

# Acer Altos 1200 User's guide

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## FCC notice

This device has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This device generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this device does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the device off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

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

### Notice: Shield cables

All connections to other computing devices must be made using shielded cables to maintain compliance with FCC regulations.

### Notice: Peripheral devices

Only peripherals (input/output devices, terminals, printers, etc.) certified to comply with the Class B limits may be attached to this equipment. Operation with noncertified peripherals is likely to result in interference to radio and TV reception.



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Caution! Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the manufacturer could void the user's authority, which is granted by the Federal Communications Commission, to operate this computer.

## Use conditions

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

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Cet appareil numérique de la classe B respecte toutes les exigences du Règlement sur le matériel brouilleur du Canada.

## Important safety instructions

Read these instructions carefully. Save these instructions for future reference.

1. Follow all warnings and instructions marked on the product.
2. Unplug this product from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosol cleaners. Use a damp cloth for cleaning.
3. Do not use this product near water.
4. Do not place this product on an unstable cart, stand, or table. The product may fall, causing serious damage to the product.
5. Slots and openings in the cabinet and the back or bottom are provided for ventilation; to ensure reliable operation of the product and to protect it from overheating, these openings must not be blocked or covered. The openings should never be blocked by placing the product on a bed, sofa, rug, or other similar surface. This product should never be placed near or over a radiator or heat register, or in a built-in installation unless proper ventilation is provided.
6. This product should be operated from the type of power indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power available, consult your dealer or local power company.

7. Do not allow anything to rest on the power cord. Do not locate this product where persons will walk on the cord.
8. If an extension cord is used with this product, make sure that the total ampere rating of the equipment plugged into the extension cord does not exceed the extension cord ampere rating. Also, make sure that the total rating of all products plugged into the wall outlet does not exceed the fuse rating.
9. Never push objects of any kind into this product through cabinet slots as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short out parts that could result in a fire or electric shock. Never spill liquid of any kind on the product.
10. Do not attempt to service this product yourself, as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage points or other risks. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
11. Unplug this product from the wall outlet and refer servicing to qualified service personnel under the following conditions:
  - a. When the power cord or plug is damaged or frayed
  - b. If liquid has been spilled into the product
  - c. If the product has been exposed to rain or water
  - d. If the product does not operate normally when the operating instructions are followed. Adjust only those controls that are covered by the operating instructions since improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage and will often require extensive work by a qualified technician to restore the product to normal condition.
  - e. If the product has been dropped or the cabinet has been damaged
  - f. If the product exhibits a distinct change in performance, indicating a need for service.
12. Replace the battery with the same type as the product's battery we recommend. Use of another battery may present a risk of fire or explosion. Refer battery replacement to a qualified serviceman.
13. **Warning!** Batteries may explode if not handled properly. Do not disassemble or dispose of them in fire. Keep them away from children and dispose of used batteries promptly.

14. Use only the proper type of power supply cord set (provided in your accessories box) for this unit. It should be a detachable type: UL listed/CSA certified, type SPT-2, rated 7A 125V minimum, VDE approved or its equivalent. Maximum length is 15 feet (4.6 meters).

## Laser compliance statement

The CD-ROM drive in this computer is a laser product. The CD-ROM drive's classification label (shown below) is located on the drive.

**CLASS 1 LASER PRODUCT**

**CAUTION: INVISIBLE LASER RADIATION WHEN OPEN. AVOID EXPOSURE TO BEAM.**

**APPAREIL A LASER DE CLASSE 1 PRODUIT**

**LASERATTENTION: RADIATION DU FAISCEAU LASER INVISIBLE EN CAS D'OUVERTURE. EVITER TOUTE EXPOSITION AUX RAYONS.**

**LASER KLASSE 1**

**VORSICHT: UNSICHTBARE LASERSTRAHLUNG, WENN ABDECKUNG GEÖFFNET, NICHT DEM STRAHLL AUSSETZEN**

**PRODUCTO LÁSER DE LA CLASE I**

**ADVERTENCIA: RADIACIÓN LÁSER INVISIBLE AL SER ABIERTO. EVITE EXPONERSE A LOS RAYOS.**

**ADVARSEL: LASERSTRÅLING VEDÅBNING SE IKKE IND I STRÅLEN**

**VARO! LAVATTAESSA OLET ALTTINA LASERSÅTEILYLLE.**

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**ADVARSEL: LASERSTRÅLING NAR DEKSEL ÅPNESSTIRR IKKE INN I STRÅLEN**

## Lithium battery statement

**CAUTION**

Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Discard used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

**ADVARSEL!**

Lithiumbatteri - Eksplosionsfare ved fejlagtig håndtering. Udskiftning må kun ske med batteri af samme fabrikat og type. Léver det brugte batteri tilbage til leverandøren.

**ADVARSEL**

Eksplosjonsfare ved feilaktig skifte av batteri. Benytt samme batteritype eller en tilsvarende type anbefalt av apparatfabrikanten. Brukte batterier kasseres i henhold til fabrikantens instruksjoner.

**WARNING**

Explosionsfara vid felaktigt batteribyte. Använd samma batterityp eller en ekvivalent typ som rekommenderas av apparattillverkaren. Kassera använt batteri enligt fabrikantens instruktion.

**VAROITUS**

Päristo voi räjähtää, jos se on virheellisesti asennettu. Vaihda paristo ainoastaan laitevalmistajan suosittelemaan tyyppiin. Hävitä käytetty paristo valmistajan ohjeiden mukaisesti.

**VORSICHT!**

Explosionsgefahr bei unsachgemäßen Austausch der Batterie Ersatz nur durch denselben oder einem vom Hersteller empfohlenem ähnlichen Typ. Entsorgung gebrauchter Batterien nach Angaben des Herstellers.







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# 1 Getting started

The Acer Altos 1200 is a powerful dual-processor system loaded with a host of new and innovative features. The system offers a new standard for flexible productivity ideal for local or wide area networks and multiuser server environments.

## ► Overview

The Acer Altos 1200 system is a PCI bus based dual processor system board built on an extended ATX baseboard. It comes with two socket 370 processor slots utilizing two Intel® Pentium® III processors integrated with the Server Works LE north and OSB4 south bridge chipsets. The dual channel SCSI architecture supports Ultra160 SCSI with bandwidth of up to 160 MB/s for each channel. The system board also integrates the Intel® 82559 10/100 Mbps PCI Ethernet chipset that supports WOL (Wake on LAN) for better remote site management.

For expandability, the system board includes four 64-bit/33 MHz PCI bus slots, two 32-bit/33 MHz PCI bus slots, and four DIMM slots that allows memory installation to a maximum of 4-GB using four 1024-MB SDRAM (Synchronous DRAM) modules.

For connectivity, the system board supports two USB (Universal Serial Bus) connectors, a video port, and other standard features such as two UART NS16C550 serial ports, one enhanced parallel port with Enhanced Parallel Port (EPP)/Extended Capabilities Port (ECP) support, a diskette drive interface, and two embedded hard disk interfaces.

The system is fully compatible with MS-DOS V6.X, Novell Netware, Novell, SCO UNIX Openserver, SCO Unixware, Linux, Sun Solaris, Windows NT 4.0, and Windows 2000.

## Processors

The Pentium III processor implements Dynamic Execution performance, a multi-transaction system bus, and Intel MMX media enhancement technology. Also, it offers Streaming SIMD (Single Instruction Multiple Data) Extensions - 70 new instructions enabling advanced imaging, 3D, streaming audio and video, and speech recognition applications. The Pentium III processor delivers higher performance than previous Pentium processors while maintaining binary compatibility with all previous Intel Architecture processors.

This system board supports 100 or 133 MHz GTL+ host bus frequencies for Pentium III processors running at 600 to 866 MHz, and future generations of Pentium processors, too.

## Memory

The four DIMM sockets on board allow memory upgrade to a maximum of 4-GB using four 1024-MB registered SDRAM (Synchronous DRAM) DIMMs. For data integrity, the default setting of the ECC (error-correcting code) function of the memory system in BIOS is enabled.



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Note: The SDRAM should work under 3.3 volts only; 5-volt memory devices are not supported.

The system board supports both 100 and 133 MHz registered SDRAMs only; 66 MHz SDRAMs are not supported.

## System chipsets

### Server Works LE north and south bridge

The Server Works CNB30LE (champ north bridge) chipset incorporated as the north bridge is in charge of the host bus interfacing and memory bus control. The north bridge provides one 32-bit PCI bus running at 33 MHz and another secondary PCI bus running at 33/66 MHz.

The OSB4 (open south bridge) subset provides the legacy ISA interface, USB port, ATA33, and SM bus. The BMC (Baseboard Management Control) was embedded on the motherboard and connected with the south bridge to provide the ASM and RDM functions and the industry standard IPMI protocol as well.

### SCSI subsystem

The dual-channel AIC-7899 single-chip host adapter delivers Ultra160 SCSI data transfer rates which doubles the Ultra-2 SCSI data transfer rate of up to 160 MByte/sec. With two channels, it delivers a total of 320 MByte/sec bandwidth. In addition, the AIC-7899 features a 66 MHz, 64-bit PCI interface that supports zero wait-state memory which also operates on 33 MHz, 32-bit PCI buses. It supports up to 15 devices on a 12-meter cable (or 25 meters in a point-to-point configuration), making it ideal for clustering and RAID configurations.



## LAN subsystem

Another cost-effective feature for network solution is the integration of Intel's 82559 10/100 Mbps Fast Ethernet controller which supports Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) 1.20A based power management, wake on Magic Packet, wake on interesting packet, advanced System Management Bus (SMB) based manageability, Wired for Management (WfM) 2.0 compliance, IP checksum assist, and PCI 2.2, PC 98, and PC 99 compliance.

## Video subsystem

The ATI Rage XL harbors 2D and 3D display capabilities that bring life to any multimedia and work applications. With remarkable color depth and high resolutions of up to 1280x1024, it provides an enhanced visual experience on your system.

The onboard ATI Rage XL chipset comes with 4 MB of video memory and supports up to 1280x1024 display mode resolution at high colors.

## Expansion slots

The system board has six PCI buses contained in two PCI segments:

- four 64-bit/33 MHz PCI bus slots (PCI slots 1 to 4)
- two 32-bit/33 MHz PCI bus slots (PCI slots 5 and 6)

## Hardware management support

The system board supports a power-management function that conforms to the power-saving standards of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Energy Star program.

Additional features include hardware support for ASM (Advanced Server Manager) and RDM (Remote Diagnostic Management). ASM detects problems in CPU thermal condition, CPU working voltage detection ( $\pm 12V/\pm 5V/3.3V/1.5V/1.8V$ ), and PCI bus utilization calculation. It also detects if the CPU fan or the chassis fan malfunctions. Meanwhile, RDM allows execution of the RDM diagnostic program from a remote RDM station to fix detected problems or to reboot the system.

## ► Features summary

The system board has the following major components:

- Utilizes a FC-PGA (Flip-Chip Pin Grid Array) processor socket that supports a Pentium III processor running at 600/133 to 866/133 MHz and future generations of Pentium CPUs
- Server Works LE chipset which includes the north and south bridge
- SCSI controller chipset Adaptec® AIC-7899 supports dual channel 64-bit LVD Ultra160 device connection in 64-bit/33 MHz PCI bus:
  - Channel A- one 68-pin Ultra160 SCSI connector
  - Channel B- one 50-pin fast SCSI and one 68-pin Ultra160 SCSI connector
- Onboard 10/100 Mb/s Intel 82559 LAN chip that supports WOL
- Four DIMM sockets that accept 64-, 128-, 256-, 512-, and 1024-MB SDRAMs with a maximum memory upgrade of 4-GB
- Supports six PCI slots:
  - four 64-bit/33 MHz PCI slots
  - two 32-bit/33 MHz PCI slots
- PCI SVGA onboard supports analog CRT monitors. Supports up to 1280x1024 resolution with 4-MB onboard VGA SDRAM RAM
- System clock/calendar with battery backup
- IDE hard disk and diskette drive interfaces
- Auxiliary power connector for ATX power supply
- Super I/O, Advanced Server Management (ASM), and Remote Diagnostic Management (RDM) controller chipsets
- External ports:
  - USB connector
  - PS/2-compatible keyboard port
  - PS/2-compatible mouse port
  - Serial port
  - RJ-45 jack
  - Video port
  - Parallel port

## ► Preinstallation requirements

### Selecting a site

Before unpacking and installing the system, select a suitable site for the system for maximum efficiency. Consider the following factors when choosing a site for the system:

- Near a grounded power outlet
- Clean and dust-free
- Sturdy surface free from vibration
- Well-ventilated and away from sources of heat
- Secluded from electromagnetic fields produced by electrical devices such as air conditioners, radio and TV transmitters, etc.

### Checking the package contents

Check the following items from the package:

- Acer Altos 1200 system
- Acer Altos 1200 User's guide
- CD-ROM driver kits
- System keys (hung inside the front panel door)

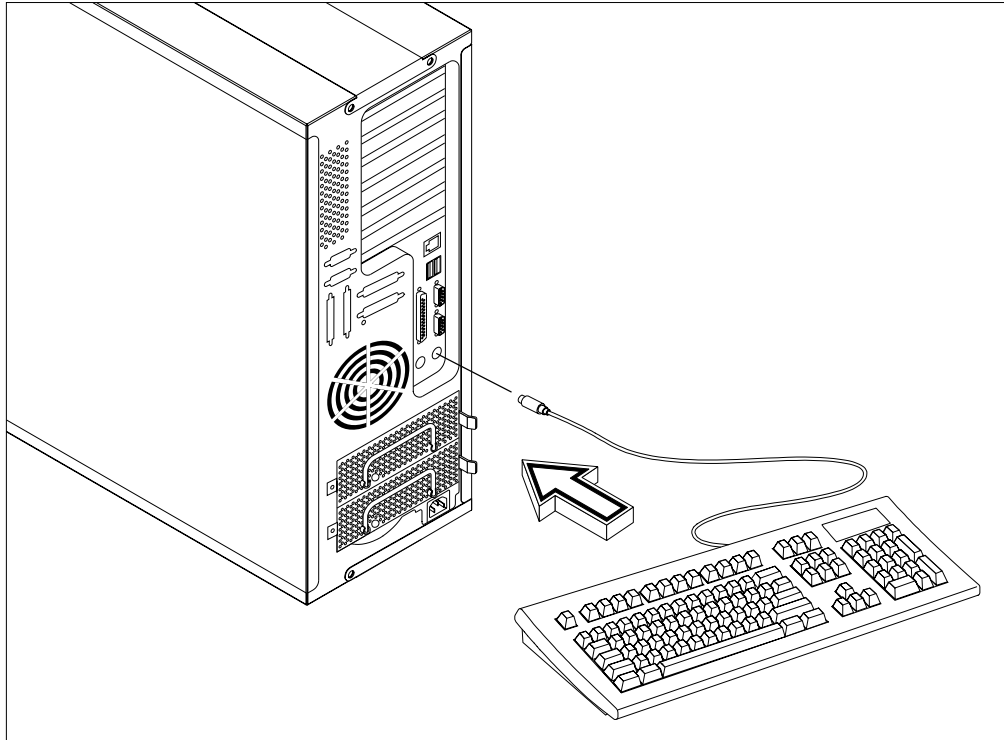
If any of the above items are damaged or missing, contact your dealer immediately.

Save the boxes and packing materials for future use.

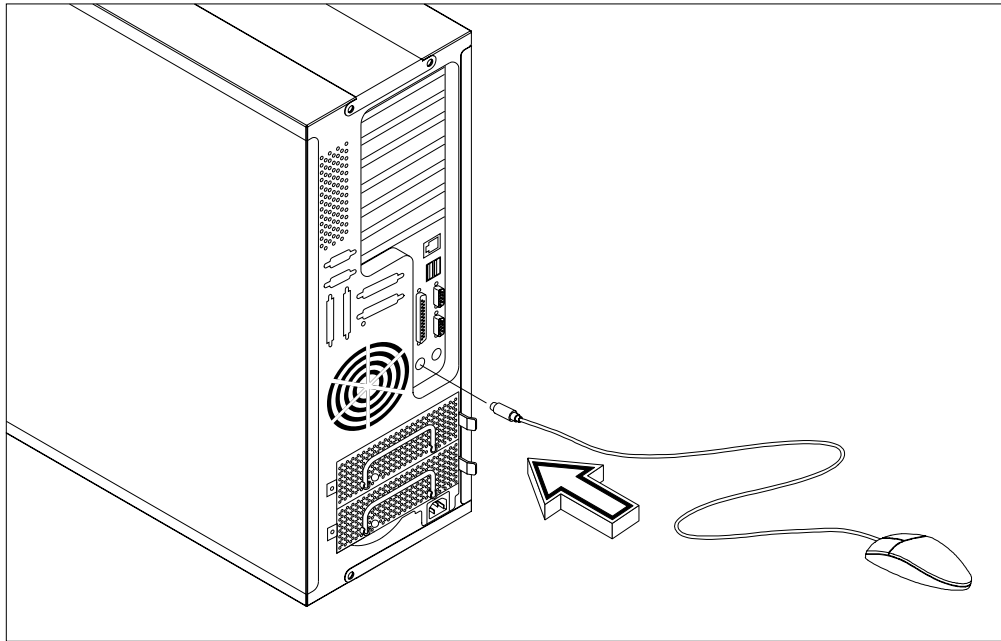
## ► Basic connections

The system unit, keyboard, mouse, and monitor constitute the basic system. Before connecting any other peripherals, connect these peripherals first to test if the basic system is running properly.

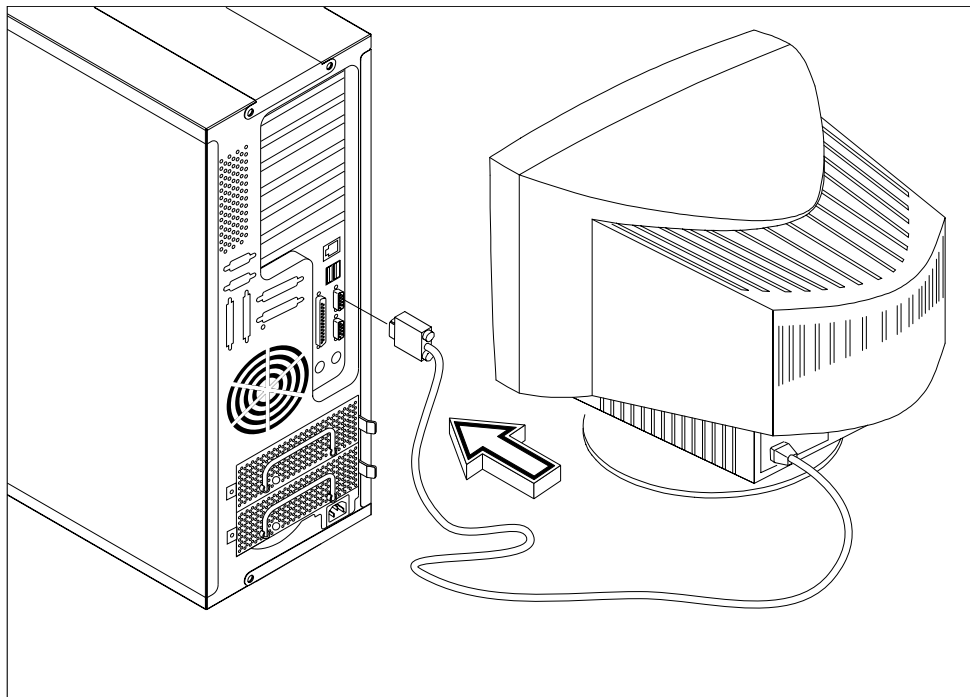
### Connecting the keyboard



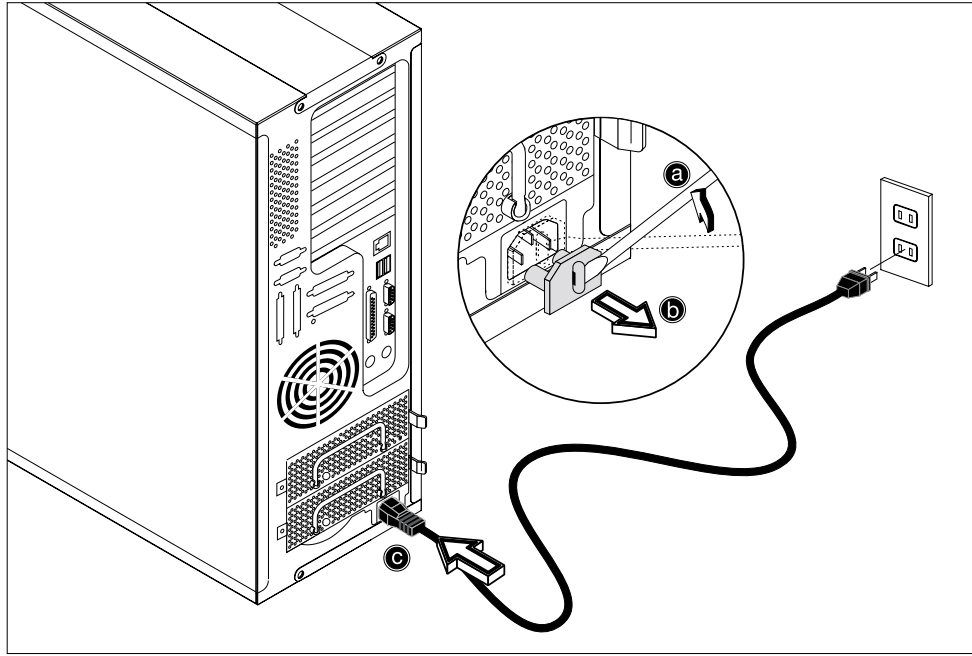
## Connecting the mouse



## Connecting the VGA monitor



## Connecting the power cable



## ▶ System startup

After making sure that you have set up the system properly and connected all the required cables, you may now apply power to the system.

To power on the system, open the front panel door and press the power button. See “Front panel” on page 15 for the location of the power button.

The system starts up and displays a welcome message. After that, a series of power-on self-test (POST) messages appears. The POST messages indicate if the system is running well or not.



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Note: If the system does not turn on or boot after pressing the power button, go to the next section for the possible causes of the boot failure.

Aside from the self-test messages, you can determine if the system is in good condition by checking if the following occurred:

- Power/suspend LED on the front panel lights up (green)
- Num Lock and Caps Lock LED indicators on the keyboard light up

## ▶ Power-on problems

If the system does not boot after you have applied power, check the following factors that might have caused the boot failure.

- The external power cable may be loosely connected.

Check the power cable connection from the power source to the power socket on the rear panel. Make sure that each cable is properly connected to each power supply.

- No power comes from the grounded power outlet.

Have an electrician check your power outlet.

- Loose or improperly connected internal power cables.

Check the internal cable connections. If you are not confident to perform this step, ask a qualified technician to help you.



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Warning! Make sure all power cords are disconnected from the electrical outlet before performing this task.



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Note: If you have gone through the preceding actions and the system still fails to boot, ask your dealer or a qualified technician for assistance.



