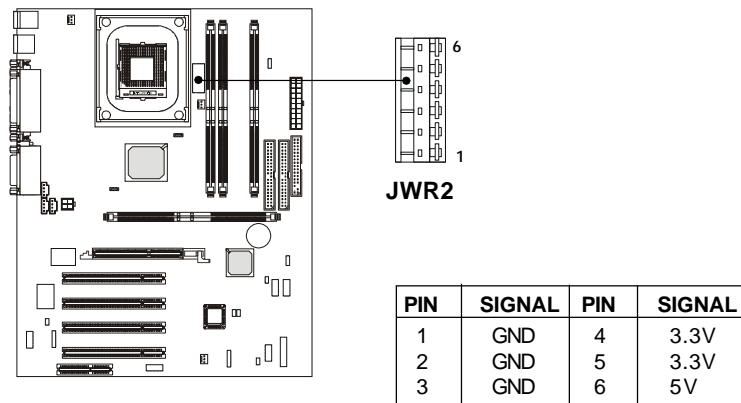
### ATX 12V Power Connector: JWR3

Attaching the ATX power supply to the connector help offer sufficient voltage to Pentium 4 CPU. This power connector also supports **instant power on** function.



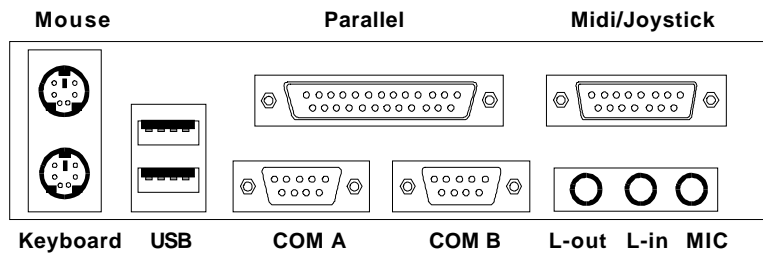
### ATX 5V/3V Power Connector: JWR2

The mainboard provides an extra 5V/3V power connector for you to connect to the ATX power supply.



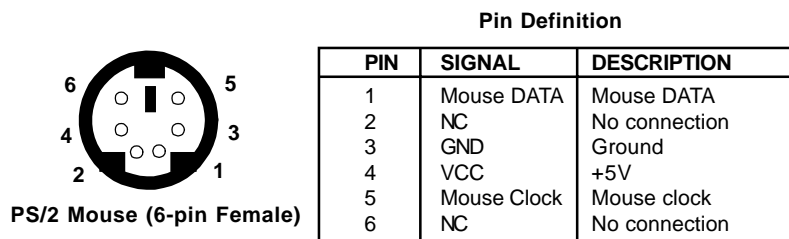
## Back Panel

The Back Panel provides the following connectors:



### Mouse Connector: JKBMS1

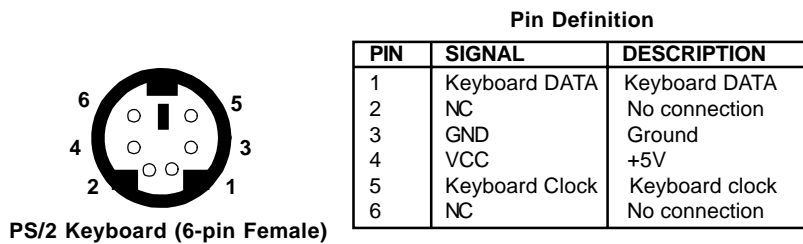
The mainboard provides a standard PS/2<sup>®</sup> mouse mini DIN connector for attaching a PS/2<sup>®</sup> mouse. You can plug a PS/2<sup>®</sup> mouse directly into this connector. The connector location and pin assignments are as follows:



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### Keyboard Connector: JKBMS1

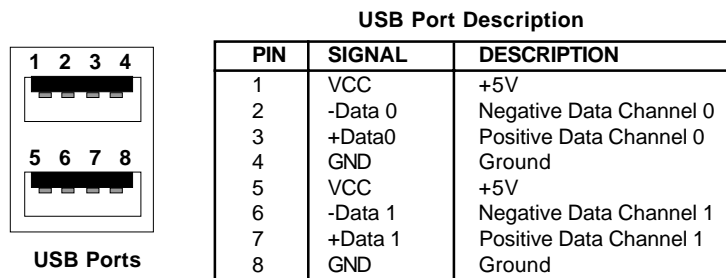
The mainboard provides a standard PS/2<sup>®</sup> keyboard mini DIN connector for attaching a PS/2<sup>®</sup> keyboard. You can plug a PS/2<sup>®</sup> keyboard directly into this connector.



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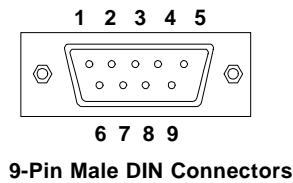
### USB Connectors

The mainboard provides a UHCI (Universal Host Controller Interface) Universal Serial Bus root for attaching USB devices such as keyboard, mouse or other USB-compatible devices. You can plug the USB device directly into this connector.



### Serial Port Connector: COM A & COM B

The mainboard offers two 9-pin male DIN connectors for serial port COM A and COM B. The ports are 16550A high speed communication ports that send/receive 16 bytes FIFOs. You can attach a serial mouse or other serial devices directly to them.



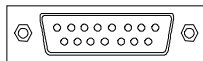
Pin Definition

| PIN | SIGNAL | DESCRIPTION                 |
|-----|--------|-----------------------------|
| 1   | DCD    | Data Carry Detect           |
| 2   | SIN    | Serial In or Receive Data   |
| 3   | SOUT   | Serial Out or Transmit Data |
| 4   | DTR    | Data Terminal Ready)        |
| 5   | GND    | Ground                      |
| 6   | DSR    | Data Set Ready              |
| 7   | RTS    | Request To Send             |
| 8   | CTS    | Clear To Send               |
| 9   | RI     | Ring Indicate               |

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### Joystick/Midi Connectors

You can connect a joystick or game pad to this connector.



### Audio Port Connectors

**Line Out** is a connector for Speakers or Headphones. **Line In** is used for external CD player, Tape player, or other audio devices. **Mic** is a connector for microphones.

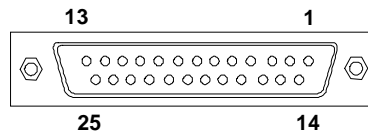


*Note: Details on the application of 6-channel audio can be acquired by installing the CM18738 Audio Driver on the CD-ROM (enclosed in the product package).*

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### Parallel Port Connector: LPT1

The mainboard provides a 25-pin female centronic connector for LPT. A parallel port is a standard printer port that supports Enhanced Parallel Port (EPP) and Extended Capabilities Parallel Port (ECP) mode.



#### Pin Definition

| PIN | SIGNAL    | DESCRIPTION        |
|-----|-----------|--------------------|
| 1   | STROBE    | Strobe             |
| 2   | DATA0     | Data0              |
| 3   | DATA1     | Data1              |
| 4   | DATA2     | Data2              |
| 5   | DATA3     | Data3              |
| 6   | DATA4     | Data4              |
| 7   | DATA5     | Data5              |
| 8   | DATA6     | Data6              |
| 9   | DATA7     | Data7              |
| 10  | ACK#      | Acknowledge        |
| 11  | BUSY      | Busy               |
| 12  | PE        | Paper End          |
| 13  | SELECT    | Select             |
| 14  | AUTOFEED# | Automatic Feed     |
| 15  | ERR#      | Error              |
| 16  | INIT#     | Initialize Printer |
| 17  | SLIN#     | Select In          |
| 18  | GND       | Ground             |
| 19  | GND       | Ground             |
| 20  | GND       | Ground             |
| 21  | GND       | Ground             |
| 22  | GND       | Ground             |
| 23  | GND       | Ground             |
| 24  | GND       | Ground             |
| 25  | GND       | Ground             |



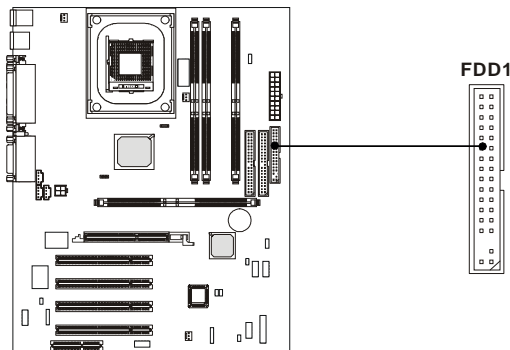
## Connectors

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The mainboard provides connectors to connect to FDD, IDE HDD, case, modem, LAN, USB Ports, IR module and CPU/System FAN.

### Floppy Disk Drive Connector: FDD1

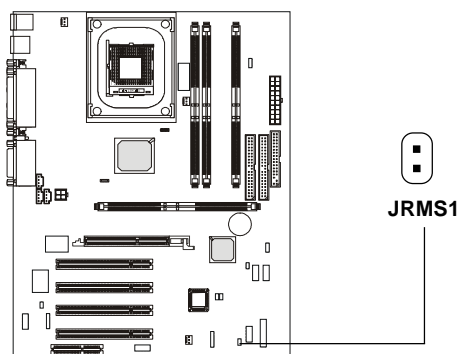
The mainboard provides a standard floppy disk drive connector that supports 360K, 720K, 1.2M, 1.44M and 2.88M floppy disk types.



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### Remote Power On/Off Switch Connector: JRMS1

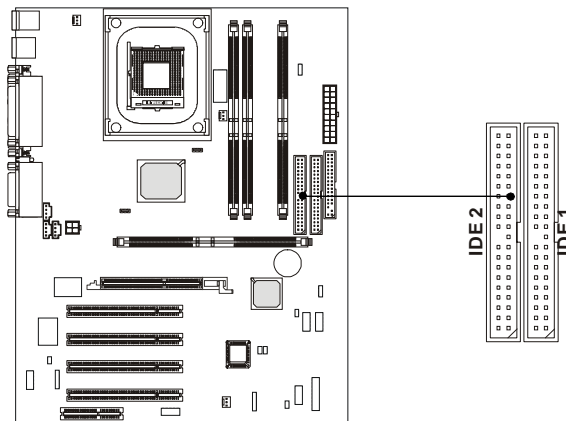
Connect to a 2-pin push button switch. When OFF, pressing the button can turn the system on. When ON, pressing the button once will make the system enter the sleep/suspend state. If the button is pressed for more than four seconds, the system will be turned off. To change the setup, go to the BIOS Power Management Setup.



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### Hard Disk Connectors: IDE1 & IDE2

The mainboard has a 32-bit Enhanced PCI IDE and Ultra DMA 33/66/100 controller that provides PIO mode 0~4, Bus Master, and Ultra DMA/33/66/100 function. You can connect up to four hard disk drives, CD-ROM, 120MB Floppy (reserved for future BIOS) and other devices. These connectors support the provided IDE hard disk cable.



#### **IDE1** (Primary IDE Connector)

The first hard drive should always be connected to IDE1. IDE1 can connect a Master and a Slave drive. You must configure second hard drive to Slave mode by setting the jumper accordingly.

#### **IDE2** (Secondary IDE Connector)

IDE2 can also connect a Master and a Slave drive.

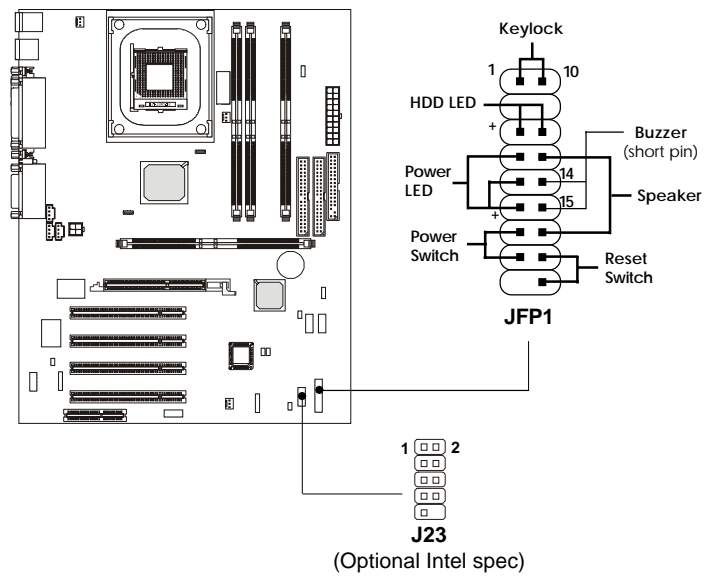


#### **TIP:**

*If you install two hard disks on cable, you must configure the second drive to Slave mode by setting its jumper. Refer to the hard disk documentation supplied by hard disk vendors for jumper setting instructions.*


### Front Panel Connector: JFP1 or J23 (Optional Intel spec)

This connector is for electrical connection to the front panel switches and LEDs.



J23 Pin Definition

| PIN | SIGNAL     | DESCRIPTION                                 |
|-----|------------|---|
| 1   | HD_LED_P   | Hard disk LED pull-up                       |
| 2   | FP_PWR/SLP | MSG LED pull-up                             |
| 3   | HD_LED_N   | Hard disk active LED                        |
| 4   | FP_PWR/SLP | MSG LED pull-up                             |
| 5   | RST_SW_1   | Reset Switch 1                              |
| 6   | PWR_SW_P   | Power Switch high reference pull-up         |
| 7   | RST_SW_2   | Reset Switch 2                              |
| 8   | PWR_SW_N   | Power Switch low reference pull-down to GND |
| 9   | RSVD_DNU   | Reserved. Do not use.                       |

 *Note: The RST\_SW\_1 and RST\_SW\_2 signals should be connected to the Reset Switch independently from other signals (HDD, PWR, GND,...) on the J23 Front Panel Connector.*

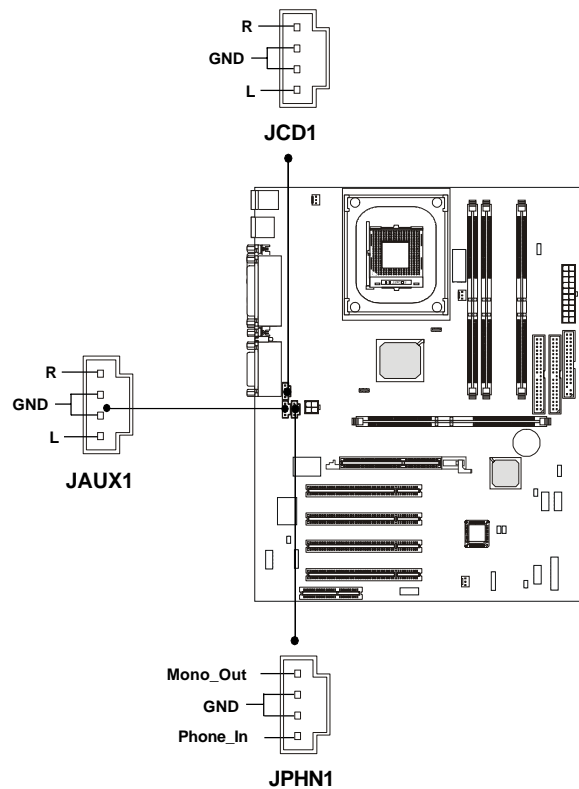
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### CD-In/Aux-In/Modem-In Connector: JCD1/JAUX1/JPHN1

JCD1 connector is for CD-ROM audio connector.

