IWILL DPX2 Series Motherboard
User's Manual

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Manual Structure
Manual Features
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Pre-Use Checklist

1: Introduction

This is the User's Manual for the DPX2 Series motherboards. Please read this chapter before you use your motherboard and identify which parts of the manual you will need to refer to, if any. Please pay particular attention to the Critical Topics section.

Manual Structure

This manual has seven chapters covering the following topics:

Chapter 1: Introduction

Explains the manual structure and conventions and indicates the most important topics in the manual. In addition, there is a list of what you should find in the motherboard package and some pointers on things to do before you configure or install the board.

Chapter 2: Key Features & Components

Details the motherboard's hardware features and important components and indicates their locations. Describes the support software that comes with the board on the Power Installer II support CD-ROM disc.

Chapter 3: Motherboard Configuration

Lists the motherboard's default configuration and configuration options.

Chapter 4: Installing The Motherboard

Has information on how to prepare and install the motherboard. Includes installing CPUs and system memory and housing installation considerations.

Chapter 5: System Configuration
Covers connecting system peripherals to the motherboard, initial BIOS configuration using the CMOS Setup utility, OS options and software installation.
Chapter 6: Using The Motherboard
Explains system operation features that derive from the motherboard. Has information on performance optimization and troubleshooting.
Chapter 7: Technical Information
Lists the motherboard's technical specifications.

Manual Features

This User' s Manual is intended to be useful and informative while also making it easy to quickly find specific information or specifications. The manual has icons and notes in the sidebar to note important topics, indicate warnings or further explain and illustrate points. We suggest that most users review the manual to become familiar with the motherboard. Expert users may want to review topics selectively, as needed.

If The Motherboard Is Already Installed

You may receive the motherboard installed in a working system. If this is the case, you should still probably review the sections on configuring and using the board, especially if an Operating System is not installed yet.

If You Need To Install This Motherboard

We recommend that only experienced users and technicians install this motherboard. Otherwise, we suggest having a qualified computer technician install and configure the system. This service is usually provided at a nominal fee by better computer stores and service companies.

Critical Topics

Many users do not read through the entire User's Manual. While this may not be necessary for experienced users or if the motherboard is already installed, there are some topics which are particularly important and deserve your specific attention. Some topics cover information critical to the proper installation and use of the motherboard.

For the DPX2 Series motherboard, please review the sections on the following topics:

- CPU backplate installation
  Please see Chapter 4.
- Xeon processor retention module installation
  Please see Chapter 4.
- Dual processor installation
  Please see Chapter 4.
- System memory installation requirements
  Please see Chapter 4.
- Rear I/O Panel Shield
  Please see Chapter 4.
- Required BIOS configuration
  Please see Chapter 5.
- Support software installation
  Please see Chapter 5.

Packing List

The DPX2 Series motherboard package includes the following items:

- DPX2 Series motherboard
- ATA-66/100 IDE connector cable
  Connects IDE devices to one of the onboard IDE connectors.
- Floppy Disk Drive connector cable
  Connects floppy disk drives to the onboard floppy disk connector.
- Rear I/O Panel Shield
  Covers the area around the rear panel I/O ports when the board is installed in a system housing.
- 2 CPU Back Plates
  Mount on the underside of the motherboard and provide mounting points for the heatsink retention modules and a thermal buffer.
- 2 Heatsink Retention Modules
  Secure the CPU heatsink on top of the CPU.
- 3 Jumper Caps
  Extra caps in case original caps are lost.
- SATA Cable and SATA power Cable (DPX2-SATA only)
  Connector cable for onboard SATA connectors.
- Power Installer support CD-ROM disc
  Includes support software, drivers and bundled software utilities.
- User's Manual

Pre-Use Checklist

Before you install and use the motherboard, please do the following:

- Check Package Contents
  Please compare the package contents to the Packing List on the previous page and confirm that all items are present and undamaged.
- Missing or Damaged Accessories
  If anything is missing, please contact your vendor.
- Motherboard Damage
  If the motherboard has been visibly damaged, return the complete package to your vendor with proof of purchase.
- Prepare Minimum System Components
  If you are installing the board in a new system, you'll need at least the following internal components;
  - Intel Xeon processor
  - At least one DDR memory module
  - 1.5V AGP video display card
  - Desired storage devices (hard disk, CD-ROM, etc.)

You will also need whatever external system peripherals you intend to use, which will normally include at least a keyboard, a pointing device and a video display monitor.

Chapter Topics:

Hardware Features
- Motherboard Layout
- Key Features & Components

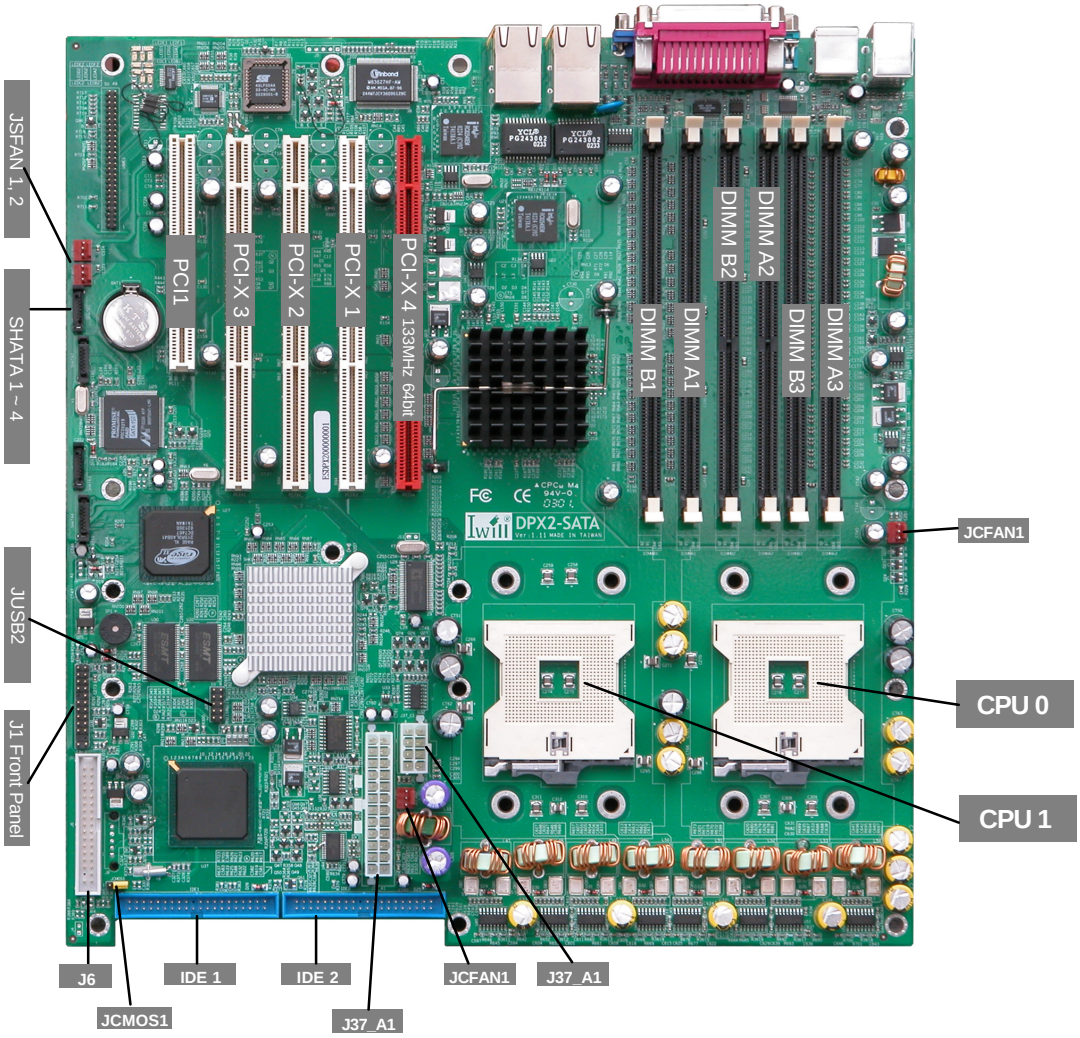
Software Features
- Driver Software
- Utility Software

2: Key Features & Components

This chapter explains the location and function of this motherboard's key features and components. In addition, it details the software that comes on the Power Installer II support CD-ROM disc. Please review this chapter if you are installing the motherboard. It is also useful for reference regarding feature functions after the board is installed in a working system.

Motherboard Layout

The diagram and key on these two pages shows the location of key components on the motherboard.



Motherboard Layout Key

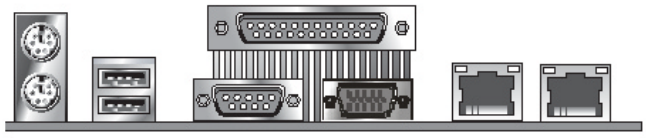
Component Function

CPU O , CPU 1	mPGA604 CPU sockets
JCFAN1, JCFAN2	CPU0/1 cooling fan power connectors
J37_A1 & J37_C1	Power connectors for EPS 12V power supply
DIMM A1, B1, A2, B2, A3, B3	Memory sockets for DDR SDRAM modules
PCI1	32-bit 33MHz PCI expansion slot
PCI-X 1~3	66MHz 64-bit 66MHz PCI expansion slots
PCI-X4	133/100/66MHz 64-bit PCI expansion slot
IDE1, 2	IDE drive connectors
J6	Floppy disk drive connector
JUSB2	Dual USB 1.1 port connector
J1	Housing front panel feature connector
JSFAN1, JSFAN2	System mounted cooling fan connectors
SHATA1~4	Serial ATA hard drive connectors

Jumpers

JCMOS1	Clear CMOS jumper

Rear panel I/O ports



Key Features & Components

This section explains the function and use of key features and components on the motherboard. It also indicates where to look in the manual for additional information on configuring and using them. This motherboard uses an extended ATX form factor PCB in a design that integrates many features onto the board including several external ports.

Intel E7501 Chipset

This motherboard uses the Intel E7501 Chipset. It is a high-powered chipset intended for workstation applications. The components of the Intel E7501 Chipset include the following devices mounted on the board:

- E7501 Memory & Graphics Controller Hub (MCH)
- 82801DB I/O Controller Hub (ICH3)
- 82802 AB Firmware Hub (FWH)
- 82870 P2 64-bit Bus Master PCI Expander (P64H2)

The chipset provides host bus, memory, AGP, and I/O interfaces.

Intel Gigabit Ethernet LAN Controller

The DPX2 Series motherboards have an Intel Kenai 32 82540EM Gigabit Ethernet controller onboard which includes the following features:

- High-speed 1Gigabit/sec data transfer
- Support for 10-BaseT and 100Base-TX
- Wake On LAN support

Promise PDC20319 SATA Controller (DPX2-SATA only)

The DPX2-SATA motherboard has a Promise PDC20319 SATA controller onboard which includes the following features:

- Four Serial ATA channel connectors
- Support RAID 0, 1, 0+1

CPU Sockets

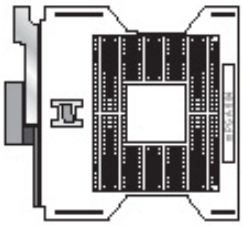
Function: The System CPUs install in these sockets. You can install either one or two CPUs, as needed.

Description: The mPGA604 CPU sockets support all Intel Xeon CPUs that can use this socket. The motherboard comes with hardware to attach the heatsink and fan assembly required by the Xeon CPU.

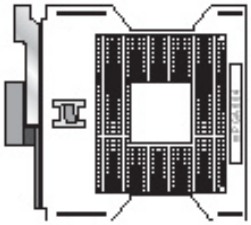
More Information: See the section in Chapter 4 on "Installing CPUs" for information supported CPUs and their installation procedure. Technical specifications are listed in Chapter 7.

CPU Sockets:
Single CPU installs in CPU0 socket only.

CPU0



CPU1



System Memory Sockets

Function: The DIMM system memory sockets are for installing dual channel DDR SDRAM memory modules.

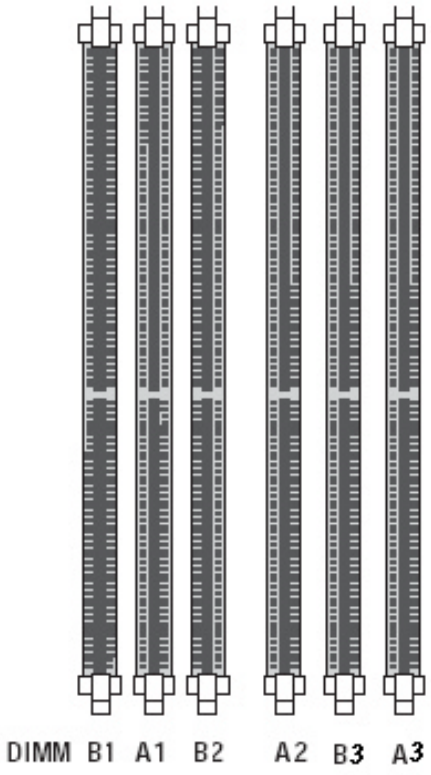
Description: There are six DIMM memory module sockets on the motherboard. These sockets are for 200MHz (PC1600) and 266MHz (PC2100) DDR SDRAM memory modules. The socket configuration allows a variety of memory configurations up to a total of 12GB of system memory.

More Information: See the section on Installing System Memory in Chapter 4 for configuration specifications and installation instructions. Technical specifications are listed in Chapter 7.

DDR DIMM Sockets:
System memory sockets are for:

- PC2100: 266MHz
- PC1600: 200MHz

Registered DDR SDRAM modules.
See Chapter 4 for important installation information.