# 2 System tour

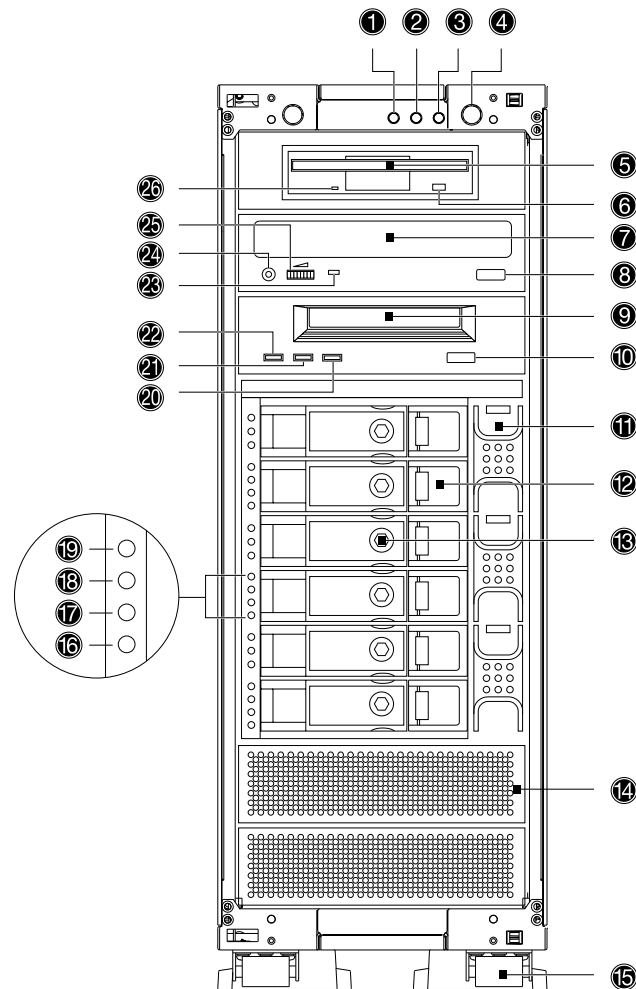
This chapter discusses the features and components of your computer.







## ▶ External and internal structure



### Front panel



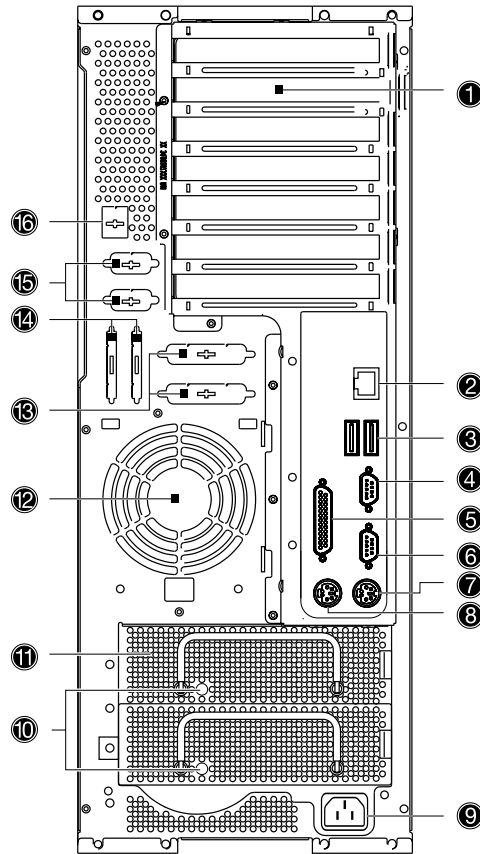
Note: One pair of system keys are hung inside the front panel door. Additional duplicate keys can be found at the back of the system.



No.	Icon	Item
1		Event LED
2		HDD access LED
3		Power/Suspend LED
4		Power button
5		3.5-inch floppy disk drive
6		3.5-inch floppy disk drive eject button
7		CD-ROM tray
8		CD-ROM tray eject button
9		Tape drive (optional)
10		Tape drive eject button
11		Hot-swap redundant BPL6 cage fan (three fans)
12		BPL6 hard disk drive trays (six trays)
13		BPL6 hard disk drive tray lock
14		Drive bay cover
15		Housing wheels
16		SCSI drive error LED
17		SCSI drive activity LED

No.	Icon	Item
18		SCSI drive power LED
19		Hot-swap redundant fan fail LED
20		Drive LED (amber)
21		Media LED (green)
22		Clean LED (green)
23		CD-ROM drive activity LED
24		Headphone/earphone port
25		Volume Control
26		3.5-inch floppy disk drive activity LED

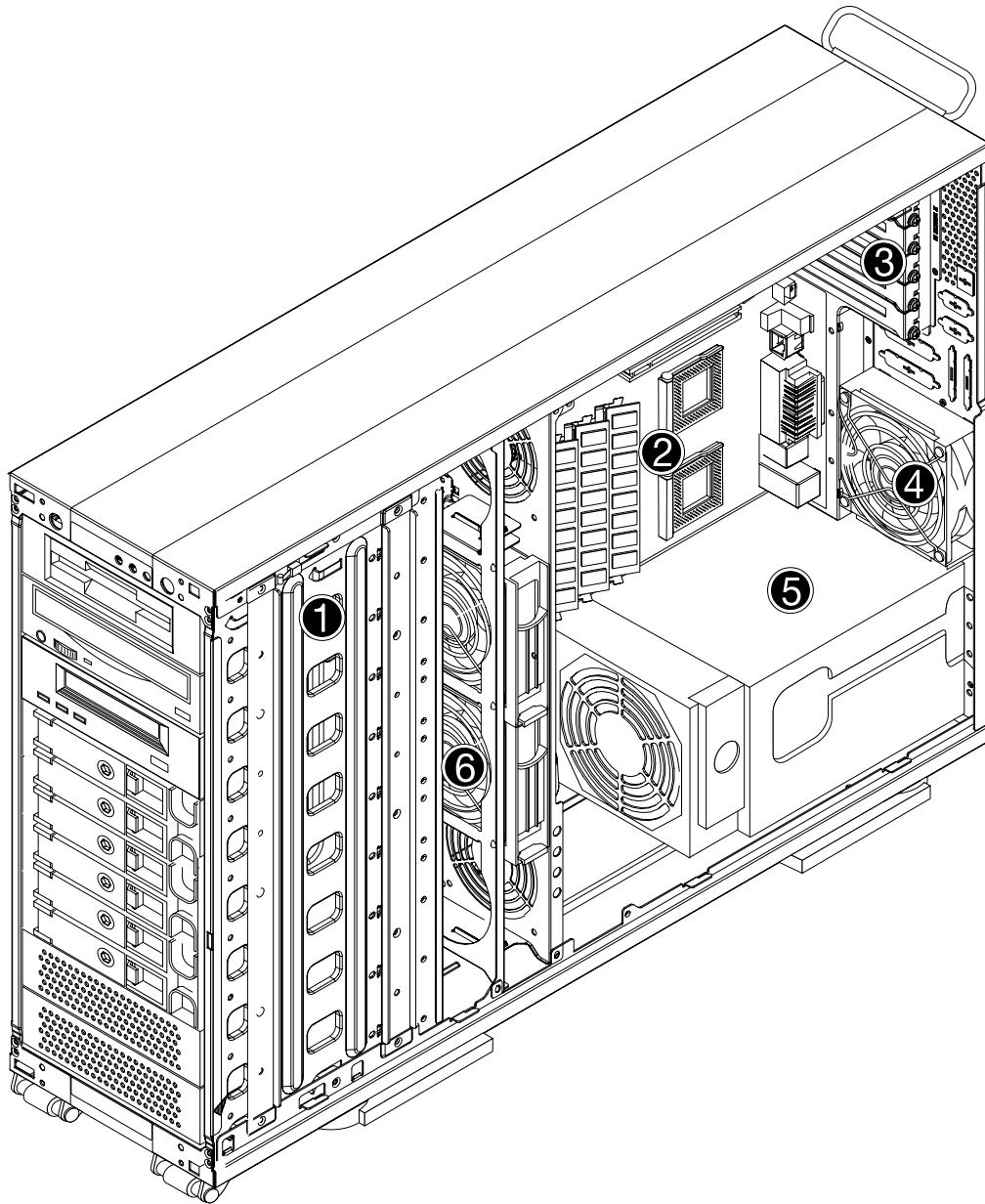
## Rear panel



No.	Item
1	Add-on card brackets
2	LAN port
3	USB ports
4	VGA or monitor port
5	Parallel port
6	Serial port
7	PS/2 keyboard port
8	PS/2 mouse port
9	System power socket

No.	Item
10	Hot-swap power supply activity LED (orange when failed)
11	Hot-swap power supply
12	Fan
13	Parallel port punch out holes
14	SCSI connector punch out holes
15	Serial port punch out holes
16	NMI switch punch out hole

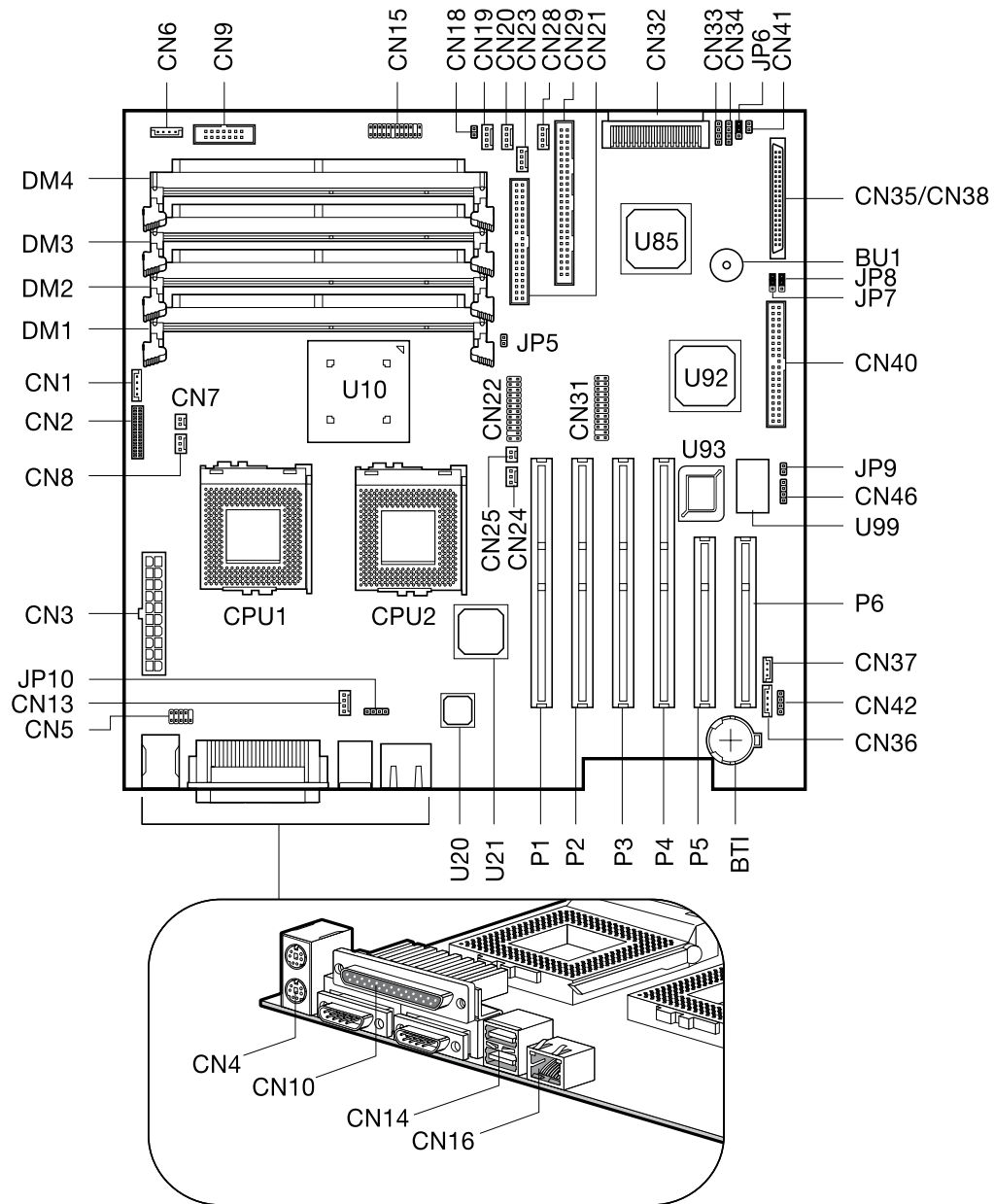
## Internal components



No.	Item
1	Drive bays
2	System board
3	Expansion brackets
4	Rear fan
5	Power supply
6	Front fans



# System board layout

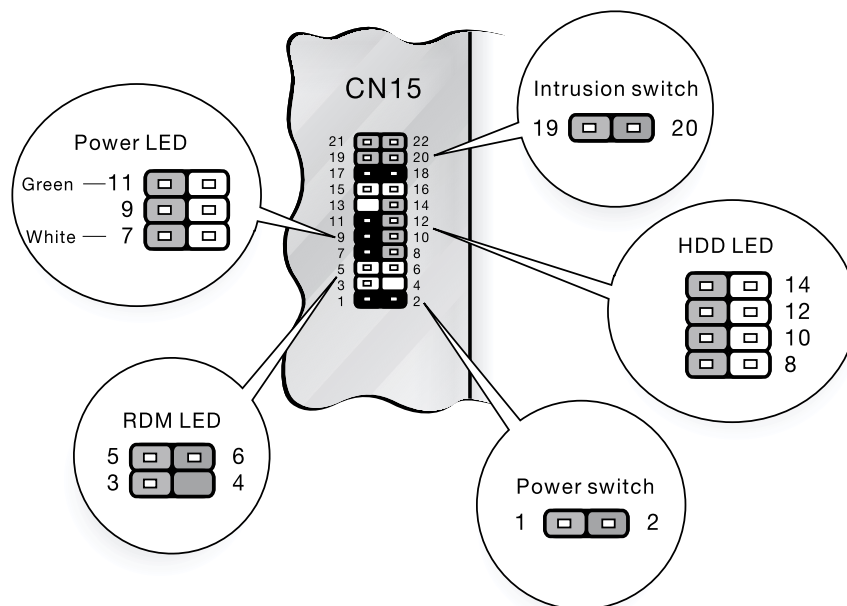


Item	Description
BT1	Battery
BU1	Buzzer
CN1/CN6/CN36	IPMI connectors
CN2	ITP port
CN3	ATX power supply connector

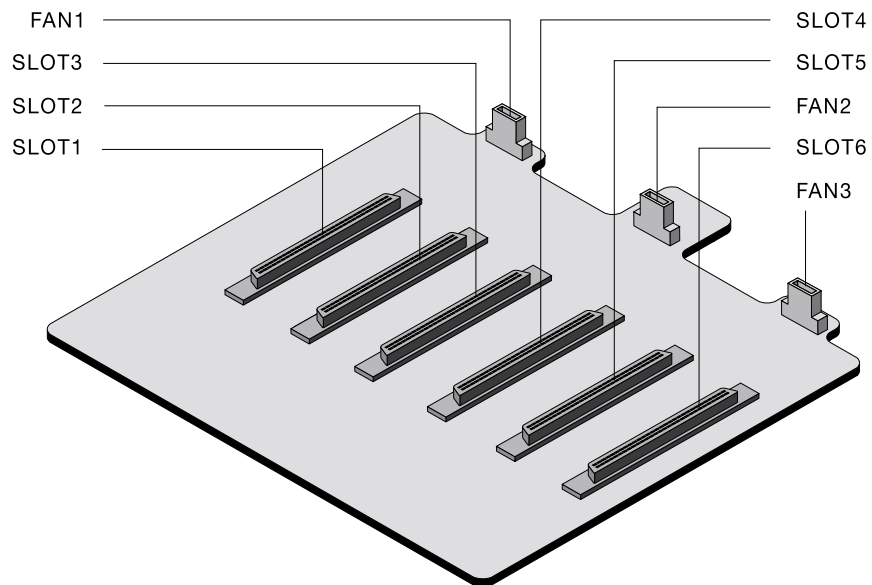
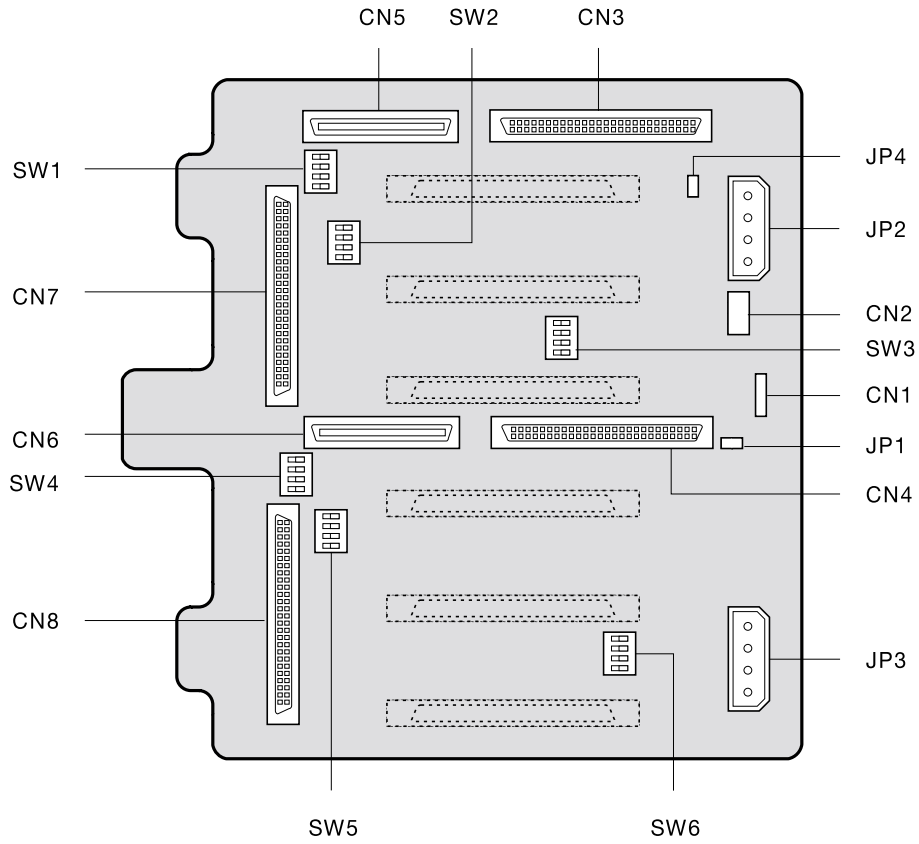
Item	Description
CN4	Upper: PS/2 mouse connector Lower: PS/2 keyboard connector
CN5	Serial port connector
CN7	CPU 1 thermal connector
CN8	CPU 1 fan connector
CN9	RDN P.S. status connector
CN10	Upper: Parallel port Lower left: Serial port Lower right: VGA or monitor port
CN13/CN19/ CN20/CN23/CN28	Housing fan connectors
CN14	USB1 and 2 connectors
CN15	LED/Switchboard connector (see page 23)
CN16	LAN Jack (RJ45)
CN18	NMI switch
CN21	Primary IDE connector
CN22/CN31	BMC DB connectors
CN24	CPU 2 fan connector
CN25	CPU 2 thermal connector
CN29	Narrow SCSI channel B connector
CN32	Wide SCSI channel B connector
CN33/CN34	External hard disk drive LED connectors
CN35/CN38	Wide SCSI channel A connector
CN37	Wake on LAN connector
CN40	Floppy disk drive connector
CN41	Event LED (HDD fail) connector
CN42	I2C connector
CN46	Speaker connector
CPU1	CPU 1 socket
CPU2	CPU 2 socket
DM1 to DM4	DIMM slots
JP5	Event clear connector
JP6	SCSI terminator 1-2: Disabled 2-3: On
JP7	Logo 1-2: Acer logo 2-3: OEM

Item	Description
JP8	Password settings 1-2 : Check password 2-3 : Bypass password
JP9	Speaker connector
JP10	CPU PST 1-2 : Terminator board 2-3 : CPU
P1 to P4	64-bit/33 MHz PCI slots
P5 and P6	32-bit/33 MHz PCI slots
U10	Server Works LE north bridge
U20	Intel 82559 LAN chipset
U21	ATI Rage XL video chipset
U85	Adaptec AIC-7899 chipset
U92	Server Works OSB4 south bridge
U93	BIOS chipset
U99	SMC 47B277 super I/O chipset

## LED/switchboard connector (CN15)



# ▶ BP-L6 jumpers and connectors



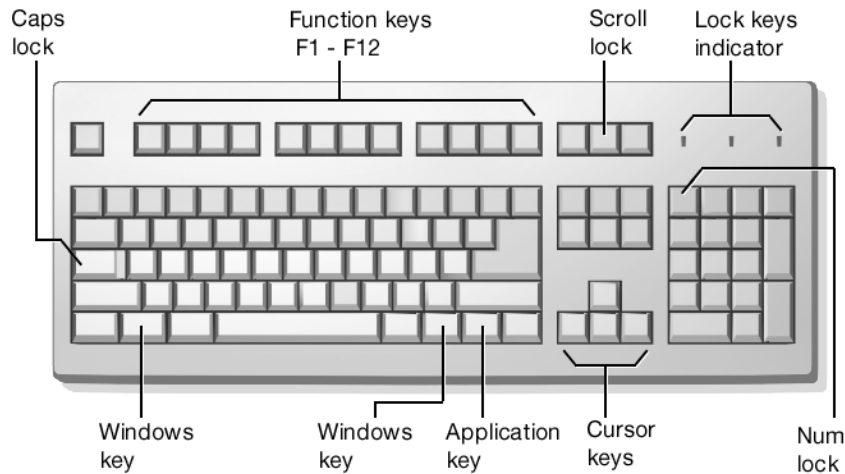
Connector	Description
CN1	I2C Buffer connector
CN2	Front power LED connector
CN3	SCSI 68-pin P connector - Out
CN4	SCSI 68-pin P connector - Out
CN5	For SAF-TE card use
CN6	For SAF-TE card use
CN7	SCSI 68-pin P connector - In
CN8	SCSI 68-pin P connector - In
Fan1 to 3	Hot-plug fan-sink connectors
JP1/JP4	Terminator power source Short - Both from backplane and host Open - Only from host
JP2	Power connector <sup>1</sup>
JP3	Power connector
Slot1 to 6	SCSI hard disk slots
SW1	Slot 1 ID switch <sup>2</sup>
SW2	Slot 2 ID switch
SW3	Slot 3 ID switch
SW4	Slot 4 ID switch
SW5	Slot 5 ID switch
SW6	Slot 6 ID switch

1 For the SCSI Backplane board's loading requirement, please insert an independent Power cable that doesn't connect to any other device in to each power connector on the Backplane board.

2 When you use the LVD SCSI hot-swap cage to arrange your system hard drives, please remove all the jumpers on each SCSI hard drive and use the switches on the backplane board (S1~S5) to set the hard drive's ID.

## ► Keyboard

The keyboard that came with your system has full-sized keys that include separate cursor keys, two Windows keys, and twelve function keys.



### Cursor keys

The cursor keys, also called the arrow keys, let you move the cursor around the screen. They serve the same function as the arrow keys on the numeric keypad when the Num Lock is toggled off.

### Lock keys



The keyboard has three lock keys which you can toggle on and off to switch between two functions.

Lock Key	Description
Caps Lock	When activated, all alphabetic characters typed appear in uppercase (same function as pressing Shift + <letter>).
Num Lock	When activated, the keypad is set to numeric mode; i.e., the keys function as a calculator (complete with arithmetic operators such as +, -, *, and /).

Lock Key	Description
Scroll Lock	When activated, the screen moves one line up or down when you press the up arrow or down arrow respectively. Take note that Scroll Lock may not work with some applications.

## Windows keys

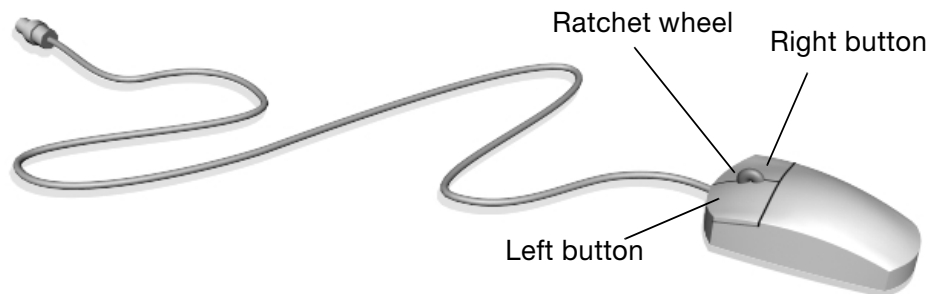
The keyboard has two keys that perform Windows-specific functions.