JAUX1 connector is for DVD add-on card with Line-in connector.

JPHN1 connector is for modem with internal audio connector.



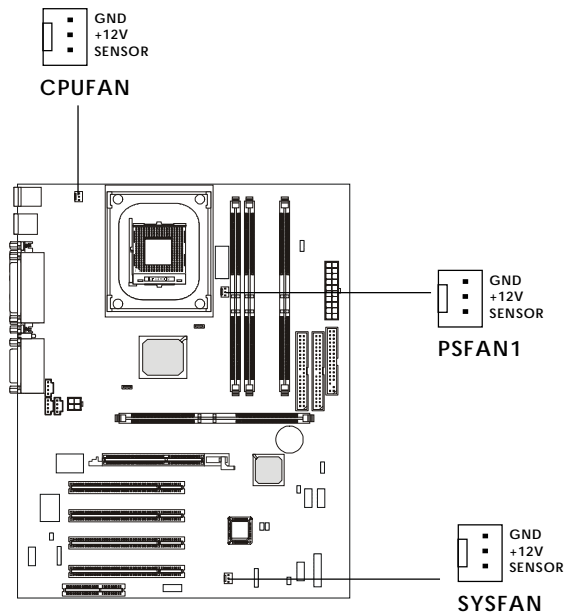
**Note:**

*Mono\_Out is connected to the Modem speaker-out connector.*

*Phone\_In is connected to the Modem Microphone-In connector.*

### Fan Power Connectors: CPUFAN/SYSFAN/PSFAN

The CPUFAN (processor fan), SYSFAN (system fan) and PSFAN1 (power supply fan) support system cooling fan with +12V. It supports three-pin head connector. When connecting the wire to the connectors, always take note that the red wire is the positive and should be connected to the +12V, the black wire is Ground and should be connected to GND. If the mainboard has a System Hardware Monitor chipset on-board, you must use a specially designed fan with speed sensor to take advantage of the CPU fan control.



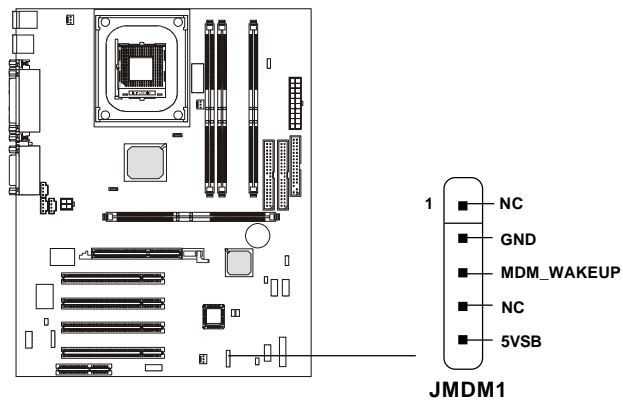
**Note:**


1. Always consult the vendor for proper CPU cooling fan.
2. CPU Fan supports the fan control. You can install the PC Alert utility that will automatically control the CPU Fan speed according to the actual CPU temperature.

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### Wake On Ring Connector: JMDM1

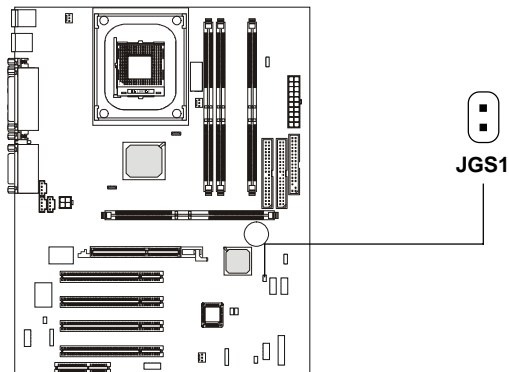
This connector allows you to connect to a modem card with Wake On Ring function. The connector will power up the system when a signal is received through the modem card.



 **Note:** Modem wake-up signal is active “low”.

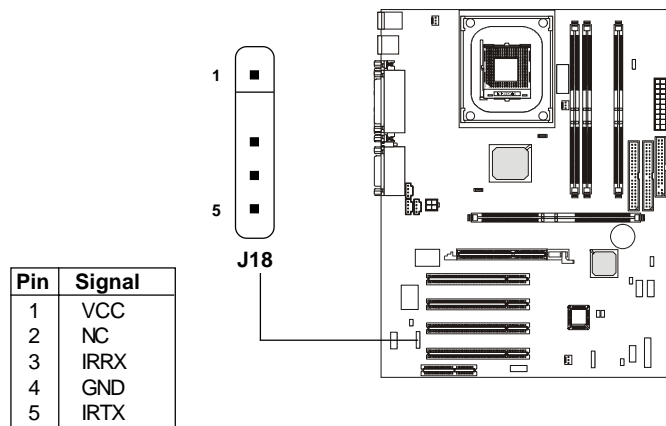
### Power Saving Switch Connector: JGS1

Attach a power saving switch to this connector. Pressing the switch once will have the system enter the sleep/suspend state. Press any key to wake up the system.



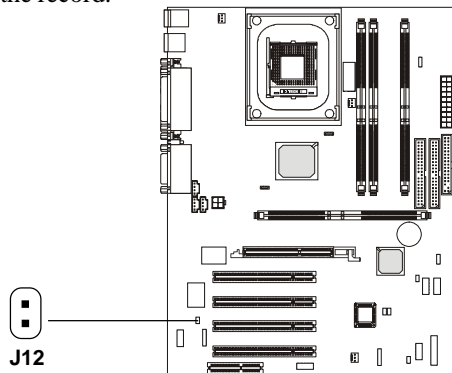
### **IrDA Infrared Module Connector: J18**

This connector allows you to connect to an IrDA Infrared module. You must configure the setting through the BIOS setup to use the IR function.



### **Chassis Intrusion Switch Connector: J12**

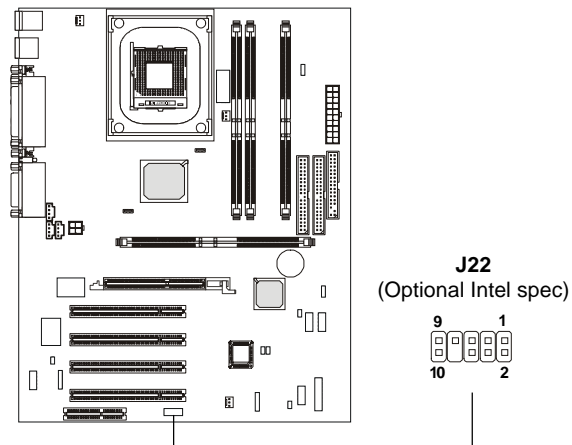
The connector is connected to a 2-pin chassis switch. If the chassis is opened, the switch will be short. The system will record this status and show a warning message on the screen. To clear the warning, you must enter the BIOS utility and clear the record.



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### Front Panel Audio Connector: J22 (Optional Intel spec)

This connector allows you to connect to the front panel audio.



#### Pin Definition

| PIN | SIGNAL       | DESCRIPTION  |
|-----|--------------|--|
| 1   | AUD_MIC      | Front panel microphone input signal                    |
| 2   | AUD_GND      | Ground used by analog audio circuits                   |
| 3   | AUD_MIC_BIAS | Microphone power                                       |
| 4   | AUD_VCC      | Filtered +5V used by analog audio circuits             |
| 5   | AUD_FPOUT_R  | Right channel audio signal to front panel              |
| 6   | AUD_RET_R    | Right channel audio signal return from front panel     |
| 7   | HP_ON        | Reserved for future use to control headphone amplifier |
| 8   | KEY          | No pin   |
| 9   | AUD_FPOUT_L  | Left channel audio signal to front panel               |
| 10  | AUD_RET_L    | Left channel audio signal return from front panel      |



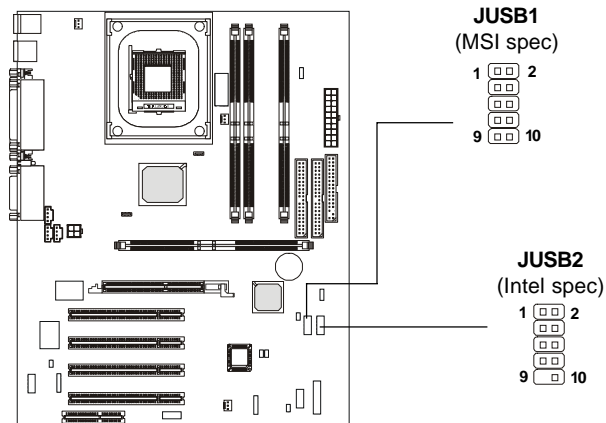
### Front USB Connectors: JUSB1 & JUSB2

Depending on users' request, the mainboard can provide ONE or TWO USB (Universal Serial Bus) pin headers that allow you to connect optional USB ports for front panel.

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JUSB1: MSI spec

JUSB2: Intel spec/compliant with Intel® I/O Connectivity Design Guide



JUSB1 Pin Definition

| Pin | Description | Pin | Description |
|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|
| 1   | VCC         | 2   | GND         |
| 3   | USB0-       | 4   | GND         |
| 5   | USB0+       | 6   | USB1+       |
| 7   | GND         | 8   | USB1-       |
| 9   | GND         | 10  | VCC         |

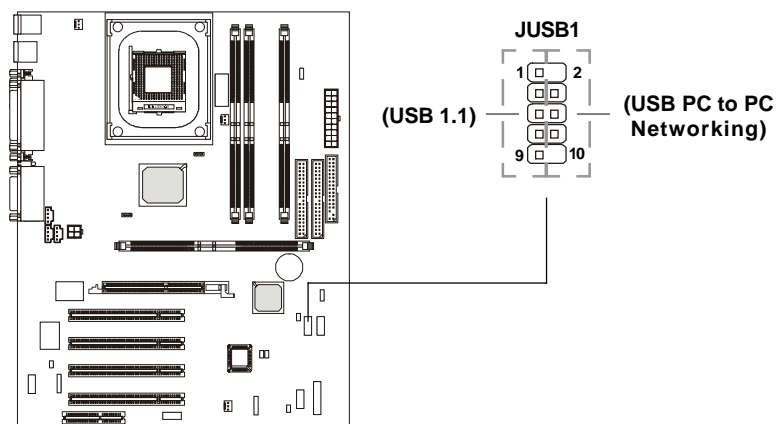
JUSB2 Pin Definition

| Pin | Description | Pin | Description |
|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|
| 1   | VCC         | 2   | VCC         |
| 3   | USB0-       | 4   | USB1-       |
| 5   | USB0+       | 6   | USB1+       |
| 7   | GND         | 8   | GND         |
| 9   | NC          | 10  | OC0         |

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### Option 2


JUSB1: USB PC to PC networking function



JUSB1 Pin Definition

| Pin | Description | Pin | Description |
|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|
| 1   | VCC         | 2   | NC          |
| 3   | USB0-       | 4   | GND         |
| 5   | USB0+       | 6   | USB1+       |
| 7   | GND         | 8   | USB1-       |
| 9   | GND         | 10  | NC          |

## Hardware Setup

 **Note:** USB PC to PC Networking feature allows users to transfer and receive data from other computers or share system resources with others without using any network adapter. See below for instructions.

### To Attach the USB PC to PC cable

1. Check whether the package includes the following items. If any is missing, contact your dealer.

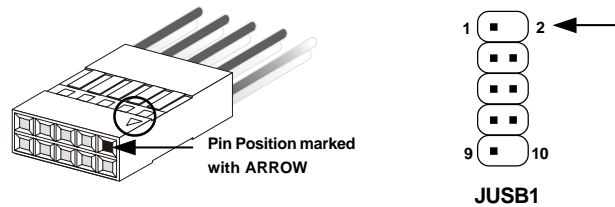


USB PC to PC Bracket

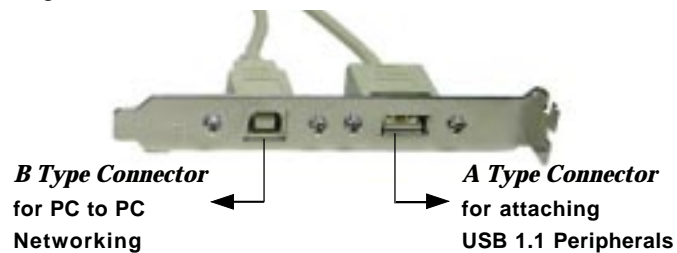


USB PC to PC Cable

2. Connect the USB Bracket's cable to the JUSB1 pin header on the mainboard. Locate the pin position marked with the ARROW on the connector of USB Bracket and Pin# 2 of JUSB1. Then align the marked pin position with Pin# 2 to attach the USB Bracket.