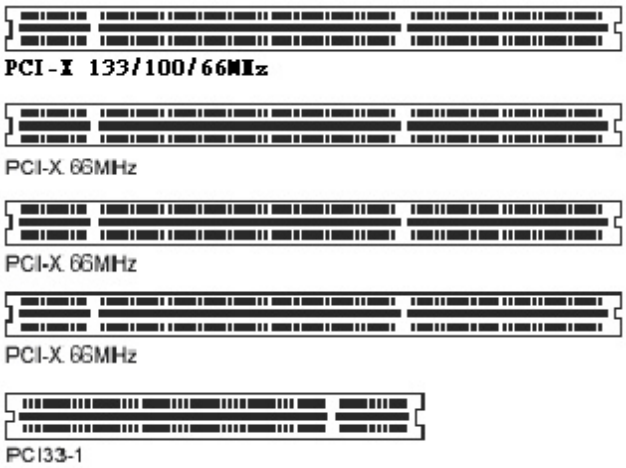
PCI Expansion Slots

Function: The PCI expansion slots are for installing system expansion or "add-on" cards to add additional system hardware.

Description: This motherboard has five Bus Master capable PCI expansion slots, including one 32-bit 33MHz slots and four 64-bit PCI-X slots operating at 133MHz or 66MHz. The slots provide two levels of fast high-bandwidth pathway between the motherboard and expansion cards.

More Information: See the section "Connecting & Installing Internal Peripherals" in Chapter 5. Technical specifications are listed in Chapter 7.

PCI Expansion Slots
All slots are Bus Master capable. One 64-bit slot operates at 133MHz, the other three at 66MHz. They all require 64-bit PCI cards.



Drive Connectors

There are three drive connectors on the motherboard for connecting IDE and floppy disk drives.

IDE Drive Connectors

Function: The two IDE connectors, marked 'IDE1' and 'IDE2', are for connecting IDE drives to the motherboard.

Description: The IDE controller on the motherboard supports IDE devices running in all modes up through ATA-100. There are two IDE drive connectors. Each connector supports two drives, a 'Master' and a 'Slave', which connect to the motherboard with a ribbon cable. The supplied cable supports transfer modes through ATA-100.

More Information: See the section on "Connecting Internal Peripherals" in Chapter 5 for instructions on connecting IDE drives. Technical specifications are listed in Chapter 7.

IDE Drive Connectors
The channels are labeled on the board.

Floppy Disk Drive Connector

Function: The floppy disk drive connector, marked 'J6', is for connecting one floppy disk drive to the motherboard.

Description: The floppy disk drive connector supports connecting one floppy disk drive to the motherboard. The 'J6' drive connector uses a standard FDD ribbon cable. The floppy disk drive connected to the end of the cable will function as Drive A:.

More Information: See the section on "Connecting Internal Peripherals" in Chapter 4 for instructions on connecting a floppy disk drive. Technical specifications are listed in Chapter 7.

Floppy Drive Connector J6

Serial ATA Controller Connectors (DPX2-SATA only)

Function: The four Serial ATA HDD connectors, marked 'SHATA1', 'SHATA2', 'SHATA3' and 'SHATA4' are for connecting Serial ATA hard drives to the motherboard.

Description: The Promise PDC20319 SATA controller on the motherboard supports Serial ATA devices. There are four SATA drive connectors. Each connector supports one drive, which connect to the motherboard with a flat cable. The supplied cable supports transfer modes through 150MB/s.

Additional Onboard Connectors

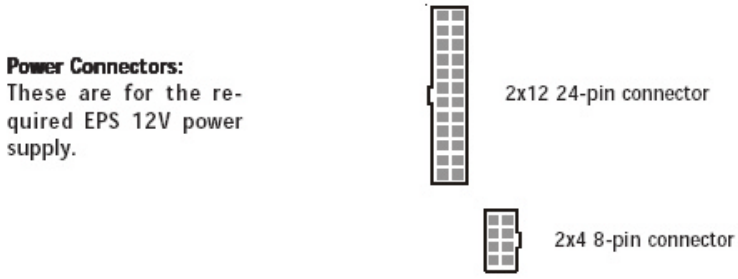
There are several other connectors on the motherboard.

EPS 12V Power Connectors

Function: Connectors for leads from the system power supply.

Description: There are two power connectors on the motherboard for the required EPS 12V power supply. The power supply leads plug into the connectors. The connector design prevents incorrect orientation. These are not standard ATX connectors. The 24-pin and 8-pin connectors are for a minimum 450-watt EPS 12V power supply that complies with the Intel Xeon processor power supply design guidelines.

More Information: Please refer to the IWILL web site – http://www.iwill.net – for more information on the required power supply specifications.



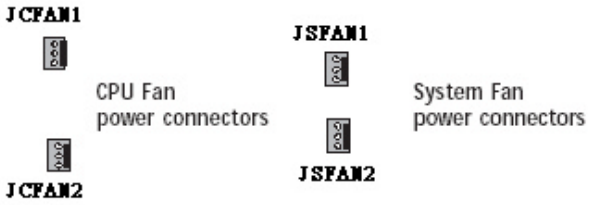
CPU & System Cooling Fan Connectors

Function: Power connectors for CPU and system housing cooling fans.

Description: There are two CPU cooling fan connectors and two system housing cooling fan connectors. All connectors are 3-pin headers. The system housing fan connectors support fan tachometer monitoring. The processor heat sink fans are not speed controlled. The system fans use the motherboard fan speed control, which consists of three states: Off, Normal speed, and High speed. In Normal speed mode, the system fans run at normal speed until the thermal sensor senses the temperature exceeds the High speed fan threshold temperature. The system fans then run at High speed when the temperature threshold is exceeded. You can set the threshold temperature in the PC Health section of the CMOS Setup Utility. You can set the threshold to 40°C to force continuous operation of the system fans in high-speed mode in the S0 and S1 sleep states.

More Information: Please see the PC Health Status section of "Configuring the CMOS Setup Utility" in Chapter 5 for information.

Cooling Fan Connectors:
The cooling fan power connectors all use the same 3-pin connector. The System Fan connectors are speed controlled, the CPU Fan connectors are not.



USB 1.1 Port Connector JUSB2

Function: Connector for the cable from external, housing mounted USB 1.1 port bracket.

Description: The 9-pin connector supports two USB 1.1 ports. The connector is for either housing port bracket mounted ports.

More Information: Please see the Integrated Peripherals section of "Configuring the CMOS Setup Utility" in Chapter 5 for additional information.

USB 1.1 Port Connector:
This connector is for the cable from two external USB 1.1 ports.

Battery Connector

Function: Housing for system support battery.

Description: An external lithium coin-cell battery powers the real-time clock and CMOS memory. When the computer is not plugged into a wall socket, the battery has an estimated life of three years. When the computer is plugged in, the standby current from the power supply extends the life of the battery.

More Information: See the Standard CMOS Features section of "Configuring the CMOS Setup Utility" in Chapter 5 to adjust the real-time clock settings.

Battery & Housing:
The battery is a CR2032
Lithium coin cell.

System support battery

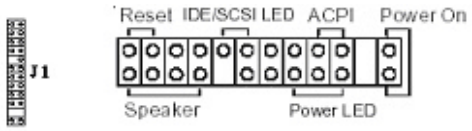
Front Panel Feature Connector J1

Function: Multifunction pin header connector for system housing front panel features.

Description: This connector supports the following front panel features:
- Reset Switch
- IDE or SCSI device activity LED
- System ACPI Suspend switch
- System Power LED
- Keyboard lock
- Housing-mounted speaker

More Information: See Chapter 4 "Installing the Board In A System Housing" and Chapter 6, "System Features".

Front Panel Connector:
Leads from the front panel features connect to this header.



J1 feature connector

I/O Ports

There are several external Input/Output ports on the rear edge of the motherboard. Please refer to the Rear I/O Panel Ports illustration for the port locations. The ports are color-coded for easy identification.

PS/2 Ports

Function: Connecting PS/2 devices to the system.

Description: The PS/2 ports are for a system keyboard and mouse or other pointing device. Do not connect or disconnect PS/2 devices when the system is turned on.

More Information: See the Advanced Boot Options section of "Configuring the CMOS Setup Utility" in Chapter 5 for information on adjusting related settings.

USB Ports

Function: Connecting USB 1.1 devices to the system.

Description: These two ports are for USB devices. The ports are for "Type A" USB cable connectors. You can connect or disconnect USB cables when the system is turned on.

More Information: See the Integrated Peripherals section of "Configuring the CMOS Setup Utility" in Chapter 5 for information on adjusting port settings.

LAN Port

Function: Connecting a CAT 5 LAN cable to the system.

Description: This is an RJ-45 connector for standard CAT 5 LAN cabling with RJ-45 jacks. The connector is for the onboard LAN controller.

More Information: See the System Features section of Chapter 6 for information LED modes.

LAN RJ-45 Jack:
Left-hand LED = Activity
Right-hand LED = Link

RJ-45 LAN jack

Parallel Port

Function: Connecting a device with a parallel interface to the system.

Description: The parallel port is generally used to connect a printer to the system. The port supports common parallel port modes and allows bidirectional communication. Use an IEEE 1284 compliant cable with the default ECP mode configuration.

More Information: See the Integrated Peripherals section of "Configuring the CMOS Setup Utility" in Chapter 5 for information on adjusting port settings.

Parallel port:
The default mode is ECP, configured as EPP 1.9, DMA 3. 1284 compliant.

Front Panel feature connector

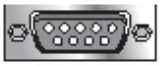
Serial (COM1) Port

Function: Connecting Serial devices.

Description: The serial port has a 9-pin connector. It can operate at speeds up to 115,200bps. You can configure the port speed in the computer's Operating System. Do not connect or disconnect a serial cable when the system is turned on.

More Information: See the Super I/O Device information in the Integrated Peripherals section of "Configuring the CMOS Setup Utility" in Chapter 5 for information on adjusting port settings.

Serial Port:
The rear I/O panel serial port is COM1.



COM1 Serial Port

Jumpers

There is one jumper switch on this motherboard. Jumpers function like switches to establish a hardware configuration setting.

JCMOS1 Clear CMOS

Function: Clears the CMOS Setup Utility configuration record stored in the real-time clock's CMOS memory.

Description: A 3-pin jumper.

More Information: See Chapter 3 for configuration information and the Troubleshooting section in Chapter 6.

JCMOS1: Clear CMOS
Clears CMOS Setup Utility configuration from CMOS memory.

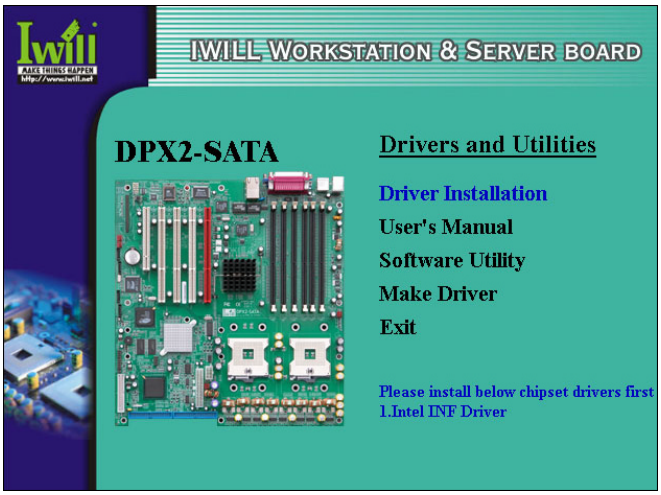
JCMOS1

Software Features

This motherboard comes with driver software and bundled utility software on the supplied Power Installer CD-ROM disc. The Installing OS & Support Software section in Chapter 5 explains how to install the software required to support this motherboard and profiles the bundled utilities.

Using the Power Installer II Disc

You can run the Power Installer II CD-ROM install interface under Microsoft Windows NT 4.0, 2000 or XP. The disc's install interface should load automatically and you then click on the model name of this motherboard.

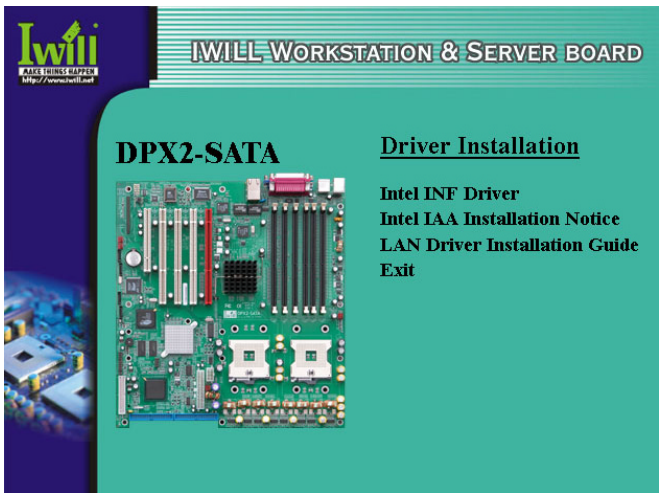


Driver Software

This motherboard requires that you install driver software to support the onboard hardware. You will need to install some or all of the following:

- Intel chipset support software
  Various drivers that support the chipset and enhance system performance.
- USB 2.0 Installation Guide
  Information on installing drivers for the onboard USB 2.0 ports.
- LAN driver software
  Information on installing drivers for the onboard Intel Gigabit Ethernet controller.

Please see "Installing OS & Support Software" in Chapter 5 for more information.



Utility Software

The Power Installer 2 disc also has utility program on it, Adobe Acrobat Reader.

• Acrobat Reader
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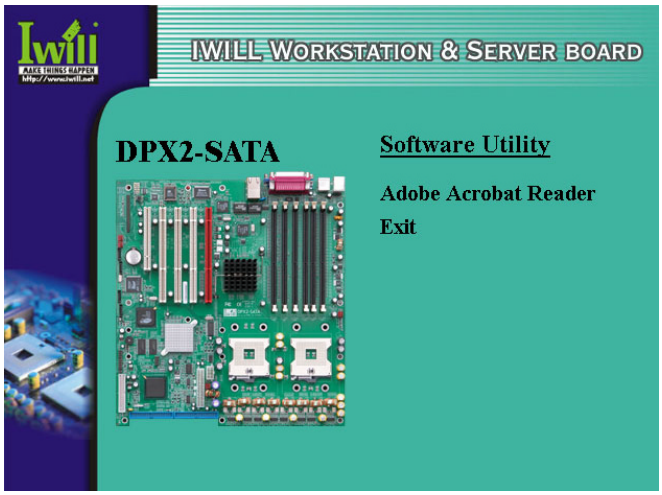


In This Chapter:

The Default Configuration
- **Hardware Configuration: Jumper Settings**
- **Firmware Configuration: The CMOS Setup Utility**

Reconfiguring the Motherboard
- **Hardware Reconfiguration**
- **Firmware Reconfiguration**

3: Motherboard Configuration

This chapter details the motherboard' s default configuration and configuration options. Please review the contents of this chapter to find out information on the default configuration or alternative configuration options to change the default configuration. The motherboard will operate properly in the default configuration. Please make certain that any configuration changes you make will not adversely affect system operation.