Key	Description
Windows logo key 	Start button. Combinations with this key perform special functions, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windows + Tab: Activate the next Taskbar button</li> <li>• Windows + E: Explore My Computer</li> <li>• Windows + F: Find Document</li> <li>• Windows + M: Minimize All</li> <li>• Shift + Windows + M: Undo Minimize All</li> <li>• Windows + R: Display Run dialog box</li> </ul>
Application key 	Opens the applications context menu (same function as clicking the right button of the mouse).

## ▶ Mouse

Your mouse has one ratchet wheel and two buttons: a left button and a right button. Quickly pressing and releasing the buttons is called clicking. Sometimes, you will need to do a double-click (clicking the same button twice quickly) or a right-click (clicking the right button quickly).

The ratchet wheel in between the two buttons is added to provide easier scrolling capability. By simply moving the wheel with your index finger, you can quickly move through multiple pages, lines, or windows. The wheel may also function as a third button allowing you to quickly click or double-click an icon or a selected item.



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Note: If you are left-handed, refer to your Windows manual for instructions on how to set up your mouse for left-handed use.



## ▶ Disk drives

Your system comes with the following disk drives:

### 3.5-inch floppy disk drive

Your system's 3.5-inch floppy disk drive can handle 720-KB and 1.44-MB capacity diskettes.

The floppy diskettes are compact, lightweight, and easy to carry around. Here are some tips on how to take care of your diskettes:

- Always make backup copies of the diskettes that contain important data or program files.
- Keep diskettes away from magnetic fields and sources of heat.
- Avoid removing a diskette from a drive when the floppy drive activity light is on.
- Write-protect your diskettes to prevent accidental erasure. To do this, slide the write-protect tab to the write-protect position.



- When you put a label on a 3.5-inch diskette, make sure that the label is properly attached (flat on the surface) and within the labeling area (area with a slight surface depression) on the diskette. An improperly attached label may cause a diskette to get stuck in a drive when you are inserting or removing it.

### CD-ROM drive

Your system comes with a CD-ROM drive. This drive is located on the front panel of your system. The CD-ROM drive allows you to play different types of Compact Discs (CDs) and video CDs. CDs, like diskettes, are also compact, lightweight, and easy to carry around.

However, they are more delicate than diskettes and must be handled with extra care.

To insert a CD into your system's CD-ROM drive:

1. Gently push the eject button located on the front panel.
2. When the disc tray slides open insert the CD. Make sure that the label or title side of the disc is facing upward.




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Caution! Hold the disc by the edges to avoid leaving smudges or fingerprints.

3. Push the eject button again to close the tray.

To take care of your CDs:

- Keep your discs in a disk case when not in use to avoid scratches or other damage. Any kind of dirt or damage can affect the data on the disc, impair the disc lens reader on the CD-ROM drive, or stop the system from successfully reading the disc.
- When handling discs, always hold them by the edges to avoid smudges or fingerprints.
- When cleaning discs, use a clean, dust-free cloth and wipe in a straight line from the center to the edge. Do not wipe in a circular motion.
- Clean your CD-ROM drive periodically. You may refer to the Cleaning Kit for instructions. Cleaning Kits can be purchased in any system or electronics shop.

# 3 Upgrading your system



This chapter discusses in details on how to upgrade key components to help expand your system and at the same time keep in step with the latest technology.

## ▶ ESD precautions

Always observe the following electrostatic discharge (ESD) precautions before installing a system component:

1. Do not remove a component from its antistatic packaging until you are ready to install it.
2. Wear a wrist grounding strap before handling electronic components. Wrist grounding straps are available at most electronic component stores.



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**Note:** Do not attempt the procedures described in the following sections unless you are a qualified technician.

## ▶ Opening the housing panels

The system housing has a front door and two side panels. However, you only have to open the right side panel to access the internal components.

Always observe the following ESD (electrostatic discharge) precautions before installing any system component:

1. Do not remove any system component from its packaging unless you are ready to install it.
2. Wear an antistatic strap before handling electronic components. Antistatic straps are available at most electronic component stores.



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Warning! DO NOT attempt the procedures in the following sections unless you are confident of your capability to perform them. Otherwise, ask a service technician for assistance.

A microswitch is allocated on both sides of the housing panels. It helps indicate whether the panel is removed or intact.

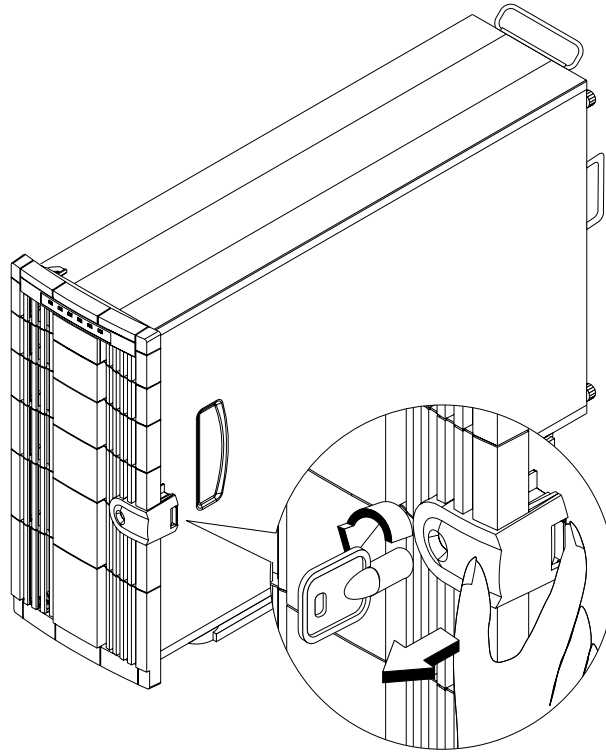
## Opening the front panel door

A security lock secures the front door to protect against unauthorized access.

To open the front door:

1. Insert the key, push, and then turn it clockwise. If you are using the chassis for the first time, you can find the key attached to the rear of the chassis.

2. Press the latch and open the door.



## Removing the front panel door

The doors are attached to the main housing by screwless hinges. Follow these steps to remove the door:

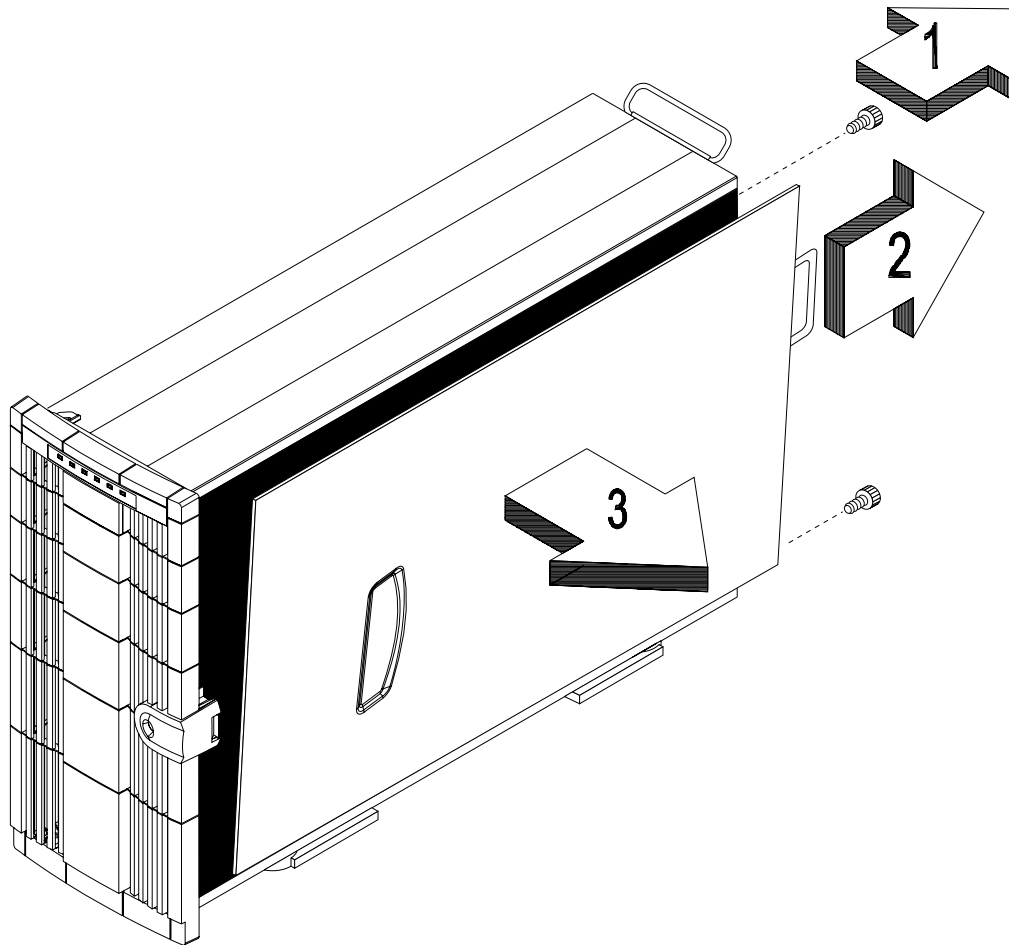
1. Unlock the door.
2. Open it up to a 45° angle.
3. Lift it up and pull out to detach it.

## Removing the right panel

To remove the right panel:

1. Turn off the power to the system unit and unplug all cables.
2. Unscrew the two thumbscrews at the back of the right panel.

3. Gently pull back the right panel and detach it.





## ▶ Installing and removing storage devices

The chassis has nine 5.25-inch drive bays. You can install additional storage devices like CD-ROM drives, digital audio tape (DAT) drives or hard disk drives in the empty bays.



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**Note:** Your basic system comes with a CD-ROM drive and 3.5-inch diskette drive already installed.

### Removing drive bay covers

The drive bay cover protects the inside of the chassis when the drive bay is not occupied.

To remove a drive bay cover:

1. Open the front panel door and remove the side panel. See “Opening the housing panels” on page 34 for more information.
2. Detach the drive bay cover. Use a Phillips screwdriver to remove the screw located on the right side of the drive bay cover.
3. Press the latch located on the left side of the drive bay using your finger. Pull out the drive bay cover. Keep the drive bay cover for future use.

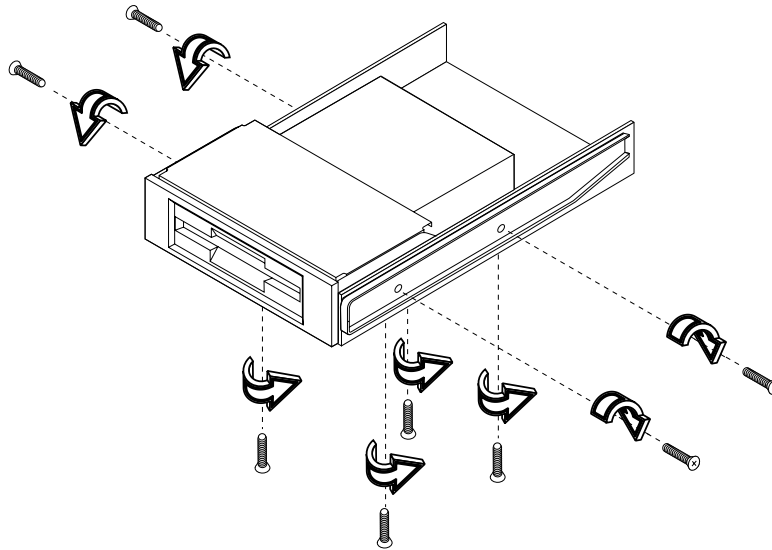
### Installing and removing 3.5-inch storage devices

The housing comes with a 5.25-inch plastic casing for installing 3.5-inch storage devices.

To install a 3.5-inch storage device:

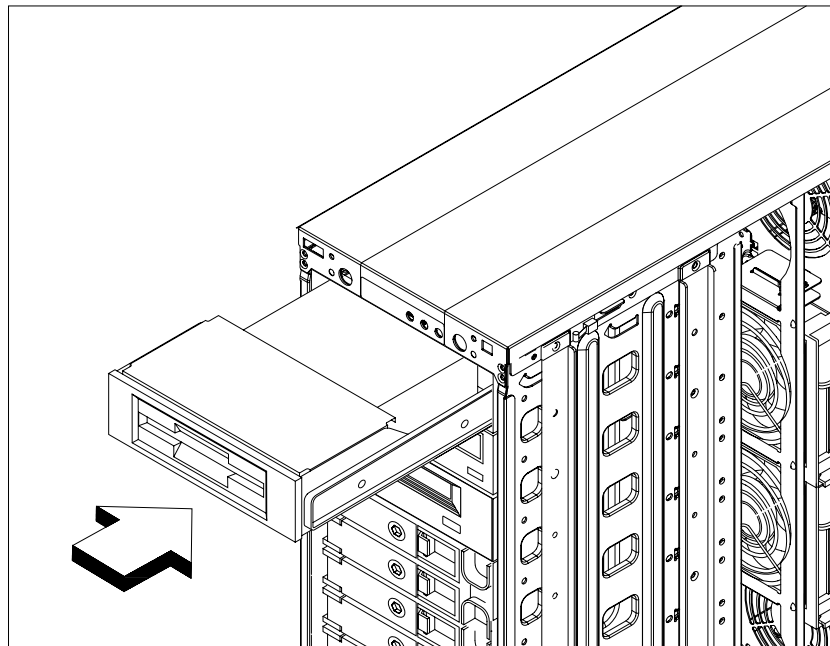
1. Open the front panel door and remove the side panel. See “Opening the housing panels” on page 34 for more information.
2. Attach the 3.5-inch storage device to the 5.25-inch plastic casing with four screws.

3. Attach the drive rail to one side of the plastic casing and secure it with two screws. Do the same thing to the other side.

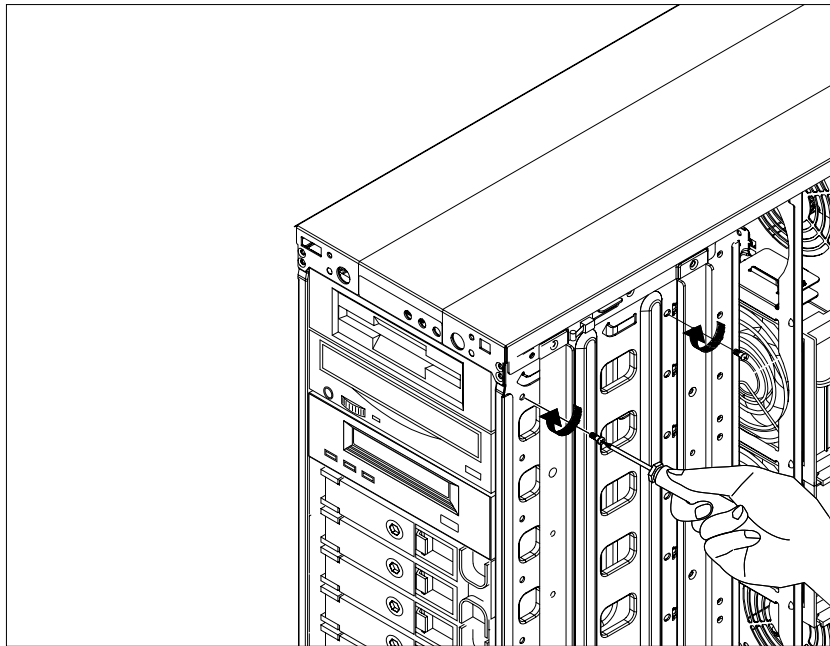


4. Insert the casing into the bay.

If the drive bay has a cover, remove the cover first. See “Removing drive bay covers” on page 37.



5. Secure the casing with two screws.



6. Connect the power cable and signal cables to the storage device.
7. Reinstall the side panel.

To remove a 3.5-inch storage device:

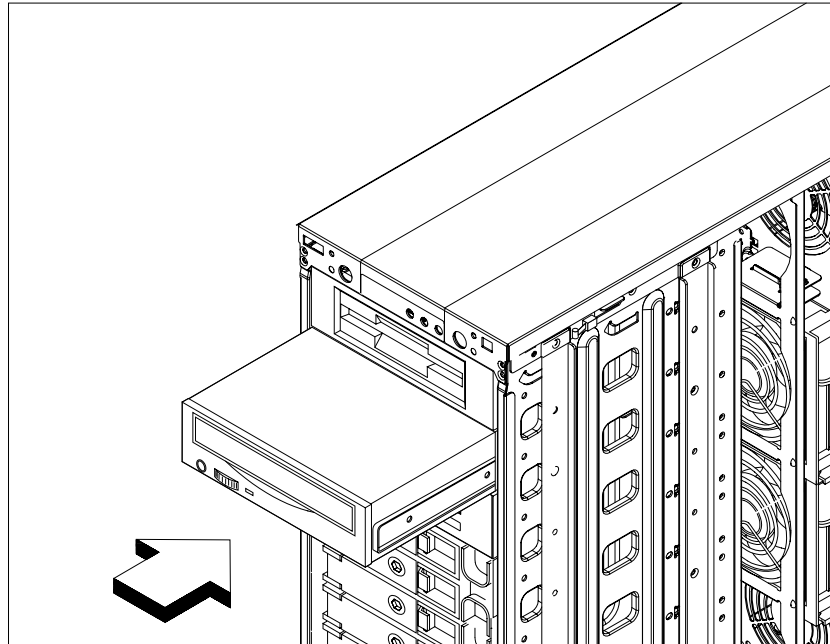
1. Open the front panel door and remove the side panel. See “Opening the housing panels” on page 34 for more information.
2. Disconnect the power and signal cables.
3. Use a Phillips screwdriver to remove the screws located on the right side of the plastic casing. Gently pull out the plastic casing.
4. Again, use a Phillips screwdriver to remove the screws located underneath the storage device. Detach the 3.5-inch storage device from the plastic casing.
5. Use the drive bay cover to cover the drive bay. Insert it into the empty drive bay and secure it with one screw.
6. Reinstall the side panel.

## Installing and removing a 5.25-inch storage device

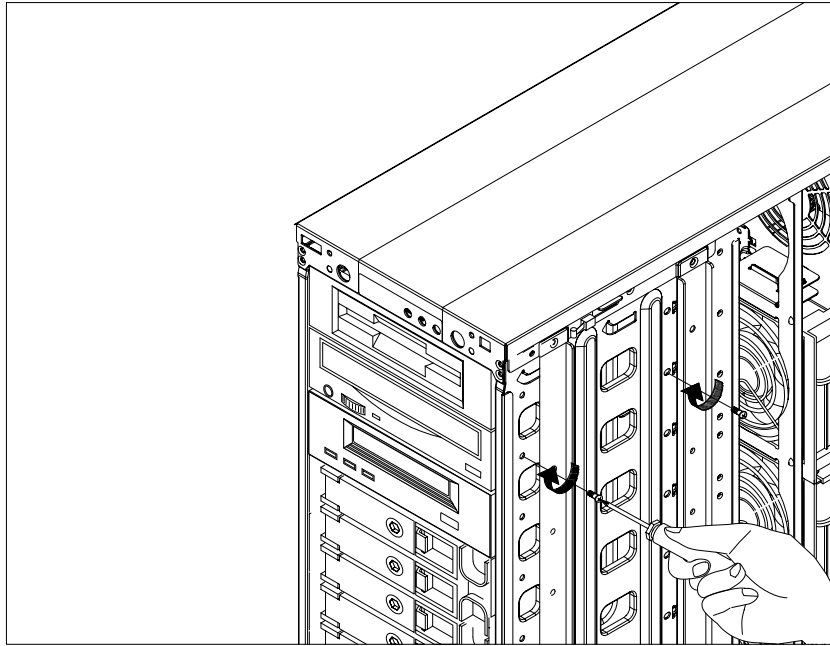
To install a 5.25-inch storage device:

1. Open the front panel door and remove the side panel. See “Opening the housing panels” on page 34 for more information.
2. Attach the drive rail to one side of the plastic casing and secure it with two screws. Do the same thing to the other side.
3. Insert the 5.25-inch storage drive into the bay.

If the drive bay has a cover, remove the cover first. See “Removing drive bay covers” on page 37.



4. Secure the storage drive with two screws.



5. Connect the power cable and signal cables to the external device.
6. Reinstall the side panels.

To remove a 5.25-inch storage device:

1. Open the front panel door and remove the side panel. See “Opening the housing panels” on page 34 for more information.
2. Disconnect the power and signal cables.
3. Use a Phillips screwdriver to remove the screws located on the right side of the storage drive.
4. Gently pull out the storage drive to remove it.
5. Use the drive bay cover to cover the drive bay. Insert it into the empty drive bay and secure it with one screw.
6. Reinstall the side panel.

## ► Installing a hot-swap cage

The hot-swap cage occupies four drive bays. For more information about the backplane board, refer to page 24.

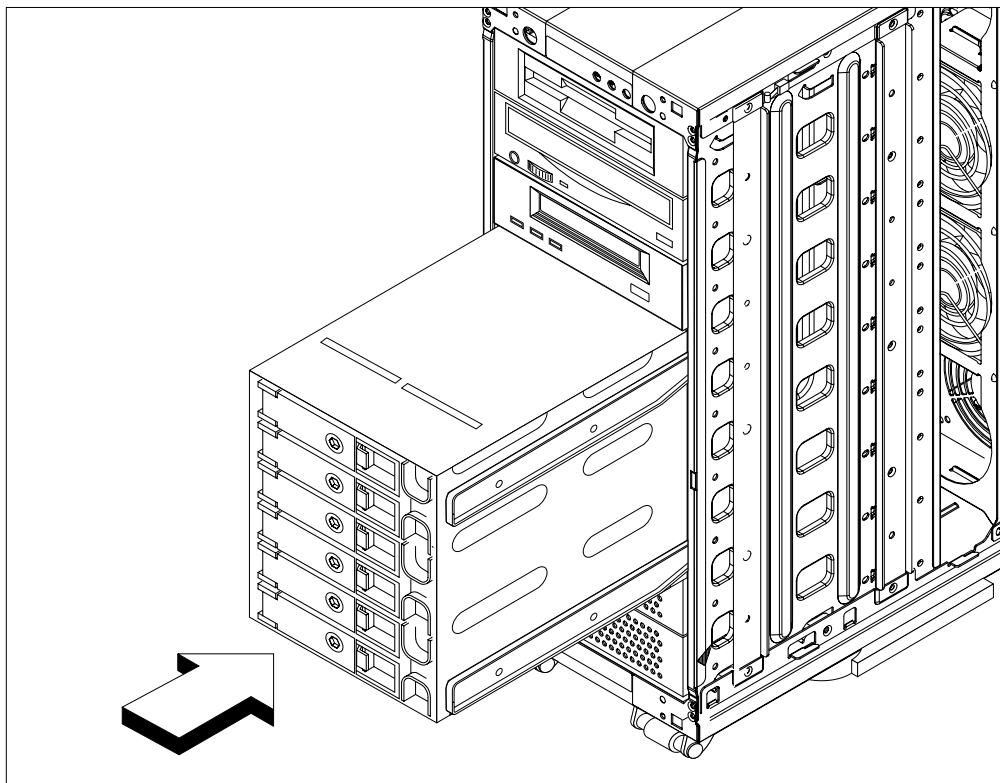
The BPL6 hot-swap cage includes the following components:

- One hot-swap cage
- Six hard disk drive trays
- Three hot-plug fan-sink modules
- One SCSI terminator
- Two SCSI cables
- One I2C cable

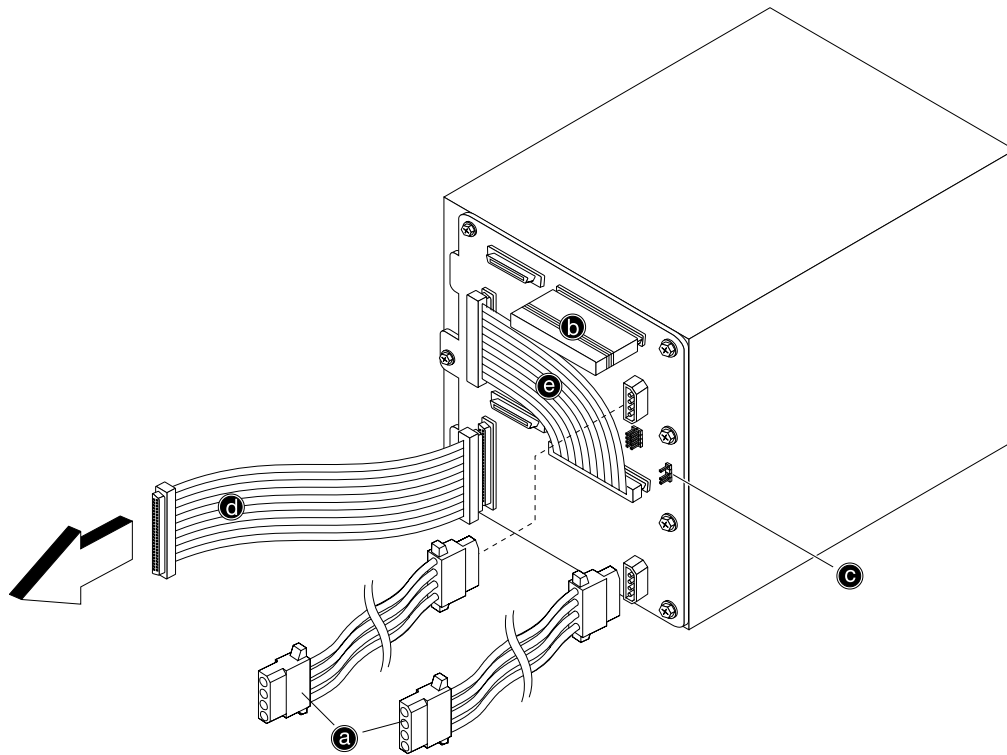
To install the hot-swap cage into the chassis:

1. Open the front panel door and remove the side panel. See “Opening the housing panels” on page 34 for more information.
2. Attach two pairs of drive rails on each side of the hot-swap cage. Secure the rails with eight screws.