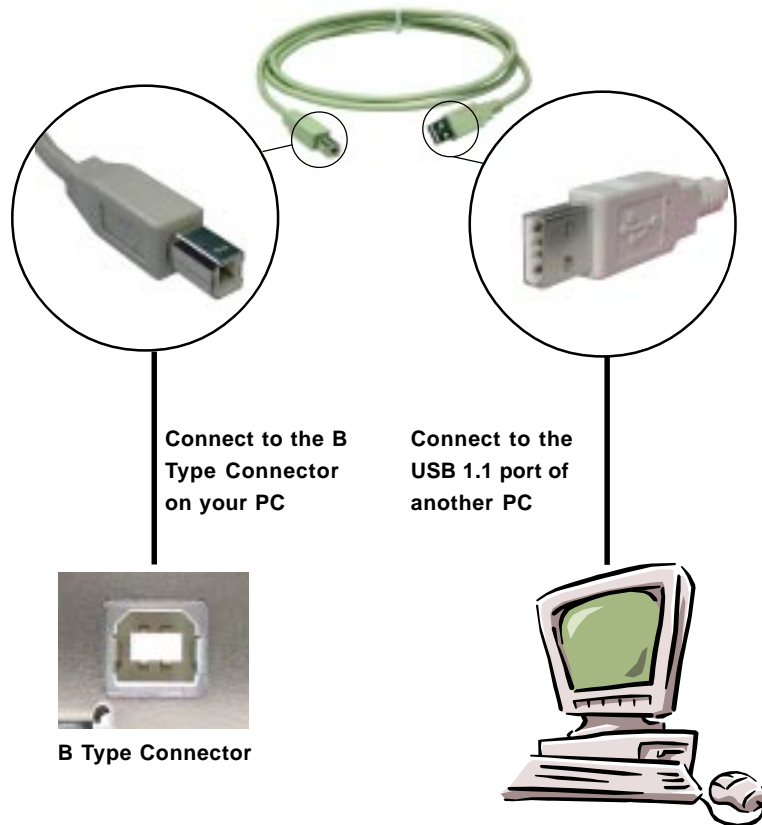


3. Identify the **B Type Connector** on the bracket used for PC to PC Networking function.



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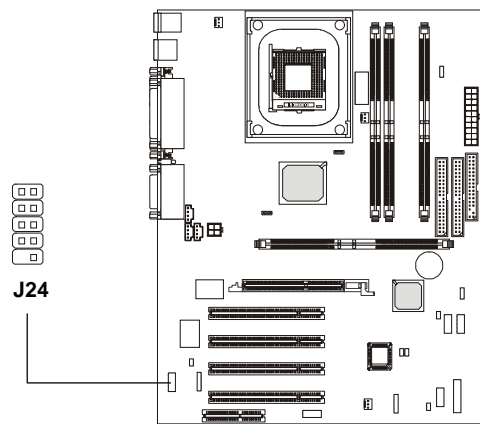
4. Connect your PC to another PC via USB PC to PC cable. The transfer rate will run at USB 1.1 speed (12Mbps/s).



*For more information on USB PC to PC Networking function, refer to Appendix A: USB PC to PC Networking Function.*

**D-Bracket™ Connector: J24**

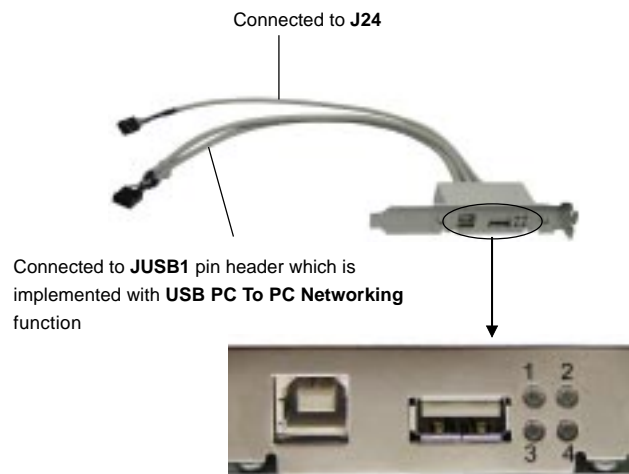
The mainboard comes with a J24 connector for you to connect to D-Bracket™. D-Bracket™ is a USB Bracket integrating four LEDs whose functions are similar to D-LED™ and allows users to identify system problem through 16 various combinations of LED signals. For definitions of 16 signal combinations, please refer to Chapter 1. *D-LED™ & D-Bracket™*.



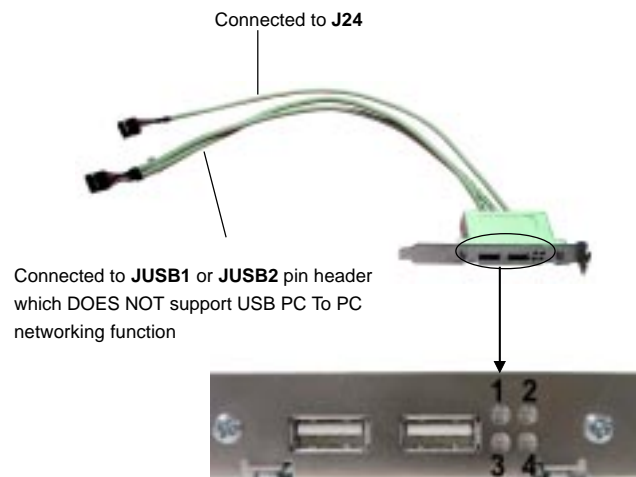
There are two types of D-Bracket™: one supports USB PC to PC Networking function, and the other doesn't (see photos on the next page). You can purchase the one you need from your dealer.

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### ● D-Bracket™ with one USB PC to PC port and one regular USB port



### ● D-Bracket™ with two regular USB ports

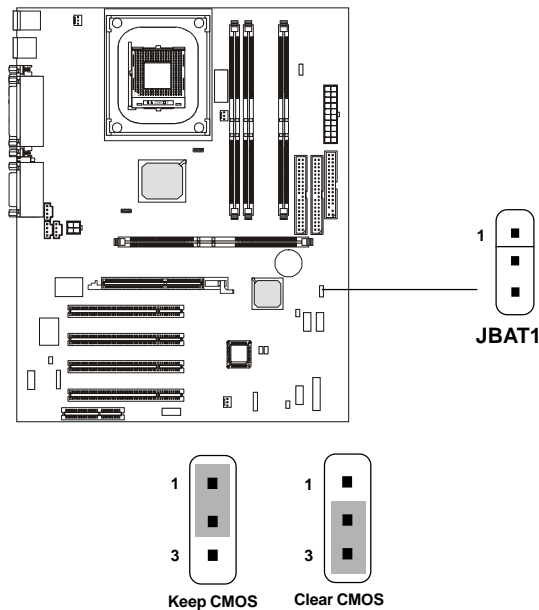



## Jumpers

The motherboard provides one jumper for you to set the computer's function. This section will explain how to change your motherboard's function through the use of the jumper.

### Clear CMOS Jumper: JBAT1

There is a CMOS RAM on board that has a power supply from external battery to keep the data of system configuration. With the CMOS RAM, the system can automatically boot OS every time it is turned on. That battery has long life time for at least 5 years. If you want to clear the system configuration, use the JBAT1 (Clear CMOS Jumper ) to clear data. Follow the instructions below to clear the data:

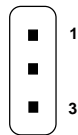
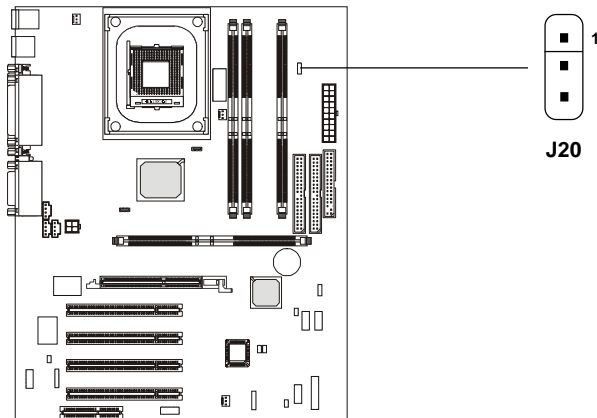


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|  | <p><i>You can clear CMOS by shorting 2-3 pin while the system is off. Then return to 1-2 pin position. Avoid clearing the CMOS while the system is on; it will damage the mainboard.</i></p> |
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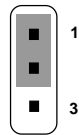
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### RDRAM Over Voltage Jumper: J20

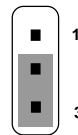
The jumper is used to set the RDRAM voltage for overclocking purpose.



Normal  
(2.5V)



Over Voltage  
(2.58V)



Over Voltage  
(2.68V)



#### WARNING!

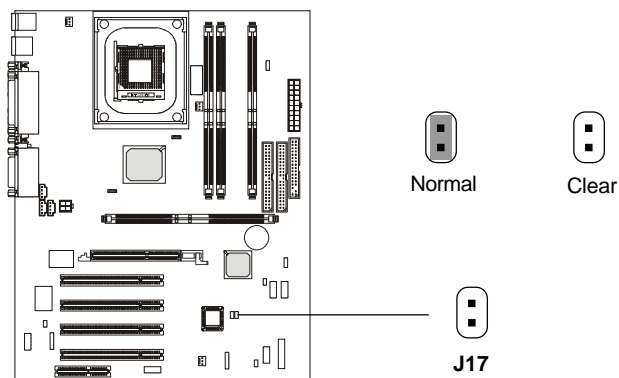
#### **Over Voltage**

*This motherboard is designed to support over voltage. However, please make sure your components are able to tolerate such abnormal setting, while doing over voltage. Any attempt to operate beyond product specifications is not recommended. **We do not guarantee the damages or risks caused by inadequate operation or beyond product specifications.** Avoid setting J20 while the system is on. It will damage the RDRAM.*



### **Clear BIOS Password Jumper: J17**

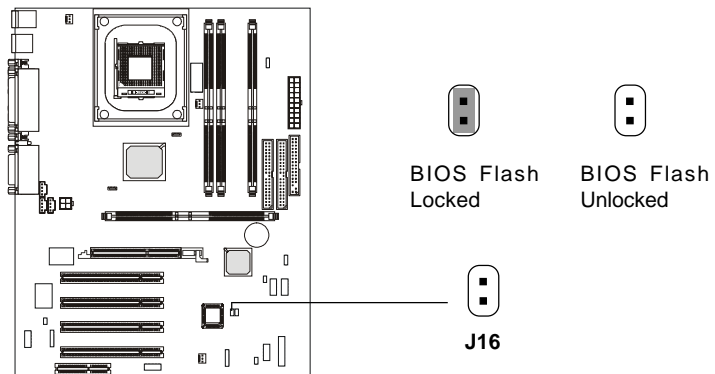
The jumper is used to clear the BIOS password. To clear the password, open the jumper and restart your computer.



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### **BIOS Flash Jumper: J16**

This jumper is used to lock or unlock the boot block area on BIOS. When unlocked, the BIOS boot block area can be updated. When locked, the BIOS boot block area cannot be updated.

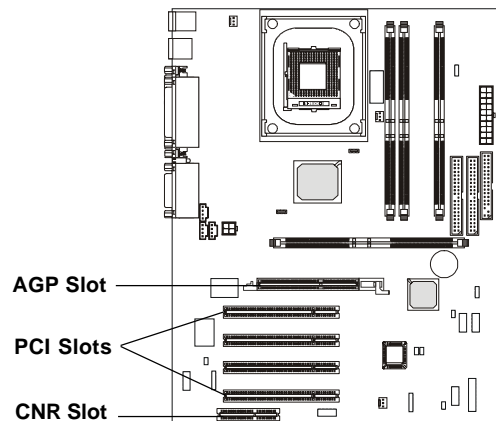


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### Slots

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The motherboard provides four 32-bit Master PCI Bus Slots, one AGP and one CNR slot.



#### **AGP (Accelerated Graphics Port) Slot**

The AGP slot allows you to insert the AGP graphics card only. AGP is an interface specification designed for the throughput demands of 3D graphics. It introduces a 66MHz, 32-bit channel for the graphics controller to directly access main memory. The slot only supports **1.5V 4x** AGP card.

#### **PCI Slots**

Four PCI slots allow you to insert the expansion cards to meet your needs. When adding or removing expansion cards, make sure that you unplug the power supply first. Meanwhile, read the documentation for the expansion card to make any necessary hardware or software settings for the expansion card, such as jumpers, switches or BIOS configuration.

#### **CNR (Communication Network Riser) Slot**

The CNR slot allows you to insert the CNR expansion cards. CNR is a specially designed network, audio, or modem riser card for ATX family motherboards. Its main processing is done through software and controlled by the motherboard's chipset.

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### **PCI Interrupt Request Routing**

The IRQ, abbreviation of interrupt request line and pronounced I-R-Q, are hardware lines over which devices can send interrupt signals to the microprocessor. The PCI IRQ pins are typically connected to the PCI bus as follows:

|            | Order 1 | Order 2 | Order 3 | Order 4 |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| PCI Slot 1 | INT C#  | INT F#  | INT G#  | INT A#  |
| PCI Slot 2 | INT F#  | INT G#  | INT A#  | INT C#  |
| PCI Slot 3 | INT G#  | INT A#  | INT C#  | INT F#  |
| PCI Slot 4 | INT A#  | INT C#  | INT F#  | INT G#  |

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**AWARD® BIOS Setup****3**

The mainboard uses AWARD® BIOS ROM that provides a Setup utility for users to modify the basic system configuration. The information is stored in a battery-backed CMOS RAM so it retains the Setup information when the power is turned off.

This chapter provides you with the overview of the BIOS Setup program. It contains the following topics:

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## Entering Setup

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

Press DEL to enter SETUP

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

## Control Keys

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|         |   |
|---------|---|
| <↑>     | Move to the previous item   |
| <↓>     | Move to the next item   |
| <←>     | Move to the item in the left hand   |
| <→>     | Move to the item in the right hand  |
| <Enter> | Select the item   |
| <Esc>   | Jumps to the Exit menu or returns to the main menu from a submenu                         |
| <+/PU>  | Increase the numeric value or make changes  |
| <-/PD>  | Decrease the numeric value or make changes  |
| <F1>    | General help, only for Status Page Setup Menu and Option Page Setup Menu                  |
| <F5>    | Restore the previous CMOS value from CMOS, only for Option Page Setup Menu                |
| <F6>    | Load the default CMOS value from Fail-Safe default table, only for Option Page Setup Menu |
| <F7>    | Load Optimized defaults   |
| <F10>   | Save all the CMOS changes and exit  |

## Getting Help

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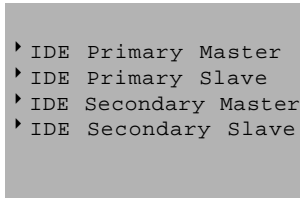
After entering the Setup menu, the first menu you will see is the Main Menu.