The Default Configuration

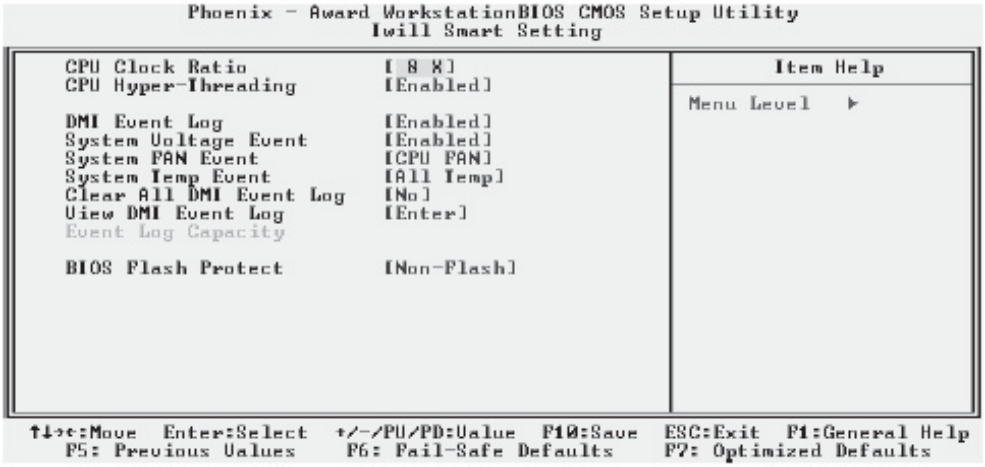
The default configuration is set at the time of manufacture. The configuration is comprised of the hardware configuration settings and the default firmware settings in the BIOS CMOS Setup Utility.

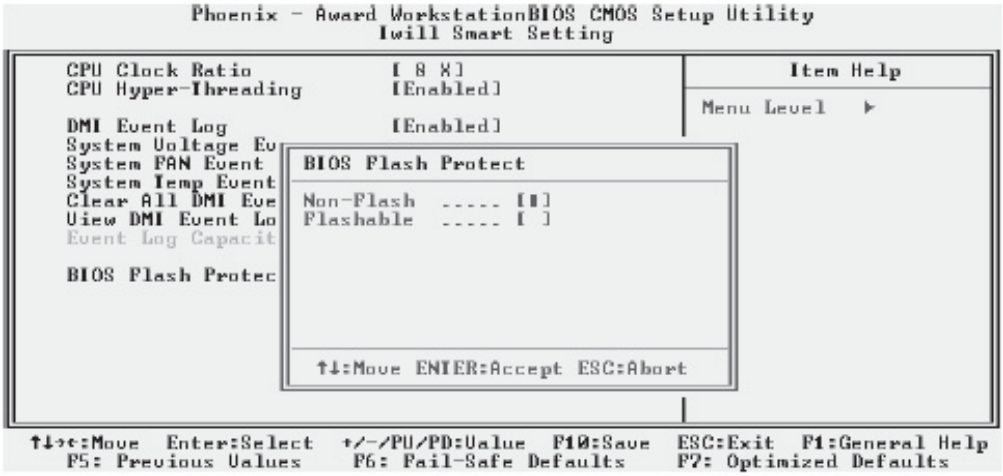
Hardware Configuration: Jumper Settings

This motherboard is mainly configured in firmware, which simplifies configuration. There are very few hardware settings. The hardware settings are configured using standard jumper switches. The motherboard has three jumper switches.

BIOS CMOS Setup Utility – IWILL Smart Setting

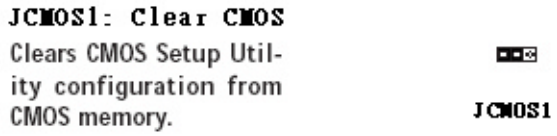
The IWILL Smart Setting section of the CMOS Setup Utility has a BIOS Flash Protect item that controls BIOS flash protection. The default setting is " Non-Flash" . The optional setting is "Flashable" . See the section on "Configuring the CMOS Setup Utility in Chapter 5 for information on how to use this program.





Jumper JCMOS1: Clear CMOS Memory

JCMOS1 is a jumper switch, but it does not set a hardware configuration setting. The BIOS CMOS Setup Utility creates a system configuration record that is stored in CMOS memory in the real-time clock chip. If the configuration record data becomes corrupted or is destroyed, or if the CMOS Setup Utility settings are changed to an unusable configuration, the motherboard may not run properly or at all. JP4 provides a means to delete the configuration data stored in CMOS memory and reset the configuration to the CMOS Setup Utility's Optimized Defaults.



Setting	Function
Short 1-2	Normal operation [Default]
Short 2-3	Clear CMOS memory – see instructions

Follow this procedure to clear CMOS memory. The jumper is beside the coin battery. If necessary, refer to the board diagram and key in Chapter 2 for the location of the JP4 jumper.

1. Turn off and unplug the system. Remove the system housing cover (see documentation if necessary).
2. Set JP4 to the Clear CMOS position by placing the jumper cap over pins 2 and 3 for one minute.
3. Return the jumper cap to the Normal position.
4. Replace the system housing cover, plug in the system and turn it on.
5. Run the CMOS Setup utility and load the Optimized Defaults. You can then enter any custom settings you require.
6. Save the settings as you exit the program and restart the computer.

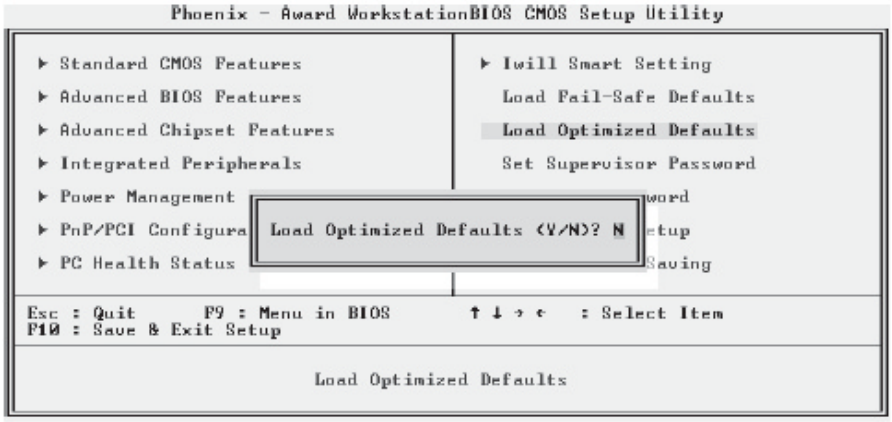
The system should now operate normally.

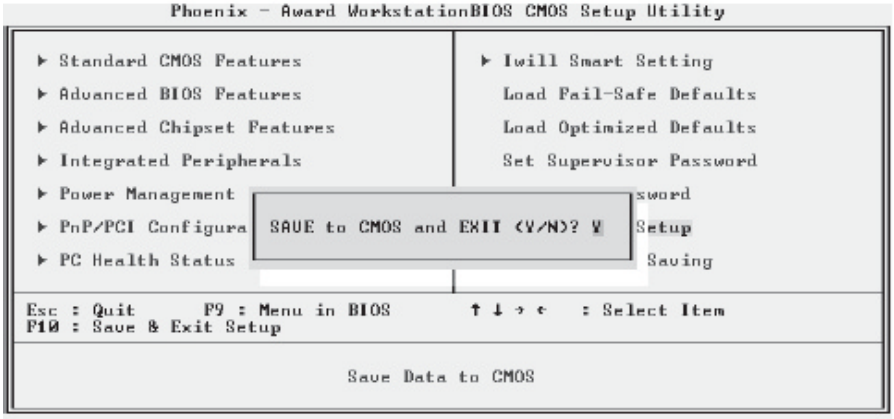
BIOS CMOS Setup Utility – Main Screen

The main screen of the CMOS Setup Utility has a Load Optimized Defaults item that loads the default operation settings. After you perform the Clear CMOS procedure, load the defaults as follows:

1. Select Load Optimized Defaults, press the Enter key.
2. A message will appear asking you to confirm.
3. Type a Y to confirm and press the Enter key again.
4. Make other settings you require.
5. Select Save & Exit Setup and press the Enter key.

The system will restart and use the new settings. See the section on "Configuring the CMOS Setup Utility in Chapter 5 for more information.





Firmware Configuration: The CMOS Setup Utility

The BIOS CMOS Setup Utility a configuration record of system settings. This record is based on the "Optimized Defaults" that are stored with the utility in Flash memory and can be reloaded at any time. Many of these settings are either recommended or required for the motherboard to operate properly. Other settings are customizable and can be changed to suit your specific system configuration and operation requirements. A number of the variable settings, such as CPU and IDE device settings are set to be automatically detected in the default configuration. While these settings can also be established manually, automatic detection is more convenient, safe and reliable. We strongly recommend that you leave all auto-detection settings undisturbed unless you have a specific reason not to and you are certain of what you are doing. Incorrect configuration of the CMOS Setup Utility can result in unreliable operation or a failure of the motherboard to work at all.

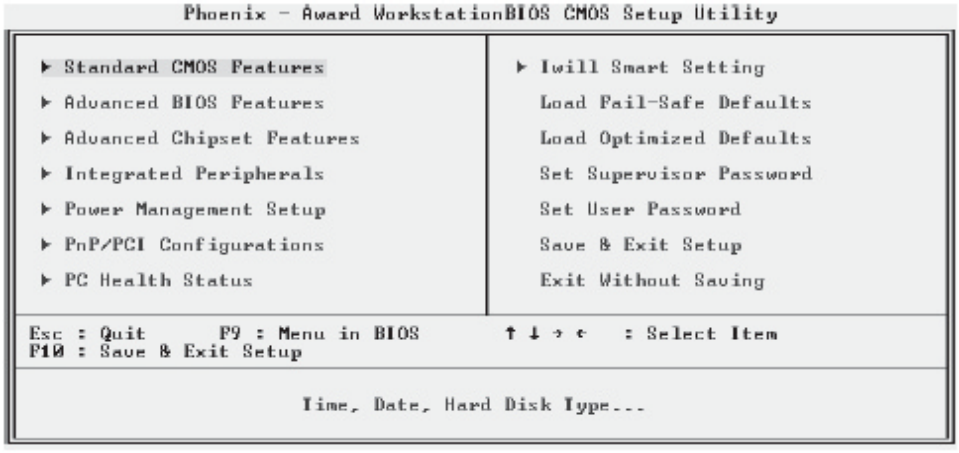
Using the CMOS Setup Utility

Please refer to the "Configuring the CMOS Setup Utility" section in Chapter 5 for information on using the utility and some settings you might want to customize. The utility does not run under an Operating System. You must load it during the Power On Self Test (POST) while the computer is starting up by press the Delete key or the Del key on the system keyboard's numeric keypad.

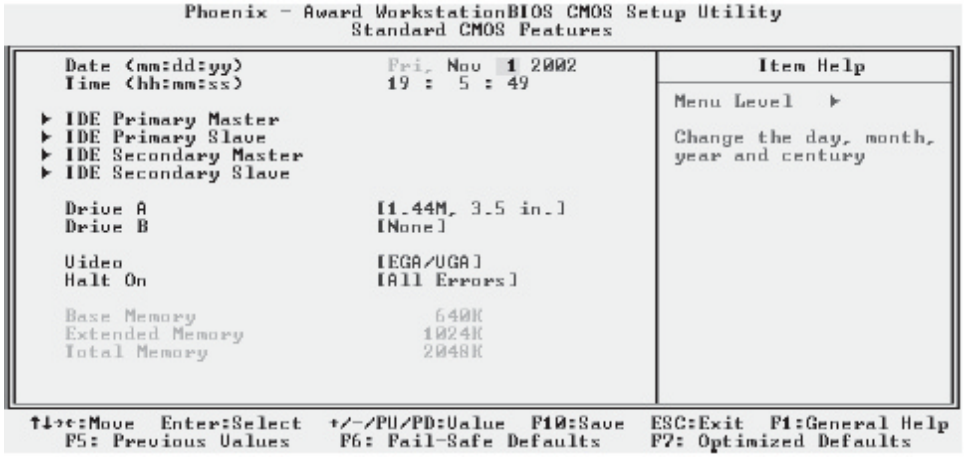
BIOS CMOS Setup Utility – Main Screen

Load the CMOS Setup Utility during the POST by pressing the Delete or Del key. The utility interface commands are explained at the bottom of each screen and "General Help" is available by pressing the F1 key. See the section on "Configuring the CMOS Setup Utility in Chapter 5 for information on how to use this program.

The main screen has a basic list command instructions at the bottom of the screen and displays a function description of the highlighted item.



Sections marked by an arrow on the main screen list command instructions at the bottom of the screen.



Reconfiguring the Motherboard

You can change the default configuration (as shipped) of this motherboard as needed. However, since this motherboard very few hard configuration options and the CMOS Setup Utility is configuration is mostly either required, recommended or automatic, there will probably be little reason to do so.

Hardware Reconfiguration

We recommend leaving the two jumper settings at the default settings unless you need to perform the Clear CMOS procedure. It is much more convenient to control the BIOS Flash Protection feature using the CMOS Setup Utility.

Firmware Reconfiguration

You can initially specify or customize the CMOS Setup Utility settings when you first configure the system (as covered in Chapter 5) to meet your requirements. Other than doing this, there should be no need to reconfigure the CMOS Setup Utility unless the system configuration changes or the configuration record stored in CMOS memory becomes corrupted and unusable, which is not common. If you need to completely recreate the system configuration record, follow the Clear CMOS procedure described in this chapter.