3. Insert the hot-swap cage into the drive bays and secure the hot-swap cage with four screws.



4. Connect the following cables to the backplane board and then connect the other end of the cables to the system board. The power cables are to be connected to the power supply (see “System board layout” on page 21 for the location of the system board connectors):
  - a. Power cables - connects to the power supply
  - b. SCSI terminator
  - c. I2C cable (CN1) - connects to the system board
  - d. SCSI cable - connects to the system board
  - e. SCSI cable



5. Reinstall the side panels.

## Hot-swapping SCSI SCA hard disk drives

The hot-swap cage supports up to six hot-swappable SCSI SCA hard disk drives. You can hot-swap (remove and replace) a hard disk drive any time when it fails to operate (indicated by the yellow LED).



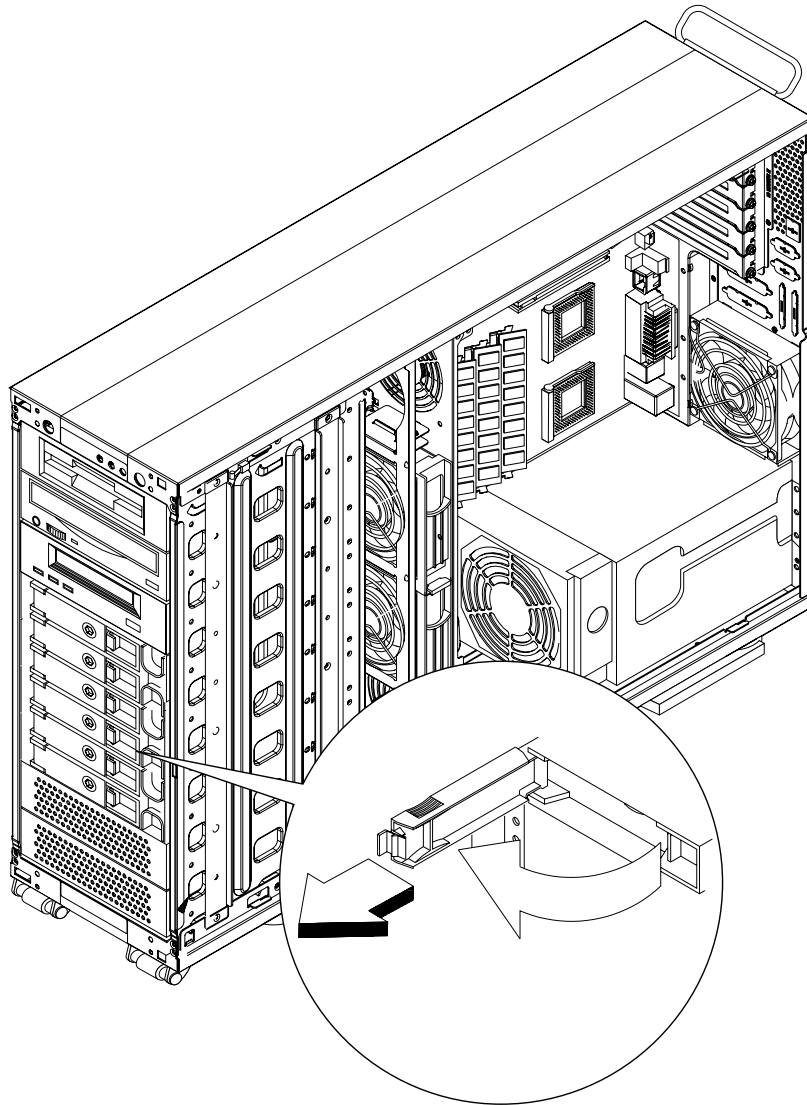
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Warning! Do not remove a hard disk drive when active. It could cause undue damage to the hard disk drive.

Follow these steps to install a hot-swappable SCSI drive:

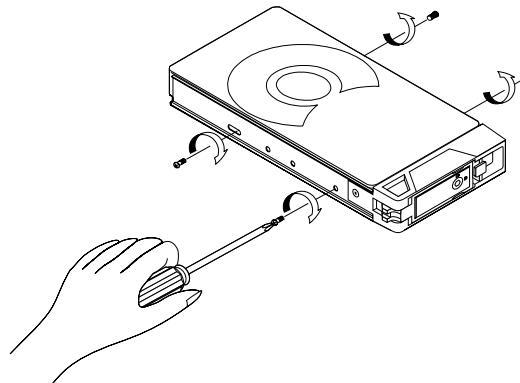
1. Use the hex key provided with the system to unlock the drive tray.



2. Use your finger to release the drive tray and then pull it out.



3. Place a hard disk on the tray. Secure it with four screws to the metal holder as shown below.



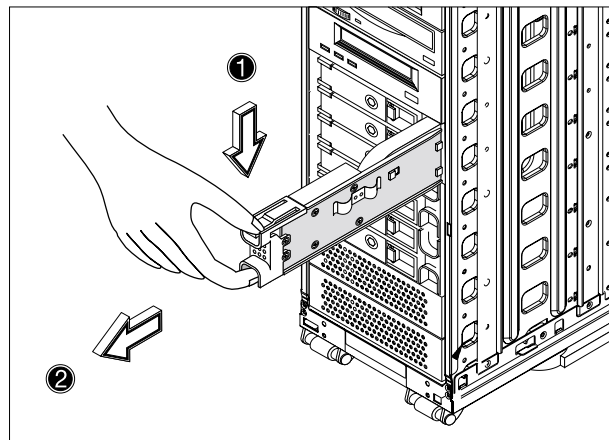
4. Insert the tray into the hot-swap cage with the lever still extended. Make sure that the drive is properly inserted before closing the lever.
5. Push the lever back until it clicks into place.

## Hot-swapping the hot-plug fan-sink module

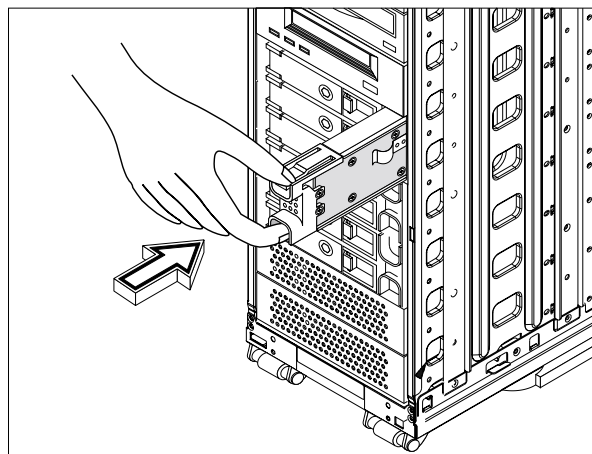
The hot-swap cage supports up to three hot-plug fan-sink modules to keep it cool. You can hot-swap (remove and replace) a hot-plug fan-sink any time when it fails to operate (indicated by the yellow LED).

Follow these steps to replace a hot-plug fan-sink module:

1. Insert your pointing finger and your thumb into the fan-sink module.
2. Squeeze the latch to release the fan and gently pull it out.



3. Insert a new fan-sink into the hot-swap cage. Push the fan-sink until it locks into place.



## ► Hot-swapping redundant power supplies

The power subsystem consists of two hot-swappable power supply module bays that allow the installation of two 337-watt power supply modules in a hot-swappable redundant configuration. A redundant power configuration enables a fully-configured system to continue running even if one power supply fails.

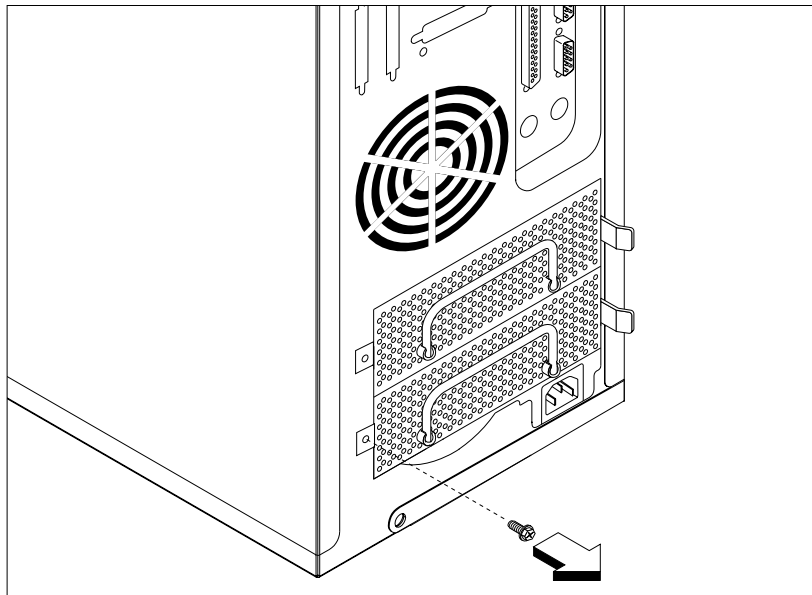
The system housing comes with one hot-swappable redundant power supply installed.

To hot-swap a redundant power supply:

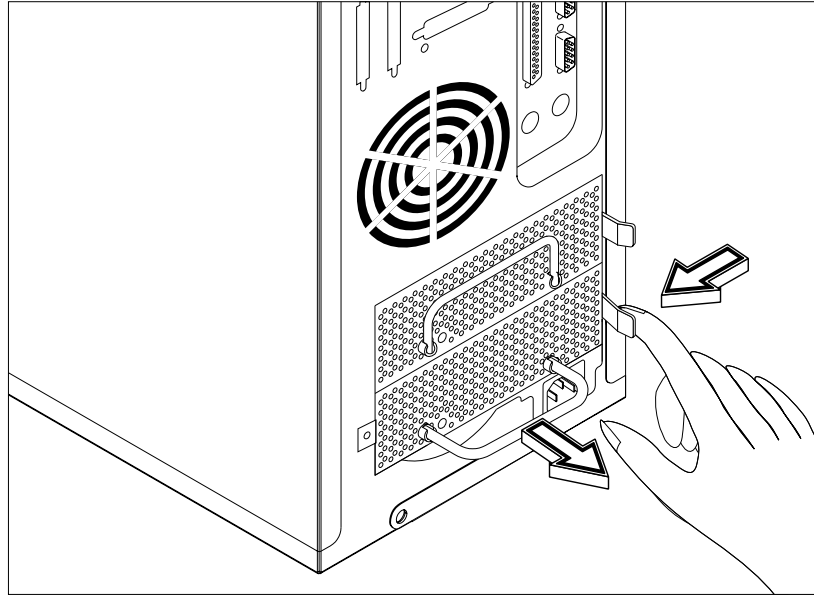


**Note:** A failed power supply is indicated by an orange LED.

1. Remove the screw using a Phillips screwdriver.



2. Press the latch to release the power supply and gently pull it out using the metal handle.



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**Note:** The power supply subsystem should supply a minimum of 337 Watt to the whole system. If you only have one power supply or if you have two power supplies and are planning to remove both of them, remember to turn off the power first and disconnect the power cord from the electrical outlet.

3. Insert the new power supply into the power supply cage.



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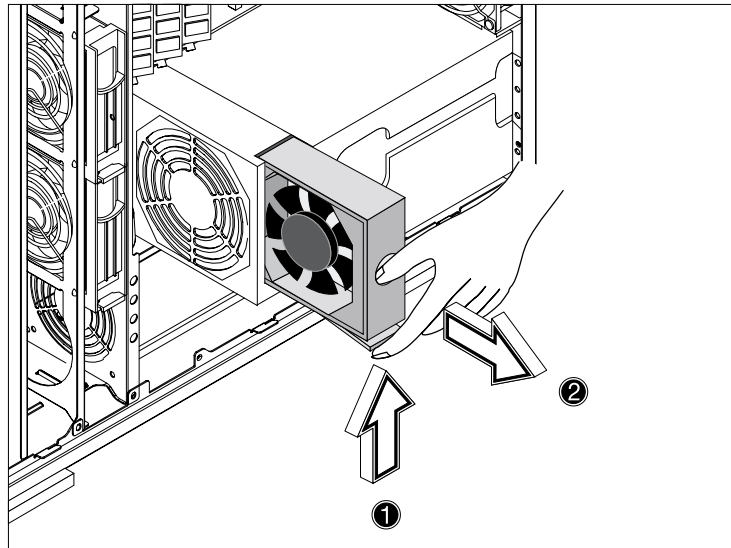
**Note:** Make sure that the power supply is properly inserted.

4. Secure the power supply with a screw.

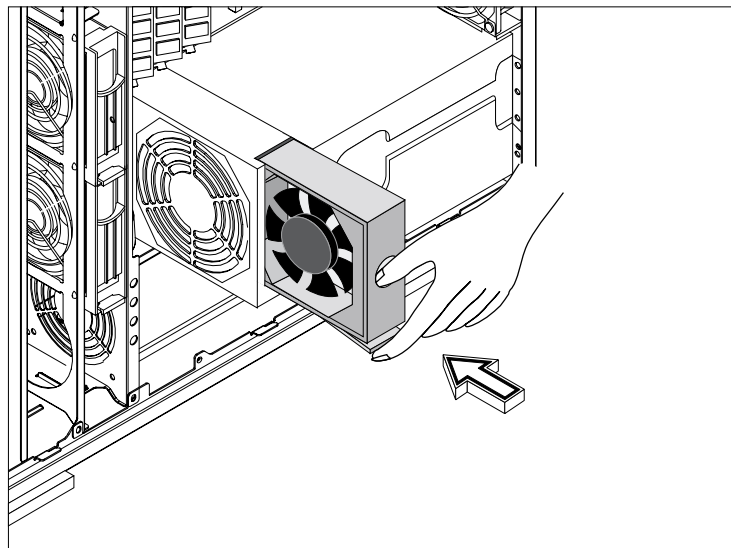
## ▶ Replacing the power supply fan

To replace the power supply fan:

1. Open the front panel door and remove the right panel. See “Opening the housing panels” on page 34 for more information.
2. Insert your pointing finger and your thumb into the power supply fan.
3. Squeeze the latch to release the fan and gently pull it out.



4. Insert a new fan and gently push it down until it locks into place.



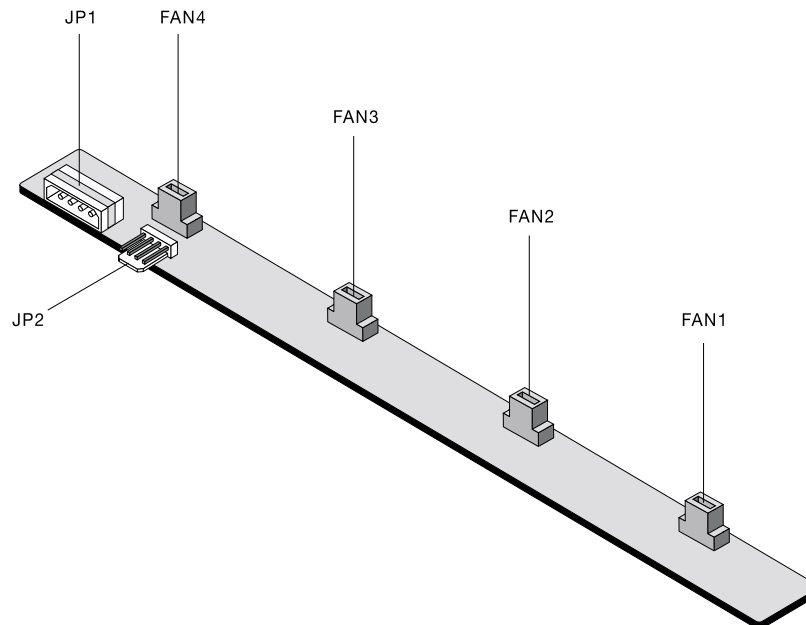
## ► Hot-swap redundant chassis fan

The chassis can house five cooling fans; however, it only needs a minimum of three cooling fans to operate properly. These fans are distributed inside the chassis to cool down the system (two in front and one at the back). The rear cooling fan is fixed and not hot-swappable. You have to shut down the system before changing the rear cooling fan. However, the cooling fan in front are hot-swappable. When a front cooling fans becomes defective, you can simply take it out and put a new one in even when the system is operating.



**Note:** Make sure that there are three cooling fans (two in front and one at the back) distributed in the chassis to ensure proper system operation. Also, remember to shut down the system when changing a defective rear cooling fan.

### Hot-swap fan base board



Connector	Description
JP1	Power connector
JP2	Signal cable (4-pin)
Fan1 to 4	Hot-plug fan connectors

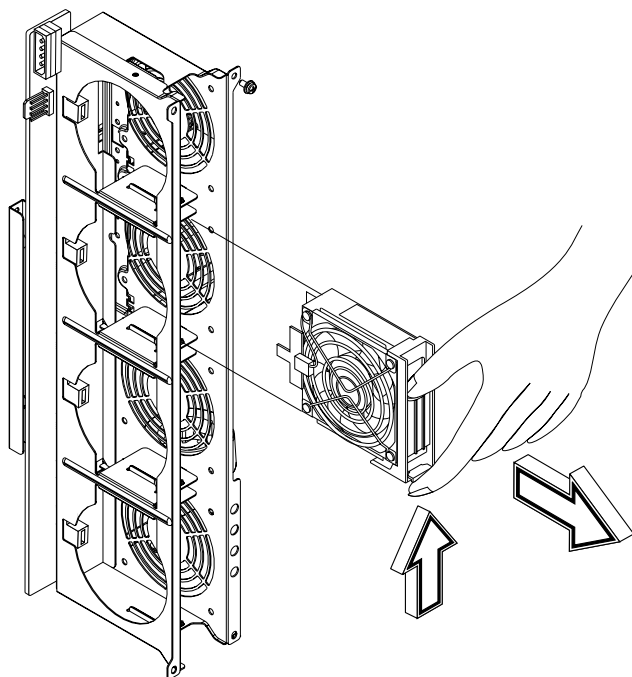
## Replacing housing fans

To change a rear housing fan:

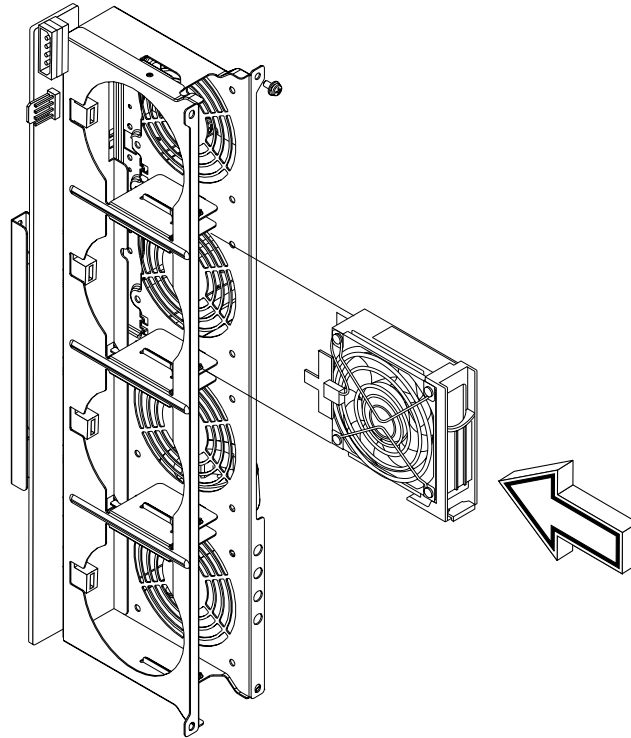
1. Shut down the system.
2. Open the front panel door and remove the side panel. See “Opening the housing panels” on page 34 for more information.
3. Remove the fan cable from the system board.
4. Press the fan holder arm outward until there is room for the cooling fan to come through.
5. Replace the defective cooling fan.
6. Reattach the fan cable to the system board.
7. Close the chassis panel and restart the system.

To change a front hot-swap housing fan:

1. Open the front panel door and remove the right panel. See “Opening the housing panels” on page 34 for more information.
2. See which of the fans is defective. Refer to the LED located near the bottom of each fan. A green light means the fan is ok while a yellow light means the fan is defective.
3. Insert your forefinger into the grasp hole and use your thumb to press the latch to release the defective fan.