### Main Menu

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

### Sub-Menu

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



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▶ IDE Primary Master
▶ IDE Primary Slave
▶ IDE Secondary Master
▶ IDE Secondary Slave
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### General Help <F1>

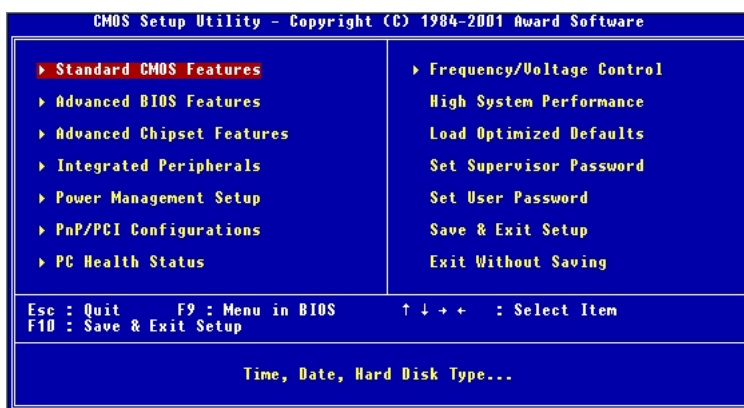
The BIOS setup program provides a General Help screen. You can call up this screen from any menu by simply pressing <F1>. The Help screen lists the appropriate keys to use and the possible selections for the highlighted item. Press <Esc> to exit the Help screen.

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### The Main Menu

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Once you enter Award® BIOS CMOS Setup Utility, the Main Menu (Figure 1) will appear on the screen. The Main Menu allows you to select from twelve setup functions and two exit choices. Use arrow keys to select among the items and press <Enter> to accept or enter the sub-menu.



#### Standard CMOS Features

Use this Menu for basic system configurations.

#### Advanced BIOS Features

Use this menu to set the Advanced Features available on your system.

#### Advanced Chipset Features

Use this menu to change the values in the chipset registers and optimize your system's performance.

#### Integrated Peripherals

Use this menu to specify your settings for integrated peripherals.

#### Power Management Setup

Use this menu to specify your settings for power management.

#### PnP/PCI Configurations

This entry appears if your system supports PnP/PCI.

**PC Health Status**

This entry shows your PC health status.

**Frequency/Voltage Control**

Use this menu to specify your settings for frequency/voltage control.

**High System Performance**

Use this menu to load the BIOS values for the best system performance, but the system stability may be affected.

**Load Optimized Defaults**

Use this menu to load factory default settings into the BIOS for optimal and stable system operations.

**Supervisor/User Password**

Use this menu to set User and Supervisor Passwords.

**Save & Exit Setup**

Save CMOS value changes to CMOS and exit setup.

**Exit Without Saving**

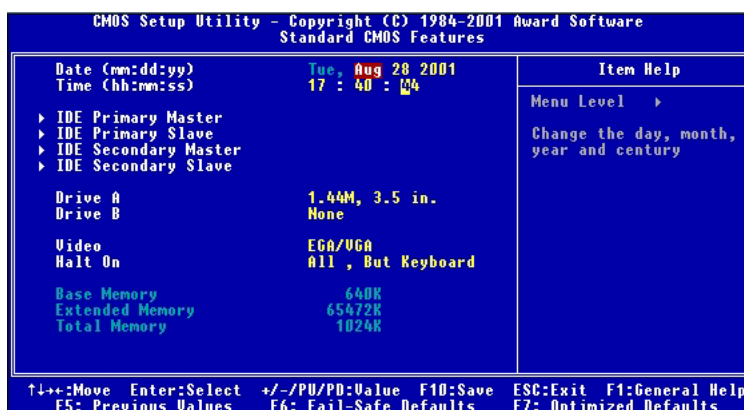
Abandon all CMOS value changes and exit setup.



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### Standard CMOS Features

The items in Standard CMOS Features Menu are divided into 10 categories. Each category includes no, one or more than one setup items. Use the arrow keys to highlight the item and then use the <PgUp> or <PgDn> keys to select the value you want in each item.



#### Date

The date format is <day><month> <date> <year>.

**day** Day of the week, from Sun to Sat, determined by BIOS. Read-only.

**month** The month from Jan. through Dec.

**date** The date from 1 to 31 can be keyed by numeric function keys.

**year** The year, depends on the year of the BIOS

#### Time

The time format is <hour> <minute> <second>.

#### IDE Primary/Secondary Master/Slave

Press PgUp/<+> or PgDn/<-> to select Manual, None, Auto type. Note that the specifications of your drive must match with the drive table. The hard disk will not work properly if you enter improper information for this category. If your hard disk drive type is not matched or listed, you can use Manual to define your own drive type manually.

If you select Manual, related information is asked to be entered to the follow-

ing items. Enter the information directly from the keyboard. This information should be provided in the documentation from your hard disk vendor or the system manufacturer.

If the controller of HDD interface is SCSI, the selection shall be "None".

If the controller of HDD interface is CD-ROM, the selection shall be "None".

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>Access Mode</b>  | The settings are CHS, LBA, Large, Auto.   |
| <b>Capacity</b>     | The formatted size of the storage device. |
| <b>Cylinder</b>     | Number of cylinders.                      |
| <b>Head</b>         | Number of heads.                          |
| <b>Precomp</b>      | Write precompensation.                    |
| <b>Landing Zone</b> | Cylinder location of the landing zone.    |
| <b>Sector</b>       | Number of sectors.                        |

#### **Drive A/B**

This item allows you to set the type of floppy drives installed. Available options are *None*, *360K, 5.25 in.*, *1.2M, 5.25 in.*, *720K, 3.5 in.*, *1.44M, 3.5 in.*, *2.88M, 3.5 in.*

#### **Video**

The setting controls the type of video adapter used for the primary monitor of the system. Available options are *EGA/VGA*, *CGA 40*, *CGA 80* and *Mono*.

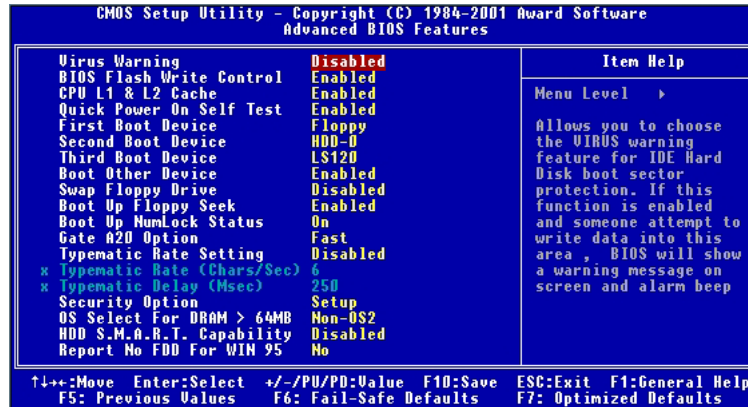
#### **Halt On**

The setting determines whether the system will stop if an error is detected at boot. Available options are:

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <i>All Errors</i>        | The system stops when any error is detected.                   |
| <i>No Errors</i>         | The system doesn't stop for any detected error.                |
| <i>All, But Keyboard</i> | The system doesn't stop for a keyboard error.                  |
| <i>All, But Diskette</i> | The system doesn't stop for a disk error.                      |
| <i>All, But Disk/Key</i> | The system doesn't stop for either a disk or a keyboard error. |

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### Advanced BIOS Features



#### Virus Warning

The setting is to set the virus warning feature for IDE hard disk boot sector protection. If the function is enabled and any attempt to write data into this area is made, BIOS will display a warning message on the screen and beep. Setting options: *Disabled, Enabled.*

#### BIOS Flash Write Control

This function protects the BIOS from accidental corruption by unauthorized users or computer viruses. When disabled, the BIOS' data cannot be changed when attempting to update the BIOS with a Flash utility. To successfully update the BIOS, you'll need to enable this BIOS Flash Write Control function. Setting options: *Disabled, Enabled.*

#### CPU L1 & L2 Cache

Cache memory is additional memory that is much faster than conventional DRAM (system memory). When the CPU requests data, the system transfers the requested data from the main DRAM into cache memory, for even faster access by the CPU. This setting enables/disables the internal cache (also known as L1 or level 1 cache) and external cache (also known as L2 or level 2 cache). Setting options: *Disabled, Enabled.*

#### Quick Power On Self Test

The option speeds up Power On Self Test (POST) after you power on the

computer. When setting the item to *Enabled*, BIOS will shorten or skip some check items during POST. Setting options: *Enabled, Disabled*.

**First/Second/Third Boot Device**

The items allow you to set the sequence of boot devices where BIOS attempts to load the disk operating system. The settings are:

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| <i>Floppy</i>   | The system will boot from floppy drive.      |
| <i>LS120</i>    | The system will boot from LS-120 drive.      |
| <i>HDD-0</i>    | The system will boot from the first HDD.     |
| <i>SCSI</i>     | The system will boot from the SCSI.          |
| <i>CDROM</i>    | The system will boot from the CD-ROM.        |
| <i>HDD-1</i>    | The system will boot from the second HDD.    |
| <i>HDD-2</i>    | The system will boot from the third HDD.     |
| <i>HDD-3</i>    | The system will boot from the fourth HDD.    |
| <i>ZIP100</i>   | The system will boot from ATAPI ZIP drive.   |
| <i>LAN</i>      | The system will boot from the Network drive. |
| <i>Disabled</i> | Disable this sequence.                       |

**Boot Other Device**

Setting the option to *Enabled* allows the system to try to boot from other device if the system fails to boot from the First/Second/Third boot device.

**Swap Floppy Drive**

Setting to *Enabled* will swap floppy drives A: and B:.

**Boot Up Floppy Seek**

Setting to *Enabled* will make BIOS seek floppy drive A: before booting the system. Settings: *Disabled* and *Enabled*.

**Boot Up NumLock Status**

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

**Gate A20 Option**

This item is to set the Gate A20 status. A20 refers to the first 64KB of extended memory. When the default value *Fast* is selected, the Gate A20 is controlled by Port92 or chipset specific method resulting in faster system performance. When

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*Normal* is selected, A20 is controlled by a keyboard controller or chipset hardware.

#### **Typematic Rate Setting**

This setting is used to enable or disable the typematic rate setting including Typematic Rate & Typematic Delay.

#### **Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec)**

After *Typematic Rate Setting* is enabled, this item allows you to set the rate (characters/second) at which the keys are accelerated. Settings: 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24 and 30.

#### **Typematic Delay (Msec)**

This item allows you to select the delay between when the key was first pressed and when the acceleration begins. Settings: 250, 500, 750 and 1000.

#### **Security Option**

This specifies the type of BIOS password protection that is implemented. Settings are described below:

| Option        | Description  |
|---------------|--|
| <i>Setup</i>  | The password prompt appears only when end users try to run Setup.  |
| <i>System</i> | A password prompt appears every time when the computer is powered on or when end users try to run Setup. |

#### **OS Select For DRAM > 64MB**

This allows you to run the OS/2<sup>®</sup> operating system with DRAM greater than 64MB. Setting options: *Non-OS2*, *OS2*.

#### **HDDS.M.A.R.T. Capability**

This allows you to activate the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring Analysis & Reporting Technology) capability for the hard disks. S.M.A.R.T is a utility that monitors your disk status to predict hard disk failure. This gives you an opportunity to move data from a hard disk that is going to fail to a safe place before the hard disk becomes offline. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

**Report No FDD For WIN 95**

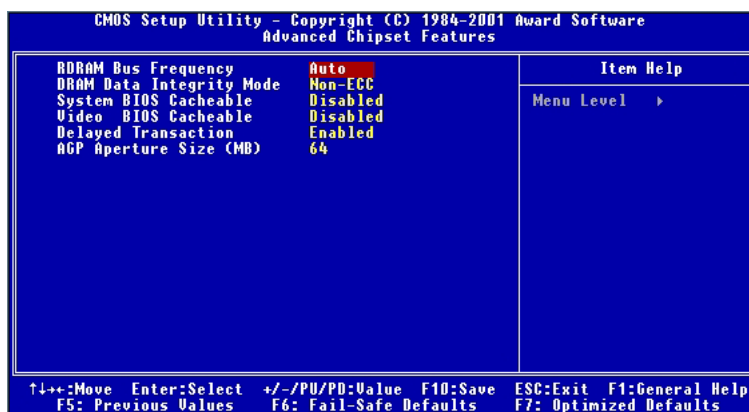
For compatibility with Windows 95 logo certification, select *Yes* to release IRQ6 when the system contains no floppy drive. When this setting is set to *Yes*, users have to select *Disabled* for the *Onboard FDC Controller* in the *Integrated Peripherals* menu. Setting options: *Yes, No*.


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### Advanced Chipset Features

The Advanced Chipset Features Setup option is used to change the values of the chipset registers. These registers control most of the system options in the computer.

Choose the “ADVANCED CHIPSET FEATURES” from the Main Menu and the following screen will appear.



 *Note: Change these settings only if you are familiar with the chipset.*

#### RDRAM Bus Frequency

This setting allows you to set the bus frequency for installed RDRAM. Setting options: *Auto, 400 MHz, 300 MHz.*

#### DRAM Data Integrity Mode

Select *ECC* (Error-Checking & Correcting Code) or *Non-ECC* according to the type of DRAM installed.

#### System BIOS Cacheable

Selecting *Enabled* allows caching of the system BIOS ROM at F0000h-FFFFFh, resulting in better system performance. However, if any program writes to this memory area, a system error may result. Setting options: *Enabled, Disabled.*

#### Video BIOS Cacheable

Selecting *Enabled* allows caching of the video BIOS ROM at C0000h to C7FFFh, resulting in better video performance. However, if any program writes to this

memory area, a system error may result. Setting options: *Enabled, Disabled*.

**Delayed Transaction**

The chipset has an embedded 32-bit posted write buffer to support delayed transactions cycles so that transactions to and from the ISA bus are buffered and PCI bus can perform other transactions while the ISA transaction is underway. Select *Enabled* to support compliance with PCI specification version 2.1. Setting options: *Enabled, Disabled*.