In This Chapter:

Pre-Installation Preparation
- **Installing CPUs**
- **Installing System Memory**

Installing the Motherboard in a System Housing
- **Motherboard Installation Procedure**
- **EEB 3.0 Housing Installation**

Completing System Configuration

4: Installing the Motherboard

This chapter covers preparing the motherboard for installation, installing the board in a system housing or "chassis" and installing or connecting other internal system components. There are a number of important topics in this chapter and we strongly urge that you review it before you attempt to install the motherboard.

Pre-installation Preparation

Before you install the motherboard you will need to do the following:

- Install one or two Intel Xeon CPUs
- Install DDR system memory modules

Both of these require specific procedures that you must follow precisely to insure that the components are successfully installed and work properly. Please review the instructions in this section in detail and follow them carefully. The procedures are not complex.

Installing CPUs

This motherboard uses the Intel Xeon processor. Both single and dual CPU configurations are supported on this motherboard. To install an Intel Xeon CPU on the motherboard it is very important to precisely an entirely follow the procedure for installing both the CPU and its cooling assembly. Failure to do so can result in either improper operation or damage to the CPU and possibly the motherboard. To install an Intel Xeon processor on this motherboard you will need to do the following:

- Install the Xeon processor in an mPGA604 socket
- Install the Heatsink Retention Mechanisms
- Install a Xeon-specific Heatsink
- Install the Processor Wind Tunnel assembly

Required Tools:
- Philips-head screw driver (Crosshead)
- Flathead screw driver

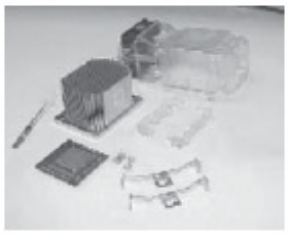
Please follow the procedure detailed below to install one or two Xeon processors on the board. Intel boxed Xeon processors come with full installation instructions. If you have these, please also read and follow those instructions carefully.

Processor Selection

This motherboard supports all Xeon processors and the BIOS automatically detects the required settings and configures the CMOS Setup Utility accordingly. If you install two Xeon processors, they must have identical specifications.

Installing The Processor

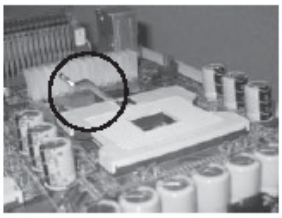
Installing a Xeon processor in the mPGA604 socket is the simplest part of the procedure. It is very important, however, to carefully handle the processor by the side edges and always fully observe precautions against electrostatic discharge. Please follow the installation procedure as illustrated on the next two pages. The illustrations are generic and do not specifically represent this motherboard.



Xeon Processor package
(Clockwise from lower left):
- Xeon processor
- TIM applicator
- Heatsink
- Procesor Wind Tunnel
- Retention Mechanisms
- Heatsink clips
- Mounting screws

The processor installation procedure is as follows:
1. Raise the retaining lever of the processor locking mechanism to a perpendicular position.

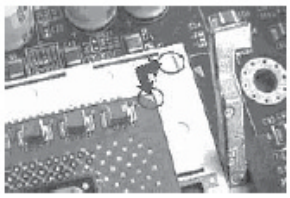
Step 1:
Raise the retaining lever



Raise the socket lever to the vertical position

2. Align the processor to the socket by matching the Pin 1 corner of the socket (marked with a triangle) to the Pin 1 corner on the Socket 603 (marked by a triangular hole in the Pin 1 corner).

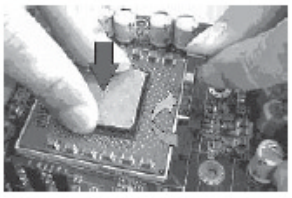
Step 2:
Align the Pin 1 corners



Match the Pin 1 positions on the socket and the processor

3. Carefully insert the Xeon processor in the socket receptacles, taking care not to bend any pins.

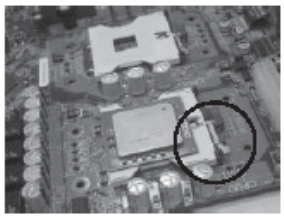
Step 3:
Insert the processor



Gently press the processor into the socket. Make sure the retaining lever is vertical.

4. Lower the locking mechanism' s retaining lever and secure it in place to secure the processor in the socket. Grasp the processor by the edges and gently pull upwards to insure it is properly inserted. The processor shouldn't move.

Step 4:
Secure the CPU retaining lever

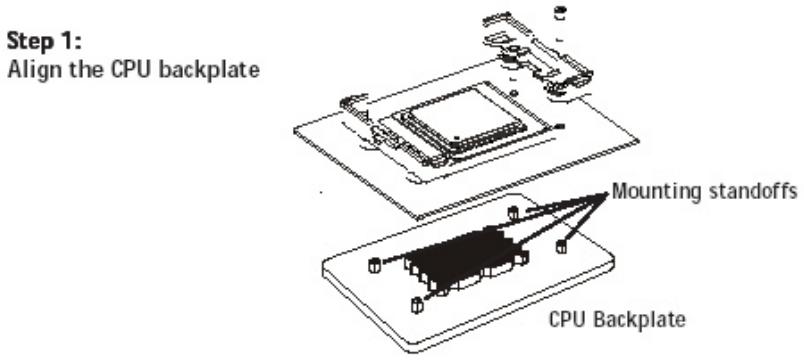


Presss the retaining lever back down into the horizontal position and make sure it latches in place.

Installing the Heatsink Retention Mechanisms

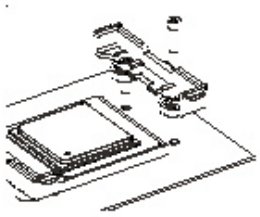
The motherboard comes with a set of two Heatsink Retention Mechanisms. You must attach these to the motherboard before installing the processor heatsink. If you are installing a boxed Intel Xeon processor, it will also come with two Retention Mechanisms, you can use either set. The mechanism attaches to the motherboard with the supplied screws which screw into either a supplied CPU Backplate or into the standoffs of an EEB 3.0-compliant system housing (chassis). We've assumed here that you are installing the motherboard in a non EEB 3.0 chassis and therefore will use a supplied CPU Backplate. If this is not the case, please first install system memory as described later in this chapter. Then install the Heatsink Retention Mechanisms, Heatsink and Processor Wind Tunnel after the board is installed. To install the supplied heatsink retention mechanisms, do as follows:

1. Align the four standoffs on a CPU Backplate (mounting nuts attached to the plate) to Retention Mechanism mounting holes around one of the CPU sockets on the motherboard.



2. Align a Retention Mechanism to two of the mounting holes in the board so that the mechanism is facing in towards the CPU socket.

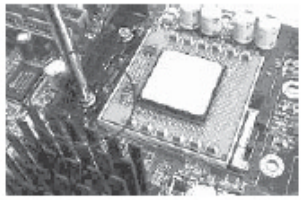
Step 2:
Position the Retention Mechanism



Position the mechanism facing in towards the CPU socket.

3. Insert one of the supplied screws in each hole in the mechanism so that it inserts in a matching standoff on the CPU Backplate. Tighten the screws until they are snug. Don't overtighten the screws.

Step 3:
Attach the mechanism & CPU Backplate with screws



Insert & tighten the mounting screws so that they screw into the CPU backplate

4. Repeat the same procedure to attach the second Retention Mechanism on the opposite side of the CPU socket. The mechanisms should hold the CPU Backplate securely against the underside of the motherboard. If you are installing two CPUs, repeat this procedure on the CPU1 socket.

Installing the Heatsink

Once you have attached a set of Retention Mechanisms, you must install a Heatsink. The Heatsink attaches to the Retention Mechanisms with the two supplied Heatsink retaining clips.

Apply Thermal Interface Material

Before you install the heatsink you must apply the Thermal Interface Material (TIM) that is supplied in an applicator with boxed intel Xeon processors (or an exact equivalent) to the heat spreader on the installed CPU. We assume here that you have TIM in an Intel-supplied applicator. To apply TIM to the CPU do as follows:

1. Apply all of the TIM in the applicator to the center of the square heat spreader plate in the middle of the CPU.
2. Do not spread the TIM around. When you place the Heatsink on top of the CPU the material will disperse evenly.

Apply TIM
Apply all of the Thermal Interface Material to the center of the processor heat spreader plate

Don't spread the TIM out with the applicator tip. The Heatsink will disperse it.

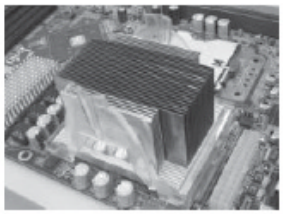
Next, install the processor Heatsink as detailed below.

Install the Heatsink

To install a processor Heatsink do as follows:

1. Place the Heatsink on top of the Xeon CPU so that it fits into the recesses in the Retaining Mechanisms. The Heatsink base is rectangular and will only fit into the mechanism frame in the correct orientation.

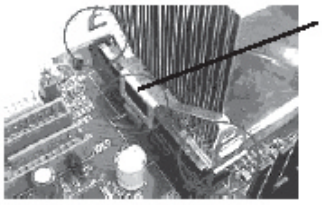
Position the Heatsink
Place the Heatsink on top of the CPU so that it fits into the Retention Mechanisms.



Don't spread the TIM out with the applicator tip. Wiggle the Heatsink a little after you position it to disperse the Thermal Inteface Material.

2. Place a heatsink retaining clip on one of the Retention Mechanisms so that the large outer center tab is on the outside and fits over the extension on the Retention Mechanism. The inner center tab should clip over the edge of the Heatsink.

Position Heatsink Clips
Position a clip on each Retention Mechanism.

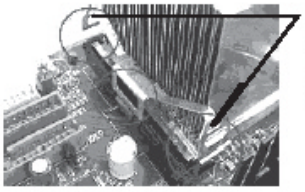


position the clip so that the large tab is on the outside and fits over the mechanism extension there

3. Hold the clip down against the mechanism and press down on one end of the retaining clip so that the tab on the end clips securely over the extension on that end of the mechanism.

4. Press the other end of the retaining clip down so that it clips securely over the extension at the other end of the mechanism. The spring tension of the clip should now hold that side of the heatsink securely against the Retention Mechanism.

Attach Heatsink Clips
Press the clip ends onto Retention Mechanism.



Hold the clip down in the middle while you press the each end of the clip onto the Retention Mechanism

5. Repeat the procedure above on the Retention Mechanism on the other side of the Heatsink. After you install the two retaining clips, the Heatsink should be securely attached.

Installing the Processor Wind Tunnel

After you install the Xeon processor and heatsink assembly, you must install the Processor Wind Tunnel (PWT) assembly. The PWT has three parts:

- Shroud
- Fan Assembly (fan with mounting frame)
- PWT End Cap

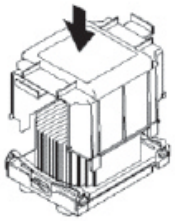
You install these components separately and in order as follows.

Install Shroud

First install the PWT shroud:

1. Clip the shroud onto the retaining mechanisms at the corners. It should fit onto the mechanism corners and the flexible tabs should snap into place.

Step 1:
Attach the PWT shroud



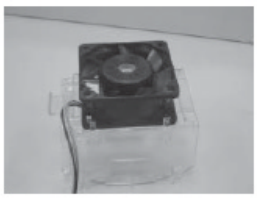
Press the shroud down onto the Retention Mechanisms until it snaps into place

Attach Fan Assembly

Next attach the cooling fan:

1. Clip the fan mounting frame onto the cooling fan. Orient the fan so that it will blow air into the PWT Shroud.

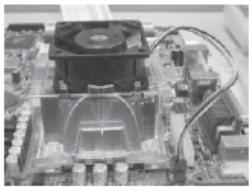
Step 1:
Clip the fan mount onto the fan



Orient the fan so that it blows toward the Heatsink

2. Insert the fan mounting frame tabs into the holes on the forward side of the PWT Shroud. The plastic tabs should snap securely into place.

Step 2:
Insert the PWT fan mount into the PWT shroud



Press the fan mount into the shroud so that it snaps into place securely

Installing System Memory

This section details the procedure for installing system memory on the motherboard. Correct memory configuration is critical for proper system operation. Please review this section carefully and follow the configuration guidelines precisely.