4. Pull out the fan and replace it with a good one. Make sure that the fan is operating properly.



5. Close the chassis panel.

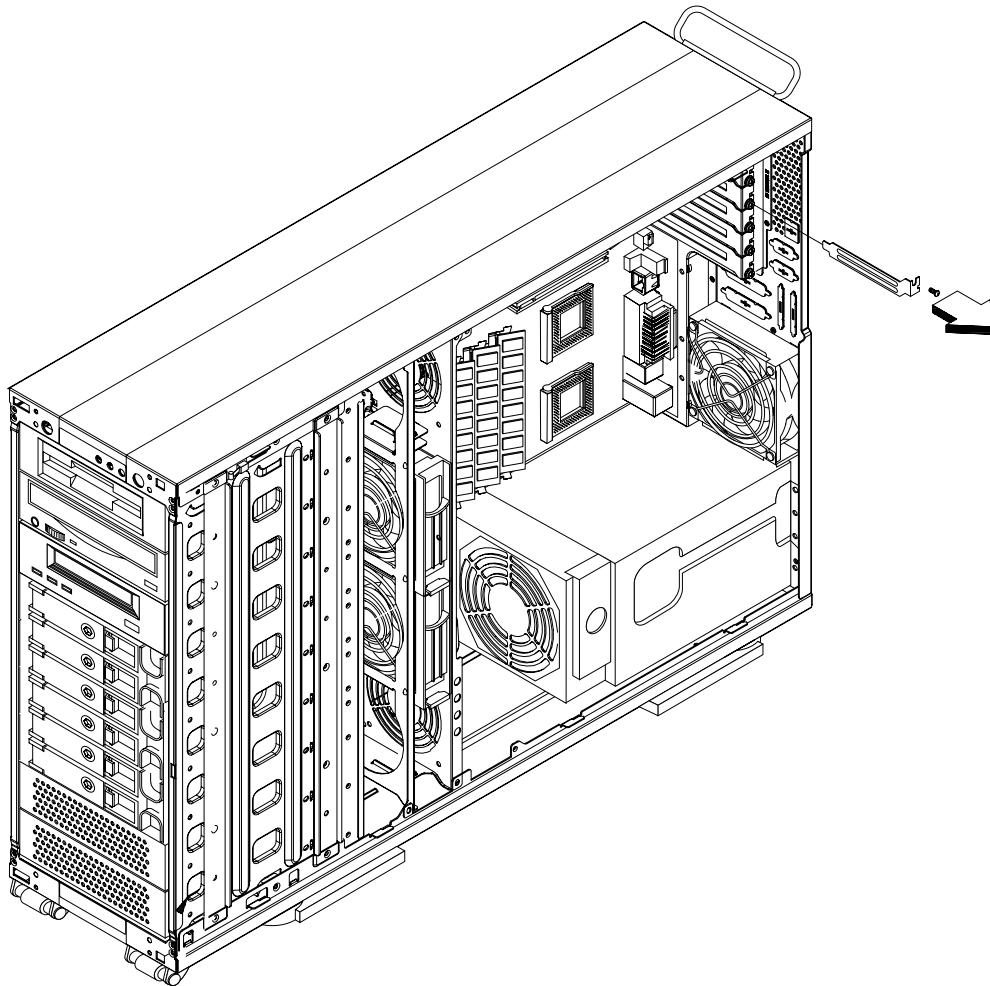


## ► Installing an expansion board

The expansion board connects to the system board expansion slots. The number of expansion slots available depends on the system board that you want to install. However, the chassis can only accommodate a maximum of seven expansion boards.

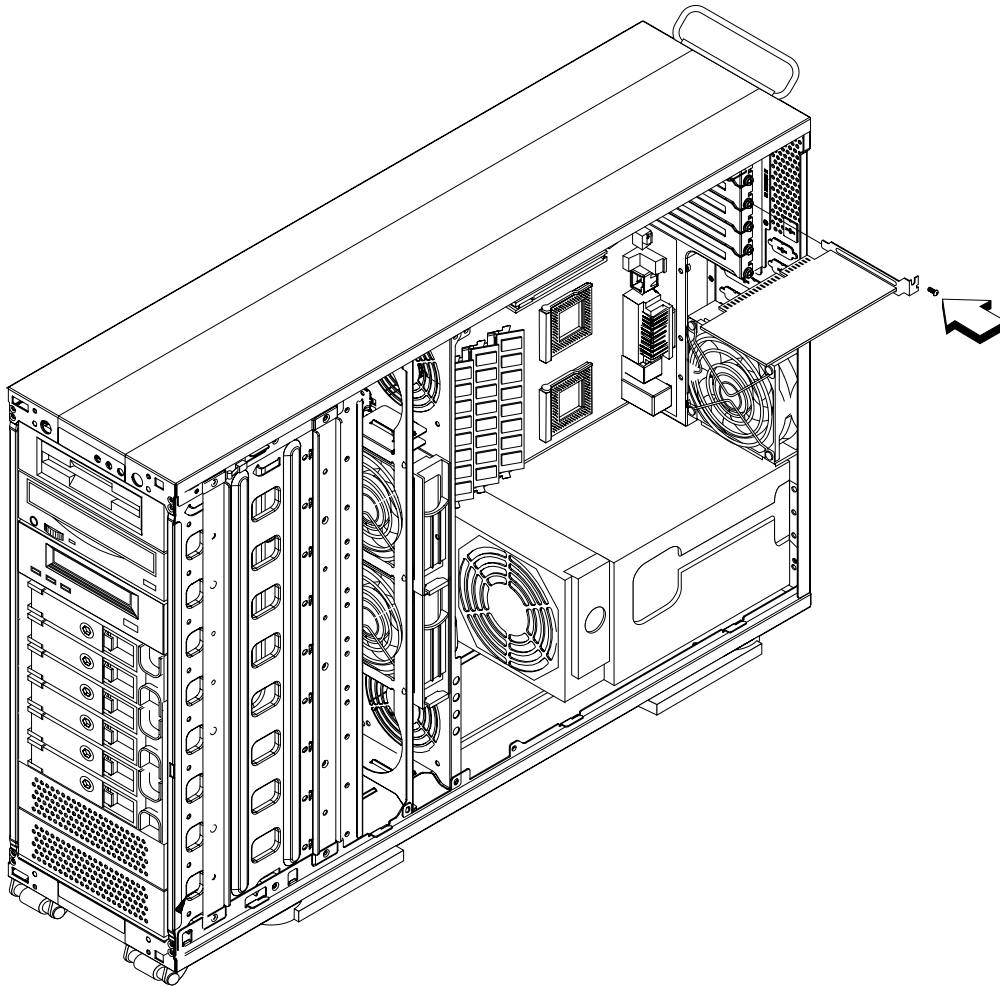
To install an expansion board:

1. Open the front panel door and remove the side panel. See “Opening the housing panels” on page 34 for more information.
2. Remove the expansion slot bracket opposite an empty expansion slot. Save the screw for later use.



3. Align and insert the expansion board into the empty slot.

4. Secure the expansion board to the chassis with a screw.



5. Reinstall the side panel.

## ▶ Installing and removing the CPU

The Pentium III comes in a FC-PGA (Flip-Chip Pin Grid Array) 370-pin package. The FC-PGA package is designed for the new breed of sleek, high performance, small form factor PCs.

The system board supports a Pentium III processor running at 600/133 to 866/133 MHz, and future generations of Pentium CPUs.



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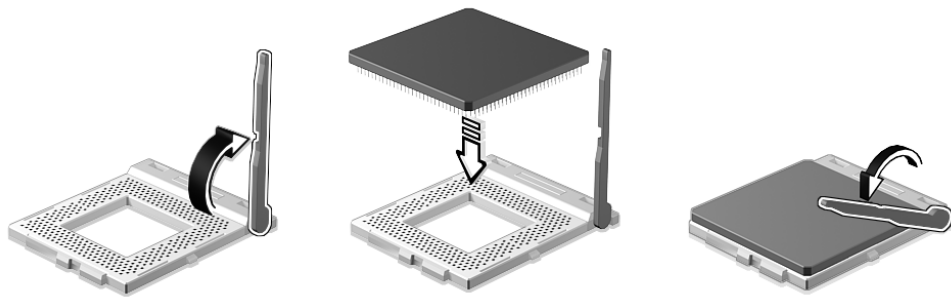
Caution: Always observe the ESD precautions when installing or removing a system component. Refer to “ESD precautions” on page 33.

### Installing a CPU

Follow these steps to install a CPU:

1. Remove the processor from its protective packaging.
2. Insert the new CPU into the CPU socket. Make sure that pin 1 (indicated by a notched corner) of the CPU connects to hole 1 of the socket.

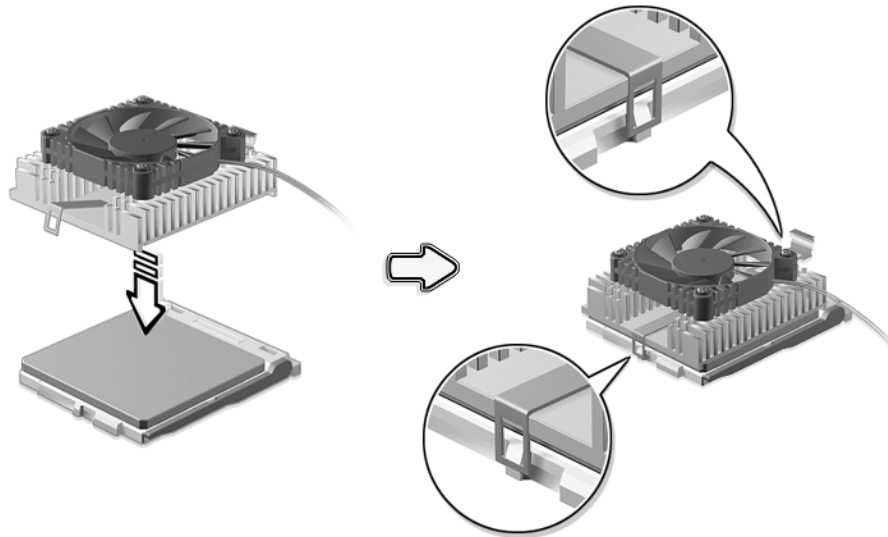
Push down the socket lever to lock the new CPU into the socket.



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**Note:** Install a terminator board into the CPU 2 socket if you only install one CPU (must be installed in the CPU 1 socket). Also, make sure to change jumper JP10 to setting 1-2 to indicate that you are installing a terminator board into the CPU 2 socket. See “System board layout” on page 21 for the location of JP10.

3. Attach one side of the fan/heatsink metal bracket to the CPU socket and then gently push down the other side of the metal bracket until it locks into place.



4. Connect the 3-pin and 2-pin fan/heatsink cables to the system board. Refer to “System board layout” on page 21 for the location of the fan/heatsink connectors.



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Warning! The heatsink becomes very hot when the system is on.  
NEVER touch the heatsink with any metal or with your hands.

## Removing a CPU

Follow these steps to remove a CPU:

1. Disconnect the 3-pin and 2-pin fan/heatsink cables from the system board.
2. Unhook one side of the fan/heatsink metal bracket and gently lift it before removing the other side.
3. Gently push the socket lever down to release the lever and then pull it up.
4. Remove the CPU.

## Installing and removing memory modules

The four 168-pin sockets on board support SDRAM-type DIMMs. You may install 64-MB, 128-MB, 256-MB, 512-MB, or 1024-MB (single density) DIMMs for a maximum of 4-GB system memory.



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**Note:** The SDRAM should work under 3.3 volts only; 5-volt memory devices are not supported.

This system board supports 100 and 133 MHz SDRAM. However, they cannot be used at the same time in the system.

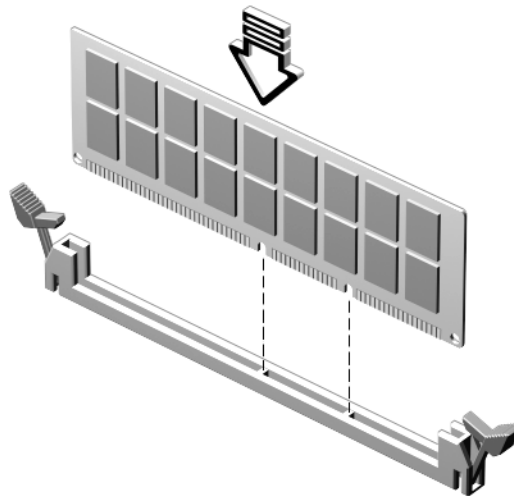


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**WARNING!** Do not use both 100 MHz and 133 MHz SDRAM together. This might cause your system to malfunction. For a list of qualified DIMM vendors, please contact your reseller.

Each of the DIMM sockets is independent from the others. This independence allows you to install DIMMs with different capacities to form different configurations.

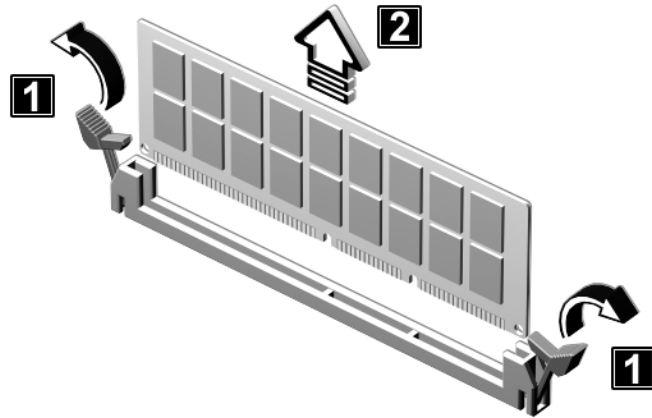
To install a DIMM, align it to an empty slot and press it in until the holding clips secure the DIMM in place.



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**Note:** The DIMM socket is slotted to ensure proper installation. If you slip in a DIMM but it does not completely fit, you may have inserted it the wrong way. Reverse the orientation of the DIMM.

To remove a DIMM, press the holding clips on both sides of the socket outward to release the DIMM.



**Note:** Place your forefingers on the top of the DIMM before you press the holding clips to gently disengage the DIMM from the socket.

## Reconfiguring the system

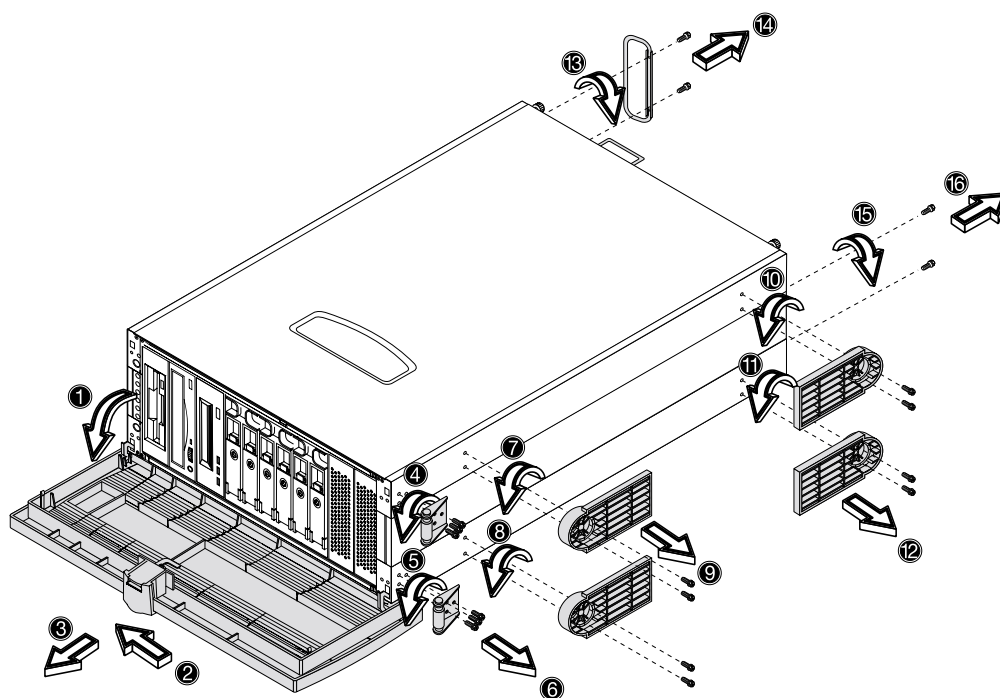
The system automatically detects the amount of memory installed. Run Setup to view the new value for total system memory and make a note of it.

## ► Converting the system for rackmounting

You can convert the Altos 1200 to fit into the Acer Altos Rack with the Rackmount kit. Please refer to the Acer Altos 1200 rack installation guide for more information.

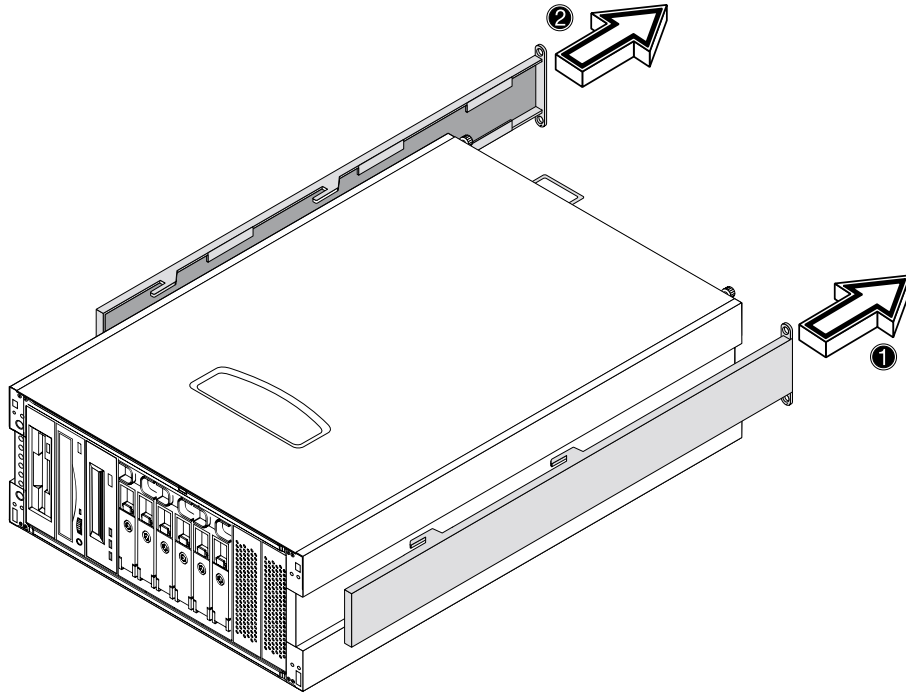
To convert the system:

1. Place the server sideways on a steady surface.

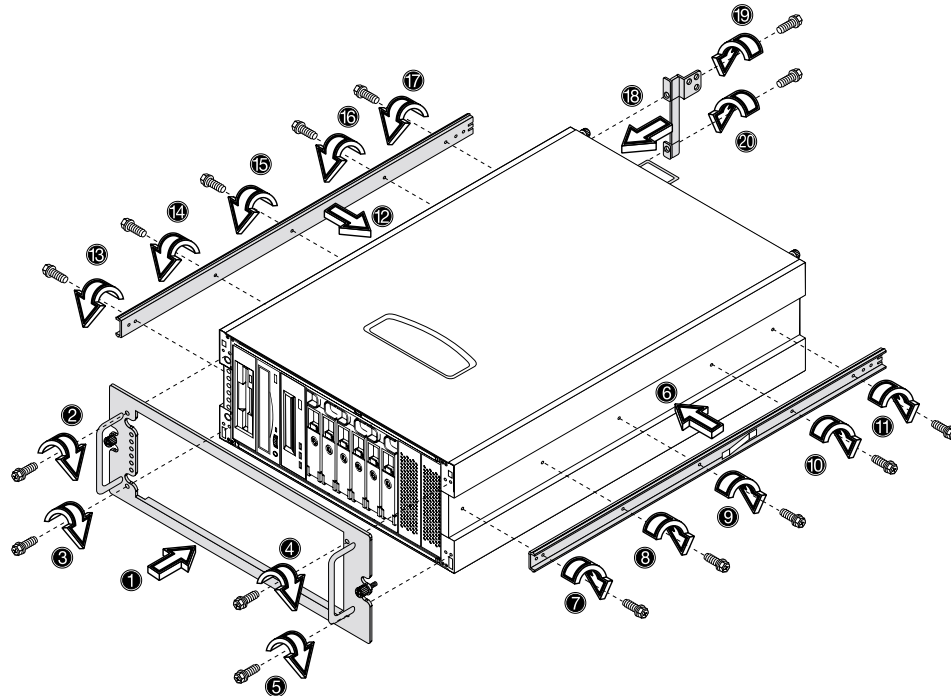


2. Remove the front door. The doors are attached to the main housing by screwless hinges. Follow these steps to remove the door:
  - Step 1.** Unlock the door.
  - Step 2.** Open it up to a 45° angle.
  - Step 3.** Lift it up and pull out to detach it.
3. Remove the front wheels and all the stands (steps 4 to 12).
4. Remove the housing handle at the back (steps 13 and 14)
5. Detach each of the support panels by removing two screws located at the back of the server (steps 15 and 16).

- Slide out the support panel about an inch and then pull it out.



- Attach the front panel, component rails and the cable arm bracket extension.





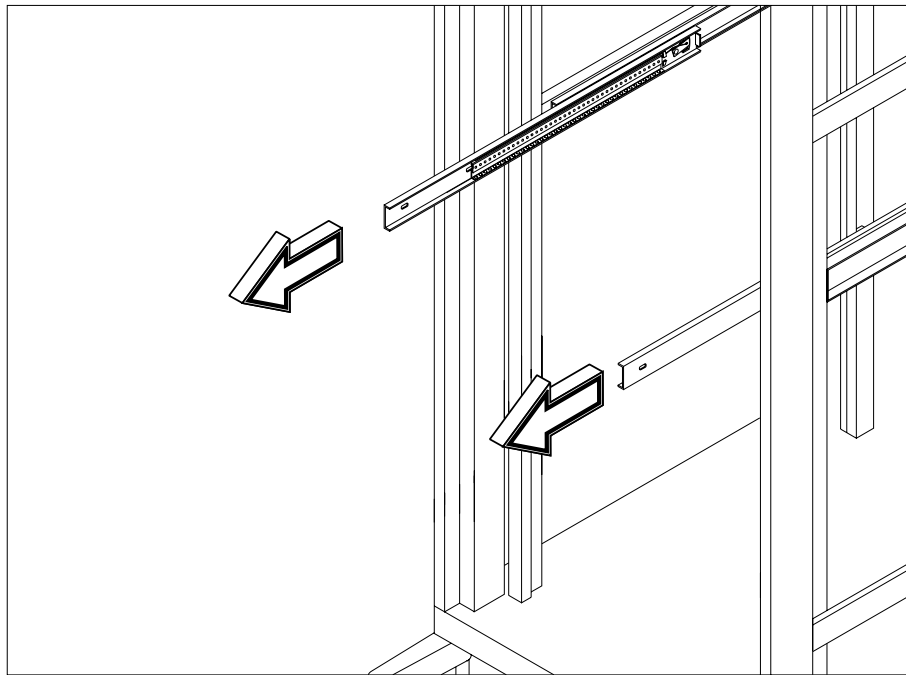
8. Install the system into the Altos Rack. Refer to the Acer Altos 1200 rack installation guide for more information.



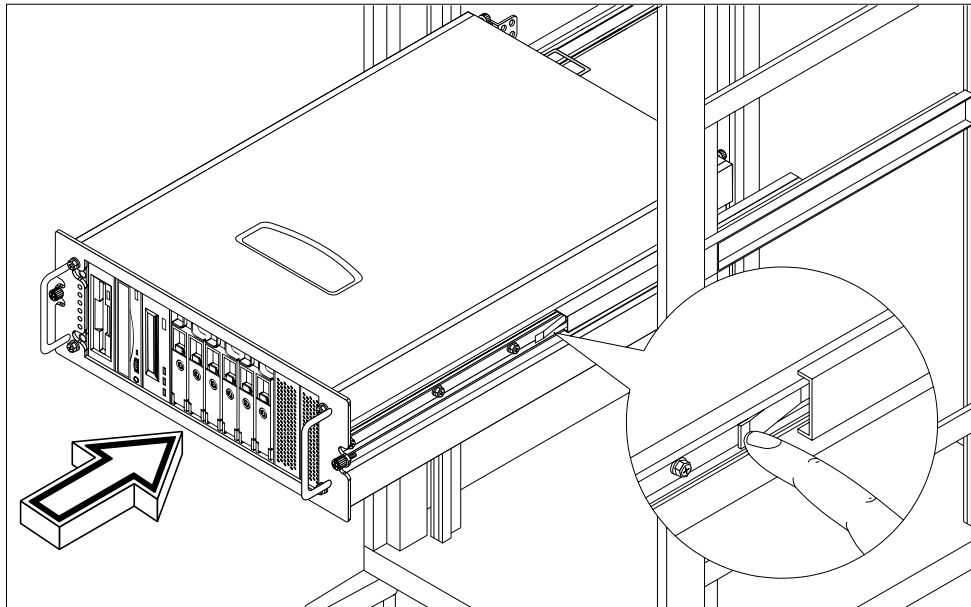
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**Note:** You may need to apply some pressure the first time you slide the component into the rack. After some time, the ball bearings in the slide will move easily.