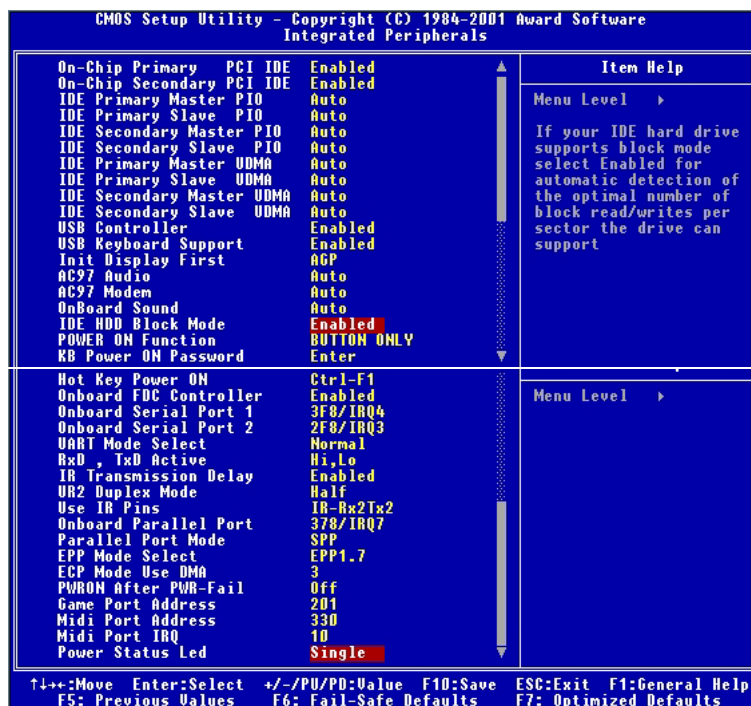
**AGP Aperture Size (MB)**

This setting controls just how much system RAM can be allocated to AGP for video purposes. The aperture is a portion of the PCI memory address range dedicated to graphics memory address space. Host cycles that hit the aperture range are forwarded to the AGP without any translation. The option allows the selection of an aperture size of *4MB, 8MB, 16MB, 32MB, 64MB, 128MB, and 256MB*.



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### Integrated Peripherals



#### On-Chip Primary/Secondary PCI IDE

The integrated peripheral controller contains an IDE interface with support for two IDE channels. Choose *Enabled* to activate each channel separately.

#### IDE Primary/Secondary Master/Slave PIO

The four items allow you to set a PIO (Programmed Input/Output) mode for each of the four IDE devices that the onboard IDE interface supports. *Modes 0~4* provide increased performance. In *Auto* mode, BIOS automatically determines the best mode for each IDE device.

#### IDE Primary/Secondary Master/Slave UDMA

Ultra DMA implementation is possible only if your IDE device supports it and your operating environment contains a DMA driver. If both your hard drive and software support Ultra DMA 33/66/100, select *Auto* to enable BIOS support.

**USB Controller**

Select *Enabled* if your system contains a Universal Serial Bus (USB) controller and you have USB peripherals. Setting options: *Enabled, Disabled*.

**USB Keyboard Support**

Set to *Enabled* if you need to use a USB keyboard in the operating system that does not support or have any USB driver installed, such as DOS and SCO Unix.

**Init Display First**

This item specifies which VGA card is your primary graphics adapter. Settings: *PCI Slot* and *AGP*.

**AC'97 Audio**

*Auto* allows the mainboard to detect whether an audio device is used. If the device is detected, the onboard AC'97 (Audio Codec'97) controller will be enabled; if not, it is disabled. Disable the controller if you want to use other controller cards to connect an audio device. Settings: *Auto, Disabled*.

**AC'97 Modem**

*Auto* allows the mainboard to detect whether a modem is used. If a modem is used, the onboard MC'97 (Modem Codec'97) controller will be enabled; if not, it is disabled. Disable the controller if you want to use other controller cards to connect to a modem. Settings: *Auto, Disabled*.

**Onboard Sound**

*Auto* allows the mainboard to detect whether an audio device is used. If the device is detected, the onboard audio controller will be enabled; if not, it is disabled. Disable the controller if you want to use other controller cards to connect an audio device. Settings: *Auto, Disabled*.

**IDE HDD Block Mode**

This allows your hard disk controller to use the fast block mode to transfer data to and from the hard disk drive. Block mode is also called block transfer, multiple commands or multiple sector read/write. *Enabled* enables IDE controller to use block mode; *Disabled* allows the controller to use standard mode.

**POWER ON Function**

This controls which part on the PS/2 mouse or keyboard can power on the

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system. Settings: *Password, Hot KEY, Mouse Left, Mouse Right, BUTTON ONLY* and *Keyboard 98*.

#### **KB Power ON Password**

If *POWER ON Function* is set to *Password*, then you can set a password in the field for the PS/2 keyboard to power on the system.

#### **Hot Key Power ON**

If *POWER ON Function* is set to *Hot KEY*, you can assign a hot key combination in the field for the PS/2 keyboard to power on the system. Settings: *Ctrl-F1* through *Ctrl-F12*.

#### **Onboard FDC Controller**

The item is used to enable or disable the onboard Floppy controller. Select *Enabled* when you have installed a floppy disk drive and want to use it.

#### **Onboard Serial Port 1/2**

The items specify the base I/O port address and IRQ for the onboard Serial Port A/Serial Port B. Selecting *Auto* allows BIOS to automatically determine the correct base I/O port address. Settings: *Disabled, 3F8/IRQ4, 2F8/IRQ3, 3E8/IRQ4, 2E8/IRQ3* and *Auto*.

#### **UART Mode Select**

The field allows you to specify the operation mode for serial port "COM B". Settings are:

*Normal*: RS-232C Serial Port

*IrDA*: IrDA-compliant Serial Infrared Port

*ASKIR*: Amplitude Shift Keyed Infrared Port

#### **RxD, TxD Active**

This setting controls the receiving and transmitting speed of the IR peripheral in use. Setting options: *Hi/Hi, Hi/Lo, Lo/Hi, Lo/Lo*.

#### **IR Transmission Delay**

This setting determines whether the IR transmission rate will be delayed while converting to receiving mode. Setting options: *Disabled, Enabled*.

#### **UR2 Duplex Mode**

This setting controls the operating mode of IR transmission/reception. Setting

options: *Full, Half*. Under Full Duplex mode, synchronous, bi-directional transmission/reception is allowed. Under Half Duplex mode, only asynchronous, bi-directional transmission/reception is allowed.

**Use IR Pins**

Please consult your IR peripheral documentation to select the correct setting of the TxD and RxD signals. Setting options: *RxD2/TxD2, IR-Rx2Tx2*.

**Onboard Parallel Port**

This specifies the I/O port address and IRQ of the onboard parallel port. Settings: *378/IRQ7, 278/IRQ5, 3BC/IRQ7* and *Disabled*.

**Parallel Port Mode**

- SPP : Standard Parallel Port
  - EPP : Enhanced Parallel Port
  - ECP : Extended Capability Port
  - ECP + EPP: Extended Capability Port + Enhanced Parallel Port
- SPP/EPP/ECP/ECP+EPP*

To operate the onboard parallel port as Standard Parallel Port only, choose "SPP." To operate the onboard parallel port in the EPP mode simultaneously, choose "EPP." By choosing "ECP", the onboard parallel port will operate in ECP mode only. Choosing "ECP + EPP" will allow the onboard parallel port to support both the ECP and EPP modes simultaneously.

**EPP Mode Select**

The onboard parallel port is EPP Spec. compliant, so after the user chooses the onboard parallel port with the EPP function, the following message will be displayed on the screen: "EPP Mode Select." At this time either EPP 1.7 spec or EPP 1.9 spec can be chosen.

**ECP Mode Use DMA**

The ECP mode has to use the DMA channel, so choose the onboard parallel port with the ECP feature. After selecting it, the following message will appear: "ECP Mode Use DMA." At this time, the user can choose between DMA channel 3 or 1.

**PWRON After PWR-Fail**

This setting specifies whether your system will reboot after a power failure or

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interrupts occurs. Available settings are:

- Off*               Leaves the computer in the power off state.
- On*                 Reboots the computer.
- Former-Sts*      Restores the system to the status before power failure or interrupt occurs.

#### **Game Port Address/Midi Port Address**

This setting disables or assigns an address for the onboard game/midi port.

#### **Midi Port IRQ**

This setting specifies an IRQ for the onboard midi port.

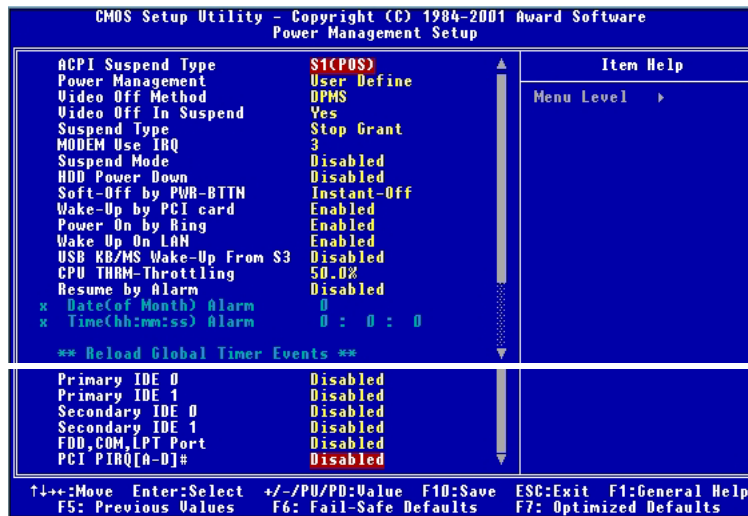
#### **Power Status LED**

This item sets how the system uses Power LED on the case to indicate the suspend/sleep state. Settings are:

- Single*            The Power LED blinks to indicate the suspend/sleep state.
- Dual*             The Power LED changes its color to indicate the suspend/sleep state.

## Power Management Setup

The Power Management Setup allows you to configure your system to most effectively save energy while operating in a manner consistent with your own style of computer use.



### ACPI Suspend Type

This item specifies the power saving modes for ACPI function. Options are:

- S1/POS* The S1 sleep mode is a low power state. In this state, no system context (CPU or chipset) is lost and hardware maintains all system context.
- S3/STR* The S3 sleep mode is a power-down state in which power is supplied only to essential components such as main memory and wake-capable devices and all system context is saved to main memory. The information stored in memory will be used to restore the PC to the previous state when an “wake up” event occurs.

### Power Management

This item is used to select the degree (or type) of power saving and is related

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to these modes: Suspend Mode and HDD Power Down. There are three options for power management:

- Min Saving* Minimum Power Management. Suspend Mode = 1 Hour, and HDD Power Down = 15 Min.
- Max Saving* Maximum Power Management. Suspend Mode = 1 Min, and HDD Power Down = 1 Min.
- User Define* Allows end users to configure each mode separately.

#### Video Off Method

This determines the manner in which the monitor is blanked.

- V/H SYNC+Blank* This selection will cause the system to turn off the vertical and horizontal synchronization ports and write blanks to the video buffer.
- Blank Screen* This option only writes blanks to the video buffer.
- DPMS* Initial display power management signaling.

#### Video Off In Suspend

This setting determines whether the monitor will be turned off during suspend mode. Setting options: *Yes, No*.

#### Suspend Type

This setting allows you to select the type of Suspend mode. Setting options: *Stop Grant* (saves the state of the entire system to disk and then powers off the system), *PwrOn Suspend* (the CPU and core system remain powered on in a very low-power mode).

#### Modem Use IRQ

Name the interrupt request (IRQ) line assigned to the modem (if any) on your system. Activity of the selected IRQ always awakens the system. Settings are *3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11* and *NA*.

#### Suspend Mode

After the selected period of system inactivity, all devices except the CPU shut off. Settings are *Disabled, 1 Min, 2 Min, 4 Min, 8 Min, 12 Min, 20 Min, 30 Min, 40 Min* and *1 Hour*.

### **HDD Power Down**

If HDD activity is not detected for the length of time specified in this field, the hard disk drive will be powered down while all other devices remain active. Settings are *Disabled* and *1 through 15 Min.*

### **Soft-Off by PWR-BTTN**

This feature allows users to configure the power button function. Settings are:

- Instant-Off*      The power button functions as a normal power-on/-off button.
- Delay 4 Sec.*      When you press the power button, the computer enters the suspend/sleep mode, but if the button is pressed for more than four seconds, the computer is turned off.

### **Wake Up by PCI Card, Power On by Ring, Wake Up On LAN, USB KB/MS Wake-Up From S3**

These fields specify whether the system will be awakened from power saving modes when activity or input signal of the specified hardware peripheral or component is detected.



*Note: To use the function of “Power On by Ring” and “Wake Up On LAN”, you need to install a modem/LAN card supporting power on function.*

### **CPUTHRM-Throttling**

The item allows you to specify the CPU speed (at percentage) to which it will slow down when the CPU reaches the predetermined overheat temperature. Settings range from 12.5% to 87.5% at 12.5% increment.

### **Resume by Alarm**

The field is used to enable or disable the feature of booting up the system on a scheduled time/date.

#### **Date (of Month) Alarm**

The field specifies the date for Resume by Alarm. Settings: 0~31.

#### **Time (hh:mm:ss) Alarm**

The field specifies the time for *Resume by Alarm*. Format is <hour> <minute><second>.



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#### **Reload Global Timer Events: Primary IDE 0/1, Secondary IDE 0/1, FDD/ COM/LPT Port, PCIPIRQ[A-D]#**

Global Timer Events are I/O events whose occurrence can prevent the system from entering a power saving mode or can awaken the system from such a mode. In effect, the system remains alert for anything which occurs to a device that is configured as *Enabled*, even when the system is in a power down mode.

## PNP/PCI Configurations

This section describes configuring the PCI bus system. PCI, or **Personal Computer Interconnect**, is a system which allows I/O devices to operate at speeds nearing the speed the CPU itself uses when communicating with its own special components. This section covers some very technical items and it is strongly recommended that only experienced users should make any changes to the default settings.



### Reset Configuration Data

Normally, you leave this field Disabled. Select Enabled to reset Extended System Configuration Data (ESCD) when you exit Setup if you have installed a new add-on and the system reconfiguration has caused such a serious conflict that the operating system can not boot. The settings are: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

### Resource Controlled By

The Award Plug and Play BIOS has the capacity to automatically configure all of the boot and Plug and Play compatible devices. However, this capability means absolutely nothing unless you are using a Plug and Play operating system such as Windows 95/98. If you set this field to “manual” choose specific resources by going into each of the sub menu that follows this field (a sub menu is preceded by a “>”). The settings are: *Auto (ESCD)*, *Manual*.

### IRQ Resources

The items are adjustable only when *Resources Controlled By* is set to *Manual*.