Memory Specifications

The motherboard has six DIMM module sockets (DPX2-L has four angle DIMM module sockets) and uses Registered DDR SDRAM DIMM modules for system memory. The system memory specifications are:

- Registered DDR SDRAM DIMM modules
- ECC memory
- 200MHz PC1600 or 266MHz PC2100 memory only
- Maximum 12GB total system memory (DPX2-L maximum 8GB)

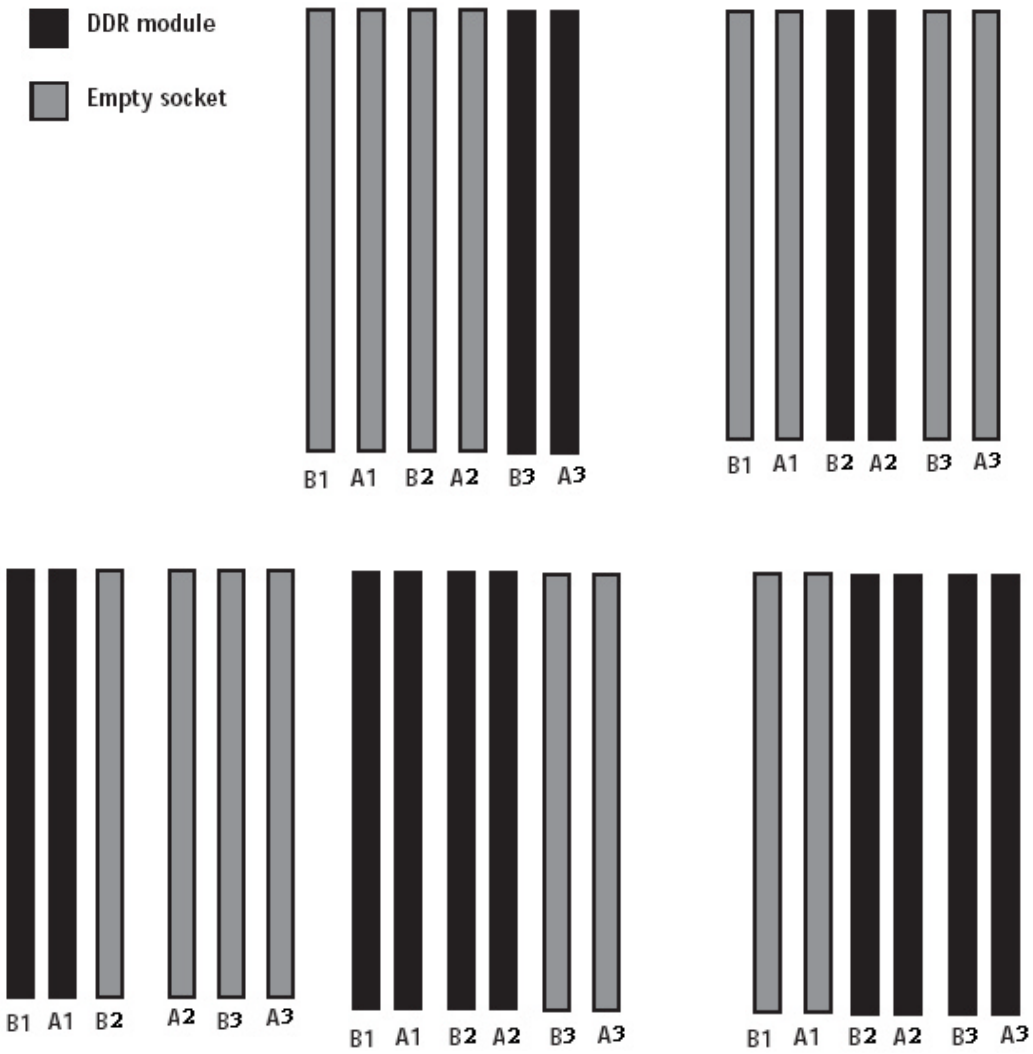
Memory Configuration Options

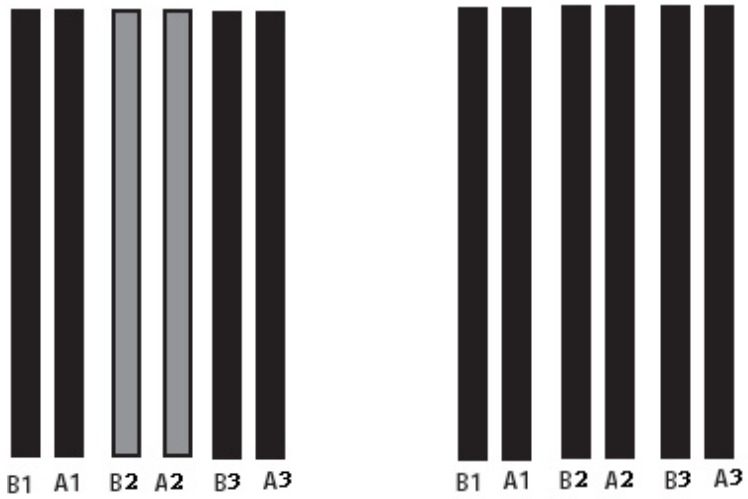
This motherboard has flexible memory configuration options. These include:
- Supports 64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB, 1GB & 2GB modules.
- Modules must all be the same type and density.

Module Configurations

The figures on the next page illustrate the allowed module configurations. Do not install modules in any other configuration. Please note the configurations indicate module positioning, not capacity. Modules should all be the same type and capacity.

Memory Configurations:
The memory configurations shown here are the only ones allowed. You can install only 2 or 4 or 6 modules. A 1 or 3 or 5 module configuration is not supported. All modules *must* be the same type and density.





Note: If you install 2 memory modules, please fill B3 and A3 first.

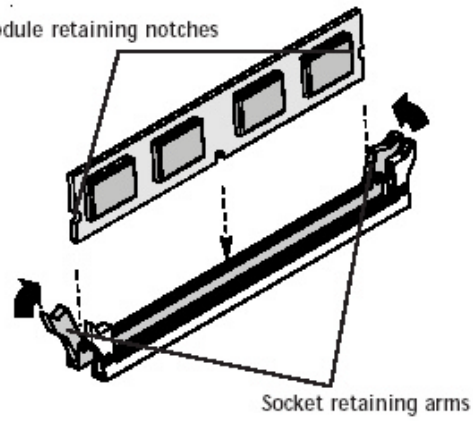
Installing Memory Modules

Installing DIMM modules is simple. The modules insert in the sockets and are held in place by the socket retaining arms. The edge connectors on the modules are of different widths and there are key notches in each module. These ensure that you can not insert a module incorrectly. Before you install any modules, you should choose a configuration. You should then prepare the required number and type of DDR modules. To install either type of module follow this procedure:

1. Align the module to the socket so that the edge connectors on the module match the socket sections.
2. Hold the module perpendicular to the motherboard and press the edge connector into the socket.
3. Press the module fully into the socket so that the socket retaining arms swing up and engage the retention notches at each end of the module.

Following the configuration you have chosen, repeat this procedure if necessary so that all modules are installed. Once the modules are installed, system memory installation is complete.

Module Installation:
Modules will only insert in one orientation. The width of the two edge connector sections vary slightly and prevent incorrect insertion.

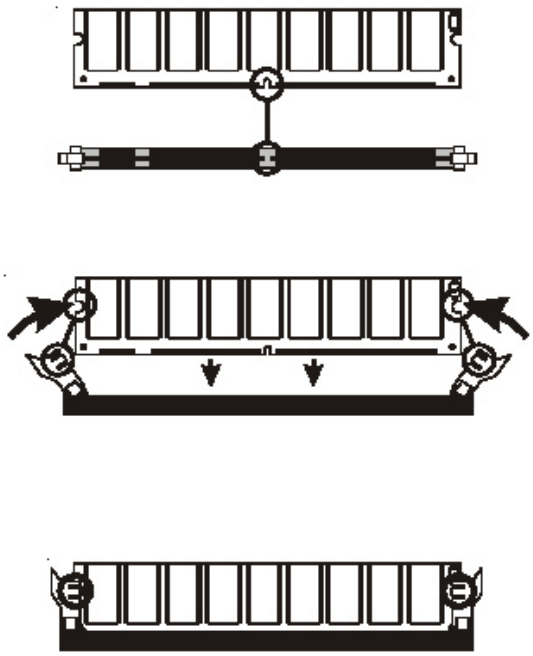


Module Installation:
All modules insert in the DIMM sockets in the same way:

1. Align the module to the socket.

2. The socket retaining arms should rotate up and engage the module's retaining notches as you press it into the socket.

3. The retaining arms must engage for the module to be properly installed.



System Memory Recognition

The BIOS will automatically recognize the installed memory configuration and configure the CMOS Setup Utility. No other action is required to complete system memory installation.

Installing the Motherboard in a System Housing

This section explains the basic requirements for installing this motherboard in a system housing or "chassis". Since housing designs vary widely, you will need to consult the housing documentation for specific information. This motherboard can be installed in an EEB 3.0-compliant housing that is specific to the board's CPU layout. Other housings must support the extended ATX form factor, which is larger than other ATX form factors. To install the motherboard in a system housing you will need to do the following:

- Install a rear I/O panel shield
- Attach the board to the housing
- Connect leads from the housing's front panel

You can then connect other internal system components as described later in this chapter.

Motherboard Installation Procedure

This section assumes you are installing the board in a non-EEB 3.0 housing and will use the supplied CPU backplates to mount the heatsink retention mechanisms. If you are installing the board in an EEB 3.0 chassis, please see the EEB 3.0 section later in this chapter. We also assume you have prepared the board for installation as previously described in this manual. If the housing you are using normally stands vertically, place the open housing on it's side before you start. Please follow this procedure to install this motherboard:

1. Review any instructions that came with the system housing and prepare the necessary mounting hardware that came with it.
2. Identify the mounting holes on the board and confirm that the housing has standoffs that match them.
3. Install the rear I/O panel shield in the housing's I/O panel opening. If you are installing the board in an EEB 3.0 chassis, please see the EEB 3.0 section later in this chapter.

We also assume you have prepared the board for installation as previously described in this manual. If the housing you are using normally stands vertically, place the open housing on it's side before you start. Please follow this procedure to install this motherboard:

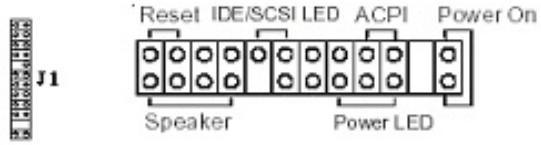
1. Review any instructions that came with the system housing and prepare the necessary mounting hardware that came with it.
2. Identify the mounting holes on the board and confirm that the housing has standoffs that match them.
3. Install the rear I/O panel shield in the housing's I/O panel opening.

4. Insert the board in the housing and align the mounting holes to the standoffs on the housing' s motherboard mounting plate. Make sure all of the rear I/O ports are properly aligned with the openings in the I/O panel shield.
5. Attach the board to the housing, inserting mounting screws in all the holes and tightening them snugly.

Connecting Front Panel Components

After the motherboard is installed in the system housing, you should connect whatever front panel components the housing has to the Front Panel feature connector on the motherboard. The figure below indicates the pin assignments of the connector for your reference.

Front Panel Connector: Leads from the front panel features connect to this header.



J1 feature connector

EEB 3.0 Housing Installation

If you install the motherboard in an EEB 3.0 system housing, you should not attach the CPU Backplates. Instead, attach the board to the housing's motherboard mounting plate first. When you do this, the Retention Mechanism mounting holes should line up with the Retention Mechanism mounting standoffs on the housing's motherboard mounting plate. You can then position and install the Retention Mechanisms by screwing them into the mounting standoffs. Once you have installed the Retention Mechanisms, you can proceed to install the Heatsink and Processor Wind Tunnel assembly as described earlier in this chapter. Please note that the PWT assembly should be oriented so that the fan blows towards the rear of the system housing.

EEB 3.0 Housing
An EEB 3.0 system housing will have four Retention Mechanism mounting standoffs for each CPU socket. The Retention Mechanisms mounting screws screw into the standoffs instead of a CPU Backplate.

There are four Retention Mechanism mounting standoffs for each CPU socket on an EEB 3.0 housing's mother-board mounting plate.

Completing System Configuration

Once the motherboard is installed in the system housing, you can proceed to connect or install whatever internal devices you will use to complete the system. These will at least include an AGP display card and disk drives. After that, having replaced the system housing cover, you can connect external peripherals to complete the process of preparing the system for use. These will include at least a video display and a keyboard and probably a pointing device. Please see the next chapter for information on completing these final hardware installation steps and installing Operating System and support software.

In This Chapter:

Installing or Connecting Internal Peripherals
Connecting Internal Devices
Connecting External System Peripherals
Configuring the CMOS Setup Utility
Installing an OS & Support Software

5: System Configuration

This chapter explains what you need to do to assemble a complete system after you have installed the motherboard in a system housing. This will include installing or connecting internal devices, connecting external system components. Once the system is assembled, you' ll need to check and possibly configure the motherboard' s CMOS Setup Utility, install an Operating System and install the support software supplied on the Power Installer 2 CDROM disc.

Installing or Connecting Internal Peripherals

To complete the assembly of a working system you will need to connect whatever disk drives you will use in the system. This section covers what you need to know on the motherboard side to do this. You will also need to consult the documentation that comes with your internal system peripherals for additional installation instructions and information. This section covers the minimum components you will need to connect to the motherboard to create a functioning system. You may plan to add other devices as well.

Connecting Internal Devices

To assemble a complete system capable of completing the installation of this motherboard you will need to install and connect the following internal devices:

- Hard Disk Drive
- CD-ROM or other optical drive
- Floppy disk drive

The floppy disk drive is not strictly necessary, but is a standard system component and is needed if you will create driver floppy disks from the Power Installer 2. We assume here, in the absence of an alternative drive controller that any hard disk or optical drives will be IDE devices connected to the motherboard's IDE channels.

Connecting IDE Devices

This motherboard supports two IDE channels, IDE1 and IDE2. It has two IDE device connectors onboard which support IDE devices running in any data transfer mode up to ATA-100. Each IDE connector supports two drives, a Master and a Slave. The drives connect to the motherboard with an IDE ribbon cable. IDE cables have three connectors on them, one that plugs into a drive connector on the board and the other two that connect to IDE devices. The connector at the end of the cable is for the Master drive. The connector in the middle of the cable is for the Slave drive. There are three types of IDE ribbon cable, supporting transfer modes up through ATA-33, ATA-66 or ATA-100. You must use a cable that supports the transfer mode of the fastest device connected to it. For example, if both an ATA-66 mode and an ATA-100 mode device are connected to the same cable, the cable must support ATA-100 mode to achieve maximum performance. To install an IDE drive, connect the drive to one of the drive connectors on a suitable ribbon cable. Plug the board end of the cable into one of the IDE connectors on the motherboard.

IDE Drive Positioning

Normally the system's primary hard disk drive should be in the Primary Master position. If you will use only the supplied ribbon cable, connect a CD-ROM drive to the Primary Slave position. If you obtain an additional IDE ribbon cable, you can install a second hard disk drive in the Primary Slave position and install the CD-ROM as the Secondary Master. This is a good idea if the CD-ROM drive uses a slower data transfer mode than the hard disk drive. Follow any instructions that come with the drives to configure and install them. IDE devices generally can be set to one of three operation modes:

- Master
- Slave
- Cable Select

Many drives come set to the Master setting. If you will use the drive in a Slave position, you must reconfigure it as either Slave or use the Cable Select setting to allow the drives position on the cable to define the mode.

Connecting a Floppy Disk Drive

This motherboard has one Floppy Drive connector for connecting one or two floppy disk drives. Most computer systems use one 3.5-inch 1.44MB floppy disk drive. The drive connector is for a standard floppy drive ribbon cable. To install a floppy disk drive, connect the drive to the end of the cable, which is the Drive A: position. Plug the other end of the cable into the floppy disk drive connector on the motherboard.