9. Extend the inner sliding piece of each mounting rail forward until it clicks.



10. Carefully align the server's rails with the mounting bracket's rail, and then push the server into the rack until it clicks.



11. Depress the component rail release latch on either side of the drawer and then slide the drawer into the rack.



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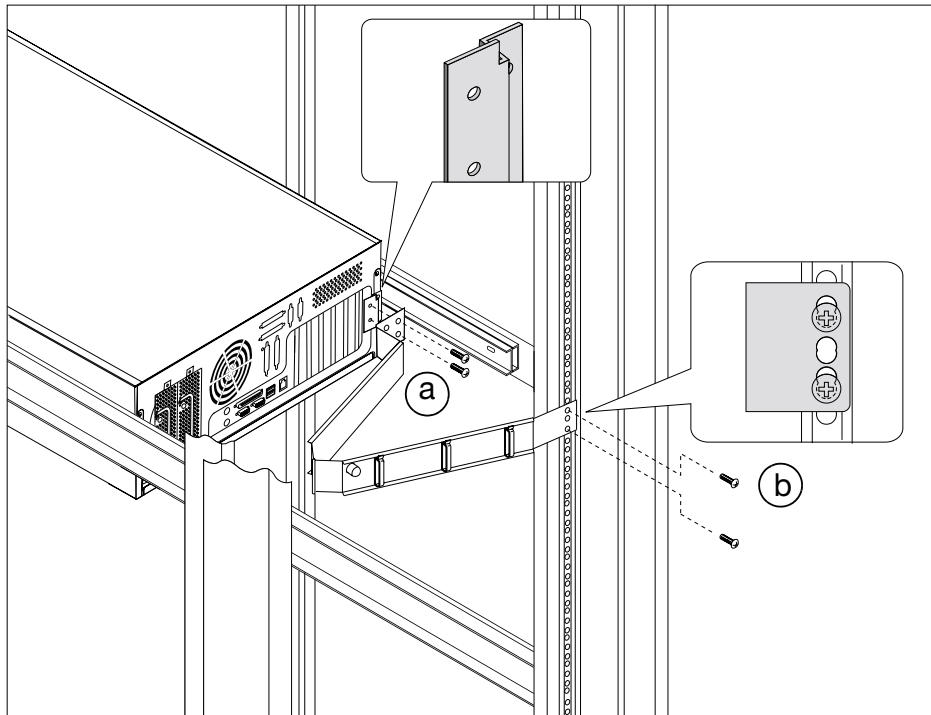
**Note:** To avoid personal injury, care should be taken when pressing the component rail release latches and sliding the component into the rack.

12. Attach the cable carrier to the bracket extension. The cable carrier allows you to tie-wrap all cables to and from the server. As you slide the server in and out of the rack, the cable carrier collapses and extends, keeping the cables untangled and attached to the server. Refer to the Acer Altos 1200 rack installation guide for more information.

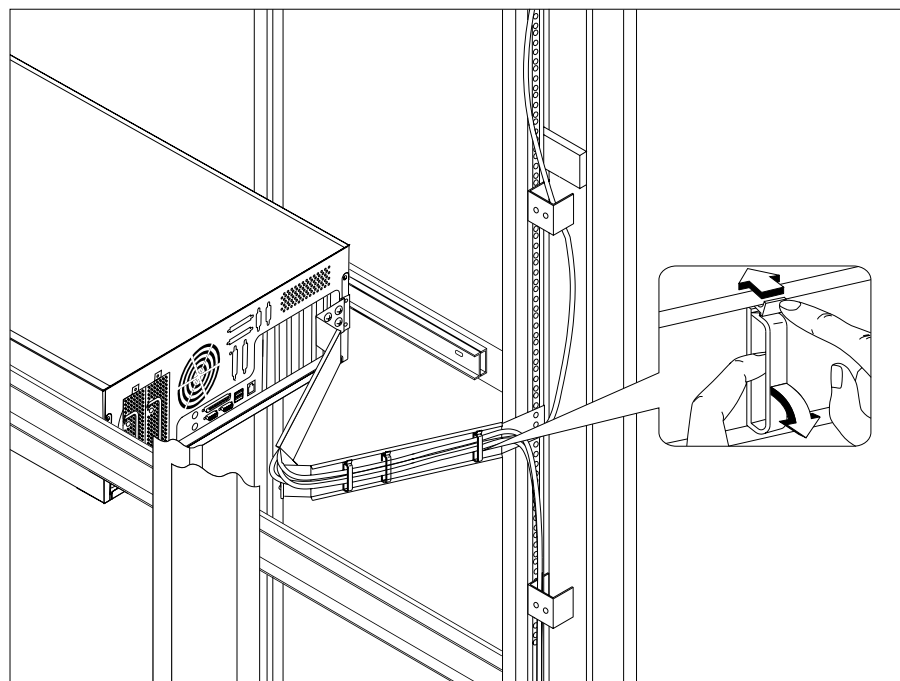
To attach the cable carrier:

- a. Attach one end of the cable carrier to the server using two screws.

- b. Install two cage nuts opposite the hole where the cable carrier will be secured with two screws.

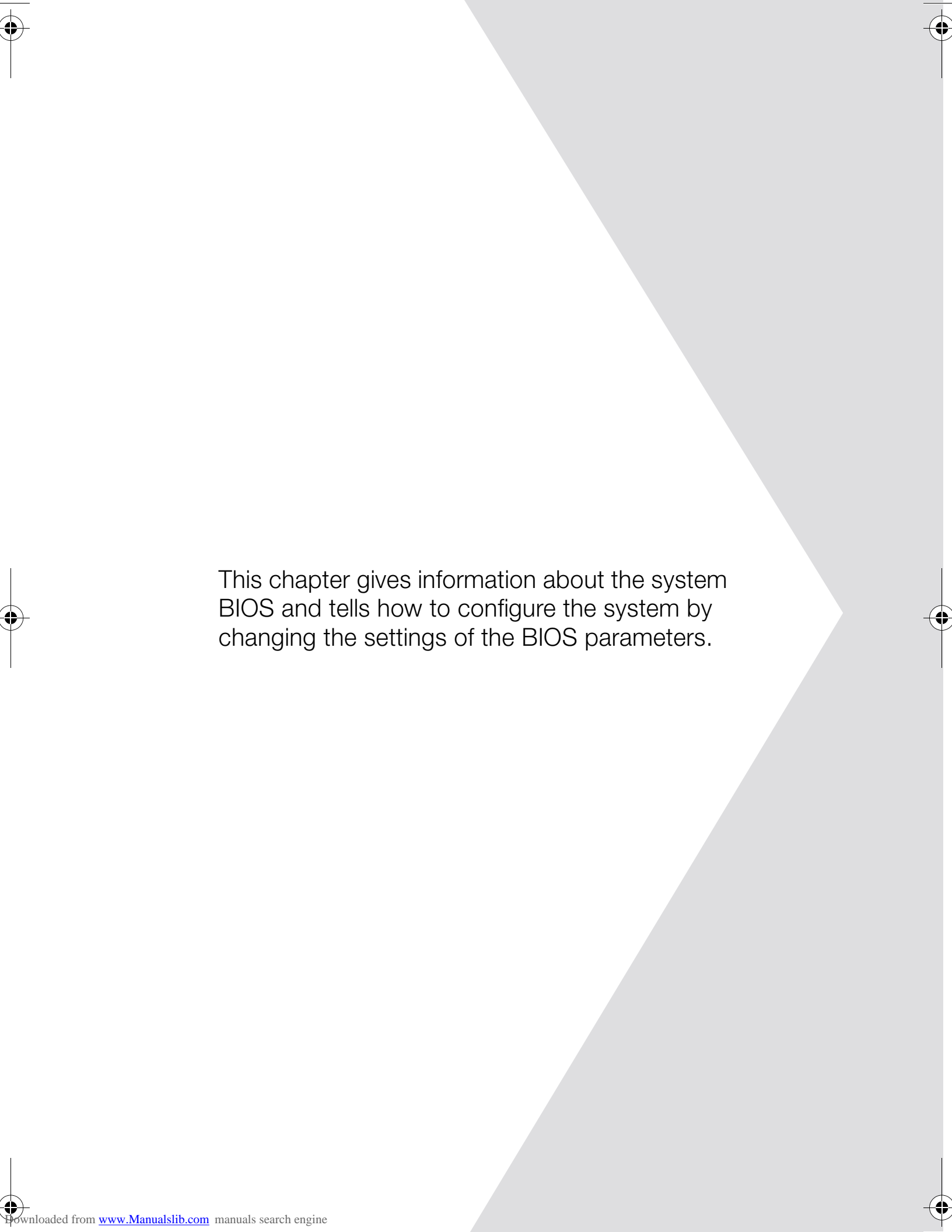


- c. Extend the cable carrier.  
d. Bundle all cables to the cable carrier with cable clamps.



- e. Route all cables from the cable carrier to the cable management bracket located on the rear of the rack.
13. Secure the server to the rack using two thumbscrews.

# 4 Setup utility



This chapter gives information about the system BIOS and tells how to configure the system by changing the settings of the BIOS parameters.

## ► Introduction

Most systems are already configured by the manufacturer or the dealer. There is no need to run Setup when starting the computer unless you get a Run Setup message.

The Setup program loads configuration values into the battery-backed nonvolatile memory called CMOS RAM. This memory area is not part of the system RAM.



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Note: If you repeatedly receive Run Setup messages, the battery may be bad. In this case, the system cannot retain configuration values in CMOS. Ask a qualified technician for assistance.

Before you run Setup, make sure that you have saved all open files. The system reboots immediately after you exit Setup.

## ▶ Entering Setup

To enter Setup, simultaneously press the key combination Ctrl+Alt+Esc.



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Note: You must press Ctrl+Alt+Esc while the system is booting. This key combination does not work during any other time.

The system supports two Setup Utility levels: Basic and Advanced.

If you are an advanced user, you may want to check the detailed configuration of your system. Detailed system configurations are contained in the Advanced Level. To view the Advanced Level, press F8 while viewing the main menu.

Use the Up and Down arrow keys to move around the Setup Utility screen.

Use the Left and Right arrow keys to move to the next page or to return to the previous page if the setup screen has more than one page available.

Use the Page Up, Page Down, +, or - keys to select the options if they are available.

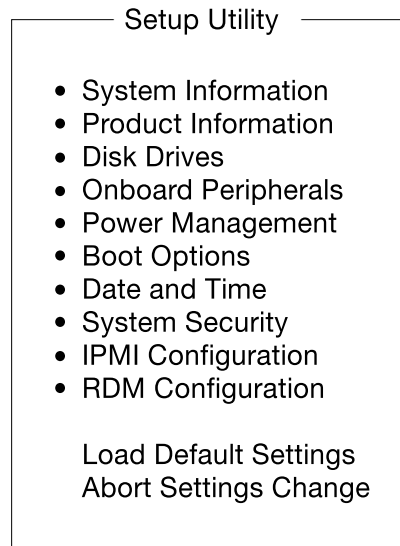
Press Esc to return to the main menu.



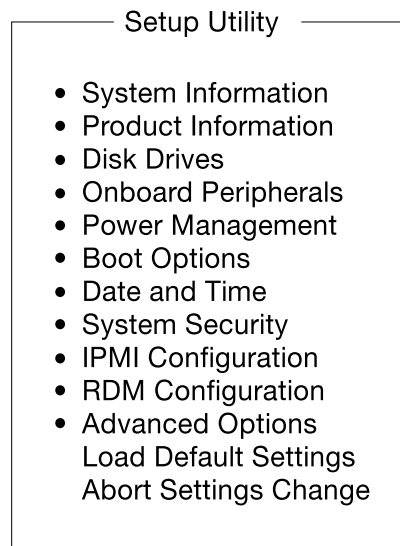
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Note: A parameter with an asterisk (\*) mark indicates that the parameter appears only when you are in the Advanced Level. Also, grayed items on the screens have fixed settings and are not user-configurable.



## Basic Setup Utility main menu



## Advanced Setup Utility main menu



## ▶ System information

The following screen appears if you select System Information from the main menu:

System Information	
Processor.....	Pentium® III Xeon™
Processor Speed.....	700 MHz
Level 1 Cache.....	32 KB, Enabled
Level 2 Cache.....	1024 KB, Enabled
Diskette Drive A.....	1.44 MB, 3.5-inch
IDE Primary Channel Master.....	Hard Disk, xxxx MB
IDE Primary Channel Slave.....	None
Total Memory.....	512 MB
1st Bank.....	SDRAM, 512 MB
2nd Bank.....	None
3rd Bank.....	None
4th Bank.....	None
Serial Port 1.....	3F8h, IRQ 4
Serial Port 2.....	2F8h, IRQ 3
Parallel Port.....	378h, IRQ 7
PS/2 Mouse.....	Installed

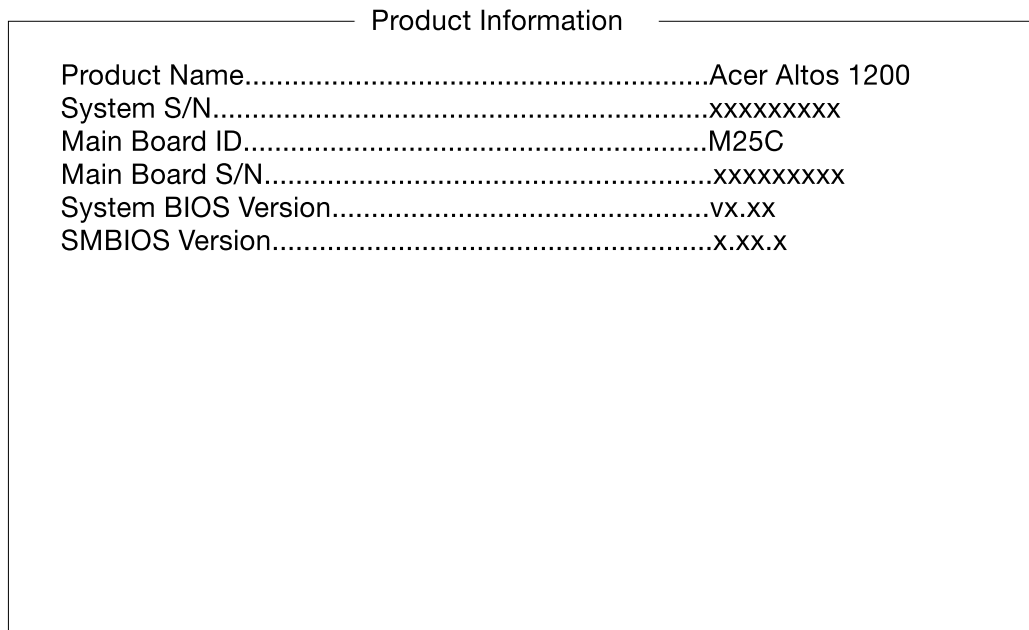
Parameter	Description
Processor	Type of processor currently installed in your system
Processor speed	Clock speed of the processor currently installed in your system
CPU/SDRAM bus frequency	Specifies the value of FSB/Memory bus frequency
Level 1 cache size	Total amount of first-level or the internal fast accessed memory size (i.e., the memory integrated into the CPU)
Level 2 cache size	Total amount of second-level cache memory size that comes with the CPU

Parameter	Description
Diskette drive A and B	System's current diskette drive A and B settings
IDE primary channel master	Current configuration of the IDE device connected to the master port of the primary IDE channel
IDE primary channel slave	Current configuration of the IDE device connected to the slave port of the primary IDE channel
Total memory	Total amount of onboard memory. The memory size is automatically detected by BIOS during the POST. If you install additional memory, the system automatically adjusts this parameter to display the new memory size
1st/2nd/3rd/4th bank	Type and size of DRAM installed in DIMM sockets 1, 2, 3, and 4 respectively. The None setting indicates that there is no DRAM installed
Serial port 1	Serial port 1 address and IRQ setting
Serial port 2	Serial port 2 address and IRQ setting
Parallel port	Parallel port address and IRQ setting
PS/2 mouse	Pointing device installation settings. Displays None if no pointing device is installed

## ▶ Product information

Product Information contains the general data about the system, such as the product name, serial number, BIOS version, etc. This information is necessary for troubleshooting (may be required when asking for technical support).

The following shows how the Product Information screen appears:



Parameter	Description
Product name	Official name of the system
System S/N	System's serial number
Main board ID	Mainboard's identification number
Main board S/N	Mainboard's serial number
System BIOS version	Version of the BIOS utility
SMBIOS version	Version of the SMBIOS

## ▶ Disk drives

Select Disk Drives to input configuration values for disk drives.

The following screen shows the Disk Drives menu:

Disk Drives

Floppy Drive A.....[xx-MB, xx-inch]  
 Floppy Drive B.....[xx-MB, xx-inch]

- IDE Primary Channel Master
- IDE Primary Channel Slave

The following table describes the parameters in this screen. Settings in boldface are the default and suggested parameter settings.

Parameter	Description	Option
Floppy drive A and B	Selects the floppy disk drive type	<b>1.44 MB, 3.5-inch</b> None 360 KB, 5.25-inch 1.2 MB, 5.25-inch 720 KB, 3.5-inch 2.88 MB, 3.5-inch

Parameter	Description	Option
IDE primary channel master and slave	<p>These items let you select the IDE hard disk parameters that your system supports. Auto enables BIOS to automatically detect the parameters of installed HDDs during the POST (power-on self-test). If you prefer to enter HDD parameters manually, select User. Select None if no HDD is connected to the system.</p> <p>The IDE CD-ROM is always automatically detected</p>	

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## IDE channel type

The following screen appears if you select any of the IDE drive parameters:

— IDE Primary Channel Master —

Device Detection Mode.....	[Auto]
Device Type.....	Hard Disk
Cylinder.....	[xxxx]
Head.....	[xx]
Sector.....	[xx]
Size.....	[xxxx] MB
Hard Disk LBA Mode.....	[Auto]
*Hard Disk Block Mode.....	[Auto]
*Hard Disk 32 Bit Access.....	[Enabled]
*Advanced PIO Mode.....	[Auto]
*DMA Transfer Mode.....	[Auto]

— IDE Primary Channel Slave —

Device Detection Mode.....	[Auto]
Device Type.....	Hard Disk



Note: A parameter with an asterisk (\*) mark indicates that the parameter appears only when you are in the Advanced Level. See “Entering Setup” on page 68 for how to view the advanced level.

Parameter	Description	Option
Device detection mode	Lets you specify the type of hard disk installed in your system. If you want BIOS to automatically configure your hard disk, select Auto. If you know your hard disk type, you can enter the setting manually	Auto User None
Device type	Indicates a hard disk type device	
Cylinder	Specifies the number of cylinders of your hard disk, and is automatically set depending on your Type parameter setting	User Input
Head	Specifies the number of heads of your hard disk, and is automatically set depending on your Type parameter setting	User Input
Sector	Specifies the number of sectors of your hard disk, and is automatically set depending on your Type parameter setting	User Input
Size	Specifies the size of your hard disk, in MB	User Input
Hard disk LBA mode	This enhanced IDE feature allows the system to use a hard disk with a capacity of more than 528MB. This is made possible through Logical Block Address (LBA) mode translation. LBA is now considered a standard feature of current IDE hard disks on the market because of its capability to support capacities larger than 528MB. Note that if your HDD is formatted with LBA On, it will not be able to boot with LBA Off.	Auto Disabled



Parameter	Description	Option
Hard disk block mode	This function enhances disk performance depending on the hard disk in use. If you set this parameter to Auto, the BIOS utility automatically detects if the installed hard disk drive supports the Block Mode function. If supported, it allows data transfer in block (multiple sectors) at a rate of 256 bytes per cycle. To disregard the feature, change the setting to Disabled.	Auto Disabled
Hard disk 32-bit access	Enabling this parameter improves system performance by allowing the use of the 32-bit hard disk access. This enhanced IDE feature works only under DOS, Windows 3.x, Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows 2000 and Novell NetWare.	Enabled Disabled
Advanced PIO mode	When set to Auto, the BIOS utility automatically detects if the installed hard disk supports the function. If supported, it allows for faster data recovery and read/write timing that reduces hard disk activity time. This results in better hard disk performance. To disregard the feature, change the setting to Disabled.  This parameter appears only when you are in the Advanced Level.	Auto Mode 0 Mode 1 Mode 2 Mode 3 Mode 4
DMA transfer mode	The Ultra DMA and Multi-DMA modes enhance hard disk performance by increasing the transfer rate. However, besides enabling these features in the BIOS Setup, both the Ultra DMA and Multi-DMA modes require the DMA driver to be loaded.	Auto Multiword mode 0, 1, 2 Ultra mode 0,1,2,3,4 Disabled

## ► Onboard peripherals

Onboard Peripherals allows you to configure the onboard communication ports and the onboard devices. Selecting this option displays the following screen:

Onboard Peripherals	
Serial Port 1.....	[Enabled]
Base Address.....	[3F8h]
IRQ.....	[ 4 ]
Serial Port 2.....	[Enabled]
Base Address.....	[2F8h]
IRQ.....	[ 3 ]
Parallel Port.....	[Enabled]
Base Address.....	[378h]
IRQ.....	[ 7 ]
Operation Mode.....	[EPP]
ECP DMA Channel.....	[ - ]
Floppy Disk Controller.....	[Enabled]
IDE Controller.....	[Primary]
PS/2 Mouse Controller.....	[Enabled]
USB Host Controller.....	[Enabled]
USB Legacy Mode.....	[Disabled]
Onboard SCSI.....	[Enabled]
Onboard Ethernet Chip.....	[Enabled]

The following table describes the parameters in this screen.

Parameter	Description	Option
Serial port 1	Enables or disables serial port 1	Enabled Disabled
Base address	Sets the I/O base address of serial port 1	3F8h 2F8h 3E8h 2E8h
IRQ	Sets the IRQ (interrupt request) channel of serial port 1	4 11

Parameter	Description	Option
Serial port 2	Enables or disables serial port 2	Enabled Disabled
Base address	Sets the I/O base address of serial port 2	2F8h 3F8h 3E8h 2E8h
IRQ	Sets the IRQ (interrupt request) channel of serial port 2	3 10
Parallel port	Enables or disables the parallel port	Enabled Disabled
Base address	Sets the I/O base address of the parallel port	378h 278h 3BCh
IRQ	Sets the interrupt request (IRQ) channel of the parallel port  Note: If you install an add-on card that has a parallel port whose address conflicts with the onboard parallel port, a warning appears on the screen. Check the parallel port address of the add-on card and change the address to one that does not conflict	7 5

Parameter	Description	Option
Operation mode	<p>Selects the operation mode of the parallel port.</p> <p>Standard Parallel Port (Standard) - allows normal speed one-way operation.</p> <p>Standard and Bidirectional (Bidirectional) - allows normal speed operation in a two-way mode</p> <p>Enhanced Parallel Port (EPP) - allows bidirectional parallel port operation at maximum speed</p> <p>Extended Capabilities Port (ECP) - allows parallel port to operate in bidirectional mode and at a speed higher than the maximum data transfer rate</p>	<p>Bi-directional</p> <p>EPP</p> <p>ECP</p> <p>Standard</p>
ECP DMA channel	Sets the DMA channel of the parallel port when the parallel operation mode is set to ECP	<p>1</p> <p>3</p>
Floppy disk controller	Enables and disabled the onboard floppy disk controller	<p>Enabled</p> <p>Disabled</p>
IDE controller	Enables or disables the onboard IDE controller	<p>Primary</p> <p>Disabled</p>
PS/2 mouse controller	Enables or disables the onboard PS/2 mouse controller	<p>Enabled</p> <p>Disabled</p>
USB host controller	Enables or disables the onboard USB controller	<p>Enabled</p> <p>Disabled</p>
USB legacy mode	When enabled, allows you to use a USB keyboard in DOS. Set this to Disabled to deactivate the USB keyboard function in DOS	<p>Disabled</p> <p>Enabled</p>
Onboard SCSI	Enables or disables the onboard SCSI feature	<p>Enabled</p> <p>Disabled</p>
Onboard ethernet chip	Enables or disables the onboard network feature	<p>Enabled</p> <p>Disabled</p>

## ► Power management

The Power Management menu allows you to configure the system power-management feature.