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Press <Enter> and you will enter the sub-menu of the items. IRQ Resources list IRQ 3/4/5/7/9/10/11/12/14/15 for users to set each IRQ a type depending on the type of device using the IRQ. Settings are:

- PCI Device* For Plug & Play compatible devices designed for PCI bus architecture.
- Reserved* The IRQ will be reserved for further request.

#### PCI/VGA Palette Snoop

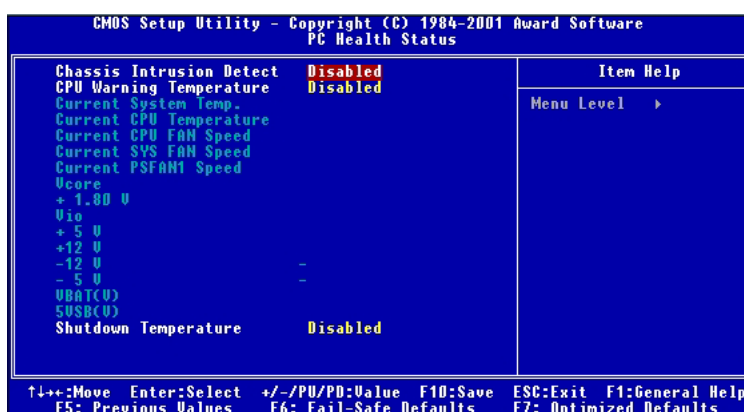
When set to *Enabled*, multiple VGA devices operating on different buses can handle data from the CPU on each set of palette registers on every video device. Bit 5 of the command register in the PCI device configuration space is the VGA Palette Snoop bit (0 is disabled). For example, if there are two VGA devices in the computer (one PCI and one ISA) and the:

| VGA Palette Snoop Bit Setting | Action   |
|-------------------------------|--|
| <i>Disabled</i>               | Data read or written by the CPU is only directed to the PCI VGA device's palette registers.  |
| <i>Enabled</i>                | Data read or written by the CPU is directed to both the PCI VGA device's palette registers and the ISA VGA device's palette registers, permitting the palette registers of both VGA devices to be identical. |

The setting must be set to *Enabled* if any ISA bus adapter in the system requires VGA palette snooping.

## PC Health Status

This section shows the status of your CPU, fan, warning for overall system status.



### Chassis Intrusion Detect

Set this option to enable, reset, or disable the chassis intrusion detector. During *Enabled*, any intrusion on the system chassis will be recorded. The next time you turn on the system, it will show a warning message. To be able to clear those warnings, choose *Reset*. After clearing the message it will go back to *Enabled*.

### CPU Warning Temperature

If the CPU temperature reaches the upper limit preset in this setting, the warning mechanism will be activated. This helps you to prevent the CPU overheat problem.

### Current System/CPU Temperature, Current CPU/SYS/PS FAN Speed, Vcore, +1.80V, Vio, +5V, +12V, -12V, -5V, VBAT(V), 5VSB(V)

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

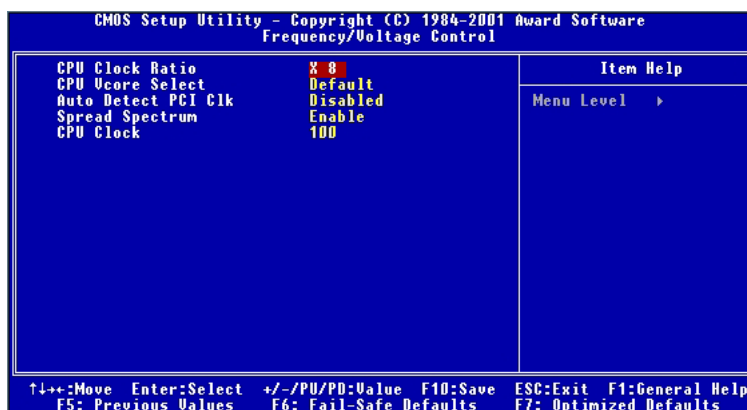
### Shutdown Temperature

The setting allows ACPI-aware OS to automatically shutdown if the system temperature reaches a thermal level preset in the field. This can prevent the system components from being damaged due to overheat.

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### Frequency/Voltage Control

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#### CPU Clock Ratio

This setting controls the multiplier that is used to determine the internal clock speed of the processor relative to the external or motherboard clock speed.

#### CPU Vcore Select

This setting allows you to set the CPU core voltage. Setting options: *Default*, *+25mV*, *+50mV*, *+75mV*, *+100mV*.

#### Auto Detect PCI Clk

To reduce the occurrence of electromagnetic interference (EMI), the BIOS detects the presence or absence of components in PCI slots and turns off system clock generator pulses to empty slots. The settings are: *Enabled*, *Disabled*.

#### Spread Spectrum

When the motherboard's clock generator pulses, the extreme values (spikes) of the pulses creates EMI (Electromagnetic Interference). The Spread Spectrum function reduces the EMI generated by modulating the pulses so that the spikes of the pulses are reduced to flatter curves. If you do not have any EMI problem, leave the setting at *Disabled* for optimal system stability and performance. But if you are plagued by EMI, setting to *Enabled* for EMI reduction. Remember to disable Spread Spectrum if you are overclocking because even a slight jitter can introduce a temporary boost in clockspeed of

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25MHz (with a 1GHz CPU) which may just cause your overclocked processor to lock up.

**CPU Clock**

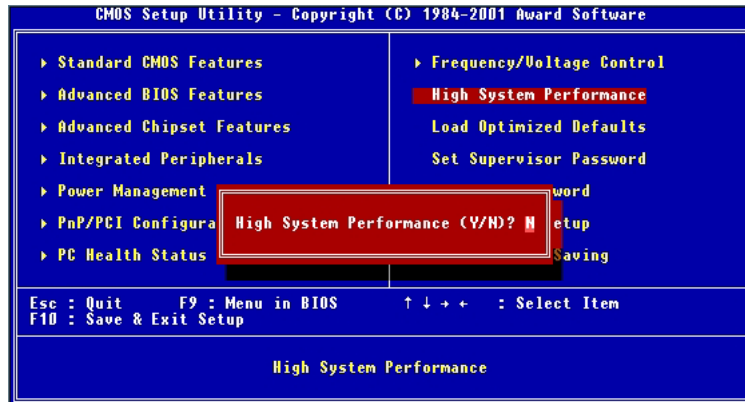
This setting specifies the clock frequency of CPU host bus (FSB) and provides a method for end-users to overclock the processor accordingly.

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### High System Performance

This option on the main menu allows users to restore all the BIOS settings to the default High Performance values. The High Performance Defaults are the default values set by the mainboard manufacturer specifically for maximal system performance but will probably cause a stability issue.

When you select High System Performance, a message as below appears:



Pressing 'Y' loads the default BIOS values that enable the best system performance (better than the Optimized Defaults) but may result in the instability of the system.



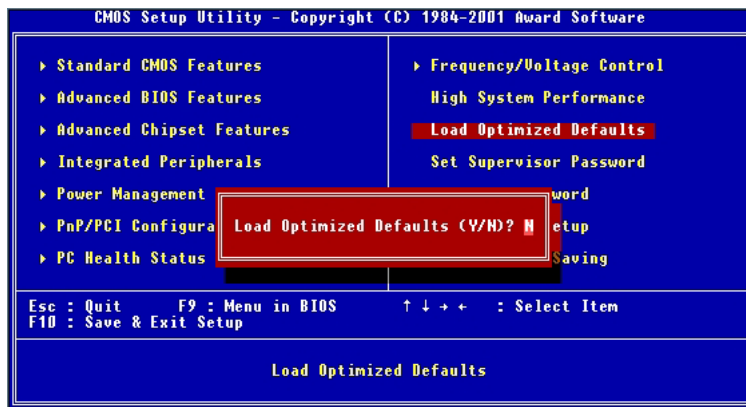
**WARNING!**

**This setting is for experienced or overclocking users only.** If the system crashes or hangs after enabling the feature, please CLEAR CMOS DATA to resolve the problem. For more information, refer to Clear CMOS Jumper in Chapter 2.

## Load Optimized Defaults

This option on the main menu allows users to restore all the BIOS settings to the default Optimized values. The Optimized Defaults are the default values also set by the mainboard manufacturer for both optimized and stable performance of the mainboard.

When you select Load Optimized Defaults, a message as below appears:



Pressing 'Y' loads the default values that are factory settings for optimal and stable system performance.

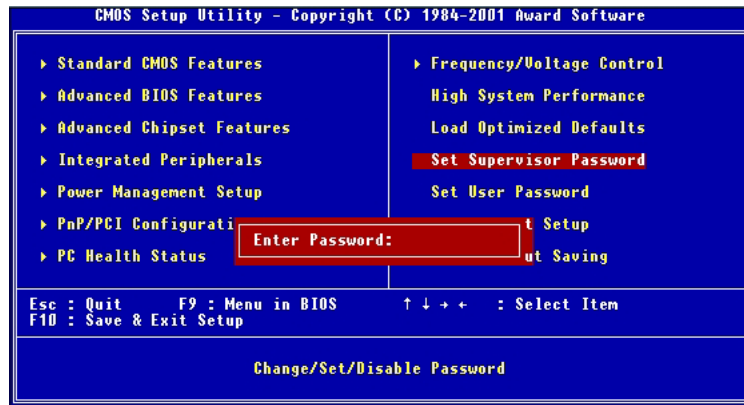


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### Set Supervisor/User Password

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When you select this function, a message as below will appear on the screen:



Type the password, up to eight characters in length, and press <Enter>. The password typed now will clear any previously set password from CMOS memory. You will be prompted to confirm the password. Re-type the password and press <Enter>. You may also press <Esc> to abort the selection and not enter a password.

To clear a set password, just press <Enter> when you are prompted to enter the password. A message will show up confirming the password will be disabled. Once the password is disabled, the system will boot and you can enter Setup without entering any password.

When a password has been set, you will be prompted to enter it every time you try to enter Setup. This prevents an unauthorized person from changing any part of your system configuration.

Additionally, when a password is enabled, you can also have BIOS to request a password each time the system is booted. This would prevent unauthorized use of your computer. The setting to determine when the password prompt is required is the Security Option of the Advanced BIOS Features menu. If the Security Option is set to *System*, the password is required both at boot and at

entry to Setup. If set to *Setup*, password prompt only occurs when trying to enter Setup.



***About Supervisor Password & User Password:***

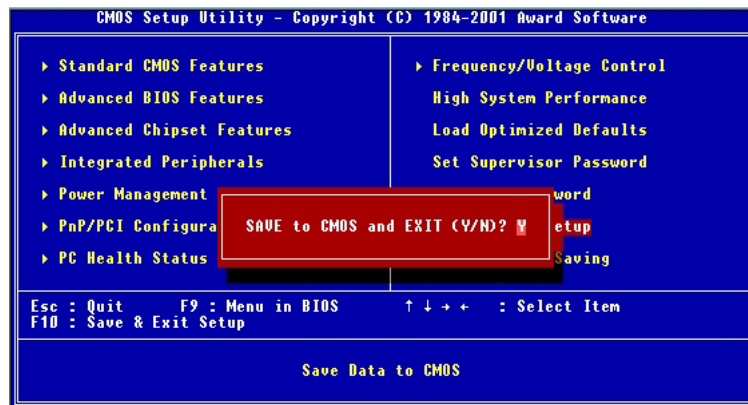
*Supervisor password :* Can enter and change the settings of the setup menus.

*User password:* Can only enter but do not have the right to change the settings of the setup menus

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## Save & Exit Setup

When you want to quit the Setup menu, you can select this option to save the changes and quit. A message as below will appear on the screen:



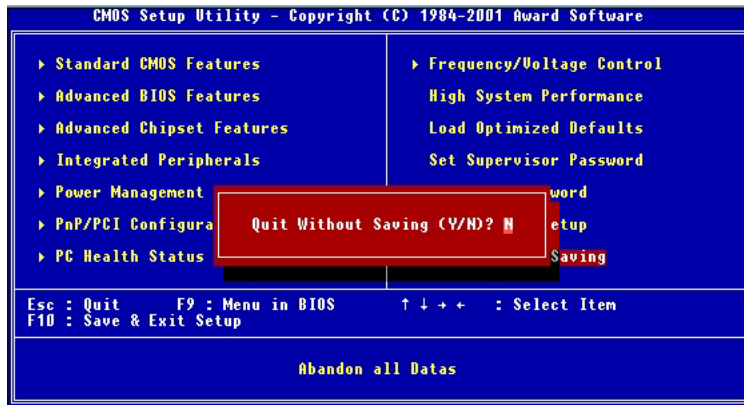
Typing “Y” will allow you to quit the Setup Utility and save the user setup changes to RTC CMOS.

Typing “N” will return to the Setup Utility.

## Exit Without Saving

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When you want to quit the Setup menu, you can select this option to abandon the changes. A message as below will appear on the screen:



Typing “Y” will allow you to quit the Setup Utility without saving any changes to RTC CMOS.

Typing “N” will return to the Setup Utility.

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# **MSI Smart Key** **A**

If security is important to you, the MSI Smart Key is the best solution to prevent your data in the computer from being accessed by unauthorized people.

In the public workspace, the passwords (BIOS password, system password, etc.) are not enough to keep your privacy. Do you believe that a hacker can easily enter your computer and monitor your confidential data? It happens everyday, everywhere; you just do not know... A password only stops them at the first gate. If this protection is broken, what else can you rely on?

The MSI Smart Key is a hardware device that provides you the complete and perfect protection on your system. Once the key is installed and setup, any unauthorized user absolutely can not access and use your computer without the key. The computer needs the key to boot up, and the operating system needs the key to work normally. Furthermore, if you have to leave your desktop for a while, you can simply unplug the key to keep your system in a safest status.

The section includes the following topics:

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| Using MSI Smart Key      | A-3 |

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# Installing MSI Smart Key

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### Installation

Simply follow the few steps below, you can install the Smart Key into your computer very easily.

1. Turn off the computer.
2. Locate the USB port on your computer.
3. Connect the cable to the USB port, and then plug the Smart Key into the connector properly.
4. Turn on the computer, and now you can implement this powerful feature.



*Note: After you have installed the Smart Key into your computer, the BIOS will detect it when the system boots up, and you have to enabled/disabled this function. Furthermore, you should install the dedicated software application in the operating system, which is provided by MSI, to obtain the overall protection on your system. The following sections will provide the detailed instructions for the BIOS setup and software installation.*

### System Requirements

Before you use the MSI Smart Key, please check the hardware, software and operating system requirements first.