Connecting External System Peripherals

To complete the assembly of functioning system you will need at minimum to connect the following external system components to the system housing:

- Video Display Monitor
- Keyboard
- Mouse or other Pointing Device

Connecting a Display Monitor

You can connect any display monitor supported by the VGA port on the motherboard. This may include either a CRT or LCD monitor.

Connecting a Keyboard & Mouse

You can use either PS/2 or USB input devices with this motherboard.

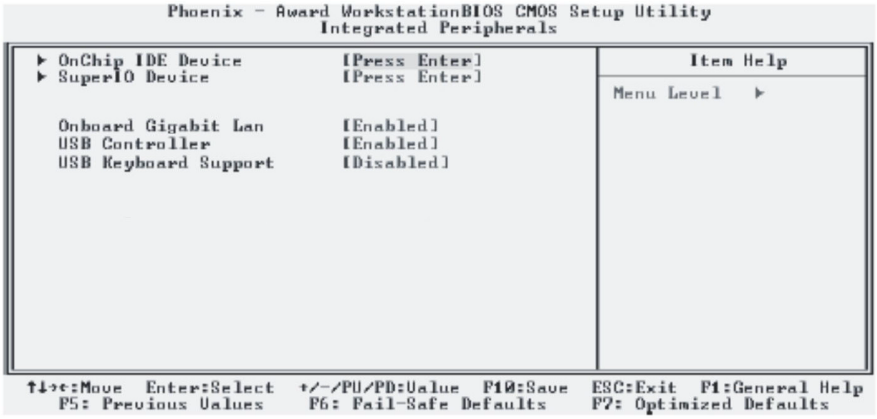
Connecting PS/2 Devices

Connect a PS/2 keyboard and mouse to the Keyboard and Mouse PS/2 ports on the rear I/O port panel. Don't connect or disconnect a device while the system is turned on. Doing so can damage the board.

Connecting USB Devices

You can use a USB keyboard and mouse with this motherboard. The Operating System you use must support USB to use any USB devices. If your OS can operate in DOS mode, you should enable USB Keyboard Support in the Integrated Peripherals section of the CMOS Setup Utility. You can plug and unplug USB devices when the system is turned on.

CMOS Setup Utility – Integrated Peripherals



Enable "USB Keyboard Support" if you will use a USB keyboard with an OS that can operate in DOS mode.

Configuring the CMOS Setup Utility

The motherboard Award BIOS includes the CMOS Setup Utility that creates a system configuration record that is stored in CMOS memory on the board and is required by the system to operate properly. Most of the configuration settings are either predefined by the BIOS Optimized Default settings which are stored with the BIOS or are automatically detected and configured without requiring User action. There are a few settings that you may need to change depending on your system configuration. This section gives a brief profile of the several sections of the CMOS Setup Utility and indicates settings you might need to change and those which you should not.

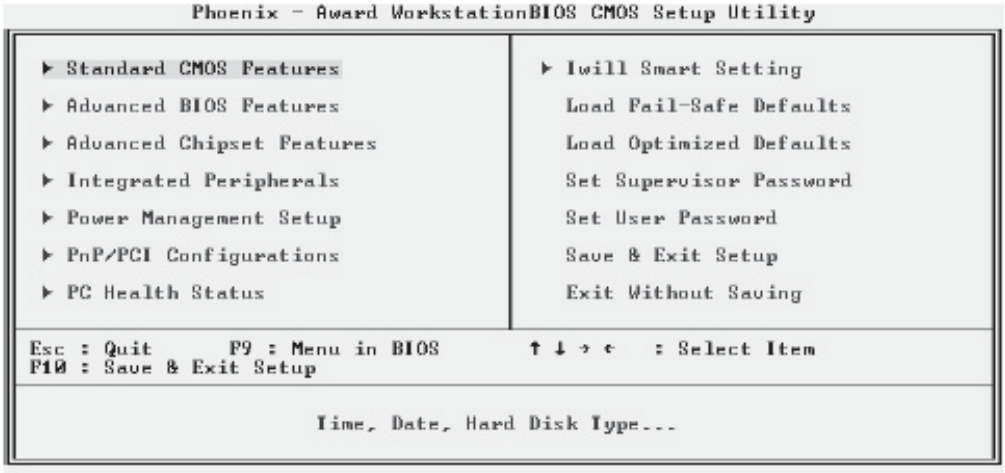
The CMOS Setup Utility User Interface

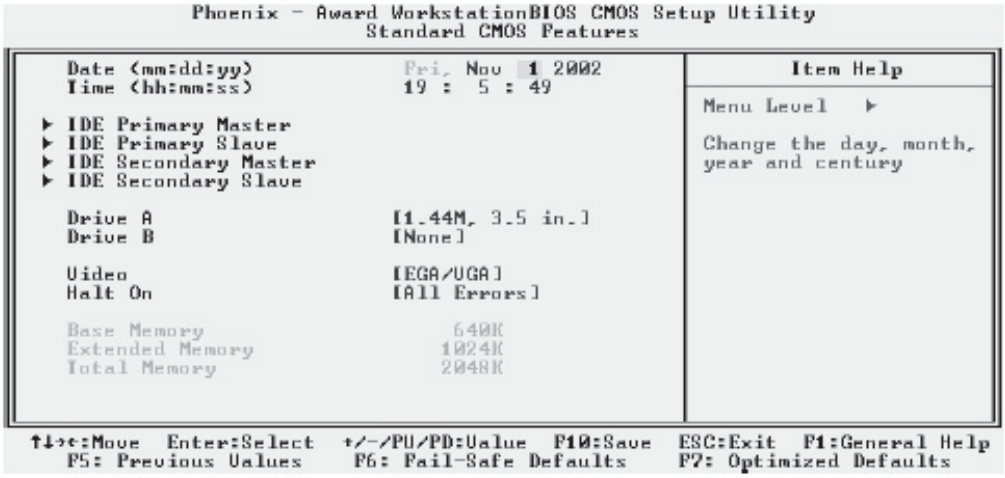
The CMOS Setup Utility user interface is simple and largely self evident. The utility can only be operated from the keyboard and all commands are keyboard commands. The utility does not support mouse use. The commands are straightforward and those available for the program section you are in are listed at the bottom of the screen. The main screen has few commands, other sections have more. General Help, which lists the commands and their functions is available at any time by pressing the F1 key.

Running the CMOS Setup Utility

The CMOS Setup Utility does not require an operating system to run. You run the utility by typing the Del or Delete key when the computer is starting to boot up. The utility's main screen will then appear.

CMOS Setup Utility – Interface commands





CMOS Setup Utility Program Sections

The CMOS Setup Utility is divided into several subsections and some top level commands including the following sections:

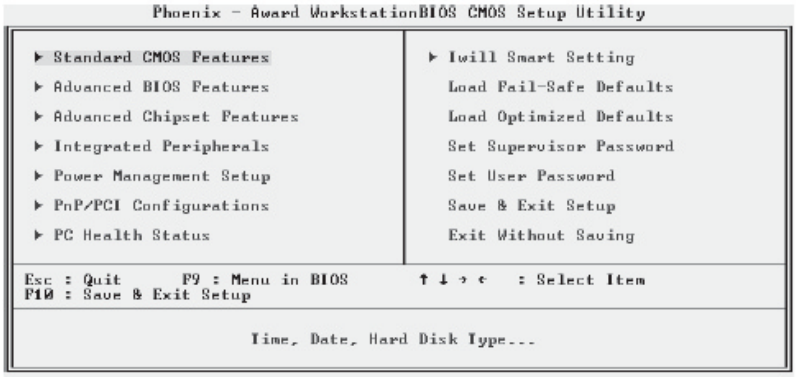
- Standard CMOS Features
- Advanced Boot Options
- Advanced Chipset features
- Integrated Peripherals
- Power Management Setup
- PnP/PCI Configurations
- PC Health Status
- Iwill Smart Setting

The main screen also has these command options:

- Load Fail-Safe Defaults
- Load Optimized Defaults
- Set Supervisor Password
- Set User Password
- Save & Exit Setup
- Exit Without Saving

Please see the following sections for a brief profile of what each section does, information on settings you might want to change and things to leave alone. To open one of the program sections, highlight the item you want and press the Enter key. To change a setting, highlight an item and use the "Value" keys indicated to change the setting. Alternatively, press the Enter key and all options for that item will display and you can choose from those listed.

CMOS Setup Utility – Main Screen



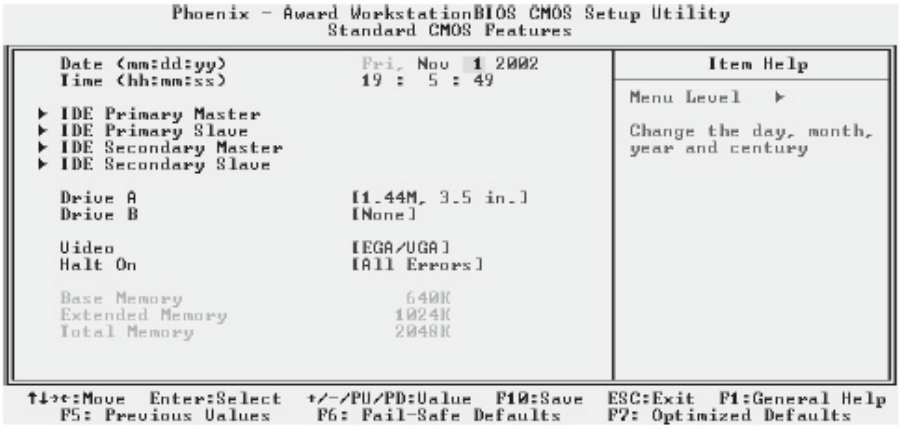
Standard CMOS Features

Main Section Functions
This section has the real time clock settings, the IDE and floppy device settings.

Default & Auto-detected Settings
The IDE device settings are auto-detected. You shouldn't need to change this. The floppy and other settings are standard defaults.

Setting Options & Constraints
You can reset the time and date settings if they are not correct for your location.

CMOS Setup Utility – Standard CMOS Features



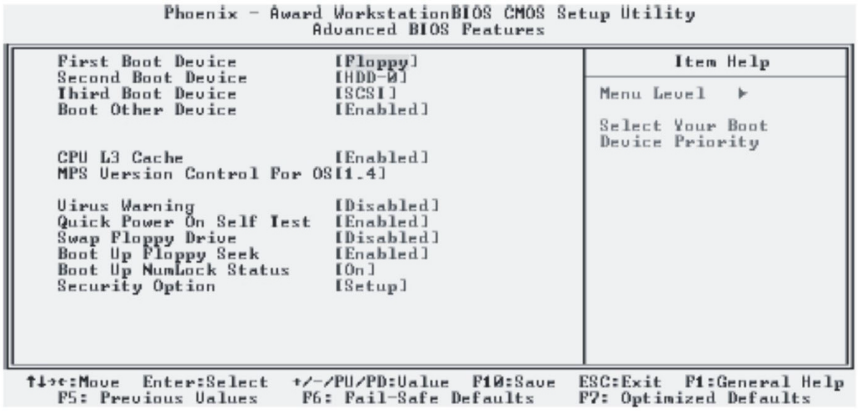
Advanced BIOS Features

Main Section Functions
This section mainly configures boot options including boot devices and their boot order and some power functions. There are also some miscellaneous boot configuration settings.

Default & Auto-detected Settings
The screen illustration shows the default settings. These do not need to be changed. You can customize the settings to suit your purposes if necessary and you know what you' re doing.

Setting Options & Constraints
You can change the boot device assignments and order, the boot options. You can enable the Virus Warning feature to warn of boot sector infection.

CMOS Setup Utility – Advanced BIOS Features



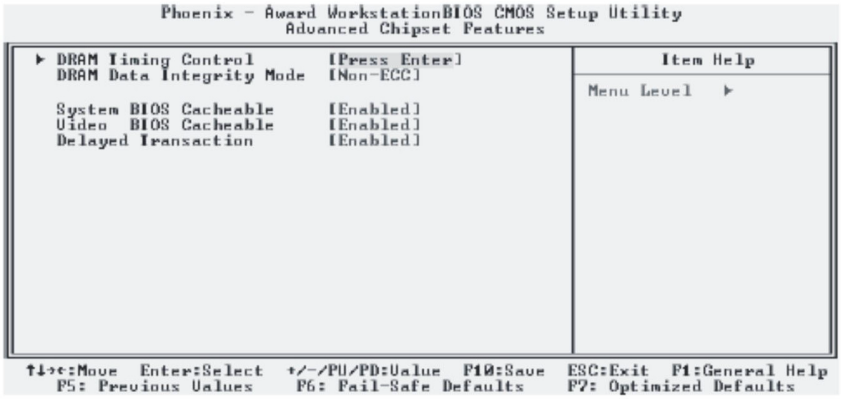
Advanced Chipset Features

Main Section Functions
Configures DRAM timing, display features, including the AGP Aperture size, and BIOS caching.

Default & Auto-detected Settings
Everything on this screen is an optimized default or is auto-detected.

Setting Options & Constraints
Don' t change anything in this section except the AGP Aperture, which you can adjust if needed. The default setting will work. If you must use a 2X AGP card, set the 4X Override item to 2X Mode.

CMOS Setup Utility – Advanced Chipset Features



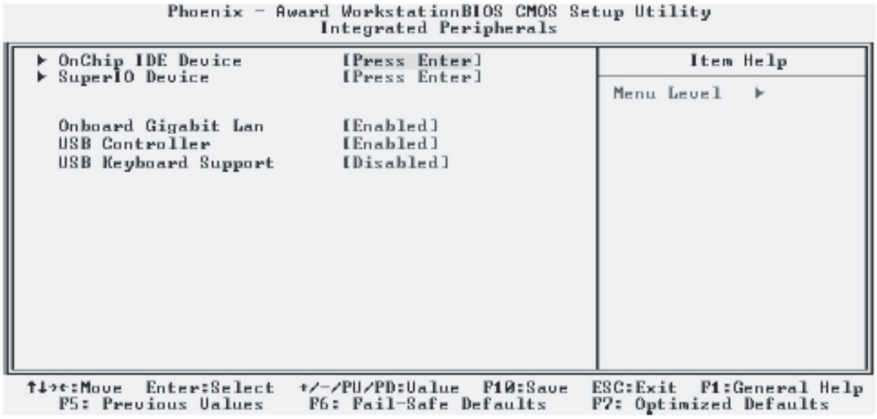
Integrated Peripherals

Main Section Functions
Configures the peripheral features integrated onto the motherboard.