The following screen shows the Power Management parameters and their default settings:

Power Management	
Power Management Mode.....	[Enabled]
IDE Hard Disk Standby Timer.....	[Off]
System Sleep Timer.....	[Off]
Sleep Mode.....	[-----]
Power Switch <4 sec. ....	[Power Off]
System wake-up event	
Modem Ring Indicator.....	[Disabled]
PCI Power Management.....	[Enabled]
RTC Alarm.....	[Disabled]
Resume Day.....	[--]
Resume Time.....	[--:--:--]
Restart on AC Power Failure.....	[Pre-state]

The following table describes the parameters in this screen. Settings in boldface are the default and suggested parameter settings.

Parameter	Description	Option
Power management mode	Allows you to reduce power consumption. When this parameter is set to Enabled, you can configure the IDE hard disk and system timers. Setting it to Disabled deactivates the power-management feature and its timers	Enabled Disabled

Parameter	Description	Opiton
IDE hard disk standby timer	Allows the hard disk to enter standby mode after inactivity of 1 to 15 minutes, depending on your setting. When you access the hard disk again, allow 3 to 5 seconds (depending on the hard disk) for the disk to return to normal speed. Set this parameter to OFF if your hard disk does not support this function	Off 1 to 15 minutes
System sleep timer	This parameter sets the system to the lowest power-saving mode after a specified period of inactivity. Any keyboard or mouse action or any activity detected from the IRQ channels resumes system operation	Off 2-120 minutes
Sleep mode	Lets you specify the power-saving mode that the system will enter after a specified period of inactivity.  This parameter becomes configurable only if the System Sleep Timer is on. Any keyboard or mouse action, or any enabled monitored activities occurring through the IRQ channels resume system operation	Standby Suspend
Power switch < 4 sec.	When set to Power Off, the system automatically turns off when the power switch is pressed for less than 4 seconds. When set to Suspend, the system enters the suspend mode when the power switch is pressed for less than 4 seconds	Power off Suspend
System wake-up event	The system wake-up event allows the system to resume operation when the modem ring indicator is enabled	
Modem ring indicator	When Enabled, any fax/modem activity wakes up the system from suspend mode	Enabled Disabled
PCI power management	Enables or disables the PCI power management function	Enabled Disabled
RTC alarm	Allows you to set a certain time on a certain day to wake-up your system from suspend mode	Disabled Time Date/Time

Parameter	Description	Option
Resume day	If RTC alarm is enabled, the system will resume operation on the day indicated here	User input
Resume time	If RTC alarm is enabled, the system will resume operation at the time indicated here	User input
Restart on AC power failure	When Enabled, the system automatically turns on when the power comes back. When Disabled, the system turns off and does not turn on when the power comes back. When set to Pre-State, the system maintains the last power state when the power comes back	Disabled Enabled Pre-State

## ▶ Boot options

This option allows you to specify your preferred settings for bootup.

The following screen appears if you select Boot Options from the main menu:

Boot Options	
Boot Sequence	
1st	[Floppy Disk A:]
2nd	[IDE CD-ROM]
3rd	[Hard Disk C:]
4th	[Intel UNDI, PXE 2.0 (build 071)]
Primary Display Adapter.....	[Auto]
Fast Boot.....	[Auto]
Silent Boot.....	[Enabled]
Num Lock After Boot.....	[Enabled]
Memory Test.....	[Disabled]
Release All Blocked Memory.....	[Disabled]
Boot from LANDesk(R) Service Agent.....	[Enabled]
*Configuration Table.....	[Enabled]
*Post Error Stop.....	[Disabled]
Update BIOS with Boot Block.....	[Disabled]



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Note: A parameter with an asterisk (\*) mark indicates that the parameter appears only when you are in the Advanced Level. See “Entering Setup” on page 68 for how to view the advanced level.



The following table describes the parameters in this screen.

Parameter	Description	Option
Boot sequence	<p>This parameter allows you to specify the boot search sequence during POST.</p> <p>1st. The system checks this drive first.</p> <p>2nd. The system then checks this drive if it can not boot from the 1st specified drive.</p> <p>3rd. If the 1st and 2nd searches fail then it boots from this drive.</p> <p>4th. If the system did not find the first three option, then it boots from this drive.</p> <p>BIOS will display an error message if the drive(s) specified is not bootable</p>	
Primary display adapter	Lets you activate the onboard video controller as your primary display adapter, or automatically disable it once BIOS detects that there is a video card installed in your system	Onboard Auto
Fast boot	Allows the system to boot faster by skipping some POST routines	Disabled Auto
Silent boot	<p>Enables or disables the Silent Boot function. When set to Enabled, BIOS is in graphical mode and displays only an identification logo during POST and while booting. After booting the screen displays the operating system prompt (such as DOS) or logo (such as Windows 95). If any error occurs while booting, the system automatically switches to the text mode.</p> <p>Even if your setting is Enabled, you may also switch to the text mode while booting by pressing the Delete key when you see the "Press DELETE key to enter setup" message on the screen.</p> <p>When set to Disabled, BIOS is in the conventional text mode where you see the system initialization details on the screen</p>	Enabled Disabled

Parameter	Description	Option
Num lock after boot	Allows you to activate the Num Lock function upon booting	Enabled Disabled
Memory test	When set to Enabled, this parameter allows the system to perform a RAM test during the POST routine. When set to Disabled, the system detects only the memory size and bypasses the test routine	Enabled Disabled
Release all Blocked Memory	When set to Enabled, this parameter allows system to bypass testing the defective memory banks detected earlier.	Disabled Enabled
Boot from LANDesk(R) service agent	When set to Enabled, the system boots from a LANDesk Service Agent network instead of your desktop system. The LANDesk Service Agent is IEEE-standards-based code that intervenes in the boot process. Please refer to your LANDesk Manual for more information.  When set to Disabled, the system boots from the drive specified in the Boot Sequence parameter	Disabled Enabled
Configuration table	Displays preboot system configuration table when enabled	Enabled Disabled
Post error stop	When enabled, the system automatically stops when an error occurs during POST. User has to press F1 to continue. If disabled, the system does not stop even when an error occurs during POST	Disabled Enabled
Update BIOS with boot block	When enabled, it automatically flashes the BIOS file from the hard disk drive in case the system fails to boot up	Disabled Enabled

## ► Date and time

The real-time clock keeps the system date and time. After setting the date and time, you do not need to enter them every time you turn on the system. As long as the internal battery remains good (approximately seven years) and connected, the clock continues to keep the date and time accurately even when the power is off.

Date and Time

Date.....[WWW MMM DD, YYYY]  
 Time.....[HH:MM:SS]

Parameter	Description
Date	<p>Set the date following the weekday-month-day-year format. Valid values for weekday, month, day, and year are:</p> <p>Weekday: Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat</p> <p>Month: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec</p> <p>Day: 1 to 31</p> <p>Year: 1980 to 2079</p>
Time	<p>Set the time following the hour-minute-second format. Valid values for hour, minute, and second are:</p> <p>Hour: 00 to 23</p> <p>Minute: 00 to 59</p> <p>Second: 00 to 59</p>

## ▶ System security

The Setup program has a number of security features to prevent unauthorized access to the system and its data.

The following screen appears if you select System Security from the Main menu:

System Security	
Supervisor Password.....	[None]
User Password.....	[None]
Disk Drive Control	
Floppy Drive.....	[Normal]
Hard Disk Drive.....	[Normal]
Processor Serial Number.....	[Disabled]

### Supervisor password

The supervisor password prevents unauthorized access to the BIOS utility.

### Setting and changing a password

To set or change a password:

1. Make sure that JP8 is set to 1-2 (bypass password). See “System board layout” on page 21 for the location of JP8.



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Note: You cannot enter the BIOS utility if a Setup password does not exist and JP8 is set to 2-3 (password check enabled). By default, JP8 is set to 1-2 (bypass password).

2. Enable the supervisor password parameter in the System Security menu by pressing the left or right arrow keys. The Supervisor Password window appears:

Supervisor Password

Enter your new Supervisor Password twice. Supervisor Password may be up to 7 characters long.

Enter Password.....[xxxxxxxx]

Enter Password again.....[xxxxxxxx]

Set or Change Password

3. Type a password in the Enter Password field. The password may consist of up to seven characters.
4. Press the Enter key. Retype your password in the Enter Password again field to verify your first entry.
5. Highlight Set or Change Password and press the Enter key.
6. Press the ESC key to return to the System Security menu and then press the ESC key again to exit Setup. The Exit Setup screen appears:

Settings have been changed.  
Do you want to save to CMOS settings?

[Yes]      [No]

7. Choose Yes to save your settings and exit the Setup utility. Your password will be saved to CMOS.

For the password to take effect you must set jumper JP8 to 2-3 (check password):

1. Turn off and unplug the computer.

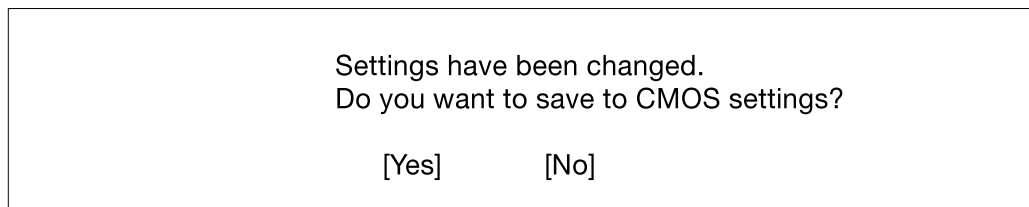
2. Open the computer housing and set JP8 to 2-3 (check password) to check the password function. See “System board layout” on page 21 for the location of JP8.
3. Close your computer’s housing and reboot your system.

The next time you want to enter the BIOS utility, you must key in your supervisor password.

## Removing a password

To remove your supervisor password:

1. Disable the Supervisor Password parameter in the System Security menu by pressing the left or right arrow key to select None.
2. Press the ESC key to return to the System Security menu and then press the ESC key again to exit Setup. The Exit Setup screen appears:



3. Choose Yes to save your settings and exit Setup. Your previous password will be removed from CMOS.



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Note: Remember to set JP8 to 1-2 (bypass password) because you won't be able to access Setup if a password does not exist and JP8 is set to 2-3 (check password).

## Bypassing a supervisor password

To bypass the supervisor password:

If you forget your supervisor password, you can bypass the password security feature by hardware. Follow these steps to bypass the password:

1. Turn off and unplug the computer.
2. Open the computer housing and set JP8 to 1-2 (bypass password) to bypass the password function. See “System board layout” on page 21 for the location of JP8.

- Turn on the system and enter the BIOS utility. This time, the system does not require you to type in a password.



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Note: You can either change the existing supervisor password or remove it by selecting None.

## User password

The user password secures your system against unauthorized use. Once you set this password, you have to type it whenever you boot the system. To set this password, enter the Setup utility, select System Security, and then highlight the User Password parameter. Follow the same procedure as in setting the “Supervisor password” on page 88.



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Note: Make sure to set JP8 to 2-3 to enable the user password.

User Password

Enter your new User Password twice. User Password may be up to 7 characters long.

Enter Password.....[xxxxxxxx]  
 Enter Password again.....[xxxxxxxx]

Set or Change Password

## Disk drive control

The disk drive control features allow you to control the floppy drive or the hard disk drive boot function to prevent loading operating systems or other programs from a certain drive while the other drives are operational (under DOS mode only).

## Floppy drive and hard disk drive

Setting	Description
Normal	Floppy drive or hard disk drive functions normally
Write Protect All Sectors	Disables the write function on all sectors
Write Protect Boot Sector	Disables the write function only on the boot sector

## Processor serial number

The Pentium III processor incorporates an individual serial number in each chip that can identify individual CPUs. When Enabled, CPUs can be identified by processor serial number. Disable this parameter to deactivate this feature.



## ▶ IPMI configuration

### Intelligent Platform Management Interface

The system event log enables you to record and monitor events that occur in your system like system temperature changes, fan stops, and others. This feature also allows you to specify the appropriate settings for your system's event handling.

IPMI Configuration	
IPMI Specification Version.....	1.0
IPMI BIOS Version.....	1.0 000608
BMC Firmware Version.....	0.22
System Event Logging.....	[Enabled]
Clear Event Log Area.....	[Disabled]
Existing Event Log Number.....	1
Remaining Event Log Number.....	381
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• View Event Logs</li> </ul>	
Event Control	
BIOS POST.....	[Enabled]
Memory ECC.....	[Enabled]
PCI Devices.....	[Enabled]

The following table describes the parameters in the IPMI configuration screen. s

Parameter	Description	Option
IPMI specification version	Specifies the version of Intelligent Platform Management Interface (IPMI)	
IPMI BIOS version	Shows the version of IPMI BIOS	
BMC firmware version	Specifies the version of the Baseboard Management Controller (BMC) firmware	
System event logging	Enables or disables the event logging function of your system	Enabled Disabled

Parameter	Description	Option
Clear event log area	Clears the event log whenever the event log area is full	Disabled Enabled
Existing event log number	Number of events currently located in the event log area	
Remaining event log number	Number of spaces still available for logging system events	
View event logs	Opens the system event log file for viewing	
Event control		
BIOS POST	BIOS checks the bad processors and memory modules during POST. When this parameter is Enabled, BIOS will stop POST operation whenever it finds a bad processor or memory. Otherwise, if Disabled the system will continue running	Enabled Disabled
Memory ECC	ECC or error correcting code tests the accuracy of data as it passes in and out of memory. This parameter enables or disables the monitoring of this function	Enabled Disabled
PCI devices	PCI or Peripheral Component Interconnect is a 32-bit bus that supports a 64-bit extension for new processors, such as the Pentium. It can run at clock speeds of 33 or 66 MHz. This parameter monitors the activity of this bus when set to enabled	Enabled Disabled

## ► RDM configuration

```

RDM Configuration
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RDM v4.3 BIOS Version.....000613
Console Redirection.....[Disabled]

Hidden Partition.....[Disabled]

Communication Protocol.....[N,8,1]
COM Port Baud Rate.....[57600]
*Detect Tone.....[Enabled]
Remote Console Phone No.....[      ]
Dial Out Retry Times.....[2]

*Modem Initial Command.....[      ]

Emergency Management
RDM Work Mode.....[Disabled]
Waiting Mode Password.....[      ]
Paging Times.....[1]
Paging No.:
1. [      ]
2. [      ]

```



Note: A parameter with an asterisk (\*) mark indicates that the parameter appears only when you are in the Advanced Level. See “Entering Setup” on page 68 for how to view the advanced level.

The following table describes the parameters in the RDM configuration screen.

Parameter	Description	Option
RDM 4.3 BIOS version	Shows the version number of the RDM BIOS	

Parameter	Description	Option
Console redirection	This parameter lets you enable or disable the connection to the RDM manager station. If enabled and conditions are met, the RDM enabled server automatically dials the RDM manager station using the phone number specified in the Remote Console Phone No. parameter when the server reboots. Once the connection is established, both the RDM server and RDM manager station display the same screen which enables the RDM manager station to function the same as the server console. Setting this to Disabled deactivates the RDM manager station	Disabled Enabled
Hidden partition	If you want the hidden partition to become accessible, set this parameter to Enabled. When enabled, the server boots to the hidden partition	Disabled Enabled
Communication protocol	This parameter specifies the parity, stop bits, and data length for the COM port to be used for the RDM connection. This is fixed at N(none), 8, 1 setting and is non-configurable	N, 8, or 1
COM port baud rate	This parameter lets you set the transfer rate of the COM for the RDM connection. The parameter setting depends on your modem specification; therefore, before you change the setting of this parameter, check your modem user guide	9600 57600
Detect tone	When enabled, RDM checks for the existence of the telephone tone first before it dials out. When disabled, RDM proceeds with the dialing process without checking for the telephone tone	Enabled Disabled

Parameter	Description	Option
Remote console phone no.	<p>This parameter allows you to set the phone number of the RDM manager station that the RDM module must dial once RDM is activated and the Remote Console is enabled. To set, simply highlight the parameter and enter the Remote Console phone number.</p> <p>If the remote console phone number is using an extension line, then you must enter six commas (,) after the phone number and before the extension number, if any. When entering the extension number, we recommend that you insert a comma after each number. The commas specify delay.</p> <p>If this parameter is left blank, the Remote Console calling function is disregarded</p>	User input
Dial out retry times	<p>This parameter lets you specify the maximum number of times the RDM server must retry to connect to the RDM manager station once the server fails and RDM is activated. If the server has completed the specified number of tries and the connection still fails, the server bypasses RDM and goes into normal mode</p>	<p>2 4 8 Infinite</p>
Modem initial command	<p>Some modems require specific commands for initialization. This parameter allows you to specify the required command to enable your system to support special types of modems. If you do not specify any command, BIOS uses the default method to initialize the modem*</p>	User input

Parameter	Description	Option
Emergency management		
RDM work mode	When detecting system failure, the RDM module will take some actions according to the mode. 1. Waiting: Paging and waiting RDM Station to call in. 2. Reboot: Paging, then reboot. 3. Disabled: No action. Note: If Waiting is selected, password must be set to at least three characters	Disabled Waiting Reboot
Waiting mode password	Prevents unauthorized access to the server	User input
Paging times	Allows you to set the number of times that the RDM module must dial when the server fails or hangs	1,2,4, or 8
Paging No.	Allows you to set the pager number that the RDM module must dial when the server fails or hangs	User input

\* Specify an initialization command only when you receive a Modem Initial Command Fail error message. Otherwise, leave this parameter blank.

## ▶ Advanced options



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Note: Do not change any settings in the Advanced Options if you are not a qualified technician to avoid damaging the system.

The following screen shows the Advanced Options parameters:

### Advanced Options

- Memory/Cache Options
- PnP/PCI Options
- CPU Frequency

## Memory/Cache options

Memory/Cache Options allows you to configure the advanced system memory functions.

Memory/Cache Options

Level 1 Cache .....[Enabled ]  
 Level 2 Cache.....[Enabled ]

Memory at 15MB-16MB Reserved for.....[System]

Parameter	Description	Option
Level 1 cache	Enables or disables the first-level or internal memory, that is, the memory integrated into the CPU	Enabled Disabled
Level 2 cache	Enables or disables the second-level cache memory which is incorporated in the CPU module	Enabled Disabled
Memory at 15MB-16MB reserved for	To prevent memory address conflicts between the system and expansion boards, reserve this memory range for the use of either the system or an expansion board	System Expansion board



## PnP/PCI options

PnP/PCI Options allows you to specify the settings for your PCI devices. Selecting this option displays the following screen:

```

PnP/PCI Configuration
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PCI IRQ Setting.....[ Auto ]
                                INTA  INTB  INTC  INTD
PCI Slot 1.....[--]  [--]  [--]  [--]
PCI Slot 2.....[--]  [--]  [--]  [--]
PCI Slot 3.....[--]  [--]  [--]  [--]
PCI Slot 4.....[--]  [--]  [--]  [--]
PCI Slot 5.....[--]  [--]  [--]  [--]
PCI Slot 6.....[--]  [--]  [--]  [--]
Onboard VGA.....[--]
Onboard LAN.....[--]
Onboard SCSI.....[--]  [--]
USB Host Controller.....[--]

PCI IRQ Sharing.....[Yes ]
VGA Palette Snoop.....[Disabled]
Plug and Play OS.....[Yes]
Reset Resource Assignments.....[No ]
  
```

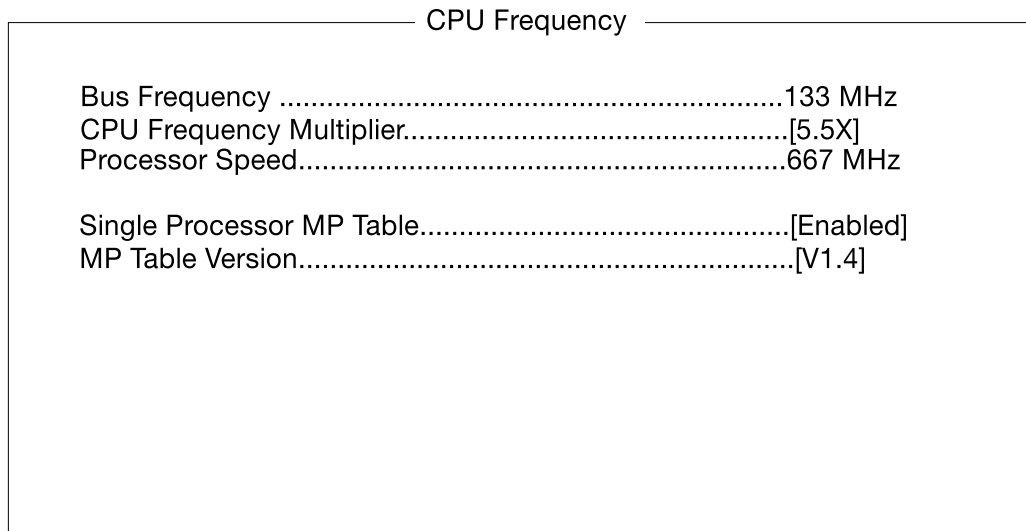
Parameter	Description	Option
PCI IRQ setting	Select Auto to let BIOS automatically configure the plug-and-play (PnP) devices installed on your system; otherwise, select Manual  Note: Refer to your manual for technical information about the PCI card	Auto Manual
PCI slots 1 to 6	When you set the PCI IRQ Setting parameter to Auto, these parameters specify the auto-assigned interrupt for each of the PCI devices. If you set the PCI IRQ Setting parameter to Manual, you need to specify the interrupt that you want to assign for each PCI device installed in your system	User input

Parameter	Description	Option
Onboard VGA	Allows you to manually assign the interrupt for the onboard VGA when the PCI IRQ Setting parameter is set to Manual. This parameter is grayed and not user-configurable when the PCI IRQ Setting is set to Auto	User input
Onboard LAN	When you set the PCI IRQ Setting parameter to Auto, this parameter specifies the auto-assigned interrupt for the onboard LAN. If you set the PCI IRQ Setting parameter to Manual, you need to specify the interrupt that you want to assign for the onboard LAN installed in your system	User input
Onboard SCSI	Allows you to manually assign the interrupt for the onboard SCSI when the PCI IRQ Setting parameter is set to Manual. This parameter is grayed and not user-configurable when the PCI IRQ Setting is set to Auto	User input
USB host controller	Allows you to manually assign the interrupt for the USB host controller when the PCI IRQ Setting parameter is set to Manual. This parameter is grayed and not user-configurable when the PCI IRQ Setting is set to Auto	User input
PCI IRQ sharing	Setting this parameter to Yes allows you to assign the same IRQ to two different devices. To disable the feature, select No.  Note: If there are no IRQs available to assign for the remaining device function, we recommend that you enable this parameter	Yes No

Parameter	Description	Option
VGA palette snoop	<p>This parameter permits you to use the palette snooping feature if you installed more than one VGA card in the system.</p> <p>The VGA palette snoop function allows the control palette register (CPR) to manage and update the VGA RAMDAC (Digital Analog Converter, a color data storage) of each VGA card installed in the system. The snooping process lets the CPR send a signal to all the VGA cards so that they can update their individual RAMDACs. The signal goes through the cards continuously until all RAMDAC data has been updated. This allows the display of multiple images on the screen.</p> <p>Note: Some VGA cards have required settings for this feature. Check your VGA card manual before setting this parameter</p>	<p>Disabled</p> <p>Enabled</p>
Plug and play OS	<p>When this parameter is set to Yes, BIOS initializes only PnP boot devices such as SCSI cards. When set to No, BIOS initializes all PnP boot and non-boot devices such as sound cards.</p> <p>Note: Set this parameter to Yes only if your operating system is Windows 95/98</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p>
Reset resource assignments	<p>Set this parameter to Yes to avoid IRQ conflicts when installing non-PnP or PnP ISA cards. This clears all resource assignments and allows BIOS to reassign resources to all installed PnP devices the next time the system boots. After clearing the resource data, the parameter resets to No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Yes</p>

## CPU Frequency

This parameter displays your CPU's speed and bus frequency. Selecting this option displays the following screen:



Parameter	Description	Option
Bus frequency	The bus frequency refers to the speed by which data is transferred between internal computer components and the CPU or the main memory of the CPU. A fast bus allows data to be transferred faster, which makes applications run faster	
CPU Frequency Multiple	This column shows the CPU core/bus ratio of your system. The clock speed of the bus does not necessarily equal the CPU's (core). Mostly, the bus clock speed is slower than the CPU clock speed. System BIOS will detect CPU frequency and set CPU Frequency Multiple automatically.	
Processor speed	The processor speed is the speed at which a microprocessor executes instructions. Clock speeds are expressed in megahertz (MHz), with 1 MHz being equal to 1 million cycles per second. The faster the clock, the more instructions the CPU can execute per second	

Parameter	Description	Option
Single Processor MP Table	<p>Enabling this parameter allows BIOS to create a multiprocessor (MP) table for Windows NT use. In a single-processor system running Windows NT, you may disable this parameter to enhance system performance. If you install another CPU for a dual system, enable this parameter then re-install Windows NT.</p> <p>In cases when this parameter is enabled before installing Windows NT in a single-processor system, you may upgrade to a multiprocessor system without reinstalling Windows NT.</p>	Enabled Disabled
MP Table version	Version number of the MP table.	