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Operating System | Windows 98/ME/2000/XP                             |
| Connector        | USB port  |
| Disk Space       | At least 2 MB to install the software application |

## Using MSI Smart Key

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### BIOS Setup

When the Smart Key is inserted into your computer, the BIOS will detect it automatically. You can enable or disable the Smart Key through the BIOS setting. **Please note that it needs a personalized password to execute any kind of Smart Key setting;** so, keep the password firmly in mind. If, unfortunately, the Smart Key is lost or the password is missed, you can not enter the operating system successfully. At this time, contact your local dealer for further service.

### Enable/Disable the Smart Key

#### The first time installation

1. Insert the Smart Key into the computer and turn on the power.
2. Press <F7> during system boot up.
3. The message as below appears on the screen asking you to enable or disable the key:

```
Welcome to MSI Smart Key, please press "Y" to begin,  
press "N" to exit
```

Type <Y> to enable it; type <N> to disable it and bypass the BIOS to enter the operating system. When you type <Y>, it shows the following message:

```
Please input your password and press "Enter"  
password:
```

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4. Type the password, up to 8 characters, and press <Enter>, it will show the following message to ask you confirm the password:

```
Please input your password and press "Enter"
Confirm your password:
```

Type the password again and press <Enter>.

5. After the password is confirmed, the system will generate a set of random ID, and record this ID into the BIOS ROM and the memory chip on the key; it will show the following message when the Smart Key is enabled successfully:

```
Processing .....
You have enabled the Smart Key Successfully
```

Then, you can enter the operating system and start to work.



### Note:

1. You should firmly remember the password you set; if the Smart Key is lost, you can get a new key from MSI, and turn on the computer with the original password.
2. To avoid the password from being forgotten, we provide the table below for you to keep note in this guide. Please write down the password and keep the guide properly.

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3. After the Smart Key function is successfully configured under DOS, the system will automatically reset and enter the installed OS. Please DO NOT unplug the Smart Key until the system has entered the OS.



**Enable/disable Smart Key function**

1. Turn on the computer with the Smart Key installed.
2. Press <F7> during system boot up.
3. The message as below appears on the screen asking you to enable or disable the key:

```
If you want to disable MSI Smart Key,  
please press "Y", or press "N" to exit
```

Type <Y> to disable it; type <N> to keep the function enabled and enter the operating system. When you type <Y>, it shows the following message:

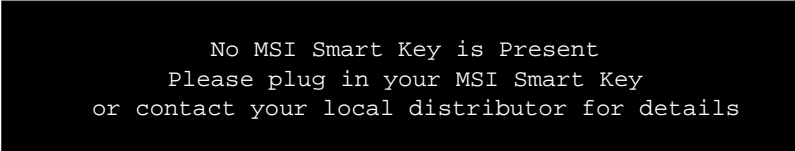
```
Processing .....  
You have disabled the Smart Key Successfully
```

Then, you can enter the operating system and start to work.

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### Boot up with no key /wrong key/new key installed

Once the MSI Smart Key is enabled, always keep the key inserted in the computer. If the key is unplugged, the other user can not access the computer. The message as below appears during the system booting up:



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No MSI Smart Key is Present
Please plug in your MSI Smart Key
or contact your local distributor for details
```

The user have to find and re-plug the original key into the computer to continue booting up the system. If the wrong key or a new key\* is inserted, it will show the message as below on the screen:



```
MSI Smart Key password is wrong

Please input your password and press "Enter"
password:
```

If the user remember the original password, typing in the password will allow the user to enter the operating system, and the system BIOS will copy the original password data into the wrong key/new key. Otherwise, the system will halt after entering the wrong password for three times.

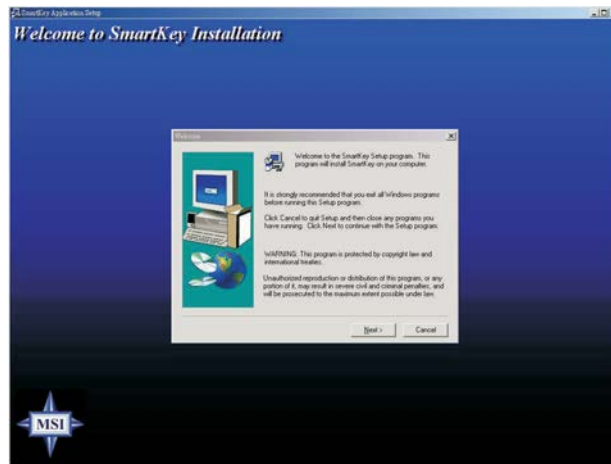
*\* If, unfortunately, your Smart Key was lost , you have to purchase a new key from MSI as a replacement.*

## **Software Setup**

When the Smart Key is inserted into your computer and the software application is installed in the operating system, it will serve as a safeguard for your system. When the key is unplugged, the operating system will enter protection status immediately and the mouse and keyboard will be locked; when the key is inserted again, the operating system will resume from the protected mode.

## **Installation**

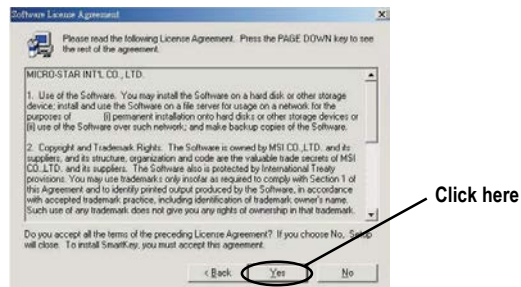
1. Install the Smart Key into the computer and turn on the power to enter the operating system successfully.
2. Insert the CD-ROM provided and the setup program will execute automatically. The welcome screen will appear as below:



3. Press [ Next > ] to start the installation.

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4. When the Software License Agreement window appears on the screen, press [ Yes ] to continue.



5. Choose the folder to install the software in your computer; simply press [ Next > ] to install it in the default folder.



6. When the installation is completed, restart the computer as instructed.




## MSI Smart Key

### Using the Software Application

1. When the program is installed in the operating system, it will embed in the system tray and show an icon as below:



Smart Key icon

 **Note:** When the Smart Key function is disabled in BIOS, this program will not be launched in the operating system.

2. To launch the program's setup screen, simply left-click on the Smart Key icon in the system tray. The program's setup screen appears as below.



Program version

This window contains the information of the program and the main options for the user to control: *Security Setting* and *Other*.

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### Security Setting

This option allows you to logon to Windows automatically. Select the "Auto Login" item and check the "Auto Logon to Windows" item in the Setting Page field to enable the function. Once the function is enabled and set properly, you do not have to type the user's name and password everytime when entering Windows.



In Windows 2000, it will show the related fields when the "Auto Logon to Windows" is checked, you should fill in the correct information in these fields.



**Other**

This option contains two items:

- 1) **Disable Screen Saver** allows you to enable/disable the screen saver program when the system is locked.



- 2) **Set Screen When System Locked** allows you to set the status when the Smart Key is unplugged and the system locked. You can set the monitor to display:

- a) blank screen
- b) the retaining screen when the system locked
- c) MSI Logo

The default setting is to show MSI Logo.



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3. Press the “Apply Changes” button to enable the option you choose.



4. Press the “bulb” button at the right-bottom to hide the program in the system tray and keep on monitoring the system.




5. Press the “door” button at the right-bottom to exit the program.

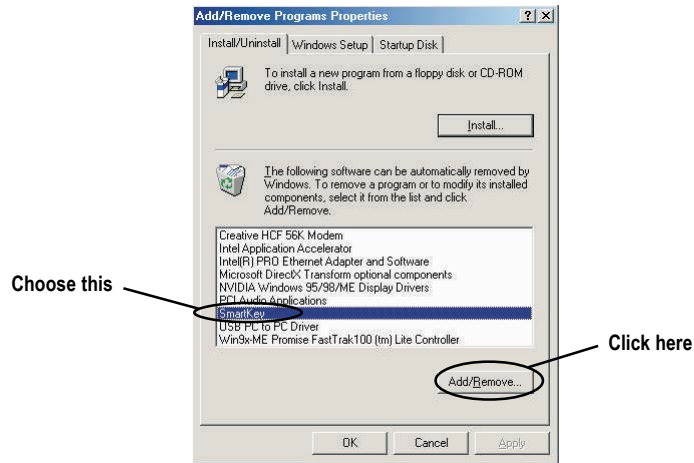




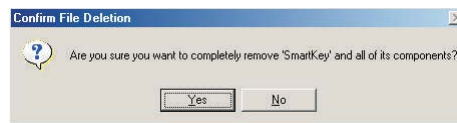
## Removing the Software Application

To remove the program, follow the steps below:

1. Click  and choose **Settings** → **Control Panel**; double-click the **Add/Remove Programs** item to open the “Add/Remove Programs Properties” window.



2. Select the “SmartKey” item in the field and click the [ Add/Remove... ]; when it shows the dialog box requiring your confirmation, press [ Yes ] to start removing the program as the on-screen instructions.



3. Restart the computer when the un-installation is completed.

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## **Using 4-/6-channel Audio Function** ***B***

The mainboard comes with C-Media 6-channel audio function, which allows you to attach 4 or 6 speakers for better space sound effect. The section will tell you how to activate 4-/6-channel audio function.

This section includes the following topics:

|                            |     |
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| Installing C-Media Drivers | B-2 |
| Hardware Configuration     | B-2 |
| Software Configuration     | B-3 |

## Appendix B

### Installing C-Media Drivers

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The mainboard is able to transform the audio connectors on the back panel from 2-channel to 4-/6-channel. To use the function, you need to install the C-Media drivers.

#### To install C-Media drivers:

1. Insert the companion CD into the CD-ROM drive. The setup screen will automatically appear.
2. Click on **C-Media Sound Drivers**.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete installation.
4. Restart the system.



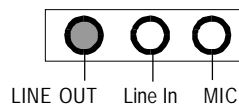
**Note:** For Windows NT4.0, you need to install the C-Media Sound Drivers *manually*.

### Hardware Configuration

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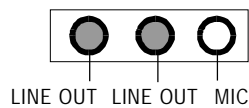
After installing the C-Media drivers, you can attach the speakers for 4-/6-channel audio output. Always connect the speakers to the LINE OUT connectors. Different connector configurations for 2-/4-/6-channel operations are listed below:

#### 2-Channel



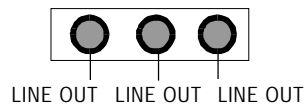
In 2-channel configuration, Line Out, Line In and MIC functions all exist.

#### 4-Channel



When set to 4-channel configuration, LINE IN function DOES NOT WORK any more.

#### 6-Channel




When set to 6-channel configuration, LINE IN and MIC functions DO NOT WORK anymore.

## Software Configuration

To have 4-/6-channel audio work, you must set appropriate configuration in the C-Media software application.

To set the multi-channel configuration:

1. Click the C-Media Mixer icon  from the window tray on the bottom.
2. The following screen appears. Click the indicated button.



Click here

3. The “Advanced” window appears.



4. Select 5.1 for 6-channel or 4 for 4-channel audio output.
5. Click OK.

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# **USB PC to PC Networking Function (Optional)** **C**

USB PC to PC is the best solution for providing the easiest network connection service to you. By connecting multiple PCs through USB PC to PC port, you can build up a local area network without any network adapter. We give this Ethernet emulation environment a name — USB PC to PC. USB PC to PC supports TCP/IP, NetBEUI and IPX protocols. These features make your PCs able to share their resources such as files or printers to each other. Furthermore, USB PC to PC also gives you the ability of connecting to your existing Home or Office LAN for network resource or Internet sharing.

The section includes the following topics:

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Installing GeneLink™ LAN Driver        | C-2 |
| Using USB PC to PC Networking Function | C-4 |

## **Appendix C**

### **Installing GeneLink™ LAN Driver**

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Before you use the function, you need to install the GeneLink™ LAN Driver to all PCs connected via USB PC to PC cables.

#### **Step 1. Installing driver**

1. Insert the driver CD and click “USB PC to PC” button to install the driver.
2. The welcome dialog box appears and click Next > button.
3. Choose the destination folder and click Next > button.
4. Select components that you want to install and then click Next > button.  
(GeneLink™ LAN Driver is used only for those PCs connected via USB PC to PC port so that resources are shared between these PCs; GeneLink™ Software Router allows your PC to connect to another existing Home/Office LAN for network resource or Internet sharing.)
5. The Setup Program will install all necessary components automatically.
6. Setup completes. Then select ‘Yes, I want to restart my computer now’ and click “Finish” button to reboot your computer for updating your driver configuration.

After you complete the installation procedures, you’ll find Setup Program has installed GeneLink™ network driver in your computer. It binds TCP/IP, NetBEUI and IPX protocols to GeneLink™ device.

#### **Step 2 – Connect your PCs via the USB PC to PC cable**

#### **Step 3 - Network Login**

When you restart your computer, you will be prompted for a user name and password to login your network. Please enter a unique name for your PC.

#### **Step 4 – Sharing your resources and Connecting to Internet**

You need to manually share your resources (files, folders, drives and printers) to make them accessible for other computers. For Internet accessing, you must define which computer (That has already been connected to Internet) should install GeneLink™ Software Router. And all clients accessing Internet resources through GeneLink™ USB port should have installed GeneLink™ LAN driver.

## USB PC to PC Networking Function



### **Notice:**

1. *You should use the same network protocol (TCP/IP, NetBEUI or IPX) for connecting GeneLink™ LAN to existing Home/Office LAN.*
2. *If you've already configured your [IPX/SPX] and [Client for Netware Networks] before installing GeneLink™ driver, we strongly recommend that you should also install **Software Router** while installing GeneLink™ driver into your system.*

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#### How to share your files, folders, drives and printers

- a. Go to the file, folder, drive or printer that you want to share.
- b. Right click your mouse pointer on the resource you want to share, you'll see a POP-UP Menu.



- c. Select "Sharing" and you'll see another POP-UP Menu.





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- d. In “Sharing” tag, select “Share As”.
- e. Enter a name to help others recognize your sharing file or device (optional).
- f. Select “Access Type”. If you select “ Depend on Password”, your need to assign an access password for this device.
- g. Click “OK” button.

### How to check if you have already shared your resources

Go to the resource and check if Windows had added a hand on its icon or not. If yes, it means you’ve successfully shared your resource and others can access it through USB PC to PC; if not, you need to repeat the steps described in “**How to share your files, folders, drives and printers**” to complete your sharing processes.

### Connecting to your existing Home or Office LAN

To connect your USB PC to PC to another existing Home or Office LAN via USB PC to PC port, you need to install **GeneLink™ Software Router** in addition to GeneLink™ LAN driver. GeneLink™ Software Router is responsible for handling all network packets between USB PC to PC and your Home/Office LAN. So only the computer that is physically connected to both LANs needs to install GeneLink™ Software Router (i.e., this computer should install both GeneLink™ LAN and one network adapter for Home/Office LAN). For those computers on USB PC to PC, you only need to follow installation procedures on the manual to install GeneLink™ LAN driver. The following procedures will show you how to install drivers to the computer that will link both PC and your existing Home/Office LAN:

**Notice: If you want to connect your GeneLink™ LAN to your existing Home/Office LAN, you should use the same protocol for the two LANs.** For example, if your Home/Office LAN uses TCP/IP protocol, you should also use TCP/IP protocol for your GeneLink™ LAN. Otherwise, these two LANs cannot communicate to each other. The Setup Program installs TCP/IP, NetBEUI and IPX protocols for GeneLink™ LAN by default. If your Home/Office LAN uses other protocol, please install the same protocol for those computers within GeneLink™ LAN.

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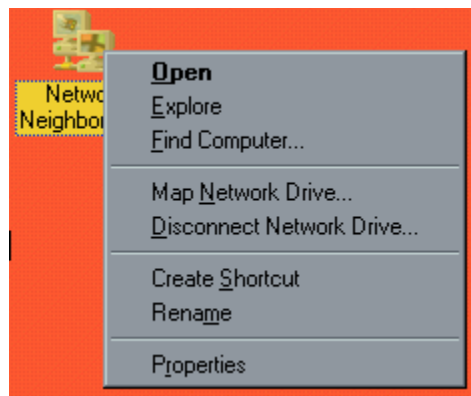
### Connecting to Internet through USB PC to PC & Office/Home LAN

If you would like to access Internet resources through USB PC to PC, here are some things you should notice:

- a. You must define which computer should install GeneLink™ Software Router.
- b. The computer which has installed GeneLink™ Software Router should have already been connected to internet.
- c. All clients which would like to access Internet resources through USB cable should have installed GeneLink™ driver.

Now we need to make some network configurations on the Desktop/ Notebook which connect to GeneLink™ Software Router to make your Internet access possible (maybe you need to consult you Network Administrator for doing that):

- a. If your existing home/office network is NOT using DHCP to assign client's IP address, your need to:
  - Move your mouse pointer on Network Neighborhood icon and right click on it. You'll see a pop-up menu.



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- Click on “Properties”, you’ll see another menu.



- Choose TCP/IP in Configuration tag, and then press “Properties” button. You’ll see “TCP/IP Properties” menu.



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- Now you need to navigate between “IP Address”, “Gateway”, and “DNS Configuration” tags to specify “IP Address”, “Subnet Mask”, “Gateway” and “DNS Server”. If you don’t know their values, please consult your Network Administrator.

- Press “OK” button to go back to “Network” pop-up menu. Choose “Identification” tag. Specify a unique name for your computer if it doesn’t have and fill in the name of your workgroup. If you are not sure what’s the name of your computer or Workgroup, please consult your Network Administrator.



- Press “OK” to complete your network configuration. Restart your computer and you’ll be ready to connect to Internet.

- b. If your existing HOME/OFFICE network is using DHCP to assign client’s IP address, your Network Sever will configure your network configuration automatically. So you can skip those procedures described in the previous session.

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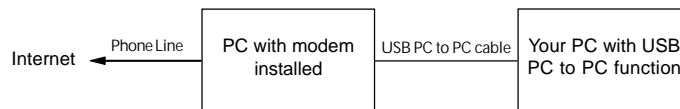
### **SPECIAL NOTICE for those users who have already installed Network Adapter in their system:**

If you've already configured your [IPX/SPX] and [Client for Netware Networks] before installing GeneLink™ driver, we strongly recommend that you should also install **Software Router** when you install GeneLink™ driver into your system. If you decide not to install **Software Router**, then the OS will not allow two IPX/SPX configurations co-exist in the same system. This will cause GeneLink™ Driver Install Program overwrite your original IPX/SPX configuration and make your original network configuration malfunction.

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### Connecting to internet through USB PC to PC & remote modem

If there is no existing Office/Home LAN and your computer does not have a modem, you still can connect USB PC to PC to internet through another computer with a modem installed. **The function is available in Windows® 98SE and ME.**



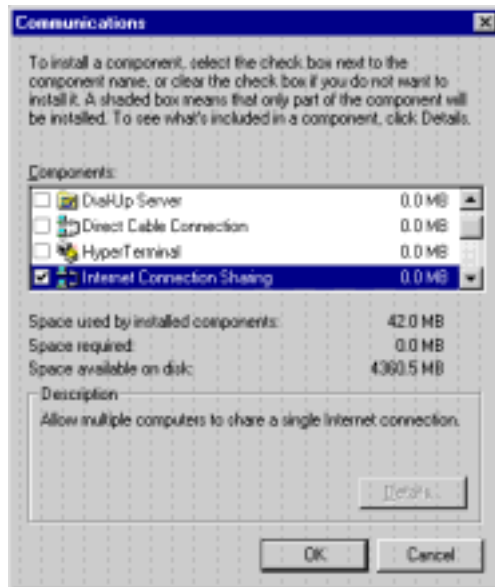
To access internet through another computer with modem, you need to setup “Internet Connection Sharing” on all computers connected via USB PC to PC cables. Instructions are as follows:

- a. Go to “Control Panel”.
- b. Double click “Add/Remove Programs” and the “Add/Remove Programs Properties” window appears.
- c. Select “Windows Setup” tag and double click



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- d. “Communications”. The “Communications” window appears.  
Check “Internet Connection Sharing” and click “OK”.

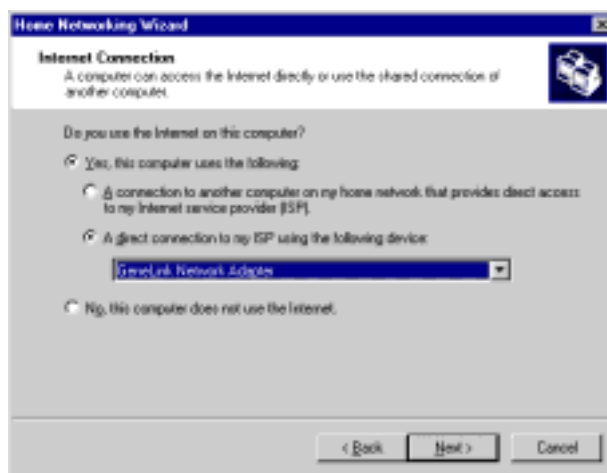


- e. The “Home Networking Wizard” starts. Click “Next”.



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- f. Click “A direct connection to my ISP using the following device”, and select “GeneLink Network Adapter” from the pull-down menu. Click “Next”.



**Note:** For the computer with a modem installed, you need to select “My Connection” instead of “GeneLink Network Adapter” on the step, and after finishing installation of “My Connection”, select “GeneLink Network Adapter” when the above window returns.

- g. Continue to click “Next”.



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- h. Click “Finish.”



- i. Restart the computer.



**Note:** In Windows® 98SE, you can access internet through the shared connection of another computer, but it is unable for you to control the remote modem. However, in *Windows® ME*, you are allowed to dial the remote modem of another computer using the dialing program built in Windows®.

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### **ACPI** (*Advanced Configuration & Power Interface*)

This power management specification enables the OS (operating system) to control the amount of power given to each device attached to the computer. Windows 98/98SE, Windows 2000 and Windows ME can fully support ACPI to allow users managing the system power flexibly.

### **AGP** (*Accelerated Graphics Port*)

A new, high-speed graphics interface that based on PCI construction and designed especially for the throughput demands of 3-D graphics. AGP provides a direct channel (32-bit wide bus) between the display controller and main memory for high graphics quality and performance.

### **ATX**

A modern shape and layout of mainboard that supersedes the widely-used Baby AT form factor. It improves many placement of components and makes a more efficient design.

### **BIOS** (*basic input/output system*)

On PCs, an essential software that contains all the control code of input/output interface (such as keyboard, disk drives, etc.). It executes hardware test on booting the system, starts the OS, and provides an interface between the OS and the components. The BIOS is stored in a ROM chip.

### **Buffer**

A region of memory reserved as a temporary storage area. In most cases, the OS or applications will create buffer areas to save the necessary data, and the applications can find the data in the areas first to increase the processing speed.

### **Bus**

A set of hardware lines within the computer system, through which the data is transferred among different components. In a PC, the term *bus* usually refers to a local bus that connects the internal components to the CPU and main memory.

### **Cache**

A special memory subsystem that is used to speed up the data traffer. It stores the contents of frequently accessed RAM locations and the addresses where these data items are stored.

### **Chipset**

A collection of integrated chips designed to perform one or more related functions. For

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example, a modem chipset contains all the primary circuits for transmitting and receiving data; a PC chipset provides the electronic interfaces between all subsystems.

### **CMOS** (*complementary metal-oxide semiconductor*)

CMOS is a widely used type of semiconductor, which features high speed and low power consumption. PCs usually contain a small amount of battery-powered CMOS memory to retain the date, time, and system setup parameters.

### **COM**

In MS-DOS system, the name of a serial communications port. DOS supports four serial ports. For example, if a modem is connected to one serial port and a serial mouse to another, they are identified as COM1 and COM2.

### **DIMM** (*dual in-line memory module*)

A small circuit board that holds memory chips. A **SIMM** (*single in-line memory module*) has a 32-bit path to the memory chips whereas a DIMM has 64-bit path.

### **DMA** (*direct memory access*)

A transfer mode between the main memory and the peripheral devices that without passing through the CPU. Using the DMA controller, data is transferred much faster.

### **DRAM** (*Dynamic RAM*)

A most common type of computer memory. It usually uses one transistor and a capacitor to represent a bit. As the development of technology, the memory type and specification used in computer becomes variety, such as SDRAM, DDR SDRAM, and RDRAM. For further instruction, please see the table below:

| Dynamic RAM (DRAM) Memory Technologies |            |            |            |                |       |
|--|------------|------------|------------|----------------|-------|
| Type                                   | First Used | Clock Rate | Bus* Width | Peak Bandwidth | Volts |
| FPM (60,70ns)                          | 1990       | 25MHz      | 64 bits    | 200 MBps       | 5v    |
| EDO (50,60,70ns)                       | 1994       | 40MHz      | 64 bits    | 320 MBps       | 5v    |
| SDRAM (66MHz)                          | 1996       | 66MHz      | 64 bits    | 528 MBps       | 3.3v  |
| SDRAM (100MHz)                         | 1998       | 100MHz     | 64 bits    | 800 MBps       | 3.3v  |
| SDRAM (133MHz)                         | 1999       | 133MHz     | 64 bits    | 1.1 GBps       | 3.3v  |
| RDRAM (Direct Rambus)                  | 1999       | 400MHz     | 16 bits    | 1.6 GBps       | 2.5v  |
| DDR SDRAM (100MHz)                     | 2000       | 100MHz     | 64 bits    | 1.6 GBps       | 3.3v  |
| DDR SDRAM (133MHz)                     | 2000       | 133MHz     | 64 bits    | 2.1 GBps       | 3.3v  |

\* Memory channel width (64 bits started with 75MHz Pentium)

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### **ECC Memory** (*error correcting code memory*)

A type of memory that contains special circuitry for testing the accuracy of data and correcting the errors on the fly.

### **IDE** (*Integrated Drive Electronics*)

A type of disk-drive interface widely used to connect hard disks, CD-ROMs and tape drives to a PC, in which the controller electronics is integrated into the drive itself, eliminating the need for a separate adapter card. The IDE interface is known as the ATA (AT Attachment) specification.

### **IEEE 1394**

A new, high speed external bus standard, also known as *FireWire* or *iLink*, which supports data transfer rates of up to 400 Mbps for connecting up to 63 external devices.

### **IrDA** (*Infrared Data Association*)

A group of device vendors, including computer, component and telecommunications, who have developed a standard for transmitting data via infrared light waves. This enables you to transfer data from one device to another without any cables.

### **LAN** (*local area network*)

A computer network that covers a relatively smaller area, such as in a building or an enterprise. It is made up of servers, workstations, shared resources, a network operating system and a communications link. These individual PCs and devices on a LAN are known as “nodes”, and are connected by cables to access data and devices anywhere on the LAN, so that many users can share expensive devices and data.

### **LED** (*light emitting diode*)

A semiconductor device that converts electrical energy into light. Since it lights up (usually red) when electricity is passed through it, it is usually used for the activity lights on computer’s component, such as disk drivers.

### **LPT** (*line printer terminal*)

Logical device name for a line printer; a name reserved by the MS-DOS for up to three parallel printer ports: LPT1, LPT2, and LPT3. It is frequently used by the OS to identify a printer.

### **PCI** (*Peripheral Component Interconnect*)

A local bus standard developed by Intel that first appeared on PCs in late 1993. PCI provides “plug and play” capability and allows IRQs to be shared. The PCI controller can exchange data with the system’s CPU either 32 bits or 64 bits at a time.

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### **PnP** (*Plug and Play*)

A set of specifications that allows a PC to configure itself automatically to work with peripherals. The user can "plug" in a peripheral device and "play" it without configuring the system manually. To implement this useful feature, both the BIOS that supports PnP and a PnP expansion card are required.

### **POST** (*Power On Self Test*)

During booting up your system, the BIOS executes a series of diagnostic tests, include checking the RAM, the keyboard, the disk drives, etc., to see if they are properly connected and operating.

### **PS/2 Port**

A type of port developed by IBM for connecting a mouse or keyboard to a PC. The PS/2 port supports a mini DIN plug containing just 6 pins. Most modern PCs equipped with PS/2 ports so that the special port can be used by another device, such as a modem.

### **USB** (*universal serial bus*)

A hardware interface for low-speed peripherals such as the keyboard, mouse, joystick, etc. USB provides a maximum bandwidth of 12 Mbit/sec (Mbps) for connecting up to 127 peripheral devices to PC. USB features hot swap capability and multiple data streams, allows external devices to be plugged in and unplugged without turning the system off.

### **Virus**

A program or a piece of code that infects computer files by inserting in those files copies of itself. The virus code is buried within an existing program, and is activated when that program is executed. All the viruses are man-made, and often have damaging side effects.