Default & Auto-detected Settings
Everything on this screen is an optimized default. The IDE transfer mode settings are auto-detected. The system will work with these defaults. The port settings are standard PC settings.

Setting Options & Constraints
You can disable onboard devices and change port settings. If you install an IR port module, you have to set the "UART Mode Select" item in the Super IO Device section to the appropriate IR setting. You can also reconfigure the parallel port in that section. Enable USB Keyboard Support if you will use a USB keyboard.

CMOS Setup Utility – Integrated Peripherals



Enable "USB Keyboard Support" if you will use a USB keyboard with an OS that can operate in DOS mode.

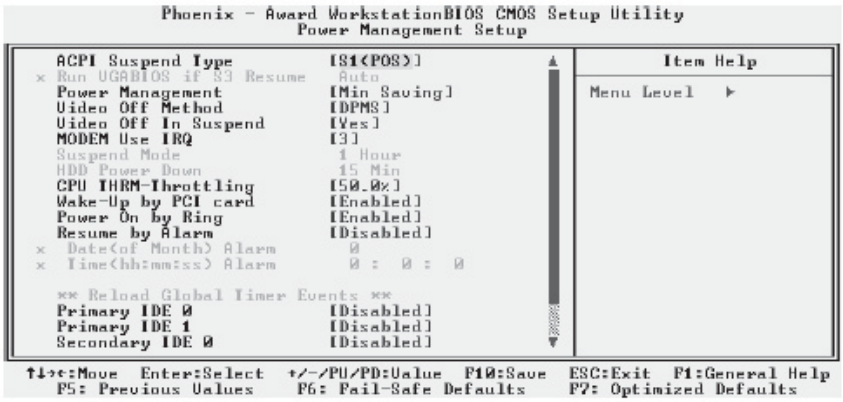
Power Management Setup

Main Section Functions
Configures power management settings. These are overridden by ACPI power management.

Default & Auto-detected Settings
Everything on this screen is an optimized default.

Setting Options & Constraints
You can select the Minimum or Maximum configurations rather than the User Defined defaults. You can customize all settings in User Defined mode. If your OS supports power management, configure it there. You can also set a date and time for the system to turn on or wake up.

CMOS Setup Utility – Power Management Setup



PnP/PCI Configurations

Section Function
Configures Plug and Play, PCI bus and IRQ settings.

Default & Auto-detected Settings
The default is for the BIOS to control these functions.

Setting Options & Constraints
Don' t change the resource settings, they' re set to be handled automatically by the BIOS. If you have a problem after you install an expansion card, set "Reset Configuration Data" to Enabled to rewrite the ESCD.

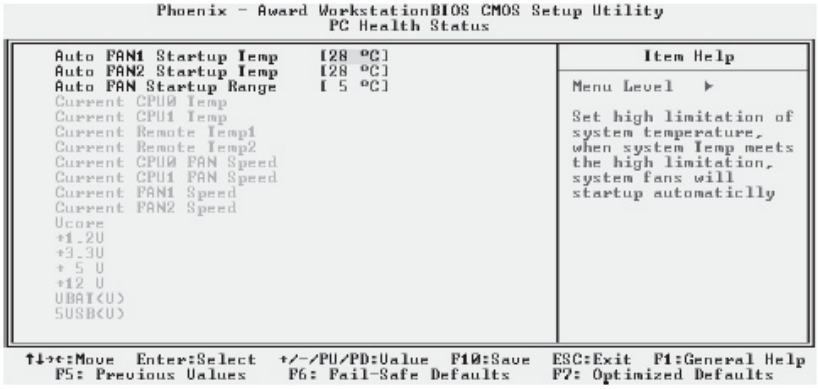
PC Health Status

Section Function
Configures cooling fan settings and displays detected system information.

Default & Auto-detected Settings
The Fan startup temperature settings are optimized defaults. The list of system information is auto-detected and displayed.

Setting Options & Constraints
You can change the Fan startup temperature settings and range though we don't recommend this unless you know what you're doing.

CMOS Setup Utility – PC Health Status



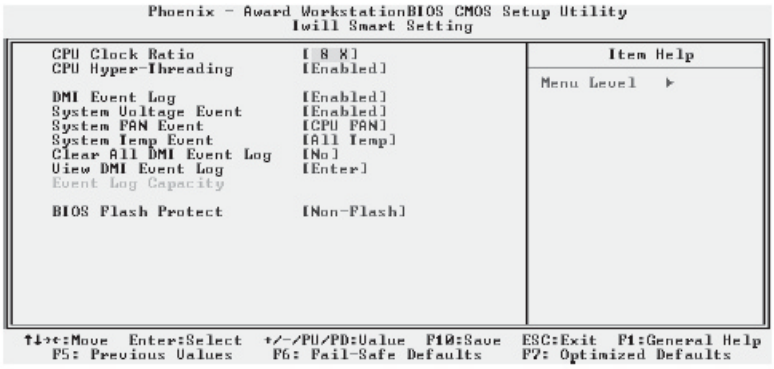
Iwill Smart Setting

Section Function
Automatically configures CPU settings, configures warnings and provides DMI Event log controls.

Default & Auto-detected Settings
The default setting is to auto-detect CPU settings. Other settings are optimized defaults.

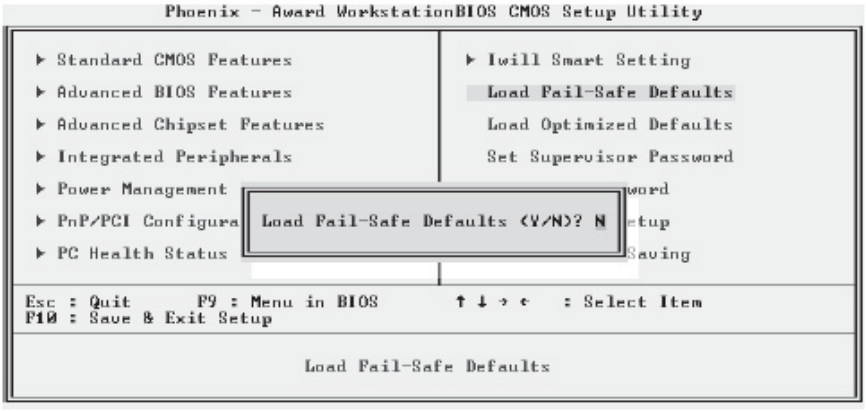
Setting Options & Constraints
It is possible to set the CPU internal frequency yourself, but we do not recommend this. You can change the other settings as needed. In the default board configuration, you must set BIOS Flash Protect to the Flashable setting before you can install a BIOS update.

CMOS Setup Utility – Iwill Smart Setting



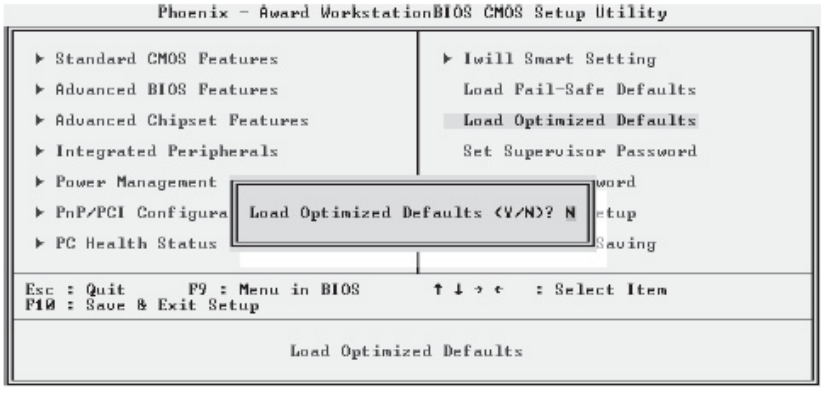
Load Fail-Safe Defaults

This loads a set of minimum configuration defaults. It is used to allow the system to start and then troubleshoot hardware problems. You shouldn't need to use this, it's mainly for technicians.



Load Optimized Defaults

This loads the Optimized Defaults. You only need to do this if the configuration record has been corrupted or mistakenly configured and after the Clear CMOS procedure has been performed. See Chapter 3 for more information on this procedure. To load the defaults, select this item, press the Enter key, type a Y and then press Enter again.



Set Supervisor/User Password

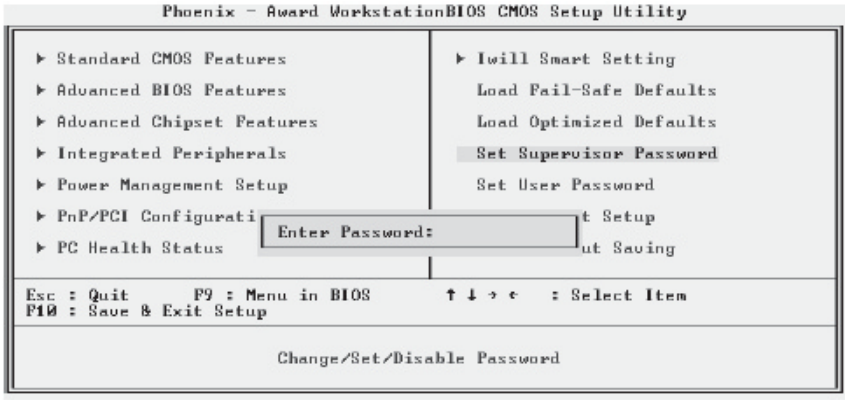
These two items set passwords for system access.

Setting a Password

You can install a Supervisor or User Password. The password prevents access to the CMOS Setup Utility (Supervisor) or the entire system (User). To install a password, follow these steps:

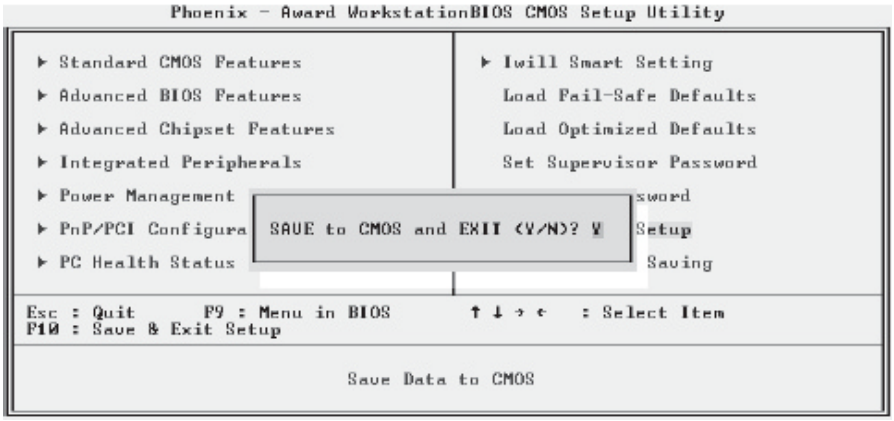
1. Highlight either Set Password item in the main menu and press Enter.
2. The password dialog box will appear.
3. If you are entering a new password, carefully type in the password. You cannot use more than eight characters or numbers. Passwords are case-sensitive. Press Enter after you have typed in the password. If you are deleting a password that is already installed just press Enter when the password dialog box appears.
4. The system will ask you to confirm the new password by asking you to type it in a second time. Carefully type the password again and press Enter, or just press Enter if you are deleting a password that is already installed.
5. If you have used the correct format, the password will be recorded.

If you decide not to set a password after bringing up the password entry window, press the Enter key, not Esc to exit the password entry window.



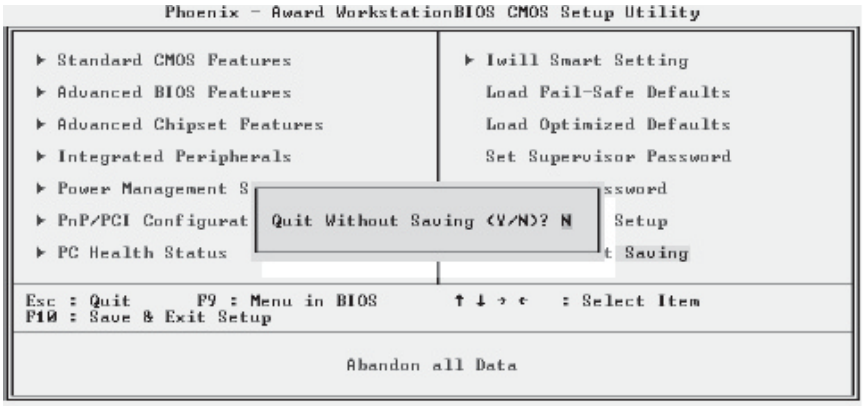
Save & Exit Setup

This saves the current utility configuration as a new configuration record, exits the utility and restarts the system using the saved configuration record.



Exit Without Saving

Exits the utility and restarts the system without changing the saved configuration record.



In general, it should not be necessary to use the CMOS Setup Utility once you have fully configured it. In the event you do need to change or re-establish the settings, always make sure to save the settings when you exit the utility or the new settings will not be stored.

Installing an OS & Support Software

This section covers installing Operating System software and the support software on the Power Installer CD-ROM disc. Once you have configured the CMOS Setup Utility, you should install an OS. If you install a supported Microsoft OS, you should also install the driver software on the Power Installer disc.

Installing an Operating System

This motherboard is intended to use the following Operating Systems:
- Microsoft Windows NT 4.0
- Microsoft Windows 2000
- Microsoft Windows XP Professional
- Red Hat Linux (or compatible distribution)

Prepare the hard disk drive and install an OS according to the instructions that come with the OS you will use.