## ► Load default settings

Use this option to load the default settings for the optimized system configuration. When you load the default settings, some of the parameters are grayed-out with their fixed settings. These grayed parameters are not user-configurable.

The following dialog box appears when you select Load Default Settings from the main menu:

Do you want to load default settings?

[Yes]      [No]

Select Yes to load the default settings.

Select No to ignore the message and return to the BIOS utility.

## ▶ Abort settings change

Use this option to disregard your changes to the BIOS and reload your previous settings.

The following dialog box appears when you select Abort Settings Change from the main menu:

Do you want to abort settings change?

[Yes]      [No]

Select Yes to disregard your changes and reload your previous settings. After reload, the main menu appears on the screen.

Select No to ignore the message and return to the BIOS utility.

## ▶ Exit Setup

Examine the system configuration values. When you are satisfied that all the values are correct, write them down. Store the recorded values in a safe place. In the future, if the battery loses power or the CMOS chip is damaged, you will know what values to enter when you rerun Setup.

Press the ESC key to leave Setup. The following dialog box appears:

Do you really want to exit SETUP?

[Yes]      [No]

Use the arrow keys to select your response. Press the Enter key.

If you made any changes to the Setup utility, the dialog box below is displayed.

Settings have been changed.  
Do you want to save to CMOS settings?

[Yes]      [No]

Use the arrow keys to select your response. Select Yes to save the changes in CMOS. Select No to retain the previous configuration values. Press the Enter key to exit.



# Appendix A: ASM Pro quick installation guide

This appendix shows you how to set up ASM Pro and its agent software.

## ▶ Installing ASM Pro

### System requirements

#### ASM Console

- Intel Pentium or higher processor
- 64MB of RAM (128MB recommended)
- 20MB free hard disk space
- Microsoft Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows NT, or Windows 2000 operating system
- Ethernet card
- Modem

#### ASM Server and Desktop agents

- Intel Pentium or higher processor
- 64MB of RAM (128MB recommended)
- 20MB free hard disk space
- Novell NetWare, SCO OpenServer, SCO UnixWare, Linux RedHat, Microsoft Windows NT, or Windows 2000 operating system
- Ethernet card
- Modem (optional for RAS/OOB<sup>\*</sup>)

### System setup

Make sure that your computer meets the system requirements before proceeding. You may also want to change your screen to 800 x 600 resolution or higher for optimum viewing.

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\* RAS (Remote Access Services) and OOB (Out-of-Band)

## Installing ASM Console

To install ASM Console:

1. Insert the Resource CD into the CD-ROM drive on your system.
2. Click on the Startup icon.
3. Click on Software Installer, and select ASM Console.
4. Follow the Installation Wizard.
5. Click Finish to complete the installation.



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Note: Remember to remove all diskettes or CDs from the drives before rebooting the system.

## Installing ASM Server Agent

ASM Server Agent can be installed on four different operating systems. The installation diskette contains the installation files for the following operating systems:

- Novell NetWare 5.x, 4.11
- SCO OpenServer 5.0
- SCO Unixware 7.x
- Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 Server
- Linux RedHat 6.2
- Microsoft Windows 2000 (Server and Advanced Server)

## Installing the Novell NetWare Server Agent



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Note: Make sure the SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol) is configured properly.

ASM Server Agent requires SNMP.NLM running with *Control Community* set to 'public'; to allow ASM Console to communicate with ASM Server Agent.

ASMAGENT.NCF is the script file that loads all related modules of ASM Server Agent. To load the SNMP use the following command:

```
load snmp control=public
```

If you load SNMP.NLM before ASM Server Agent, make sure that the Control Community has been set up properly. For more information, please refer to related documents about the SNMP Agent for NetWare (NetWare SNMP).

Check AUTOEXEC.NCF to see if you have loaded SNMP. Notice that because of the auto loading feature of NLM, you can not directly find where SNMP is loaded. The most common module is TCPIP.NLM which auto loads SNMP.NLM. If you are using TCP/IP, load SNMP by using the command line *load snmp control=public* before loading TCPIP.

For NetWare 4.x and Netware 5.x users, if you are using INETCFG.NLM to configure the network, be sure to configure SNMP and make sure that the SNMP.NLM is running with *Control Community set to 'public'*.

To install the Novell NetWare Server Agent:

1. Use the diskette maker utility on the Startup Resource CD to create your NetWare installation diskette.
2. Insert the diskette into the NetWare server's drive.
3. At the NetWare server console, type:

```
Load A: setup
```

4. You are asked if you want to install the ASM Server Agent on your system. Select Yes to install.

The setup program detects the NetWare version and the model of the server. It copies related NLM files into the SYS: SYSTEM directory and C: of your NetWare server, and some needed command lines are added into AUTOEXEC.NCF in SYS: SYSTEM.

5. If the Mylex GAM driver and GAM service is installed in your NetWare system, the setup program asks you to install the Bbp agent.
6. Press any key to continue. The ASM Server Agent Configuration Utility is launched.
7. The Password option is highlighted. Set up a password, and exit the utility.



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Note: A password is required when using the ASM Console to remotely change or set any values for the agent, such as threshold values and any trap handling method. If the password is disabled, there is no security protection for the agent when the Console tries to change or set these values.

8. Reboot the system to activate the ASM drivers.



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Note: ASM Server Agent automatically starts after the server is restarted and running.

## Installing the SCO OpenServer Agent



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Note: Make sure the SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol) is configured properly.

ASM Server Agent requires SNMP running with *community set to 'public'*. The IP address of ASM Console should be in */etc/snmpd.trap* so that ASM Console can communicate with ASM Server Agent.

Follow these steps to install the SCO Server Agent:

If the ASM installation diskette is already available, go to Step 2. Otherwise, perform Step 1 to make the ASM installation diskette from the diskette image file on the ASM package CD-ROM.

1. Use the Diskette Maker utility on the Startup Resource CD to create your SCO OpenServer installation diskette.
2. If you are in the desktop window, click on the Software Manager icon. If you are at the UNIX shell prompt, type "custom" and press Enter.
3. From Software Manager or the custom program, select Software and then Install New.
4. The "Begin Installation" screen appears. Follow the onscreen instructions. Click on Continue to accept the defaults.
5. When the Select Media screen appears, highlight Floppy Disk Drive 0 and select Continue.
6. At the Install Preferences menu, select Full. The *asmconfig* screen appears.



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Note: If the SCO Server Agent has been installed, the program asks if you want to preserve the existing config file. Choose Reinstall to overwrite the previously installed SCO Server Agent, or choose Upgrade if you know the existing password.

7. A password is required for a new installation. The system prompts you to enter a new password, and after you have entered it once, prompts you to reenter it.
8. After you set up the password, select the *SNMP\_Config* option, and enter the IP address of the ASM Console system. (You can run *asmconfig* at a later time to add or change the ASM Console IP address. See the ASM Server Agent Utilities chapter in the ASM Pro manual for information about running *asmconfig*.)



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Note: If the SCO Server Agent has been installed, target IP addresses appear on this screen.

The installation process adds the ASM agent driver to the SCO operating system, and the following message appears before the kernel relinks.

Adding device to system configuration files. . .

When the installation is complete, the following message appears:

Installation Complete.

9. Exit Software Manager or the custom program, and reboot the system.

## Configuring ASM Server Agent for SCO OpenServer

You may disable the password if you are installing ASM Server Agent to use only UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply) or RDM functions.

You can use the `asmconfig` utility to set up a password for the agent. A password is required when you are using ASM Console to remotely change or set any values for the agent.

Refer to the ASM Server Agent Utilities chapter in the ASM Pro manual for instructions on how to use the `asmconfig` utility.

## Installing the SCO UnixWare Server Agent



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Note: All of the following procedures require root permission.

To install the SCO UnixWare Server Agent:

1. Make the ASM installation diskette from the DD file on the ASM package CD-ROM.
2. Mount the CD-ROM drive. For example, mount the CD-ROM to `/mnt`.
3. Insert an empty 1.44MB diskette into your floppy drive and execute the command:

```
# dd if={PATH}/asmuw.dd of=/dev/rdisk/f03ht
```

Here, `{PATH}` denotes the directory where `asmuw.dd` is located. For example, `/mnt/UnixWare`.



4. Insert the ASM installation diskette into your floppy drive and, at the shell prompt, execute this command to begin ASM installation:

```
# pkgadd -d diskette1 asm
```

The installation process copies the ASM Server Agent package into the /usr/asm directory, and automatically makes changes to the following system configuration files:

```
/etc/netmgt/snmpd.comm
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/etc/netmgt/snmpd.peers
```

```
/etc/inittab
```

After the installation is complete, ASM Server Agent can be manually started by executing the command:

```
# /usr/asm/asmsmuxd
```

or it will automatically be started on the next system reboot.



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Note: Before starting ASM SMUX Agent asmsmuxd, execute the ASM Agent Configuration Utility asmcfg to configure at least "SNMP", "ASM\_Password" and other parameters. Refer to "Chapter 4 - ASM Server Agent Utilities" in the ASM Pro manual for detailed instructions on using the ASM Configuration Utility.

## Installing the Microsoft Windows NT Server Agent



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Note: Before installing the ASM software, make sure that the TCP/IP and its related SNMP service are installed on the server.

Follow these steps to install the Windows NT agent:

1. Insert the installation CD-ROM into your drive after booting NT and logging in as the system administrator.
2. Click on the Start button and select Run. A dialog box appears that allows you to specify the setup program in the NT directory of the installation CD.
3. Verify the path and click OK. The Welcome screen appears.
4. Click Next. You are asked to stop SNMP service.

5. Click Yes. You are prompted to choose a destination directory. If you only want to install ASM SNMP agent and Remote Console, you can choose Typical. If you want to choose more components, click Custom. There are five components in ASM agent:
  - SNMP agent
  - DMI  
ASM Pro agent defines a proprietary ASM.MIF that supports the same items as the SNMP agent.
  - Server Mif  
The server.mif that defined by DMTF will be installed.
  - Remote Console  
The Remote Console Server is installed which can be remote control by Remote Console Client
  - MMC  
This component is only supported on Windows 2000, and it is integrated with Microsoft Mangement Console.
6. Click Next, for the default directory, or click on Browse to find your own destination directory. Check any components you want to install, and click OK.  
The asmcfg utility launches automatically.  
You may skip steps 7 through 11 if you are installing ASM Server Agent solely for the purpose of utilizing UPS and/or RDM functions.
7. Enter a password and click OK. A password is required when using the ASM Console to remotely change or set any value for the NT Agent. If the password is disabled, there is no security protection for the agent when the ASM Console tries to change or set these values.
8. Enter the IP address of the ASM Console system, then click ADD to add trap destinations. Click OK to end the asmcfg utility. This IP address tells the Agent where to report (trap).
9. Click Yes to save your changes. The view readme file dialog box appears.
10. Click Yes to view, No to continue.
11. Click Finish to exit setup.

## ▶ Installing RDM

This section gives step-by-step instructions on how to install the RDM module, the RDM function in agent side and console side of ASM Pro software.

### System requirements

Before you begin the installation, make sure that you have the following:

#### RDM server requirements

##### Hardware

- External modem
- RDM module
- RDM LED indicator
- Pager

##### Software

- Novell NetWare v4.1 or later, and/or
- SCO OpenServer 5.0 or later, and/or
- Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 or later, and/or
- SCO UnixWare 7.0 or later
- ASM (Advanced System Manager) agent
- RDM v4.3 package

#### RDM Manager Station requirements

##### Hardware

- Pentium or faster PC
- At least 16-MB RAM
- At least 5-MB free hard disk space
- Modem

## Software

- Microsoft Windows 95/98, Microsoft NT Workstation 4.0, or Windows 2000
- ASM Console 4.3 Console

## RDM server setup

This section describes how to set up the RDM server.

### Installing RDM module



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Note: The RDM module is installed at the Acer factory. The following RDM module instructions is provided in the event you need to reinstall the RDM module.

### ESD precautions

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage your processor, disk drives, expansion boards, and other components. Always observe the following precautions before you install a system component.

- Do not remove a component from its protective packaging until you are ready to install it.
- Wear a wrist grounding strap and attach it to a metal part of the system unit before handling components. If a wrist strap is not available, maintain contact with the system requiring ESD protection at all times.

### Preinstallation instructions

Always observe the following before you install a system component:

- Turn off and unplug the system and all the peripherals connected to the unit before opening it.
- Open the system housing.
- Follow the ESD precautions listed above before handling a system component.
- Remove any expansion boards or peripherals that block access to the desired system board slot or connectors.
- See the following sections for specific instructions on the component you wish to install.

## Installing the RDM module

1. Open the system housing.
2. Align the module connectors with their corresponding connectors on the system board.
3. Gently insert the module. Be careful not to bend the pins and make sure that the module is properly seated.
4. Replace the housing cover.
5. Enter BIOS Setup to set the desired RDM Work Mode.

## Connecting communication peripherals

### Modem

The RDM server and the RDM manager station communicate via modem protocol. Therefore, you need to connect an external modem with a baud rate of not less than 9600 bps to both systems. To connect an external modem, connect the RS232C serial cable to the modem data port and the appropriate COM port of the system.



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Note: The modem at the RDM server side must be connected to the COM2 port, while the modem at the RDM manager station side can be connected to either the COM1 or COM2 port. Use only modems that are purchased locally to ensure compatibility with your telephone system. The modem must have a transfer rate of at least 28.8K.

When the modem is turned ON, the CD/DCD (Carrier Detect/Data Carrier Detect) signal light on the front panel must be OFF for RDM to function properly. If this is not the case, refer to the modem's user's guide and check the section on DIP switches for information on how to adjust the CD/DCD light. If your modem does not have a DIP switch, then we recommend that you replace it with another model that supports such switches.

### Telephone

To connect the modem to a telephone outlet, plug in the telephone connector to the telephone outlet. Then, insert the telephone line connector to the modem line port.

## Pager

The pager is necessary for notification purposes only.

## Post-installation instructions

Observe the following after installing a system component:

- Make sure that the components are installed according to the step-by-step instructions in their respective sections.
- Replace any expansion boards or peripherals that you removed earlier.
- Replace the system cover.
- Connect the necessary cables.
- Turn on the system and the peripherals connected to it.

## Installing RDM agent software

You must do the following to ensure successful installation of the RDM agent software:

### 1. Create a hidden RDM partition.

The hidden RDM partition is a DOS partition on the hard disk that allows you to run preinstalled diagnostic tools when necessary, without using a diskette or a CD. It also allows you to access your system from a remote RDM manager station.

To create a hidden RDM partition, do the following:

- Prepare a "clean" hard disk, i.e., a hard disk without any operating system installed on it.
- Insert a DOS bootable floppy diskette into the diskette drive.
- After booting from the floppy diskette drive, use the DOS FDISK command to create a DOS partition. The minimum partition size is 33 MB.
- Activate the partition and exit FDISK; then reboot the system.
- Format the DOS partition. When formatting is completed, label the partition as RDM for easy identification.
- Install (or transfer) the DOS operating system to the partition.
- Run `\agent\install.bat*` to install the RDM driver and hide the RDM partition. These settings will take effect only after you reboot the system.

After you create the hidden partition, you can now install other operating systems on the same hard disk. But before doing so, make sure that the Hidden Partition parameter in the RDM BIOS is set to Disabled. For more information on RDM BIOS, refer to RDM BIOS chapter of the ASM Pro manual.



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Important! If you are using an IDE hard disk with a capacity less than 540 MB, make sure that you disable the LBA mode. Otherwise, you will be required to use the LBA mode that you set for the other operating systems when you create the hidden RDM partition.



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Note: When you boot the system to the hidden partition, you cannot use other utilities (e.g., FDISK.EXE) to change the hidden partition settings.

#### Deleting the hidden partition



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Important! You cannot recreate the RDM hidden partition once you delete it. Before proceeding, make sure that you will not need to create a hidden partition in the future.

Follow these steps to delete the hidden partition:

- Insert a bootable diskette into the diskette drive.
  - Enter the BIOS Setup and set the Hidden Partition parameter in the RDM BIOS to Enabled.
  - After the system boots from the diskette drive, use FDISK to delete the RDM hidden partition. Do not delete other partitions or change or reformat the active partition.
  - Exit FDISK and reboot the system.
  - Enter the BIOS Setup and set the Hidden Partition parameter in the RDM BIOS to Disabled.
2. Install an operating system.

RDM supports the following operating systems:

- Novell NetWare
- Microsoft Windows NT and Windows 2000
- SCO OpenServer

- SCO UnixWare

You can install any or all of the operating systems. For the installation instructions, refer to the documentation that came with the OS package.

3. Install the RDM Agent Driver.



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Note: Before you proceed, make sure that you have installed the necessary components and peripherals, for both the RDM server and RDM station.

The RDM agent driver or the server driver is contained in the Advanced System Manager Pro (ASM Pro) software package. Therefore, to install the RDM agent driver, you need to install the ASM agent software. For information on how to install the ASM software, refer to the documentation that comes with the ASM package.

4. Enable the driver.

After installing the ASM Agent driver, the system automatically enables the RDM driver. You do not need to enable the RDM driver manually unless you have previously disabled it for some reason.



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Note: We strongly recommend that you do NOT disable the RDM driver. If you disable the RDM driver, RDM manager station will not be able to establish remote access to the server in the event of a system failure.

#### NetWare

To enable the RDM driver in a Netware environment, type:

```
# LOAD MAGENT
```

To disable the driver, type:

```
# UNLOAD MAGENT
```

#### Windows NT

To enable the RDM driver in a Windows NT environment, open a command prompt and type:

```
STARTRDM.EXE
```

To disable the RDM driver in a Windows NT environment, open a command prompt and type:

```
CANCEL.EXE
```



### SCO OpenServer

To enable the RDM drivers in an SCO OpenServer environment, type:

```
#/XSNMPD/RDMTESTTART
```

where #/XSNMPD is the directory that contains the RDM drivers.

To disable, type:

```
#/XSNMPD/RDMTEST CANCEL
```

### SCO UnixWare

To enable the RDM drivers in an SCO Unixware environment, type:

```
#/USR/ASM/RDMTEST START
```

To disable, type:

```
#/USR/ASM/RDMTEST CANCEL
```

## ▶ Installing AWM and Microsoft IIS

### System requirements

- Intel 486 or higher processor
- 64MB of RAM
- 10MB free hard disk space
- Windows NT Server 4.0 or Windows 2000 with the following:
  - Microsoft Internet Information Server 2.0 or later (4.0 is recommended)
  - Microsoft Active Server Pages (ASP)
  - SNMP Service
- Ethernet card
- Modem

### Installing AWM

To install AWM:

1. Insert the Resource CD into the CD-ROM drive on your system.
2. Click on the Startup icon.
3. Click on Software Installer, and select AWM.
4. Follow the Installation Wizard.
5. Click Finish to complete the installation.



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Note: For Windows NT 4.0, AWM will automatically install WbEM core or WbEM SNMP Provider if not installed. For Windows 2000, the WbEM core is built-in. AWM will only install the WbEM SNMP Provider if it is not yet installed. After installing either of these components, the system needs to reboot.

### Setting up Microsoft IIS

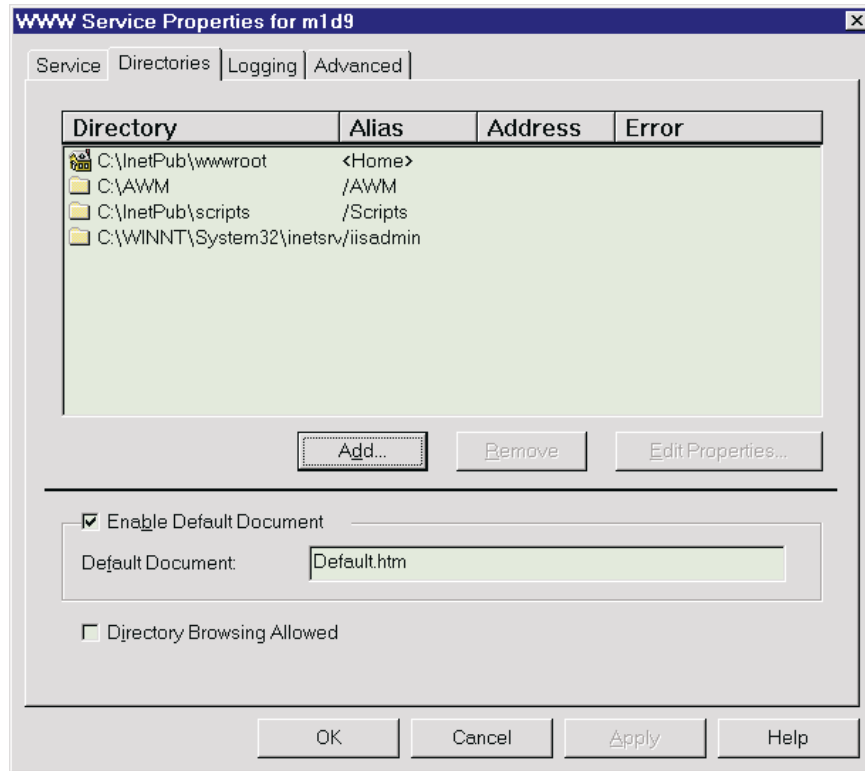


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Note: If you have IIS version 4.0 or later the directory is automatically added.

To set up Microsoft IIS:

1. Open your IIS configuration program and check the virtual directory setting.
2. Check the virtual directory. If there is no virtual directory for AWM, create one and name it AWM. Point it to the directory where the AWM main files are installed (e.g. C:/AWM).



3. After adding the virtual directory, click the Execute checkbox and then click OK to save changes and exit.