Installing the Support Software

The Power Installer CD-ROM disc comes with required hardware drivers for Microsoft Windows and some additional utility software, as noted in Chapter 2. If you have installed a supported Microsoft OS, you must install the required drivers. If you have install Linux, you will need to create support disks using the Make Driver utility.

Installing Windows Drivers

This section assumes you have installed one of the supported Microsoft Operating Systems on the system hard disk drive. To install Windows drivers, insert the Power Installer II CD-ROM disc in the system's CD-ROM (or other optical drive) and wait for the Power Installer interface to automatically load. If it doesn' t start, run the Power Installer interface directly from the disc by running Setup. The Power Installer main screen will appear. Click on this motherboard' s model number to open the section for this board. The "Driver and Utilities" screen will appear. Click on "Driver Installation" and the Driver Installation screen will appear.

Install the first two items for the Intel Chipset in sequence by clicking on them and following the install program instructions.

Next install the “Onboard Audio Driver” in the same way. Finally, review the “USB 2.0 Driver Installation Guide” and “LAN Driver Installation Guide” for the OS you have installed and install the appropriate drivers for that OS as needed. The Adobe Acrobat reader install program will run when you try to view the installation guides if you have not already installed it. Install the program and then repeat the procedure to read the guide information.

Making Driver Discs

You can make driver floppy disks by running the "Make Driver" utility from the Drivers and Utilities screen. Follow the screen interface, which is self-evident to make driver installation disks if needed. The DP533-S comes with a driver disk for the Adaptec AIC7902W controller.

Making & Installing Linux Drivers

You can boot the system from the Power Installer disc. The system will boot from the Linux kernel on the disc and you can use the driver disk creator that loads to create Linux driver disks. You can then install these drivers according to the instructions for driver installation from your Linux distribution.

Installing the Utility Software

To install the utility software bundled on the Power Installer CD-ROM disc, click on "Software Utility" in the Drivers and Utilities screen to open the Software Utility window. To install the Adobe Acrobat reader or McAfee Anti-Virus software packages, click on the item you want to install and follow the install program' s instructions.

In This Chapter:

Using System Features
- **Front Panel Controls & Indicators**
- **Additional System Features**
- **Installing & Configuring An IR Port**

Performance Optimization
Troubleshooting

6: Using the Motherboard

This chapter covers several topics related to using this motherboard once it is installed in a working system. These include external system features that connect to the motherboard, things you can do to optimize the performance of a system based on this board and some troubleshooting tips you can review in the event any problems arise.

Using System Features

This section explains the system controls and indicators that connect to the motherboard. It also explains how the other system level features on the board work.

Front Panel System Controls & Indicators

The front panel of the system housing will have some or all of the front panel features that connect to the motherboard. These enable the User to determine some information on the systems operational status and provide some system controls.

System Controls

The front panel connector on the motherboard supports several system controls that mount on the front panel of the system housing.

Power Button

Function: Turns the system On and Off.

Use: You can also configure the mouse or keyboard to turn the system on in the CMOS Setup Utility by setting the "POWER-ON Function" line in the Super IO section of the Integrated Peripherals section. You can also set how the system responds to power restoration after an accidental power outage in the "PWRON After PWR-Fail" line.

Reset Switch

Function: Restarts the system to cold boot.

Use: Press the button to restart the system. This forces a restart under all conditions. Don't use the Reset button if you can shut the system down from within the Operating System.

Note On Reset & Rebooting:
You should always restart or shut down the system by using the OS command for this. This procedure allows the OS to shut down properly, minimizing the possibility of hard disk drive problems or data loss. If the system crashes or "hangs", you may have to restart the system at the hardware level. There are two hardware reboot options, a keyboard command and the Reset button. You can effect a "warm" reboot with a key command if the OS supports it. For example, all versions of Microsoft Windows support restarting the computer with the Ctrl- Alt-Del (Delete) command. You can try this command first if it is supported. Otherwise, you will need to use the Reset button.

Suspend Button

Function: Toggles system in and out of Suspend mode.

Use: Press the button to cause the system to enter or resume from Suspend mode.

Note: The front panel feature connector supports a system Suspend button (the ACPI connector) but not all system housings have this button. The same function can be performed at the Operating System level if the OS supports the feature.

Indicator LEDs

The motherboard front panel features connector supports three system status indicator LEDs:

• Power Status LED Indicator Lights when the system is turned on.
• Hard Disk Drive Activity LED Indicator Flashes during hard disk drive access.
• ACPI LED Indicator

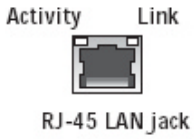
Lights to indicate the system is in a Suspend state power conservation mode. Most system housings will have all of these LEDs mounted in the housing' s front panel.

Additional System Features

There are two additional system features, LAN LED indicators and Wake On LAN.

LAN Indicator LEDs

The RJ-45 LAN jack on the rear I/O panel has two indicator LEDs mounted above it.
• Activity LED (on left)
  Flashes when the LAN connection is active.
• Link LED (on right)
  Lights to indicate the LAN is connected.



RJ-45 LAN jack

Performance Optimization

This section covers things you can do to increase the performance of a system based on this motherboard. The topics covered include system memory, disk subsystems and processor upgrades or adjustments.

System Memory

Adding system memory will increase system performance and capability under any of the supported Operating System. This motherboard supports a total of 12GB of system memory. If you have not installed the maximum, you can consider increasing the amount of installed system memory. Additional system memory speeds up system operation and in some cases produces additional stability in the Operating System.

Disk Subsystems

This motherboard supports IDE drives using data transfer modes up through ATA-100. If you use IDE drives as the primary disk subsystem, selecting drives that support ATA-100 and have a high rotation speed (at least 7,200rpm) will maximize performance. If you need even better performance from a disk subsystem, you may consider using the onboard SATA controller on the DPX2-SATA. A SATA disk controller with high-speed SATA hard disk drives will provide a substantial performance enhancement. This SATA controller and the four SATA ports also support RAID 0,1 and 0+1 if you want to create a RAID array.

Processor Upgrades & Adjustments

Processor speed has a significant effect on overall system performance. To increase system performance, you can consider using or upgrading to a faster processor. The Intel Xeon processors used by this motherboard come in a variety of clock speeds. If you install dual processors, they must have the same specification. If you upgrade one, you must upgrade both. The CMOS Setup Utility's Iwill Smart Setting feature will automatically detect and configure whatever processors are installed. The Intel Xeon processor should not be set to operating parameters other than its defaults.

Troubleshooting

This section details some things you can do to evaluate problems that could possibly occur in the course of using this motherboard. The topics covered include possible hardware problems and problems with the CMOS Setup Utility' s system configuration record.

Hardware Problems

A hardware problem may occur either after you install additional hardware or because some existing hardware has failed or has a disconnected or loose connection. This section has some pointers on things you can check before seeking assistance.

General Hardware Troubleshooting

If the motherboard does not operate properly when you first try to use it in the system, it is likely that it is either configured incorrectly, there are problems with external connections. It is also possible the board or some other system component is defective. Always check the most obvious possibilities first. First check the external components:

- Make sure the system, the monitor and any other external peripherals are plugged in and turned on. Confirm that the system and the power LEDs on any external peripherals are on.
- Check that the monitor, keyboard and mouse are properly connected. Next check the CMOS Setup Utility:
- Run the CMOS Setup Utility and load the Optimized Defaults. Reset any other custom settings. Remember to "Save & Exit Setup" to restart the computer.

If there is still a problem, check the internal components. Turn off and unplug the system before you remove the system housing cover.

- Press all installed DIMMs into the module sockets to make sure they' re fully inserted.
- Make sure you used the correct cables to connect the internal peripherals and that the peripherals are properly connected to the motherboard. Check the Master/Slave positions on all IDE cables. If you installed a device that uses ATA-100 mode, make sure it is connected to the motherboard with an ATA-100 cable to ensure maximum performance.
- Check that all expansion cards are correctly installed and fully inserted in the expansion slots.
- Make sure the processor and its cooling assembly are properly installed.
- Check all the hardware settings on the motherboard and make sure they are correct.

When you're done, reassemble the system and try again. If the problem persists after you have checked all of the above, there may be a hardware conflict or bug. See the next section for additional information.

Hardware Configuration Problems

It is possible for system hardware components to conflict with each other. While all the components and subsystems on the motherboard are designed and tested to work together, expansion cards and peripheral devices can be a problem. Assuming you have gone through the general troubleshooting procedures and the system still will not start, if you have just added new hardware to your system, there may be a hardware conflict or bug or a problem with a device driver. Try removing the new hardware and see if the system will start. If it does, consult with the device manufacturer for information on solving the problem. In some cases, a firmware or driver upgrade may resolve the problem.

Plug and Play Problems

This motherboard supports the automatic recognition and configuration of expansion cards that support the Plug and Play (PnP) specification. Most currently available expansion cards support PnP. PnP simplifies card installation by allowing the system to handle system resource allocation. If you install an expansion card that is not PnP compliant, you may still need to configure the card manually. Consult the card's documentation for instructions or other information.

Replacing the System Configuration Record

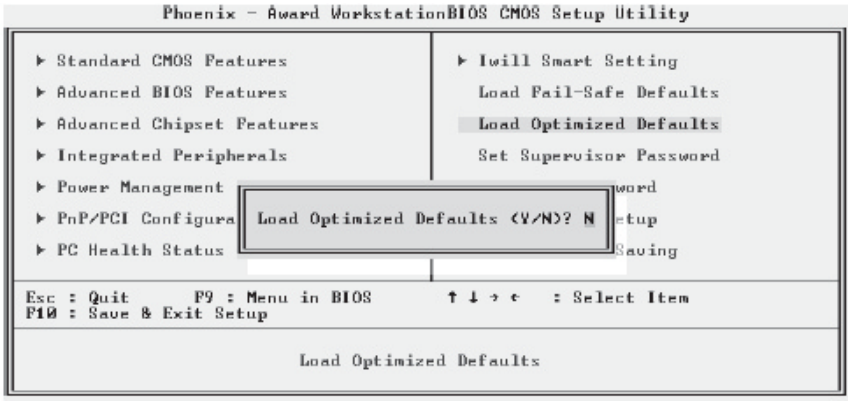
As noted previously, the CMOS Setup Utility creates a system configuration record and stores it in CMOS memory on the motherboard. This record must be correct and uncorrupted for the system to operate properly. It is possible for the system configuration record can become corrupted or lost. If this occurs, the system will not operate properly or at all. This is not a serious problem. You can restore a working configuration using the CMOS Setup Utility to create a new configuration record by loading the Optimized Defaults and reentering any other settings you had made.

Loading Optimized Defaults

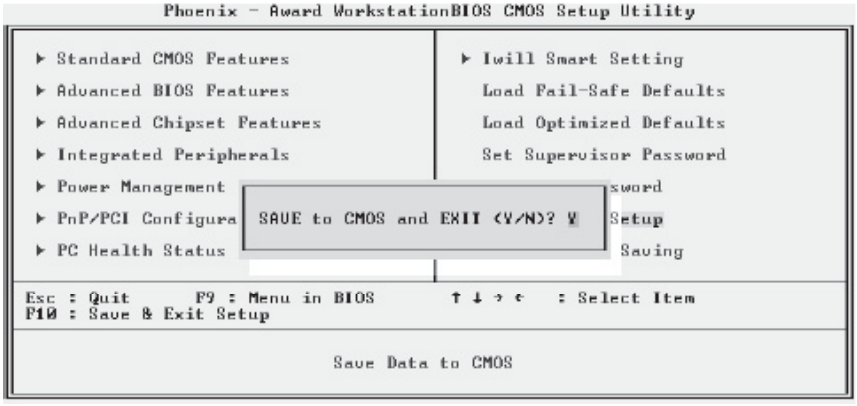
The BIOS Setup Utility does not require an operating system to run. You run the utility by typing the Del or Delete key while the system is starting up to brings up the utility's main screen. There are two sets of defaults listed, Optimized and Fail- Safe. The Fail-Safe Defaults are a minimum configuration set for use by technicians when troubleshooting system problems. The Optimized Defaults are what the system normally operates on. If a corrupted system configuration record caused the problem you experienced, once you load the Optimized Defaults and reboot, the system should function normally. The instructions on the next page illustrate this procedure.

You can easily restore a working system configuration record from the main screen of the CMOS Setup Utility. To do so, do as follows:

1. Select the "Load Optimized Defaults" item.
2. Press the Enter Key. A confirmation message will appear on the screen. Type a "Y" to accept loading the Optimized Default settings. Now make any other settings you need to.



3. Select "Save & Exit Setup" and press the Enter key. A confirmation message will appear. Press the Enter key again to confirm.



The CMOS Setup Utility will close and the system will reboot. The system should then start properly and run normally.

In This Chapter:
Technical Specifications

7: Technical Specifications

This chapter lists some technical information about this motherboard.

Processor

Dual Xeon mPGA603/604 processors at 400/533 FSB
System Bus: 100MHz or 133MHz
Auto-detects CPU type to set external clock and multiplier

Memory

Dual channel PC2100/PC1600 DDR SDRAM
Six DIMMs (**DPX2-L**: four angle DIMMs)
Support Registered, ECC memory
Supports 128Mb/256Mb/512Mb/1Gb/2Gb memory
Supports maximum up to 12GB (**DPX2-L**: 8GB maximum)
Peak memory bandwidth of 4.2GB/s

Chipset

MCH : E7501, 133 MHz
ICH3
P64H2: 1 GB/s

Graphics

ATi RageXL controller

PCI

P64H2 to controller for 64bit PCI-X/ 66MHz slots
One 64bit PCI-X/133MHz slot
One 32bit PCI/33MHz slots
PCI 2.1/2.2 Compliant
PCI Hot Plug 1.0 compliant
PCI-X 1.0 specification compliant

Connector Pinouts

CPU & System Fan Headers:

Pin Assignment

1 Ground
2 +12V
3 Sense

Front USB Headers:

Pin Assignment Pin Assignment

1 +5V(fused)	2 +5V(fused)
3 USB Data (-)	4 USB Data (-)
5 USB Data (+)	6 USB Data (+)
7 Ground	8 Ground
9 KEY	10 NA